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The ninetieth year in the life of our Club's John Galen Howard building is drawing to a close. Over these years, many women (and men) have acted as true stewards of the Club's historical and architectural significance, and of its unique ambiance in décor and furnishings. All of these stewards deserve our gratitude, but perhaps no one more than Norma Willer.

Norma (Berkeley '51) was the first woman hired as a professional architect on a UC campus. She joined Berkeley's Office of Architects and Engineers in 1955 and throughout her career, supervised many important renovations of our Club. In 1966, she was the project manager for renovation of our dining room (in her words, changing the "dark, bare wood floors and hard-surfaced ceilings and walls" with acoustic materials, major floor plan re-design and carpet). Soon after, Norma developed a feasibility study for adding individual bathrooms to all the rooms and a bar (!) downstairs in the basement. Most of this renovation was eventually made possible by the Haas gift previously intended for the dining room that was to join together (architecturally-speaking) the merged Men's and Women's Faculty Clubs. (See the WFC June 2013 Newsletter that describes this failed merger.) In 1976 she supervised extensive seismic improvements with funds provided by the Regents. And as a Director of the Club, Norma led a committee charged with interior redecoration. Finally, in 1980, Norma was the architect for the replacement of our building's windows and exterior shingles.

Your current Board of Directors shares the spirit of stewardship that is so evident in Norma's career. In her own words:
The more I live through history and historical events...the more I come to realize that history, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. There are bare facts of course, but the fleshing out is done by the observer. The fleshing out of the Women's Faculty Club, to my eye, has produced a grand dame. The credit for this beautiful, comfortable old girl goes to all the long parade of people who have taken up the cudgel at the appropriate moment for whatever was needed.

I hope to see you at the Holiday Luncheon and Holiday Reception for the Chancellor!



Eleanor Swift
President
Board of Directors

PROGRAM AND EVENTS

PAST EVENTS

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



(“Books of Note” panel with moderator Christina Gillis)

Thank you to the Women’s Faculty Club authors who shared their latest work and the passions that guide their writing at our “Academic Lives” program in November. The authors and the books they presented are listed below. There is a special bookshelf for WFC authors on the desk in the library. Copies of all books are currently available in the Club’s library. We hope to make this an annual event with other Women’s Faculty Club authors.



(Leigh Raiford)

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*



(Laura Nader with students)

HOLIDAY EVENTS



Plan to join us for two events this holiday season. The Annual Holiday Luncheon is a long-standing tradition at the Club and will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013. 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.

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*

Holiday Reception to Welcome Chancellor Nicholas Dirks

Join us to welcome Chancellor Nicolas Dirks and Professor Janaki Bakhle on Thursday, December 19, 2013, 4 – 6 p.m. Please note that the change in date! (David Chandler)

Come – celebrate the holiday season with a bit of jazz, 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! (Christina Maslach)

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." There are fourteen children currently in the program and they range from infants to 9 years old. Most of the children are below five 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. We generally deliver the filled stockings and other gifts close to December 24th so feel free to bring donations all the way to the Club closure on December 20th.

HOLIDAY GIFTS AVAILABLE



Need a last minute holiday gift for a hostess or friend? Remember that the Club offers several attractive options. We have bottles of olive oil produced by the UC Davis Olive Oil Center, umbrellas emblazoned with the Club logo, canvas bags that are perfect for weekend escapes and other bags for toting fruits and vegetables from Farmer's Markets. (William H. Miller)

Another possibility – gift certificates good for lunch for one, two or twenty at the Club! How about a certificate for "Dinner-To-Go" for a future wintry night? You might even want to gift a friend with an overnight stay in the hotel rooms – conveniently located on campus – so close to the full cultural scope of our beloved campus. So – escape the bustle of holiday shopping at malls and promote your Club with thoughtful and sustainable gifts!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming members who have joined during the last year. These new members have been invited as the guests of the Board of Directors to the Holiday Luncheon.

Anthony Adamthwaite
Professor Emeritus of History

Hillel Adesnik
Assistant Professor of Neurobiology

Janaki Bakhle
Associate Professor of History

Cristina Banks
Senior Lecturer at Haas School of Business

Irmelin Bergh
Visiting Student Researcher, Sociology

Carroll Brentano
Retired Editor – Chronicle of the University of California - Center for Studies in Higher Education

Jenny Collins
Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance at the Graduate School of Information

Victor Couture
Assistant Professor of Real Estate at Haas School of Business

Kathryn De Master
Assistant Professor of Agriculture, Society, and the Environment in ESPM

Nicholas Dirks
Chancellor of University of California, Berkeley

Frederick Dolan
Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric

Thad Dunning
Robson Professor of Political Science

Baorong (Katherine) Fang
Wu Fellow at Haas School of Business

Karen Frick
Assistant Director of the UC Transportation Center and lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning

David Gamage
Assistant Professor of Law

Dussou Wilfrid Gangbo
Visiting Professor at MSRI (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute)

Alexander Michael Gelber
Assistant Professor in Goldman School of Public Policy

Nathaniel Goldhaber
Managing Director, Claremont Creek Ventures; Emeritus Member of Board of Directors UC Berkeley College of Letters and Science

Denise Harter
Assistant Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, School of Public Health

Christine Hastorf
Professor of Archaeology in Anthropology

Monica Ann Jackson
Academic Student Advisor in the College of Chemistry

Alan Kelchner
Interim VP of Advancement at the Graduate Theological Union

Carol Langford
Lecturer of Law

Phillip Litts
Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, member Board of Directors California Alumni Association

Toshie Marra
Librarian of Japanese Collection at the East Asian Library

Michael Musheno
Adjunct Professor of Law, Faculty Director of Legal Studies

Jennifer Natali
*Research Specialist and Watershed Resource
Consultant;
PhD Candidate, Department of Landscape
Architecture and Environmental Planning*

Carolyn Palmer
Life Member, Cal Alumni Association

Russell Robinson
*Distinguished Haas Chair in LGBT Equity and
Professor of Law*

Ellen Rosenfield
*Lecturer in Graduate Division – GSI Teaching
Resource*

Astrid Saether
Visiting Scholar, Scandinavian Department

Brenda Schildgen
*Distinguished Professor of Comparative
Literature, UC Davis*

Shawn Shadden
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Avani Mehta Sood
Assistant Professor of Law

Kimberlee Stryker
*Lecturer in Landscape Architecture and
Environmental Planning at the College of
Environmental Design*

Katrin Wehrheim
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Terese White-Henry
Cal Alum



Happy Holidays to all!

***From the Board and Staff
of the***

Women's Faculty Club



DINING ROOM NEWS –December 2013



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

