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**General Meeting, May 16th
Stevenson College Event Center**

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Election of Officers;

Discussion: The Next Twenty-five Years

Election of Officers. We will elect our officers for the coming year at the May meeting. A nominating committee comprised of Virginia Law (chair), Jim Faris, Cynthia Margolin, and Roger Bach has unanimously proposed the following slate:

- President: Nancy Mead
- Vice President: Chris Le Maistre
- Recording Secretary: Patricia Stumpf
- Treasurer: David Copp

Additional candidates may be nominated at the time of the meeting by any member, but any nominees must be present at the meeting and consent to being nominated or have consented in writing prior to the meeting.

Discussion: The Next Twenty-five Years. Following the regular business meeting, in the place of a guest speaker, we will break into small groups to

discuss our hopes for Lifelong Learners in the years ahead. The purpose is to gather some information about how you feel about Lifelong Learners, what you feel we are doing right, what you would like us to do differently, and what you would like to see us do in the future. We hope to gather ideas for new courses, new interest groups, and new programs and approaches to benefit our members. Among the questions that will be discussed are the following: What should be our highest priorities for the coming year? Should we schedule some of our programs in the evenings or on weekends? What can we do to make LLL more welcoming to new members? What can we do to improve our courses and interest groups? Are there improvements you would like to see in our meeting format? Please come and help us define how we can make Lifelong Learners even better in the future.

After the Meeting, Come to the Party!

A reminder: don't forget to come to the Fiesta Luncheon after the meeting if you've registered. It starts at 12:30. Besides food and wine, there will be great music by Velzoe and the Upbeats. They are a four-piece jazz group led by an amazing 100-year-old lady! Get ready to dance!



Opera: “The Elixir of Love”

Following the delightful presentation by Nicole Paiement and Brian Staufenbiel at our April general meeting, members wanted to learn more about this year’s spring opera performance.

UCSC’s annual spring opera production is Gaetano Donizetti’s “*L’elisir d’amore*.” Set in a World War II military factory, the production of Donizetti’s timeless comic opera tells a love story with wonderful music and a fabulous chorus. The dotting Nemorino is madly in love with Adina, the factory owner, who hardly gives him the time of day. Along comes Sergeant Belcore who spurs Adina’s interest so much so that she even considers marrying him, further fueling Nemorino’s despair and des-



peration. Who can help poor Nemorino before it is too late? Only the quack Dr. Dulcamara, a charming hustler and con man who peddles bad Bordeaux as a magic “elixir.” Dulcamara helps Nemorino get his groove back and find love in the end! Sung in Italian with supertitles. With the UCSC Orchestra. Directed by Brian Staufenbiel. Conducted by Nicole Paiement.

Performances: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 3, 4, 5, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at 2:00 p.m. Music Center Recital Hall. Reserved seating: \$25; general \$21; seniors \$11. Phone: (831) 459-2159. Email: tickets@ucsc.edu. http://arts.ucsc.edu/news_events

Why Isn’t There An Interest Group About...?

If you have an interest (Current events? Gourmet cooking? Singing? Travel? Tennis? ...?), you may have noticed there’s no LLL interest group. What’s the solution?

Simple: **START A GROUP!**

It’s a whole lot easier than it sounds. You don’t have to do all the work yourself. While many interest groups follow the leadership of an enthusiastic expert, many others share leadership responsibility with an on-line course, a published book, or simply other group members.

Getting members is amazingly easy—just let people know. The newsletter, the website, and the general meeting will help publicize your interest.

Every new group in the past year has succeeded! Why? Our members really, really like interest groups, and will help make yours work. Just ask!

But...some things make it seem hard to start a group. So we can help. If you have an interest but

- don’t feel like you are a leader
- don’t have enough space for a group where you live
- can’t stand the idea of setting up an e-mail list
- it seems too hard, too much work...

...then help is on the way! This June we’re offering the first-ever short workshop on Leading LLL Interest Groups. It’ll be about what you’ll need to have a successful group.

We can also connect you with other people who have started new groups, so you can learn from their experiences.

Share your interests, and help make LLL even better for us all!

For more information about the workshop, contact Dusty Miller or Jan Jaffe.

Dusty Miller
426-0835
hndmiller@hotmail.com

Jan Jaffe
684-0470
janjaffe@charter.net

Interest Groups

LLL members who have registered in the interest group program may participate in any open group. Check with the group leader before attending if you have not previously participated. If you've not yet registered for the program, please use the coupon on page 7.

Not all groups listed can accommodate new participants. Some have waiting lists. Others are closed to new members. Closed groups are marked with an asterisk (*).

We encourage interested members to explore establishing new interest groups. Interest groups are run by their leaders.

Art & Architecture — Visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest all over the Bay Area. **Wed., May 19, 9:30 a.m.** — “**Illustrating Nature**” exhibit, Pacific Grove Mu-



B&W renderings only hint at beauty of illustrations on display.

seum of Natural History plus after-lunch tour of Pacific Grove. Lois Widom, lowidom@yahoo.com, 423-0184. Summer activities will be announced by email and on the calendar.

Adventuring — Organizes “adventurous” outings, sometimes local, sometimes in SF Bay or Monterey Bay locations. **Friday, May 21, 9 a.m.** — **Logging history walk in Nisene Marks State Forest.** Any summer adventures will be announced by email. Craig Miller, 426-0835, craigsem@cruzio.com.



Historic Photo: Molina Timber Company Rail Line, location now in Nisene Marks State Forest

Conversational Books — All LLL members are welcome at a **presentation about Alzheimer’s (AD) and dementia** given by Dale Thieglas, a local expert on the illness from the Alzheimer’s Association. You may not know much about the science of the disease or how some parts of the brain are not diminished but remain

intact. This could be a very useful hour.

The talk is scheduled for **Thurs, June 10, 1:30 p.m.** but could be rescheduled for later in the year depending on LLL member response. Location will be announced. If interested please call or email the group leader: Jean Zlotkin at 245-5628 or jean@conversationalbooks.com.

***Creative Writing** — Meets every Friday at 10 a.m. to share members’ writing projects. Will continue to meet over the summer. Elaine Heyman, elaineheyman@sbcglobal.net, 423-0513

***Digital Photography** — Meets monthly for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. **May 24, 1:30 p.m.** Leaders: Cindy Margolin, 688-7665, crmargol@gotsky.com, and Jim Kenney, 600-8189, jkenney.santacruz@gmail.com

Dining Out — Meets monthly at different restaurants, usually two sitting choices, 4th Tues. & Wed., 6:30. Chris Le Maistre, 471-2396, clemaistre@sbcglobal.net. Will not meet after May until next season.

Discovering UCSC — Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic scenes to discover what makes the department tick. **May 5, Digital Arts Department.** Sandy Brauner, 477-7081, sanjan@cruzio.com

The **Film Group** meets Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. for five consecutive weeks to view and discuss films.

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Several series of five films are offered during the year. The series starting **May 11** is full.

To get on the list for the next series, please contact Robert Franson, rfranson@cruzio.com, 469-7042, cell 251-7042 (email preferred). Repeat participants are asked to contribute \$10 to the Silvia Miller Scholarship Fund. To donate, please make your check to UC Santa Cruz Foundation and write *Silvia Miller Fund* on the memo line. Mail to UCSC Lifelong Learners, University Relations, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. Find details on the Film Group's web page.

Financial Education — Meets twice monthly to discuss pros and cons of specific strategies, options, investments, financial & protection products. The goal is a frank exchange of views and a shared base of knowledge. Each session open to any member who would like to present to the group, but the leader will be prepared to present on the specified topics (see web page for details).

Meetings will continue on the existing schedule. Still lots of issues to cover. Will be setting topics for the next months at upcoming meeting. Steve Edmonds, 338-3106, Steve@2rs.com

***Great Books Discussion** — Meets monthly to discuss the classics.
May 6: Herman Melville's "Bartleby the Scrivener." Meetings will continue during the summer. Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net

The Great Decisions, holds discussions based on readings in the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*. The last meeting this year is **May 10**. Gwen & Richard Houk, 831-464-8614, 916-965-6907, Dgwebers1@aol.com

Hiking — Meets weekly (Wed. 9:30) for 1 to 2 hours of brisk walking, mostly in local forests. Hikes will continue during the summer. Alice Tarail, 334-3328, alicet@cruzio.com

Horticulture — Meets every Thursday (9:30 – noon) at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department to work on plantings.

The group has been working diligently to prepare for the Mother's Day Sale at Cabrillo College. Please join with the group on **May 7** for the Friends of the Garden sale, or on **May 8 or 9** for the sale open to everyone. Lots of fun and great plants are available at low prices! See http://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/horticulture/plant_sale/plantsale.html.

The group will not meet after the end of May, and will recommence in September. Some members will continue working at the Hort. Dept. over the summer as there is always something to do. Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com

Lunching Out — Enjoy good food and good company while sampling the restaurant scene in the Santa Cruz area. Final lunch this season at Pino Alto Restaurant at **Sesnon House**. Graduating students' final exam. Wed. **May 26**. Call leaders for more info and to reserve. Sherry Eisendorf, 458-

2459, Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com

Meditation — in the Vipassana/Spirit Rock tradition for both experienced and new meditators. Meets weekly on Sat. morning from 9 to 11 a.m. (45 minutes of meditation with instructions, then 30 minutes of discussion), with an optional walk after. Will continue to meet over the summer. Contact Alice Tarail at alicet@cruzio.com or 334-3328 to confirm there is space.

***New Yorker Discussion** — Meets 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. There are three sections (all full), but anyone interested in forming a new section, please contact Dusty Miller, 426-0835, hndmiller@hotmail.com.

Opera — Saturday Mornings at the Met on Santana Row. Trips to Santa Clara to watch live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts at the movie theater. Optional lunch at a Santana Row restaurant. **May 1**, *Armida* by Gioachino Rossini. The group will resume **Oct. 9** with Wagner's *Das Rheingold*. Alice Miller, alimat@comcast.net, 661-0398

***Philosophy** — Meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. to study philosophy topics. Next meeting **May 19**, then **June 9**. Currently the Harvard series "Justice: A Journey in Moral Reasoning" is the basis for

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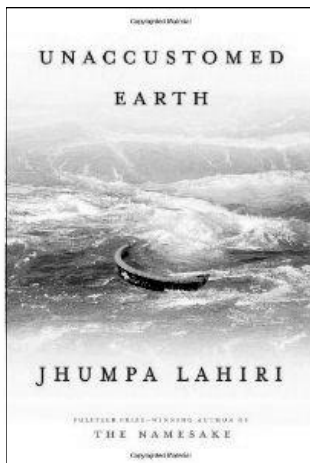
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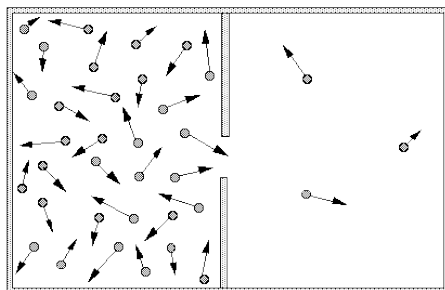
discussions. Discussion leadership is shared among the group. Paul Seever, 440-9018, pseever@prodigy.net

Play Reading — Meets monthly (1st Mon., 1:30) to read plays selected by the members. **May 3:** *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller; **June 7:** *Harvey* by Mary Chase; **July 5:** *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon; **Aug. 2:** *Mary, Mary* by Jean Kerr. There is room for one or two more participants, so check with leader Shirley Forsyth, shirlclu@gmail.com, 477-1796.

Reading Circle — Meets monthly (3rd Mon., 1:30) to discuss books selected by the members. **May 17:** *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri; **June 21:** *Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life* by Queen Noor of Jordan. Books for July, August, and September will be decided later. The August meeting will be at the home of Sheila Wickens. Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com,



457-2690



Diffusion: The second law of thermodynamics is based in the observation that matter and energy tend to disperse.

Science Discussion — Sections meet monthly to study science topics using articles and chapters of books as bases for discussions. Science Group 1 has several openings, and at the May general meeting we would like to talk to anyone who is interested in joining our group. Group 1 is planning a new format for next year. **Group 1:** next meeting, **May 17.** Leaders: Judy Wollowitz, judyL@ebold.com, and Kathy Brooks. **Group 2:** next meeting, **May 3.** Leaders: Paul Seever, 440-9018, and Kathy Brooks, Kathyzbrosks@sbcglobal.net

Social Sciences Discussion — Share your interests and knowledge of various fields within social sciences: psychology, economics, sociology, and anthropology. Members provide information on a particular area and then lead a discussion. **May 18:** Economics of Campaign Finance; **June 15:** The Turing Test and what it means to be Human. Will continue to meet over the summer. Jan Jaffe, 684-0470, janjaffe@charter.net

Symphony Group — Join with the SC Symphony League for previews & concerts. Meet artists, hear previews Fridays before concerts. Concerts Sat. eve & Sun. matinée: **May 8 & 9.**

Noel & Miriam Fishman,
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Volunteers in Action — An outreach program, an on-call ready response team to assist community members, including other Lifelong Learners, and worthy enterprises. Group has recently served many who suffer mobility loss by modifying their homes. Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net

Walking — Explores Santa Cruz Neighborhoods. Meets monthly (3rd Fri., 10 – noon). Easy walking and education while exploring local nooks and crannies. **May 21:** Roaring Camp & Henry Cowell Redwoods Loop; **June 18:** Arana Gulch; **July 16:** Land of the Medicine Buddha; **Aug. 21:** UCSC Central Campus; **Sept. 17:** Seabright neighborhood. Lesley Franz, 425-4685, LesFranz@aol.com, Virginia Law, 425-5453, veelaw2@pacbell.net

Wine Tasting — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries.



New Members and Corrections

UCSC Lifelong Learners welcomes these new members:

Barbara Banducci, Johanna Bowen, Dennise Brown, Shiela Dean, Paul E. Dunwire, Richard Egelhofer, Joyce Finch, David F. Fittante, Nancy Garibaldi, Kathy Gies, Jo Hahn, Gitelle Kaplan, Michael & Ruth Keeley, Vladimir & Yelena Kraz, Bob & Hannah Kuennen, Anne Leslie, Myra Mahoney, Charles Marshall, Harry Meserve, Kate Minott, Peggy Musgrave, Andy & Linda Neher, Arianna Nolan, Bill Norris, Barb Pesavento, Glenn Peters, Ann B. Pinkham, Patricia Poulos, Pat & Rowland Rebele, Ziggy Randler-Bregman, William Wright & Judy Reveaux-Wright, Mary Jane Roskosz, Ken Sievers, Ted Silveira, Lorraine Sintetos,

Phyllis & Richard Wasserstrom, Lea Watson, Jean Weisz, Nancy Whaley, Richard & Rosaleen Zlatunich

The following corrects the Lifelong Learners membership addendum dated February 16, 2010:

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