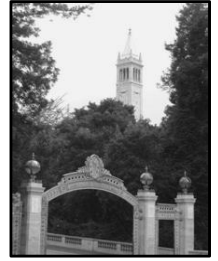


Summer BREEZE

University Section Club, Inc. Berkeley, CA

Website: <https://www.sectionclub.org/> **Summer 2023**



Dear Members,

As I take the helm of this storied and important organization, I continue to be impressed with the work that has gone on in the past. Last year, in preparing our Intercampus Day video, “Breaking Barriers,” I was awed by the challenges that faced the first women who came to Berkeley as either students or members of the faculty to gain equality and standing in the community. As I have become more involved in the University Section Club, I have come to realize that the accomplishments of the first women continue to this day through our group.

When I first joined the Italian Section six years ago, I was thrilled to be among a group who shared my interest in Italian culture and language. I was impressed with the speakers and guests who enlightened our programs and I’ve learned so much more about Italy, the Italians and Italian-Americans who have shaped our region.

It wasn’t until I became more involved in the organization that I was blown away by the amazing philanthropic efforts that transpired. Attending my first Beehive was a great way to socialize, meet members and participate in the auction and raffle. It was only later that I heard about the various needs of our Cal students and what hardships some of them must face. Our mission of providing donations to assist students in crises is both meaningful and important.

With our first full year of “reopening” since the Covid 19 pandemic, I have been buoyed by the resilience and enthusiasm of our members who were excited to meet in person and organize the highly successful Beehive in February! The results of that effort have allowed us to provide financial support to the many Cal students who have faced difficult challenges in completing their studies. One recent recipient of our funds was a student who needed financial assistance for unexpected medical expenses not covered by her insurance. Our grant provided financial assistance directly to her.

Looking toward the fall, this year’s Fall Welcome Reception will be held at the Brazil Room in Tilden Park on **Thursday, September 21, from 11am to 1pm.**

In the past, many of you have offered to help in various ways and we can always use more volunteers. At the Reception, our Activity Sections will have a chance to sign up members. Please bring your friends, especially those interested in learning more about the Sections and joining the Club. While you are there, please take the time to introduce yourselves to me.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy end of the summer.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Campos, President

Section Club Board: Andrea Campos, President; Sherry Rufini, President-Elect; Laurie Wu McClain, Past-President/Policy & Planning; Betsy Hansen, Secretary; Audrey Richards, Secretary-Elect; Janice Lieu, Corresponding Secretary; Emily Ladner, Treasurer; Elaine Selo, Treasurer-Elect.

Activity Sections

Most Sections meet once a month during the academic year 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.</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>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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<i>Calendar</i>					
	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- time varies	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- time varies	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 Drama 2 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11:30 am German 1:30-3:30 pm Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Movies 4 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Sew & So 1:30 - 3:30 pm
4th week	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 9:30-11: 30 am Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am

Club-wide Events 2023-2024

Fall Business Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 6, time to be determined, at the home of Terry Schooler. Look for an email sometime in August with the time and address information. Section Chairs receive administrative information for the year and hear about club plans.

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

Fall S.O.S. (Services Offered Students) Meeting, Wednesday, Oct.25, 1 - 3 pm, Tang Health Services, Class of '42 Room. Come learn how we help Cal students through our various funds and grants.

Beehive Luncheon & Silent Auction, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11 am – 2:00 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, Location and details to be determined.

Spring S.O.S. Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 1 – 3 pm. We review project requests from campus groups and decide on funding.

Spring Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 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 University 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 University Section Club, Inc., is a registered, nonprofit organization with the State of California. Through generous donations and fundraising, 100% of all funds support UCB students and scholars through our philanthropic programs. Our members are welcome to volunteer to be a part of our mission to help students in need.

Student Grants. Student Grants are awarded on merit – acceptable GPA required. Grants are given to graduate and undergraduate students (referred by campus unit staff) who are near graduation and are experiencing an unanticipated, non-recurring medical, financial or other emergency. Grants are awarded to students in an amount up to \$1,500 as needed. The purpose of the grant is to alleviate financial distress and allow completion of the student's studies without disruption.

Services Offered Students (S.O.S.). S.O.S. manages the **Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund**, providing emergency grants to students (referred by campus unit staff) of up to \$1,000 as needed. Each student being referred is experiencing an unanticipated, non-recurring medical, financial or other emergency. The **S.O.S Fund for Projects or Equipment** provides funds for student related projects or equipment proposed by campus unit staff. It is hoped that in most instances our program awards will act as seed money to stimulate permanent funding by the university or other funding sources.

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** supports need-based undergraduate scholarships.

Section Club leaders honored **Chancellor Carol Christ** in April at a dinner held at the Women's Faculty Club. Carol Christ has served with distinction as the first female Chancellor of the UC Berkeley campus since 2017. (No Section Club funds were used for the event.)



Chancellor Carol Christ and Laurie Wu McClain.



Beth Crovitz, Trish Hare, and Ruth Tobey.



Mary Catherine Birgeneau, Laurie Wu McClain, Janice Lieu, and Sherry Rufini.



Geneviève Dreyfus, Denise Melis, Mary-Ellis Adams, and Joan Finnie.



Emily Benner and Emily Ladner.



Joan Jenkins and Donna Chan.



Trish Prior and Shahla Verrall