

REFRESH, RESET, RE-OPEN!

After many months of our pandemic-related closure, the Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club will re-open in September. Although we don't yet have a firm date for re-opening, it will certainly be in time to welcome returning faculty and staff, as well as new members. We'll be partnering with UC San Diego Housing/Dining/Hospitality (H/D/H) as our food vendor, but with our own chef and full-time manager dedicated to operations that support the membership.

The extensive renovation of the Club's interior was completed only a few months before the quarantine shuttered the campus. But the closure has provided an opportunity to continue upgrading some of the Club's exterior lighting, primarily in the courtyard. The project is underway and should be concluded in May, making outdoor dining even more appealing. The extensive kitchen area, left untouched during the renovation, is now being renewed by H/D/H in order to better respond to different types of dining and catering experiences.

Given continuing health concerns, when the Club re-opens, the lunch buffet will be suspended and table service will be available to members and guests. New menus are being developed that should appeal to all diet preferences, and there could even be some old favorites on the menu. Personally, I'm lobbying for a return of Chef Ed's brownies!

Requests for catering and other special events are being handled by H/D/H and requests may be sent to Lisa Joy at ljoy@ucsd.edu. Although menus and pricing are not yet finalized, preferred dates can be held, with follow up conversations to be scheduled.

The Club's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 4:30-6:00, by zoom. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to ucsdfacclub@ucsd.edu and you'll be added to the list of attendees. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of nominees for election to the Board. If you are interested in being added to one of the Board's standing committees (Program, Membership, House), or self-nominating for the Board, please contact me through the same email. The election will be held late May-early June.

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President, Faculty Club Board of Directors
