



The Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

December

2nd – Sproul Associates dinner
9th, 10th, & 11th – Christmas dinners

December 19th to January 3rd

Year-end closing

January

4th – Club Open for Business
15th – Crab Feed
27th – Golden Girlfriends lunch
29th – Wine merchant's dinner –

Message from the Manager

Work on the remodeling and updating of one set of the main floor rest rooms is just about finished. Despite the inevitable delays in building supplies and so on, things are on track and we hope to have restrooms on the east side of the building finished in time for the Christmas parties. Those in the Bar should be completed by early February. We also hope to install our newly designed carpets in the dining rooms by that time.

Meanwhile, we continue to plan special events for members in the new year, and will continue hotel services during the holiday season.

The staff has been working hard on our year-end parties. Their dedication to service to the members is admirable, and they deserve all our thanks. As we approach the end of the year, I want to wish you all a happy holiday season – and safe journeys if you are traveling.

– Felix Solomon, Manager

Christmas Parties are Here!

The Moose has found his Christmas hat, and the Monks have brushed up the words to their carols, along with the Faculty Hymn (“We pledge allegiance / to the Regents,” etc.). By the time this Newsletter reaches the members, the parties will be almost upon us. Let us hope they will turn out to be as joyful and successful as in years past, especially at this time when we need all the joy we can get. If you couldn't come this year, make a New Year's resolution to join the happy throng next year. And meanwhile, have a great Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Eid, or whatever festival you hold dear around the time of this Winter Solstice. (Some last minute party spaces are available. You may call the Club to see which nights have space.)

Upcoming Dinner with Cameron Hughes Wines

Instead of a winemaker's dinner featuring a single winery, we have planned a special dinner built around the wine merchants at Cameron Hughes Wines for **Friday, January 29th**. Founded by Cameron Hughes and partner Jessica Kogan, the company is building a reputation for delivering great domestic and international wine values. Selling direct to customers on line as well as through many commercial outlets, they bottle and market wines from the world's best wine regions, including France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Argentina, South Africa, and California. Cameron Hughes Wine brands include The Flying Winemaker, Hughes-Wellman, and RockRidge. For more information, go to chwine.com. As usual, Carl is planning a truly remarkable dinner to showcase the wines.

Reception at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m. All inclusive cost \$70 a person.

Annual Crab Feast!

The harvest is beginning, with the crab boats coming in, and the terrible annual longings can be required. What would a Bay Area winter be like without at least one gluttonous indulgence in crabs, crabs, and more fresh crabs? Our Crab Festivals have been a great success. Plan now for the 2010 version, on **Friday, January 15th**. Enjoy a great crab and seafood buffet with your friends. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. The cost: only \$40 per person.

Make your reservations now, before the holiday busyness starts!

Holiday Closing, Restaurant Service, and Hotel Room Availability

The Club will be closed down beginning on **Saturday, December 19th**. Until that time restaurant and bar service will be available, including the Early Bird dinner specials, but with a limited menu. After that date there will be no food or bar services as we go into high gear on the Club renovations now under way. **Hotel rooms** will be available (with breakfast

service, of course) for your guests, however. The Club reopens on **Monday, January 4th**.

Art Show of the Month – December

Monk Dick White is once again showing photos of Monks and Christmas party memories. Dick is in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. He has served as a member of the Club's Board of Directors, but now restricts his service to the ever-demanding Wine Committee. He joined the Monks in 1963, after learning that no audition was required for membership. His photos recollect the fun that the Monks and their listeners always have.

Bar Wine Tasting – Resumes in January

No Bar wine tasting in December, but save the afternoon of **Thursday, January 14th**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for the first tasting of the New Year. (As an after Christmas economy, perhaps you can stay for a bargain dinner afterwards?)

Golden Girlfriends

Our next lunch meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 27th**. At our November meeting, Wendy Markel of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association shared her new book on early Berkeley as seen through postcards. The January program will be announced in the next *Newsletter*. Mark your calendars now for upcoming 2010 lunches: **March 25th**, **May 18th**. Surviving spouses of members are eligible to continue as Club members and as part of this group. For more information, call Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951.

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