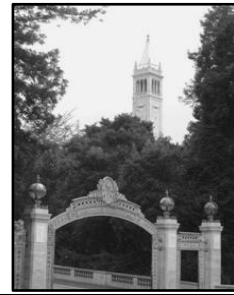


# BREEZE

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## Message from Section Club President, Deirdre Bauer

*Spring 2020*

First I want to say what a wonderful honor it has been to be your President for the last 11 months and coming to the end of my term I would say it is a challenging time for all. In light of our worldwide pandemic my hope for all of you is that you continue to stay healthy together with your family and our community.

I would not have navigated this job without the assistance, sage advice, encouragement and support from our Board of Directors, Directors at Large, Honorary Members and the many great people who head up our club-wide events, activity sections, and special projects. You are the foundation for the continued success of the Section Club.



We started the year on a high note with the Fall Reception at University House. I want to thank Chancellor Carol T. Christ and Chancellor's Representative Maya Goehring-Harris for their hospitality and continued support of the club. The Beehive luncheon and fundraiser was a huge success and we raised a good sum of money for needy students in the coming year. We had a lot of fun and the committee and assistants worked tirelessly for months and on the day. We had to cancel our Intercampus Open House on April 1<sup>st</sup> much to the regret of our hardworking committee and the other campuses. Good news: we will host in 2021!

I hope that with the shelter-in-place you are keeping in touch with your friends in the club. Making phone calls is a welcome connection for a lot of our members and my goal has been to call a member each week. The human voice in the absence of hugs makes a difference. We have a great slate of officers for the coming year and they will need all our support as we navigate the unknown with its challenges. I am always available for a chat or a distance visit. It has been my pleasure to be your President. I learned a lot and look forward to continuing being an active member of this great organization. Until we all meet again.



## Services Offered Students (SOS)/Elberg Emergency Fund

Trish Hare (trishhare20@gmail.com) and Dorothy Kaplan (dotkap@usa.net), Co-chairs

Due to the COVID-19 shutdown we cancelled the Spring SOS Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2020. At that annual gathering we award campus units with funding for program development or equipment needs. In our announcement about the cancellation, we surveyed campus unit directors to learn what their emergency needs were as we entered this COVID-19 era. The Basic Needs Center (BNC) and Disabled Students Program responded right away, followed by the Tang Center, requesting funds to help with emergency food needs. Fabrizio Mejia, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Equity and Success, sent us the request below:

*As you can imagine, the services the Basic Needs Center offers have been amplified and are more critical than ever. The BNC has been designated as a critical campus service and continues to do food pantry pop-up efforts. There will be weekly food distributions on central campus generally for all students (with triple the amount of food we usually order). In addition, we are also doing deliveries for particular communities given their more acute and specific needs. So far the focus for these additional targeted "pop-up pantries" has been the University Village (UVA) for student parents and at a satellite location for disabled students.*

*During the pop-up pantry in the University Village in week one we were able to serve at least 82 families but ran out of food within 40 minutes of opening up the pantry. We have two more events planned this week at the Village.*

As you can see, the students are in dire need of food pantries. Over the past two years this has been a major concern of Chancellor Christ as well as the Pease Family who awarded the Section Club a grant to help with student food insecurity.

In March, through an emergency online discussion, the Section Club Board approved a motion to allow SOS to award funds to campus units before the usual spring meeting. The motion allows for funding due to unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19. SOS funding for these early campus requests is approved by a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

Our initial award of \$5,000 to BNC was quickly followed with a second request, and award, for \$5,000. The University Health Center (Tang Center) also requested and received \$1,000 to help with student food insecurity. Our funds will help address the needs of sensitive communities including the disabled, student parents, Berkeley Hope Scholars (foster youth), student veterans, and other non-traditional age/adult students.

In addition to these funds the **Elberg Emergency Fund** has continued to make direct-to-student awards. Between January and now, Elberg grants have totaled \$7,142, awarded to fourteen students with financial difficulties.

Our campus directors continually tell us how much they appreciate the Section Club for their generosity and commitment to supporting underserved students. If you are able to help with a donation to keep our support going for these student needs, please make a check to University Section Club, Inc and mail it to Emily Ladner at 2732 Benvenue Avenue, Apt. 8, Berkeley, CA 94705.

If you have questions please email us at the emails at the top of this article.



*The Cal Food Pantry is part of the Basic Needs Center. This photo from The Daily Cal, 12/03/18.*

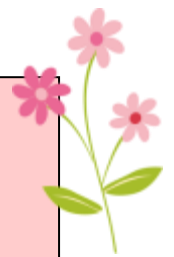
## **Student Grants** ~ Gerry Morrison and Sonja Velez, Co-Chairs

Since the Board Meeting in January **Student Grants** has given 5 grants for a total of \$6,800. Thank you to the Section Club Members who have donated to help needy Cal students to realize their dreams and improve the way of living for their whole family. Below is a recent thank you letter we received.

Dear UC Berkeley Section Club Committee,

On behalf of my daughter and I, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to those who played a part in awarding me the University Section Club Grant. This money will be a tremendous help during my medical procedure recovery. Without this award I would have had to put off a much needed surgery.

Thank you for this support, it eases my body and mind to know that I can continue to focus on my academic career without the added stress inherent in postponing medical treatment.



## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

The Nominating Committee presents an excellent slate of officers for the coming year.



**President: Christine (Chrys) Peters** is a graduate of UC Berkeley with an MBA from Cal State East Bay. She is a retired teacher from the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Chrys is married to Arlin Peters. They have a son and daughter and five grandchildren. Chrys rows with the Oakland Women's Rowing Club, plays ukelele, bridge and is a crafter.



**President-Elect: Rita Purcell.** Even while working as a kindergarten teacher Rita found ways to be involved with the Section Club: the International Student & Scholar Committee, the Equipment Loan Center, the Host Family Program, and now as a Scholar Information Meeting (SIM) speaker, representing the Section Club. SOS liaison, treasurer, president, and now president-elect *again*, have been her board jobs. Travel and four granddaughters under the age of 9 keep Rita very busy!



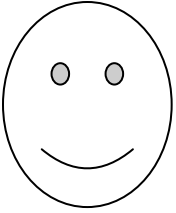


**Past President: Deirdre Bauer.** This native of Ireland is a UC Berkeley retiree from the Electrical Engineering Dept. where she specialized in financial, staff and space management. She loves to travel, sing with her husband Robert in the Berkeley Broadway Singers, and spend time with her growing brood of grandchildren. She also enjoys gardening, photography, knitting, cooking, hiking, theater and movies, to name a few.



**Secretary: Barbara Peterson** was raised in Southern California and graduated from UCLA with a BA in Biology and from USC with an MBA. She moved to Northern California in 1994 to accept a job with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from which she retired as Associate Deputy Director for Operations. She loves hiking, travel, cooking, gardening, reading and theater. She is a member of Bon Appetit and Book Discussion sections.



**Secretary-Elect: Connie Miller** earned her degree in Management from St. Mary's College of California and is a licensed real estate broker. She retired from UC Office of the President as a Real Estate Officer. She serves on the Executive Board of the President's and Regents' Retirement Association. Connie enjoys her children, grandchildren, bridge, gardening, and travel.

	<p><b>Corresponding Secretary: This could be you!</b> Contact Deirdre Bauer if you are interested in this position! The job handles all correspondence and notices of meetings. Needs to have computer skills.</p>
	<p><b>Treasurer: Claire Phillips</b> is a graduate of UC Berkeley in English and Business Administration. She is a CPA and lives with her husband Scott in Lafayette where they raised a son and daughter who are now both in college. She is a member of the Bon Appetit section.</p>
	<p><b>Treasurer-Elect: Emily Ladner</b> is a fourth generation Bay Area native who spent the latter part of her career at UC Berkeley, lastly as a Retirement Analyst. She enjoys being co-chair of the Book Discussion section and is a member of the Birding and Walking sections. In summer she often spends time in the Sierra on a family campground.</p> <p><i>Editor's note: This is Emily's second go-round on the Treasurer-Elect/Treasurer track. Thank you, Emily, for your commitment to the Section Club!</i></p>

## SECTION NEWS

The **Movie Section** meets once a month in the late afternoon usually on the 3rd Thursday. A couple of weeks in advance we take an informal vote on what people would like to see. Then we see the movie and have dinner afterwards to discuss. This year we have seen Raise Hell: The Life & Time of Molly Ivins, Harriet, Ford vs Ferrari, Little Women, and Jojo Rabbit. We are either intrigued or repelled by the previews of coming attractions and begin thinking about what's next. ~ *Holly Hartley*



Movie Section enjoying dinner and a discussion of the movie at Namaste restaurant in Downtown Berkeley, after seeing Little Women.



## 2020 BEEHIVE WRAP-UP FOR THE BREEZE ~ *Chrys Peters*



The Beehive was again a tremendous success. Just two short weeks before our world fell apart with the Corona Pandemic, for the 53rd time the University Section Club ladies hosted a wonderful luncheon and auction. The church was packed, the dining tables were set and decorated, the auction tables were full to overflowing with all sorts of goodies, prized items and events. Everyone had a wonderful time. The plated luncheon of appetizers, salmon, orzo salad, cucumber salad and assorted cookies for desert was simply delicious. It was all orchestrated once again by our talented Lucia Falcone. Terry Schooler stood in for Lucia on the day of the event and everything went very smoothly.

As always the raffle of the various Section baskets was a big success bringing in almost \$3,000! Rita Purcell and her helpers did a magnificent job of selling tickets and the actual raffling of the baskets went more smoothly than in years past.



Thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated members the Collectibles, Jewelry, Crafts and Bric-a-Brac tables were again overflowing. These tables brought in almost \$4,000 altogether. Cookies and Jams brought in another \$1000. The ladies are always delighted to be



able to purchase homemade cookies and jams created by our members. The Silent Auction Tables were very successful again this year bringing in over \$14,000 thanks to generous donations of vacation rentals and activities and experiences offered by members. The generosity of businesses in the community that donate gift certificates and bottles of wine every year for our cause is so appreciated!

All told we raised almost \$28,000 which goes directly to students in need at UC Berkeley. A very successful fund raiser indeed!



## Honorary Member 2020:

### Janice Lieu



Janice Lieu has served Section Club for many years. She has been generous with her time and has shared her experience and expertise whenever needed. She is a true "working" member and we cannot function without members like her.

Janice has held almost every office: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chair and Student Grants Chair. According to Dorian Bikle, two moments stand out: *"One year there was a real problem in getting the Bulletin produced. Janice stepped in to help format, edit and prepare the Bulletin for printing. Another time the board was in desperate need of a treasurer. In this critical situation, when no one else volunteered, Janice stepped*

*forward to offer her services for a second time as treasurer."*

Early on in her tenure Janice got the Section Club's first website up and running. She is among the devoted workers who prepare the donations for the Beehive, sorting and pricing items for the auction tables [See picture below]. She tags and takes unsold items to the thrift shop which shares proceeds with us.

For many years Janice came to The Centre to help the spouses and children of visiting scholars learn about Chinese New Year. Janice cooked traditional foods to share and helped these visitors learn to make Chinese dumplings under her patient and cheerful tutelage. Janice is knowledgeable about our two scholarship funds at I-House and is an enthusiastic volunteer at the annual I-House holiday party. While Equipment Loan operated she was very helpful, even to the end using her van to transport things that needed to move out of university space to where our donations could be useful.

Janice cares deeply about Section Club and has given her time and energy consistently over the years. She is highly deserving of the title, Honorary Member.

## Membership Update ~ Genevieve Dreyfus

This year our membership is 313! We welcomed 20 newcomers in the Fall and 6 in February at the Beehive. They are: Anna Avellar, Brenda Kahn, Virginia Logan, Dorothy Manly, Joy & Pavel Svihra. Thank you to the members who brought in the new members. It's always good to keep on recruiting!

## Obituary Notices

**Alice Dekker**, a member of the University Section Club since the 1950's, passed away on February 6 at the age of 93. She was an active member for many years, especially with the Walking Section, and led them on many lovely outings.

**Elisabeth De Vogelaere**, a former member of French Section and the Equipment Loan Center, died March 19.

