The Princeton Quadrangle Club

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Club Life

The Princeton Quadrangle Club continues to be an environment that fosters social and intellectual growth among members. We encourage an atmosphere of openness and inclusivity, providing a space for students to connect with one another as well as alumni and faculty at the university. Quad has continued to partner with a number of organizations on and off campus, which includes working with USG for Lawnparties, as well as hosting events sponsored by the Alcohol Initiative to provide and encourage social activities which do not involve alcohol. We host a range of weekly activities enjoyed by our members, including daily meditation before dinner, study breaks, member events, and late meal Wednesday and Friday nights. We have increased officer accessibility by holding regular office hours Monday through Thursday as well as by implementing an anonymous electronic feedback system. We are also currently hosting members of the US Olympic men's and the US Olympic women's crew teams this semester, who engage with members and join us for meals.

Education

We continue to provide a rich academic atmosphere for our members to learn, collaborate, and grow together. Our libraries, grand salon, solarium, and dining room are consistently filled with members studying and working together. Through our email listserv we facilitate the creation of study groups for classes our members take, and we provide quiet spaces specifically for seniors to work on their theses. We have continued our program of inviting professors to dine with us, hosting faculty from various departments. This semester, we have implemented weekly and biweekly language tables so that our members can practice their German, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese, and Japanese. We continue to partner with the Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources, and Education (SHARE) office on campus, and educate all of our members on interpersonal violence intervention and prevention.

Community Service

This semester, Quad increased its community impact by implementing new programs such as a plastic bag recycling program, facilitating ESL lessons for our staff, and hosting dinners with community service organizations such as Princeton Against Global Hunger. We are having our annual charity auction today, the 21st, for Womanspace, a Mercer county non-profit dedicated to preventing abuse, protecting families and changing lives through empowerment and a safety net of supportive services that was selected through a club vote. We continue to participate with other eating clubs for events for all Princeton students, such as TruckFest this semester and Trick-or-Feed last fall.

Sustainability

In order to reduce our carbon footprint, Quad has started having vegetarian night every other week. We also have made recycling bins for leftover cardboard, plastic, and glass and bins for composting food more accessible. Our greenhouse, recently updated with insulation, heating, circulation, and power, is being used by members in coordination with the Princeton University Botany Club in ways that can be enjoyed by the entirety of Princeton students, such as for growing plants for a plant giveaways and hosting planting sessions to educate students on sustainability and botany. We have also built an herb garden in the backyard, the harvest of which will be used by our chefs for meals in order to provide more organic options. We have also increased meal options by offering more vegetarian selections and have increased selection and quality of meals for our members with dietary restriction, such as those with gluten intolerance.

Technology and Entertainment

Quad, with the help of OIT, has provided faster wireless Internet service this semester for all members. We have desktop computers for students who do not have access to laptops and our other technology accessible to members includes cluster printers, computer and phone charging stations, and a TV and a game room to provide members with alternative socializing activities. We provide all major current-generation gaming consoles as well as a large library of games. The Quad website for current and potential members provides weekly menus, officer bios, and a schedule of upcoming events. Along with encouraging alternative member socialization through the TV and game room, Quad provides fun activities such as trips to a nearby escape room and a carnival for members in our backyard.