President’s Message

This is the time of year when thoughts turn to gratitude. I am forever grateful for the dynamic members of the CWC who devote their time and energy to welcoming members, leading our activities, hosting social gatherings and organizing our community services. I’m thankful that the CWC offers such a wide range of events and activities, from family potlucks to evening lectures, and English conversation classes to bookgroups.

At the Fall Gathering, I was able to list an A to Z inventory inspired by the diverse offerings of the CWC. The list both starts and ends with volunteers, who make this club such a welcoming community. I hope you enjoy the alphabetical list below.

Here’s wishing that you, your family and friends are all able to find simple moments of enjoyment and companionship over the holidays.

Katie Clark
CWC President

An A to Z of the CWC

Alice Stone and Maria Johnson Kriechbaum for organizing the Fall Gathering
Caltech  Dues paid by members  Exchange at the Casita  Fall Gathering
Groups who read books morning and night  Holiday Party  Investment Club  JPL
Kids’ playgroups  Lunch at the Athenaeum  Meals for Members  Newcomers are welcome
Outdoor activities like hiking and walking  Playreaders  Quenching thirst at wine and cheese
Records kept at the Archives  Spring Scattering  Tours from CHATS  Urban Explorers
Variety of languages spoken by the attendees at English
Conversation  Women (mostly)  eXcellent company  Yeomans, Sarah who is giving
the November Program  Zmuidzinas, Vilia for all her help with Athenaeum events

Save the Date

December 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Athenaeum Holiday Luncheon
RSVP due December 4

January 23, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Wine & Cheese (& Whiskey)

February 6, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Urban Explorers’ Tour of Tournament House & Wrigley Gardens

March 12, Lunch Program
Dr. Jenijoy La Belle, Athenaeum

May 29, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Spring Scattering (New Date)
President’s Residence
Weekly Activities

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP
Every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the grey tables on the Olive Walk to practice English speaking skills and ask any cultural questions you may have. Contact: Fritzie Culick (fculick@gmail.com) or Debbie Bradbury (debbieb@caltech.edu).

CASITA EXCHANGE
Email: exchange@cwccaltech.org
234 S. Catalina Ave (rear house)
Weekly hours and activities posted on https://cwclub.caltech.edu/services/Exchange. The CWC Casita Exchange, formerly known as the Furniture Pool and Toy Library (FPTL), is staffed by volunteers from the CWC and open to all CWC members. CWC members share books, puzzles, games, toys, baby equipment, and household goods. We always welcome volunteers and donations! For more information contact Judi Cowell, 805-377-2579 or judicowell@gmail.com.

PLAYGROUP
Locations and meeting times change from week to week so members can explore different areas around Pasadena. This group of parents with young children get together for playdates and field trips, and provide mutual support for the ups and downs of parenting. Contact: Veronique Clement to be added to the group WhatsApp chat: vclement77@gmail.com.

December Calendar

CWC BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 4th, 12 - 1 p.m. Hameetman Multipurpose Room.

CALTECH WOMEN'S INVESTMENT CLUB
Wednesday December 4th, evening. The Investment Club offers its members the opportunity to learn more about investments and to discuss them with each other. Any guest wishing to attend a CWIC meeting must RSVP to Cindy Yung for details and location of the meeting at cyung@yahoo.com.

SCENIC WALKS
Thursday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. Huntington Gardens, San Marino. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Rain cancels. RSVPs are highly appreciated. Contact: Eva Schilk at 213-259-7421 or schilk8@gmail.com.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the Athenaeum. Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. We meet for breakfast at the Athenaeum. Membership at the Athenaeum is required to order breakfast. RSVP: Candy D'Addario 626-510-6492, candydaddario@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 3rd.

BOOK LOVERS’ SOIREE
Monday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rathskellar. Becoming by Michelle Obama. For details contact: Sonya Wierman, sonyawierman@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
Wednesday December 11th at 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. in the festively decorated Athenaeum. Please join us for our traditional holiday lunch. See RSVP form on page 7. Contact events@cwccaltech.org.

HIKING GROUP
Thursday, December 19th, 8:30 a.m. Chantry Flat Winter Creek, Arcadia: 5.6 miles, 1400 ft elevation. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Rain cancels. RSVPs are highly appreciated. Contact: Eva Schilk, 213-259-7421, schilk8@gmail.com.

January 2020 Calendar

SCENIC WALKS
Thursday January 2nd, 9:00 a.m. Eaton Canyon Pasadena. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Rain cancels. RSVPs are highly appreciated. Contact: Eva Schilk at 213-259-7421 or schilk8@gmail.com.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, January 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Athenaeum. Rings of Saturn by WG Sevald. We meet for breakfast at the Athenaeum. Membership at the Athenaeum is required to order breakfast. RSVP by Tuesday January 7th to Candy D'Addario 626-510-6492, candydaddario@gmail.com.

BOOK LOVERS’ SOIREE
Monday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rathskellar. The Wife by Meg Wolitz. For details contact: Sonya Wierman, sonyawierman@gmail.com.

ATHENAEUM MONTHLY LUNCH
Tuesday, January 14th, noon - 1:00 p.m. in the Athenaeum. Monthly lunch get togethers to make new friends and keep in touch. Athenaeum membership not required. RSVP by Monday, January 13th online at cwccaltech.org or email events@cwccaltech.org.

Debbie Bradbury and the English Conversation Group
**CWC WINTER 2019 Calendar**

**Hiking Group**
Thursday, January 16th, 8:30 a.m.
Trail Canyon Falls, Tujunga. 4.8 miles round trip, 1000 feet elevation gain. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Rain cancels. RSVPs are highly appreciated. Contact: Eva Schilk, 213-259-7421, schilk8@gmail.com.

**Caltech Women’s Investment Club**
Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
The Investment Club offers its members the opportunity to learn more about investments and to discuss them with each other. RSVP to Cindy Yung at cyung@yahoo.com.

**Caltech Campus History and Architectural Community Tour**
Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 a.m.
Community tours of the Historic Campus begin at the entrance to the Athenaeum. To reserve a tour, contact James Muro, 626-395-4654, arch-tour@caltech.edu or online at cats.caltech.edu.

**Monthly Wine & Cheese (& Whiskey)**
Thursday, January 23rd, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., CWC Casita, 234 S. Catalina Ave.
No RSVP. Just drop by and bring wine, cheese, an appetizer or some whiskey since it is almost Robert Burns Night.

**Early February Calendar**

**Scenic Walks**
Thursday, February 6th, 9:00 a.m. Oak Grove Park, La Canada. The schedule could change depending on the weather. Rain cancels. RSVPs are highly appreciated. Contact: Eva Schilk at 213-259-7421 or schilk8@gmail.com.

**Urban Explorers**
Thursday, February 6th, 3.00 - 4:30 p.m. Tour of the Italian Renaissance-style Tournament House and Wrigley Gardens, 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. Free, but advance RSVP needed by Monday, February 3rd. Contact: Katie Clark at ktc Clark@caltech.edu.

**Morning Book Discussion**
Monday, February 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the Athenaeum. The Parade by Dave Eggers. We meet for breakfast at the Athenaeum. Membership at the Athenaeum is required to order breakfast. RSVP by Tuesday January 7th to Candy D’Addario 626-510-6492, candydaddario@gmail.com.

**Book Lovers’ Soirée**
Monday, February 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rathskellar. Title: TBD. For details contact: Sonya Wierman, sonyawierman@gmail.com.

**Caltech Playreaders**
Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Athenaeum Hall of Associates. Moby Dick - Rehearsed by Orson Welles, Herman Melville. Directed by Will Ahrens. Moby Dick - Rehearsed is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Deep in rehearsal for King Lear, a troupe of actors take up a reading of Moby Dick, evoking parallels between King Lear and Captain Ahab. And then the storms rage…No reservations are needed for the reading, but are requested for those dining beforehand in the Main Dining Room (Tel: 626-395-8200). You are most welcome at the Playreaders table which is seated promptly at 5:30 p.m. A donation of $3 is requested at the door for CWC members ($4 for non-members). Website: its.caltech.edu/~plays.

**Continuation of the Story of the Swing Set**

*Memories of Vicki Davis (1916-2019) by Alice Stone*

Vicki Davis, a long-time member of the CWC, was a mentor to dozens of us in the Caltech/JPL community. One of her memorable gestures of friendship was to pass along a sturdy swing set to our family when her son grew out of it. When our kids were ready to leave it behind, we handed it off to another young Caltech couple. Out of curiosity, I contacted them after writing a piece about Vicki for the Fall 2019 Bulletin, and learned that the set had remained in their backyard when they sold their house. The buyer, with children, was a faculty-administrator at the Polytechnic School.

On a historical note, the Polytechnic School was part of the original educational complex that evolved into Caltech. Poly became independent in 1907, set up shop across the street, and has educated many children of faculty members and staff of Caltech/JPL.

The Polytechnic family became the fourth generation of kids to enjoy Vicki’s swing set. In the finest tradition of the CWC, her gift through the years has extended the hand of friendship. The kids who pump up high with the wind in their hair are certainly unaware of the structure’s history, but I’d like to think the swings themselves retain a hazy memory of their origin and take delight in having remained part of the wider Caltech/JPL family.

**Poetry Publication**

Alice Stone writes that Lucia Dick, a former CWC member, has just published her second volume of poetry, *Some Words for Meanwhile* (FutureCycle Press, available from Amazon). She writes under the name Lucia Galloway.
CALTECH PAST: CLOWN DIVING

By Fritzie Culick

If there had been a catalogue of extracurricular activities at Caltech in the late 60’s and 70’s, it would have shown

DIVING
Instructor: Ralph Leighton
Location: Braun Pool
Time: Sometime in the afternoon
Sub-Group: Clown diving, if enough people sign up

Ralph Leighton is the son of former Caltech Professor Robert Leighton, and he spent a lot of time at the pool and taught diving to all ages. Somehow the idea of having clown diving arose; it may have been because two of us, a German wife of a Post Doc and I, decided to take diving, but what resulted was clown diving. We really didn’t want to end up being asked to dive off the high board; jumping from there was enough.

So Ralph, who was a very skilled clown diver and had a relentless sense of humor, saw the reality. And we spent a happy month leaping in the air, aiming for some consistency, learning to start a swan dive and end in a messy splash. To be convincing, you had to look as though you knew where you were going, graceful and intent, and it had to end in a watery crash. No costumes were needed. The bent legs and whirling arms created the right impression. I’m not certain that this continued the following summer; it may have been one of those ideas that gained temporary traction, and then everyone involved, all three of us, went on to other pursuits.

NEW ON CAMPUS

IMPLiCIT is Caltech’s improvisational comedy troupe who take audience suggestions as inspiration for hilarious scenes, made up on the spot. They play short, silly games, and also perform longer forms of comedy, like improvised musicals or plays. The group is only a few years old, but is off and running, with a membership of around twenty undergrads, grad students, and post docs. The instructor is Riley Smith, a Los Angeles comedienne with over a decade of improv experience. Members of the Caltech community can also jump in and join their weekly class, Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in Ramo Auditorium. They’re always looking for new players and new partners to perform for! To find out more about the group, please send a message to their listserv implicit@caltech.edu. They are pictured on the facing page performing during the Pumpkin Carving Family Potluck.
Pumpkin Carving and Potluck

Before Halloween the Casita took on a spooky theme thanks to the efforts of Liz Jackman, who went to town with decorations, Veronique Clement, who set up craft activities, and Natalia Kennedy, who organized the pumpkin carving. The attendees were treated to a performance by Caltech’s new improv group, IMPLiCIT.
Fifteen members of the newly formed Urban Explorers group met docent Mary Alice Wollam for a tour of the Richard H. Chambers Court of Appeals on Friday October 11th. The tour started outside focusing on the building’s history, architecture and the neighborhood, then continued inside with a visit to the courtrooms, meetings rooms, and library. We learned about the original building on the site, the late 19th century La Vista del Arroyo guest house that was popular with patients suffering from tuberculosis. The guests even nicknamed themselves the “Busted Lung Brigade” and were entertained by a hotel parrot who had been trained to cough.

In 1919 the original Victorian hotel was sold and Sylvanus Marston was hired to design an expanded building in a Spanish Colonial Revival style. Families paid to build 20 bungalows on the property, where they could live for a while, but ownership of the bungalows eventually reverted to the hotel. Some of these bungalows are quite large – including the one currently occupied by the Western Justice Center.

The hotel continued to do well and was expanded in 1930 with a six-story addition plus basement designed by architect George Wiemeyer. Except for the hotel and the Shakespeare Club, all the other buildings on Grand Avenue are residential. Wiemeyer cleverly managed to set back the hotel away from the street and break up the massive building with lower reception rooms (including a ballroom) in the front and a landscaped garden. Further improvements included landscaped formal gardens, fountains and a swimming pool on the Arroyo side. These features can be seen in the 1940 Cary Grant movie, My Favorite Wife.

From 1943-1949 the U.S. War Department took over ownership and the building became McCornack General Hospital. After deactivation as a convalescent hospital, it housed navy and army offices, and later other federal agencies occupied the building until 1975 when it was abandoned and later fell into disrepair. In 1981 it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Unfortunately, the northern section of the building burned in 1982 (and was rebuilt later).

Eventually Judge Richard H. Chambers found the property listed as government surplus property and despite its depressing state of disrepair, he decided it was the perfect location to house the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. An extensive adaptive reuse was undertaken to restore the building, including turning the ballroom into two court rooms, reconstructing the northern section and adding landscaping, including rebuilding the outside pergola. Judge Chambers was skilled at reusing government surplus, so the Courthouse furnishings included an amazing array of furniture and even a massive clock that he personally drove from Chicago to install in the library. In 1985 the building reopened as a Federal courthouse. It was renamed in Judge Chambers’ honor in 1993 when he quipped, “Life is a funny thing. On December 30, 1930, they wouldn’t let me in the hotel to see my cousin …. Now I have a key to the place.”

**Member Update**

Long-time Caltech Women’s Club member, Karen Blake, has moved from Pasadena to Austin, Texas. She will be closer to her son and family, and has been busy remodeling the new Blake residence there. We wish Karen the best in the next chapter in her life, and hope to see her in Pasadena again soon!

**Pasadena Area Guide**

It’s time to prepare the next update of the Pasadena Area Guide. The guide depends on input from club members who provide recommendations on local resources, including doctors, dentists, painters, mechanics, etc. If you have any recommendations that you would like to add, please send information by November 30th to Natalie Cohen at ncohen@usc.edu. Many thanks in advance for your input. The Spring 2019 guide is on our website at cwclub.caltech.edu/services/area_guide
Holiday Luncheon

Join us to celebrate the holidays and enjoy the beautiful, seasonal decorations at the Athenaeum

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Reservations are due no later than Wednesday, December 4th

$39 Faculty, Staff, Affiliates and $49 for their guests (limit 3 guests per member)
$25 (Students, Postdoc Affiliates, and their guests)

Last minute dietary requests cannot be accommodated on the day of the event. Please include this information when RSVPing.

Questions: Contact events@cwccaltech.org

Caltech Women’s Club Holiday Luncheon RSVP

NAME _________________________________________       PHONE____________________________

GUEST NAME(S) ______________________________________________________________________

EMAIL  _______________________________________  PAYMENT ENCLOSED $______________

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL-IN YOUR PARTY _______  ________________________________________

Please send reservation form & check payable to Caltech Women’s Club by Dec. 4th to:
Natalie Cohen, Attn: Holiday Luncheon, 1725 Homet Rd. Pasadena, CA 91106
Or RSVP online at www.cwccaltech.org/holidayluncheon2019
Music & Mansions

Our CHATS Field Trip to the Blacker House to enjoy the Mansions & Music (M&M) concert was a special treat.

It was spectacular to enjoy this amazing music in the lovingly restored, Greene & Greene Craftsman home.

Walktober Tour

This October CHATS collaborated with the Pasadena Walktober committee and put on Caltech: A Stroll Through Time with Coffee, Pie and Councilmember Andy Wilson on Saturday, October 19th.

The tour was a huge success with over 350 people interested coming on the tour!

The tour size was limited to 32 and Marisu and the Athenaeum team provided coffee at the Athenaeum at 8:30 a.m. to start off the tour. Four CHATS docents provided a historic campus tour that ended with a slice of pie at Pie N Burger restaurant!

This season, each M&M concert, presented by PCM, is inspired by a book with a musical subject. The concert program presented on October 13, 2019, was inspired by The Cellist of Sarajevo, by Steven Galloway.
Chatting with CHATS

Fall Tour highlights

CHATS tours are going great! We’ve had a lot of interest in special group tours this fall. We have given two special tours so far and have several more planned. One highlight was a small group tour for Dr. Franca Hoffman for her colleagues. Dr. Hoffman is doing a 2-year post doc at Caltech. The group included mostly locals and a celebrity, MARTIN CHALIFOUR, first violinist for the LA Phil, who plays a Stradivarius!!!

The Campus Events team is doing a great job taking reservations for the monthly Community Tours of the historic campus. If you are interested in joining one of the Community, check out our website at http://cats.caltech.edu

Are you interested in being a CHATS Docent?

CHATS docents are ambassadors who encourage visitors and the Caltech community to become aware of the beauty of the campus and the history behind its architecture.

They are:
- Committed to active participation
- Supportive of each other in learning and conducting tours
- Involved with ongoing CHATS communication
- Prepared to give tours after a study and mentoring period
- Give of their time to conduct tours
- Assist with CHATS administration and activity planning
- Take pride in their work

Email us at chats@cwccaltech.org if you are interested!

Figure 4: CHATS table at the 2019 CWC Fair
Casita Exchange – Ramping up!

Cooling the Casita

Over the summer, we thought we would spend our time ramping up for a big Fall launch.... As they say, no plan survives first contact with reality! We were humbled when our first portable air conditioner plan needed a little “tweaking”. So, we went back to the drawing board and sweated out the summer making adjustments. Now, we are excited to report, the Casita is cool in the summer and cozy in the fall and winter. With that behind us, we are excited to fill the Casita with fun events over the fall season!

Exchange

The new “Casita Exchange” is working out great! Members are donating items in either the donation box in front of the CWC Casita or contacting exchange volunteers via email at exchange@cwccaltech.org to arrange a time to donate items. Through the new system, members visit the exchange during Meetups or scheduled times and choose up to (4) items per child/person. Donations include books, puzzles, games, household goods, and toys. The new format is a simple way to share and meet our community members!

Play dates

Play dates are scheduled for kids and parents to meet up, romp around, and play with toys in the Casita’s toy library and outdoor areas. Play dates are posted on our calendar!

Clothes Swaps

Clothes swap days are scheduled for members to come by and swap clothes. We have lots of baby and children’s clothes; however, we encourage people to bring or donate any clothes that they have to share. This includes adult clothes for the professional, the athletic, the night out, and whatever in your closet that wants to be loved!

Meetups

Casita Exchange volunteers host meetups by posting times they’ll be at the exchange to welcome members to explore the Exchange to hang out and make new friends. Since lots of volunteers are new parents, these meetups are posted on the Exchange calendar on our website @ https://cwclub.caltech.edu/services/exchange.
Casita Exchange – Ramping up!

Online Lending Library... Coming Soon!

You might be wondering, what’s an online lending library? It was Aida’s inspiration before she moved.

Aida was the Furniture Pool and Toy Library (FPTL) co-chair from 2017-2019. She had a vision that if we could put FPTL inventory online, then people could find things they need, reserve them and come by the Casita to check them out and in.

It’s a great idea since a lot of people that use the lending library are either visiting or moving to Caltech and would be able to find the things that they need before they get here. We can’t wait to make it come true!

By the time you read this article the Casita Exchange online Lending Library could be up and running!

As of this writing, we moved the online lending inventory to the tent and taken photos of the inventory. We are getting the materials to install a locked fence in front of the tent to protect our inventory. And, volunteers are working together to setup the lending catalog. Look for updates on our website or Facebook page.

Get involved!

The Casita Exchange is a place for CWC members, new and old, to share things and build friendships. Originally known as the Caltech H.E.L.P. (Household Equipment Loan Pool) and later called the FPTL (Furniture Pool & Toy Library), the CWC Casita Exchange has been a part of the Caltech Women’s Club since 1994. Contact us to get involved!

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https://www.facebook.com/CWCCasitaExchange/
GOODWILL
For many years Connie Shair has sent out congratulations or condolence notes depending on the circumstances to members as they experience the ups and downs of life. We’re grateful for her help and are pleased to announce that Mary Gant will now take on this role. If you know of a member who’d benefit from such outreach, please let Mary know at mwgant@earthlink.net. Thanks are also in order to Diana Granat who graciously writes appreciation notes to all members who make monetary donations to the CWC.

MEALS FOR MEMBERS
Contact: Meals4Members@cwccaltech.org, Coordinator Annie Pattison-Mier (320.894.5651)
This program provides meals to any CWC member who might be going through an exciting time, such as welcoming a new baby, or a time of healing, such as an injury or illness. This service is meant to help remove the burden of meal preparation from the family. Contact us if you are interested in receiving meals, volunteering to cook, or helping with coordination.

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The Fall Gathering and Activities Fair is a treasured CWC tradition. On October 2nd, members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Athenaeum renewing friendships, meeting and welcoming new members, and exploring mutual interests. The gathering began with an Activities Fair where current and prospective members learned about the club’s activities, events, and community service, which was followed by a delicious meal.
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MEMBERSHIP
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Membership in the CWC is open to anyone who is affiliated with Caltech campus, JPL, and its affiliated organizations. The CWC has a diverse membership of about 200 people, with many international members, and a broad range of ages – from students to members who have been in the club for several decades.

DUES
The membership year extends from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Please join us or renew your membership online or by downloading the form from our website: cwclub.caltech.edu. Membership dues include receipt of the Bulletin via email:

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- Postdoctoral Fellow: $10
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Bulletin Deadlines:
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CWC Playgroup inside the Casita