

# Summer *BREEZE*

University Section Club, Inc. Berkeley, CA

Website: <http://sectionclub.org>

*Summer 2021*



## President's Message

Just like the Brood X Cicadas, the University Section Club is emerging in the Fall of 2021! It hasn't been 17 years since the pandemic grounded us; it just feels like it. Won't it be exciting seeing unmasked smiles again!

The 2021-22 term is a new beginning; however, it may seem like déjà vu all over again. Many of last year's officers agreed to serve a second year. As the President of the Section Club, I am delighted to have such an experienced Board of Directors and to welcome Laurie Wu McClain as President-Elect and Julia Wenk as our Treasurer-Elect.

The University Section Club was founded in 1927 by faculty wives, at first as a social club, gradually evolving into a philanthropic organization of campus-affiliated persons and members of the community, enthused in cultivating friendships among activities of common interest (16 fun Sections), and philanthropy. Our major goal, however, has always been to assist students.

The Fall reception will be at the University House on campus on September 14, 2021- thank you Chancellor Christ! Our membership dipped below 300 during the COVID-19 year, but we hope that this in-person event will bring many of you and your friends back to the club.

We are hosting the postponed Intercampus Open House on March 30, 2022, at Alumni House. Visitors from 3 other UC campuses will join us for lunch, guest speakers and campus tours. What a pleasant event to exchange ideas and build friendships with other groups dedicated to financially helping UC students in emergency situations!

Please mark your calendar for our annual fundraising event, the Beehive Auction and Luncheon, on February 22, 2022, at the UU Church in Kensington. I'm sure you must have cleaned out at least one closet last year, so please donate your treasures to Dorothy Kaplan's empty garage.

I am proud to announce that over \$34,000 in grants were awarded directly to UC students (including food insecurity) last year. In addition, SOS awarded \$16,000 to 4 campus groups: University Village, University Health Services, Disabled Cultural Center, and CE3 (serving vets, single parents, foster youth, first generation, and more). The Phantom Beehive and generous donations made this all possible.

I look forward to seeing you and friends interested in joining the University Section Club, on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the Fall Reception. Prepare to join as many Sections as you like -Birding, Bon Appétit, Book Discussion, Drama, French, German, Italian, Movies, Music, Newcomers, Photography, Sew and So, Tennis, UC Art Museum, Walking and Writing Workshop. Discover all the ways you might contribute to the many philanthropic activities of the University Section Club.

**Emerge, Cicadas, and make some noise!**

*Rita Purcell, President*

## 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><b>Birding:</b> Outings to different habitats in the Bay Area. No birding experience needed, just an appreciation of the outdoors.</p> <p><b>Bon Appétit:</b> Members enjoy dining together for themed dinners on dates to be determined.</p> <p><b>Book Discussion:</b> One member leads the discussion of a chosen book. No need to read the whole book to participate.</p> <p><b>Drama:</b> Actors and audience are welcome. With just one rehearsal, members put on a play.</p> <p><b>French, German, Italian:</b> 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><b>Movies:</b> Attend a movie late on a Thursday afternoon and dinner at a nearby restaurant for conversation.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> Talented musicians perform for the members, followed by refreshments. A <b>chorus</b> meets weekly under the direction of a fine conductor.</p>	<p><b>Newcomers:</b> New members learn about the mission of the club, its events, Sections, and philanthropic activities.</p> <p><b>Photography:</b> Members share digital images (on an optional monthly theme) with gentle critique from the other participants. Short presentations on taking and editing photos are offered. Members use cameras of all sorts and have varying levels of experience.</p> <p><b>Sew &amp; So:</b> Members meet together to work on individual projects while enjoying the camaraderie of the group.</p> <p><b>Tennis:</b> Men and women meet daily for doubles.</p> <p><b>UC Berkeley Art Museum:</b> Docent-led tours of exhibits. Occasional presentations at the Berkeley Film Archive.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Once a month participants walk on easy or moderate trails.</p> <p><b>Writers' Workshop:</b> This Section has many talented writers who read and give comments on original work in progress.</p>
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<i>Calendar</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st week</b>	Tennis 9-11 am  Writers' Workshop 12:30 - 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am Photog. 10 am-noon French 1:30 - 3:30 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
<b>2nd week</b>	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Chorus 9:30-11:30 am	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
<b>3rd Week</b>	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am German 1:30-3:30 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Movies - late afternoon	Tennis 9 - 11 am Sew & So 1:30 - 3:30 pm
<b>4th week</b>	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	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am

## Club-wide Events 2021-2022

**Fall Business Meeting** via Zoom, Wed., Sept. 1, 10 am. Section Chairs receive administrative information for the year and hear about club plans and financial status.

**Fall Reception & Section Sign-up**, Tue., Sept. 14, 11 am – 1:00 pm at University House.

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

**Beehive Luncheon & Silent Auction**, Tue., Feb. 22, 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**, UC Berkeley Campus. Wed., March 30, 9 am – 3 pm. Section Club members welcome members from other UC campuses' social and philanthropic groups for a day of lectures and campus tours.

**Spring SOS Meeting**, Wed., April 20, 10 am. We review project requests from campus groups and decide on funding.

**Spring Business Meeting**, Mon., May 9, 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 (SOS).** SOS, 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, financial or other 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 projects/equipment grants will act as seed money to stimulate permanent funding from the university and/or other funding resources.

**International Student & Scholar Committee (ISSC)** offers assistance to visiting students and scholars and their families.

## 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 \$30; Couples \$40..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations to:**

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

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

General Fund..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tax Deductible Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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