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Town and Gown of USC

Member Newsletter



President's Message
Pat Whitman



I hope you were one of the 230 people who joined us for the January Luncheon meeting. The men's head basketball coach, Andy Enfield, gave an entertaining and informative speech. I think everyone present thought that our USC Basketball Team is in very good hands.

Don't forget to bring your silent auction donations of wine and spirits, tickets to sporting events, jewelry, or other items you value to the February luncheon. These items will be much appreciated by the Benefit Committee and will add immeasurably to the success of the Silent Auction.

At our February Luncheon we will be awarding honorary memberships to two special friends of Town and Gown of USC: Peter Weill, our attorney who has worked tirelessly, and pro bono, whenever we have needed legal advice, and Steve Yamaguchi, legal counsel for the University. Honorary members are people who are recognized by the organization for special gifts or distinguished service to Town and Gown of USC and the University. These two friends have been consistently supportive of Town and Gown's vision and mission and we wish to honor them in this special way. As you know, we are a women's organization. The only way men can join is if we make them honorary members!

Elex Michaelson to be February Luncheon Speaker



Elex Michaelson will be the speaker for Town and Gown's February Luncheon. His topic will be "Never Stop Fighting on... Work Ethic and The Trojan Family." Elex is a general assignment reporter for KABC's Channel 7 Eyewitness News. He graduated from USC in 2008 with dual degrees in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science. This is the month when we honor our Town and Gown Scholars and Scholarship Donors. It will be a well-attended meeting, so register now by going online to <http://bit.ly/tgfeb2017>.



Why Not Plan on Staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel the night Before the Benefit?

For those of you who plan to attend the Spring Benefit on April 4, 2017, and want to avoid the morning traffic, why not stay at the hotel the night before? The Beverly Hills Hotel is offering us a room rate of \$375 plus taxes. If you are interested, please contact Christina Jabarian cjabarian@aaroa.com



Woman's Conference 2017

This year's USC Women's Conference will be held on Thursday, March 16. Town and Gown of USC has been one of the sponsors of this event since its inception. We hope you will plan to attend. The speakers are very worthwhile and there are many opportunities for networking. Go to the USC Alumni Association website to register and to obtain information about the various sessions.



Patron Donations for Spring Benefit

Our Spring Scholarship Benefit, which occurs on April 4th this year, is the main yearly fundraising event for Town and Gown of USC. Why not take the opportunity to become a patron donor? You can do so by sending your checks to Past President, JaneBensussen. Her address is in our handbook.

Pat and the Board of Directors appreciate all that **Town and Gown members do to make our organization such a successful one.**

Here's to a happy and fruitful new year!

