

CLUB TIMES



**The University Club
of Winter Park**

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Intellectual Activities

The Beginning Spanish class finally launched!!! Cheryl Malone, the instructor, did a marvelous job signing people up (including during the Open House we held), and by the time the class began she had 15 students. The class time that was finally decided on is every Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except of course for Club closures (holidays, etc.). A big thanks to Randy Ellington for supplying the new whiteboard that Cheryl needed.

If anyone has ideas for other classes/activities they would like to see at the Club, I would encourage them to let me know. If there are enough folks to make something happen, I'll do my best to help make it so. It's been very gratifying to me to see an idea become an actual activity. Send me your ideas and thoughts.

Thankfully Ed Korry has made it back from his vacation. In addition to conducting the Classic Book Club, he helps with the management of several other groups, and of course he put in an enormous amount of effort making the Open House happen. We are always grateful for his talent, his broad spectrum of knowledge and his enthusiasm.

Have a Happy Holiday Season,

Allen Moody, VP Intellectual Activities

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

as of November 21, 2025

The Executive Board appreciates the 40 members who have graciously donated \$15,935.

Donations have ranged in size from \$50 to \$5,000 with an average of \$398 and a median of \$200 and will be used to support general operations, programs and activities, and external charity.

It's not too late to contribute in 2025 but keep in mind the office is closed for the holidays December 22 to January 5.

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 1, 2025

Mon. Dec. 1

- 9:00 a.m. **STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASS** - Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan
- 10:00 a.m. **HISTORY GROUP** – “Michelangelo and Raphael: Renaissance Rivals” The two extraordinary artists of the Renaissance, whose rivalry became legendary. Both competed for the same patrons and often worked on the same large-scale projects, turning their professional rivalry into a deeply personal conflict. This intense competition is a fascinating glimpse into the dynamics of the period. Presented by Susan Rosoff, served as the Curator of Education at the Orlando Museum of Art, and also taught at modern and contemporary art history at the University of Central Florida. Co-Chairs: Ovid Vitas and Mark Cooper
- 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 the knowledge of the French language and culture. The current text is *French Short Stories Vol. 2* and *Audio The Perfect French* by Dylane Moreau. Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Level. Chair: Maria Delose

Tue. Dec. 2

- 10:00 a.m. **PHILOSOPHY 101** - Join us in our quest for advantage. Sometimes a single insight gives you leverage. All topics and questions are welcome and accorded respect. All are welcome. Would you be interested in a once a month evening session? Chair: Don Cain
- 10:30 a.m. **HISTORICAL FICTION BOOK CLUB** -This month’s book will be *Council of Dolls* by Mona Susan Power. Please join us. Chair: Gayle Austin.
- 12:30 p.m. **CONTRACT BRIDGE** - Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group. Chair: Karen Norton
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - CANCELLED—WILL RESUME IN JANUARY.** Come share your views of the movie and stay for a brief discussion. We welcome your suggestions. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall

Wed. Dec. 3

- 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. Meets every Wednesday in the Boardroom. Leader: Marisa Rini
- 1:00 p.m. **CANASTA** - A casual game, with both men and women enjoying the play and the company. Feel free to come and observe or to participate. All are welcome. 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. **TRIVIA**- Join us for a fun evening. All are welcome! Chair: Todd Weaver

Thur. Dec. 4

- 10:00 a.m. **OPERA APPRECIATION** - An Opera gathering to discuss, listen to, and analyze Opera. Please join us. Chair: Charles Corbin
- 10:30 a.m. **BEGINNING SPANISH** - For the true beginner. Join in to start learning Spanish. Chair: Cheryl Malone
- 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 – World Rearmament.** Foreign Affairs will hold a meeting at the Club. The topic will be World Rearmament. One of today’s defining geopolitical trends is global rearmament, arguably the most consequential shift in military affairs since the end of the Cold War. Accelerated by rapid technological advancement and an increasingly volatile geopolitical landscape, this transformation will have broad impacts to national economies and redefine the contours of great power competition. A video will be shown. Co-Chairs: Judy Beck and Steve Bertha
- 2:00 p.m. **CHORUS PRACTICE** - Our final practice for the Holiday Concert on December 5th. Chair: Sarah Moore

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 1, 2025 cont.

Fri. Dec. 5

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. **STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASS** -Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan
- 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.
- 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. Co-Chairs: Den Ardinger, John Snow



CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 8, 2025

Mon. Dec. 8

- 9:00 a.m. **STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASS** - Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan
- 1:00 p.m. **MAHJONG** - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
- 1:00 p.m. **PLAY READING - Cancelled for December.** Chair: Lori Pearson-Wise
- 2:30 p.m. **BACKGAMMON** - CANCELLED—THIS MONTH ONLY -All are welcome! Chair: Charles Corbin
- 6:00 p.m. **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** - Everything you wanted to know about AI but were afraid to ask. Guest Speaker JJ Jasser from Rollins College. Chair: Ralph Losey

Tue. Dec. 9

- 10:00 a.m. **ECONOMICS FOR THE LAYPERSON** - (Club and Zoom) Chair: Matt Giles
- 12:30 p.m. **CONTRACT BRIDGE** - Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group. Chair: Karen Norton
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. **MATINEE MOVIE - CANCELLED—WILL RESUME IN JANUARY.** Come share your views of the movie and stay for a brief discussion. We welcome your suggestions. Co-Chairs: Don Cain and Valerie McDougall

Wed. Dec. 10

- 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. 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
- 1:00 p.m. **CANASTA** - A casual game, with both men and women enjoying the play and the company. Feel free to come and observe or to participate. Co-Chairs: Gayle Austin and Kwang Kim
- 2:30 p.m. **ARMCHAIR TRAVEL** – Join us for an exciting travel presentation surprise. Please contact Nancy at njponting@aol.com. Chair: Nancy Ponting

Thur. Dec. 11

- 10:00 a.m. **CLASSICS BOOK CLUB - *The Dubliners*.** By James Joyce. **(Club and Zoom)** Chair: Ed Korry
- 10:30 a.m. **BEGINNING SPANISH** - For the true beginner. Join in to start learning Spanish. Chair: Cheryl Malone
- 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
- 12:30 p.m. **MENTAL HEALTH FITNESS** - Join us for a session and group discussion. Chair Molly Losey
- 1:30 p.m. **SCRABBLE** - All are welcome to join in. Chair: Christine Porter

Holiday Luncheon

Sam McKelton

&

Edward Washington II



Sam McKelton, lyric tenor, has appeared with major symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles including the Detroit Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Helsinki Orchestra (Finland) Estonia Philharmonic (Estonia), Ravinia Festival Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, and others. He performed for three years with Harry Belafonte, with whom he was featured in the 1997 PBS Special, *Harry Belafonte and Friends*. He starred in an off-Broadway revival of the Broadway hit musical *Five Guys Named Mo'*, and was an original Broadway cast and touring member of the Tony Award winning Disney musical *The Lion King*.



Edward Washington II, acclaimed American tenor, has performed with companies such as Detroit Opera, Opera Omaha, Florida Opera Theater, Opera Orlando, Orlando Opera and Lyric Opera of Chicago. He currently performs as a soloist as well as with the chorus of the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan Opera. He has received three Grammy nominations and two Grammy wins.



Accompanist - Gale Jones Murphy began playing piano at age three and was a designated pianist at her church by age five. She earned a Master of Piano Performance degree from Memphis State University. Gale is a concert pianist, choral director, former music educator, recording vocal and piano artist, a published choral and hymn writer, and composer of more than 800 songs. Currently, Mrs. Murphy serves as a piano performer and Board Member for the Steinway Society of Central Florida.

LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

SOCIAL 11:30; LUNCH 12:00

PROGRAM LEADER: MOLLY LOSEY

MEMBERS: \$45.00

GUESTS: \$50.00

University Club of Winter Park

**Reservations
Open Mon. 12/1
Close Tue. 12/9**

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 8 2025 cont.

Fri. Dec. 12

- 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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CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 15, 2025

Mon. Dec. 15

- 9:00 a.m. **STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASS** - Improve your flexibility, range of motion, balance, and coordination. All levels are welcome. No equipment necessary. Instructor: Terri Callanan
- 10:00 a.m. **HISTORY GROUP** – “The Other 1948 Election” Lyndon Johnson’s Race for the U.S. Senate. Presented by Jim Hauser. In 1948, Harry Truman pulled off one of the greatest upsets in American political history when he defeated Thomas Dewey for the presidency. Lyndon B. Johnson achieved a similar feat by defeating Coke Stevenson – considered the most popular elected official in Texas history in the Democratic runoff for the U.S. Senate. The story is not whether LBJ stole the election, but rather the extraordinary drama of how he did it. The tale contains more twists and turns than a Shakespeare play or an Agatha Christie novel. Co-Chairs: Ovid Vitas and Mark Cooper
- 1:00 a.m. **MAHJONG** - Co-Chairs: Collette Davis and Bev Gabriel
- 1:00 p.m. **PLAY READING** - **Cancelled for December.** Chair: Lori Pearson-Wise
- 1:00 p.m. **GENEALOGY** - (Zoom only) “If I only knew what I do know now!” Beginners and experienced genealogists are welcome. Chair: Maggie Winter
- 2:00 p.m. **FRENCH** - (**Club** and **Zoom**) This activity group uses short stories, French literature, and conversation to improve and enhance the knowledge of the French language and culture. The current text is *French Short Stories Vol. 2* and *Audio The Perfect French* by Dylane Moreau. Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Level. Chair: Maria Delose

Lost and Found Items

A table will be set up in the hallway by the Office the week of Dec 8-12. If you are missing anything, please stop by and take a look. All unclaimed items will be donated.

Reminder!

The University Club will close
At 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 19 December
And re-open on Monday, 5 January.

CLUB CALENDAR: Week of Dec. 15, 2025 cont.

Tue. Dec. 16

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. **CONTRACT BRIDGE** - Meets weekly. This is a casual, friendly group.
Chair: Karen Norton
- 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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- 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. 17

- 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. Meets every Wednesday in the Boardroom. Leader: Marisa Rini
- 1:00 p.m. **CANASTA** - A casual game, with both men and women enjoying the play and the company. Feel free to come and observe or to participate. Co-Chairs: Gayle Austin and Kwang Kim

Thur. Dec. 18

- 10:30 a.m. **ART AND EXPLORATION GROUP** - Morse Museum Tour. Cost \$5.00. Your money will reserve your space. You may leave your check, which should be made out to Barbara Buchele, in the Art & Exploration mailbox in the UC office or pay by PayPal or Zelle. (Morse Museum members will still need to pay the entrance fee for this guided tour). Deadline for payment is on Dec. 11th. . Chair: Barbara Buchele
- 10:30 a.m. **BEGINNING SPANISH** - For the true beginner. Join in to start learning Spanish. Chair: Cheryl Malone
- 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
- 1:15 p.m. **FICTION BOOK CLUB – *Fever Beach*** by Carl Hiassen. Wildly entertaining Florida caper—a razor sharp, laugh out loud. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. Chair: Diana Secor

Fri. Dec. 19

- 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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- 11:00 a.m. **CLUB LIBRARY** —Join our enthusiastic band of professional and amateur librarians who work together to maintain this important Club facility. Co-Chairs: Barbara Buchele and Laurie Carlson
- 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. Co-Chairs: Den Ardinger, John Snow

LET'S CELEBRATE!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

\$30

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MIMOSA BRUNCH AT THE CLUB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1,
2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ENJOY QUICHE, COCKTAIL SHRIMP, LOX & BAGELS, SWEDISH
MEATBALLS, PIGS IN A BLANKET, FRUIT SALAD, PASTRIES, COOKIES,
AND MORE.

A GATHERING TO MAKE WISHES FOR A GREAT
YEAR TO COME!



ROAD SCHOLAR TOUR OF PHILADELPHIA **FUN TRIP!**

The Club is using the national company of Road Scholar to organize a trip to Philadelphia next May 17-22. We have 21 members who have registered and we can have 24. If you would like to go with us, we have room for three more, and after that we can have people on standby.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL:
JUDGE MCDONALD@YAHOO.COM**



Morse Museum Tour Thursday, Dec. 18th at 10:30 a.m.



The cost is \$5.00. You may leave your check, which should be made out to Barbara Buchele, in the Art & Exploration mailbox in the UC office or pay by PayPal or Zelle. (Morse Museum members will still need to pay the entrance fee for this guided tour.)
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Upcoming Events

December 2025

- Dec. 5 Holiday Concert
- Dec. 12 Lunch

January 2026

- Jan. 1 Brunch
- Jan.30 Dinner