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The Faculty Club Newsletter

June 2008

Coming Events

June

6th – Indian Prix Fixe Dinner

19th - Golden Girlfriends Lunch

July

18th - Jazz night again!

August

22nd – Winemaker's Dinner

Message from the Manager

Dear Members,

The summer is upon us, the students have left campus, and things seem quiet. For those among you who will be away from Berkeley, I want to wish you safe travels. Meanwhile, those of you staying close by will have a choice of member events over the summer, Mark your calendars now.

With the help of the House Committee, we will be busy over the summer with further renovations and upgrades throughout the Club. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Our April and May events were well attended - your ongoing support makes it possible for us to plan further events fitted to your interests. See the article later in this issue on events being planned for the rest of the calendar year.

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 18th** 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.

Taco Tuesday

Last summer's very popular offering of \$3 Tacos each Tuesday evening in the Bar is once again available! Relax with friends over an early-evening, and enjoy the Club's own tacos at a price that can't be beat!

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

Passage to India – with Felix

On **June 6th** join your friends for a culinary trip to the subcontinent, orchestrated by our manager and his loyal kitchen staff. Felix always surprises us with new delicacies and delights when he takes off his bright tie and puts on his chef's whites. Members in the know wait for this chance to enlarge their knowledge of world cuisine. Try it! Reception at 6 p.m.; dinner and entertainment, beginning 7 p.m. All-inclusive cost: \$40 per person. Reserve now: extension 2-224.

*“Winmaker’s Dinner –
August 22, 2008.”*

Art Show of the Month - June

Club member and Berkeley alum, Carolyn Gaye will be the artist for the month. She will present paintings inspired by the fall and winter along the flyway in the Sacramento Valley and the Delta region, when millions of birds rest and gain sustenance on their way south, seeking warmer weather and destinations as far south as Tierra del Fuego. To the birds, landscape is not scenery; it is wired into their DNA and it's impossible for them to separate themselves from it. In her paintings, Carolyn tries to express this subjectivity not by looking at the bird, but experiencing life from its perspective - what the duck feels bouncing off swells in a forest of Suisun reeds, or the expansiveness of an egret as it sails along the Strait.

Golden Girlfriends Lunch

The final meeting of the academic year will be on **June 19th**. Jeanne Pimentel will share with us some of her experiences this spring when she visited New Orleans and took the opportunity to work on the reconstruction that is still going on there. Current members of the group will receive a mail invitation to the lunch. Reserve with Mayra at extension 2-224. All surviving spouses of Club members are eligible to join this welcoming group. For further information, call Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951.

August Winemaker’s Dinner

Information on the next winemaker’s dinner, set for **August 22nd**, will be announced in the *July Newsletter*, and on our website just as soon as the details are worked out. Meanwhile, a date to be saved by oenophiles!

Upcoming Member Events

The Events Committee, under its hardworking chair Jerry Lubenow, has worked with Felix to plan special member events through the summer and fall. Check the list now, and start marking your calendar.

August 28th: 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 data discovered in recent decades.

September 11th: *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!

September 25th: *Choosing a President*. With the seemingly endless primary season over and the final choices resolved, a panel of experts will assess the field and look forward to November.

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

November 13th: *The New Bay Bridge - an Accident Waiting to Happen?* Hassan Astaneh, Professor of Civil Engineering, offers a chilling analysis of what may happen to the new Bay Bridge in a new major earthquake.

Watch for further details in upcoming *Newsletters*.

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 with young children offer them limited opportunities for relaxation and meeting with their colleagues. To this end, the Club wants to enlist younger members who would be interested in working with the Events Committee and Felix on planning events for this important group, or 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.

“Join us for our Passage to India dinner with Felix, our General Manager on June 6, 2008

Campus Planners Need Your Pictures

Steve Finacom, a member of the House Committee and ardent investigator of the University's architecture and history, takes time from his avocations to work on physical and environmental planning in Capital Projects. The planning office now has a professional architectural historian assigned to prepare a "historic structures report" on the Club's building. (Our Board will also use this report as the planning for necessary repairs and upgrades proceeds.)

There is a remarkable lack of early pictures of the interior of the Club. Most of those in the James Steele 1995 book on Maybec 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 also 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 Steve Finacom at 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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