

CALTECH WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK 2016-17

WELCOME TO THE CWC

The purpose of the Caltech Women's Club is to promote friendships and the sharing of mutual interests. We are a group of people who have a connection with Caltech in common. We are of different ages and races and nationalities and have different interests and lifestyles. Most of us are women, a few of us are men. Some of us have been in Pasadena for years and others have just arrived. The Club has been active for over 100 years and provides a venue for the diverse Caltech-JPL-Huntington Library community to meet in social and shared-interest groups.

MEMBERSHIP

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The Caltech Women's Club membership year extends from July to June. Membership dues are \$35 per year with electronic delivery of the bulletin; \$65 with printed delivery of the bulletin; \$10 for post-docs with electronic delivery; \$40 with print; free for students; \$30 with print. Membership information and a downloadable membership form are available at cwclub.caltech.edu

CWC BULLETIN

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The CWC Bulletin is published 7 times a year (October through May with no issue in January). Details about upcoming events, RSVP forms, photos and other articles of interest to CWC members are in each issue. The Bulletin carries advertisements that are sponsored by and may be of interest to our members. If you would like to place an advert in the Bulletin, please contact the Bulletin Business Editor, Liz Jackman.

WEBSITE

Contact: Marcia Brown (626-345-1956) marciab@caltech.edu

The CWC website is cwclub.caltech.edu. Go to the website for information on upcoming events and downloadable reservation forms. To post information about an event or activity, contact Marcia.

PASADENA AREA GUIDE

Contact: Natalie Cohen (626-577-1782) ncohen@usc.edu

The Pasadena Area Guide published by the CWC is an invaluable guide for local resources, including services like plumbers, recommendations on shopping, and listings of children's activities in the area. All listings are based on member recommendations. More information can be found on cwclub.caltech.edu/publications/area-guide.html.

OPEN HOUSES

Contact: Sandhya Ravichandran (626-353-5421) sandhya_ravi@yahoo.com

Stop by one of these casual family-friendly events to learn about the current activities of the Caltech Women's Club, to meet new and returning members, and to find out useful information about living in the Pasadena area. Children are always welcome.

Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Rath-Al Fresco

Thursday, November 17, 2016. Time TBD

Red Door Cafe

ANNUAL EVENTS

Each year we are pleased to offer several events that provide a wonderful time to connect with friends both old and new. These events include luncheons, an actives fair that showcases our activities and services, and a festive send off for the end of the year.

PROGRAMS

Contact: Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (626-755-4476) mariacjk@caltech.edu

Every year the CWC offers special programs for members and their guests. These programs are very popular so we ask for RSVPs. Future programs: to be announced.

FALL GATHERING LUNCHEON

Contact: Andree Helou (62-798-2327) andreeh@caltech.edu and Karen Blake karenblake@gmail.com.

The Fall Gathering is a time to renew friendships and to meet and welcome new members.

Thursday, October 6, 2016. Lunch is served at 12:00 pm at the Athenaeum West Patio.

SPRING SCATTERING

The Spring Scattering is an informal evening party held in the President's Garden to celebrate the end of the academic and CWC year. Date to be announced.

ACTIVITIES FAIR AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

Contact: Brooke Anderson (717-682-1152) brooke.anderson@caltech.edu and Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (626-755-4476) mariacjk@caltech.edu
 Saturday, October 29 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Caltech Alumni House (345 S. Hill Ave.)

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual Holiday Luncheon is the perfect occasion to meet up with friends, enjoy a special luncheon menu, and see the amazing Athenaeum decorations.

Wednesday, December 14 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Athenaeum.

ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

CWC members may join any listed activity. Their non-member guests are welcome at a cost of \$3 per meeting. If you would like to volunteer to lead an activity, make a reservation, or need further information, please get in touch with the designated contact for each interest group. Current information about the activities will be listed in the Bulletin and on the website, and updates may also be sent by email. Have you an idea for a new activity? Several of our groups started with an idea and the willingness to try it out for a few months. If you would like to volunteer to lead an activity, please contact Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (626-755-4476) mariacjk@caltech.edu.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Contact: Candy D'Addario (626-351-9357) daddario@sprintmail.com

Join us on the second Monday of the month at 8:00 am for breakfast at the Athenaeum and a lively conversation about books. Please contact Candy by the Tuesday prior to the meeting date to make a reservation. Membership in the Athenaeum is required to order breakfast.

September 12, 2016	<i>Walking the Nile</i> , by Levison Wood
October 10	<i>Roughing It</i> , by Mark Twain
November 14	<i>Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End</i> , by Atul Gawande
December 12	<i>Astonish Me</i> , by Maggie Shipstead
January 9, 2017	<i>This Life</i> , by Karel Shoeman
February 13	<i>Rise of the Rocket Girls: the Women Who Propelled Us From Missles to the Moon to Mars</i> , by Nathalia Holt
March 13	<i>The Wright Brothers</i> , by David McCullough
April 10	<i>Miller's Valley</i> , by Anna Quindlen
May 8	<i>The History of Great Things</i> , by Elizabeth Crane

BOOK LOVERS' SOIREE

Contacts: Sonya Wierman sonyawierman@gmail.com

The evening book group meets on the second Monday of the month. We gather for a casual, informal discussion of the selected book from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Rathskeller and at the Rath Al Fresco during the summer months. Feel free to join us on a regular basis or just drop in occasionally for a particular book discussion. 2017 books will be selected at the November meeting.

September 12	<i>Friday Night Lights</i> , by H. G. Bissinger
October 10	<i>King John of Canada</i> , by Scott Gardiner
November 14	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i> , by Celeste Ng
December 12	<i>Homegoing</i> , by Yaa Gyasi

TUESDAY LUNCHES

Contacts: Katie Clark ktclark@caltech.edu and Brooke Anderson brooke.anderson@caltech.edu

Come join us on the third Tuesday of the month in Chandler Dining Hall at 12 noon. Tuesday lunches are a great time to learn more about the CWC or just catch up with CWC friends. Buy lunch or bring your own. No RSVP needed. Just feel free to show up and join us for lunch. This fall we will meet on Tuesdays October 18 and November 15. There will not be a lunch in December.

CALTECH WOMEN'S INVESTMENT GROUP

Contact: Mariella Soprano mariella@caltech.edu

The Investment Group is open to women only. The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month and offers its members the opportunity to learn more about investments and to discuss them with each other. The partnership's assets are invested in securities researched and selected by the members. Prospective members are invited to attend two or three meetings prior to joining. Please contact Mariella Soprano for details and location of the meetings.

GARDEN ADVENTURES

Contact: Kathleen Slater (626-577-0067) katsgarden@jps.net

The group visits interesting gardens and takes armchair tours of famous gardens. Events are scheduled several times a year and will be announced in the Bulletin and on the website. Reservations are required for each event.

HIKING GROUP

Contact: Eva Schilk (213-259-7421) schilk8@gmail.com

Join us on the third Thursday of the month for a sociable morning hike in the San Gabriel Mountains and take in some geology, ecology and local history along the way. Most hikes take about 3 hours or less. We meet up at 8.30 am to avoid the heat. There is no need to book or RSVP (though it's appreciated) - simply turn up at the meeting place announced in the Bulletin or by email. Rain cancels; dogs and children are welcome; and car-pooling is encouraged.

Projected 2016-2017 Hikes:

October 20	Monrovia Canyon Park hike (2.6 m round trip and 700 feet elevation)
November 17	Icehouse Canyon (7m and 2600 feet)
December 15	Switzer Falls (4.5m and 700 feet)
January 19, 2017	Jones Peak via Bailey Canyon (6.4m and 2200 feet)
February 16	Cherry Canyon Loop in La Canada (3m and 750 feet)
March 16	Griffith Park from Mineral Wells to Mt Hollywood (3.8m and 1000 feet)
April 20	Sunset Ridge Trail in Altadena (2.2m and 1260 feet)
May 18	Sturtevant Falls from Chantry Flats (3.7m and 670 feet)

CALTECH PLAYREADERS

Chair: Diana St. James saintj@caltech.edu

Playreaders perform staged script-in-hand readings before an audience of Caltech/JPL/Huntington Library friends, meeting six times during the academic year in the Athenaeum. Readings run about two hours. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us for sherry, refreshments, and convivial discussion between audience and cast.

No reservations are needed to attend the reading but are requested for those planning to dine at the the Athenaeum beforehand (reservations please at 626-395-8200). You are welcome to join The Playreaders table which is seated promptly at 5:30 pm to make our new 7:30 pm curtain time. The table need not be full before ordering. Admission for Caltech Women's Club (CWC) members is \$3 and \$4 for all others.

No auditions; if you would like to read a part, please introduce yourself to our casting coordinators: Diana St. James saintj@caltech.edu or Ashley Stroupe ashley_stroupe@yahoo.com. One rehearsal, usually the Sunday before performance. For membership questions, please contact Arden Thomas arden.e.thomas@gmail.com. Playreaders website: its.caltech.edu/~plays

Projected 2016-2017 Season:

October 16	<i>The Inspector General</i> , by Nikolai Gogol. Directed by Mark Kozlowski
November 15	<i>Steel Magnolias</i> , by Robert Harling. Directed by Will Ahrens
February 7, 2017	<i>Pierre and Marie</i> , adapted by Ron Clark from Les Palmes de Monsieur Schultz, by Jean Noel Fenwick. Directed by Joanne Doyle; Assistant Director Ashley Stroupe
March 7	<i>Broadway Bound</i> , by Neil Simon. Directed by Rob Stirbl
April 4	<i>The Cassilis Engagement</i> , by St. John Hankin. Directed by Lynn McGrath
May 2	<i>A View from the Bridge</i> , by Arthur Miller. Directed by John Davidson Stroupe

GROUPS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO MEMBERS WITH BABIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES**PLAYGROUP MAILING LIST**

Contact: Natalia Kennedy kennedy.natalia@gmail.com

Receive notices about monthly field trips (occasionally on Saturdays), Moms' Nights Out, and community activities by joining the Playgroup mailing list. Send an email to playgroup@caltech.edu with a short message including your affiliation, and the current administrator will add you to the list. We look forward to hearing from you.

SPECIAL SERVICES

CATS (CALTECH ARCHITECTURAL TOUR SERVICE)

Contact: Romy Wyllie (626-794-7773) romy@caltech.edu

Community tours are given on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 am starting at the Athenaeum. The tour lasts from one hour and thirty minutes to two hours and is open to all members of the Caltech community and visitors to the campus. Reservations: James Muro, Caltech Campus Programs (626-395-4654), or complete the reservation form on our website, cats.caltech.edu.

Community tours for 2016: September 22, October 27, and November 17 (third Thursday). No tour in December.

Community tours for 2017: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25 and June 22.

No tours in July and August.

Special group tours can also be arranged. Call Caltech Campus Programs (626-395-4654).

FURNITURE POOL AND TOY LIBRARY

Contact: Veronica Aguirre v.lopez.13@gmail.com and Ning Jiang doris.jiang@hotmail.com

Questions? Send an e-mail to furnpool@caltech.edu. Location: 234 S. Catalina Ave. (rear house). Open every Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, excepting holidays. The Furniture Pool and Toy Library is staffed by volunteers from the CWC. Members pay a small administration fee to participate. Borrowers must be part of the Caltech-JPL community. The Furniture Pool stocks a constantly changing inventory of strollers, high chairs, baby clothes, books, and other useful items for babies and children, as well as small household items. In order to fund new equipment purchases, a nominal donation is requested for most items (e.g., Infant Swing, \$5). All clothing and shoes are \$0.25 apiece. Users may borrow a variety of toys for up to four weeks before returning them. The library has a varied collection of toys, including tricycles, puzzles and games, doll houses, ride-on toys, building toys, musical toys, and more. Donations of new and gently used baby and household items and toys are greatly appreciated.

GROUPS CURRENTLY ON HIATUS

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

The Conversation English group joins other CWC members new to the US in a friendly and relaxed environment to practice your English, learn about American culture and life in Southern California, and develop new friendships. A teacher for this group is needed. Please contact Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (mariajck@caltech.edu) if you are interested.

CWC PLAYGROUP

When active, this group met weekly in Tournament Park from 10 am to 12 pm for playtime for the little ones (infant through school age) and conversation for the grown ups. It was a great way to meet people from around the world, learn more about the area, and share practical information about services and activities available for families. Please contact Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (mariajck@caltech.edu) if you are interested in coordinating this group.

BABYSITTING CO-OP

The CWC Caltech/JPL Babysitting Co-op was founded over 50 years ago to enable member parents to leave their children with other co-op members for babysitting. Parents exchange time and points for babysitting and build community amongst participants. Please contact Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (mariajck@caltech.edu) if you are interested in coordinating this group.

WINE TASTERS

Wine Tasters has its roots in a Women's Club Gourmet Food group. Past meetings have been themed potluck-style tasting events hosted by Wine Tasters members and winery tours. If you are interested in coordinating this group, please contact Maria Johnson Kriechbaum (mariajck@caltech.edu) for more information.

Visit our website at cwclub.caltech.edu