Come to Our
Annual Prytanean Alumnae Brunch
Saturday, April 6th, 2019
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Buffet Brunch and Coffee Service
The Prytanean Great Room At The Bancroft Hotel
2680 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
(Across the street from the main campus, near the intersection of Bancroft Way and College Avenue; Parking Availability: Hotel (limited, $3 per hour), Bancroft Avenue Campus Lots, Underhill Campus Parking Structure, Street Parking)
Joining: Old Friends and New by Our Beautiful Campus
 Featuring: Dr. Jessica Lu, 2018 Faculty Award Winner
Honoring: The Class of ’69, 50 Year Membership Milestone
Announcing: The 2019 Faculty Award, Campus Project Grants, and Student Award Recipients
Congratulating: The 2019 Graduating Seniors
Including: The Annual Business Meeting and Election of Board Members
RSVP by March 30, 2019
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Mail with the form in this newsletter to:
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or go to https://PrytaneanSpringMeeting19.eventbrite.com

What to Expect at the Annual Meeting and Brunch
The Annual Meeting and Brunch is a combined business and social event—meant to inform, encourage, and celebrate the work of Prytaneans. Every meeting is unique, but the constant is the coming together of a smart and varied group of women. At each meeting, there are Prytaneans of diverse backgrounds and generations. Some of us have been going to the meeting for years and for some it is our first time. All Prytaneans are welcomed, and by the end of the meeting all of us have enjoyed the conviviality and the food. What we have in common, at our heart, is that we have pledged “faith, service and loyalty to the University of California and the Prytanean Society.”

Typically, we discuss the present and future activities and goals of our Honor Society, meet students who have received a Prytanean award, and listen to an educational presentation by the latest faculty award winner. The presentations are fast-paced, and include a short segment on the “State of the University at Berkeley.”

A highlight of last year’s meeting was Prytanean member and Vice-Provost Angy Stacy’s news on faculty recruitment and

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Spring Meeting RSVP Options
We are piloting a new way to accept registrations for our Annual Spring Meeting and Brunch this year. We will continue to accept mail-in rsvps, but if you would like to register online, you can go to the following URL and follow the instructions to rsvp and pay online:
Go to https://prytaneanspringmeeting19.eventbrite.com
Message from the President

What a year it has been! I will be stepping down as President this year and I am absolutely amazed at how quickly my two years as President have gone by. I am humbled and grateful for the experience and opportunity to serve as President and look forward to continuing my involvement as a volunteer.

This past year we kicked off our activities with a fascinating Homecoming Lecture by Professor Sarah Anzia, Associate Professor of Public Policy & Associate Professor of Political Science at the Goldman School of Public Policy, our 2016 Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award Winner, on The Politics of Public Pensions. Later in the semester, we were proud to initiate nearly a dozen new Prytanean women along with our 2018 Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award winner, Jessica Lu from the Department of Astronomy.

As ever, we continue to work on increasing active Alumnae participation and to continue drawing in diverse voices from across our membership ranks. To that end, this next year will be opening up more volunteer positions with the board in addition to our official offices. We also plan to develop more social and service events with our Active Prytaneans throughout the year—for those of you in the Bay Area, look out for more information on campus events coming soon.

Finally, we continue to look at how we can evolve as an organization to both keep up with modern technology and keep a hold of our traditions. We have an incredibly age diverse membership, spanning multiple generations of women Cal grads, and we are committed to finding ways to better serve our entire Alumnae membership. Your feedback as we try out some new ideas will be much appreciated.

I look forward to you joining us on April 9th for our Annual Brunch and Meeting at the Bancroft Hotel. Go Bears! —Kristen Lee ’12, President

Pryteaneans On Campus

Hello all! Prytanean Actives are busy, throughout the year, working in service of the greater Cal community. Our members are passionate about art, architecture, civic engagement, business, education and STEM. In Fall of 2018, our Actives worked with Happy Period to de-stigmatize menstruation and provide free menstrual products to homeless women. The Executive Board hosted “coffee chats” with our new members to foster a sense of community but to also glean impressive ideas from our new initiatives. As a result of these coffee chats, the Actives are looking forward to more social events focused on team-building and women’s health. For example, a fitness class will be our first social of the year. We are partnering with Victoria’s Secret campus representatives to co-host a women’s empowerment conference. Our commitment to Cal does not stop at Sather Gate. We hope that in participating in the Berkeley Project, actives will impart Prytanean values on the whole community.

The Executive Board started the Spring semester with excitement. Our VP, Emily Chen is looking forward to bringing her passion for design to our webpage. Our Social Chair, Katie Willett, is hard at work determining how our group can function more efficiently, and our secretary, Cheyenne Canizares, is excited about boosting Prytanean’s social media presence. As President, my mission is to leave a blueprint for how Prytanean can continue to recruit diverse, intelligent and kind women to join our ranks. Please be on the lookout for the first-ever Prytanean Mission Statement in which the Board will release a list of three organizations that our actives will support for the upcoming year. Thank you for supporting women at Cal!

—Isabella Blanco ’19, Honor Society President

Financial Remarks

At year end 2018, Prytanean Alumnae had total investment funds of $1,358,315, a 2.7% increase over year end 2017. Of this total, $846,883 is exclusively earmarked for our annual Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award and is managed by Fisher Investments, which replaced Aspiriant in February 2017. The remaining investment funds of $511,432 support various student scholarships and are managed as endowments by either UC Berkeley Foundation or UC Regents. We are pleased to assure you our investment funds are sufficient to continue the annual $25,000 Faculty Enrichment Award and other student scholarships for the foreseeable future.

Regarding our operating funds, at year end 2018 we had $42,625 at Wells Fargo. Membership dues and donations made up our 2018 operating revenue of $15,550 which dropped 0.5% from 2018. This revenue supports the following operating expenses: our annual newsletter, the Faculty Award Reception, the Annual Brunch, CPA fees, data base maintenance, plus the collegiates’ Prytanean Honor Society operating budget and Campus Projects. Lastly, there is $18,264 in a separate cash Schwab account containing monies for both the Oral History project and the Janice Rivers Kittredge Memorial Tribute,and the Oral History balance is being transferred this spring to the Bancroft Library.

—Anh Tran ’06, Chief Financial Officer

In Memoriam

Mary Powell Brownson ’48
Grete Lindeke Egan ’53
Jane Mooreman, Hon.
Ann LaForge Parker ’48
Kathryn Dimnick Roberts ’50
Ida Bue Spurrier ’57
Margaret Meads Wishart ’42
Prytanean Awards Ten Student Awards

In April 2018 Prytanean honored two women who uphold Prytanean’s ideals of community service and leadership.

The Prytanean Prize, which recognizes a female junior for campus and community service, as well as academic excellence, was awarded to Anita Adams. Anita has persevered to overcome many challenges that most Cal students do not face. A single mother, she gives back to the Cal community by helping other student parents navigate financial aid, childcare, housing and academic challenges, despite sometimes having to drop classes in order to support her family. Throughout her academic career, first at DeAnza College and now at Cal, Anita has made it a priority to not only excel in her own studies, but to help other students achieve their goals. Anita is studying Political Science and Ethnic Studies.

The Rowena Hamilton Award is for a female undergraduate who is active in Cal Athletics. The 2018-19 recipient is Samantha Lamos, a senior from Petaluma and a member of the Women’s Crew team. Samantha is studying Society and Environment and Public Policy.

This year, Prytanean funded a record eight CAA Leadership Awards for female students. These were all made possible by a bequest from Mary Wiley Stecker, Class of 1938. The recipients were:

For the College of Letters and Science Award: Qiao Qing Ji (Integrative Biology) and Carly Kajiwara (Psychology)
For the Engineering Award: Sneha Malineni (Business Administration and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences) and Annam Quraishi (Bioengineering)
For the Math and Science Award: Janaki Vivrekar (Applied Mathematics and Computer Science) and Avanti Mehrotra (Applied Mathematics and Cognitive Science)
For the Architecture and Technology Award: Avanthika Ramesh (Business Administration and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences) and Garima Raheja (Business Administration and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences)

—Aviva Boedecker ’75, Student Awards Chair

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retention. Provost Stacy gave us the good news that half of the previous year’s new faculty are women. When the Provost asked us how many of us remember being the only woman in a class at Cal, many of us raised a hand, and were thrilled to hear Provost Stacy tell us that gone are the days when it was commonplace for only one woman to be enrolled in a class.

Another highlight was the introduction of the Class of 1968 who were celebrating their fiftieth anniversary as Prytaneans. Among them were Joanne Brown and Kay Neri, who gave reflections of their participation in the Free Speech Movement. They made details of the movement come alive in a new way for many of us present.

The venue for the annual meeting, the Bancroft Hotel, is imbued with Prytanean history. The Hotel building was built in 1928 for The College Women’s Club, and Prytaneans often held meetings at the new building. In fact, some of our members recall cooking and hosting luncheons there. The Club sold the building in 1965, and it served as a rooming house and a sorority until it became the Bancroft Hotel in 1993. The Hotel’s Prytanean Great Hall was named in honor of our centennial celebration. Prytanean memorabilia is on display in various rooms. The City of Berkeley designated the building to be a landmark, and additionally the building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

—Maria Protti ’79, Program Events and Prizes Chair

Remarkable Prytaneans

For those of you who have been to our website recently, you may have noticed a new section highlighting some of our most Remarkable Prytaneans. Maria Protti has started this new history project, pulling together a living list of past Prytaneans who have left an uncommon imprint on the world.

The list includes names of Prytanean women we have only recently lost, like Marian Diamond and Herma Kay Hill, as well as some of our earliest members like Mary Bennett Ritter.

The accomplishments listed range from advocacy to athletic achievements, from trailblazing political posts to academic leadership here at Cal. Reading these women’s names and their accomplishments is an inspiring walk through Prytanean’s legacy and an impressive reminder of the amazing women that we keep company with.

—Kristen Lee ’12, President
Prytaneans & Friends: Thank you for your support of Alumnae Projects

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The website gives you instant access to:
- a digital archive of newsletters
- award application & winners
- and much more!

If you’d like to read about specific topics on the website, send an email to jesstiao@gmail.com.

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Prytanean Actives with Chancellor Christ at Fall 2018 Faculty Award Reception

Professor Andrea Roth & Professor Jessica Lu Faculty Award Winners
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New Opportunities to Volunteer
The Prytanean Alumnae Board is staffed by a wonderful group of committed volunteers. To fulfill both the traditional board roles and the emerging ones, we need to increase participation from our alumnae. Please consider the following and recognize that you don’t need to live locally to help thanks to electronic communication.

**Review/Interview student scholarship applicants.** This includes the Stecker awards, as well as other California Alumni Association Leadership awards. Assistance in reviewing applicants for the Prytanean Award and the Ritter Award is also needed. If you are interested, please contact Aviva Boedecker, Students Awards Chair, boedecker.a@gmail.com or Kristen Lee, Prytanean Alumnae President, kristenlee89@gmail.com.

**Assist with Honor Society projects.** Not only does the Alumnae Board review/approve proposals from students to support activities, but also could provide guidance and mentoring as needed. If you are interested, please contact Joan Latta, Campus Projects Chair, joan.latta@yahoo.com or Cici Ambrosio, Honor Society Liaison, ambrosia@berkeley.edu.

**Review Faculty Award Applicants.** This is a great opportunity to get some insight into the fantastic young faculty on the Berkeley campus. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Morrish, Faculty Award Chair, mmorinda@aol.com.

**Web related activities.** Help to manage the website, including updating content. Those interested should contact Jessica Tiao, Webmistress jesstiao@gmail.com. Jessica is a great person to help those of us who are less than fully computer literate to understand.

**Assistance with helping to present students at Initiation.** Always fun! Contact Maria Protti, Programs, Events & Prizes Chair, dendron@earthlink.net or Kristen Lee kristenlee89@gmail.com.

**Class Representatives.** We would like to identify a representative (or 2) for each decade to outreach and provide communication for their era of students. This is a new focus for the Board and we can use your help. If interested, contact Kristen Lee, Prytanean Alumnae President, kristenlee89@gmail.com.

There are opportunities that are ongoing and those that are of very short duration. We’d like to hear any ideas you have.