



CLUB TIMES

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Annual Meeting: March 1
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March 2024 Newsletter
Deadline: February 1

The Library Corner

We would like to thank everyone who donated books to the Club during 2023. Most of the books are donated anonymously and are found mixed in with other book returns. However, the following people have left their names on sticky notes with their donations so we know whom to thank. They are:



Jane Berg	Ralph Losey
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Intellectual Activities

Eureka! The Play Reading group is coming back this month. I wish to thank Lori Pearson-Wise who will be leading the group. The meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning February 22 in the Boardroom at 1:00 p.m. A big shout out to Lori.

I have heard several times over the months the suggestion of having a new group formed based on the theme of travel. I would like your feedback and if anyone wishes to lead the group please contact me at ekorry@verizon.net. My initial thought and to avoid having a slide show of someone's vacation, etc., one might focus on Unusual Places or Less Travelled Places to inform and excite fellow members into going somewhere they hadn't considered before.

Thanks to all the group leaders who are doing a fabulous job. I look forward to a fun, busy, and informative year of Intellectual Activities!

Ed Korry, VP Intellectual Activities

The University Club Online



Our main website, www.uclubwp.org, features a wide variety of information about the University Club, including details on our Intellectual Activity groups, our monthly *Club Times* newsletters, Membership, and, under the Library/Book Groups tab, links to the current Club Library book catalog and book lists for the various Club book discussion groups.

Our rental website can be found at www.winterparkvenue.com and provides information on renting the University Club for different types of events such as birthday and anniversary parties, wedding ceremonies and receptions, business meetings, and many others. And University Club members receive a fifty percent discount on Club rental events!

Lastly, if you go to www.members.uclubwp.org you will find our members-only website. On your first visit to the members website, you will need to register and choose a username and password (please remember to keep your login information in a safe place). Using this website, members can renew online their annual memberships, make tax-deductible donations, and make reservations for our exciting Club dinners and luncheons.



UCWP Car Decals Available!

Car decals are available in the Club office at no charge. By placing a decal in your passenger-side back window, members may park at the Club after hours without the concern of being towed.

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of February 1, 2024

- Thu. Feb. 1**
11:30 a.m. **TAI CHI** - Class meets each Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per class, with volume discounts available. Leader: Jim Moltzan
- 1:30 p.m. **FOREIGN AFFAIRS - (Club and Zoom)** This will be a special meeting. We will watch a forty-eight minute video of Peter Zeihan talking about his latest book, *The End of the World is Just the Beginning*. Discussion will follow. There is no reading material for this meeting. Co-Chairs: Judy Beck and Steve Bertha
- 6:30 p.m. **OPERA APPRECIATION - Fidelio**, Beethoven's one and only opera—a timeless monument to love, life, and liberty—a celebration of human rights, freedom to speak out, to dissent. The opera centers on Leonora, whose husband has been imprisoned by his political rival. Leonora disguises herself as a man (Fidelio) in order to get into the prison and rescue her beloved. The theme is partly based on true events at the time of The French Revolution. Taking ten years to complete, with major revisions, Beethoven poured his heart and soul into this musical masterpiece. Enjoy the Vienna Philharmonic at the Salzburg Festival, featuring stars including Jonas Kaufmann, singing in German with English subtitles (two hours and fifteen minutes). Doors open at 6:10 p.m. with a prompt start at 6:30 p.m. We provide cordials and some goodies. Feel free to bring snacks and beverages to share. Co-Chairs: Joe Bostwick and Gisela Davis
- Fri. Feb. 2**
9:30 a.m. **SPANISH—ADVANCED CONVERSATION** - To maintain your Spanish-language skills, sit in with an eclectic group that has had the experience of living, working, and traveling abroad in Spanish-speaking countries. Topics include civic events, historical episodes, and general interest. Chair: Ovid Vitas
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- 12:30 p.m. **CHESSMATES** - Beginners of all ages are welcome! This is chess for FUN, and for all levels of play. Chess sets are available or bring your own. Contact the Chair to get on our email list. Chair: Den Ardinger

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

- Mon. Feb. 5**
10:00 a.m. **HISTORY** - John Stewart will present **Jefferson's Constitutional Thoughts**. Our speaker will explore Mr. Jefferson's constitutional thoughts as expressed in the two constitutions he drafted for the Commonwealth of Virginia and his comments while in Paris to James Madison, who was leading the preparation of the U.S. Constitution. Comparing his thoughts with the actual constitutions of nation and state is the revealing elements of this fairly studious presentation. John Stewart is a fabulous presenter—his Thomas Jefferson is not easily forgotten. With all the attention to our constitution in the press and media, this timely program will help you understand “what it's all about.” You do not want to miss John Stewart as Jefferson. Co-Chairs: Sherry Levy and Ovid Vitas
- 1:00 p.m. **MAHJONG** - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
- 2:00 p.m. **FRENCH - (Club and Zoom)** This activity group uses short stories, French literature, and conversation to improve and enhance one's knowledge of the French language and culture. The current text is *French Short Stories for Intermediate Level + AUDIO: Improve Your Reading and Listening Skills in French* by Frederic Bibard. Advanced Beginner/Intermediate level. Chair: Maria Delose; Leader: Nancy Cervone
- Tues. Feb. 6**
10:00 a.m. **PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION** - Open discussion of various topics. Respect for all views. Bring topics and friends. All are welcome to attend. Chair: Don Cain
- 10:30 a.m. **HISTORICAL FICTION - Lady Tan's Circle of Women** by Lisa See. Chair: Gayle Austin
- 1:00 p.m. **CRAFTY CREATIONS** - Want to learn a new craft or show us something creative you can do? Either way, join the happy crafters for a gathering of ideas, fun, and creativity. Leader: Pat Curenton
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- 2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - The Bourne Identity**. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall
- Wed. Feb. 7**
9:00 a.m. **ADVANCED BEGINNERS ITALIAN** - Book is *Italian Made Simple* by Cristina Mazzano. Chair: Maria Versch
- 10:00 a.m. **CURRENT EVENTS - (Club and Zoom)** Chair: Judy Beck
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1:00 p.m. **CANASTA** - A casual game, with both men and women enjoying the play and the company. It is essential that participants inform in advance that they will be playing: gayleaus0@gmail.com or text 407-620-5663. Co-Chairs: Gayle Austin and Kwang Kim
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- 7:00 p.m. **TRIVIA4U** - We'll provide the challenging trivia questions. Feel free to come by yourself or bring friends and form your own team. Wine and snacks are always appreciated. Chair: Todd Weaver
- Thu. Feb. 8**
10:00 a.m. **CLASSICS BOOK CLUB - (Club and Zoom) *We*** by Yevgeny Zamyatin.
Chair: Ed Korry
- 11:30 a.m. **TAI CHI** - Class meets each Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per class, with volume discounts available.
Leader: Jim Moltzan
- 2:00 p.m. **SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS - Has the Big Bang Lost its Boom?** Despite its general acceptance, the "Big Bang" theory of the origin of our universe remains both misunderstood and challenged as an explanation of how everything got here. But as tests of the theory's predictions provide consistently supportive evidence, scientists have turned to considering what that means for the future of the universe. Join us to learn how the Big Bang theory was formulated, contested, and tested, and what new future discoveries may predict.
Chairs: Jeannie Schiff and Preston Allen
- Fri. Feb. 9**
9:30 a.m. **SPANISH—ADVANCED CONVERSATION** - To maintain your Spanish-language skills, sit in with an eclectic group that has had the experience of living, working, and traveling abroad in Spanish-speaking countries. Topics include civic events, historical episodes, and general interest. Chair: Ovid Vitas
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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024

- Mon. Feb. 12**
1:00 p.m. **MAHJONG** - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
- Tues. Feb. 13**
10:00 a.m. **ECONOMICS FOR THE LAYPERSON - (Club and Zoom)** Chair: Matt Giles
- 1:00 p.m. **CRAFTY CREATIONS** - Want to learn a new craft or show us something creative you can do? Either way, join the happy crafters for a gathering of ideas, fun, and creativity. Leader: Pat Curenton
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- 2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - *My Favorite Year*** starring Peter O'Toole. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall
- Wed. Feb. 14**
9:00 a.m. **ADVANCED BEGINNERS ITALIAN** - Book is *Italian Made Simple* by Cristina Mazzano. Chair: Maria Versch
- 10:00 a.m. **CURRENT EVENTS - (Club and Zoom)** Chair: Judy Beck
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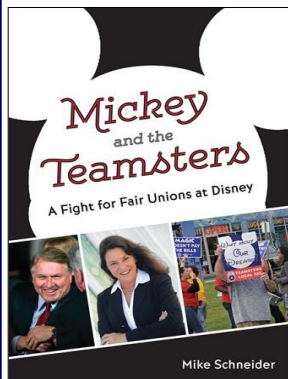
- Thu. Feb. 15**
10:00 a.m. **ART EXPLORATION (Tour)** - A Club member, who lives in Longwood, is an art collector and has invited us to her home to see her art collection on **Thursday, February 15 at 10 a.m.** She will serve some refreshments and suggested I charge **\$10.00** per person to cover her costs. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Club. **Please make out your check to Barbara Buchele** and leave it in the Art and Exploration mailbox in the Club office **by Tuesday, February 13.** Payment can also be made by PayPal. When your payment is received you will be notified of the name and address of the member. Chair: Barbara Buchele
- 11:30 a.m. **TAI CHI** - Class meets each Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per class, with volume discounts available. Leader: Jim Moltzan
- 1:30 p.m. **FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION - (Club)** Meets on the third Thursday each month in the Library. February's book selection is *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes. Chair: Diana Secor
- 2:00 p.m. **CHORUS REHEARSAL - (Club)** Rehearsal for our May concert. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Chair: Don Cain; Director: Sarah Moore
- Fri. Feb. 16**
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11:30 a.m. Social Hour

LUNCHEON MEETING Friday, February 16

12:00 p.m. Buffet
Author Table and Book
Signing Afterward

Mickey and the Teamsters A Fight for Fair Unions at Disney



Behind the costumes, life isn't always magic and fairy dust for the people who play the iconic characters of Mickey Mouse, Goofy, and Cinderella at Walt Disney World. ***Mickey and the Teamsters*** reveals the little-known story of Teamsters Local 385, the union that represents these performers. It spotlights Donna-Lynn Dalton, a former cast member who stood up for Disney performers against deep-rooted problems in the union. **Club member Mike Schneider**, a journalist for the Associated Press, will detail how the union prevented its members from leaving, severely mismanaged union business, and a culture of hostile leadership. Dalton brought issues to investigators, threatening her livelihood. The local union fired Dalton and harassed her and other union members.

Schneider offers a behind-the-scenes look at some of the struggles that surround Disney World, which employs the largest single-site workforce in the country. Through the efforts of Dalton and others to reform their union and improve the lives of the employees at the workplace they loved, he shows the importance of individual and collective action to hold unions accountable and preserve their potential to do good.

Program Leader: Lori Pearson-Wise

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Members \$30; Guests \$35 Dress Code: Business Casual (Mickey ears optional)

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of February 19, 2024

Mon. Feb. 19 *The Club is closed in observance of Presidents' Day.*

1:00 p.m. **GENEALOGY- (Zoom) Sources for Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor to Join the DAR.**
Speaker: Elaine Powell, President, Central Florida Genealogical Society. Beginners and experienced genealogists are welcome. Chair: Maggie Winter

Tue. Feb. 20
10:00 a.m. **INVESTMENT DISCUSSION** - An informal discussion of ideas and strategies for investing. We welcome novices and experts, and encourage people to share experiences or to just listen. Meets the third Tuesday each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Chair: Terry Hyman

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1:00 p.m. **PHILOSOPHY 101** - Open discussion of various topics. Respect for all views. Bring topics and friends. All are welcome to attend. Chair: Don Cain

2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*** starring Jack Nicholson. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall

6:00 p.m. **TECHNOLOGY TODAY** - A discussion on tips and tricks, emerging trends, and anything else that is tech-related. No experience necessary. During each meeting, topic suggestions will be taken and then discussed. Bring your questions and comments and join the discussion! Leader: Joe Davis

Wed. Feb. 21
9:00 a.m. **ADVANCED BEGINNERS ITALIAN** - Book is *Italian Made Simple* by Cristina Mazzano.
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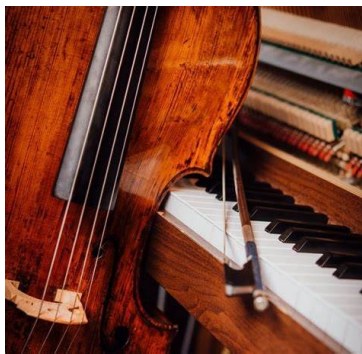
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Classical Music Program

Wednesday, February 21

1:00 p.m. Concert



Spiritus

Join us for a vibrant and enjoyable afternoon of music with Spiritus, a trio of violin, cello, and piano. Spiritus will present classic works by the great masters.

Chair: Ture Larson

Thu. Feb. 22
11:30 a.m. **TAI CHI** - Meets each Thursday. Cost is \$12 per class with volume discounts available. Leader: Jim Moltzan

1:00 p.m. **PLAY READING** - No experience necessary. All are welcome to attend. Chair: Lori Pearson-Wise

2:00 p.m. **CHORUS REHEARSAL** - Rehearsal for our May concert. No experience necessary. All are welcome.
Chair: Don Cain; Director: Sarah Moore

7:00 p.m. **FILM NIGHT - *Volver***. The word "volver" in Spanish means return, and that is what this film is all about. The recently deceased mother of three women begins reappearing to them. Living in a superstitious village, the residents believe her to be a ghost. The mother of these three women has returned to settle some unfinished personal business with her family. Penélope Cruz, stunningly beautiful, gives the best acting performance of her career in this film. *Volver* is fundamentally a comedy, and not just because it contains several funny scenes. Instead, it approaches the classical conception of comedy by resolving apparent dilemmas in a happy way and by reaffirming the vitality of human life and community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Co-Chairs: Ovid Vitas and Steve Bertha

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5:30 p.m. Social Time

DINNER and AFTER HOURS Friday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Dancing

Karaoke Night!



The Club is channeling *Dimples*, an L.A. nightclub, where karaoke got its start in the United States. Step inside to cheer your friends and take a turn yourself. Find performance courage in homage to lifetime member, Jim Williamson, who found endless joy by crooning several nights a week in karaoke bars.

University Club members can count on its Programs committee to show them the best of classical and current culture. So, form your duo, trio, group, or go solo!

Reserve early! Many “valuable” prizes will be awarded!

Program Leader: Georgiana Havill

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024

- Mon. Feb. 26** **DOCUMENTARY CINEMA - *The Platypus Guardian* (2023).** Cutting-edge camera technology and an obsessive guide, Hobart resident Peter Walsh, reveal the secretive life of a female platypus and the threats she faces trying to survive in the increasingly depleted habitat. Co-Chairs: Ovid Vitas and Steve Bertha
- 10:00 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m. **MAHJONG** - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
- 1:30 p.m. **NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION - *The Song of the Cell* by Siddharta Mukherjee.** Chair: John Perry
- Tue. Feb. 27** **HUMANITIES - Freedom and the Renaissance Debate.** As the Middle Ages gave way to the Renaissance, old concepts of political freedom were debated as intellectuals argued over whether the leaders of states should be bound by the same moral values as their subjects. While the Renaissance revived Cicero’s classical argument that there should be no moral dichotomy between rulers and the ruled, the Renaissance author Machiavelli countered that state leaders should be considered amoral absolute rulers. Join us to hear the arguments from these influential thinkers and learn why the concept of the “divine right of kings” has been called the greatest single challenge to political freedom in the modern age. Chairs: Jeannie Schiff and Preston Allen
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- 2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - *The English Patient*.** Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall

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A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

ALTMAN, Margaret - Brookly College, BA '75; Brooklyn Law School, JD '79. Law. Sponsors: Joan Liberman and Charles Kulmann

BAILEY, Patrick - University of Toledo, ADN '77, BSN '79. Air Force/Anesthesiology. Sponsors: Andrea Elukovich and Den Ardinger

CARLSON, Dee - Valencia College AS '81, '92, '93; Rollins College BS '97. Banking. Sponsors: Dick Oehmler and Pat Curenton

GARDBERG, Lenny - University of Illinois, MD '64; Emory University, '91. Medicine. Sponsors: Suzy Kerr and Jocelyn Oehmler

GARDBERG, Susan - Valencia College, RN '80; St. Leo's College, BS '87; East Tennessee State University, MA '00. Nursing. Sponsors: Jocelyn Oehmler and Suzy Kerr

GARRISON, Wayne - Insurance/Music. Sponsors: Eileen Garrison and Den Ardinger

GORDON, Amy - University of Florida, BA '81. Interior Design. Sponsors: Cindi and Tim Slepow

GORDON, Bob - Sponsors: Cindi and Tim Slepow

HENRY, Miriam - Fisk University, BA '64; Rollins College, MA '79. Therapy. Sponsors: Judy Beck and Steve Bertha

PASTOR, Veronica - Georgetown University, LLM '11, JD; University of Arkansas, BA. Law. Sponsors: Aurora Guarda and Michael Radi

POLANCO, Jennifer - University of Central Florida, BA '12. Journalism/Marketing. Sponsors: Jeffrey Schwartz and TBD

SPAFFORD, Amanda - St. Andrews University, MA '84; Emory University, '85; University of Central Florida, '88. Accounting. Sponsors: Gilda Gomez and Laura Jensen

TIBERII, Russell - University of Massachusetts, BA, Med. Education. Sponsors: Eileen Garrison and Den Ardinger

VANTREESE, Gloria - Miami-Dade Jr. College, AA '68; Florida State University, BS '75. Marketing. Sponsors: Andrea Elukovich and Den Ardinger



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The University Club

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Upcoming Events

March 2024

- **March 1 Annual General Meeting**
- **March 8 New-Member Orientation**
- **March 15 Dinner**
- **March 22 Luncheon**



Annual General Meeting

Friday, March 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Club

The agenda will include reports by the officers, presentation of the 2024-2025 budget, and the election of officers and directors for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024. Please review the information prior to the meeting. It will require a vote by the Club members in attendance. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers and directors for election at the Annual General Meeting:

President: Jeannie Schiff*
Executive VP: Maria Delose*
Secretary: Judy Burke
Treasurer: Paul Breines
Assistant Treasurer: Ann Sapp*
VP Development: Sandy Rizzo*
VP Finance: Glen Winter*
VP House & Grounds: William McGuinness
VP Intellectual Activities: Ed Korry*
VP Membership: Richard Oehmler*
VP Programs: Diana Secor
Directors-At-Large:
Director (2023-2025): Michael Kakos*
Director (2023-2025): Paul Mandelkern*
Director (2024-2026): Steve Bertha
President Emeritus: Mark Cooper*

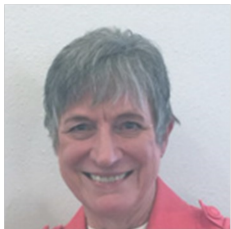
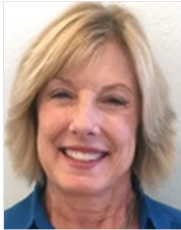
*Returning Board Members

2024-2025 BOARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



PRESIDENT: Jeannie Schiff received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Central Florida UCF (FTU) in 1977. She received a commission in the U.S. Air Force through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at UCF and embarked on a career in military intelligence. On active duty, she obtained a master's in public administration (MPA) from the University of Oklahoma. She retired from the Air Force in 1998, but continued her formal education, culminating in a PhD in Public Affairs from UCF in August 2010. She joined the University Club in 2004 and has chaired the Science, Health and Wellness Group since 2011. She previously served on the University Club Board as an at-large Director, VP Intellectual Activities, and is the current Executive VP.

EXECUTIVE VP: Maria Delose was born and raised in Manchester, N. H. She attended Mount Saint Mary College where she received a bachelor degree in mathematics. Before moving to Florida with her family in 1986, she taught high school mathematics in the Manchester Public School System. Her career as an educator continued at Bishop Moore High School where she taught many different levels and courses in high school mathematics before her retirement in 2018. Since retiring she has been involved in a variety of community programs. Her passions involve gardening, cooking, music, and speaking different languages. At the University Club since 2019, she has enjoyed the classical music programs, social bridge groups, and especially the French Conversation Group where she serves as the facilitator. She is currently serving as Club Secretary.



SECRETARY: Judy Burke was raised in the Chicago area. She received her bachelors degree in education from Northwestern University and her masters in Internal Business from Loyola University. She taught French for two years, then changed to the business community, working for a public accounting firm and nonprofit in Chicago before moving to Florida with her husband in 1975. She worked for an international association for forty years, which gave her the opportunity to visit more than thirty countries and meet people from around the world. She also served as interim executive director of the Canadian branch for two years, alternating her time between Ottawa and Lake Mary. She has two children, in Boston and Key West, and one grandchild.

TREASURER: Paul Breines earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Brooklyn College and an MBA in International Business and Finance from NYU. He is the founder and retired CPA/Chartered Financial Consultant/CEO of Paul Stewart Associates, Inc. (PSA), a tax and financial planning organization headquartered in Princeton, NJ. Prior to establishing PSA he worked for Touche Ross (predecessor of Deloitte Touche) and was International Finance Manager of Pharmaceuticals and Diagnostics for Johnson & Johnson. He has volunteered in teaching ESL to recent adult immigrants under the aegis of the Adult Literacy League, and reading to Pre-K students at the Winter Park Day Nursery under the Reading Pals program of The United Way. He previously served as VP Development.



ASSISTANT TREASURER: Ann Sapp holds a BSBA degree from the University of Central Florida. She is a CPA with more than thirty years of experience in all areas of accounting and tax, having owned and operated a CPA firm with her late husband since the 1980s. Ann is an avid reader and enjoys both opera and musical theatre. She also paints and has participated in the members' art exhibitions for the past two years. Ann is currently Assistant Treasurer.

VP DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Rizzo was born in Charleston, South Carolina; while studying nursing in Minnesota she met her first husband who was in the Navy. They traveled to London and Cuba and had two children. While in London, she was treasurer of the European Navy Wives Club. She later married Joe Rizzo. For more than forty years in her real estate business function, she has managed monies. Her late father-in-law Joe was a club president, who, through his considerable music contacts, was able to bring many music programs to the University Club for members' enjoyment. Sandy enjoys the Club and is happy to contribute. Sandy has served as Assistant Treasurer and is the current VP Development.



VP HOUSE AND GROUNDS: Bill McGuinness, and his wife Susan, joined the Club in 2021. He moved to Florida in 2019 and resides on N. Park Avenue, just one block from the Club. Bill grew up as an Army brat of a West Point Colonel, seeing the world. He attended the University of Virginia and works as a Civil Engineer and Senior Vice President at Skanska (an international construction/ development giant) for the last fifty years, with assignments in Washington DC, Virginia, Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Stockholm, etc., and now overseeing the \$2.4 billion I-4 project in Orlando. Bill loves spending time with his wife and family, and enjoys traveling, history, cars, challenges, and of course Winter Park where he plans to retire in 2024.



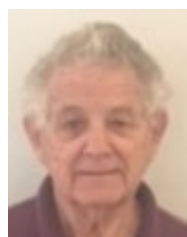
VP PROGRAMS: A member of the Club since 2005, **Diana Secor** calls Pennsylvania her home state. She is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and worked for many years in Association and Real Estate Management. Diana has previously served as VP House and Grounds, Executive Vice President, and served a two-year term as President. She is currently Human Resources Chair and Chair of the Fiction Book Discussion group.

2024-2025 BOARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES, continued



VP FINANCE: Glen Winter was born and raised in a small town in northern New Jersey. He attended Bucknell University where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration, then went on to earn a master's degree in accounting from Long Island University. For many years he worked in banking, then started a video projection business that provided services for large business meetings, concerts, and conventions. Ten years later, after a back injury, he returned to his accounting roots and became CFO of an electronics manufacturing company. Glen retired from that company in 2013 and has been an active member of the University Club since joining at that time. Glen is President Emeritus and is the current Treasurer.

VP INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITIES: Edward Korry. Born in Paris, France, he has lived in several countries including Ethiopia, Chile, Egypt, and the UK, and also has visited more than seventy countries, giving him a global viewpoint. He attended Harrow in the UK and graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA and University of Cairo in Egypt with a MA. He also studied hospitality in Lausanne. He worked in the food and beverage industry at various corporate and independent hotels and restaurants and worked as F&B Director for the Practicum Properties of Johnson & Wales University until he became a full-time academic where he taught for twenty-six years and created a new department focused on beverage education for culinary, hospitality, retail, and business students. He achieved a number of beverage certifications and served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Wine Educators for eight years before serving as President. Edward also served on other community-centric boards including the French American School of Rhode Island. He moved permanently to Winter Park in 2019 after retiring. He has been very active in the many intellectual activities at the Club and while serving on the board has been involved in the Public Relations Committee. As his familiarity with the community increases, he plans to be even more engaged. He currently serves VP Intellectual Activities.



VP MEMBERSHIP: Richard Oehmler was born in Bellevue, a suburb of Pittsburgh. He attended Harvard College, majoring in economics. After spending several years in military intelligence in Washington, D.C., he attended Harvard Business School. Richard worked as a management consultant with McKinsey and Company and later retired from J.C. Penney. A long-time resident of Huntington Bay, Long Island, he served for twelve years on the Huntington School Board, including stints as President and Vice President. After retiring, he spent a number of years doing pro-bono management consulting for nonprofits. He and Jocelyn Amalong, a long-time Winter Park resident, married in 2012. Dick is the current VP Membership.

DIRECTOR: Michael Kakos was born in the Bronx, New York City. He graduated from Manhattan College with a B.S. in Chemistry. Later he received an M.S. in Chemistry from Niagara University and an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Steven's Institute in Hoboken, New Jersey. He serves as a trustee on the local Polasek Museum and Bach Festival Society Boards. Michael was employed in technical positions at firms in metals and ceramics before settling into engineering plastics at Celanese Corp. Eventually he moved into marketing and management assignments with the firm in London, England where he worked and lived for 46 years. He started and developed a plastic distribution business in London and married Aimee from Western Pennsylvania soon after. They retired after the sale of their business to Winter Park in 2000 but retained their summer London home until 2021. He and Aimee have been life members of the University Club since 2002. Michael currently serves as Director.



DIRECTOR: Paul Mandelkern grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland and Tallahassee. He graduated from Tulane University with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in history. He received his law degree from Duke University and a masters of law in taxation from the University of Florida. He practiced law in Orlando for forty-one years concentrating on business law and mergers and acquisitions with a focus on representing healthcare providers such as hospitals and large physician practices. Paul has served on the boards of several community organizations and on Winter Park city advisory boards. He is currently the chairperson of the City of Winter Park Code Compliance Board. He has been a member of the University Club since 2017 and is married to Club member Holly Mandelkern. Paul currently serves as Director.

DIRECTOR: Steve Bertha was born in Budapest, Hungary, but grew up in Venezuela. In 1963, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BS in Chemistry, then attended Florida State University where, in 1967, he graduated with a PhD in Chemistry. He worked as a research chemist at DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware and for thirty-one years, managed the inventions of Yale University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, and the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. He founded the Chemistry Department of Simon Bolivar University in Caracas, Venezuela and later served as director of the University-based Industrial Research Institute. He has traveled extensively worldwide, including Hungary and its surrounding neighbors, and has written a partial biography so that his children and grandchildren will know about their origins. He has been an active member of the University Club since joining in 2015. He cochairs the Foreign Affairs Group, is a member of the Spanish-Speaking Group, has served on the Board as a Director, and is the current Chair of the Public Relations committee.



Proposed Budget

May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

BUDGET WORKSHEET

2024-25

	Acct. No.	2024-25 Projected Budget
Gross Income		
Dues and fees	4140	130,000
Rentals (Net)		47,000
Dinners & lunches (Net)		0
Contributions	4100	20,000
Non-member donations	4111	500
Misc income	4131	50
Transfers from endowment	4321	161,735
Total gross income		359,285
Expenses		
Administrative		186,600
Development		3,000
Membership		2,000
H&G maint & repair		11,000
Grounds maintenance		15,000
House & grounds wages		75,150
Utilities		18,000
Activities		5,000
Classical Music		5,000
Piano Tuning		750
Communications		3,200
Office/electronic equipment		4,500
Public relations		3,625
Grants & Scholarships		26,460
Total expenses		359,285