

Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

Annual Closing Ends

The Club will be open for full service on Monday, January 9th.

January

Fri. 6th – Fish buffet

Tues. 10th – Prime Rib Dinner

Fri. 20th – Crab Feast!

Thurs., 19th – Taste Ports in the Bar

Tues., 24th – Golden Girlfriends Lunch

Fri., 27th – 2012 Election panel

February

Fri. 3rd – Fish buffet

Tues. 14th – Prime Rib Dinner

Message from the Manager

Welcome back to the Campus and to the Club! I hope you had a good holiday season and are prepared for a bright new year. Our Christmas parties were, as usual, a great success. The staff is now busy removing the decorations and preparing the public rooms for coming events.

We had hoped to have further news of the structural repairs scheduled for the building, but I will once again have to promise you simply that I will keep you informed on the progress.

As we prepare for our 2012 programs, please let me know if you like to see any special events at the Club. Also feel free to call me if you have any special matters you would like to take up.

– *Felix Solomon, Manager*

Election panel – Previewing the 2012 Presidential Race

On **Friday, January 27th**, join Club members and the UC Berkeley Retirement Center at a panel on “Previewing the 2012 Presidential Race.” By then, results from the Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries will have pared down the Republican field, and the state of the economy will give

us a better sense of President Obama's reelection chances. The all-star panel: Bruce Cain, Director of the University of California Washington Center; Henry Brady, Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy; political scientist Sandy Muir; Carla Marinucci, Senior Political Writer for the San Francisco *Chronicle*; and Dan Schnur, Director of the Jesse M Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California. There will be a wine & cheese reception in the Great Hall at 4:30 and the panel will go from 5-6:30. Cost for reception: \$10 for members; \$15 for others. Please reserve at extension 2-224. Why not stay for an Early Bird dinner in the Kerr after the discussion?

Economical Dining Room Offerings – Old Favorites are Back!

Once again, beginning **Monday, January 9th**, we will be serving 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., Monday to Friday, with a special **Fish Buffet** on **Friday, January 6th**. Our next **Prime Rib Dinner** will be on **Tuesday, January 10th**. 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!** Reservations at ext. 0.

Annual Crab Feast!

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Wine Tasting in the Bar

Join your friends in the Bar on **Thursday, January 19th**, for a tasting of specially selected Ports, presented with chocolates and cheese. As usual, there will be the opportunity to order those you find appealing.

Golden Girlfriends Widows' Group Lunch

This friendly and welcoming group plans to hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, January 24th**, with its usual lunch at noon. All current members of the group will receive a mail notification. Call Susan at 540-5678, 2-224 to make a reservation.

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Art Show for January – Debbie Koonce

Debby Koonce is inspired by vistas, architecture, quaint alleyways, gated compounds, and garden settings. Debby has been drawing and painting since the age of nine and studied at Rochester Institute of Technology and California College of Arts and Crafts where she majored in fine arts. She is a member of several local art associations, the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts Bedford Gallery, The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, the Danville Area Cultural Alliance and the Lamorinda Arts Alliance. She was an invited artist to the White House where her hand-painted Christmas ornament was on the Blue Room Christmas tree. She is an exhibitor and guest lecturer at venues throughout the East Bay Area.

New Postcards Available at the Front Desk

Your editor had a show of her watercolors at the Club early this year. It was suggested that the painting she had done of the entrance to the Club in early springtime might make a good postcard. As a year-end gift to the Club, she has had the postcards made and they are now available at the front desk.

Donations to the Fund for Building Repair

As our President indicated to the membership earlier this year, the Board, with the cooperation of the University, is undertaking a massive campaign to raise the money needed to preserve our precious building. Significant donations have started to come in, but the major drive is beginning now. Any time you wish to make a donation, checks may be sent to the Club, care of the Manager. They should be made payable to UC Berkeley Foundation and designated to The Faculty Club Campaign (fund #H0201).

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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.

Membership: Call Felix, at ext. 9