

## Message from the Manager

Dear Members!

The school year has started and everyone is back. The Club is busy again and it is good to see all the activities. We also had our first event of the year and it was the annual Crab Feed. We had great attendance and everyone enjoyed the food and the music performed by the student musicians. We have a lot more events planned so please mark your calendars and plan to attend some of these events.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to suggest any special event that you would like to see at the Club. As always it is a pleasure of mine and the staff to serve you at the Club. And we look forward to hearing from you.

*Felix Solomon, Manager*

## A Good Friend is Missing



On January 20th, in the early morning, we learned that Al Bowker had died. For the Club, this is more than the usual loss when one of our members passes from among us. Yes, the University mourns the passing of a great administrator and Al is remembered nationally for his service to education across the country, from New York, to Stanford, to Washington, D.C.

Here at the Club, however, we mourn the loss of a good friend and colleague. The picture of your editor with Al at the November Library donors dinner is Al's last formal picture, taken in the Doe Library Reference Room.

During his time as chancellor Al established an agreement with the Club to ensure that the University – which had long used the Club as a place for meetings, entertainment, and so on – would provide financial support for some part of the Club's maintenance (roof, foundation, etc.) while continuing to respect the Club's independence as a faculty-run organization. He also planned the renovation of the Bowker Room to provide a calm room for intimate dinner meetings with donors and the like.

Some 12 years ago he returned to the Board of Directors of the Club, and took an active part in planning programs and parties. No one who was at the celebration of the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will forget Al reigning over the party costumed as Queen Elizabeth the First!

Even when his health was failing, his sacred lunches at the Faculty Club continued. He had made dates for such lunches right through the last week of his life, dates that unfortunately had to be canceled at the last minute as he started on his rapid downturn. Fortunately a number of his closest friends were able to make the trip down to Portola Valley, where he was in hospice care, right up to the end.

Al, all of us miss you! Colleagues, managers, staff, friends -- all overlapping categories. Requiescat in pace.

### Art Show of the Month - February

This month Professor Ted Van Duzer (Electrical Engineering) presents a photo essay on Bhutan, a tiny, predominantly Buddhist kingdom between India and Tibet, with peaks over 23,000 feet in the north and tropical plains in the south. Foreign influences and tourism are heavily regulated and law requires all Bhuteneese citizens to wear the national dress in public. The government emphasizes slow growth and sets “gross national happiness” as its goal. A royal decree calls for a new era of democracy in 2008.

### Buffets, Breakfast, Bargain Dinners, Bar Food Service

The popular Friday evening bargain **Fish Dinner** (\$13.99!) continues. Come by and try it soon. The **Breakfast Special**, a bargain at \$2.99, will continue, as will the regular weekday **Bargain Dinners**: from 5 to 6:30. Enjoy a great meal at a ridiculously low price. See the enclosure for the menu of the month. The **Short Order Service in the Bar** is now bringing in people who have to work late on campus and don't have time for a full dinner. Watch for specials in the Bar. And we always have the **Happy Hour** on weekday afternoons!

### Golden Girlfriends Lunch

The next meeting will be on **February 19<sup>th</sup>**. As is customary at this time of year, we all bring in our favorite romantic poems and anecdotes – no reason why they can't be funny! All surviving spouses of Club members are eligible to join this welcoming group. Lunch costs \$17, with an extra \$5 charge for wine. Reserve by calling 540-5678. Current members will receive notification of the meeting by mail. Do not hesitate to call for more information: Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951.

### February Winemakers' dinner



There still may be time to reserve for the next winemakers' dinner on Friday, **February 8**. It will feature 5 East Bay wine makers in an interesting wine dinner format: Periscope Cellars, Eno, Donkey and a Goat, Tayerle, and an old Club favorite, Rosenblum. <http://www.oaklandmagazine.com/> For more about the East Bay Vintners Alliance see their website at [www.eastbayvintners.com](http://www.eastbayvintners.com). Tasting and reception at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7. Cost: \$65 per person.

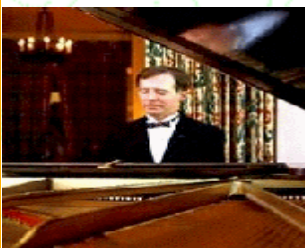
### Parking for Club Events

We are sorry to have to remind you that changes in the University's parking policies mean that we can no longer offer free parking for Club events. Parking is still available in the structure across Bancroft from the Art Museum, but at a cost of \$10. You can arrange for parking at the time you make your reservation.

## Valentine's Day Celebration

**February 14<sup>th</sup>.** Yes, this year our annual dinner dance does fall on the day itself. We hope you have decided on the one you are going to invite to this annual event – an elegant evening with a four-course dinner, with wine, and music and dancing for the rest of the evening. Of course, there's no rule that you have to come as a couple. Why not simply gather a group of friends and enjoy the evening, perhaps indulging in a few fond reminiscences? The reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. The all-inclusive cost is \$55 per person.

## Ready to Bopp Again?



It's that time of year! The time when we lure Tom Bopp down from Yosemite and give Club members the opportunity to enjoy this terrific performer without the need to drive into the mountains and pay megabucks at the Wawona Hotel. Instead, join us on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** for a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner and music from 7pm-9pm. We've never yet found the full extent of his repertoire! Cost for the evening is \$45.00 incl. per person.

## April Winemaker's Dinner



Another great winemaker will be coming to the Club on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The usual wonderful meal accompanied by specially selected wines. More details in the March newsletter, but you may want to reserve early and beat the rush. \$65 per person, all inclusive.

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### **Kerr Dining Room hours**

**Breakfast** 7:30-10:00; **Lunch** M-F 11:30-1:30; **Dinner** M-F 5:00-8:30

**Bar hours:** M-F 11:30-1:30; Happy Hours 4:30-6:30; closes at 8:30 p.m.

**Buffet lunch:** 11:30-1:30 M-F

### **Guest accommodations available:**

Reservations may be made at 540-5678, ext. 3, or through our website.

**Membership:** Call Felix, at ext. 9