



## The Faculty Club Newsletter

### Coming Events

#### March

14<sup>th</sup> – Evening with Tom Bopp

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> – Golden Girlfriends  
18<sup>th</sup> – Winemaker's dinner

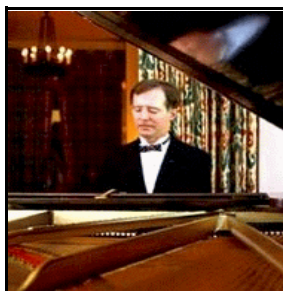
### Message from the Manager

The semester is now at its midpoint and the Club is very busy during lunch and dinner. In February we had a successful Valentine's Day dinner-dance, and an interesting wine dinner featuring several family winemakers from the East Bay. Many members were surprised to learn how much wine is made here in our own backyard! Keep coming to Club events and being surprised by the range and quality of our offerings to our members.

We continue to upgrade and repair the Club's facilities, most recently with work on our kitchen. New carpets in the entrance hallway and comfortable chairs for smaller meeting rooms add to member comfort. We also now have satellite TV in all the hotel rooms, as well as full wireless access.

Some staff changes. Barbara Bybee, our Catering Manager, has decided to retire after many years of service. She will be missed, but we have high hopes of her replacement, Loreta Pondok. At the front desk please introduce yourself to Rhei Hufano, who has replaced Janet Mesick as Hotel Manager, another recent loss. As always I am available to assist you with any Club related business. Please feel free to contact me.

– Felix Solomon, Manager



### Ready to Bopp Again?

It's that time of year! The time when we lure Tom Bopp down from Yosemite and give Club members the opportunity to enjoy this terrific performer without the need to drive into the mountains and pay megabucks at the Wawona Hotel. Instead, join us on **March 14<sup>th</sup>** for a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner and music almost continuously from 7pm-9pm – it's hard to drag him away from the piano to have a bite to eat. Find out for yourselves why Tom's fans demand his return year after year after year. We've never yet found the full extent of his repertoire! Cost for the evening is \$45.00 incl. per person.

### Art Show of the Month – March

Once again we enjoy the work of Eugene Commins, Professor Emeritus in the Physics Department. Gene has been on the Berkeley campus since 1960, and practices painting and drawing as a hobby. He has exhibited his artwork at the Faculty Club a number of times in recent years. The current exhibition includes a number of pen-and-ink sketches and several oil paintings.

### 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

During March you will be receiving ballots to vote for members of the Board of Directors to replace those leaving the Board this year. Be sure to return your ballots by the due date. The annual meeting will be at noon on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. At



this meeting you can learn about the Club's finances and plans for the coming year.

### **April Winemaker's Dinner**

Another great winemaker's dinner will be coming to the Club on **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



### **Golden Girlfriends**

The next meeting will be on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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**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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**Reservations may be made at 540-5678, ext. 3, or through our website.**

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