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On October 4th, the club met for the first time at our new location, The University Club in downtown Orlando. The facilities, the food, and the speaker were all fantastic. If you haven't made it to any functions in a while, do yourself a favor and join us back at the University Club on November 1st.

At our October luncheon, Jeff Wirth, the Director of the Interactive Performance Lab at UCF, was our speaker. What is iPLAY? The Interactive Performance Lab (iPLAY) is a research initiative in the School of Film and Digital Media at the University of Central Florida. This first-of-its-kind research and development laboratory continues to break new ground in the field of live interactive performance. iPLAY develops new tools and techniques for the fields of simulation, training, hospitality, education, and entertainment. By integrating live performance, improvisation, and cutting-edge digital technology, iPLAY brings people together in new ways to unleash the potential that resides within us all.

So what does that mean? Jeff said one of the best analogies is the 1973 movie "Westworld". In that movie, people go to an amusement park of the future, where android robots play characters in an interactive story that the guests create. The guests help move the plot of their adventure along by interacting with the robots and with other guests and staff. iPLAY is similar, except live actors are used instead of robots. These actors aren't just reading from a script. They rely on improvising to take the story into possibly unthought-of places.

But iPLAY has applications other than pure entertainment. It can be a powerful training and education experience. Jeff related to us about several training/education events that have been held inside the StoryBox. The StoryBox is a new form of stage designed for live performance experiences that integrate interactive performers, participants (known as spect-actors) and cutting-edge digital technology.

You can find more information on iPLAY online at www.iplayucf.com

Upcoming Events



Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 1st at noon at the University Club in downtown Orlando. Our speaker will be Becky Dedo. Becky is a former cheerleader and Miss UCF 1996. In 2001, she suffered a brain injury during a competitive cheerleading competition. Learn how she survived the ordeal, and how she continues to deal with its aftermath every day.

The luncheons are \$15. This price includes the meeting room, the meal, tax, tip, gratuity, and parking. The University Club is located on the corner of Rosalind and Central, right across the street from the main library. See <http://ucluborlando.com/> for detailed directions. Parking during the meetings is available in the lot right next to the club.

We look forward to seeing you there.

News & Notes

- Brother Frederick Pfeiffer (North Carolina '47) was surprised on September 30 when he and fellow judge Rom Powell attended a surprise celebration to have the Jury Assembly room at the county courthouse named in their honor. Congratulations brother Pfeiffer!
- I'm sad to report that brother Lou Toth (Butler, '48) is in the hospital. It's my understanding that he's had a fractured pelvic bone followed by a heart attack. Please pray for Lou's quick recovery.
- Start saving those toys! We will be holding our 2nd annual Toys for Tot's collection on December 6th. Full details will be coming in next months newsletter.

Renewals

It's that time of year again. If you haven't renewed yet, send it in today! Here are the brothers who have renewed in the past month, bringing us to 36 paid members for 2005-2006.

Barry Baker (LSU '67)
Charlie Collins (Emory '52)
Frank Drane (Alabama '58)

Wally Hughes (Kentucky '42)
Robert Serros (Florida '54)
Jason Yoepp (UCF '04)

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