

Stuff Worth Knowing!

LIFEtimes

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WELCOME to the New Year! The Year of the Dragon!

*“The Dragon is a powerful and auspicious creature in Chinese mythology, representing **courage**, **creativity**, and **innovation**. 2024 promises to be a year full of possibilities and opportunities.”*

I like that... let's face it , LIFE at UCF offers all that and more! (OK...I'll have to ask Rich where the 'mythology' fits in...) but everything else is right there.



Let's see...

- 1) “courage:”** How courageous are each of us, every week, as we tackle the UCF parking facilities. Yep...pretty darn brave!
- 2) “creativity:”** Our Curriculum Committee gives us creative options each week and Rich and the Membership Committee offer a creative twist to our meetings!
- 3) “innovation:”** ooh! ooh! ooh! I'm gonna give that one to *Trippin' through LIFE* since the 'innovation' is defined as 'the process of bringing new ideas, methods, products, services or solutions that have a significant positive impact and value.

Even if you are not a “dragon” you can have all those components by coming to class, enjoying our weekly get togethers and, signing up for Trippin' through LIFE events! -Gail

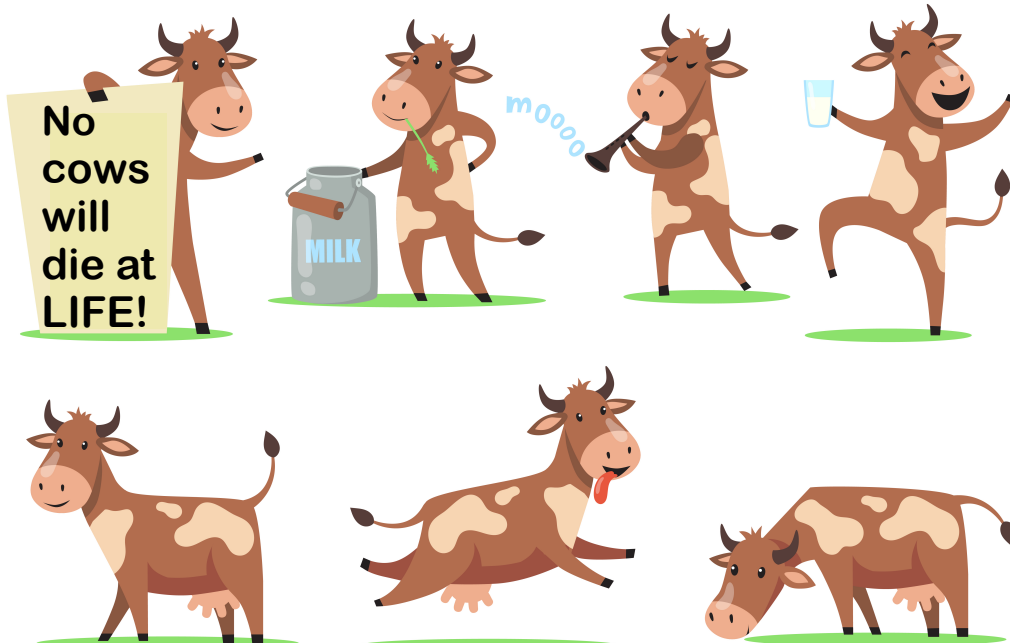




John Sebastian recorded one of the most well-known and entertaining theme songs of our generation for the TV show *Welcome Back Kotter*. You can listen to it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGIY3ubGzUY>. Welcome back to the spring semester at LIFE at UCF, where you'll find class convened with informative and entertaining speakers and field trips; an added plus, the opportunity to meet and greet friends, new and old, every week. Enjoy!

In an earlier newsletter I mentioned my priorities as president and here they are again, four areas of impact that I've set my sights on; to provide the best educational programs and learning experiences for LIFE members; achieve and maintain financial security for LIFE at UCF; achieve a membership of 1,000; strengthen LIFE's relationship with the University. You can help advance each of these items. Use the appropriate online form to suggest a speaker; renew your membership in LIFE at UCF; invite a friend, family member (they should also be friends!), neighbor or associate to sign up as a prospective member of LIFE; and extend a hand of appreciation to those working at UCF. You can do it; all of it. Thanks for your involvement in LIFE at UCF; it's appreciated.

Oh, by the way...for those fans of *Welcome Back Kotter*, you may recall Arnold Horshack; you know, Horshack is a very old and respected name; it means "the cattle are dying".



Don't miss out. As a current LIFE at UCF member, you have the opportunity to nominate fellow LIFE member(s) for the following awards! The deadline is fast approaching. Use the attached link.



THE RAY JONES LIFE AT UCF VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

The **LIFE** ad hoc committee for the

“Ray Jones LIFE at UCF Volunteer Recognition Awards”

met on November 13th.

The committee reviewed and made recommended revisions in the Recognition Awards Policy. The policy outlines the procedures for nominating, reviewing, and selecting recipients for the

Annual Volunteer Recognition Award
[maximum of two awardees], and for the

Lifetime Exceptional Volunteer Award
[potential maximum of one awardee].

Criteria and nominating forms are now available to all members using the link below, on the LIFE website lifeatucf.org and in our LIFE Tuesday email.

[Ray Jones Volunteer Recognition Award – LIFE at UCF](#)

Nominations must be submitted by January 13, 2024.

Leslie Collin, Committee Chair
Jacqueline Ulacia
Vonnice Jones
Jack McGuire
Ed Schons



LIFE members, are you aware of any residents in your community who are interested in becoming a **LIFE** member?
Would they be interested in receiving a presentation?
Sure they would!

Email

membership@lifeatucf.org

or, on Tuesday morning, stop by the Membership desk and provide the name of your community, the community Point of Contact (POC), phone number & email.

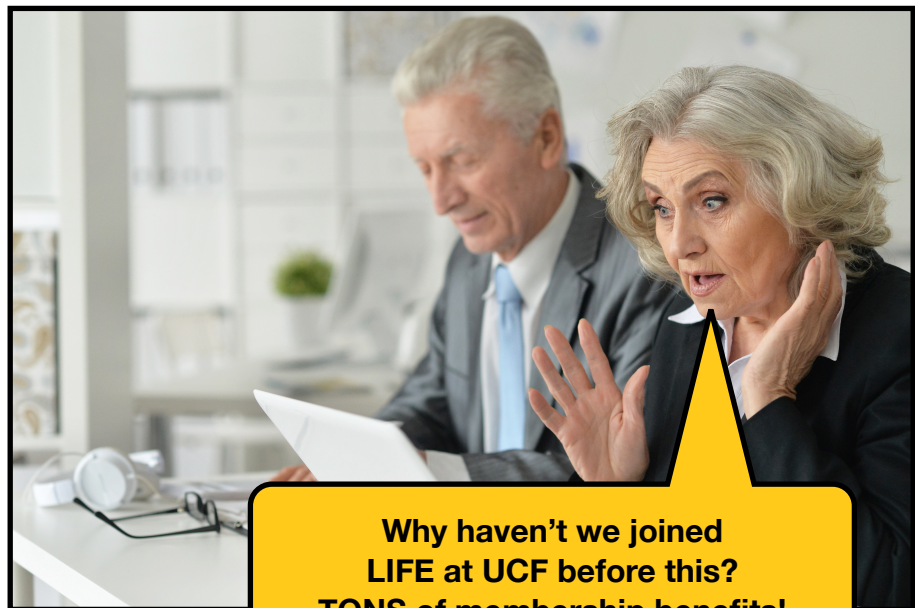
The Membership Committee will quickly reach out to the POC to schedule a **LIFE** presentation

during our

**Membership Drive
1 Mar- 1 May, 2024.**

Word of mouth and personal referrals generate the greatest number of new **LIFE** members. Reach out to your friends and spread the good word about **LIFE at UCF.**

-Nick Guerra, Membership Committee Chair



Why haven't we joined LIFE at UCF before this?

TONS of membership benefits!

- **Two lectures a week for most of the year**
- **Discounts at movies & restaurants**
- **PARKING at UCF!**
- **Discounts or free admission to athletic events**
- **Discounts or free for a plethora of cultural events**
- **Interaction with other retired people**
- **And...OMG...we can go Trippin' through LIFE**



WELCOME to LIFE Spring Semester 2024!

The **Trippin' through LIFE Committee** has put together an amazing list of Trippin' events. Although some, as usual, have lots of room, others are quite limited, so I recommend that you check the Trippin' Events Calendar on our website, lifeatucf.org very often so you don't miss a sign up date.

■ Remember all registration opens on Tuesdays **before** our scheduled LIFE meeting...times vary, because each event goes "live" when I wake up, NOT at midnight. 😊

- Additionally, keep in mind that each member may only sign up for one reservation, using his/her Member365 account.
- ALL Trippin' through LIFE events are a benefit for current LIFE members ONLY!
- All pricing includes all fees, inclusive of gratuity or donation.
- We have worked hard to find a diverse and interesting lineup of Trippin' events for you! When an event promises to be very popular and is limited in seating, we try to get multiple events scheduled.

...and...here's the list!



Brevard Zoo; January 22; 10am & 1pm
registration is closed, but if you are interested in this Trippin' please contact me at trippin@lifeatucf.org and I will contact you if there is a cancellation for the date/time you want. Fees include private tour, all day admission and donation to the zoo.

Brevard Zoo; January 29; 10am & 1pm
registration is closed, but if you are interested in this Trippin' please contact me at trippin@lifeatucf.org and I will contact you if there is a cancellation for the date/time you want. Fees include private tour, all day admission and donation to the zoo.



UCF Interactive Entertainment Academy; January 26; 10am

UCF Backstage Theater Tour; February 13; 12:00pm



Black Hammock Bee Farm; February 16; 10:00am



Discover Historical Downtown Walking Tour #1; February 21; 9:30am

Discover Historical Downtown Walking Tour #2; March 8; 9:30am



Singing River Trippin' #1; March 18; 9:30

Singing River Trippin' #2; March 18; 11:30



Holocaust Museum; May TBD

...and there you have it folks, a dozen wonderful events to keep our members Trippin' through LIFE!

We are currently scheduling events for the fall. Should you have an idea, email me at trippin@lifeatucf.org and we will see what we can do!

If you are interested in joining our dynamic group, use the same email trippin@lifeatucf.org and I will email you the next time we have a planning meeting!

-Gail, Trippin' through LIFE Committee Chair