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Fall Newsletter, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome to all, especially to our new members! We began our 85th year of University Section Club with a lovely Fall Reception at the Chancellor's house which was filled with beautiful flowers, delicious food and wonderful cool drinks for the warm fall day. Our immense thanks to Susan Klipfel, Heidi Hartman, and Nancy Oldham for making arrangements and helping everyone on the day of the reception! Everyone enjoyed meeting new and old friends while signing up for Sections or partaking of the excellent food. Mary Keegan, the Chancellor's Representative for the Section Club, was there to greet everyone. Mrs. Birgeneau was not able to be there due to the passing of her mother.

We are very fortunate to have the help of Mary Keegan. Her committee from University Relations designed, edited and printed the Fall Reception Invitation, Bulletin and remittance envelope. Vee Mahoney went to the Bancroft Library and found a woodcut of symbols of the University that was done around 1920, near the time that the Section Club was founded. She used parts of the woodcut to design the logo, Bulletin and Reception invitation. Amy Cranch did editing and they will be working with Janice Lieu on the Web.

Our next event takes place in January. The Winter Dinner, will be a memorable occasion at the I-House. The evening starts with wine and hors d'oeuvre followed by dinner and a speaker in a beautiful setting. The Section Club's annual fund raiser in February offers a fabulous lunch, many items for sale, auction and a chance to win a basket provided by individual Sections. This spring there will be gatherings at the Masquers, a drama group in Point Richmond, which is offering all proceeds on certain

Thursdays to non-profits.

March brings an Intercampus Open House which will take place in Merced, providing an interesting trip to UC's newest campus.

This year we have a Member Address Book. Be sure to contact me if there are errors, omissions or if you would like to have a book.

Tremendous thanks to the Section Club Board and the Section Chairs for their hours of work which make our club a very lively, interesting and friendly place.

My heartfelt thoughts go to those who lost members of their family this past year.

Melinda Buchanan, President



Melinda Buchanan, Janice Lieu, Rita Purcell, Mary Ellis Adams and Mary Keegan at the Fall Reception.

FALL RECEPTION

This year's Fall Reception, on September 20th, fell on one of the hottest days of the year. It was a slight challenge to find enough shady places and took some maneuvering but it didn't dampen our spirits. We had a grand total of 170 attendees. Most of them were returning members, but there were several guests, as well as staff from various University groups, and we also signed up 16 new members.

Mary Catherine Birgeneau regrets that she was unable to attend. The Chancellor was represented in the receiving line by Mary Keegan, Director of University Relations.

There was a nice selection and presentation of the food, which was scrumptious, especially the deserts. The caterers were attentive to our needs. Groups of people sat at the three large outside tables under umbrellas, eating and socializing, but others gathered inside the house where it was considerably cooler. Each section table had a nice display of their activities and we hope a good sign up. Our two flutists stuck it out on the porch and delighted us with their music.

The Fall Reception was a success thanks to Jenna Bent, the new University House manager, the many volunteers, who helped out, the board members and the section chairs, who had to endure the sun the most. To everyone thank you all for coming.



Sue Cork, Jacqueline Desoer and Trudy Washburn at the Fall Reception

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSSERVICES

THE CENTRE offers spouses and young children of visiting students and scholars a friendly place to meet every Thursday mornings during the academic year. Newly arrived spouses are offered information and help with their adjustment to U.S. life. The programs provide an opportunity to learn about living in Berkeley, U.S. customs, holidays, and food, as well as those of many other countries. Guests are always welcome. The Centre is open year-round; programs began August 18, at the University YWCA located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more details please contact Grace Kobayashi, Marjorie Sauer, or Sylvia Rock. (Put our name in the subject line to usectionclub@berkeley.edu)

CENTRE SCHEDULE –Fall 2011

9:30 am to 12 noon, YWCA Berkeley, 2600 Bancroft. November 17 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 24 centre closed.

December 1 Winter Holiday, Customs, Foods and Music: Please share your holiday traditions, crafts and foods.

December 8 Centre Trip to San Francisco: We will meet at the Berkeley BART Station to visit stores decorated for the holidays.

The Centre will close between December 8 and January 12, 2012. Please check our website for new schedule.

THE EQUIPMENT LOAN CENTER

The equipment Loan Center provides household necessities, such as cooking pots, dishes and bedding, for international students and scholars who have been at U.C. Berkeley less than a year. Students and scholars can borrow items for a \$10 fee. It is a quick and inexpensive way for newcomers to acquire some basic supplies. Contributions are always welcome. The Equipment Loan Center is open July through

September 2011 every Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and October 2011 through June 2012 on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, stop by the Equipment Loan Center, contact Sigvor Thornton, Linda Wei or Kathy Graburn.

THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

The International House is a self-supporting residential and program center for up to 600 International and United States students and scholars from the Berkeley campus. Its mission is to foster inter-cultural understanding and respect among peoples throughout the world across cultural, economic and racial lines. Participate in most Programs for free with I-House membership. They are located at 2299 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley. For more details call the Program Office at (510-642-9460) or e-mail at ihprograms@berkeley.edu, 9am-4pm Monday-Friday. **HOLIDAY PARTY: Saturday December 3 the Holiday Children Party will be held at the I-House for families who are spending their first Holiday Season at the University. You are welcome to come and meet the beautiful bears that will be given to the children. You will also meet our great magician. Homemade cookies will be greatly appreciated. If you plan to come to come and help during the party or to bring cookies please contact Marjorie Sauer or Judy Gordon.**

Comment from the Director of Disabled Students' Services

The Section Club's support for the "peer mentor" project of the Disabled Students' Program has generated numerous expressions of gratitude from the hundreds of students who have benefited from it. The support enables upper class students with disabilities to counsel new students with disabilities, giving them the benefit of their experience. Recently, the Co-Presidents of Cal's Disabled Students Union cited the Section Club for its thoughtful and generous support of the program.

Paul Hippolitus Director, Disabled Students' Services
University of California, Berkeley.

SOS (Services Offered Students)

Thanks to the great generosity of Section Club members and additional support from the Board SOS was able to **give 6 grants totaling \$11,200** to the UCB programs as described below:

\$4,000 to the Disabled Students Program for the IARS program so that 10-12 students unable to use their hands can employ student workers to assist in their academic studies and research.

\$2,800 to Albany Village (now University Family Housing) & Student Parents to hire 2 student interns to supervise after school child care for Village grade school children especially their homework and reading.

\$1,200 to the OWLS and Veterans Project programs to hire 2 student interns to serve as mentors.

\$1,200 to TRISP to support the International Transfer Mentor Project. **\$2,000 to SLAS/EOP** (Academic counseling Development program) to add to \$1000 already raised.

\$3,000 to the Tang Center to fund a back-up EKG machine (they only have one at present). The SOS committee decided to support the many students who use the Tang Center, even though these requests seemed to be for equipment that Tang should supply-but has no funding for.

SOS has received very grateful letters from all the recipient programs and has been told what a difference our grants have made and how successful the mentoring programs have been.

In addition SOS awarded **16 Elberg Grants** for students with financial emergencies. We received appreciative thank you notes from the recipients.

We were so very sorry to hear of our dear Sandy Elberg's death this summer and are most grateful for the \$10,000 he gave the Elberg Fund in his will which will be used over the next several years.

A big thank you to all Section Club members for supporting SOS and especially to those of you making individual donations! The need for our help is so great and so appreciated.

Audrey Richards and Betsy Smith, Co – Chairs

Thank You Letters from Student Grants Recipients

1. "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the Grants Committee for taking time to review my application and award me a University Section Club Student Grant of \$1000. I was thrilled to learn of the award and I am sincerely very thankful and honored. Words cannot fully express what this award means to me.

I am an international student from Kenya with a very humble family background, growing up in this background not only offered financial challenges but also has made me realize the value of a good education and the generosity of organizations like the Section Club who help uplift young individuals from such backgrounds."

2. "As a single mother living away from my family I feel truly blessed to have met people like Lisa Min and Paula Flamm who guided me to the University Section Club. Financial help offered by the Club will allow me to continue physical therapy... More importantly, the University Section Club's involvement in my case has already given me a sense of strong community support which I miss, being away from my family."

FABULOUS WINTER DINNER

The theme for the Winter Dinner will be "Goodwill Wives". The speaker, Laura L. Carstensen, Ph.D is the founding director of the Stanford Center on Longevity. In her book, "A Long Bright Future", she addresses "a uniquely twenty-first century question: How can we to make the most out of added years of life?" Save **Friday, January 27, 2012** for the festive annual Winter Dinner at the I-House.

E-vites will appear with details right after Christmas (by email this year), or by ground mail.

Beverlee McFadden and Sarah B. Diamond

THE BEEHIVE

When setting up your calendars for 2012, please don't forget to reserve **Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for the 45th annual Beehive Luncheon and Auction**. It's always a festive and fun

occasion which you won't want to miss. An announcement and reservation form will appear in the Winter Breeze. ***Now is the time to begin collecting jewelry and household items which can be sold at the jewelry table and silent auction. Thank you Section Chairs for preparing baskets.***

Carole Frank and Dorothy Kaplan,
Co-Chairs Beehive Luncheon and Auction

CAL STAFF SUMMERFEST

On Wed. June 8th, Melinda Buchanan, President and Janice Lieu, Co-President-Elect represented the University Section Club at the **CAL Staff Summerfest**. This event is a thank you to all the staff, faculty, academic and post-docs at CAL. Many people stopped at our table and hopefully we became better known on campus. Please tell your friends and potential members about us and invite them to join our club.



Melinda Buchanan and Janice Lieu at the Cal Summerfest

COMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Commendations Committee is to identify and recognize Section Club members or others who have made truly special contributions to the Club. We have two categories of recognitions awarded from time to time but not necessarily every year.

The first award is to honor a Section Club member who has rendered particularly dedicated service over the years to the Club and its activities. The second is the "Special Friends" award for a person, not a Section Club member, who has made a special contribution, usually by donation but perhaps by special service to the Club.

Nominations may be sent to me with a brief explanation, and I will see that your nominee's name is brought to the Board for consideration. You may e-mail me at usectionclub@berkeley.edu or send me a note at my home address. I look forward to hearing from you,

Jan Halbach, Commendations Chair

INTERCAMPUS OPEN HOUSE 2011

This spring we had the privilege to host the Inter Campus Open House at the Alumni House in UC Berkeley! Our theme was "UC Women of Vision", for which we had an exciting program. Three University Women Professors gave very interesting talks.

Prof. Daniela Kaufer: "Stress and the Secrets of Brain Regeneration."

Prof. Eileen Lacey: "Annie Alexander's Legacy: Natural History Collections as Indications of Climate Change."

Prof. Isha Ray: "Women, Water and the Millennium Development Goals."



At the Mark Twain Exhibit

We had a wonderful lunch indoors. Sadly, the weather didn't permit us to use the beautiful patio. After lunch, we offered five different tours of the Berkeley Campus, including the Mark Twain Exhibit, the Anthropology Museum, the Seismology Lab, the Museums of Entomology and Paleontology and a walking architectural tour of the buildings on campus. It was a very successful and well attended day which everybody enjoyed it!

Traudel Prussin and Grethe Clarke, Co-Chairs

ADVENTURE SECTION PLANS FOR 2011-2012

December 21: Shadelands Museum.

Walnut Creek, Christmas Bazaar. Carpool.

January 18: Cosumnes Cranes. Carpool.

February 15: Old Mint – 5th & Mission Octogan House in S.F. Lunch, carpool.

March 21: Inter Campus Exchange in Merced. Bus.

April 18: Quarryhill Botannical Garden in Glenn Ellen.Lunch, carpool.

May 16: Emma Prusch Farm in San Jose or Niles Museum & train on a **Saturday**. Carpool.

Treasurer's Report July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Income and Expenses

Dues	11,220
General Fund Donations	2,880
Thrift Shop	830
Beehive	14,056
Dove Pins	936
Operating Expenses	-7,418
Disbursements	-23,500

CD Balance 16,544

All Donations

General Fund	2,880
Student Grants	2,980
Elberg Fund	15,238
SOS	3,220
<u>ISSC</u>	<u>1,105</u>

Total Donations 25,423

Student Support

Student Grants Awarded	7,250
Elberg Fund Grants Awarded	9,275
SOS Grants Awarded	14,200
<u>ISSC Expenses</u>	<u>4,518</u>
Total Student Support	35,243

Our total student support for last year was \$35,243.24. If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer.



Mary Kay Duggan and Rita Purcell

A more detailed report is presented at each board meeting. Thank you all for your generosity towards students and scholars.

In Memoriam

Sally Anne Presser

She passed away on May 18, 2011. Sally was a member of our Board of Directors when she passed, she was a very kind, non-pretentious person always willing to help, We will always miss Sally! Born in New York City in 1939 to George Goodnow Bradley and Oenia Payne Bradley, she grew up in Great Neck, Long Island where she attended the public schools through the eleventh grade. She graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts in 1957 and went on to the University of Vermont, majoring in medical technology, and graduated with a BS degree in 1961. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and an active supporter throughout her life. Following graduation Sally went to work at Parke Davis in Detroit Michigan and then moved to Berkeley, California in 1963. She first went to work at the Naval Biosciences Laboratory in Oakland, California, and then moved to the School of Public

Health at the University of California, Berkeley where she worked as a virologist until her retirement in 1995. While working at the University she enrolled in the graduate school and received a Masters Degree in Public Health.

For the past fifteen years, Sally was a very active member of the University Section Club serving at one time or another in all the of the officer positions from treasurer to president. She loved the Walking Section and was the chair or co-chair for seven years. Also during this time period, Sally was secretary to the Oakland Museum of California History Guild.

Sally leaves her husband Steven Presser of 42 years, her brother Stephen Bradley, her nephew Gerrit Bradley, and her niece Jessica Bradley-Durkin.

Sanford Elberg

Dr. Sanford "Sandy" Samuel Elberg born Dec.1, 1913 in San Francisco and died April 8, 2011 in Ukiah, California. He took office as the dean of the graduate school from 1961-78. Dean Elberg served as vice president of the AGS in 1964-65 and was elected president for the 1965-66 year. His wife, the late Sylvia Elberg was a beloved leader of the Section Club. The Elberg Fund is named after her and Sandy donated generously to aid students with emergency needs. He is survived by daughter Cassandra Elberg-Gibson, son Graeme, son-in-law Chris Gibson, grandchildren Riley and Kira Gibson.

Roger Hahn

Roger Hahn was born in Paris on Jan. 5, 1932 and died unexpectedly on May 30, 2011 in New York City. In 1961 he accepted a position at UC Berkeley in the Department of History. His passion was the history of science and technology and had an illustrious career for over 50 years, garnering multiple awards and international honors. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Hahn and daughters Elisabeth Hahn and Sophie Hahn Bjerkholt, three grandchildren and brother Pierre M. Hahn.

June Kadish

June K. Kadish, born in New York City in 1922, died of a stroke on March 22, 2011. She is survived by Sanford Kadish, her husband of 68 years, as well as two sons, Josh (Lisa Maas) and Peter (Sandy), seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

Betty Parsons

Passed away at age 91 on March 15, 2011. Until Betty moved to Idaho 2-3 years ago, she was a long-time active supportive member of the University Section Club particularly SOS, a volunteer at the Tang Center, and the UC Dames, as well as UCB sports and the Band, for she was a Cal alumna and the wife of the Geography Dept. dean. She often opened her charming home to meetings, dinners, etc. and will e'er be remembered: a wonderful special friend.

Ned Allen Flanders

He passed away on May 29, 2011. He graduated from UC Berkeley in Chemistry and Music, obtained B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Oregon State College, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Chicago. He was on the Faculty of the Univ. of Minnesota, the Univ. of Michigan, Mills College, and U.C. Berkeley. He was married 67 years to Mary Powell Flanders, a long time Section Member survived by two daughters, Margaret Darby and Kathleen Rich, four granddaughters, and four great grandchildren.

Rita Olsen Pister

She passed on May 22 2011. Rita devoted 15 years of service to the University of California as the wife of Karl, Dean of Engineering at UC Berkeley from 1980 to 1990 and as Associate to the Chancellor at UC Santa Cruz from 1991 to 1996.

Enrique Vélez

Enrique passed on January 5, 2011. He was Electrical Engineer, did his graduate studies at Univ. of Cincinnati and Kansas State Univ. worked at Boeing in the Minute Man project and worked several years with UNESCO, teaching in their Special Projects overseas, "he is survived by his long time wife, Sonja" and his daughter Pauline, son David and four grandchildren: Daniel, Gabo, Anna, and Samuel Remler.

Margaret Mary Harvey

Margaret passed away on August 18, 2011. She was the most charming person always willing to help others. A great painter as well as a great cook, she did beautiful watercolors and acrylics and donated many of her paintings to the Beehive. She was very active in

the Equipment Center, Italian, ISSC and others. "She is survived by her long time husband Bernard."

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 19, 2012

The Board is planning to hold a fun and enjoyable evening at the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond on that day as a benefit for our Students Support programs. The evening will start with a dinner at Hotel Mac, followed by two Tom Stoppard plays at the theater across the street. The plays are "the Real Inspector Hound," an absurdist comedy, and "The 15-Minute Hamlet," a comedic abridgement of William Shakespeare's famous tragedy. More information will follow.

SECTION CLUB PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

We are asking your help in the strategic planning effort to think about the future of our Section Club and how best respond to anticipated changes and trends. For example, we know that our students will be facing higher student costs and an increased need for financial support and emergency funding. We know there are more families in our university community where both partners work full time. We also know that given the growing economic uncertainties, there will be fewer social opportunities provided by the University. ***How should our organization keep pace with these changes?*** We have created a brief questionnaire to gather your thoughts. It will be distributed by Email in the next few weeks. The questionnaire will come from Survey Monkey which will also tabulate the results. It will only take five minutes to answer the questions and there are many options for your own comments as well. Please be on watch for it in your Email inbox. If you need to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire, please contact Lynn De Jonghe at usectionclub@berkeley.edu. Many thanks!

From the Editor: I want to remind you that this is all the members of the Section Club publication. The next Breeze will be mailed at the end of January; you can participate by sending me suggestions, articles or pictures to: usectionclub@berkeley.edu.

I want to give very special thanks to: Julia Wenk, Janice Lieu and Geneviève Dreyfus for the unconditional support you gave me. And thanks to all the Members and Non-Members of the Section Club that provided me with the articles and pictures for this issue,

Sonja Vélez, Editor

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IMPORTANT DATES:

WINTER DINNER

Friday, January 27, 6 p.m.
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BEEHIVE LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Beehive Luncheon and Auction
Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington