



The Breeze
 University Section Club, Inc., Berkeley, CA
 Fall 2021
 Website: <https://www.sectionclub.org>



Welcome to Fall 2021! ~ *Rita Purcell, President*

We *almost* had an in-person Fall Tea at University House but COVID-19 and the logistics of a gathering with 100+ people and Section sign-up tables presented some obstacles, to say the least. Now, however, we are full swing into our program year with some Sections meeting in-person – outdoors or indoors and masked – and others still meeting successfully by Zoom. Hurray!

Our wonderful Membership Committee, chaired by Geneviève Boissier-Dreyfus and Christa Shannon, put together a list of October Section meetings which was sent by email to all members. The purpose was to inform new members about the terrific programs offered by our different Sections. If you are interested in joining any of these Sections, below is contact information which is also in your **2021-2022 Bulletin**.

If you haven't paid your dues (\$30 single/\$40 couple), please do so, and maybe you'll make a donation to one of our Student Philanthropies. You will find payment information on page 3. *Cheers, Rita*

- Birding:** October 6th Visit to the Elsie Roemer Sanctuary in Alameda.
- Bon Appétit:** October (dates TBD) Small groups meet outdoors for dinner at members' homes.
- Book Discussion:** *Sept. 30* Helen Zia discusses her book "The Last Boat Out of Shanghai".
- Drama:** October 25th TBD depending on Covid regulations regarding indoor meetings at that time.
- French:** October 5th Members exchange stories about how they spent "les vacances" (via Zoom).
- German:** October 19th German federal elections and the legacy of Angela Merkel (likely via Zoom).
- Italian:** October 14th Natalie Galli discusses her book "The Girl Who Said No", the memoir of a courageous girl who defied Sicilian tradition in the 1960s (outdoor meeting).
- Movies:** October 21st Watch Rashomon. Discussion on Zoom.
- Music:** October 7th Performances of Shostakovich's "Four Waltzes" & Arnold's "Suite Bourgeoise" (via Zoom).
- Photography:** October 5th Looking at and critiquing images that members took over the summer and exploring the SnapSeed editing app (via Zoom).
- Sew and So:** October 15th Sharing creative projects (via Zoom).
- Tennis:** every weekday Play at University Courts Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- UCB Art Museum:** October 8th Presentation about "New Time: Art and Feminisms in the 21st Century" by Sherry Goodman, BAMPFA Director of Education & Academic Relations.
- Walking:** October 13th A walk in Tilden Park.
- Writers' Workshop:** Oct. 4th Readings from members' latest writings for commentary and feedback (masked in-person meeting).

Birding: Ruth Tobey or Jean Thomas

Bon Appétit: Mary Heller

Book Discussion: Emily Ladner or Joan Finnie

Drama: Terry De Luca Schooler

French: Maria Ritter or Nicole Lepoutre Baldocchi,

German: Joyce Arnon or Christa Shannon

Italian: Barbara Denton or Elly Skarakis

Movies: Holly Hartley

Music: Mary-Ellis Adams

Newcomers: Deirdre Bauer

Photography: Susie Bailey or Diane Morrison,

Sew and So: Ellie Hahn or Dorothy Kaplan

Tennis: Dorothy Kaplan or Traudel Prussin

UC Berkeley Art Museum: Sandra Gilbert

Walking: Beth Crovitz or Misty MacCready

Writers' Workshop: Mary Heller



2/22/22! Save the date for the Beehive Luncheon and Fundraiser 2/22/22!

Student Philanthropies

Services Offered Students (S.O.S.)

~ Trish Hare and Dorothy Kaplan, Co-Directors at Large

S.O.S. manages the Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund, which provides a grant of up to \$1,000 to aid a student having an unanticipated, nonrecurring financial emergency. During July and August we awarded five grants, totaling \$3,100, to students who had unforeseen medical bills, summer rent, or child care expense. The students are very grateful for their awards. One student wrote:

“In moments of need, it warms my heart to feel supported in this community, away from home, while pursuing my dreams at UC Berkeley.”

A big thank you to everyone who has donated!



The **Fall S.O.S. Meeting** will be on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 10 a.m. on Zoom. Our speaker will be **Tobirus Newby**, (pictured at left), Social Services Manager, University Health Services. We have asked him to give his perspective on how University Health Services is facing the crisis that has upended the students’ on-campus experience and how social services is caring for both the physical and mental health of students as they face a new type of campus life. All Section Club members are invited and a Zoom link will be sent out close to the date. We look forward to “seeing” you.

Student Grants – Merit Awards

~ Sonja Marken Vélez, Director at Large

After being Co-Chair or Chair for several years of the Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund or Student Grants-Merit Awards, I realize that helping students who had an unanticipated medical or financial emergency gives me a great feeling of reward, because by helping them at the right moment we might be changing their whole life and the life of their family. This is from a single mother close to graduation whose daughter is handicapped:

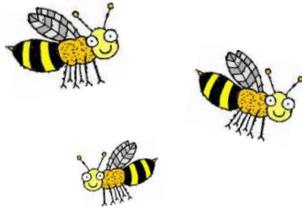
“Thank you so much for the grant! This is a huge help for my daughter and I and I wanted to demonstrate my gratitude through this little note. I am very grateful to have this financial help and I will utilize it wisely. Thank you once again for this immense help. I hope you have a great week!”

Donations to our student philanthropies (Student Grants - Merit Awards; SOS - Services Offered Students Projects Fund or Sylvia Elberg Memorial Fund Emergency Grants; I-House Scholarship Endowment; or the General Fund) are always gratefully accepted. You may make checks payable to University Section Club, Inc. and mail to:

Claire Phillips, Treasurer, , or pay electronically through Cheddar Up <https://section-club-annual-dues-and-donations.cheddarup.com>

If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Claire Phillips

Beehive News!



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Save the date for our major fundraiser to benefit needy students at Cal: *The Beehive Luncheon and Silent Auction!* Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Save your appetite for the delicious salmon luncheon and come enjoy friends and a festive occasion!

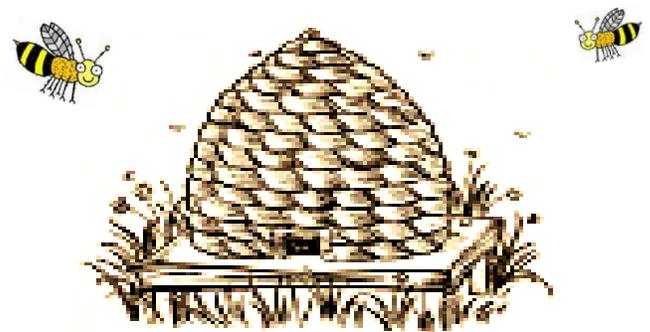
We are seeking donations of jewelry, bric-a-brac, hand crafts, collectibles and silent auction items (wine, gift certificates to restaurants and shops, as well as experiences offered by our members: hikes, cooking classes, vacation getaways, etc) – please contact Mary-Ellis Adams or Monica Rohrer.

Silent Auction News and Requests ~ Holly Hartley

Progress is already underway for a fresh and exciting silent auction. This year, when so many businesses have been hurt by the pandemic, we need more than ever to draw on what we ourselves have to offer. Among favorite items are special dinners prepared by members at their homes. A walk in the woods. A cooking lesson. A lesson in a craft. Greti Sequín has offered a botanical tour and Monica Rohrer is working on an exciting tour of architecturally interesting homes, including lunch. Is there something you might offer?

Everybody needs a little vacation after having spent so much time in one's own digs. If you have a second home you could offer for a weekend or a week, this would go a long way toward our fundraising for Cal students. A week of Indian summer on Cranberry Island, Maine, will be on offer again. Several of our members have made the pilgrimage and watched across the water as the sun sets behind the mountains of Acadia National Park. Deirdre Bauer has also offered her home at Lake Tahoe. If you would consider donating a vacation home, please contact Holly Hartley.

We have a "request for donation" letter that you can take to your favorite restaurant, winery, spa, boutique or gourmet shop. Just call or send an email to Monica Rohrer monica@monicarohrer.com



Farewell, Bambino! ~ Trish Prior, Bambino Liaison

Due to too much bookwork, Bambino, the thrift shop for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, has decided not to continue accepting our donations and giving us a percentage of the sales which we have put in our Student Emergency Funds. Our relationship is being terminated at the end of December.

Thank you to all of our members and others who have been donating to this project for so many years

Thanks so much to Janice Lieu who has driven carloads of items to Bambino over the years, and our angel, Dorothy Kaplan, who has donated her garage to this project.

*[Editor's note: Many thanks to Trish Prior for all her work in connecting with people outside our membership for their donations to the Beehive and Bambino, and to Trish and her husband Mike for delivering carloads to Bambino **during the pandemic!**]*



In Memoriam



We extend our sympathy to **Lucille Poskanzer** on the death of her husband, Arthur Poskanzer, in June, and to **Grace Fretter** on the death of her son, Travis Fretter, in July.

Lola Harris passed away on March 15, 2021 in Stockton at the age of 89 years. Ellen Hahn fondly remembers her as “a loyal and hearty supporter of Section Club for so many years”. She was Breeze Editor, served as Treasurer, and was chair of the Birding Section for many years. As a member of Book Section, Lola was never at a loss to recommend a favorite book to read and discuss. Those of us who knew Lola will miss her presence, her wonderful qualities and cheerful personality. ~ *From Dorothy Kaplan*



When **Martha Barnes Smith** passed away on Good Friday, April 2, 2021, the tennis section lost one of its most avid, competitive and fun players. Martha was known to cry out, “Bad ball!” whenever the ball didn’t go where she had directed it.

This wasn’t often because she was very skilled. Her name is on the singles championship trophy 7 times for wins between 1999 and 2006. She will be remembered for her Southern accent, her stylish dress and her broad-brimmed hats. She cut quite a figure at the Fall Reception, Beehive and other special events. She will be missed. ~ *From Holly Hartley*



Kati Casida died in June 2021 at the age of 90. She was an accomplished artist and sculptor. Her sculpture Sky Window is at Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley. Here is a link to her website.

<http://katicasida.dreamhosters.com>



Johanna (“Nan”) Stigter died in May at the age of 95. She was a member of Music Section for many years and loved to sing German lieder.

When **Nancy Sherman** moved to the Bay Area from San Diego 6 years ago, she quickly resumed passionate community activism here, whether taking an active role in plans to increase walkways in Oakland near Lake Merritt, or working with indigenous people addressing the University’s plans for Berkeley’s Gill Tract. Her other passion was gourmet cuisine, preparing and enjoying it in many settings, including as a member of Bon Appetit Section. ~ *From Monika Eisenbud*



Libby Kanowitz died in September. She was an active member of the Foreign Scholar Committee/The Centre and because of her love for all things Japanese she helped make Japan Day every year a huge success. She brought her collection of kimonos for display and helped with the flower arranging and sushi-making activities. She was gracious to the spouses of Japanese scholars, inviting them to her home, helping them to feel especially welcome in Berkeley.

Membership Notes

~ Geneviève Boissier-Dreyfus

Joan and Roger Glassey are sorry they had to leave Section Club as they moved into a retirement home in Palo Alto this past summer. Joan wrote:

*"I WISH YOU ALL KEEP WELL AND HAVE A SAFE AND GOOD YEAR.
I WILL MISS YOU! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK YOU ALL ARE DOING."*

The Glasseys were long time members of Section Club, especially active in Drama, Music, and Tennis, as well as S.O.S., Student Grants, and the Nominating Committee. Joan and Roger edited *The Breeze* in the late 1990s. In the 2000s Joan co-chaired the Fall Reception three times, then went on to chair The Beehive Luncheon and the Winter Dinner. Four times she acted as the club's Historian. For her active participation in all aspects of the Section Club she was made an Honorary Member during a ceremony at the January 2008 Winter Dinner.

On another note, we welcome the following new members and thank the members who invited them: Martha Griswold - Monica Rohrer. Martha was so eager that she joined last May! Maya Goerhing-Harris joined last July when her official duties as Chancellor's Representative on our board was assumed by Maria Martinez. We are truly happy to continue our relationship with Maya, and start a new one with who is a Class of 2020 graduate! Atsuko Morse - Ely Skarakis. Joan Garvin - Julia Wenk. Carol Picciotto - Geneviève Boissier-Dreyfus. Audra and Klaus Willeke - Joyce Arnon. Janet Bucholz - Maria Ritter. Laura Hubbard - Deirdre Bauer. Elizabeth Romo - Claire Phillips. Elaine Solo - Emily Ladner.

We have heard from former member, **Trudy Washburn**, who has retired to Los Angeles to be closer to her grandchildren! She welcomes phone calls (let me know and I'll pass her new phone number to you!)



Club-wide Events 2021-2022

Fall SOS (Services Offered Students) Meeting via Zoom, Tue., Oct. 26, 10 am - 12 pm. All members are invited to learn how Cal students are helped through our grants and project funding.

Beehive, Tue., Feb. 22, 11 – 2:30 pm. Return to in-person, Unitarian Church, Kensington.

Intercampus Open House, Wed, Mar. 30. **Theme: 150 Years of Women at Cal**

SOS Spring Meeting, Wed., April 20, 10 -12 pm. We review project requests from campus groups and decide on funding. All members welcome.

Annual Meeting, Mon., May 9, 9:30 – 12 pm. Representatives from all the sections share highlights from the year. Join us to learn about the financial status of the club and its philanthropy. We honor outgoing board members and welcome the new.