Message from the General Manager

Dear Members,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

January is a time when we look back on the year that has passed, and look forward to what lies in store for 2018.

I was happy to see so many members attend and enjoy the Faculty Center’s annual Holiday Buffet, which was attended by over 200 people.

Here at the Faculty Center, our thoughts are with those who have been affected by the fires and the mudslides in the past weeks, and we wish better tidings for the year ahead.

Be sure to read M. Belinda Tucker’s message on page 2, as it contains vital updates on upcoming events and developments at the Faculty Center.

Best wishes,

Luciano Sautto
General Manager
UCLA Faculty Center
Happy New Year, members! We send greetings and warm wishes, especially to our friends and colleagues who have been affected by the fires and mudslides. If you are aware of any member who is in need of assistance, please let us know so that we can mobilize our extensive network of support.

My husband and I, and many other friends and colleagues, had a perfectly wonderful time at the Faculty Center’s annual Holiday Buffet. I know that I may be biased, but I cannot recall having had a better meal in our beloved facility. There was something for everyone among the vast array of beautifully displayed menu items. The room was elegantly decorated and the strolling carolers made for a very festive evening. We had a full house, including both the main dining room and the California Room. This is truly becoming a hallmark affair.

We have two very special upcoming events. On Thursday, January 25, is the first in our series of themed buffet dinners: the Prime Rib dinner (though there will be plenty of options, including fish, poultry and vegetarian entrees). You may have already seen the posters for our Valentine’s Day affair on Wednesday, February 14. Last year’s event was a huge success. You know that the Valentine’s Day restaurant scene in the Los Angeles area is hectic and chaotic, with short shrift given to the diners (since volume appears to be the goal). We invite you to join us for a relaxing and satisfying evening at your home away from home!

Although we do not yet have a final tally, we are deeply grateful to all of the active faculty and researchers who participated in Professor Patricia Greenfield’s $25,000 match challenge, and are most appreciative of all who have donated since our last report. We really could not have made it through the very challenging times without your support.

As I noted in our December newsletter, we do need the support of our individual and organizational members for fiscal viability. Your patronage throughout the day, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner contributes mightily to the overall success of our institution. Please consider this very distinctive and elegant venue for your special events, including banquets, conferences, meetings, weddings, graduation parties, bat/bar mitzvahs, memorials and celebrations of all sorts. And, do urge your departments and programs to engage the Faculty Center for their events. You are our share-holders, our customers, and our biggest boosters. We can all contribute to this storied institution’s success.

We are still involved in very promising negotiations on an agreement between the Faculty Center Association and the UCLA administration that formally specifies our relationship and responsibilities. We remain hopeful that we will have a draft agreement for presentation to the membership during Winter Quarter.

—M. Belinda Tucker, President, Board of Governors, Professor of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
We are sincerely grateful to the Faculty Center members who have made the following generous donations since our last report.

$1,000—$2,500
Linda Bourque
Julie & Joseph Kwan
Robert Michael & Susan Rich

$500—$999
Chung Pai & San Oak Kim
Barbara Lippe, MD

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Eric Becklin
Helen Nefkens
Rene & Christine Ong
Shane S. Que Hee
Ben Zuckerman

$50—$99
Matthew Malkan and Shoko Sakai Malkan

A special Thank You to the active faculty and researchers who participated in Professor Patricia M. Greenfield’s Double Your Impact Matching Campaign, which ended December 31st, 2017. Professor Greenfield will generously match these contributions on a one-to-one basis up to a total of $25,000.

Mark Your Calendars: Valentine’s Day

Don’t miss our second themed dinner of the year, on Wednesday, February 14, from 5:30-8 PM.

This buffet will feature a glass of bubbly for each guest, a plated starter, a buffet main course, and a plated dessert. All for $59.95 per person.

We look forward to hosting this event and welcoming you to this most special dinner!

Please contact club@ucla.edu or call 310.825-0877 to make a reservation.
Please note:

The UCLA Faculty Center will be closed for Presidents’ Day on Monday February 19th. We will resume our normal operations the next day at 7 AM.

Please contact us to update your membership records when there are changes to the personal information (telephone number, employment status, credit card information, campus and home address, etc.) connected to your membership.

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**2018 Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship Dinner Invitation**

The UCLA Faculty Women's Club invites all members to the 3rd General Meeting, Annual FWC Scholarship Dinner with DGSOM Dean Kelsey C. Martin and FWC Scholarship Recipients, Tuesday, February 6, 2018, in the California Room at the UCLA Faculty Center.

The evening begins with a no-host reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. The cost for the dinner event is $39/per person if you reserve by January 23, 2018. After the deadline, the price is $44.

The first meeting of the new year—the FWC Centennial Year!—will celebrate 12 bright and talented UCLA scholars and feature a talk by Kelsey C. Martin, MD, PhD. Dr. Martin is the first woman dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Martin’s topic for the evening, "Lessons in Leadership: Peace Corps, Memory Research, and Medical Education," will briefly cover her storied educational trajectory. The 12 scholars will also relate their educational journeys to date.

You can make a reservation and pay by credit card through the event site at https://giving.ucla.edu/Standard/NetDonate.aspx?SiteNum=2096. For payment by check, please contact Shirley Ho, Hospitality Co-Chair at 310-817-1019 or shirleyho22@hotmail.com. Please mail your check and RSVP form to 11337 Isleta St., Los Angeles, CA 90049.
Meet Your Service Team: Our Ongoing Series

The Faculty Center takes great pride in its staff whose focus is to provide top-notch service and a consistently welcoming environment to its valued members and guests.

Presenting Ramon Duarte

Ramon is well-known to members and guests for his calm and focused demeanor, as well as his keen sense of professionalism in supervising the logistics of the many events and functions held at the Faculty Center. A surprising fact: Ramon about to embark on his 31st year at the Faculty Center.

He started off as a server, then a bartender, and became a supervisor. Ramon enjoys performing his duties, catering to customers’ needs, and working with his team. At home, he enjoys spending time with his wife and their two children, aged 18 and 21 years of age. When he goes on vacation, he mainly visits his native Guadalajara, where his mother, cousins, and friends live.

Before working at the Faculty Center, he had worked at various restaurants. He decided to apply for work at the Faculty Center when his cousin suggested they go visit UCLA one day, all those years ago. Reflecting on his time at the Faculty Center, he said that the biggest change he’s seen in the place has been over the past two years, with Luciano and Eileen at the helm.

Presenting Amir Jalilpour

Members and guests appreciate Amir for his sense of style and his meticulous attention to detail. Amir came from Iran 15 years ago. He started working in aerospace, at the Dukes Aerospace Northridge plant, assembling and testing cabin pressure control systems for private jets. He liked the highly engineered and intricate aspect of his work there, but unfortunately the company was sold and restructured.

Amir had been working in catering for four years when Violet Services Catering of Glendale suggested he apply to work as a server at the Faculty Center. He is glad he followed their suggestion, as he enjoys working at the UCLA Faculty Center, and finds the campus beautiful and inspiring. He particularly likes bartending and making espresso and cappuccino in the Playa Lounge, and he is very happy to work for Luciano and Eileen. An artist at heart, Amir loves to do oil painting in his spare time.

A landscape painting by Amir Jalilpour
Recipe of the Month: Butternut Squash Cottage Pie

Cottage Pie, or Shepherd’s Pie, is a meat pie traditionally topped with potato. In this variation, the potato is replaced with butternut squash, which not only reduces the calories but increases the flavor as well!

**TOPPING**
- 1 medium sized butternut squash, peeled, the seeds removed
- 30g (1oz) butter
- Pinch of ground ginger

**FILLING**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
- 1 onion, peeled and roughly chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 celery stick, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 13oz can chopped tomatoes
- 1-2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- 3/4 cup vegetable stock
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- Tabasco, to taste
- Flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

**METHOD**

1. Heat the oven to 375°F.

2. For the topping, cut the squash into chunks and spread on a baking tray. Drizzle lightly with oil and roast for about 25 minutes, or until tender. Mash with the butter. Add the ginger and season with a little salt and pepper.

3. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a frying pan over a low heat and fry the garlic, onion, carrots and celery for 7-10 minutes, or until softened. Add the beef and fry until colored, breaking up any lumps with a fork. Add the chopped tomatoes, Worcestershire sauce, bay leaf, stock and rosemary, then bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 4-5 minutes until the liquid has reduced by half. Season to taste with a dash of Tabasco and salt and pepper. Stir in the parsley.

4. Spoon the beef mixture into a medium pie dish and top with the butternut mash. Bake for 25-30 minutes.

Play Readers News: Next Reading is February 8th

The Play Readers will be reading *Separate Tables*, two one-act plays by Terence Rattigan, at the Faculty Center on Thursday February 8th, 2018, 7 pm.

Mark your calendars: On February 8 at 7 pm in the Faculty Center, the Play Readers will perform, script in hand, two one-act plays by British playwright Terence Rattigan, *Table by the Window* and *Table Number Seven*, collectively *Separate Tables*. Both are set in a hotel on the south coast of England.

The first play, *Table by the Window*, is about the troubled relationship between a politician and his ex-wife. The second play, *Table Number Seven*, takes place 18 months afterwards and concerns the friendship between a young woman and a retired army officer. The remaining characters, the hotel manager, staff and permanent residents, appear in both plays. The play opened in London in 1954, directed by Peter Glenville, and ran for 726 performances. The production transferred to Broadway, where it opened in 1956. A 1958 film, adapted from the play script by Rattigan, starred Rita Hayworth, Deborah Kerr, David Niven, Burt Lancaster and Wendy Hiller.

The Play Readers meet in the Library/Billiard Room at the Faculty Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month from October to May. Please contact the group’s chair, Rochelle Caballero, for more information and to be added to the group’s mailing list at rcab90272@cs.com. Each reading includes a chance to discuss the play with the cast and director. Guests are always welcome, and there’s no charge to attend the readings. Meetings of the Play Readers are preceded by dinner at the Faculty Center at 5:30 pm, with the director and members of the cast. Each person pays for his or her own dinner.

Please RSVP to Marjorie Friedlander (Friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com) if you’d like to reserve a place for dinner before a performance. If you’re coming just for the performance, no reservation is required, but they would appreciate knowing so they can plan accordingly.

Save the date: On Thursday March 8, the Play Readers will be presenting *The Mousetrap*, a detective story by Agatha Christie.

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A Very Brief History of the FWC by Zorana Ercegovac, PhD

In recognition of the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the UCLA Faculty Women’s Club, the UCLA Faculty Center News is pleased to present this brief history of the FWC by Zorana Ercegovac, PhD.

Our story begins with a teachers’ training program, founded in 1862 as the California State Normal School in San Francisco (later moved to San Jose.) In 1881 a southern branch was added—the Los Angeles State Normal School (LASNS), which eventually moved to a site on Vermont Avenue. In 1887, LASNS became independent of the parent school under the leadership of Dr. Ernest C. Moore. Desiring to transform the two-year college into a four-year institution that would be part of the University of California (UC), Dr. Moore met with Southern California Regent Edward A. Dickson to discuss putting in place a plan that subsequently led to the founding of today’s UCLA.

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LASNS Professor Mary Burney Porter led the advocacy for this transformation which she felt would support equal opportunities for all. Timing was key. Overnight, on March 15, 1918, she and about 45 faculty members created the Faculty Women’s Club of LASNS on the Vermont campus, for the specific purpose to place a measure for a four-year school before the Women’s Legislative Council of California (WLCC). The WLCC represented approximately 80,000 women voters “interested in the welfare of women and children.” Professor Burney became president of the Club.

California State Assembly Bill 626, signed by Governor William D. Stephenson on May 23, 1919, established the Southern Branch of UC with Dr. Moore at the helm (1919-1936) and with 250 undergraduates and 1,125 students in the Teachers’ Training Program.

Seeing the specific purpose of their club completed, the FWC members considered their next role in campus life. The newly created Southern Branch had no facilities for social life, nor networks to support the faculty, nor scholarship programs. The FWC realized their organization could fill these needs.

**THE MISSION.** Promoting good fellowship among the faculty, their spouses, and the entire UCLA community, through educational and social activities and to assist UCLA students through a scholarship program remains the three-pronged mission we honor today.

Our Sections represent the interests and affinities of FWC members. The *Book Review Section*, founded in 1927 by Bertha Haines, was our first section. Club membership grew rapidly in the early years with 30-40 members per section. Each October at our first General Meeting, sections showcase their programs and recruit new members. We currently have 18 active sections.

Our General Meetings include timely, thought-provoking, and inspirational topics of interest to the membership since 1921. In her study, Phyllis Amboss noted 473 such programs since 1934.

Our Scholarship Program started in 1936 with a seed contribution of $25. The FWC Scholarship endowment is currently at $401,094 and has supported 201 UCLA students from 2001 to 2018, awarding a total of $364,600. We celebrate the recipients annually at the FWC Scholarship dinner in February.

**THE SPACE.** Over the years the FWC met in a variety of venues on the Vermont campus and later Westwood locations. A possibility of the Club House on Westwood Campus was investigated in 1928-29. A letter was sent to Men’s Faculty Club community asking if they would cooperate with the FWC in the joint project for the new place. Plans for the Club House were drafted for separate but adjacent buildings for men and women with a common kitchen and separate dining rooms. The proposal was rejected -- husbands did not want to pay for bonds for the women’s project; instead, they offered the dining room to share. Mrs. Louise G. Kerckhoff was building a student Union, in memory of her late husband, and that could serve as dining room for both faculty men and women.

Garden Party in 1931 was planned to benefit for building fund (with $125.00 deposited in special account but not designated “building fund”). In May 1944, President Sproul authorized solicitation of funds for a FWC Club Building. The FWC raised $1,940 in addition to $2,150 in War Bonds. In 1946, FWC accrued in building fund $29,524.51 from faculty, administration, and staff, The UCLA Faculty Women’s Club, and UCLA Faculty Women (per Viola Warren, President FWC, Jan 1955). As one of its founding groups, the FWC has a representative on the Faculty Center Board of Governors. The Club House became known as the UCLA’s Faculty Center in 1959.


Zorana Ercegovac, vice-president of Sections, is founding chair of the Music in Cultural Contexts section, past-president, former archivist/historian, FWC blogger, and co-chair of the FWC Centennial Planning Committee. She will present her years-in-the-making “Multimedia Album Honoring FWC through 100 Voices, Images, and Stories at the April 2018 General Meeting.