



President's Message...

Happy New Year! I hope 2009 is starting off well for everyone. I know there are lots of exciting things coming up for those of us in Prytanean.

We'll kick off the year with a Decades Event hosted by the ladies of the 1960s and 1970s. An afternoon of board games, conversation, and fun can be found at Judy Stein's house in January. At the end of February and beginning of March, we'll coordinate (and some of our members will attend or host) Dinners for 12 Strangers. This event just keeps getting bigger, and the Alumni Association really values our support.

In April, we'll hold our annual Benefit. UCLA Prytanean Alumnae's primary mission is to raise money for scholarships, and the Benefit is our key fundraising event. Each Active member is responsible for the cost of two tickets, whether that amount is raised through ticket sales, straight donation, or the purchase of drawing tickets. Contributing and Provisional members are responsible for the cost of one ticket.

Although times are tough for many this year, we don't want to lose sight of the importance of our mission. We help students gain an education. This is a powerful and valuable investment in the future, and I hope that each of us will do whatever we can to support UCLA and our scholars, present and future. Perhaps your favorite business or restaurant would be interested in donating items for the Silent Auction. Also, please consider sending invitations to family and friends who you think might enjoy attending the Benefit; it is always an afternoon of fun and good conversation—and when it comes to bidding on Silent Auction items, the more the merrier!

And of course there's plenty more to come in 2009! I look forward to seeing you at these and other upcoming events.

~ Kathy Lisiewicz, President

"Don't forget about Game Day on the 24th...see you there!"



Back by popular demand!

"Prytanean Game Day"

Saturday, January 24, 2009
1:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Stein,



Join us for our next Decade Event hosted by the 60s/70s Decades!

Bring your favorite board games, and get ready for an afternoon of socializing and Bruin fun! PLUS the UCLA basketball game at Washington will be available for viewing on big screen TV. Dress comfy!

R.S.V.P.—Although this event is free, please R.S.V.P. so our decade hosts can plan for refreshments and beverages. Please respond by January 17 to:



Judy Stein
1960s Decade Rep

Karen King
1970s Decade Rep



Happy New Year!



Help Us Secure Benefit Donations!!

A substantial amount of our scholarship funds comes from our Annual Benefit, which includes a Silent Auction and Drawing. We need your help to make this event a success! **Any and all** donations would be greatly appreciated. If you know any prospective donors, please contact them and ask them to contribute an item for our Silent Auction and prize drawing to help us toward our fundraising goals and assist us in continuing to provide scholarships to outstanding UCLA students.

For more information contact Gloria Ko, Benefit Donations Chair.

Feel free to use the sample solicitation letter below to help you in soliciting donations.



~SAMPLE~

Date >

Dear Prospective Donor,

We invite you to make a contribution to the UCLA community and reach potential customers at the same time!

UCLA Prytanean Alumnae Association is a volunteer organization of professional women dedicated to serving UCLA and to funding scholarships for outstanding students. A substantial amount of our scholarship fund comes from our Annual Fundraising Benefit, which includes a Silent Auction and Drawing.

Our 2009 Benefit will be held in April. Your tax-deductible donation will be recognized in the event's program as well as during the Silent Auction and Drawing. As a contributor, you and your business will receive invaluable exposure to the UCLA community, consisting of prominent alumni, active community members, and Bruin fans.

We look forward to receiving your donation and recognizing you and your business as a friend of UCLA Prytanean. Your reply is greatly appreciated. If you have questions regarding the event or how to make a donation, please call me at (YOUR PHONE NUMBER). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

UCLA Prytanean Alumnae Association

(Your Contact Information)



Bear Bags 2008-Another Success



December 13th, 2008 at 9:30am, Prytaneans descended on Paula Shuman's house to begin decorating and assembling Bear Bags. This annual event is about Prytaneans giving the young patients at UCLA Medical Center a little holiday cheer in the form of gift bags full of goodies (all donated), and it also served as a depot for collecting canned goods from Prytaneans for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. This event has also become an annual excuse to get together with friends that perhaps we haven't seen all year long. Moreover, this year was no different. The morning was chilly but the atmosphere

at Paula's was warm and welcoming. As usual, a wonderful brunch was served with lots of yummy food much of which was homemade. There were frittatas, egg dishes, fruit, lox & bagels, pastries, salad, lots of coffee, juice and "gabbing" which we all enjoyed while constructing the gift bags for the kids.

Bear Bags is an event that has value well beyond Prytaneans being able to get together but what makes it such a special event is that it lets us accomplish something of great value



and enjoy that time together. If next year is anything like this year, you will not want to miss it!

October 13th, 2008: Annual October Dinner at C & O Cucina



On Monday, October 13th, our annual October Dinner General Meeting was held at C & O Cucina in Marina Del Rey. A vibrant group of 44 women, including three of our scholars gathered in an intimate banquet room to discuss

goals for the coming year in Prytanean, led by President Kathy Lisiewicz. We are ever focused on serving our UCLA community and fostering relationships among the outstanding women in our network. We indulged in decadent Italian food - gotta love those unlimited killer garlic rolls! We collected over five bags of socks for the Mobile



Clinic to distribute to those in need this winter. And of course, we held the annual basketball drawing for Prytanean's season floor tickets and hope to see our Bruins work their way to another Final Four! Don't worry if you missed out this year; we hope to see you at the next one!

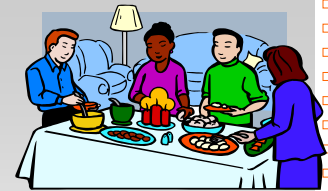
~ Jennifer Crowe, Events Chair

Dinners for 12 Strangers 2009

This year marks 41 years of Dinners for 12 Strangers. These dinners offer a wonderful opportunity for Bruin alums, faculty, and students to meet. This year's dinners are scheduled for Saturday February 28th, Sunday, March 1st and for Saturday, March 7th.



Thanks in advance to the committee members who signed up to coordinate the dinners. You will be contacted soon regarding your dinner assignments and if you have not already done so, it is still not too late to volunteer to coordinate. It's all done via email! Just contact Kara Bouton to volunteer! And if you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a dinner, please visit the Alumni Association web site at www.uclalumkni.net/hostadinner.



~ Kara Bouton, Dinners for 12 Strangers Chair



Member News

Kathy Lisiewicz is a homeowner! Kathy and her husband John just purchased their first home in Reseda, CA. Congratulations!



Grace Basila is now Grace Beale! At 3:30pm in the afternoon on November 30, 2008 in an elegant outdoor ceremony at the Moorpark County Club in Moorpark, CA surrounded by friends and family, Grace Basila married John Beale, and in doing so, she not only became a new wife but also the step-mother to his three children. Grace and John honeymooned in Hawaii, and will make their home in Granada Hills, CA. Our best wishes go out to the newlyweds.

Newsletter Information

To see detailed information for the "Roster Updates" listed below, and for details regarding upcoming events please refer either to the printed newsletter (mailed or emailed to you) or to the complete online newsletter.

The complete online newsletter may be accessed directly at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uclaprytanean/> or by going to the main Prytanean website at <http://www.uclaprytanean.org> and choosing the *Yahoo Group link*.

To view the newsletter online *without* the roster updates go to <http://www.uclaprytanean.org>.

Roster Updates

Additional information available online (see above) for:

Kathy Lisiewicz

Grace Beale (formerly Basila)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

- ETHEL COPLEN 11/1
- KIMBERLY TSUCHIDA 11/7
- NICOLE SHUM 11/9
- LEILA SCOTT 11/10
- ALICE WU COTA 11/12
- THELMA CULVERSON 11/16
- JENNIFER ERICKSON 11/19
- AOIBHEANN CLARKE-WIECLAWEK 11/21
- CHRISTINE SODHOD 11/22
- LINDA NG 11/27
- KRISTY YOUNG 11/30

DECEMBER

- SHARLA BOEHM 12/4
- ANN SOTOGA 12/6
- ROZ SWARTZ 12/9
- KAP WOLKING 12/17
- SUE OLSON, Ed. D. 12/20
- AMP LEVITT-POLANCO 12/23
- ANN SMITH 12/24
- JOYCE EDELSON 12/28
- TERESA REPES 12/29
- PAT KERR 12/31
- ROSE GORLEKAIN 12/31

JANUARY

- DOLLY TROGMAN 1/4
- PAMELA NG 1/7
- STACEY GOMEZ-CHALEFF 1/8
- KRISTA O'CON 1/12
- JULIA WATERMAN 1/18
- DEANNE SIMON 1/23
- LANIE BERNHARD 1/24
- ANDREA SNYDER 1/27
- SUSAN SAMARGE 1/29
- JODIE ULMAN 1/31

Have a....



We love to hear your news! Please send any and all news to Aoibheann Clarke-Wieclawek at Midge150@aol.com or to 441 Bob Hope Drive Toluca Lake, CA 91505