

# Summer *BREEZE*

University Section Club, Inc. Berkeley, CA

Website: <https://www.sectionclub.org> *Summer 2024*



## President's Message

I am honored to be the President of my favorite nonprofit organization. The University Section Club provides two basic needs...the need to help others and the need to forge friendships.

With the successful Beehive fundraising event last spring, we will be able to provide over \$46,000 of streamlined, emergency funds to 2024-25 Cal students who have suffered a financial setback, often when they are close to graduating.

The beauty of our club is that many people do a little bit so that we do not need to rely on paid staff or offices. Who we are and what we do is pure joy.

We welcome new members to join any or all of the 17 Sections. Hypothetically-magically speaking, over the span of two days, as a Section Club member, you can watch East Bay birds while hiking/walking with good friends and while singing Bach's Mass in B Minor. Afterwards, you can relax in a meditative Japanese tea setting before you attend a Bon Appétit dinner party where the guests are practicing speaking German, Italian or French with each other. Before going to sleep, you can finish reading a compelling book group novel. The next day, while watching a lauded Spanish film, you can sew a kaftan and then write a short play about life in the Section Club which could be performed later in the month by the Drama group. This is the joy of being a member... mental and physical stimulation as well as philanthropic satisfaction.

Thanks to our dear friend and recruiter, Terry Schooler, we have an exciting board of directors. You may all be frightened to know that I have only been involved since Fall 2018, and I am the most seasoned one of the core group, but fear not. This board has deep roots in leadership, community organizing, fundraising, accounting, and two were on the Cal faculty. The Elected Officers are: Linda Jones (President Elect), Andrea Campos (Past-President), Maria Riasanovsky (Treasurer), Carolyn Passmore (Treasurer Elect), Betsy Hansen (Secretary), Joyce Ahern (Secretary Elect) and Monica Rohrer (Corresponding Secretary). We are standing on great shoulders and I am sure many of you will be kind enough to provide clarity and advice for us.

It's going to be a dynamic year. You will be able to sign up for the Sections at the **FALL RECEPTION, Thursday, September 19 at the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** I look forward to meeting all of you then.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sherry Rufini

## 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.

You can 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.</p> <p><b>Japanese Tea Ceremony:</b> Participate in a five centuries old practice with a focus on mindfulness. Days and times vary.</p> <p><b>Movies:</b> Each month watch a chosen movie independently and then gather at the home of a member to discuss it.</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>Pickleball:</b> Once a week players meet at the Cedar/Rose pickleball courts. Players include those of many levels, from beginners to regulars.</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> 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
<b>1st week</b>	Tennis 9-11 am  Writers' Workshop 12:30 - 3 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 10:00 - noon French 1:30 - 3:30 pm Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Birding 9 am - 1:30 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Music 1:30 -3:30 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Book Discussion 1 pm - 3 pm
<b>2nd week</b>	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 10:00 - noon Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 -11 am  Walking 9 - 2:30 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  Drama 2 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 10:00 - noon German 1:30-3:30 pm Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Movies 4 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Movies 4 pm	Tennis 9 - 11 am  Sew & So 1:30 - 3:30 pm
<b>4th week</b>	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am Chorus 10:00 - noon Pickleball- time varies	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am	Tennis 9 - 11 am

## Club-wide Events 2024-2025

**Fall Business Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:00 am – noon, Tang Center, Section Club Room. Section Chairs receive administrative information for the year and hear about club plans.

**Fall Reception & Activity Sections Sign-up:** Thursday, Sept. 19, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Brazilian Room, Tilden Park.

**Fall Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 10:00 am - noon, Tang Center, Section Club Room

**Fall S.O.S. (Services Offered Students) Meeting:** Wednesday, Oct.23, 12:30 - 3 pm, Tang Center, Class of '42 Room. Come learn how we help Cal students through our various funds and grants.

**Winter Board Meeting:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 10:00 am - noon, Tang Center, Section Club Room

**Beehive Luncheon & Silent Auction:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, 11:00 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.

**Spring Board Meeting:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:00 am - noon, Tang Center, Section Club Room

**Intercampus Open House:** UC Santa Cruz, Wednesday, March 26, 2025

**Spring S.O.S. Meeting:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 12:30 - 3 pm, Tang Center, Class of '42 Room. We review project requests from campus groups and decide on funding.

**Annual Spring Business Meeting:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 10:00 am – noon, Tang Center, Section Club Room. 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 undergraduate and graduate 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:** The University Section Club supports two endowments: 1) The **Undergraduate Scholarships Endowment** supports need-based undergraduate scholarships. 2) The **Endowment for I-House Graduate Students** helps one or two graduate students with room and board at I-House.

## Membership

**You are cordially invited to join or renew your membership to 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Landline** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Returning member(s)** \_\_\_ Year joined \_\_\_\_\_

**New member\*** \_\_\_ **UC Visitor** \_\_\_ Here until month/year \_\_\_\_\_

\*I was sent a *Summer Breeze* by: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

\* I have been invited to join by: (Name of friend) \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues and donations are tax deductible. Pay by check or electronically \*\*.

**Dues:** Individuals \$50; Couples \$75..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations to:**

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

Services Offered Students (S.O.S.)

--Elberg Student Emergency Grants..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

--Campus Units' Project/Equipment Fund..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Gift Account ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Scholarships Endowment ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Endowment for I-House Graduate Students ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please make checks payable to University Section Club, Inc.**

Mail to: Maria Riasanovsky, Treasurer, University Section Club, 2222 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720-4301

**\*\*To pay electronically go to <https://www.sectionclub.org>**



## Jubilee Brunch

At the Jubilee Brunch in early May at the Bancroft Hotel, the Section Club honored Chancellor Carol T. Christ for her years of excellent service to the university community. Chancellor Christ gave a moving speech, sharing some of the challenges she had faced, such as the COVID years, People's Park and the lack of student housing. The event also celebrated the philanthropic arm of the Section Club for having reached the "million dollar mark". Over the last four decades the Section Club has bestowed hundreds of emergency grants to students and funded student group projects; it has also established the two endowments, mentioned on a previous page, which benefit students and it has funded over \$50,000 toward the construction of the Section Club Room at the University's Tang Center. Collectively more than \$1,000,000 in gifts has been given.



Mary Catherine Birgeneau, Chancellor Carol T. Christ and Andrea Campos







Joan Jenkins, Jackie Desoer, Barbara Peterson and Dorothy Kaplan at the Jubilee Brunch

### Beehive Luncheon and Silent Auction

The Beehive brought in an astounding profit of over \$46,000 this year. Many hands contributed to its success. Even after the fundraiser was over, the pleasure continued in the many experiences members bid on, such as this pasta class.



Crafting ravioli in Terry De Luca Schooler's kitchen under the tutelage of Barbara Denton  
Terry (left) and Larissa Kosla and Barbara Denton (right)