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# General Meeting, September 14 Stevenson Event Center

## President's Message



### New Years

I think years should begin in September. Yes, we understand why they begin in January: Winter Solstice, the annual cycle that promises rebirth, spring planting, and the autumn harvest. But for me the start of the academic year has been a more powerful beginning.

When we were children the Fall was the time of new challenges. I remember it vividly: the anticipation of a new teacher, a new classroom, being in a higher grade. For educators and parents, too, the coming of September sends us scurrying and planning, imagining new possibilities.

So it feels perfectly normal for Lifelong Learners to begin its year in September. What opportunities will present themselves to us this year? What classes will we participate in? What new friends will we meet? and old friendships renew? What extraordinary new ideas will challenge us to keep our minds active, again and again?

In addition this year is an election year. Huge changes are upon us. No matter who wins in November something will have to be done about global warming, energy and the environment, health insurance, the economy, and foreign challenges that boggle the mind. I know very few of us will be sitting this one out. The stakes are so high because the decisions that are coming will change our lives and those of our children and grandchildren.

I have to tell you that LLL also has some new challenges. Like everyone, we find that our organizational expenses have risen, and the University

has told us that they may not be able to provide us with the space and services they have offered us in the past at little or no cost because their budget has tightened.

The Board and I are committed to continuing to provide our members with a rich array of stimulating intellectual and cultural experiences this year. There will be courses and interest groups and monthly meetings as always. We will continue to provide book scholarships to outstanding re-entry students, but we may not be able to give as many as we have in the past. Consequently, we are going to have to think deeply during this year about whether to raise additional funds.

Lifelong Learners is so much more, however, than the funds we raise and the programs we offer. We are rich in intellectual capital. Every time we get together—in fact, every time we meet each other somewhere in the community—the pleasure we take in each other's company is expressed in our faces. The spirit of Lifelong Learners comes from the caring we feel, the ideas we exchange, and the things that we have learned about or done together.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all this Fall. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a chance to sign up for this year's interest groups, and hear from some of our inspiring and fascinating scholarship recipients. It'll be great to be together.

Mark Gordon

Want to audit a UCSC class at no cost? Visit our website: <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/attending-classes>

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### General Meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### *Lifelong Learners Interest Group Signups Begin*

The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Stevenson College Event Center.

The agenda will include coffee and introductions. It hasn't been finalized yet but we may have short presentations by UCSC re-entry students who have received LLL book scholarships. We'll also have our traditional LLL interest group signup activity.

A tax-deductible contribution of \$7.00 to Lifelong Learners is expected for each interest group you join. Please pay by check. The interest groups are described starting on page 3 and a mail-in registration coupon is on page 4.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### October Speaker Prof. Emily Brodsky Earthquakes: Why They Happen.

This will be a special treat for those of us who live in earthquake country. Professor Emily Brodsky will present new findings on what triggers earthquakes. She studies the physics of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, using fluid dynamics to formulate new interpretations of seismic data. In her research she has attempted to go beyond plate tectonics

into how earthquakes interact and what triggers slip.



Emily Brodsky is an associate professor in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at UCSC. She received her B.A. from Harvard and her Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

### Changes on the Board

The 2008–2009 board has some new faces and some shifting of responsibilities.

Kathy Cairns has retired from being program chair, and her friend Mary Hanlan has accepted this vitally important position. Kathy is not leaving us and is now a board member at large.

Past LLL president and board member Doree Steinmann has retired from the board. Thanks, Doree, for all you do!

Recording secretary Steve Zaslaw has passed the pen to Nancy Mead. Steve will continue work on our website and on the website of Watsonville Wetlands Watch where he's the volunteer webmaster.

## LLL Interest Groups, 2008–09

Participating in an interest group is a great way to get to know your fellow Lifelong Learners and to enjoy interesting activities. We have a wide variety of interest groups, as the following list attests, and you may join as many as you wish. All that is required is a contribution of \$7 to LLL for each interest group you join. Signups will begin at the first general meeting of the year, on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can't attend the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, you can use the mail-in coupon on page 4, but if space is limited preference will be given to those signing up at the meeting.

On this and following pages, for each group, the leader's name is in **bold type**. For phone numbers and email addresses, see the shaded column at the right. See our website for more details.

### 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. **Craig Miller**

### Art & Architecture

The group visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest in the Bay Area: museums, galleries, homes, public buildings, tours, etc. Generally we have at least one activity a month throughout the year. The days vary depending on the venue.

**Lois Widom**

### Creative Writing

The group meets weekly throughout the year to share our members' writing. Membership limited to ten. Fridays from 10 to noon. **Donna Love**

### Digital Photography

The group meets on the last Friday of the month, from 10 to noon, to share and discuss our photographs, the techniques we have found effective, and the issues we face as photographers. Other activities include photo shoots and field trips. **Robert Franson**

### Dining Out

The group generally 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 in cash. **Chris Le Maistre**

### Discovering UCSC

The group goes behind the academic scenes at UCSC. Each month we meet informally at UCSC 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. **Sandy Brauner**

### Film

The group meets Tuesday evenings for five-week series of films. A waiting list is maintained if more than 20 participants are registered, for preference in the next series. The first

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### Adventuring

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### Horticulture

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### Literature Discussion (Tues)

Virginia Law, 425-5453  
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### Literature Discussion (Thurs)

Joan Rose, 477-0360  
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### Opera

Alice Miller, 661-0398  
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### Play Reading

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### Reading Circle (books)

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series will screen films that deal with the search for dignity, facing challenges, following orders, the virtues of right and wrong, and battles of wills. Starts on Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. and continues for five consecutive Tuesday nights. **Jim Faris**

### Great Books

The Great Books Foundation Discussion Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:15 p.m. in the Clubhouse of Brookvale Terrace Mobile Home park. The text for discussion is *Great Conversations 1*; See the LLL website for more information and contact **Faye Alexander**.

### 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. Our hot-house work venue lets us meet rain or shine. Parking is free and conven-

iently close, within the Horticulture Center. **Pat McVeigh**

### Literature Discussion

Members interested in literature meet periodically to discuss short stories, articles, and poetry from *The New Yorker* magazine. To ensure good discussions, our groups are limited to eight members plus the leader. If more than eight members are interested, we will try to open more groups. Groups meet year round.

**Virginia Law's** group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Westside Santa Cruz from 2 to 4 p.m. **Joan Rose's** group meets every other Thursday in Aptos from 2 to 4.

### Opera

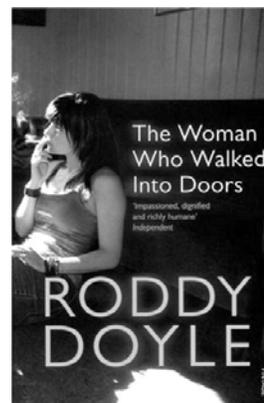
The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in Seascape. Both CD's and DVD's are used to present the work of specific composers, periods of music, and outstanding artists. A program and

printed material regarding the work, composer, and/or artist is provided. Limited Membership. **Alice Miller**

### Play Reading

The group meets in Capitola on the first Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 beginning in October. **Shirley Forsyth**

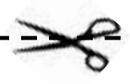
### Reading Circle (books)



The group meets from 1:30 to 3:30 on the third Monday of the month. Each month a different fiction or

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### Interest Group mail-in Registration



Register for interest groups at the September 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Use this form to register by mail if you cannot attend the meeting. If the group has limited enrolment please check with the group leader first.

Please make **checks to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and **mail to Robert Franson, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.**

A tax-deductible contribution of \$7.00 is expected for each interest group you join. Please pay by check.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Groups \_\_\_\_\_

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nonfiction book is selected by the group to read and discuss. The book for October is pictured on page 4.

**Irene Lennox**

**Volunteers in Action**

The purpose of “Volunteers In Action” is to be of service, foremost on the UCSC campus but also for other worthy organizations. We serve on a one time or short term basis. We see ourselves as an outreach program, an on-call ready response team, much like a volunteer fire department, available to assist worthy enterprises on short notice. For example, we repainted the Pacific Street mural, covering graffiti and scuff marks and making it glisten again. We have no scheduled meetings. When we hear a *cri de cœur*, we assemble a team and respond. **Bill Patterson**

**Wine Tasting**

The group supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. **Brooke Ewoldsen** or **Marilyn Wingfield**



Thanks to the **Bargetto Winery** for helping us with wine at our Summer Party at the Arboretum!

**Fall Bird-Watching Class**

Northern Flicker, UCSC Arboretum



Todd Newberry, lifelong bird watcher and author of *The Ardent Birder*, has kindly agreed to teach a class for Lifelong Learners called “November Birds Around Monterey Bay.” It will meet on four Mondays, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. The class is intended for novice bird watchers and will emphasize how to look for and listen to birds. It will involve easy walking but a considerable amount of standing absolutely still. (If this is a problem, you may

bring a small folding stool.) You should also bring binoculars.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the class will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the lower parking lot at the Arboretum. Plans will be made for subsequent classes at that time.

As with all Lifelong Learner classes, the cost of the class is \$20. If more than ten people are interested in enrolling, we will establish a waiting list. To register, please mail the coupon below by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Northern Mockingbird, Arana Gulch



**Bird-Watching mail-in Registration**

One or two people can register with this form. Please make **checks to UCSC Foundation** and **mail to Robert Franson**, 216 National Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Name	Phone	Totals (cost per person is \$20)
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		\$
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Use this form to join Lifelong Learners or renew your membership.

Please make **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation** and  
**mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners**, University Relations,  
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Enclosed is my membership contribution: \$30 Individual; \$50 Couple at same address.

I want to help LLL provide more book scholarships! I've enclosed an additional contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

This form is also available at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms>

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