Fall Initiation For Actives
Initiation was held on September 11, 2012 in the Prytanean Room of the Tang Health Center. Elaine Anderson provided a lively presentation on the history of Prytanean, the first women’s honor organization in the United States, founded on the Berkeley campus in September 1901. Alumnae President Bari Cornet and actives’ President Andrea Rice led the initiates in the ceremony and the pledge of “faith, service and loyalty to the University of California.” Welcome new actives!

New Initiates are (in alphabetical order)
Sangita Annamalai, Katia Barron, Christina Byrd, Emily Green, Alison Hsieh, Ryan Murphy and Nayha Zubair.

Prytanean Alumnae Annual Meeting and Brunch

Saturday, April 27, 2013
9 am to 12 noon

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Diana Bautisa
2012 Faculty Award Recipient

Honoring: Class of 1963 Prytanean Alumnae
Introducing: 2013 Faculty Award Recipient and Student Awards

RSVP by April 17, 2013
Please enclose a check payable to Prytanean Alumnae, Inc.
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NO PHONE OR EMAIL RSVP, PLEASE

Prytanean Honor Society
The active members of Prytanean Women’s Honor Society are excited to share news of their newest service project: volunteering at the Berkeley Women’s Daytime Drop-In Center. We will be contributing to this organization through performing duties such as making and serving dinner for the women and their children, assisting in PR outreach projects, and volunteering at the front desk. We plan on volunteering at the center in groups of two to three actives throughout the semester. We also hope to partner with SUPERB, another campus organization, to host an on-campus film night and supply drive for the Berkeley community, in which movie admission entrance payment will be through supply donations for the women’s center.

In addition to our upcoming work with the Berkeley Women’s Daytime Drop-In Center, the active Prytaneans are continuing their tradition of working with Girl’s Club, a non-profit created by a former Prytanean that aims to empower third to fifth

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President’s Letter

As I look back on my first year as President of the Prytanean Alumnae board, I am overwhelmed by the dedication and hard work of our membership. Thank you, particularly to Board members who have helped me through this first year. I also want to share my appreciation for the support and encouragement provided by Mary Catherine Birgeneau. I hope that she will continue to be involved with Prytanean even when she is no longer living in University House.

This year has also reminded me of the fantastic women who are undergraduates of this great University. They exemplify the Prytanean creed to demonstrate faith, service, and loyalty to the University of California. I am overwhelmed by all that they do for the University and the community.

A third leg of the university is represented by our fantastic faculty. We are fortunate to have such great faculty as represented by our Faculty Enrichment Award winners. Year after year they shine. Not only are they committed to their students, but also to informing the community and particularly the alumnae and honor society members. Thank you!

In continuing with the great traditions of Prytanean (as described elsewhere in this newsletter), I would like to urge all members to continue to become involved. There are opportunities to participate in a variety of activities, as well as to continue the financial support of the organization. I urge you to continue to demonstrate your faith, service, and loyalty to the University of California.

— Bari Cornet’75, President

Prytanean Faculty Enrichment Award

The Prytanean alumnae happily gathered to celebrate the 2012 Faculty Award winner, Professor Diana Bautista, Molecular & Cell Biology, at the Chancellor’s reception at University House on Thursday, November 1, 2012. Our 27th awardee, Diana celebrated her award with a host of academic colleagues and many of her laboratory graduate and undergraduate students present. Her neuro-biological research focuses on the molecular mechanisms of touch and pain. She is an active scientist with a passion for scuba diving, canoeing, and hiking, in her rare free time.

A special thanks to Chancellor and Mary Catherine Birgeneau who generously hosted the reception. Honorary member Mary Catherine was also honored by Prytanean with a lovely engraved vase and flowers for her generous participation in and support of our organization.

Pictured is Diana Bautista (left), with the first Faculty Award recipient from 1986, Angelica Stacy, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Equity.

Awards Given to UC Berkeley Student Projects

This past year, financial support from Prytanean had a significant impact on the success of two student projects. After reviewing the recommendations from Prytanean students and carefully assessing competitive applications, the Alumnae Board awarded $402 to the campus group, Supporting Peers in Laid-Back Listening (“SPILL”), to sponsor Depression Awareness Week. That week’s activities focused on the prevalence of the public health concern of depression, and the removal of the stigma associated with seeking help for overcoming depression. The award money partially funded education meetings, a workshop, a movie screening, and daily tabling to hand-out information. Hopefully, this will increase student awareness of depression on campus and students can recognize signs of depression.

The Board also awarded $550 to The Suitcase Clinic, Cal Habitat for Humanity, and Cal Corps collectively for organizing The Poverty Symposium: A Global and Local Perspective. At the symposium, students met with representatives from a range of non-profit groups seeking student volunteers. At workshops, these representatives inspired students and the public to learn more about the roots of poverty and to become involved with alleviation efforts. Now students know how they can help organizations working with the impoverished and homeless.

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Prytanean Financial Overview

Thank you Prytaneans for your generous donations and membership renewals in 2012. We ended the year with total assets of $1,015,580. Most of our funds are earmarked for student scholarships and the Faculty Enrichment Award. Only $36,538 is discretionary and can be used to fund the Alumnae organization. UC Berkeley Foundation and UC Regents manage the investment of several scholarship funds. The bulk of Prytanean investment assets ($609,733) are managed by Aspiriant, under the guidance of Honorary Member, Linda Fitz. Our investments increased in value by $79,288 during 2012, when the stock and bond markets had a resurgence over 2011. Prytanean’s investment funds are sufficient to continue our mission of awarding a $25,000 Faculty Enrichment Award and other scholarships for the foreseeable future.

Total Income in 2012 was $17,150 down from $20,767 in 2011. Increasing the number of dues paying members will be one of our initiatives in 2013. Nevertheless, our income allowed us to cover the cost of producing the newsletter, mailing expenses, hosting the Faculty Award Reception at University House, funding the Prytanean Honor Society operating budget and Campus Projects, maintaining the data base, CPA tax preparation, and other operating expenses.

—Helen M. Marcus ’68, Chief Financial Officer

Prytanean Comparative Asset Balances for 2011 & 2012

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grade girls by providing them with strong female role models through weekly after-school sessions. This year, our activities have ranged from fun science experiments to “journaling” workshops in which we encourage these young girls to write and speak about their educational goals and aspirations for the future.

We sincerely thank the Prytanean alumnae for their continual support of our society and look forward to meeting more members at the Annual Brunch.

— Tiana Kazemi ’13, Prytanean Honor Society Vice-President
Student Awards and Young Alumnae Event

The three Stecker Leadership Awards are the result of an endowment established in honor of Mary Wiley Stecker. They recognize outstanding women in Engineering, Math & Science, and the College of Letters and Science. These awards are administered by the California Alumni Association in consultation with the Prytanean Alumnae Board. The winners this year are Sammy Mehtar (’16), Nishtha Bhatt (’14) and Jenny Pierson (’14).

We are pleased that the Rowena Hamilton Memorial Scholarship will again go to Robin Rostratter. The award, established in 1995, assists women undergraduate student athletes who are active in Cal Athletics. The purpose of the award is to recognize athletic ability, community service, and academic performance. Robin Rostratter is a senior from Carlsbad, California and a defensive specialist for the California Volleyball team. She majors in Media Studies and Spanish. To support Robin and to honor our young alumnae, a group of Prytanean alums attended the Cal volleyball match vs. Arizona State on October 28, 2012. The volleyball game was exciting! We plan to hold a young alumnae event annually; email prytanean@alum.berkeley.edu for more information.
Cumulative annual gifts to UC Berkeley Foundation totaling $1000 or more are eligible for benefits in The Charter Hill Society (http://charterhill.berkeley.edu). For questions about gifts via electronic funds transfer, matching gifts, securities, gifts-in-kind, real estate, or planned gifts, contact Lynn Nakada at (510) 643-7001 or Lynn_Nakada@berkeley.edu

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  Fund (for Honor Society programs), Rowena Hamilton
  Memorial Scholarship (for athletic scholarship for female
  student-athletes), or Mary Wiley Stecker and Prytanean
  Awards (for women in the College of Letters and Science,
  Engineering, or Math and Science)

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☐ The information above is new ☐ Yes, I could help the Board with Prytanean activities

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Friday–Sunday, October 4th–6th, 2013
Reunions for alumni with class years ending in “3” or “8”
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Prytanean Homecoming Lecture
October 4th or 5th, time and place TBA
Featuring previous Faculty Award winner

Prytanean Faculty Award Reception
October or November TBA
Celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Prytanean Faculty Award

2014 Annual Meeting and Brunch
TBA April 2014