

The Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

March

- 9th – Prime Rib dinner
- 11th – Bar wine tasting - Yalumba
- 12th, 26th – Friday Fish dinner
- 19th – An Evening with Tom Bopp
- 25th – Golden Girlfriends lunch
- 25th – Lecture: “The End of Influence”

April

- 1st – Club Annual Meeting
- 16th – Montelena Winemaker’s Dinner
- 25th – Golden Girlfriends lunch

May

- 9th – Mother’s Day Brunch
- 14th – Spring Wine Tasting on the Glade

Message from the Manager

We are delighted to be able to report that the restrooms in the Bar are now completely remodeled and meet all the latest requirements for disabled access – not an easy thing to do in a building that is over a hundred years old! Now all the main floor restrooms are done and it is hard to remember how dark they used to be. All the fixtures also meet the latest standards for saving water, and we were able to complete some much needed examination of the Club’s structural integrity as the old floors and walls were opened up.

Our renovation work continues, and we are continuing to offer a full schedule of member events and meal service. I will keep you informed as new projects start and welcome the chance to meet you here and talk with you about any concerns you may have. Always feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions.

Felix Solomon, Manager

Evening with Tom Bopp

Once a year Tom Bopp leaves his piano at the Wawona Hotel in Yosemite in order to bring to the Club his scintillating program of songs from a hundred years of hotel life in the valley. No need to drive for hours and pay megabucks when you can join your friends here on **Friday, March 19th**, for a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner and music from 7 p.m. to 9p.m. We’ve never found the full extent of his repertoire! Enjoy a great evening of music and friendship with a fine dinner and entertainment galore. Total cost per person is \$45, including tax and tip. Tom’s website is at yosemite.music.com.

April 1st – Club Annual Meeting

Come to the Howard Room at 12:30 for a free deli buffet lunch and the annual report by the Board and Management.

Big bonus drawing! Put your name into our raffle and win a case of TFC wine! Must be present to win!

Winemaker’s Dinner

Prepare now for our next Winemaker’s dinner, on **Friday, April 16th**, this time featuring the well-known Calistoga winery, Chateau Montelena. Founded in 1882, the winery enjoyed international acclaim when, in 1975, at the famous Judgment of Paris, French wine experts in a blind tasting chose one of its Chardonnays as the finest of the whites, beating out the French on their own territory! The winery continues to produce highly acclaimed wines, and we will have the opportunity in April to sample some of their choicest products with an accompanying gourmet dinner produced by our master chef Carl. This is sure to be a quickly booked event, so get your reservations in early. Call Mayra at extension 2-226. Reception at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m. All inclusive cost \$70 per person.

New Economical Dinner Offerings and Some Changes

We are continuing our **Breakfast Specials** every morning, and the **Early Bird Dinners** for those who arrive in the Kerr Dining Room by 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a three-course meal for the unheard-of price of just **\$13.99**. Our **Friday Fish Buffet** will now be offered on only the **second** and **fourth Fridays** of the month (**during March on the 12th and the 26th**). We are also adding another wonderful bargain meal. On the **second Tuesday** of each month, in **March** that’s the **9th**, we are now offering a **Prime Rib Dinner**. The cost for a great meal of salad and prime rib au jus, served with roasted potatoes and horseradish, will be only **\$15.95**. There will be a delicious dessert and port menu if you want an after-dinner treat. Make your reservations now, at extension 0!

The End of Influence – Lecture Discussion

What Happens When Other Countries Have the Money? After World War II, the United States had all the money - and the power. Now, America finds itself cash poor, and to a great extent power follows money. On **Thursday, March 25th**, renowned economic analysts Stephen S. Cohen and J. Bradford DeLong will explore the grave consequences this loss will have for America's place in the world. Wine and cheese reception at 5:00pm, program at 5:30. \$10 per person.

Art Show of the Month – March

Eugene Commins is once again showing his delightful oil paintings along with some pen-and-ink and pencil drawings. Professor of Physics here at Berkeley since 1960, he has long produced his artwork as a hobby and has exhibited here at the Club on several occasions.

Bar Wine Tasting

Save the afternoon of **Thursday, March 11th**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for another fine wine tasting. Something really special this month: a tasting of three fine wines from Australia's oldest winemaker, Yalumba (founded in 1849). Featured will be Yalumba Wild Chardonnay, Yalumba Bush Vine Grenache, and Yalumba Patchwork Shiraz. Club members can get special prices on the wine, either by the glass or by the case. (Your editor has fond memories of enjoying Yalumba wines during her graduate student days in Vancouver in the 1950s!) Why not stay for an Early Bird bargain dinner afterwards?

Golden Girlfriends Lunch

Our next lunch meeting will be on **Thursday, March 27th**. Mark your calendars now for upcoming 2010 lunches: **May 18th**. Members will receive mail notices giving the program, but you may call Mayra at 540-5678, 2-224, at any time to make a reservation. Surviving spouses of members are eligible to continue as members of the Club and as part of this welcoming and friendly group. For more information, call Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951.

Coming up in May

It's not too early to start planning for two of the Club's most popular member events. The **Mother's Day Brunch** this year will be on **Sunday, May 9th**, and the **Spring Wine Tasting on the Glade** will be on **Friday, May 14th**. The brunch is a wonderful way to fete your mother, the mother of your children, or anyone who fills that role, while the wine tasting is a great opportunity to reciprocate all those invitations you've been meaning to pay back and haven't quite got around to.

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Buffet lunch: 11:30-1:30 M-F

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