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Spring 2015

The Annual Prytanean Alumnae Brunch

Saturday, April 11th, 2015
9am-12pm

Bancroft Hotel, Prytanean Room
2680 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

Hello Prytanean Alumnae Members, We welcome you to the Annual Meeting & Brunch. Parking is available at the hotel and on the street, as well as in parking garages on Bancroft Way. Carpooling is highly recommended.

For the first time this year, members of the Class of 1990 will be recognized for their 25 year involvement, along with our custom of honoring the 50 years of the Class of 1965. Carla Lazzareschi and I will be contacting those members individually.

We're very excited to hear from our 2014 Faculty Award Winner, Valerie Shapiro Hodes. The Prytanean, Ritter and Rowena Hamilton Awards will be given by the alumnae to outstanding students. A short business meeting will also be included, with nominations for the new 2015 Board members.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 11!

— Joan Whitehead Latta '65
Program, Events and Prizes Chair

Prytanean Awards Student Efforts to Prevent Sexual Assault and Encourage Women Scientists

This past year Prytanean Alumnae awarded two \$350 campus project grants, one of which helped fund a campus wide event called *Take Back the Night*. Part of a national movement to “shatter the silence,” that April event brought attention to the problem of sexual and relationship violence. Beginning with a resource fair, songs, poetry, theater, stories, and an open mic, and concluding with a candlelight vigil and silent march, *Take Back the Night* compliments Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks' aggressive combat against sexual misconduct on campus. Regarding prevention, Chancellor Dirks said: “I believe we share a common goal for a campus where sexual assault is not present, tolerated, or ignored, and I am convinced we can achieve that goal by coming together to build a culture of prevention, reporting, and accountability.” *The Daily Californian* prominently featured the crowd of hundreds of participants “Taking Back the Night.”

(See *Prytanean Awards* on page 2)

Eileen Lacey (left) 2001 Prytanean Faculty Award winner and a group of Actives and Alums on a tour of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology



Message from the President

Greetings to all of you. As you can see from the other articles in this edition of the Newsletter, we have had a busy year. My greatest joy has been the support that we have been able to give to current students. This has included both support for student projects, student leadership awards, and scholarships and mentoring through informal gatherings. We have joined the Honor Society actives in wine tasting (for those over 21), tea, and a tour of the Museum of Invertebrate Zoology. It never ceases to amaze me the intellect, scholarship and commitment that the actives bring to everything they do.

We continue to develop our technological capabilities. The website is up and running. We have a more visible presence on the web and are using that to connect with our younger alums. There is still a lot to do in this arena and we would welcome anyone with computer and internet savvy to join with us.

This next year we will continue our goal of expansion of the active membership in Prytanean Alumnae, especially among our more recent grads. We are also actively recruiting a few individuals to act as class/decade representatives to further communication with those who were at Cal at the same period of time.

Finally, I want to congratulate our members who are celebrating their 50th year in Prytanean. We hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting and Brunch. In addition, we are reaching out to recognize those who are meeting the 25 year milestone.

— Bari Cornet '67, President



On January 2, Helen Marcus reached the culmination of attending CAL sports since 1964, with the opportunity to be the Honorary Captain for CAL's basketball game against Washington. "My husband and I were seated courtside behind the dance team. I asked the young women, aren't some of you Prytaneans? Yes piped up Caitlin and Annaleigh! We memorialized the event with this photo."

In Memoriam

Lucile Schmoll Benedetti '36
Helen Kennedy Cahill '38
Miriam Geballe Frankel '40
Janet Wood Laws '37
Kate Harris MacArthur '44
Jean Elliot Nicol '45
Carol Craig Partch '30
Barbara Skiles Woodward '48

Prytanean Awards *(From page 1)*

Prytanean Alumnae also gave a grant to the professional development club for undergraduate women studying science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, *The Society of Women in Science*. Fostering connections between the campus and the broader Bay Area, *SWIS* provides career information, support, and guidance on such dilemmas as dividing time between teaching and researching, and whether to work straight through a career. The grant funded a Student Network Social where graduate students mentored undergraduates at an almost one-to-one ratio, discussing the challenges of underrepresented women in the fields of Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Earth and Planetary Science, Math, Molecular and Cell Biology, and Physics. In thanking Prytanean Alumnae for the grant, *SWIS* president Sara Beroff, said that: "The relaxed setting allowed for honest and purposeful conversation among our next generation of highly educated women scientists."

— Maria Protti '79, Campus Projects Chair

2014 – Prytanean Faculty Award winner – Valerie Shapiro Hodes



Valerie Shapiro Hodes receives her award

Professor Valerie Shapiro Hodes of Social Welfare, is the 29th recipient of the Prytanean Faculty Award. Valerie's primary research is in the prevention of mental, emotional, and behavioral problems in children and youth through adoption, implementation, and sustainability of effective prevention practices, with a particular focus on: (a) strength-based screening and assessment, (b) whole-school and community-wide preventive interventions, and (c) coalition-based models for evidence-informed and participatory decision-making. She also investigates the infusion of social justice frameworks into doctoral education. Valerie co-directs Berkeley's Center for Prevention Research in Social Welfare, teaches a graduate course on the Foundations of Social Work practice, and teaches a doctoral course on the Teaching in Social Welfare.

Prytanean Financial Comments

At year-end 2014, Prytanean Alumnae had total assets of \$1,264,810. Our largest investment portfolio earmarked for the Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award, declined by just 1% to \$728,608 even after funding \$20,000 of this year's \$25,000 Faculty Award. This portfolio is managed by Aspiriant, under the guidance of Honorary Member, Linda Fitz. The remaining Prytanean assets are dedicated to various student scholarships and are managed as endowment accounts by either UC Berkeley Foundation or UC Regents. Prytanean's investment assets are sufficient to continue indefinitely our mission of awarding the annual Faculty Enrichment Award and other student scholarships.

2014 contributions increased by \$8,632 over 2013 to \$15,332, largely due to the \$5,000 bequest from Shirlee Herald and a generous \$1,000 donation by Diane Woodruff to honor her 50th year as a Prytanean. Membership dues renewals increased by \$390 to \$7,210—in 2014 we received \$350 in dues payments via Paypal, the successful result of our adding dues payments via Paypal to our website.

At year-end 2014, about \$52,000 is available for use by the Alumnae organization. Pending approval by the Executive Committee, \$30,000 shall be transferred to the Aspiriant funds to be invested for long term growth. Membership dues and donations generally fund our normal operating expenses and programs, i.e. newsletter, postage, the Faculty Award Reception, the Prytanean Honor Society operating budget, Campus Projects, data base maintenance, CPA tax preparation, etc.

Towards the end of 2014, the Executive Committee approved the reallocation of the \$728,608 Aspiriant fund to better meet Prytanean's long term goals and risk tolerance. Linda Fitz will provide details in her remarks.

—Janet Contreras '68, Chief Financial Officer

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Fall Initiation For Actives

The Spring Initiation of the active members was held on Friday, February 27, 2015 in the Prytanean Room at the Tang Center. Ceremonies were led by Bari Cornet, Prytanean Alumnae President, and Laila Fouzouni, Actives President. Elaine Anderson presented the history of Prytanean, a highlight of our time together. Refreshments and learning more about each other followed. What a fun time together!

Here are the initiates:

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| Shannon Meyer-Johanson | Natalie Chyba |
| Olivia Graves | Noama Iftekhar |
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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 Patty Friesen, Students Awards Chair, friesen1@comcast.net or Bari Cornet, Prytanean Alumnae President, Bari_c@sbcglobal.net.

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 Maria Protti, Campus Projects Chair, Dendron@earthlink.net 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 Carolyn Capps, Faculty Award Chair, capps@berkeley.edu or Bari Cornet, Bari_c@sbcglobal.net.

Web related activities. Help to manage the website, including updating content. Those interested should contact Leigh Genser, Webmistress leighmammen@comcast.net. Leigh 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 Joan Latta, Programs, Events & Prizes Chair, Joan.latta@yahoo.com or Bari Cornet, Bari_c@sbcglobal.net.

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 Bari Cornet, Bari_c@sbcglobal.net.

There are opportunities that are ongoing and those that are of very short duration. We'd like to hear any ideas you have. Contact Bari Cornet at Bari_c@sbcglobal.net.

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