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General Meeting, November 16th Stevenson Event Center

General Meeting, Nov 16th, 10 a.m.

Guest Speaker, David Sweet, Prof. Emeritus

"Human Rights for Americans"

David Sweet, Professor Emeritus of Latin American and World History at UCSC and long-time community activist, will speak about human rights for Americans. Prof. Sweet was a cofounder in 1983 of Witness for Peace, a national organization opposed to the militarization of U.S. foreign policy toward Central America. Here in Santa Cruz he has served on the boards of the Neary Lagoon Housing Coop, the Resource Center for Nonviolence, and the Santa Cruz and Northern California American Civil Liberties Union, among others. Currently he represents Santa Cruz on the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County. Recently the Santa Cruz ACLU honored him with an award

for Distinguished Service, in consideration of his many years of activism on behalf of civil liberties.

Prof. Sweet's presentation will highlight the large role played by Americans in launching the international movement for human rights, the importance of that movement (and the resulting body of international human rights law) to peoples everywhere, how and why the U.S. disassociated itself from the international movement for human rights, and why we must now find our way to rejoining it.

This is also a "Welcome Back" for David, who is an honorary member of Lifelong Learners.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th at the Stevenson Event Center.

2009 Winter Classes

LLL will offer three classes this winter: *On Dreams and Dreaming*, in January (details below); Bob Goff on *the Philosophical Interpretation and Explanation of Religious Life* in February; and Miriam Ellis continuing her Romanticism series in April.

On Dreams and Dreaming

This series of lectures and optional workshops, taught by Michal Aizenman, on dreams, their language, function, and use, presents a broad view of dreams by asking such questions as: What are dreams? How can we understand their language and function? How do we best utilize them in our lives?

We begin with an overview of theories on dreams throughout history, starting with antiquity and ending with the most recent research on the brain, sleep, and dreaming. Through dream material and in light of the dream theory of Carl Jung, we learn to unravel the language of dreams and understand their imagery. We study

dreams in antiquity, the Bible, and the present, and we learn about the structure and function of the human psyche and how to connect with and make good use of dreams in our daily lives.

The class will be held on four Tuesdays in January, the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th – from 10 to 12 in the morning. It will meet at the Quaker Meeting House at 225 Rooney St. near Morrissey Blvd.

Michal Aizenman was born in Israel where she trained and worked as a Clinical Psychologist and Jungian Analyst in different settings – psychiatric hospitals, clinics, as senior clinical psychologist in the Israeli Air force, and in private practice. She taught courses at Dartmouth College and at UCSC. Michal currently lives in Santa Cruz.

You can register for this course with the coupon on page 5. Details on the other courses will be in the January Newsletter.

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President's Message



Election Day

LLL has always been careful not to engage in partisan politics. That is not going to change now, but it would be foolish, really impossible for me not to acknowledge that as you are receiving this newsletter we are just days away from an election that feels enormous in its implications.

Like many of you, I have been riveted by this election. But because LLL is expressly not a partisan space, my decisions about candidates or ballot measures won't appear here.

Instead I want to think about the way we engage in elections. For many years, elections have been a nasty business. More theater than truth, more "gotcha" than thoughtful. I remember the atom bomb advertisement attacking a Republican in 1964, or more recently, the Willie Horton advertisement attacking a Democrat. There are endless other examples. Over time, it became common, even expected, to demonize and ridicule the opponents and those who support them.

In my opinion, this is really bad news. The issues we face are complex and crucial. We need our best thinking, not our worst. In a democracy, it makes no sense to believe that those with whom we disagree in an election are devoid of any good ideas. We may differ in approach, but shouldn't we assume that we all wish the best for our city, state, or

nation? Wouldn't it be better to ask ourselves, "What is it that the people with whom we so strongly disagree perceive about the world or the issue that causes them to take the positions they do?" And, is there anything about the answer to that question that is useful for us to know? On the other hand, I am not so naïve as to think that some people aren't simply corrupt, and use the election process to promote personal gain over the interests of ordinary citizens. The Los Angeles water wars come to mind. Part of being thoughtful is being able to answer this question: "In whose interest is a proposal or idea?" In this age of the internet, with Google available, it is usually pretty easy to find out.

When citizens routinely study and advocate for their ideas forcefully yet respectfully, we may not get everything right, but the chances are good that we will come close, and our respect for each other will grow. People deserve our respect until they actually do something to lose it. Elections shouldn't suspend that principle.

LLL members, each in our own way, have long been contributing to making the world a bit better. Sometimes it's simply by trying to understand what's going on, sometimes by taking action on behalf of those people or ideas that need our help, and sometimes by just making sure that we vote in an election.

— Mark Gordon

UCSC Lifelong Learners — History, Purpose, and Activities

Founded in 1984 by Bernie Farneroff, Margaret Burns, Jim Faris, Silvia Miller, and Mary Ann Raedler, UCSC Lifelong Learners (UCSC LLL) has grown to over 300 members. It enjoys a special relationship with UCSC as a University Friends Group and has its home base on campus with UCSC Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students (STARS). Through STARS, its members give approximately sixty \$200 book scholarships each academic year to deserving transfer and re-entry students. Lifelong Learners holds monthly meetings at Stevenson College.

UCSC LLL offers monthly public lectures, usually by UCSC faculty, on subjects ranging from financial crises around the world to opera. In addition LLL offers a series of short courses (usually four weeks) for its members on a broad range of subjects.

LLL Interest Groups

Many members participate in LLL interest groups. Currently there are eighteen interest groups providing members with an opportunity to take part in discussions and activities of interest to them. Some of these are large, like the Art & Architecture interest group, which visits museums, galleries, and public buildings all over the Bay Area; and others are kept small to allow members to pursue activities such as creative writing and photography. Nearly 200 members participated in the interest group program during the past year, and many joined more than one, with the result that 547 interest group registrations were received. In all, 232 members participated in at least one course or interest group during the year. Even with the modest interest group and course fees members pay to participate, the resulting donations

to Lifelong Learners' programs and scholarships amounted to \$3,780. Additional book scholarship funds are raised through annual membership dues.

The active interest groups for 2008–09 are listed below. “L:” = “Leader is”.

- **Adventuring** — Organizes trips to San Francisco by train and ferry, and visits to botanical gardens, manufacturing plants, and other interesting places. L: Craig Miller, 426-0835, craigsem@cruzio.com
- **Art & Architecture** — Visits places of architectural and/or artistic interest all over the Bay Area. L: Lois Widom, 423-0184, lowidom@yahoo.com
- **Creative Writing** — Meets weekly throughout the year to share members' writings. (Currently full). L: Donna Love, 479-9857, lovedonna@sbcglobal.net
- **Discovering UCSC** — Visits a different UCSC department each month, going behind the academic scenes to discover what makes the department tick. L: Sandy Brauner, 477-7081, sanjan@cruzio.com
- **Digital Photography** — Meets monthly for critiques, photo shoots, and field trips. L: Robert Franson, 469-7042, rfranson@cruzio.com
- **Dining Out** — Meets monthly at different restaurants. L: Chris Le Maistre. 471-2396, clemaistre@sbcglobal.net
- **Film** — Meets for five consecutive weeks to view and discuss films. Several series during the year. L: Jim Faris, 458-1389, jefaris@cruzio.com
- **Great Books Discussion** — Meets monthly to discuss the classics. L: Faye Alexander, 476-8575, qtpie95010@sbcglobal.net
- **Horticulture** — Meets twice monthly at the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department to work on plantings. L: Pat McVeigh, 475-9357, pmcveigh@baymoon.com
- **Literature Discussion** (two sections) — Meets periodically to discuss short stories and poetry from *The New Yorker*. L: Tuesday: Virginia Law, 425-5453, veelaw2@pacbell.net, L: Thursday: Joan Rose, 477-0360, ramblingroses@yahoo.com (Both sections are currently full.)
- **New: Memorial Writing** — Gathers to share writing of memorials, tributes, testaments, recommendations, eulogies, and obituaries. L: Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net
- **Opera** — Meets monthly to view and discuss operatic works. (Currently full). L: Alice Miller, 661-0398, alimat@comcast.net
- **Play Reading** — Meets monthly to read plays selected by the members. (Currently full). L: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@hotmail.com
- **Reading Circle (books)** — Meets monthly to discuss books selected by the members. L: Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com
- **Volunteers in Action** — Meets on call to be of service, mostly on the UCSC campus but also for other worthy organizations. L: Bill Patterson, 479-3729, wilderwill@comcast.net

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- Wine Tasting — Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly. L: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188, Marilyn Wingfield, marilynw2@netzero.net
- **New:** Writers' Group — Gathers for “impromptu writing,” sharing members’ writings, guest speakers on subjects like publishing. Meets monthly, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Limited to eight people. L: Shirley Forsyth, 477-1796, shirlclu@hotmail.com

Members of Lifelong Learners may join as many interest groups as they wish by donating \$7 for each group joined. Duration varies. Some groups run throughout the year; some are of more limited duration. Details are available on the LLL website. Members may use the coupon below to join the groups of their choice; however, space is limited in some groups, and some are currently full. Contributions for interest group memberships are fully tax-deductible.

Upcoming Interest Group Events

Events are listed on our online calendar. See above for interest group contacts. Some highlights during November are:

- **Adventuring:** Tour of the UCSC farm and garden. Nov. 14. Craig Miller.
- **Art & Architecture:** *Leonardo: 500 Years into the Future*, at the Tech Museum. Nov. 13. Lois Widom.
- **Discovering UCSC:** 1) Nov 12: Visit UARC at Moffett Field. 2) Nov 18: Visit Physics Dept. Sandy Brauner.
- **Writers’ Group:** Nov 5, Nov 19. 1:30 to 4 p.m., Shirley Forsyth.
- **Memorial Writing:** Organizational Meeting, Genealogy Room of the Santa Cruz Main Library, Nov 11 at 11 a.m. Bill Patterson.
- **Reading Circle:** “Collapse,” Jared Diamond, Nov 17. Irene Lenox.

New Members

UCSC Lifelong Learners welcomes these new members:

Judy Anton, Anne Bailey, Ellie Butterworth, Claire Cameron, Randy and Carin Chapin, Madeline Crews, Lyn Dremalas, Jane Eckman, Lesley Frantz, Sandra Lee Garland, Elizabeth Grishaw, Vicki and Alan Hendin, Bonnie Herdocia, Gary Hughes, Yvonne King, Jack and Pilar Kopecky, Donna Large, Cynthia Margolin, Joan Gilbert Martin, Phyllis Medek, Jim Mehl, Kathryn Metz, Joan Moore, Lance Sprague and Mary Nelson, Barbara Ng, Marilyn Patton, Glen and Donna Rothe, Manuel and Maria Santana, Terry Sityar, Gerry Stone, Barbara Thompson, Denise Valencia, Phyllis Wood, Jean Zlotkin.

Interest Group mail-in Registration

If a group has limited enrolment please check with the group leader first. For more information about interest groups and how to join one, see <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/forms#IG>

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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Silvia Miller Scholarship Program

Every year Lifelong Learners awards book scholarships to a number of deserving UCSC re-entry and transfer students. The book awards are named in memory of Silvia Miller, a member of Lifelong Learners, who began the program with a rummage sale in 1988. That first year they raised enough to give five \$50 scholarships. The program has grown steadily since then, and we now offer \$200 book stipends to around twenty students each academic term.

There are many more deserving students than we can help, so donations to the Silvia Miller scholarship program are very welcome, and they are fully tax-deductible. To donate to the Silvia Miller Fund please make your check out to the UCSC Foundation and write "Silvia Miller Fund" in the memo line. Then mail it to UCSC Lifelong Learners, University Relations, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

The following is a personal reminiscence of Silvia Miller provided by Corinne Miller:

I have so many great memories of Silvia. She often came to the Re-Entry Center to say hello and study and sometimes we'd have lunch or dinner together.

Silvia entered UCSC the year my son Morgan was born and I was bringing him to work with me. Silvia would always come in with a treat or little present for Morgan and would

play with him for a long time. Of course, he loved her (and I really appreciated having some undistracted time to get my work done!). For ten years, Silvia and Morgan continued their friendship. He spoke at her memorial service at Temple Beth El, referring to her as his adopted grandma.

At one point, I remember we helped her pack up her home in the Outlook Apartments because she was moving to Israel. She had been studying the Ethiopian Jews who had found refuge there and, among other things, she wanted to continue her research. I admired so much her adventurous spirit. Israel seemed so far away to me and she was making this great change in her life, alone and with such gusto.

I also remember having a conversation with her about wanting to help the re-entry students because she saw how they struggled to balance their lives and make ends meet financially. She also very much wanted to send them a message that someone believed in them and their dreams of obtaining a college degree. So, to raise money, she, Betty Bernstein and Margaret Burns spear-headed a rummage sale they held one week-end morning at the Children's Center at the Granary. This was the initiation of the Lifelong Learners Book Award Program, and they awarded \$250 that first year.

Corinne Miller

"Dreams and Dreaming" Winter Class mail-in Registration

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Lifelong Learners Membership Form

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mail to UC Santa Cruz Lifelong Learners, University Relations,
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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!

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