

Summer BREEZE

University Section Club, Inc. Berkeley, CA

Website: <https://www.sectionclub.org/> **Summer 2022**



President's Message

Hello everyone,

I am writing this message with enthusiasm for what our Club accomplished during the pandemic. **Our philanthropy was ever-present and strong.** Section Club recently gave an emergency grant to a graduating Cal senior whose mother lost her job, father had reduced hours of work, and grandparents were hospitalized because of Covid. The student was working two jobs in an effort to keep her family financially afloat. Section Club gave another emergency grant to a student who became disabled and needed a mobility scooter and crutches due to an accident. Still another student requested money for car repairs which would make it possible for him to travel to an internship program. These examples are only three of the many requests we have received during the pandemic. **Philanthropy is the reason why UC Berkeley considers Section Club a university support group with the benefits and regulations involved. These emergency grants come directly from our fund-raising efforts and donations.**

I am also writing this message with enthusiasm for what the **Activity Sections** have been able to do in the midst of an unpredictable pandemic. I have had the pleasure of visiting with four of the Sections in addition to my “home” group—Book Discussion. It has been a testament to the Club’s flexibility and strength that many of the Sections have been finding ways to meet safely, allowing members to interact and gain enrichment, whether through Zoom or outdoor sessions.

As we begin a new term, I am determined to offer opportunities for safe, in-person activities. The first—the **Fall Reception will be held at the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park on Wednesday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Many of you have volunteered to help in various ways. We can always use more volunteers. Our Activity Sections will have a chance to sign up members. Please bring your friends, especially those interested in learning more about the Sections or joining the Club. Also, since I am myself a relatively new Board Member, introduce yourselves to me. I am trying to meet as many members as I can.

With best wishes to you and your families,

Laurie Wu McClain, President

Section Club Board: Laurie Wu McClain, President; Andrea Campos, President-Elect; Rita Purcell, Past-President; Barbara Peterson, Secretary; Sherry Ruffini, Secretary-Elect; Janice Lieu, Corresponding Secretary; Julia Wenk, Treasurer; Emily Ladner, Treasurer-Elect.

Activity Sections

Most Sections meet once a month and provide opportunities for learning and creative self-expression. Please pay Section Club dues before signing up for activity Sections. Register for Sections at the Fall Reception.

<p>Birding: Outings to different habitats in the Bay Area. No birding experience needed, just an appreciation of the outdoors.</p> <p>Bon Appétit: Members enjoy dining together for themed dinners on dates to be determined.</p> <p>Book Discussion: One member leads the discussion of a chosen book. No need to read the whole book to participate.</p> <p>Drama: Actors and audience are welcome. With just one rehearsal, members put on a play.</p> <p>French, German, Italian: Each Section enjoys a planned program and lunch or refreshments. Conversation in each language is practiced. Some sessions may be held on Zoom.</p> <p>Japanese Tea Ceremony: Participate in a five centuries old practice with a focus on mindfulness. Days and times vary.</p> <p>Movies: Attend a movie late on a Thursday afternoon and dinner at a nearby restaurant for conversation.</p> <p>Music: Talented musicians perform for the members, followed by refreshments. A chorus meets weekly under the direction of a fine conductor.</p>	<p>Newcomers: New members learn about the mission of the club, its events, Sections, and philanthropic activities.</p> <p>Photography <i>This Section is taking a year off and will re-group in 2023.</i></p> <p>Pickleball: Once a week players meet at the Cedar/Rose pickleball courts. Players include those of many levels, from beginners to regulars.</p> <p>Sew & So: Members meet together to work on individual projects while enjoying the camaraderie of the group.</p> <p>Tennis: Men and women meet daily for doubles.</p> <p>UC Berkeley Art Museum: Docent-led tours of exhibits. Occasional presentations at the Berkeley Film Archive.</p> <p>Walking: Once a month participants walk on easy or moderate trails.</p> <p>Writers' Workshop: A support group for those who like to write. Members read and give comments on works in-progress. There is a non-fiction subgroup.</p>
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Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st week	Tennis 9-11 am Writers' Workshop 12:30 - 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am French 1:30 - 3:30 pm Pickleball 2 – 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Birding 9 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Music 1:30 -3:30 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Book Discussion 1 pm
2nd week	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am Pickleball 2 – 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Walking - 9 - 2 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Italian 11 - 2 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Berkeley Art Museum 10 - 11 am
3rd Week	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am German 1:30-3:30 pm Pickleball 2 – 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Movies - late afternoon	Tennis 9 - 11 am Sew & So 1:30 - 3:30 pm
4th week	Tennis 9 - 11 am Drama Oct & Jan. - Mar., 3 pm; in Sept. and April, 7 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11: 30 am Pickleball 2 – 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am

Club-wide Events 2022-2023

Fall Business Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 10 am – noon. Section Chairs receive administrative information for the year and hear about club plans.

Fall Reception & Activity Sections Sign-up, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 11 am – 1:00 pm at Brazilian Room, Tilden Park.

Fall S.O.S. (Services Offered Students) Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday, Oct.26, 10 am. Come learn how we help Cal students through our various funds and grants.

Beehive Luncheon & Silent Auction, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11 am – 2:30 pm, at the Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. This is the club's most important annual fundraising event. Profits fund our Cal philanthropies.

Intercampus Open House, Thursday, March 30. The Merced campus will welcome members from other UC campuses' philanthropic support groups for a day of lectures and campus tours.

Spring S.O.S. Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 10 am. We review project requests from campus groups and decide on funding.

Spring Annual Meeting, Monday, May 8, 9:30 am - noon. Representatives from all the Sections share highlights from the year. We hear about the financial status of the club and its philanthropic endeavors and we honor the outgoing board members and welcome the new.

Philanthropy

Since 1927, the Section Club has encouraged a sense of community on the Berkeley campus, welcoming newcomers and reaching across departmental boundaries from all corners of the university. It has been a catalyst for friendship, service and philanthropy. The Section Club is a registered, nonprofit organization with the State of California. 100% of donations support UCB students and scholars through applications for grants handled by our campus liaisons.

Student Grants. Student Grants are awarded on merit. They are given to graduates and undergraduates who are referred by campus liaisons. All applicants must have an acceptable GPA. Grants are awarded to students in amounts up to \$1,500. These grants are based on an expectation that a one-time grant will alleviate the student's financial distress and allow him/her to continue his/her studies.

Services Offered Students (S.O.S.). S.O.S., with generous donations from our members and fundraising events, provides support through two programs to the university student community. The **Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund**, provides emergency grants of up to \$1,000 to aid individual students in great need who have an unanticipated, non-recurring, medical or financial emergency. The second program is the **Fund for Projects or Equipment**, proposed by our campus unit liaisons. It is hoped that in most instances our project/equipment grants will act as seed money to stimulate permanent funding from the university or other funding resources.

General Fund: Adds funds to **Student Grants** and **S.O.S.** as needed.

Endowments: 1) **The Section Club I-House Graduate Support Fund** helps one or two graduate students with room and board at I-House. 2) **The University Section Club Endowment for Undergraduate Scholarships** support need-based undergraduate scholarships.

Membership

You Are Cordially Invited to Join the University Section Club

Members may attend club-wide events, participate in any number of Sections, volunteer to support UC students in need and receive our newsletter, *The Breeze*.

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Returning member(s) ____ Year joined _____

New member* ____ Visitor ____ Here until month/year _____

*I was sent a *Summer Breeze* from: (name) _____

* I have been invited to join by: (Name of friend) _____

I wish to receive *The Breeze* newsletter and invitations: By US mail ____ By email only ____

Dues and donations are tax deductible. Pay by check or electronically with Cheddar Up**.

Dues: Individuals \$35; Couples \$50..... \$ _____

Donations to:

Student Grants – Merit Awards..... \$ _____

Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund - Emergency Grants..... \$ _____

General Fund..... \$ _____

I-House Graduate Scholarship Endowment..... \$ _____

Endowment for Undergraduate Scholarships..... \$ _____

Tax Deductible Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **University Section Club, Inc.**

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