



The Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

April

- 2nd – Annual meeting
- 16th – Golden Girlfriends
- 18th – Winemaker's dinner
- 24th – Sleep loss lecture

May

- 11th – Mother's Day brunch
- 16th – Wine tasting on the glade

Message from the Manager

It is spring break time on the campus as I am writing this letter and it is fairly quiet around the club. But I know we will be busy soon as we are planning many events for April and the upcoming months. We have our winemakers dinner with Elyse, then we have a lecture and Mother's day Brunch and wine tasting on the glade. We will also be announcing the election results at our annual meeting on April 2nd. Complimentary lunch will be provided for those attending the meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you like to see a particular event or lecture at the club and I will be happy to work with you along with the Events Comm. to make it happen. I will also keep you updated on the building upgrades as we make progress.

– Felix Solomon,

Manager

April Winemaker's Dinner

Another great winemaker's dinner will be coming to the Club on **April 18th**. Ray Coursen, owner and winemaker at the Elyse Winery (named after his daughter) in Napa, has put his winemaking credo very clearly on the winery website: "When I make a wine, my tastes and techniques will influence the process, but what's most important is the fruit. The fruit dictates what the wine will be. We're fortunate to work with an amazing group of growers and vineyards, whose fruit keeps taking us to wonderful places. We started out making Zinfandel, then expanded into Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah. Now we've made a tiny quantity of Chardonnay, and soon we'll be releasing our first Pinot Noir. What wines we make after that will depend on the fruit that's available, because I just can't say no to wonderful fruit."

He also points out that "At Elyse, we've always run distinctly counter to the trend toward 100% varietal wines. We believe that the art of winemaking is the subtleties of the blend."

Once again, it looks as though wine lovers are in for an interesting evening, with the usual wonderful meal accompanied by specially selected wines. Reserve early and beat the rush. Reception: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m. \$65 per person, all inclusive.



Lecture Series – Are you sleeping?

The first of our new series of lecture discussions will be on Thursday, **April 24th**. Meet Matthew Walker of the Sleep and Neuroimaging Laboratory, a specialist in sleep disorders. We'll meet for a wine and cheese reception at 5 p.m., lecture from 5:30 to 6:00, followed by a short question and answer period, finishing just in time to let you enjoy a bargain dinner in the Kerr Dining Room. Reception and lecture: \$10. Please reserve at extension 2-224.

Art Show of the Month – March

The life of the spouse of an academic on leave is not always a happy one: new routines, new cultures, few friends, lots of empty time. Sharin Smelser, wife of Neil Smelser, University Professor of Sociology Emeritus, has had her share of times away from Berkeley and has turned them into artistic opportunities: the design of Photo-Quilts. These photos on canvas will be shown in the Faculty Club during the month of April.

Sharin combines photography and quilting by arranging photographs in a collage using the color theory and patterns of traditional American quilts. Each “quilt” is composed of multiple images deriving from a common theme or location.

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 new light meal menu offerings in the Bar. And we always have the **Happy Hour** on weekday afternoons!

Annual Meeting

By now you have received (and returned, we hope) your ballots for the election of Board members. Results will be announced at the annual meeting, at noon on **April 2nd**. All those attending will enjoy a complimentary deli buffet lunch. At this meeting you can learn about the Club's finances and plans for the coming year.

Golden Girlfriends

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **April 16th**. 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. For more information call Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951.

Mother's Day Brunch

Save Sunday, **May 11th** for our annual Mothers day brunch. This is a great event for families with great selection of foods and a strolling violinist. Please make your reservations early as this gets sold out. Reservation by then enclosed forms only. The cost for the brunch is \$45:00 for adults and \$20:00 for kids under ten. For inquiries, contact Myra at ext 2-224.

Spring Wine Tasting on the Glade

On **Friday, May 16th** join your friends in our ever-popular Spring WineTasting from 5:30-7:00 p.m., to be followed by dinner and live music from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Cost for a wonderful evening of wine, food and music is \$42:00 per person. Please make your reservations early.

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