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Dear Club Members

You probably wonder “what is happening?” when you walk to the front door of the Women’s Faculty Club or look down from the Dining Room toward Strawberry Creek. The side and rear grounds have been dug up and workers and machines have taken over.



This letter from your Board of Directors tells you what is happening now, what you can expect in the near future, and why we have undertaken the first significant additions to your Club’s facilities in almost 50 years. And it will introduce you to the Club’s first major fundraising campaign since the construction of the Club building was paid for by the issuance of private bonds starting in 1920.

## CONSTRUCTION AND OUR GOALS

The visible site preparation work lays the foundation for construction that we anticipate will be completed this fall. The barren dirt grounds below the dining deck will be transformed into a beautiful hardscape outdoor patio, ringed by gardens of native plants and shrubs. A new pathway leading from Minor Lane will provide a ground floor entrance to the Club and patio. This new patio, pathway and entrance, and a new ground floor restroom, will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Board of Directors believes that this patio and pathway will open a new era in the enjoyment of the outdoor spaces behind and around the Club. The dirt patio has

been an eyesore for years, despite Club Manager Mary Remy's valiant efforts to cultivate grass. The new patio will be available to members during the day and plans are in the works for espresso coffee service as well. Even more exciting is that the patio will provide a fabulous outdoor venue for private social events, ranging from informal barbecues to beautiful outdoor weddings. We firmly believe that these events will provide a significant source of new revenue for the Club, which will assure our ability not only to preserve but also enhance our beautiful historic building on the Berkeley campus.

The Board of Directors started discussing these improvements in 2013. Further planning and the development of architectural designs and campus approvals continued through 2014 and 2015. Site preparation began in July, and we anticipate that construction will be completed in the fall. The pouring of concrete will probably be a noisy, but very exciting, part of the project.

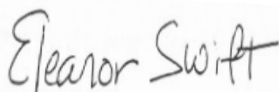
## FINANCING

The Board understood from the beginning that the only way to finance these improvements would be a major fundraising campaign. The Club received a significant boost when Chancellor Birgenau agreed that contributions to our campaign could be made through University Development and Alumni Relations, making donations tax deductible for our donors. Since 2015, a Campaign Committee of Club members has been at work on the "quiet phase" of this fundraising effort. The response of the members and friends whom we have contacted so far has been wonderfully enthusiastic and supportive. But we will need the help of all of our membership to reach our goal.

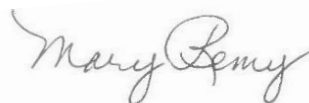
## SAVE THE DATE

We want to share our fundraising results with all of our Club members. And we are eager to invite you to participate in the campaign and to help us reach our fundraising goal. We will open the "public phase" of the campaign with a very special event for Club members and their guests on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for lunch. You will receive a personal invitation to this opening very soon.

We look forward to greeting you on October 6<sup>th</sup> and to sharing with you this exciting vision of the Club's future.



Eleanor Swift  
President of the Board of Directors  
The Women's Faculty Club



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The Women's Faculty Club