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In this month's column I want to focus on two of our Club's important activities – institutions, really – that take place in the months of November and December. In telling you about them, I will include comments from the WFC Oral History that reveal a remarkable continuity in the atmosphere and spirit of the Club that we enjoy today.

First, in November the Election Committee will nominate candidates for the Board of Directors. Four positions, each for a 3-year term, will be open. You as Club members can make nominations for these positions to the Election Committee Chair, Professor Karen Christensen, at kchriste@berkeley.edu. The Committee then selects the slate of candidates that will be voted on by the membership in January, 2014.

I encourage you to consider who you would like to see in a leadership position at the WFC, yourself included. The year 2014 will present many interesting challenges – launching important initiatives to renew our historic building and grounds, maintaining the Club's fiscal stability, and ensuring our future by increasing membership in the younger ranks of faculty and staff.

Since its founding, the Board has benefitted from the remarkable services rendered by outstanding female and male Directors from around the campus. The Directors have benefitted personally as well. As one past Director put it in the Oral History:

Though we spend our time talking about funding and things like that – just as we write grants in our departments – it's at a different level...with a different emphasis. It's fun to be active on the Board; you really get to know the people that way. ... They are very substantive people and to discuss various issues of the Club is pure delight.

Second, two very special events in December continue the Club's tradition of hosting holiday celebrations. In earlier days, women resided in the Club full-time:

Holiday breakfasts were festive occasions - prepared and served by the residents themselves in the Lounge before a crackling fire. Paper tablecloths and napkins, with designs appropriate to the season, and lighted candles gave a holiday atmosphere.

You can enjoy a similar festive occasion on Friday, December 6 – our annual Holiday Luncheon. Holiday decorations, beautifully set tables and a three-course lunch make for a wonderful (almost) end of semester treat. Complete information about reservations for

you and your guests is provided in this Newsletter. Then on Wednesday, December 11, we host a Holiday Reception for Berkeley's Chancellor Nicolas Dirks and Professor Janaki Bakhle. Both the Chancellor and Professor Bakhle hold Honorary Club Memberships! The Holiday Reception is open to all members, and we will be sending personal invitations to you later this month.

I hope to see you at both events!
Sincerely,



Eleanor Swift
President
Board of Directors

PROGRAM AND EVENTS

Past Events - October featured two outstanding “**Arts in the Afternoon**” performances. On October 17th Franklin Lei delighted the audience as he displayed his substantial skills on both the Baroque Lute and Jazz guitar.



(Franklin Lei)

The concert featured Johann Sebastian Bach's “Lute Suite in G Minor, BWV 995” as well as more recent jazz compositions arranged for his guitar. Lei also gave a wonderful overview of the history of the lute and the limited number of lutes currently being produced.

Later in October historian Karen McNeill joined us for a program titled “Spaces of Their Own:

Julia Morgan – Making Architecture for Women.”



(Karen McNeill, Suzanne Calpestri, Program Committee Member and Christina Gillis, Program Committee Chair)

McNeill's dissertation at CAL was on Julia Morgan. The program provided a fascinating look at Morgan's genius and productivity. She produced an immense body of work - much of it within the Bay Area.

McNeill considered both her public and domestic works and spent a considerable amount of time on the numerous building designed for women's clubs – YWCAs, clubs and educational buildings. One such building is Girton Hall – originally designed as Senior Women's Hall – and about to be moved to its new home at the UC Botanical Gardens. (Wilson B. Flick)

McNeill's work focuses on the factors that influenced Progressive Era women to build “spaces” of their own which reflected their expanding roles in society as professionals, reformers and educators. One comment certainly struck home as true – that it was often easier to raise money to build the initial buildings than to find money to maintain and manage the buildings!

UPCOMING EVENTS -

Academic Lives -Tuesday, November 5, 4- 6 p.m. – “Books of Note”

Join us to celebrate the wide diversity of work of Women's Faculty Club authors. Six Women's Faculty Club authors will present their latest work and reflect on its place within their careers. The authors and the books they will present are listed below. This event is open to the campus community – invite guests!

Renee Chow – *Suburban Space: The Fabric of Dwelling*

Hubert Dreyfus – *All Things Shining: Reading the Western Classics to Find Meaning in a Secular Age*

Louise Fortmann – *Participatory Research in Conservation and Rural Livelihoods: Doing Science Together*

Waverly Lowell – *Living Modern: A Biography of Greenwood Commons*

Laura Nader – *Culture and Dignity: Dialogues Between the Middle East and the West*

Leigh Raiford – *Imprisoned in a Luminous Glare: Photography and the African American Freedom Struggle*

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Plan to join us for two events – one traditional and one fairly new – this holiday season. The Annual Holiday Luncheon is a long-standing tradition at the Club and will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013. (AnnMarie Mitchell)

Champagne begins at 11:30 in the Lounge. New members are the guests of the Board of Directors. Please specify your choice of entrée when making reservations. Price per person is \$29.95. Reservations must be received by Wednesday, December 4, 2013

***Mixed Baby Lettuces
with Fuyu persimmons, D’Anju pears and
pecans in ginger shallot dressing***

***Choice of:
Roasted Duck Breast with cherries and port
sauce,
Grilled Mahi Mahi with fresh thyme and
shallot butter or
Mushroom and Carmelized Onion Ravioli***

Wild Rice Pilaf

***Roasted Winter Vegetables
Cranberry and Apple Galette***

Wine and Beverages

Holiday Reception to Welcome Chancellor Nicholas Dirks

Join us to welcome Chancellor Nicolas Dirks and Professor Janaki Bakhle on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 4 – 6 p.m. Come – celebrate the holiday season with a bit of holiday music, wonderful food and an opportunity to meet and greet the Chancellor and Professor Janaki Bakhle and welcome them to the campus and the Club. This is a complimentary event for members; however, reservations are appreciated. Contact the office at 510-642-4175 or hotel@womensfacultyclub.com.

Project Pride

Join us as we once again gather toys, books and art materials for the children served by Oakland’s Project Pride. Project Pride is a residential drug and alcohol treatment program for women served by the East Bay Recovery Project. This has become a long-standing tradition at the Club and one which staff and members alike enjoy! (Robert Cooter)



For the last several years the Club’s Front Desk staff has created individualized stockings for each child. The stockings are beautiful and are displayed throughout the Club. Please help us fill the stockings with many “wonders.” The children range from 3 months to 5 years old. You may bring age- appropriate presents labeled with gender and age or we will be happy to purchase stocking stuffers if you prefer to make a monetary donation.

DINING ROOM NEWS – November 2013



- **Remember our Catered Items “To Go” Menu when planning holiday parties for office and home**
- **November Dining Room Special – Complimentary cup of soup with purchase of entrée each Friday**
- **We are now featuring Fulton Valley Free Range Chickens and Willie Bird Turkeys –Let us know if you can taste the difference**
 - **“Tasting Tuesdays” - Join us for lunch on each Tuesday in November – We continue a tradition of small tastings each week. Tastings change each week.**
- **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**