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UCSD Faculty Club Newsletter

CLUB WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Faculty Club is pleased to welcome Gus Thompson as its new Executive Director.



Gus brings a wealth of experience to the position, along with energy, creativity and great enthusiasm for ensuring members' satisfaction.

Gus most recently served as Director of Operations at Morgan Run Club & Resort in Rancho Santa Fe, following a stint as Director of Food & Beverage at the same location. Prior positions include Food & Beverage Manager at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, AGM at Karl Strauss Brewing Company and Director of Outlets for Loews Coronado Bay Resort.

A graduate of San Diego State University, Gus obtained his degree in Biology. While pursuing his studies he was also an All American in Rugby. He is also a Cicerone, which is the equivalent of sommelier in the world of Beer. Gus will be looking at some new membership programs and enhancements, helping the campus to carry on its "tradition of non-tradition".

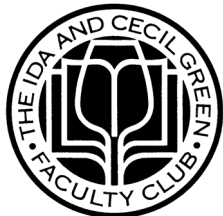
Please feel free to stop by Gus's office to wish him a welcome to UC San Diego.

Lynda Claassen, President

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Our new Membership Cards are now available. Stop by the Front Desk and see Kathie Landis to get your picture taken and your new Membership card printed. See her Monday—Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Your new card has a great new feature. You can now load money on your card to use for payment for the Lunch Buffet or for food and drinks in the Lounge for Happy Hour!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Oct 11th—Beer Tasting in the Lounge for Happy Hour. \$10
- Oct 27th—Beer Dinner with New Beers that were chosen by our members
- Nov 18th—Wine Dinner
- Dec 3rd—Faculty Club Holiday Party



HAPPY HOUR RETURNS

With the school year starting, we will be bringing back Happy Hour on both Wednesday and Thursday, from 4pm to 7pm.

We want the Faculty Club to be a place for our members to come and unwind after a long academic day. We will be expanding our food, beer, wine and liquor selections. You even get to help us determine what beers you would like to see on tap at our Happy Hour on October 11th (See article on Page 3).

Chef Ed will be debuting some new food items in the coming weeks. New wines will be added to our list and a greater variety of distilled spirits will be added to the bar for your enjoyment.

Bring your fellow members, your colleagues, your friends and come enjoy a great Happy Hour experience at our club.

Happy Hour returns on September 27th and 28th from 4pm to 7pm!

CHANGES ARE COMING!

The Faculty Club will be implementing a new Membership software program that will give you as a member added convenience and streamline our processes to better communicate with members.

The new software allows:

- New Members to apply and pay online
- Renewals and payments can now be taken care of online
- Registration and payment for events, (wine dinners, holiday party, etc), will be on the club website.
- Members will have a members only portal with your own profile. You may also communicate and share files with other members
- We will be able to send you surveys and be able to get your direct feedback on things here at the club.

FACULTY CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY



This year's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 5pm to 8pm.

With your ticket to the festivities, you will get a drink ticket included, along with a varied selection of holiday foods and live music.

There will be a no-host bar available for beer, wine or cocktails.

Reservations will be required for this event. Reservations can be made by calling 858.534.0876 or emailing klandis@ucsd.edu. We look forward to sharing the holiday with our members.



Come to the Lounge for Happy Hour on Oct 11th to help us pick what you want on tap!

HELP US PICK THE NEW BEER

In the past decade, San Diego has grown into a Craft Beer Mecca. There are currently 152 craft breweries in San Diego and there are more breweries slated to open in the coming months. We have an embarrassment of riches here in San Diego when it comes to beer. Every year our local breweries win local and national awards for quality and taste.

The Faculty Club needs your help. We currently have 6 beer taps in the Lounge, but only 3 taps are currently being utilized. We want to change that and we want our members' input in picking 6 new beers that will make up our new lineup.

During our Happy Hour on October 11th, we need you to turn out and help us pick our new Tap lineup. We want to serve you the freshest and tastiest local craft beers. We could have just picked the lineup ourselves, but where is the fun in that?

From 4:00pm to 7:00pm, we will have 6 breweries that will compete for your vote. For only \$10, you will get as many samples as you like and be able to pair those beers with some light appetizers. Each brewery will be bringing two beers that they feel best showcase their brand. You will be able to speak with the brewers or the brewery reps about the beer and the stories behind the beers.

Members that take part in this event will get a scorecard to let us know which beers they liked the most. The beers with the highest scores will be the beers that we end up putting on tap.

Once all the breweries that are competing are on board, we will send out an email flyer to let everyone know who will be taking part in the event and which beers that they will be serving.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone at the Lounge on October 11th, 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Please be ready to sample some beer and have some fun!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I would like to take some space in this month's newsletter to introduce myself and give our members a little background information on their new Executive Director.

My father was in the military and I was born in Frankfurt, Germany. Our family absolutely loved being in Europe, so I ended up spending 12 of my first 18 years in Germany, on American military bases.

Upon graduating high school, I chose to come to San Diego because I wanted to see the sun. I enrolled at San Diego State where I majored in Biology and played Rugby. I knew immediately that San Diego would be my home for a long time.

To earn a living while going to school, I started serving and bartending in local restaurants. During this time, I discovered that I had a natural affinity for the Hospitality industry. I took my first management position in a downtown restaurant and I have not looked back since. So much for my degree.

I have worked in casual, family restaurants, nightclubs and bars. I have managed restaurants and large scale food and beverage operations for hotels and private clubs. Some places I have previously worked are Morgan Run Club & Resort, Handlery Hotel, Karl Strauss and Loews Coronado Bay Resort.

In coming to the Faculty Club, I am looking to bring an elevated sense of hospitality and the feeling of a true private club. I am looking to improve what we currently offer. You will start to see some changes in the equipment that we use, more decorations, etc.

I seek your feedback. This is your club and your feedback will help me make the experience here better. Please feel free to stop me when you see me, or swing by my office to chat. My door is open to my members at any time.

See you around the club!

- Gus Thompson

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IT'S ONLY SEPTEMBER, BUT HOLIDAY PARTIES ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

They say the Holiday Season comes earlier and earlier every year. While the Faculty Club is not about to put up decorations just yet, it is time to start planning for your Holiday Events.

Our Catering Sales Manager, Terri Ann Miller, and our Special Events Manager, Kathie Landis, can both help plan whatever type of Holiday Event you may need this year. From a small event with colleagues utilizing a lunch off of our buffet or a large scale formal event, the Faculty Club is here to handle your event needs. We can customize your menus, have a buffet or a plated meal, or set up a bar for your group if needed. We will do what we can to make your event special and memorable.

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