First off, a big thank you to all who attended the Faculty Center’s inaugural Father’s Day Brunch on Sunday, June 16th. Our chef Richard Heller and his team should be commended for a delicious brunch.

If you missed our latest Association meeting, A New Era! Presented by Board President Julie Kwan, please check the Member Central section on our website to catch up on news regarding the upcoming election, and the latest developments regarding our fiscal progress and the newly-signed UCLA–Faculty Center agreement. With summer around the corner, many of you are likely planning some travel. I would strongly suggest that you check out our extensive list of reciprocal clubs around the world. Many provide overnight accommodation. Whether you’re heading to the beach or somewhere overseas, chances are there may be a reciprocal club you may wish to visit! Please let our Accounting Department know so we can prepare a letter of introduction for you.

While activity around the Faculty Center is slower during the summer months, there are still many dining and event opportunities to enjoy. Please join us for our first BBQ Thursday of the summer July 11th.

Sincerely,

Luciano Sautto
General Manager & COO
UCLA Faculty Center
A celebratory luncheon took place on Monday, June 24, when the Faculty Center Association hosted current Southern California UC Regents George Kieffer, Cecilia Estolano, Richard Lieb, and Charlene Zettel at the Faculty Center. Former Regent Velma Montoya along with UCLA Medal holders Sherie and Donald Morrison also attended.

The impetus for the lunch came about when George Kieffer, Chair of the UC Board of Regents, asked Chancellor Block if he could become a member of the UCLA Faculty Center. Belinda Tucker, then President of the Faculty Center Board of Governors, was delighted to tell Chair Kieffer that our Bylaws already provided for Regental membership. Six Regents joined immediately, and the Faculty Center Association decided to honor them with a special luncheon.

M. Belinda Tucker, Immediate Past President of the Faculty Center Association Board of Governors, served as host for the event. Chancellor Block was unable to attend because he was serving as host for the conference of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. In his stead, Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Gregg Goldman welcomed attendees to UCLA and emphasized the important role faculty clubs play in university life. As current President of the Board of Governors, I gave a presentation for the Regents about the facilities and services of the Faculty Center available to them as members.

Executive Chef Richard Heller created an exceptional luncheon menu, and Operations Manager Eileen Huth oversaw the superb work of the servers and staff. Conversation flowed before, during, and after the luncheon.

Two historic announcements served as capstones to the luncheon. The first was the signing of an Affiliation Agreement with UCLA Administration (signed by Julie Kwan and Michael Beck, Administrative Vice Chancellor) along with a lease agreement with the Regents. The second was the announcement of a pledged gift of $1 million from UCLA faculty members and philanthropists Donald and Sherie Morrison. Both of these milestones are described in the coming pages.

All of us at the Faculty Center are pleased that our Regental members have joined us and appreciate their service, support, and we very much hope, their patronage!

Julie Kwan
President, UCLA Faculty Center Association Board of Governors
Distinguished Librarian & Librarian Emerita, UCLA Library

Faculty Center Board of Governors President Julie Kwan and Administrative Vice-Chancellor Michael Beck signing the Affiliation Agreement.
There would appear to be few areas at UCLA that have not been touched in some way by the dynamic duo Sherie and Don Morrison in their three decades in residence.

Sherie is a Distinguished Research Professor in Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics. A world-renowned scientist, she holds a host of life-saving patents (29 at last count) that have emerged from her seminal contributions to basic and translational immunology, including the development of the antibody technology used to treat arthritis, Crohn’s disease, multiple sclerosis, and some infectious disorders. Don is Professor Emeritus in Marketing at the Anderson School of Management (specializing in marketing research and applied statistics), and has received national recognition for his teaching and research. For over 20 years, Don was UCLA’s Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA, the person who makes certain that the university abides by the NCAA rules. Moreover, he is the unofficial curator of the Anderson art collection!

Most recently, the couple received UCLA’s highest honor, the UCLA Medal, for their outstanding philanthropic deeds, their exceptional scholarly contributions, as well as their extraordinary community service. As Chancellor Gene Block put it, “Sherie and Don have both dedicated their careers to grappling with complex issues—and finding solutions.” They have given generously and substantially to a wide range of UCLA initiatives, including establishing the Morrison Center for Marketing and Data Analytics in the Anderson School, support for the Marion Anderson Hall under construction, and three endowed chairs, among numerous other beneficiaries. They have turned their attention now to the UCLA Faculty Center and our on-going efforts to rejuvenate and re-imagine this storied institution.

At the Board of Governors’ June 24 meeting with the Southern California UC Regents, Don Morrison announced his and Sherie’s intention to pledge $1 million to our endeavors. Don and Sherie will work with the Faculty Center Board of Governors and the General Manager to decide how their transformative gift can best serve the center and our community. We do not know of another more substantial gift to University of California faculty clubs and centers in the system. We are grateful beyond measure.

M. Belinda Tucker
Immediate Past President, UCLA Faculty Center Association Board of Governors
Professor Emerita of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
For some decades now, discussions on the nature of the relationship between the Faculty Center and UCLA have been underway. The Faculty Center Association, which owns and operates the Faculty Center, has always been an independent organization, wholly distinct from the university itself. About five years ago, efforts to define and formalize the relationship between UCLA and the Faculty Center were launched, with several goals in mind:

1) to acknowledge the centrality of the center to the social and intellectual life of the campus,
2) to obtain university support for enhancing the structural integrity of the facility itself, an architectural treasure that is showing its age,
3) to establish ownership of the building, and
4) to achieve a long-term cooperative arrangement for the maintenance of the facility.

We are pleased to report that such an agreement has been developed, endorsed, and signed by all parties. The formal signing took place at the Regents Luncheon held on June 24, with Faculty Center Board of Governors President Julie Kwan taking pen in hand to certify this landmark agreement (see photo on page 2).

This is an incredibly exciting moment for the Faculty Center and for UCLA more generally. The agreement consists of two contracts:
1) the Lease Agreement
2) the Affiliation and Administrative Services Agreement

Key provisions include the following:

♦ An investment by the UCLA administration of $10 million toward infrastructure support and repairs, including, specifically, a computerized Point of Sales (POS) system that will allow us to bring our ordering and accounting systems into the 21st century, a new security system, rehabilitation and replacement of the roof and impacted HVAC systems and equipment, seismic upgrades, sanitary and storm drain system replacement, fire/life safety system upgrades, and accessibility upgrades.

♦ University assumption of key areas of maintenance, including the roof, and the following systems: electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, gutters and storm drains, and exterior grounds.

♦ Acceptance of the University of California’s declaration of ownership of the building, with assurance that if relocation is demanded (e.g., natural disaster, essential redevelopment, etc.), new premises of comparable size, condition, quality and functionality will be provided to the Faculty Center Association.

♦ That the terms and provisions of the lease will be effective through May 2038, with good faith negotiations for lease renewal beginning in 2035.

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Members of the Board of Governors are convinced that these contracts will provide the kind of stability and core support that will enable us to take Faculty Center business operations to a new level. In the past, essential funds have had to be diverted for emergency repairs, overdue maintenance, and a host of unforeseen issues. (Members may recall the catch basins spotted throughout the Center when roof leaks proliferated under the heavy rains of the past winter.)

There are some challenges ahead as we attempt to schedule essential repairs while diminishing interference with our normal operations, but we hope that our members and guests will keep in mind the ultimate goal: A modern, beautiful and functional Faculty Center that is a source of pride for the entire UCLA community. It is indeed the dawn of a new day!

Many have contributed mightily to this outcome. In particular, the following individuals in the Faculty Center Association played critical roles in developing the vision and structure required to move us forward: Claudia Mitchell-Kernan as Past President and board member, Luciano Sautto as General Manager, Jane Permaul as Treasurer, and Kristina Larsen as our attorney and advisor.

Every single board member in recent years contributed to this successful outcome through careful review and discussion of the myriad points and lengthy drafts.

We especially appreciate the following key administrators at UCLA who recognized the Faculty Center’s inherent value to the campus and were willing to advance the process with good faith offers: Steve Olsen (former UCLA Chief Financial Officer), Michael Beck (current Administrative Vice Chancellor), Gregg Goldman (current Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer), and Sue Santon (administration representative on the FC board).

We know that it has taken a village to get us to this monumental moment, and we thank every member of the Association who in their own way made this day possible, via donations, regular dining, use of our facilities for meetings and events, and supportive commentary. You have all helped to ensure that a thriving Faculty Center will be here for the next generation of Bruins.

M. Belinda Tucker, Board of Governors Immediate Past President, chief negotiator
Photo Gallery: Regents’ Lunch, June 24, 2019


Middle right: Former Regent Velma Montoya, BOG member & FWC Representative Jo Knopoff, Southern California UC Regent Cecilia Estolano.

Lower right: George Kieffer, Chair of the UC Board of Regents playing the piano in the Cypress Room.

Left: Regents’ Lunch menu and Pan Roasted Halibut entrée.
Treasurer’s Report

June is a month of celebrations—graduations, as well as celebrations of getting into colleges or graduate programs, not to mention weddings, anniversaries and retirements. Needless to say, congratulations to all who are moving on to another chapter in life.

The Faculty Center has been the beneficiary of many of these special events, as I watch our hard-working staff setting up one event while taking down another to get ready for the next. We thank our members for using the Center for these special moments and hope that you continue to enjoy them at the Center, albeit in more relaxed and quiet ways during the summer months.

Unlike commercial hospitality facilities, the Faculty Center shifts into a slower pace over the summer and picks up again as the fall quarter begins. With experience from the two past summers, we now know more about how to manage various high and low periods in any given year to make the operation more efficient. Please do check out our summer schedules and offerings on our website for the summer.

In anticipation of a slower pace during summer months, it is our plan that we use the opportunity to transition into a new POS (point of sales) system, which will be more efficient and accurate in recording and processing your charges. In the meantime, I hope that everyone affected by the technical snafus of the past two months has recovered. If not, please contact Accounting as the staff should have more time to help you resolve it.

Despite all the challenges we experienced these past two months, I am pleased to say that the Faculty Center continues to improve financially. Unlike three years ago, when our year-to-date net revenue was over $300,000 in the red (i.e. a deficit), we are now over $600,000 in the black (i.e. real revenue), thanks to the grand performance of our management and staff, as well as membership support. Once we close our fiscal year on June 30, 2019, I will share with you a balance sheet for your information.

Wishing all a happy and relaxing summer and hoping to see you at the Faculty Center every now and then, between your travels and vacation away from campus.

Jane S Permaul
Treasurer
Faculty Center Board of Governors
Welcome New Members

Cho-Jui Hsieh  
Kathy Carbone  
Katherine King  
Catherine Juillard  
Mali Kinberg  
Edwin Moss  
Austin Alexander  
Camly Tran  
James E. Enstrom  
Sonya Alexander  
Vandana Joshi  
Matthew Lindauer  
Manouchehr Shahab

Know someone who’d be a valuable addition to our membership? Contact us and make an introduction!

New member cocktail reception to be announced for this September!
Summer Hours
Monday, June 17 to Wednesday, September 25

7 am - 3 pm
Closed July 4 + 5

Closed for the summer:
Coral Grill
Last day of service Fri. June 28
Cypress Bar & Lounge
Last night Thurs. June 27

Don’t miss our weekly BBQ Thursdays
July 11 - September 26  5 - 7 pm

email: club@ucla.edu
call: 310.825.0877
Recipe of the Month

Mexican Style Frittata with Corn Salsa and Avocado

This Mexican-inspired baked frittata can be on your table in less than 20 minutes. Serves 4.

Ingredients:
1 pint cherry tomatoes quartered
2 ears corn kernels removed (about 1 1/4 cup)
1 medium jalapeno ribs and seeds removed, thinly sliced
1 large shallot thinly sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
Sea salt
8 large eggs
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 avocado thinly sliced
1/4 cup chopped cilantro leaves for garnish

Method:
Preheat the broiler.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the tomatoes, corn kernels, jalapeno and shallot.

In a large (15-inch) oven-proof skillet, heat the oil over a medium-high flame. Transfer all but 1 cup of the corn salsa mixture to the pan and set the remaining aside for later. Sauté the vegetables until the shallot and corn are beginning to caramelize and the tomatoes have released their juices, about 5 minutes. Season with the cumin, paprika and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook for one more minute, until fragrant.

Meanwhile, in another large mixing bowl or 4-cup liquid measure, beat the eggs with 1/4 teaspoon salt until the yolk and whites are very well combined.

Reduce the heat to low and spread the cooked veggies in an even layer. Pour the beaten eggs over the top, making sure the pan is evenly coated with eggs. Cook over low heat until the sides are set and there’s just a shallow layer of uncooked eggs on the top, 5 minutes.

Transfer the pan to the broiler. Cook for 2 minutes, until the top is cooked and beginning to lightly brown. Remove from the oven and allow the frittata to sit in the pan for 5 minutes before slicing. While the eggs rest, add the lime juice to the remaining corn salsa mixture and season with salt.

To serve, arrange the sliced avocado over the top of the frittata and garnish with the corn salsa and cilantro leaves. Cut into 4 wedges and enjoy warm or at room temperature.

Adapted from https://feedmephoebe.com/easy-mexican-breakfast-frittata-recipe/
Chef’s Corner

Every month, Chef Richard Heller will talk about the flavors he recommends for the season. “Summer is finally upon us, and although the current weather would suggest otherwise, this season always takes me back to my childhood growing up in Southern California, and later on in life summers spent in Spain, the south of France and on occasion Tuscany. With the arrival of amazing stone fruits available at this time of year, you have your pick of cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines & paraguayos (flat white peaches). I like to use these summer fruits in a number of different recipes which I find versatile, whether it be picked straight off the tree and savored, or part of salads, entrees or desserts.”

Celebrations at the Faculty Center

On June 4th, some friends gathered at the Faculty Center for lunch to celebrate Professor Emeritus H.A. (Andy) Kelly’s 85th birthday. Pictured, left to right: Amanda Gerber, Erica Weaver, Richard Hudson, Jennifer Smith, Joseph Nagy, H.A. Kelly, Marea Kelly, and Donka Minkova.
In Memoriam

One of our longtime members, Dr. Patricia Bath, died on May 30 of complications from cancer. She was 76. Dr. Bath was the first female faculty member in ophthalmology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and held a faculty appointment in the UCLA ophthalmology department from 1974 to 1987. During this period, she was also a full-time employee of Los Angeles County and a faculty member at what is now Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

Bath, who was born in Harlem on Nov. 4, 1942, is credited with inventing the Laserphaco Probe, a device she patented in 1988 to improve cataract surgery, which helped restore or improve vision to millions of patients worldwide. She also co-founded the non-profit American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Eraka Bath, a member of the psychiatry faculty at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/dr-patricia-bath-physician-inventor

Rev. Norman Y. Ishizaki, Rector Emeritus of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, died on May 18 at the age of 79 after a long battle with cancer. Affectionately known as Father Norm, Rev. Ishizaki served for 30 years as St. Alban’s rector. Under his leadership St. Alban’s sponsored two refugee families from Vietnam, helping them resettle and become independent, and collaborated with the Stephen S. Wise Temple to rehabilitate two hotels on skid row, now used for low income housing.

Rev. Norm was born in Sacramento, where his father, an immigrant from Japan, owned a jewelry store. In the wake of Japan’s 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government sent him and his family to an internment camp in Siskiyou County, California. Shortly thereafter the family was sponsored and moved to Rockford, Illinois, where he grew up. After high school he attended the University of Wisconsin, then transferred to UCLA where he completed his bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1962. In 1967, he graduated from Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, graduating with a master of divinity degree. He is survived by his wife, Velda, their two children, three grandchildren, his sister and brother, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Rev. Ishizaki was a member of the Faculty Center for nearly 40 years.

https://www.stalbanswestwood.com/parish-history