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Saturday, April 14th, 2018
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Buffet Brunch and Coffee Service

The Prytanean Great Room At The Bancroft Hotel
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Featuring: Dr. Andrea Roth, 2017 Faculty Award Winner
Honoring: The Class of ’68, 50 Year Membership Milestone
Announcing: The 2018 Faculty Award, Campus Project Grants, and Student Award Recipients
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Including: The Annual Business Meeting and Election of Board Members

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Graduating Seniors 2017

Chancellor Christ Thanks Faculty Award Donors at a Reception Honoring Law Professor Andrea Roth

With fifty alumnae, faculty, and students present, Chancellor Carol Christ and Prytanean Alumnae hosted the Faculty Award Reception at the campus University House on January 17, 2018. Each year after a competitive review process, the $25,000 Faculty Award goes to a junior woman professor to support her effort to become a tenured faculty member. Prytanean donors fund the award. The President of Prytanean Alumnae, Kristen Lee, congratulated the Chancellor on the assumption of her duties, and introduced the recipient of the award, Andrea Roth.

It was a noteworthy event, not only because a woman chancellor is now at the helm at UC Berkeley, but because Chancellor Christ has been a proud Prytanean member since 1985.

Noting that recognizing women scholars is worthwhile, and thanking those who funded the award, the Chancellor recalled that she was a consultant for the formulation of the award in 1986. Remembering that funds for woman scholars are an integral part of Cal’s history, the Chancellor said that Levi Strauss made the very first donation to the University, and that half of that donation went to “women scholarship”.

The Chancellor recollected further that a building was moved from the main campus to the Botanical Garden in 2014. The move saved and preserved the redwood bungalow. Now called the Julia Morgan Hall in honor of its architect, it was formally known as the Senior Women’s Hall. The building is significant to Prytaneans because it was our meeting place for fifty years, and Prytaneans gave funds to construct it. The Prytanean Honor Society began as a counterpart to the men’s Order of the Golden Bear Honor Society that held meetings in the men’s log Senior Hall. (continues on page 3)
Message from the President

As I look back on the past year, I am amazed at how quickly it has flown by and some of the amazing changes we’ve seen.

The CAA Leadership Conference this past summer was postponed as the CAA organization continues to evolve how they work with and support their various chapters. But we kicked-off the fall with the launch of our Prytanean Mentorship Program and a fascinating Homecoming Lecture by our 2012 Prytanean Faculty Award Winner, Dr. Britt Glaunsinger, about how viruses reveal the secrets of biology.

Later in the semester, an amazing new group of Prytanean Actives were initiated along with our 2017 Prytanean Faculty Award winner, Professor Andrea Roth. As always, alumna Elaine Tennant gave an inspiring address on the history of our organization.

More changes came as we made the difficult decision to wind down our decades old Oral History Project and moved our annual Prytanean Faculty Award Reception to January so that Chancellor Carol Christ, the University’s first female (and first Prytanean) Chancellor, could join us. The Chancellor graciously welcomed us to University House and spoke briefly about her involvement with Prytanean. In the past, the Chancellors’ spouses have done a wonderful job of welcoming and hosting us at University House for this reception. This was the first year we were hosted by and joined by the Chancellor herself—which was especially meaningful in the context of the Faculty Award, given that our goal with this award program has ever been to support the promotion of women on campus into high faculty positions. Our winner Professor Roth also shared a very inspiring message on what this award has meant to her and on women in academia at large. A huge thank you to Maria Protti, Marilyn Morrish, and Maya Goehring-Harris for their tireless work in coordinating this unique reception for us.

Our goals as we continue on into 2018 remain to increase active Alumnae participation (see our website for a variety of ways to get more involved), and boost the visibility of Prytanean on campus.

I look forward to you joining us on April 14th for our Annual Brunch and Meeting at the Bancroft Hotel.  Go Bears!

- Kristen Lee ’12, President

Fall 2017 and looking forward to Spring 2018

This past semester, Prytanean Actives focused on recruiting diverse, passionate, and excellent women and initiated 16 women, from exceptional Freshmen to Juniors. The new members are interested in diverse fields of study including Economics, Biology, English, Legal Studies, Political Science, and Sociology. With an almost completely new officer board, this past semester was one of transition and learning, as we re-vamped the website, started additional social media pages, and planned for the Spring. After initiation, we had a dinner social and meeting to introduce new members to Prytanean, come up with new service events, and decide priorities for the next semester. This Spring, we will be holding an election for a new secretary, as Mei Leieritz, our previous secretary, has graduated! Additionally, we are planning a fundraiser at Yogurt Park in early March to support Freedomhouse, an organization that supports survivors of human trafficking. We also hope to participate in the Berkeley Project and work with one of our members on rolling out their Free Feminine Products initiative on campus through with the ASUC. Our biggest goal for this semester is to plan and successfully carry out a clothing and supplies drive to donate to marginalized groups in Berkeley, such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless community. Overall, we are looking towards an awesome semester of service and action with current Prytanean Actives.

—Casey Nolan’18, Prytanean Alumnae Actives President

Prytanean Financial Comments

At year end 2017, Prytanean Alumnae had total investment funds of $1,322,436, a 14.3% increase over year end 2016. Of this total, $819,000 is exclusively earmarked for our annual Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award and is managed by Fisher Investments which replaced Aspiriant in January 2017. The remaining investment funds of $503,338 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 2017 we had $34,610 at Wells Fargo. Membership dues and donations made up our 2017 operating revenue of $15,625 which dropped 11% from 2016, due to lower contributions and membership dues. 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.

—Janet Contreras ’75, Chief Financial Officer
Prytanean Awards Ten Student Awards

At our Annual Meeting in April 2017, Prytanean recognized four women who up hold our principles of community service and leadership.

Our Prytanean Prize, given to a female student with junior standing, recognizes campus and community service as well as academic excellence. The 2017 Prytanean Prize was given equally to two well deserving students, Leilani Martinez and Marisal Gonzalez for their commitment and service to campus activities and women's empowerment.

The Ritter Prize recognizes a member of Prytanean who is of senior standing for her service to Prytanean, the campus, and the community. Our 2017 recipient was Isabella Brandes, then Prytanean President, for her contributions to student life and health initiatives across campus. Isabella was also the recipient of the 2016 Prytanean Prize.

The recipient of the 2016-2017 Rowena Hamilton Award, awarded to a female undergraduate who is active in Cal Athletics, was Danielle Struck. Danielle, who was a Senior on the CAL Women’s Crew Team, is currently taking a gap year before starting med school.

In January, the recipients of the 2017-2018 Prytanean supported Mary Wiley Stecker CAA Leadership Scholarships were announced. These awards were created from a bequest from Mary Wiley Stecker, Class of 1938. Due to an incredibly high-achieving applicant pool, three of the four awards were split among six women. The recipients were Anna Leskova and Samantha Wu in Math and Science; Sarah Bhattacharjee and Kimberly Mejia in Engineering; and Dulce Walton Molina and Cecelia DiMino in the College of Letters and Science. Our fourth and newest Mary Wiley Stecker award for Architecture and Technology was not awarded this year.

—Aviva Boedecker ’75, Student Awards Chair

Herma Hill Kay and Marian Diamond

Among our many valued and wonderful members who have passed this last year are Marian Diamond and Herma Hill Kay. We stand on their shoulders. Marian Diamond (1926 – 2017) was a neuroscientist and professor at UC Berkeley. Bucking the ideas of her colleagues, she proved that the adult human brain has the ability to grow and develop. She also found that the act of petting a rat increases the rat’s brain size and life span. The 2016 film, My Love Affair with the Brain, documents her life. Active in Prytanean for decades, Marian Diamond taught thousands of Cal students anatomy. Copies of her classes have been seen over a million times on the web.

Herma Hill Kay (1934 – 2017) was the first woman dean of a major law school (Boalt Hall) and taught there for 57 years. An expert in the subject of family law and conflict of laws, she helped write the California no-fault divorce.

—Submitted by Maria Protti ’79, Program Events and Prizes Chair

Oral History to Change Focus

After five volumes, the Prytanean Oral History is changing its focus. Over the years, we have collected interviews from Prytanean alums regarding their experiences on campus and their subsequent lives. These five volumes were compiled in print form, with one copy of each given to the Bancroft Library Oral History Project. The most recent volume (1946-59) will not be printed. Instead, the raw data (questionnaires and tapes) will be given directly to the Bancroft Library for their archives.

The Oral History was begun at a time when there were relatively few women attending the University of California. Our founders were unique women. It was the desire of our alums to capture this uniqueness of the experience and how it had impacted their lives. Those five volumes contain transcripts of interviews from over 200 women.

Since those early years, the production of oral histories has become much more common, including those related to the University of California. However, interest on the part of our alums has somewhat decreased. For the most recent volume, only about 3-4 members of each class were interested in completing a detailed questionnaire and only an average of one per year was willing to be interviewed.

After much discussion, the Prytanean Board has made the decision that Volume Six (1946-59) will not be produced in written form. Instead, the information collected for that volume will be provided directly to the Bancroft Library Oral History Office. They prefer the raw data (tapes and questionnaires) which increases the accessibility for researchers.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Oral History Project, whether through completing a questionnaire or providing an interview. Your words and recollections will be preserved into the future through this partnership with the Bancroft Library.

—Bari Bradner Cornet ’67, Oral History Chair

Chancellor Christ (continued)

Now a professor at Berkeley Law, Andrea Roth is a former public defender, and teaching fellow at Stanford Law School. Roth graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of New Mexico with degrees in mathematics and political science. She received a juris doctorate from Yale Law School where she was a Yale Law Journal editor. Roth’s husband is a federal public defender in Oakland. They have two small boys.

Professor Roth studies forensic scientific evidence, particularly DNA, and machine-generated evidence. She will use the award money to fund research projects on the procedural evaluation of evidence, and will explain her research at the upcoming Prytanean Annual Meeting and Brunch on April 14, 2018.

Andrea Roth thanked Prytaneans and gave credit to women professor pioneers at Berkeley Law: Barbara Armstrong who was the sole women professor at Boalt for decades, Herma Hill Kay who was the first dean and a member of Prytanean, and Eleanor Swift, professor emerita and mentor to younger women faculty. Women and Latinos are still underrepresented at Boalt.

The reception attracted news coverage from Berkeley News, The Daily Californian, and the California Monthly. Please visit our website for links to more articles on Prytanean Alumnae.

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Prytanean Mentorship Program: Past Successes and Future Visions

One of the core missions of the Prytanean Women’s Honor Society is to empower women who are rooted in service and in giving back to the community. In honoring this tradition, the Prytanean Alumnae Board launched the Prytanean Mentorship Program in the Fall of 2017 to deepen connections amongst Prytanean Alumnae and current Prytanean student actives with the ultimate goal of strengthening the overall Prytanean network and empowering all members to succeed and thrive.

The Board launched a pilot of the program during the Spring 2017 semester with a number of goals in mind, including gauging interest, availability, and engagement with from both students and alumnae. The pilot launch was incredibly successful; the response from both student actives and alumnae indicating interest in the program was overwhelmingly positive, including from alumnae who no longer reside in the Berkeley area. The first mentorship event was held on March 5, 2017 at Café Milano in Berkeley. Building off the excitement and momentum from that event, the Alumnae Board continued to develop and refine the program. It was also formally announced and presented at the annual brunch on April 8, 2017 at the Bancroft Hotel.

Prior to the start of the Fall 2017 semester, a survey was circulated to all alumnae and student actives who previously expressed interest in participating in the program to baseline participation with the new academic year. With all new student actives now initiated from the Fall 2017 semester, the Alumnae Board is excited to move forward with the program and host our first Prytanean Mentorship Program 2018 event in the spring semester.

As we look forward to the spring semester and following years, we’re excited and humbled by the opportunities to grow, commit to giving back and engaging in service to the community, and ultimately strengthen our Prytanean actives and alumnae community through mentorship.

If you have any questions about the Prytanean Mentorship Program or would like to get involved, please email Jacqueline Young at: jacquelineyoung@berkeley.edu.

—Jacqueline Young, ’12, CAA Liaison

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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.