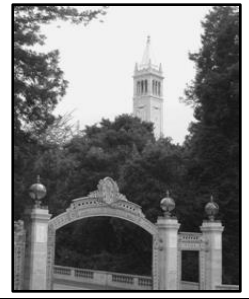


BREEZE

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Fall, 2015

Autumn Greetings!



The Section Club began the year with a wonderful reception at the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park, ably headed by Danielle de Fontaine and Joan Glassey, with Lucia Falcone in charge of the kitchen. Even though it was a dreadfully hot day, everyone had a great time meeting old and new friends and signing up for the various sections. And, what would we do without the willing husbands, families, friends and dedicated members who set up for the event, acted as chauffeurs for those parked further away, provided refreshments and cleaned up at the close!

During the summer my first order of business as this year's president was getting out the Bulletin and invitation for the new members as well as distributing the summer informational letter to the faculty, Retirement Center and new visitors to the university. With an able and willing group of workers we succeeded in getting it all done. At this point we have a total of 329 members, of which 25 are new. Well done!

SOS was also busy with the granting of funds to those in need. To date, eleven students have received help for a total of \$5,683 from the Elberg Fund.

Christmas is creeping up and the International Student and Scholar Committee (ISSC) is planning its annual Holiday Party at International House for the children of visiting students and scholars. This is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 5th, when many lucky children will each receive a little stuffed Cal Bear for their very own. Refreshments will be served at this festive event. If you would like to help out on that day, or bake cookies for the event, please give Judy Gordon a call at 524-7765.

Our new year's activities begin January 29, 2016 with the Winter Dinner at the Bancroft Hotel. There will be more about that in a separate article in this issue.

Beehive planning meetings will begin soon, so please start thinking about downsizing your homes. Give away those treasures you don't use anymore and enlist donations from friends, relatives and businesses. The Beehive will be on February 23, 2016 at the Unitarian Church in Kensington.

In the meantime, enjoy your holidays and be sure to encourage your friends to join in on the many wonderful activities the Section Club has to offer.

Sally Stevens, President, 2015-2016

Photos:

Fall Reception attendees:

Left: Grace Kobayashi, Naomi Lidicker, and new member Nicole Lepoutre-Baldocchi

Right: Betsy Smith and Donna Oliver



Fall Reception

It was a very hot day in Berkeley, Monday, September 21st, but in spite of the heat nearly 200 people came to the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park for Section Club's Fall Reception. Many returning members and at least 21 new members joined sections, met new friends and renewed old ties. Lucia Falcone and Rita Purcell organized the food and kitchen superbly, as always. Many women and some kind male members helped set up and take down heavy tables, folding chairs and umbrella stands. With the shades down on the sunny side of the building and lots of fans running, the Section Chairs welcomed old and new members. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food brought by so many volunteers. It made for a lovely luncheon. Danielle and I are so grateful for all the help, knowledge and hard work given by too many to name here.

Joan Glassey and Danielle de Fontaine, Co-chairs, Fall Reception



Fall Reception photos:

Left: Geneviève Dreyfus and Virginia Foote Anderson

Right: Silvia Spiller and Margarita Balazs

Beehive Silent Auction: Start thinking now.

We have had the first meetings of our various sections and now we look forward to the Beehive in February, our major fundraising event. The silent auction is an important component and, if everyone pitches in, we will raise some useful money for students in need. All members are urged to participate in this event by soliciting donations. Ask your favorite restaurants for a gift certificate! Places where you shop and the winery you always take your out-of-town guests are good sources of donations.

Some of our most sought after lots are the experiences offered by members themselves. Special meals, hikes, classes and tours have been favorites of our bidders. Could you teach a group to create something? Lead a walk in the woods? Prepare an exotic meal?

Share your cottage or get-away for a weekend or a week. These items have been very popular. I plan to offer my home on Cranberry Island in Maine once again.

There is a letter you can use to solicit donations. Please contact me if you have any questions at; hollyhartley@mindspring.com.

Your Donations are always welcome for the Bargain, Craft and Jewelry Tables

All year long we gladly accept items for the Beehive. We collect all manner of items for the sales of jewelry, bric-a-brac, crafts, works of art, fine porcelain and other auction treasures. Additionally, some items are sold at the Children's Hospital Thrift Store which shares the proceeds with us. All proceeds from the Beehive fund Section Club philanthropies at Cal, such as the Student Grants and Elberg awards given to students in financial crises. Please email Dorothy Kaplan (dotkap@usa.net), Nancy Oldham (nancy.oldham@comcast.net), or Janice Lieu (jlieu1036@yahoo.com) to answer questions, or to schedule a drop off.

SOS

The SOS Fall Business Meeting was held on October 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The speaker, Ron Williams, is the director at Cal for Re-entry Students as well as Veteran Services. These are two of the seven arms of CE3 (Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence). His talk focused on the Veteran Services program at Cal where there are presently around 390 student veterans enrolled, describing the activities offered to help them in both academic and non-academic ways. Due to their life experiences, blending with other students can be a challenge. This year he seemed pleased that he now has been assigned an assistant director. A retired female veteran, former transfer student and Cal alumnus, she is Coordinator of Outreach and Recruitment and has been very helpful in encouraging female veterans to fully engage in all opportunities at Cal.

Recruitment for student veterans can be difficult. Connecting with veterans enrolled in community colleges has been one effective way to reach out to them. It can be even more effective for present students to contact their friends still serving, so that these friends know what opportunities are available to them at Cal once their service has ended.

Veteran Services also helps students move beyond an undergraduate degree, steering them to majors which will be helpful in the job market or enhance their possibilities of higher education. Cal has an annual career fair for veterans. At the most recent one there were 45 participants. Many well-known companies take part in these fairs. Some Cal graduates who have already been hired by a company are invited, because they in turn will aid in the recruitment of newly graduated veterans. Ron recounted a few of the graduates and their job successes.

At the close of his talk he spoke with appreciation of the money given by the Section Club to support the projects of the CE3 programs at Cal.

On a different topic: Last April at our SOS business meeting the SOS Committee provided some funds to purchase nets for the blind students' Goalball team. This is the first team of this nature in the country. Non-visually impaired students may also participate, but they must cover their eyes. The ball has a bell in it, making its whereabouts known and the nets are goal nets, spanning both ends of the playing area. We are happy to report that the nets and all the needed equipment have arrived. The students recently had their first practice and sent us a big THANK YOU!! See below!!

SOS also gives Elberg Emergency Grants to help needy students referred to us through a liaison at Cal. We can gift up to \$750 for a single grant. Since mid-May we have awarded 11 Elberg grants. **We encourage any member of the Section Club who wants to learn more about our programs, or become involved in them, to contact us.**

SOS Co-Chairs, Sonja Marken Vélez and Dorothy Kaplan (sectionclub@gmail.com)

Dear University Section Club,

The Cal Goalball team and puppies are happy to report that today we had our first practice in the program's history with nets. What a game changer! This new Cal experience for visually impaired students would not have been possible without the generosity and vision of the University Section Club.

GO BEARS!!!

The Cal Goalball Team



New Members Reception – The Section Club welcomes new members!

On Friday, Oct. 30th, this year's new members were invited to a wine and cheese gathering to meet Section Club officers and get to know each other, as well as to learn more about the various sections and Club-wide activities. Attendees included both long-time Berkeley residents and newcomers to Berkeley. All were stimulating conversationalists.

Stefanie Wyss is here from Switzerland for a year with her husband, a Law School visiting scholar. Grace Smith is a UCB scholar of Turkey. Audrey Powers is the retired Branch Services Manager of the Berkeley Public Library. Gertrude Allen is involved in Bay Area cultural activities such as the Berkeley Symphony. Elly Skarakis is the Chief of Staff of Human Resources at the Office of the President, UC. Nancy Murakami also worked at OP and is interested in working with international students and visitors. Laurie Wu McClain got her BA and JD at UCB and practices law in San Francisco. Milan Kaur said she has had experience in auctions and was interested in helping out with the Beehive. Mary Woolsey is active in environmental issues. Oliver Williamson, Nobel prizewinner of 2009 in economics, is interested in the Tennis Section. Mel Pomerantz, a lecturer in Physics at UCB, and researcher at the Berkeley National Lab in the Building Technology & Urban Systems Division, is grateful to Laura Fisher for telling him about Section Club. At her invitation he visited the "Bon Appétit!" Section and decided to join. Betty Look joined Photography, but is fast becoming an expert guzheng player (a Chinese plucked zither). Some "new" members are in fact returning members, like husband and wife, Loretta and Charles Henry, or Lucia Longhi-Filippou. Others came to us via the Retirement Center announcement of the Fall Reception, or the mailing done by the Office of the Chancellor.

We had a pleasant time chatting together. Since a couple of members volunteered their homes for future meetings, it looks like there will be a Newcomers Section again this year with the next meeting planned for January 2016.

Other new members are Karin Bengmark, Shanti Corrigan, Gail Harper, Meg Kellog and spouse Richard Scheffler, Nicole Lepoutre-Baldocchi, Deborah and Joe McBride, Evelyn Mickevicius, Debbie Mostaghel, Michael Powers (husband of Audrey Powers mentioned above) and Keiko Yamanaka.

Mary Kay Duggan and Geneviève Dreyfus

Student Grants

Student Grants is supported by the Beehive (our fundraiser), part of your dues and your donations. Our fiscal year has begun and Student Grants has already given out one \$1,000 grant. This 4th year grad student, recommended by Paula Flamm, Social Service Manager at the University Health Center at Tang, was unfortunate to have been in a bicycle accident which left him with a broken left shoulder and broken right thumb. As a grad student instructor he has a limited income and was incredibly relieved to hear that there would be some help with his unexpected financial burden.

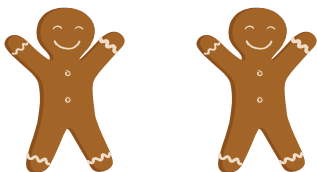
The Intercampus Open House will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. It is an all-day event with speakers, lunch and afternoon tours. This year we will be hosting the other participating campuses on our own Cal campus. More information and a flyer will be included in the "Winter 2016" edition of the Breeze.

ISSC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

For families spending their first holiday season at the University. Join us from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

Call Judy Gordon



Come join the Centre on Thursday mornings (9:30–12 noon) at the YWCA located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

November 12 - ARTS, CRAFTS AND MUSIC

November 19 - THANKSGIVING – A traditional American Thanksgiving Dinner includes turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Learn to prepare these foods and have a taste.

November 26 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – CENTRE CLOSED

December 3 - WINTER HOLIDAY CUSTOMS, FOODS AND MUSIC – Please share your holiday traditions, crafts and foods.

December 10 - CENTRE TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO- We will meet at the Berkeley BART Station to visit hotels and stores decorated for the holidays. More information will be given at The Centre after Thanksgiving.

Each Thursday morning The Centre at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, is a lively place to make new friends and greet old ones. From 9:30 am to noon, our Section Club volunteers set up a welcoming environment for small children and adults to share experiences and learn from each other about life here and in their cultures. Fall has programs on where to go for picnics, camping or sightseeing. What do Americans eat for brunch? Where can you see whales, butterflies and birds migrating with seasonal changes? What is Indigenous Peoples' Day, first celebrated in Berkeley? What is Trick or Treat all about? Where can you see costume parades or visit shops that welcome children dressed for Halloween with candy? November 19, the Thursday before the Thanksgiving Holiday, we feature a tasting of the traditional foods: turkey, gravy, potatoes sweet and mashed, cranberries, pumpkin pie and more! December 3 we have holiday decorations, songs, foods and stories. On December 10, the last meeting of the calendar year, we meet at BART to make a trip to San Francisco to visit some of the hotels and stores with holiday decorations.

We would welcome any Section Club members who would enjoy helping with any of these rewarding and fun events. Please contact Marjorie Sauer for information.

Winter Dinner

Do mark your calendars for Friday, January 29th when we will meet at the Bancroft Hotel for dinner. Our speaker will be Mark Richards, a Professor of Earth and Planetary Science, whose research focuses on the igneous processes of the Earth's mantle. He studies the effects of the asteroid impact that led to the mass extinction of the dinosaurs.

Sara Knight, Winter Dinner Co-chair

I House Scholar



A second year MBA student at the Haas Business School, George Kalandadze comes from the country of Georgia, where he had formerly been running his own tech-startup on a shoestring budget. He decided to sell his company, use the proceeds, plus some additional monetary help from his mother, and come to Berkeley for an MBA. His funds did not stretch for his second year of studies and he is grateful for the financial assistance of the Section Club Scholarship.

One of the reasons George came to Cal for his MBA was because of Berkeley's cultural diversity. He feels that living at I House provides him with an opportunity to build a strong network of friends from all parts of the world and he in return can enrich the diversity of I House with his Georgian background. In his application for financial aid at I House he writes, "I would love to serve as ambassador of my country and allow others to learn about its ancient culture and interesting traditions." He is also interested in forging new connections between I House residents and MBA graduates.

This year the University Section Club I House fund, held at the Graduate Division of UC, earned \$3,600 which will go towards helping to support George Kalandadze's I-House room and board fees. If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our treasurer, Lucia Falcone at < Falcon7072@aol.com >.

From the Treasurer

Thank you to all those who have paid their dues promptly! If you think that you have not yet paid, please contact Treasurer Lucia Falcone at < Falcon7072@aol.com>. To date we have received generous donations totaling more than \$15,000. All donations along with Beehive proceeds fund our grants helping students and student groups at Cal. You can also donate in memory or in honor of a dear friend. Make your checks payable to "University Section Club" and send them to Lucia Falcone; 2222 Bancroft Way, Tang Center; Berkeley, CA 94720-4300.

SECTION NEWS

Music Section

Music Section began the year on October 1st as if we had been transported to London and were enjoying a BBC afternoon concert. Three lovely ladies entered wearing flowered straw hats, doffed them and played delightfully a very English Trio by Frank Bridge. The three musicians were Section Club President-Elect, Gerry Morrison, violin, Mary Sharman, piano and Dorian Bikle, cello. Mary and Dorian were then joined by Melinda Buchanan, soprano and alternately by Thea Davison, oboe, and Barbara Landt, flute for a selection of gorgeous arias by J.S. Bach. Guest artists, Sandra Watkins, clarinet, Arlene Lee, cello and Bill Rudiak, piano, finished the concert with Beethoven's Trio Opus 11 and a great contemporary trio by Robert Delanoff. A perfect day!



Dorian Bikle, Gerry Morrison and Mary Sharman

Joan Glassey, Music Section member

Birding Section

Members of our section enjoy spending time in nature and visiting our local regional parks. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about birds. We meet at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month from October to May. Most times we return to Berkeley before 2 pm. Our upcoming field trips will go to Marin, Alameda and Contra Costa counties to view the hundreds of thousands of birds that visit the Bay Area each winter, traveling thousands of miles to feast on our rich habitats.

Our last trip in May features a potluck picnic at the end of the morning when we share our favorite foods and begin plans for the year to come.

Please contact Ruth Tobey (ruthobey@gmail.com;) or Jean Thomas (ejthomas09@comcast.net;) for further information

The **Art of Basketry Section** is now in its fourth year and going strong, with a steady membership of lucky 13. We



Vittoria Cacciandra, April 2015

have covered many basket making techniques and explored the use of a variety of materials, from pine needle and raffia to the more unconventional use of wire, paper, and even stones, with beautiful results. Our most recent project, and apparently an addictive one, is making beads from old calendar pages for necklaces – the perfect gift for the woman who is tired of wearing diamonds. Our group's creative spirit is alive and well, and we are looking forward to another productive year. Before you recycle your old, large calendars, please give Jutta or Sonja a call. Our members would be delighted to recycle them in new and creative ways.



Jutta Frankie and Sonja Marken Vélez, Co-chairs

In Memoriam

Honorary member **Sigvor Hamre Thornton**, a native of Norway, passed away on August 31st at the age of 93. Arriving in Berkeley in 1952 with husband, Haakon Hamre, a member of the Scandinavian Department, and four young children,



the family had to adapt quickly to life in Berkeley. Sigvor soon joined the Section Club and over the years became one of its most influential members. She was the initial motivator of the auction at the Beehive Luncheon and remained its most active participator for countless years, accepting donations from members, which she stored in her garage and sorted through with the help of other members just before the Beehive Luncheon. She also volunteered at Tang Center and was active in many different aspects of the Club. She truly embodied the spirit of the University Section Club.

She also actively helped many Norwegian students attending Cal, housing and feeding them. So many Norwegian students passed through her home that she acquired the name "Mor Norge" ("Mother Norway"). Five years after the death of Haakon, Sigvor married

Robert Thornton, a member of the Physics Dept., and became the step-mother of his two children. She was a kind generous person, a fabulous knitter of Norwegian sweaters, and an expert in needlepoint Christmas stockings.

Elizabeth "Betty" Carpenter passed away on April 26, 2015 at the age of 94. In former years Betty was an active member of Section Club, serving as President during the academic year of 1973-1974. She also co-chaired Adventure Section, helped UC foreign students find housing and introduced them to The Equipment Loan Center where she volunteered on a regular basis. Betty enjoyed looking after foreign graduate students, many of whom stayed with her in her large home. She was also a frequent hostess for the Biochemistry Department where her husband Fred was on the faculty.

Carolyn Dundes died on October 16th after a lengthy illness. Carolyn and her husband Alan came to Berkeley in 1962, where he became an esteemed Professor of Folklore. She joined the Section Club and was an active member for many years, even becoming President from 1999-2000. Carolyn had a great capacity for friendship and was warmly liked by many. We will certainly miss Carolyn's wry sense of humor. There will be a gathering in her memory at The Women's Faculty Club.



Emilie Steiner

From the German Section: Our dear friend and member Emilie Steiner died unexpectedly in July while in Munich, Bavaria, close to her hometown. She was a very generous person who touched many lives, always ready to help, always giving, not least of whatever she had harvested from her garden or baked with expertise. She will be greatly missed and will always be remembered as a special, genuine woman with a big heart.

Bill Walsh, the husband of Linda Dickert Walsh, passed away on April 7, 2015. Born in San Francisco, he spent much of his youth in Marin County. From 1955 to 1960 he studied at Cal and engaged in various student athletics, including a year on the crew team. He was an enthusiastic fan of the Cal Bears' football team. There is a rumor that during his student years he wore the Oski Bear costume. Though not professionally in academia, Bill had an academic interest in many subjects, such as history, and was self-educated in these fields. He and Linda have been long time members of Bon Appétit.

The following spouses of members have passed away:

- **Dr. Ernest Kuh**, a dean and professor emeritus of Electrical Engineering and the husband of Bettine Kuh passed away on June 27, 2015. He was an expert in electronic circuit theory.

- **Dr. Stanley Prussin**, husband of Traudel Prussin, and professor emeritus of the Nuclear Engineering Department, where he specialized in the research of low energy nuclear physics, passed away on August 20, 2015.



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Friday, January 29, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
 Bancroft Hotel

Beehive Luncheon and Silent Auction

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
 Unitarian Universalist Church in Kensington

Monthly Early Bird Dinners at the Faculty Club

Third Monday of every month
 Call 510 540 5678 ext 0, to reserve your seat

Intercampus Event

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, all day
 UC Berkeley, exact location TBA

Masquers Playhouse Event

TBA

Spring SOS Meeting

Friday, April 15, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Tang Center

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