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The Faculty Club Newsletter

September 2008

Coming Events

September

- 11th – Dancing with the Stars!
- 15th -- Golden Girlfriends lunch
- 19th- Wine tasting on the Glade
- 25th - Choosing a President

October

- 10th^h - Oktoberfest
- 23rd – Evening with Milton
Williams

Message from the Manager

Dear Member,

Welcome back to the campus and to the Club after what I hope was a good summer for you all! I look forward to seeing old friends back in the Club, along with newcomers to the faculty and staff.

We had a busy summer with weddings and summer session groups, and were able to complete the renovation of the hotel rooms over the Kerr dining room. The Directors and I think that the rooms are now much improved: attractive and comfortable, with many improved facilities. Come by and check out these rooms for visiting friends and colleagues. We also installed new craftsman style lights on the patio outside the Kerr dining room.

Once again, we have a full schedule of member events planned for the fall. We have also upgraded our dining room offerings at both lunch and dinner, and are stocking new wines at the bar. Enjoy the Early Bird specials before the fall events on campus and in the community, or just relax over a glass with a friend in the bar.

-Felix Solomon, Manager

*"Become a member at
The Faculty Club and
enjoy 15% discount on
food and beverages"*

And Now for Something Completely Different - Dance at the Club!

The Events Committee is always trying to find more activities to appeal to our members' varied tastes. On September 11th get out your dancing shoes and go Dancing with the Stars. UC Ballroom Dancers (picture at left) will present an evening of dance - and give would-be Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaires the chance to take a spin around the floor! We're willing to bet that you did not know that this student group, now over 50 years old, represents Cal at national inter-collegiate dance competitions. And their classes are open to everyone! Check them out at www.ucbd.org. Join them and your friends for dinner, and dancing - both to watch and to participate in. All-inclusive cost is \$35 per person. Reserve now at extension 2-224.

Wine Tasting on the Glade

The seasons roll round. By now we hope you have made reservations for the fall wine tasting on the Glade on September 19th. But there is still time to get into the fun. Dozens of wineries set up tables where you can find new favorites from familiar winemakers, or discover unsuspected pleasures from wineries you may never have heard of. All with the opportunity to place orders at special Club prices. After the tasting (beginning at 5:30 p.m.) enjoy a great dinner and live music. This is the perfect occasion to invite new colleagues to the Club, or to repay social obligations that may have slipped by you during the summer. All for \$42 per person all-inclusive. Reserve as soon as possible at extension 2-224.

“Wine tasting on the Glade – Septmeber 19, 2008.”

Art Show of the Month - September

Our art show for September is being mounted by Pete Najarian, a widely exhibited artist and published writer who taught creative writing at Cal from 1996 to 2002. He has had exhibits in the Bay Area and as far away as Yerevan, Armenia, and his work hangs in public and private collections around the area.

Golden Girlfriends

We begin the new academic year with a a lunch meeting on September 15th. The remaining meetings for the academic year will be on Nov. 20, Jan. 27, Mar. 24, May 26, and July 30. Lunch costs \$17, with an extra \$5 charge for wine. Reserve by calling 540-5678, ext. 2-224. Current members will receive notification of the meeting by mail. Do not hesitate to call for more information: Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951. All surviving spouses of Club members are eligible to join this group.

Football at the Club

Every Saturday that Cal plays at home during the football season the Club is open for pre-game lunches and drinks, as well as post-game snacks and cocktails. Beat the crowd, arrive early, get your team spirit flowing, and enjoy a short walk to the stadium. Then celebrate afterwards. The season's started! **GO BEARS!**

Upcoming Member Events

The Events Committee, under its hard-working chair Jerry Lubenow, has worked with Felix to plan these special events: lecture-discussions and evening celebrations. In addition to our **September 11th** program Dancing with the Stars, check out our upcoming events:

September 25th: Choosing a President. With the seemingly endless primary season over and the final choices resolved, we're ready to assess the field and look forward to November. The Club is joining with the Retirement Center to present a panel of distinguished experts including Henry Brady of the Goldman School of Public Policy and political scientist David Karol. Reception, discussion: 5 to 6:30 p.m. Reserve now at extension 2-224. \$15 fee includes a wine and cheese reception. Stay for a Bargain dinner afterwards.

October 23rd: *A Broadway Serenade*. The legendary Milt Williams and Friends will present an evening of show tunes and original compositions. Reception 6 p.m.; dinner and music: 7 to 9 p.m. All inclusive cost: \$30. Reserve now: Ext. 2-224.

November 13th: *The New Bay Bridge -an Accident waiting to Happen?*

Professor Hassan Astaneh, Civil Engineering, offers a chilling analysis of what may happen to the new Bay Bridge in a major quake.

Young Faculty

The Board of Directors and Management were pleased to meet so many of the newcomers to campus at the Chancellor's reception here at the end of August. We hope that many of those present take up the invitation to join. As we said earlier, we are seeking ways to serve the interests and needs of our younger faculty, especially those whose responsibilities with their work and families offer them limited opportunities for relaxation and meeting with their colleagues. The Club is looking for a few younger members to work with the Events Committee and Felix on planning events for this important group, or finding ways to facilitate their participation in general Club events.

If you would be interested in helping with such planning, or have suggestions, please get in touch with Jerry Lubenow (jlubenow@berkeley.edu) or with Felix.

*"Choosing a President
October 25, 2008*

Oktoberfest!

Traditions, traditions. Oktober is coming again, and we dig out the dirndls and the lederhosen. How's your yodeling? There's still time to practice! Join Club members on **October 10th** for a reprise of one of the Club's more popular events. As usual, our chef will be planning a special German dinner to accompany selected beers (and wines). Enjoy the evening with its live accordion music. Reception: 6 p.m.; buffet dinner: Reserve now at 540-5678, ext. 2-224. Cost is \$35 per person, all inclusive.

Wine Committee Notes

At the August winemaker's dinner with Greg Graziano members were particularly drawn by the arneis wine served with the pre-dinner seafood. Arneis is a varietal originating from the Piedmont region in Northern Italy and is notoriously difficult to cultivate. Graziano makes it under its Enotria label. The 2007 Enotria was a delightful, bright, creamy wine with a complexity of flavors and a fairly long aftertaste. We hope to have it available soon at the Club. It can be researched online at www.grazianofamilyofwines.com. - Tony Adams

Kasten Exhibition

Member Karl Kasten, devoted servant to art at the Club and organizer of the exhibition of Berkeley School paintings in the O'Neill Room, is having a retrospective at the Worth Ryder Gallery in Kroeber Hall from September 23rd to October 18th. Further paintings from the Berkeley School will also be shown there.

Pictures Still Needed!

The campus planning office now has a professional architectural historian assigned to prepare a "historic structures report" on the Club's building. Do you have any pictures - including family events and the like - that show in the background or surroundings any of the architectural detail or furnishings of the interior prior to the 1960s renovations? If so, get in touch with House Committee member Steve Finacom, sfinacom@cp.berkeley.edu or at 643-9936.

Buffets, Breakfast, Bargain Dinners

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 for only \$13.99. See the Club notice board for the menu of the month.