

Faculty Club Newsletter

Coming Events

Wed. 5th, Thurs. 6th, Fri. 7th – The Annual Faculty Club Christmas Parties!

The Club will be closed for general food services on the 5th, 6th, and 7th to accommodate the special preparations for the parties.

Annual Closing

On December 17th the Club will be closed, reopening on January 7th. Hotel Rooms will be available for your guests during the otherwise closed period.

January

Tues., 8th – Prime rib dinner

Fri., 11th – Annual Crab Feed!

Thurs., 17th – Golden Girlfriends' lunch

Fri., 18th – Catena Zapata winemaker's dinner

Fri., 18th – Friday Fish – Italian night!

Message from the Manager

Dear Members –

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of the year. We are busy preparing for the annual Monks' dinner and Christmas parties. Decorations have gone up and there is hard work going on in the kitchen. I want to thank all of you for supporting all the events at the Club. We have a good schedule planned for 2013 as well.

We will be working on structural repair work over the holidays, mostly in the Heyns and the Seaborg rooms. I will keep you updated on the progress. Thank you also for supporting the campaign fund that is making all this much needed work possible.

As we move into 2013, I look forward to seeing you at the Club and serving you, making the Club an enjoyable place for you all. Have a great and safe holiday season with your families, and a wonderful New Year.

– Felix Solomon, Manager

Christmas Parties Are Here Again!

On **Wednesday, December 5th, Thursday, the 6th, and Friday, the 7th** our members will gather throughout the Club to celebrate the season, and enjoy the pleasure of good company at the darkest time of the year. There are a few places left on a couple of nights. This is one event for which you must make your reservations on paper, but at this late date you may try to reserve by phone or

email. Contributions to the staff appreciation year-end Christmas Box Fund may also be charged to your account.

Annual Crab Feast!

The harvest is finally beginning, with the crab boats coming in, and the terrible annual longings can be required. What would a Bay Area winter be like without at least one gluttonous indulgence in crabs, crabs, and more fresh crabs? And this year the harvest promises to be good. Our Crab Festivals have been a great success. Reserve now for the 2013 version on **Friday, January 11th**. Enjoy a great crab and seafood buffet with your friends. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. The cost: only \$50 per person. Make your reservations online or at 642-2119!

Holiday Hotel Rooms!

Many members take advantage of the Club's hotel rooms to house their holiday visitors. Although there will be no general food services available during the annual closing (December 17th to January 7th), a continental breakfast will be served to hotel guests.

Economical Dining Room Offerings – With a New Switch to the Friday Fish Night!

Come and enjoy our \$3.99 **Breakfast Specials** every morning – a full breakfast, with eggs and toast. Until **December 14th** and once the Club reopens on **Monday, January 7th**, the **Early Bird Dinners** will provide a three-course meal for just **\$13.95** to those who arrive by 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Our next **Prime Rib Dinner** will be on **Tuesday, February 12th**. The cost for a great meal of salad and prime rib au jus is only **\$15.95**. **Bring your own wine; corkage fee will be waived!** The **Friday Fish Night** is changing! Beginning on **January 18th** the fish night will be variously themed. The first will be a fish-and-pasta Italian meal. Reserve for any of these offerings at extension 0.

Happy Hour in the Bar!

During December continue to join us in the Bar, (except on the evenings of the annual parties) right up to closing time at 8:30 p.m. The usual **Happy Hour** specials from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. continue. The Bar will, of course, close down with the rest of the Club on December 17th and will reopen on January 7th.

Catena Zapata Winery Dinner

On **Friday, January 18th**, enjoy a South American winemaker's dinner! For over 100 years, Argentina's Catena Zapata winery has been turning malbec grapes into outstanding wines. Nicolas Catena, grandson of the founder, spent time during the 1980s to serve as a visiting professor here at Cal. He was inspired by Napa Valley wineries and on his return home applied the lessons he had learned. Today his daughter, Dr. Laura Catena Zapata, continues the tradition, producing Catena malbecs, cabernet sauvignons and chardonnays of exceptional quality. She is also a part-time emergency room physician at UCSF and the author of *Vino Argentino: an Insider's Guide to Wines and Wine Country of Argentina*, and will be our host at the dinner, now being planned to show off the wines from Bodega Catena Zapata (see more at www.catenawines.com). Join us for the reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost: \$75:00 all inclusive. Reserve on line or at 642-2119.

Art Show for December– Dick White

Monk Dick White is once again showing photos of Monks and Christmas party memories. Dick is in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. He has served as a member of the Club's Board of Directors, but now restricts his service to the ever-demanding Wine Committee. He joined the Monks in 1963, after learning that no audition was required for membership. His photos recollect the fun that the Monks and their listeners always have.

Golden Girlfriends Widows' Group Lunch

The next lunch bringing together this friendly group will be on **Thursday, January 17th**. This time there should be no problem getting the invitations out to those on the membership list well in advance of the meeting! Surviving spouses of Club members, along with widowed faculty and staff members, are welcome at these lunches. Questions? Call Phyllis Schafer at 510-704-9951. Call the Club at 642-2119, to add your name to the list to receive mail announcements.

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Breakfast 7:30-10:00; Lunch M-F 11:30-1:30; Dinner M-F 5:00-8.30

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Reservations may be made at 540-5678, ext. 0, or through our website.

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