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Dear Members,

When I first joined the Women's Faculty Club (now more than 30 years ago) there was a Members' Table in the dining room - open for anyone who wished to sit with others at lunch. Members usually came on their own, met new people, and enjoyed their lively conversations. Often Club guests sat there too - including, I've heard, Toni Morrison.

Over the years, attendance dwindled at the Members' Table and finally it disappeared altogether.

Now, some of you have suggested re-opening this opportunity for fellowship at the Club, and the Board of Directors has decided to do so on something of a trial basis. We are combining the Members' Table concept with an opportunity for you to meet your Board of Directors. As you will read in this Newsletter, two Board Members will "host" the Table on the third Thursday of October -- the 18th. We'd be delighted to see you there!

Even more important, is a Members' Table something you'd enjoy at the Club on a more regular basis? PLEASE let us know. You can send your view to our Manager, Mary Remy, at wfc@berkeley.edu or call 510-642-4175.

Also in October, we are delighted to be re-opening the front entrance to the Club ... at last.



Sincerely,
Eleanor Swift
President, Board of Directors

MEMBER TABLE



(Clark Kerr Table)

Members may have noticed a new table in our Dining Room. Thanks are due to Janet Broughton, Vice Provost for Faculty, who offered the Club the round table that Clark Kerr used while Chancellor at UC Berkeley and President of the UC system. The table is officially on loan from the Regents.

The “new” round table joins our “original” round table which was also a gift from Kerr and was used while he was at the Carnegie Institute. If seated at either one you may want to recall many of the momentous decisions that have been debated at these tables! (John McNulty)

In line with this we are introducing a monthly Members Table luncheon that will be hosted by Board members. The first luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 12:15 pm. Board President Eleanor Swift and Vice-President Judy Sykes will co-host the first “Round Table.”

Board President Eleanor Swift joined the law faculty at Boalt Hall -- now also known as "Berkeley Law" -- in 1979. Prior to that she had served as a law clerk to two federal judges and worked as a litigation associate in a large law firm. She teaches Civil Procedure and Evidence, and her academic writing has focused on evidence law. Eleanor has been instrumental in establishing live client law clinics at the law school, as well as the Thelton E. Henderson

Center for Social Justice. For fun, she and her husband retreat to a cabin near Lake Tahoe and play with their dog Zoe.



(Eleanor Swift)

Judy Sykes joined the staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in June of 1980, where she serves as Manager for Administration. In August of 2011 she also began serving as manager for the Etcheverry Business Service Unit which encompasses the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering and Industrial Engineering and Operations Research. Judy is completing her sixth year on the Club’s Board of Directors, and has served on various committees at the College of Engineering and Campus levels, including two years on the UC Academic Business Officers Group system-wide committee. For fun, she enjoys good friends, family, skiing, sailing, and traveling abroad whenever possible.



(Judy Sykes)

PROGRAM AND EVENTS

Upcoming Events

The first two months of “Arts in the Afternoon” might be termed –“simply strings.” Join us as String Coach Leighton Fong brings two groups of talented students to the Club for an afternoon of simply suburb strings on **Thursday, October 11, 2012**, 4:00 p.m. The program features Béla Bartók’s *Contrasts for Clarinet, Violin and Piano* (1938) and *String Quartet* (2011) composed by Jeff Davis.

We are honored that composer Jeff Davis will be joining us for the program. Davis is well known to many in the Berkeley community through his work in the Music Department and his appointment as University Carillonist in July of 2000. Davis was awarded the Berkeley Medal for distinguished service to the carillon in 1993.

Davis gives recitals throughout the U.S. and Europe. He has been a guest artist in the Ann Arbor Festival and the Barcelona International Festival. A composer as well as carillonist, Davis studied composition with Don Gillis, Deems Taylor, and Howard Hanson. (John Quigley)

The “Arts” program scheduled for **Thursday, November 15**, 4:00 pm features strings of an earlier era as cellist Nathan Davis explores “**J.S. Bach and the Cello.**”

Nathan Davis is currently the Executive Director of Development at The Brubeck Institute at the University of the Pacific. He has taught cello at Tri-Valley University Consortium, and performed widely on both cello and percussion. His musical interests range from classical to jazz and contemporary.

Finally – on **Tuesday, December 4th**, our focus turns to the visual and the legacy of

John Galen Howard – architect of both the Club and much of the campus.

Professor Margaretta Lovell initiated a class for this semester titled “Access, Archives, and Architecture: John Galen Howard and the University of California Berkeley’s Women’s Faculty Club.” Led by GSI Eva Hagberg the class currently has seventeen undergraduates. The students will present their research on Howard’s work at the December “Arts in the Afternoon.”



(John Galen Howard – 1923 Photograph)

As outlined in last month’s newsletter we will continue our exploration of Howard’s work in the Spring semester with an “Arts in the Afternoon” presentation by Dr. Gray Brechin. Scheduled for March 5, 2012, the program will consider “The Two Hearst Plans for U.C.: John Galen Howard vs Julia Morgan and Bernard Maybeck Across Strawberry Creek.” Additional events are planned in celebration of the Club’s 90th Anniversary in 2013. Please plan on joining us as we launch an exploration of Howard’s work and gain greater understanding of our own architectural jewel. (Sylvia McLaughlin)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The beautiful brick pathway in the front has been installed as well as new handrails at all steps in the front garden. We have opened the space on a temporary basis as we wait the installation of new lighting. We hope to only have to close down for one or two days when the lighting arrives. In the meantime – enjoy!

Yoga Program Continues at the Club



The Fall Yoga class offered through WorkFit continues this Fall. This is a superb deal with 35 classes offered between our own Lounge and Hearst Gym. Contact WorkFit at <https://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/index.aspx?view=item&item=7971> to register. Classes are held Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Location depends on the Club's Special Event Schedule - participants receive email updates.

DINING ROOM NEWS –October 2012



- **New Catered Items “To Go” Menu – Platters of Appetizers, Sweets and Tea Sandwiches Available for Home and Office Parties**
- **Thank you program for individual members – Receive a complimentary coupon for the Salad Buffet after every eight luncheons within either six month period: January – June or July - December**
- **Find your (name) within the body of the newsletter and win a \$20 gift certificate**
- **“Tasting Tuesdays” - Join us for lunch on each Tuesday in October - enjoy a sip of wine, sangria, fresh produce or appetizers. Tastings change each week.**