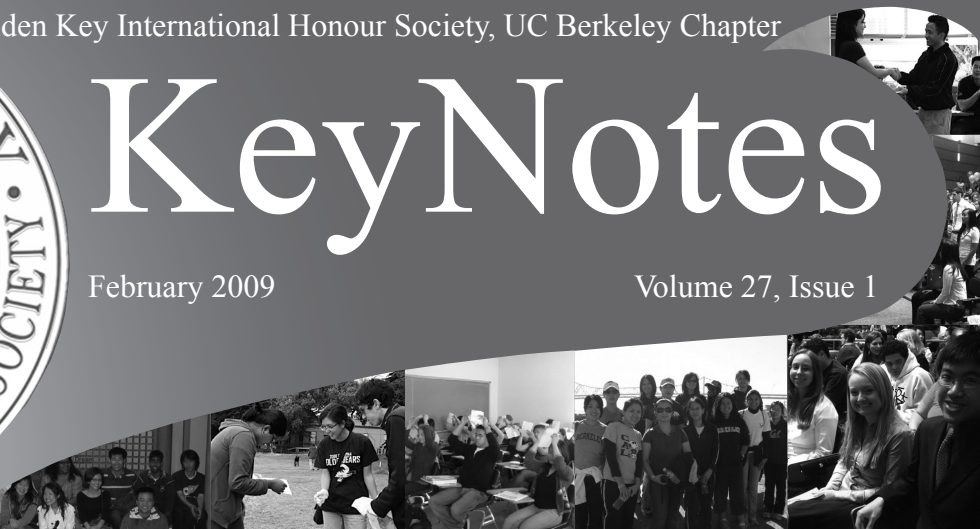




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Presidents' Update



By Michelle Louie
Co-President

Greetings, GKers! Sonia and I would like to welcome you back for another amazing semester with Golden Key. We would also like to welcome into the fold our new Public Relations chair, Mian Wei.

As always, our goal at GK is to help you realize your potential, engage in the community and meet others from a multitude of disciplines. Thus, the officer team has been working hard to plan a myriad of social activities, honorary member lectures, community service activities, and academic and professional development events that



Presidents at Sophomore Recognition.

will cater to all of your diverse interests. To kick off the semester, we are hosting an Ultimate Game Night after our first general meeting. We will be playing different games, while we sip on root beer floats and catch up with old friends.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Golden Key, each Spring we induct both new undergraduate and honorary members and give out several scholarships to our active members. If you know >>**Presidents'**: page 4

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Stay Informed!

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Golden Opportunities to Volunteer with GK

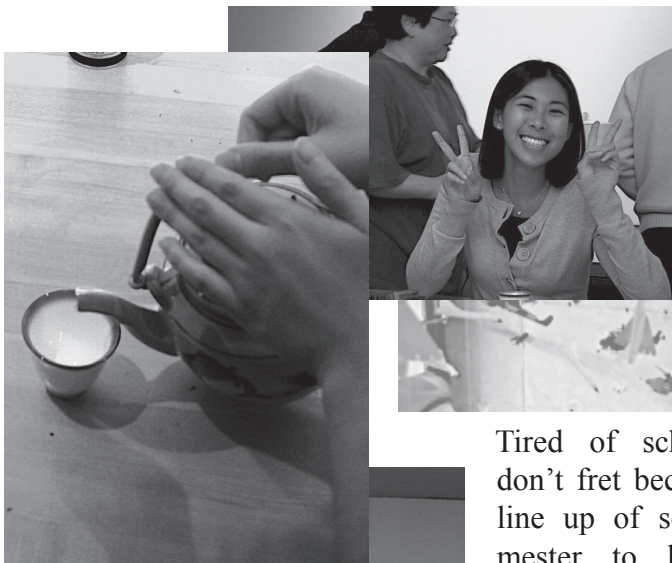


GK members unite with other clubs for Berkeley Project '08 at Point Isabel.



By Angela Yu
*Co-Community Service
Chair*

First off, thank you to all those who participated in last semester's community service events. We had a great time working alongside fellow GKers, while lending a hand to our community. On November 15th, 2008, we volunteered at Pt. Isabel on the Bay Trail for Berkeley Project. Along with the nifty t-shirts we received >>**Volunteer**: page 3



Want to play a game called “I wish I were still on break?”, then check out GK’s spring socials!



By Laura Coelho
Social Chair



Tired of school already? Well, don't fret because GK has a great line up of social events this semester to help you de-stress!

We will kick off the spring with an “Ultimate Game Night and Root Bear Floats” social after the first general meeting on February 11th. There will be all of your favorite games and a chance to mingle, while making a yummy treat to drink!

The fun doesn't stop in February because in March we will have a night of your favorite

television shows! And then in April, we will take a break before finals and hike to the big C!

I am really excited about all of the fun times we have ahead, BUT I need your help to plan! This semester we will be starting a social committee, so if you want a fun and easy way to earn points, then help me plan socials! Email me with your interest at lcoelho@berkeley.edu. Best of luck this semester and I hope to see everyone at all the social events! Come meet some new GK friends!

Golden Key members partake in delicious tea and cookies after a tour of the Berkeley Art Museum and its Mahjong exhibit last October 2008.



GK Invites You to Investigate the Universe With One of Berkeley's Best Professors



By Katherine Beattie
Honorary Member Chair

Hi Gkers! My name is Katherine Beattie and I am the new Honorary Member Chair. I hope that you all enjoyed your winter break and are ready for all of the events we have planned for you this semester.

I am very excited about our first Honorary Member lecture which will take place on February 25th at 6PM in 100 Wheeler. Professor Alex Filippenko of the Astronomy department will be giving a lecture on “Dark Energy and the Runaway Universe.”

You may recognize Professor Filippenko's name as he has won many top teaching awards at Berkeley, has been voted the “Best Professor” on campus five times, and was selected in 2006 as the Carnegie/CASE Professor of the Year among doctoral institutions. In addition to teaching, he has published numerous research papers, produced three astronomy video courses with The Teaching Company, coauthored an award-winning textbook, and is one of the world's most highly cited astronomers. If you have ever gazed up at the stars with wonder and are interested in learning more



Professor Alex Filippenko

about Astronomy, this is the event for you! Remember, HM lectures are open to everyone, so please join us and bring a friend if you like.



GK members giving it their all to remove invasive plants from the Bay Trail at Point Isabel.

>>**Volunteer:** from page 1 and taking pictures with a very realistic cardboard cut-out of President Obama, we cleared out a field of non-native, invasive plants. It was a great success, so thank you for all the hard work! Let's continue GK's mission to give back to our community this semester!



This semester we have some awesome events planned. We will be continuing the Better World Books program, a literacy program that supports children in third world countries, by providing libraries, computer labs, books and scholarships. We will be accepting textbook donations throughout the semester, which will be sold online. The profits will go directly to buying new textbooks for the program.

In March, we will participate in the Princess Project, where we will



help distribute free prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. Both GK guys and gals should have a great time, so please join us.

On April 11th, we will volunteer with Eggster, a non-profit student run organization located in Berkeley. It is the largest free egg hunt in Northern California and also a learning festival with booths filled with educational activities. In addition, there are still more events and programs in progress, so stay tuned! Show your Cal GK pride and volunteer!

Get the Job, Keep the Money Workshops



By Konniam Chan
Academic and Professional Chair

Welcome back everyone! Want to learn more about writing a successful resume and managing your own finances? Come to our workshops dedicated to teaching these essential skills! As your academic and professional chair, I am committed to providing resources useful for your career and personal development.

With the recruiting season fast approaching, many students are scrambling for full time work or internships. In this period of economic downturn, it is crucial to make a good impression on potential employers by having a stellar resume. A good resume can enable you to stand out among hundreds of applicants vying for the same position. To get a head start on perfecting your atten-

tion grabbing resume, come to our resume workshop run by Professor J.H. Welsh from the Technical Communication program, on February 18th from 6-7 PM, in 100 Wheeler.

For those of you who have worked before or have secured a job already, you may have wondered what you can do with that income. One option is to invest it, but there are many issues to consider, such as the differences between retirement accounts, tax consequences, and risks involved. This semester, I've organized a personal finance workshop to help guide you in the right direction in managing your accounts.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for future AP events or want to know more about a previous topic. I look forward to a great semester with all of you!



Upcoming Events

Resume Building Workshop
led by **Prof. J.H. Welsh**
6 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 18
100 Wheeler

Professor Alex Filippenko
Lecture
6PM, Wednesday, Feb. 25
100 Wheeler

2nd General Meeting
6 PM, Wednesday March 4
100 Wheeler

3rd General Meeting
6 PM, Wednesday, April 15
100 Wheeler

Everyone Loves Points!

Levels

Bronze = 50 Points

- eligible for GK scholarships
- awarded certificate of achievement

Silver = 100 Points

- recommended for GK scholarships
- awarded Honor cord

Gold= 150 Points

- highly recommended for GK scholarships
- awarded Honor stole

Points accumulate over a one year basis, rolling over from fall to spring terms.

General Meeting: 5 pts
Flying or Tabling: 5 pts/hr
HM Event: 5 pts
A/P Event: 10 pts
KeyNotes Article: 10 pts
Social: 10 pts
Community Service: 20 pts
Committee: 20 pts

Meet Golden Key's New Public Relations Chair for the Spring 2009 semester

Hi everyone! My name is Mian Wei and I will be the new Public Relations Chair this semester. I am a third year, majoring in Psychology and Integrative Biology. I'm from Danville, CA and graduated from Monte Vista High School. I have a younger brother



Mian Wei, GK's new Public Relations Chair

who is in middle school right now. I have lived in many places in my life—New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and, of course, now California. I love music, especially playing the piano and guitar, as well

as musical theatre. I am also a big movie person (but don't ask me what my favorite is!) and am currently going through the annual awards show obsession. As much as I love going to movies and shopping with friends, my favorite activity is sleeping or just chilling at

home. I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you, so please come up and say hello. Or better yet, join the PR committee to publicize this semester's cool events so more people can enjoy them! Go Bears!

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of an amazing professor from whom you would like to hear more at an honorary member lecture or dinner, please let our new Honorary Member chair, Katherine Beattie, know. We would greatly appreciate your input regarding which professors you would like to see inducted into our society!

Also, don't forget to be active! Remember that members receive points at all meetings and events, which will be used to earn cords and stoles for graduation! Last year, we gave away an overwhelming number of cords and stoles to our most active members, and we hope to do the same this year!

If you are looking for a way to get really involved with Golden Key



this semester and earn even more points, we are looking for members who would like to join our Social and Public Relations committees. Please approach the respective chairs if you are interested in joining her committee. Golden Key will also be continuing the Better World Books drive, so we encourage you to donate any used textbooks to help make literacy projects overseas a reality.

We look forward to another great semester, and again, welcome back to Golden Key!

The Golden Key Mission

To build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service.

