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# The Faculty Club Newsletter

July 2008

## Coming Events

### July

18<sup>th</sup> – Jazz night again!

### August

22<sup>nd</sup> – Winemaker's dinner

22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception for New Faculty

28<sup>th</sup> – Author night: Ethan Rarick

### September

19<sup>th</sup> – Wine tasting on the Glade

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

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## Message from the Manager

Dear Members,

The message from President Faulhaber in this issue of the Newsletter covers many of the items I would normally take up in my message. Once again, though, I do want to thank the membership and the Board for their support of the efforts of management and staff personnel, and invite you to take advantage of our summer events. Remember that I will be at the Club through the summer, so please drop by and give me your comments and suggestions.

- Felix Solomon, Manager

## Jazz at the Club

Another perennial favorite! The San Francisco Feetwarmers are returning to the Club on **July 18<sup>th</sup>** for an evening of brilliant classic jazz. Seasoned professionals, the group is known for great arrangements and their driving four-beat rhythm gets the dancers on the floor. Enjoy this great group, along with a special dinner, for an all-inclusive \$35.

## Message from the President

### *Great News on our Budget*

Thanks to the efforts of General Manager Felix Solomon and his wonderful staff, the Club ended the fiscal year not only in the black, but under budget, despite spending \$120,000 from current income for capital improvements. The average daily occupancy rate for the Club's hotel rooms was 74%, and use of the Club's facilities for campus meetings and outside events was gratifyingly high.

## Message from the President..cont.

Not all capital improvements to a historic structure can be funded from current income, however. With the help of board member Cathy Koshland, the Board has asked Capital Projects to prepare a comprehensive study of the Club's physical condition that will not only show us what must be done to keep the Club in good shape but also let us to set priorities for a multi-year plan to renovate the building. A new roof? ADA upgrades?

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*"Winemaker's Dinner –  
August 22, 2008."*

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### *A Simple Way You Can Help the Club*

Thanks to Felix's able management we are in very good financial shape right now. But there is one thing that we can all do that would get us into even better shape. We now have just under 1200 members, including almost 250 alumni members. We would like to increase that number to at least 1500 members.

The Events Committee under Chair Jerry Lubenow is organizing a reception for all new faculty members (but open to all members and guests), tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 22, 3-5 p.m. The Chancellor has authorized us to place an announcement in the packets sent to our new colleagues. Check next month's Newsletter for final details, and invite a colleague, new or old, to attend and, we hope, to join the Club.

We streamlined the admissions process several years ago. It is no longer necessary to be nominated by two current members. We also waive the dues for new members for the first six months. Attractive informational brochures on the Club, with membership information, are available at the front desk. Pick up a few, and spread the word.

### *Summer at the Club*

Life slows down at the Club over the summer, but precisely because of that it is a wonderful place to have a tranquil dinner, either in the Kerr Dining Room or outside. There are few campus experiences more delightful than dinner on the Terrace on a warm summer evening (it looks as though we shall be having more of those than usual!), with the sun setting over the gnarled buckeye at the edge of Faculty Glade, and a nice bottle of cabernet or chardonnay to hand. Treat yourself or visiting friends to this memorable experience.

- Charles Faulhaber, President

## Art Show of the Month - July

Patrice Stone, who worked on the campus for 28 years, has been painting for over 30 years, mostly nature studies in water color. She has exhibited locally and is a member of the California Watercolor Society. She offers commissioned portraits, and also teaches classes through the ASUC studio. For more information, call her at 510-235-2328, or check her website ([www.patricestone.com](http://www.patricestone.com)).

## Golden Girlfriends

We ended the year with a wonderful presentation by Jeanne Pimentel on the recovery work she was doing in New Orleans. In the next *Newsletter* watch for the list of meeting dates for coming year. We will not meet in July and August, but will pick up again in September. (Meanwhile, take advantage of some of the Club's summer events.) All surviving spouses of Club members are eligible to join this group.

## Upcoming Lecture Discussions

The Events Committee, under its hardworking chair Jerry Lubenow, has worked with Felix to plan these special events: lecture-discussions and evening celebrations..

**August 28<sup>th</sup>:** meet author Ethan Rarick (Director of Publications in the Institute of Governmental Studies). He will talk about his new book on the Donner Party, *Desperate Passage*. The New York Times described it as the first significant book, written in a novelistic form sure to gain popular readership, to incorporate new, recently discovered data.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Dancing with the Stars. Berkeley Ballroom Performances, a student group, will present an evening of dance - and give would be Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaires the chance to take a spin around the floor!

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** A Broadway Serenade. The legendary Milt Williams and Friends will present an evening of show tunes and original compositions.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

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*"Join us for Wine tasting  
on the Glade...  
September 19, 2008*

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## A Call to Young Faculty

The Board of Directors and Management 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](mailto:jlubenow@berkeley.edu)) or with Felix.

## August Winemaker's Dinner

Our next winemaker's dinner, set for August 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be hosted by Greg Graziano of Graziano Winery. Since 1918 generations of Grazianos have produced grapes and wines in Mendocino County. Greg prides himself in following the tradition of his family's business. He says that the intensity of the fruit flavors and the balance of natural acidity of Mendocino hillside grown grapes allow great flexibility at every level of wine making, permitting each variety's character to be preserved and highlighted.

The Club's wine dinners are truly exquisite events. Enjoy a fine dinner, especially designed around these highly regarded wines. Reception at 6:00; dinner at 7:00. Price: \$70 per person, all inclusive. Reserve at ext. 2-224.

## Pictures Still Needed!

As we told you last month, the planning office now has a professional architectural historian assigned to prepare a "historic structures report" on the Club's building.

There is a remarkable lack of early pictures of the interior of the Club. Most of those in the James Steele 1995 book on Maybeck and the Club postdate the renovations done in the 1960s.

Period photos, even informal ones, can tell an architectural historian a great deal. 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](mailto: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.

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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.**

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