



# General Meeting, October 21 Stevenson College Coffee Shop

## President's Message



First things are always special. Remember the first kiss? The first job? Those first steps? This is my first column as president of LLL. It feels special to me.

By participating in LLL activities, we make all of our lives richer and more stimulating. We do this through our interest groups, our winter courses, our special events and the interactions we share at our meetings and wherever we gather. We are a curious, productive and caring group. My job is just to help it all come together.

(Another first: you're reading the first newsletter prepared by our new newsletter editor, Alverda Orlando, who has taken over this responsibility after many years of great work by Matt Miller.)

When I think about our membership, we are awesome. I see centuries of accumulated wisdom and knowledge in diverse, fascinating and valuable fields of endeavor. Not only that, each of us has grown through our life experiences either as parents, partners, citizens or community members. We have had to master many things before we could develop

expertise in these varied domains. It took time and perseverance, and a determination to learn from mistakes and to keep on learning. For us, and perhaps for all people, life should be defined as a process of learning that only ceases when we cease to live.

Thinking about all this knowledge and wisdom we have worked our whole lives to acquire makes me wonder: OK, now that we've gotten to this stage of our lives, what do we do with it? It's very valuable.

Recently I read a book by a theologian who wrote that instead of thinking about ageing we should instead think about what he called "sageing" — giving back, especially to the young, what we have been fortunate enough to have obtained. So who might be interested in having us share our experiences and knowledge? And are any of us really interested in finding ways to share what we know with younger folks?

Is it possible the university could be a venue for intergenerational exchange? For a number of years UCSC actually had a program called Elders in Residence where such exchanges were

routinely experienced. At our meeting on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> I will be interviewing Wolfgang Rosenberg, a longtime LLL member and former LLL president who was an Elder in Residence at UCSC several years ago. Would there be sufficient interest among LLL'ers, and at the university, to find new ways to foster such exchanges? I, for one, love hearing what young people are thinking about issues I care about. Are there others among us who'd like that opportunity? Maybe there's an idea for an interest group here...

I hope to explore this idea as this year goes forward. I'd love to hear your ideas and experiences. You can email me at [mgordon@cruzio.com](mailto:mgordon@cruzio.com)

And so we begin another new LLL year. I look forward to many enjoyable times together, beginning with our first general meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Stevenson College. Hope to see you there.

Mark Gordon.

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### On Campus Special Event

There will be a special event for all campus Friends/Support Groups on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., at the UCSC Music Recital Hall.

Acting Chancellor George Blumenthal will give a State of the Campus address followed by an outdoor reception on Krechmer Plaza. Free parking will be available at the Performing Arts parking lot.

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## **General Meeting Announcement**

The September meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2007, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Stevenson College Coffee Shop. The agenda will include coffee and introductions; short presentations by UCSC re-entry students who have received LLL book scholarships; an interview of Wolfgang Rosenberg, former President of LLL, and a former UCSC "Elder in Residence," on the topic of intergenerational exchange; and our traditional LLL interest group signup activity.

The membership "fee" is \$7.00 for each interest group you join. This "fee" is a donation to the scholarship fund (not one penny goes to any other purpose), is tax deductible, and must be paid by check.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Changes on the Board**

At the last board meeting in May Matt Miller heaved a sigh of relief as he handed over the Newsletter Editor duties to Alverda Orlando. Matt has been the loyal editor for over five years. However, Matt is keeping his hand in by advising the new editor on grammar, spelling, layout and other picky items to numerous to mention. He is also resigning his position as Interest Group coordinator, but he has agreed to stay on as a Member at Large. Thank you Matt for all you have done.

Robert Begun is leaving the board. After many years of keeping the books and looking after LLL's money he is resigning to take on the responsibilities of councilman in Capitola City Government. Thank you Robert. We will miss you.

Lou Rose will be taking over as our new treasurer.

## **Michael M. Hutchison, Speaker at October Meeting**

Our speaker for the October 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting is Michael M. Hutchison of the UCSC Economics Department. Professor Hutchison received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Oregon in 1983. He joined the UC Santa Cruz faculty in 1985.

Professor Hutchison is co-director of the Santa Cruz Institute of International Economics and a senior research fellow at the Economic Policy Research Unit at the University of Copenhagen.

He has also worked as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the Bank of International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland. He has been a visiting scholar at the Bank of Japan, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, and other institutions. His research interests center on international finance, open economies, the Japanese monetary and financial system, and European economic integration.

## UCSC Lifelong Learners Interest Groups 2007 – 2008

### Adventuring

Trips to San Francisco by train and ferry, visits to botanical gardens and manufacturing plants, a tour of a cement plant, an expedition to Mission San Juan Bautista to see a pageant, opera in the park — you name it, we'll probably do it. Meets approximately monthly throughout the year. Sept 9<sup>th</sup>: Free opera in Golden Gate Park. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>: Tour of Agricultural Museum at Santa Cruz County Fair. Leader: Craig Miller, 426-0835, craigsem@cruzio.com.

### Art & Architecture

Our group visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest all over the bay area. We have been to museums, galleries, homes, public buildings, tours, and many others. We generally have at least one activity a month throughout the year. The days vary depending on the venue. Leader: Lois Widom, 423-0184, lowidom@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Event: Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, our group is going to visit the very interesting home of Margaret Ogle. We have done this before and everyone really enjoyed seeing her wonderful world-wide photographs as well as the clever and beautiful hand-crafted objects in her home.

Call Lois for directions (423-0184).

### Creative Writing

The group is limited to ten members and meets weekly throughout the year to share each member's writing. Meets Fridays from 10 to 12. Leader: Donna Love, 479-9857, lovedonna@sbcglobal.net.

### Digital Photography

Intended as a support group for Lifelong Learners interested in digital photography. Meets on the last Friday of the month, from 10 to 12. Activities include photo shoots, visits to photographers' studios and galleries, and talks by noted photographers. Leaders are Robert Franson, 469-7042, rfranson@cruzio.com, and Steve Zaslav, 465-9451, zaslav@charter.net.

### Dining Out

Meets on the fourth Tuesday or Wednesday of the month at different restaurants. Diners are asked to keep track of what they order and pay for their meals by cash. Members take turns organizing events. Leader: Robert Franson, 469-7042, rfranson@cruzio.com. First meeting of the new season will be on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> (details TBA).

### Discovering UCSC

We go behind the academic scenes at UCSC. Each month we visit a different department,

meeting informally for a few hours with a department head, professors, researchers, and often a few of their students as well. This is a rare opportunity to learn what's really going on — the department's *raison d'être*, the faculty's teaching philosophy, their ongoing research projects, and their dreams for the future. Leader: Sandy Brauner, 477-7081, sanjan@cruzio.com.

### Film

Meets Tuesday evenings for five weeks. Several series during the year. Limited to 20 participants, but a waiting list is maintained. People on the waiting list are given preference at the next available series. A new series of five documentary films with the theme "Insiders & Outsiders" will begin on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Leader: Jim Faris, 458-1389, jefaris@cruzio.com.

### Horticulture

Lifelong Plant Lovers meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Dept. We meet rain or shine since we use the hothouse as our work space. Parking is free and conveniently close, within the Horticulture Center. Leader: Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com.

**Literature Discussion**

Meets periodically to discuss short stories and poetry using The New Yorker magazine as a text. Members must have access to The New Yorker and an interest in reading literature and in analyzing some of the techniques authors and poets use to communicate their ideas. To ensure good discussions, our groups are limited to eight members plus the leader. If more than eight members are interested, we will try open other sections.

*Tuesday Section*

Meeting times: Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 4. Leader: Virginia Law, 425-5453, Veelaw2@pacbell.net.

*Thursday Section*

Meeting times: Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 4. Leader: Joan Rose, 477-0360, ramblingroses@yahoo.com.

**Opera**

Meets at 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the home of Alice and Matt Miller in Aptos. The first meeting of the 2007 – 08 season will be Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The group can accommodate eight members. Each meeting has a theme, e.g., music of one composer, duets and quartets, and/or the work of a specific artist. The focus is on *listening* allowing

the magnificent sounds to reward the senses. The Fall meetings will be devoted to operas of the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century — works by Bellini, Rossini and Donizetti, performed by outstanding artists such as Joan Sutherland, Maria Callas, Jussi Bjoerling, and Franco Corelli. Leader: Alice Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net.

**Play Reading**

We will read and discuss selected plays by Arthur Miller, Eugene O'Neill, Noel Coward, and Tony Kushner. Limited to about 12 participants. Meets on the first Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30. Meeting dates: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, then first Monday in October through June, 2008. Leader: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@hotmail.com.

**Reading Circle (books)**

The Reading Circle meets from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Each month a different book, fiction or non-fiction, is selected by the group to read and discuss. Meeting dates: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Further dates to be arranged. Limited to eight to ten members. Leader: Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com.

**Joining an Interest Group**

Membership in LLL interest groups is only open to members of UCSC Lifelong Learners. A contribution of \$7 per person to LLL scholarship funds is expected for each interest group. Members may join as many interest groups as they wish, but some groups are limited in how many members they can accept. If you are not a member of Lifelong Learners please call STARS, 459-2552, or see our website (reference below).

LLL Members may attend one event of any open Interest Group before deciding to join. However, please contact the group leader to make sure there's room as some events have limited space.

The first general LLL meeting of the year, which will be held on September 16, 2007, focuses on our interest group program. Each interest group will be discussed. LLL members will have an opportunity to sign up for the interest groups they wish to join at that time, or they may mail in their interest group registration using the form provided in this newsletter. Please plan on paying by check. We are unable to accept cash.

Please consult our website for further details about the interest group program: <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>.

**UCSC Lifelong Learners Membership**

This form may be used to join Lifelong Learners or renew your membership. Please make checks payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners, University Advancement, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Enclosed is my membership contribution.      \$30 Individual      \$50 Couple

## UCSC Lifelong Learners Interest Group Registration Form

Member Information (Please print):

Last Name	First Name	Email Address

*Please note: Most group leaders use email to advise members of events.*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check each interest group you wish to join. **If the group has limited enrollment<sup>A,B</sup>, please consult the group leader to be sure there is space available.** Then add \$7 per person for each group, make out your check payable to **UC Santa Cruz Foundation**, and mail it to **Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**. Please note: **Payment is by check only.**

Check groups	Group Name	Group Leader	Email Address	Add \$7 for each
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	Discovering UCSC	Sandy Brauner	sanjan@cruzio.com	
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	<sup>A</sup> <i>Lit. Discuss., Tues.</i>	Virginia Law	veelaw2@pacbell.net	
	<sup>A</sup> <i>Lit. Discuss., Thurs.</i>	Joan Rose	ramblingroses@yahoo.com	
	<sup>B</sup> <i>Opera</i>	Alice Miller	alimat@comcast.net	
	<sup>A</sup> <i>Play Reading</i>	Shirley Forsyth	shirlclu@hotmail.com	
	<sup>A</sup> <i>Reading Circle</i>	Irene Lennox	scotirene@yahoo.com	
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

<sup>A</sup> Groups with limited enrollment. Check with leader for space availability.

<sup>B</sup> Registration by mail is not available. Please sign up for this group at the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

<sup>C</sup> The Film Group offers several five-week series of films each year. No need to check with leader before registering; a waiting list is maintained. If you don't get in the first series you will be wait-listed for the first available spot in a subsequent series. Priority is given to people who have never been in the film group. Please check here if this applies to you \_\_\_\_.

## **Winter Courses 2007 – 2008**

This winter LLL will again offer a stimulating series of courses, at minimum cost, beginning in January. Our thanks to Doree Steinmann and Lois Widom who have taken the lead in setting them up. The courses will meet in new locations with ample parking. All the details, including locations, fees and registration, will be announced in our next newsletter and on the Lifelong Learners' website, <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com>, so stay tuned. In the meantime, here is the course lineup for this winter.

### **Big Bands of the 30s and 40s**

Doree Steinmann and Shirley Forsyth have put together an exciting four week course called

*Big Bands of the 30s and 40s.* They have collected video of such bands as Glenn Miller, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Gene Krupa, Count Basie, Cab Calloway, Lionel Hampton, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and many more.

The course will be held in the Veterans' Hall Auditorium (846 Front Street, with plenty of free three-hour parking down the street) for four Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 January 8 – 29.

### **Four Philosophers Who Still Matter**

Socrates, Nietzsche, Benjamin and Wittgenstein. This discussion will be led by Associate Professor Emeritus of philosophy Robert Goff. Professor Goff's principal interests are philosophy of religion,

religious philosophy, and philosophy in and as literature.

### **American Women Poets of the Twentieth Century**

This discussion will be led by John Dizikes, Professor Emeritus of American Studies. It will take place in March (date and venue to be announced).

### **Romanticism**

A continuation of last year's well liked program on Romanticism. This year's class will focus on British and Russian Romanticism, including film, prose, poetry and music. Miriam Ellis, UCSC Lecturer in French, will lead (date and venue to be announced).

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