





The University of Winter Park

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December 6 Lunch

December 13 Chorus Concert

December 20 Dinner

January 1 New Year's Day Reception

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The Club will be closed for the holiday season beginning Monday, December 23 and will reopen on Monday, January 6.

Reservations for our annual New Year's Day Brunch will open on Monday, December 16. We hope you will join us to usher in 2025!

The University Club of Winter Park

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December 2024 Newsletter Deadline: January 1

Intellectual Activities

Not busy on a Thursday afternoon? How about joining Don Cain and Valerie McDougall for a matinee movie? This past month featured *On a Clear Day* with Barbra Streisand, *Shadowlands*, Man on Fire with Denzel Washington, The Ten Commandments with Charlton Heston. And it's on the big screen in the main room. December movies will include: *Hotel Rwanda* and *Young* Winston.

Or join Steve Bertha and Brad Baskin at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month to watch a documentary such as last month's War of 1812 or this November's Bob Hope: A and E Biography. OR join them in the evening at 7:00 p.m. to watch films such as All The King's Men. For January, we have for Film Discussion night on January 23rd: *Remains of the Day* (1993).

Due to the holidays and Club closure, Documentaries and Film Discussion will not be meeting in December, but in January they will be showing films *Remains of the Day* and *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zone*. How appropriate! It will reinforce the reason for having joined the University Club. Bring your own snacks or share with others. Thank you to all these and every other group leader.

Ed Korry, VP Intellectual Activities

Check-In Greeters Needed



VOLUNTEERS We need a few more check-in greeters to help check in attendees at our Friday dinner

and luncheon program events. No collections, just check in members and guests on the provided list and advise them of their seating assignments.

If interested, please contact Diana Secor at secor.diana@gmail.com.

Reminder

Club Closed Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

Applications for membership have slowed considerably. A constant flow of new member applications is vital since every year we lose members, who move away, grow older, or cannot take advantage of the Club's offerings.

We encourage members to reach out to friends or acquaintances who they think could be enjoy the Club's activities.

UCWP Car Decals Available in the Office!



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 December 2, 2024

- Mon. Dec. 2
 9:00 a.m.
 STRETCH AND BALANCE CLASS Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan; Chair: Melody Roadman
 10:00 a.m.
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- 10:00 a.m. HISTORY American in Paris presented by Susan Rosoff, Curator of Education at the Orlando Museum of Art. Paris has always had a particular allure. It does it for us today and it did for the artists in the 19th century. In the decades following the Civil War, hundreds of Americans joined the throngs in Paris. American collectors bought European art and artists needed to compete, so they studied painting with French mentors and studied paintings at the Louvre to establish credibility. What was it about that era that it became the subject of Broadways shows, sold out museum exhibits and huge unequaled art sales? Our speaker Susan Rosoff will drop us into the world of the French 19th century with its horsedrawn carriages, bustle skirts, gas lights, and Impression Art. It's a fascinating time and a fascinating city. You don't want to miss Susan Rosoff and the world of Paris. 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* and *Audio The Perfect French* by Dylane Moreau. Advanced Beginner/Intermediate level. Chair: Maria Delose
- **Tue. Dec. 3** 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** *The Last Kingdom* by Bernard Cornwell. Chair: Gayle Austin
- 1:00 p.m. **CRAFTY CREATIONS** Join the crafters for a gathering of ideas, fun, and creativity. Leader: Pat Curenton
- 1:00 p.m. **CONTRACT BRIDGE** Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group. Chair: Maria Versch
- 2:00 p.m. MATINEE MOVIE *Hotel Rwanda*. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall
- **Wed. Dec. 4 BEGINNERS ITALIAN -** Book is *Italian Made Simple* by Cristina Mazzano. Chair: Maria Versch 9:00 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. **CURRENT EVENTS (Club** and **Zoom)** Chair: Judy Beck
- 11:15 a.m. ITALIAN CONVERSATION Join this activity group for intermediate/advanced Italian. Leader: Marisa Rini
- 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
- 1:00 p.m. **SOCIAL/CONTRACT BRIDGE** Meets first and fourth Wednesdays. If you can attend, please email Alice Dexter the Friday before the first and fourth Wednesday at *alicedexter10@gmail.com* or call 407-252-5439.
- 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. Dec. 5
 1:30 p.m.

 FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Club and *Zoom*) Guest speaker Eduardo Blanchet will discuss Milei: A Bid to Reverse 70 Years of Argentina's Decline. Eduardo has a degree in political science and was a member of Argentina's diplomatic corps for 18 years. He follows his country's development with keen interest. Co-Chairs: Judy Beck and Steve Bertha
- 2:00 p.m. CHORUS REHEARSAL Rehearsal for our December concert. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Chair: Don Cain: Director: Sarah Moore
- Fri. Dec. 6
 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
- 10:45 a.m. SPANISH—INTERMEDIATE/HISPANIC LITERATURE Ideal for those with some prior study of Spanish, even if years ago. Especially targeted for those wanting to improve their grammatical skills in a relaxed academic setting. No tests or grades! Taught by Jay Caballero.
- 11:00 a.m. **CLUB LIBRARY** Join our enthusiastic band of professional and amateur librarians who work together to maintain this important Club facility.
- 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

11:30 a.m. Social Hour

Mon. Dec. 9

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

Gayle Austin and Kwang Kim

LUNCHEON MEETING Friday, December 6

12:00 p.m. Buffet

Comedy, Mind-reading, and ESP Show! featuring Mark Stone

MENTALMANIA is the funniest mind-reading and ESP show in America today! Mark never fails to astound audience members with his ability to read minds, predictions, and "see" with his fingertips while blindfolded. He leaves audiences shaking their heads in disbelief when he demonstrates super memory, clairvoyance, and telekinesis. Not only does Mark amaze with his uncanny abilities, he keeps his audience laughing throughout the show. It's a fun and thought-provoking experience!

Reservations open Monday, November 25 and close at noon on Tuesday, December 3, or when full.

Prepayment Required! Nonrefundable after the reservation deadline.

RESERVE AND PREPAY ONLINE: Go to www.uclubwp.org/members
RESERVE AT THE CLUB: Blue forms located in the lobby; or email reservations@uclubwp.org.

Members \$33.50; Guests \$38.50 Dress Code: Business Casual

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan; Chair: Melody Roadman

STRETCH AND BALANCE CLASS - Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All

1:00 p.m.	MAHJONG - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
1:00 p.m.	PLAY READING - No experience necessary. All are welcome to attend. Chair: Lori Pearson-Wise
2:30 p.m.	BACKGAMMON - Tracing its origins back nearly 5,000 years to Mesopotamia and Persia, backgammon is a board game that combines skill, luck, and strategy. All skill levels and ages. Boards provided. Chair: Charles Corbin
6:00 p.m.	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: <i>It Won't Kill You (probably)</i> - Learn about the latest developments in generative AI with short lectures and demonstrations followed by group discussion. Co-Chairs: Ralph Losey and Joe Davis
Tue. Dec. 10	ECONOMICS FOR THE LAYPERSON - (Club and Zoom) Chair: Matt Giles
10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	CRAFTY CREATIONS - Join the crafters for a gathering of ideas, fun, and creativity. Leader: Pat Curenton
1:00 p.m.	CONTRACT BRIDGE - Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group. Chair: Maria Versch
2:00 p.m.	MATINEE MOVIE - Young Winston. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall
Wed. Dec. 11	CURRENT EVENTS - (Club and Zoom) Chair: Judy Beck
10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	ITALIAN CONVERSATION - Join this activity group for intermediate/advanced Italian. Meets every Wednesday in the Boardroom. Leader: Marisa Rini
1:00 p.m.	GERMAN CONVERSATION - A congenial way to brush up on the German language by discussing current and comparative issues related to Europe and the United States. Chairs: Gisela Davis and Dietmar Georg

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ticipants inform in advance that they will be playing: gayleaus0@gmail.com or text 407-620-5663. Co-Chairs:

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of December 9, 2024, continued

Thur. Dec. 12 CLASSICS BOOK CLUB - (Club and Zoom) Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. Chair: Ed Korry 10:00 a.m.

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 - A (Belated) Halloween Skeleton Scare: Brittle Bones. Hurricane

Milton got us confused and the Osteoporosis lecture originally scheduled for October has been rescheduled for December. Our guest speaker and Tai Chi instructor Jim Moltzan chose the appropriate Halloween theme by focusing on the bones in our skeleton! Since the repercussions of a serious fall are no less scary in December, our September focus on fall prevention will be balanced this month with advice on exercise and nutrition—both good ways to strengthen our bones and mitigate the damage if we do lose our balance and fall. Join us to learn more about how you may be able to improve your bone strength and prevent bone loss. Chairs: Jeannie Schiff and Preston Allen

2:00 p.m. **CHORUS REHEARSAL** - Rehearsal for our December concert. No experience necessary. All are welcome.

Chair: Don Cain; Director: Sarah Moore

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Friday, December 13
2:00 p.m.
Club Chorus Program

2024

Holiday Concert

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and music to celebrate the holiday season. Bring your family and friends.

Refreshments will be served.

CLUB CALE	ENDAR: Week of December 16, 2024
Mon. Dec. 16 9:00 a.m.	STRETCH AND BALANCE CLASS - Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan; Chair: Melody Roadman
1:00 p.m.	MAHJONG - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
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Tue. Dec. 17 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. Chair: Terry Hyman
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
1:00 p.m.	CONTRACT BRIDGE - Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group. Chair: Maria Versch
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
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. Dec. 18	CURRENT EVENTS - (Club and Zoom) Chair: Judy Beck
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7:00 p.m.	JEOPARDY - Using software to replicate the fabled TV show, Club member Paul Breines will act as MC and host of our <i>Jeopardy</i> game. Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and lasts for two hours. Chair: Paul Breines
Thur. Dec. 19 10:00 a.m.	ART AND EXPLORATION - The artists from Art League of Orange County are displaying their artwork in our Club Art Gallery this month. The theme of the exhibition is <i>In Tune with Nature</i> . Linda Dudley (Shelton) who is an active member of ALOC will do a <i>plein air</i> demonstration for us. Linda is an award winning artist and received her art education from the University of Maryland and taught art for thirty-five years. 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. December's book selection is <i>The Wren, the Wren</i> by Ann Enright. Chair: Diana Secor
Fri. Dec. 20 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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Save the Date!

NEW YEAR'S DAY MIMOSA BRUNCH AT THE CLUB

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2025 Resolutions List:

#1 -Start 2025 with Friends at the University Club

Enjoy Quiche, Cocktail Shrimp, Bagels and Lox, Fruit Salad, Pastries, Cookies, and more.

Pianist: Howard Jaffe

\$30

A gathering to make wishes for a great year to come!

Dress: Fun fashion or whatever you're still wearing from New Year's Eve!!!

Reservations: Monday, December 16 to Thursday, December 26

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THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF WINTER PARK

DECEMBER 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
9 a.m. Stretch and Balance Class 10 a.m. History 1 p.m. Mahjong 2 p.m. French (Club and <i>Zoom</i>)	3 10 a.m. Philosophical Discussion 10:30 a.m. Historical Fiction 1 p.m. Crafty Creations 1 p.m. Contract Bridge 2 p.m. Matinee Movie	9 a.m. Italian, Beg. 10 a.m. Current Events (Club and Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Italian 1 p.m. Canasta 1 p.m. Social/Contract Bridge Evening:	5 1:30 p.m. Foreign Affairs (Club and Zoom) 2 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Spanish, Advanced 10:45 a.m. Spanish, Intermediate 11 a.m. Library 12:30 p.m. Chess Afternoon 11:30 a.m. Luncheon	7
9 a.m. Stretch and Balance Class 9:30 a.m. Board Mtg. 1 p.m. Mahjong 1 p.m. Play Reading 2:30 p.m. Backgammon Evening: 6 p.m. Artificial Intelligence	10 a.m. Economics (Club and Zoom) 1 p.m. Crafty Creations 1 p.m. Contract Bridge 2 p.m. Matinee Movie	7 p.m. Trivia 11 10 a.m. Current Events (Club and Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Italian 1 p.m. German 1 p.m. Canasta	12 10 a.m. Classics Book Club (Club and Zoom) 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 2 p.m. Science, Health, and Wellness 2 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal	13 9:30 a.m. Spanish, Advanced 10 a.m. Stretch and Balance Class 10:45 a.m. Spanish, Intermediate 11 a.m. Library 12:30 p.m. Chess Afternoon Club Chorus Holiday Concert	14
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The University Club

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Fellowship in Knowledge and Understanding

Return Service Requested



Upcoming Events

January 2025

- January 1 New Year's Day Reception
- January 17 Lunch Mati Braun
- January 31 Dinner Suite Life

February 2025

- February 14 Dinner
- February 28 Lunch