

Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

February events

Fri., 4th and 25th – Seafood buffet

Mon., 14th – Valentine's Day Dance

Tues., 15th – Prime Rib dinner

Thurs., 17th – Harriet Smith, Mark Twain

Fri., 25th – Bokisch winemaker's dinner

March events

Fri., 4th and 25th – Seafood Buffet

Fri., 11th – Tom Bopp returns!

Tues., 15th – Prime Rib dinner

Thurs., 17th – David Teece, New Zealand Wines

Thurs., 24th – Golden Girlfriends

April events

Wed., 6th – Annual meeting

Fri., 15th – White Rock wine-maker's dinner

Message from the Manager

We have started the New Year and things are busy again. Thanks to everyone who attended the Crab feed; it was a success with over 150 people. We are planning some great events for the members along with specials in the Kerr and the Bar. So please look at the newsletter and our events calendar and take advantage of these events. We continue forward with our upgrade plans and I will keep you informed as things progress.

I always appreciate your support and comments so please let me know if you would like to see any special events at the Club or if I can be of help with any of your Club functions.

– *Felix Solomon, Manager*

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

This year it falls on the day itself: **Monday, February 14th**. Bring your partner, or just some good friends, and join the fun. An elegant four-course dinner will be accompanied by fine wine and a live band for dancing the evening away. Enjoy a champagne toast and roses for the ladies. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$60, including tax and tip.

Winemaker's Dinner with Bokisch Vineyards

On **Friday, February 25th**, our featured winery will be Bokisch Vineyards, whose Lodi wines are made from Spanish varietals - albarino, garnacha blanca, garnacha, tempranillo, monastrell, and graciano. The wines of Liz and Markus Bokisch have garnered press attention and gold medals ever since they first came on the scene some five years ago. The San Francisco Chronicle said of the 2008 Bokisch Vineyards Terra Alta Vineyard Clements Hills-Lodi Albarino: "Markus Bokisch, who built a reputation for bringing Spanish varieties to Lodi, remains a top source of California Albarino. Denser in texture and almost Rhone-like for an Albarino, this shows rich pear, cream and citron. A different style, but a skillful one." Liz and Markus first brought their wines to the Faculty Club in 2006. Enjoy a return engagement to mark the fifth anniversary of that successful dinner. Reserve early to guarantee your place at this great event. The reception starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$70.00 per person. Reserve at 540-5678, extension 2-224.

Lecture Discussion on Mark Twain's Autobiography, Harriet Smith

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Mark Twain's decision to withhold the text of his autobiography for that length of time. The editors of the Mark Twain Project at the Bancroft Library, led by Harriet Elinor Smith, have just issued through UC Press the best-selling first volume of this work, presented for the first time in its entirety and as the author intended. On **Thursday, February 17th**, Ms. Smith will tell the story of how Twain's plans evolved before he reached his "Final (and Right) Plan" for telling his story – and how the editors put order into the seemingly chaotic manuscripts and typed dictations. Join us for a wine and cheese reception at 5:00 p.m. and lecture at 5:30. Cost: \$10 per person.

Tom Bopp Returns!

Once again Tom Bopp leaves his piano at the Wawona Hotel in Yosemite and returns to the Club with his scintillating program of songs. No need to drive for hours and pay a big price when you can join your friends here on **Friday, March 11th**, for a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner and music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A great evening of music and friendship with a fine dinner! Total cost per person is \$45 per person. Check Tom's website at Yosemite.music.com

Art Show of the Month – February

"Watercolors: Two Students and Their Teacher." Csilla Horvath (wife of Professor Arpad Horvath of Civil Engineering) and Phyllis Brooks Schafer (your editor and one of the Club's Board of Directors) have been

studying watercolor painting with award-winning Bay Area artist and teacher, Sonia Gill. Csilla, an accomplished artist in oils and acrylics, was adding a new medium to her repertoire, while Phyllis, an almost beginner, tried to see whether she could paint or not. Csilla's brilliant paintings often show scenes from her Hungarian background, while Phyllis is featuring mostly buildings photographed from Berkeley to Japan. Their teacher, Sonia, is showing some of her light-filled paintings of flowers and fruit, mostly from her Mendocino County ranch (see her website, soniagill.com)

Evolution of New Zealand Wines

David Teece, Professor of Global Business in the Haas School of Business, along with his wife Leigh, are part of the New Zealand wine business through their Mt. Beautiful winery on New Zealand's South Island. Join us on **Thursday, March 17th**, for a lecture-discussion on the interesting rise to international acclaim of New Zealand wine and the issues associated with its entry into the U.S. market. Reception at 4:45 p.m., talk at 5:15. \$10 per person. More details in the March *Newsletter*, but save the date.

Golden Girlfriends Widows' Group Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Thursday, March 24th**. All members of the group will receive a mail notification. Surviving spouses of Club members are eligible to continue as members of the Club. Questions? Call Phyllis Schafer at 704-9951.

Economical Dining Room Offerings – Old Favorites Continue, plus a Special wine offer

We serve our \$3.99 **Breakfast Specials** every morning – a full breakfast, with eggs and toast. The **Early Bird Dinners** provide a three-course meal for just **\$13.95** to those who arrive by 6:30 p.m. The **Friday Fish Buffet** is available on the first and last **Friday** of each month, on **February 4th and 25th**. Our next **Prime Rib Dinner** will be on **Tuesday, February 15th**. The cost for a great meal of salad and prime rib au jus is only **\$15.95**. **Bring your own wine, and the corkage fee will be waived!** Make your reservations now, at 540-5678, extension 0.

Complimentary Bar Wine Tasting – Sterling Vineyards

Save the afternoon of **Thursday, February 10th**, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., when Sterling Vineyards winery will present their Napa Chardonnay, Napa Sauvignon Blanc, and their very special Sterling Diamond Mountain Ranch Cabernet (available to members at a great price). The tasting will be in the Bar from 4:30 to 6:00. With complimentary cheese and appetizers being served. (Perhaps you can stay for a bargain dinner afterwards?)

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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.

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

Guest accommodations available:

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

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