

# Sixty Plus at San Francisco State University *Highlights*

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**SIXTY PLUS**

*A Program for Lifelong Learning*

*February, 2015*

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

### **Marilyn Straka – On the Level: San Francisco Walking Tours “Victorian Homes in Pacific Heights”**

Marilyn Straka will take us on another of her armchair walking tours — this one much closer to home — as we visit the Victorian homes in Pacific Heights.

Put on your “walking shoes” to explore this upscale neighborhood of exquisite homes — including secret gardens and landmark buildings — and learn much San Francisco history. We will visit the inside an 1890 Queen Ann mansion and explore along the crest of one of San Francisco’s 42 hills, at 370 feet above the Pacific Ocean. Learn who lives in these beautiful homes — and about some of the movies that have been filmed here.



The meeting will be held in the Rosa Parks Room of the SFSU Student Center at 1:00 p.m. Social time will follow. The hospitality for this meeting will be provided by Helen and Irv Jarkovsky. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Hy - Jow** are requested to bring treats. Please let Helen or Irv know if you are not attending. Make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

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## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

### **“Des” Desvernine, Special Agent, FBI (retired)**

Des Desvernine is returning to Sixty Plus to share more stories from his fascinating career as a Special Agent with the FBI. He specialized in organized crime matters and white collar crimes and was a pioneer of undercover investigations including ownership of a bar in Valdez, Alaska. At the time of his retirement in 1980, Des was considered the “Most Commended” Special Agent in the FBI. After “retirement” he became a Homicide Sergeant in Marin County and worked closely on the investigation of the “Trailside Killer.”



The meeting will be held in the Rosa Parks Room of the SFSU Student Center at 1:00 p.m. Social time will follow. The hospitality for this meeting will be provided by Frances Katz. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **K - Kn** are requested to bring treats. Please let Frances know if you are not attending. Make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

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**Shuttle Bus Times:** Pick-up time for the meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. at the Lake Merced parking lot at the foot of Sunset Blvd. A second bus will be available if necessary. The return trip will be at 3:15 p.m. from in front of the Creative Arts Building on Holloway Avenue.

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## President's Message – February, 2015

This Spring is full of exciting events for Sixty Plus: interesting speakers, thanks to our Program Committee; fun and educational tours, thanks to our Tour Committee; and opportunities to socialize and make new friends at our Program Meetings and other events. Erwin Kelly gives his popular after-the-meeting talk on the economic picture of the day on Feb. 23, and possibly a second talk on May 11, focusing on tips for travel. Of course, each event relies on volunteers to organize and coordinate.



Please think about helping to coordinate an event. Don't worry if you think you do not have the experience — plenty of seasoned volunteers will gladly give you advice and guidance. Volunteering is fun and a sure way to feel good about participating in our organization and in turn feeling good about yourself. I am looking forward to hearing from you. We need new people to volunteer. Lastly, our Alice Keenan will no longer be the Program Committee Chair as of the end of June, 2015. She has worked tirelessly on presenting programs that are educational, informative, exciting, interesting, and fun. Thank you, Alice, for always being professional and a genuine gift to Sixty Plus. We will need members to step up to the Program Committee — otherwise we won't have programs. Eileen Ward has advised me that ideas for programs are needed. She will do the coordinating.

Many thanks to all of you for helping to keep Sixty Plus up and running — our Vice President, Chris Malfatti; our Treasurer, Terry Kirchhoff; our outgoing Recording Secretary, Alice Keenan and our incoming Recording Secretary, Ray Sarakaitis; our Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Graham; Alice Keenan, our Program Committee Chair; John Johns, our Mailing Committee Chair; Karen Grech, our Sunshine Committee Chair; Jeanne Glennon, editor of the Highlights; Eileen Ward, our office coordinator, and all others who have so graciously volunteered to keep Sixty Plus the vibrant and alive organization that it is.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next Program Meeting, February 9th, in the Rosa Parks Room in the Cesar Chavez Student Center at SFSU. Please keep up-to-date by visiting our website: [www.sixtyplussf.org](http://www.sixtyplussf.org).

Best regards,

**Margo Moor, President, Sixty Plus at San Francisco State University, 415-205-9350, [mmoor@att.net](mailto:mmoor@att.net)**

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## Hospitality Committee

Members are asked to provide refreshments such as cookies, fruit, or other finger food for general membership meetings according to alphabetical order. Please make a note of your turn and bring refreshments on your assigned day. In case you cannot attend your assigned meeting, please exchange with someone in another alphabetical group.

<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Hy - Jow</b>	<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>Ko - Lin</b>	<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>Mo - Ol</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>K - Kn</b>	<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Lo - Mil</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	<b>Or - Pi</b>

**Phyllis Abad, [pabad@earthlink.net](mailto:pabad@earthlink.net)**

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Get ready to change the way you dial your calls!

The 628 area code will be added to the area served by the 415 area code. This is known as an area code overlay. An overlay does not require customers to change their existing area codes.

Beginning February 21, 2015, you must use this new dialing procedure for calls from the 415 or 628 area codes.

- To complete calls from a landline or U-verse voice-equipped phone, dial 1 + area code + telephone number.
- To complete calls from a cellular or mobile phone, dial the area code + telephone number or 1 + area code + telephone number.
- In addition to changing your dialing procedure, you will need to reprogram all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment programmed with a 7-digit number.

If you have questions, please call AT&T at 800-288-2020 or access: [att.com/dialing](http://att.com/dialing) or [www.cpuc.ca.gov/areacode415](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/areacode415)

Submitted by Chris Malfatti

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### Scam Alert!

One evening recently I received a robo-call that started: “This is the IRS. This call is to inform you that the IRS is instituting legal proceeding against you....” Obviously a scam. A quick call to an accountant revealed that the IRS would never contact anyone in this manner but we can do little to stop this kind of fraud. So just be warned, and warn your friends.

Submitted by Jeanne Glennon

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*All submissions to Highlights gratefully accepted. — ed.*

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***HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!***

## Special Events Committee

I want to thank everyone who braved the rain to attend the luncheon on Dec. 15. And I especially want to thank Margaret Grant and Carol Laker for helping me!

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy 2015.

Peggy Pol, [mrpol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpol@sbcglobal.net)

*The annual holiday luncheon was a lot of fun! A lovely location, great entertainment, good company — and a bit of off-key Christmas Caroling. Be sure to put it on your calendar for next year — ed.*

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**Not — Quite — Gourmet Dining**  
**FARMERBROWN**  
**Hotel Metropolis**  
**25 Mason (nr. Powell St. Station)**  
**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> , 11:30 a.m.**

**Time to end post-holiday dieting and pull up to a Southern/soul feast. Start with a kale/chicory Caesar salad (with additions, if you like) or crab and seafood Louie...then dive into BBQ baby back ribs or a pulled pork sandwich. Or savor the fried chicken with waffles, or the Southern fried chicken with all the trimmings. Sides include cheesy grits, southern greens, sweet potato fries or mac & cheese. And don't forget desserts: bourbon pecan pie or red velvet cake. (You—all come, hear?)**

**RSVP: Marian Anderson (415) 282-8334 or [marianra@comcast.net](mailto:marianra@comcast.net)**

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**TOUR OF OFFICERS CLUB, PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO**

Join us Wednesday, February 11, for a docent-led tour of the renovated — and recently reopened — Officers’ Club on the Parade Grounds in the Presidio of San Francisco. Our tour begins at 11:00 a.m., and it lasts about an hour. We will tour the building as well as recently excavated archeological sites that deal with early San Francisco history. After the tour, those wishing to have lunch will eat together in the Arguello Restaurant in the building. The tour is free, but we will order and pay for lunch individually. The restaurant features Mexican cuisine, and the prices are reasonable.

The Officers’ Club is located in the Presidio of San Francisco at 50 Moraga Avenue, SF, CA 94129. Public transportation is convenient, or drive through the Arguello Avenue gate in Pacific Heights, and then follow the signs. Plenty of parking is available as reasonable rates, and can be paid by credit card through nearby self-serve machines.

**To sign up contact Doug Roberts at 415-6781-8845**

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**In Memory**

Long-time member Alice Colthurst passed away peacefully on January 5, 2015, surrounded by her family. Alice was the beloved mother of June Carle, Lisa Payne, and Roberta Prohaska; dear grandmother to Justin Eres.

She was a gracious hostess, dedicated volunteer at the Lighthouse for the Blind, and a devoted parishioner of St. Finn Barr Church. Online condolences may be offered at [www.vmpandco.com](http://www.vmpandco.com), donations to the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.

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**"MATILDA"**  
**Orpheum Theatre**

Winner of numerous awards and performing to sold-out audiences in New York and London, "Matilda" is a stage musical based on the beloved children's novel by Roald Dahl. The musical's narrative centers on Matilda, a precocious 5-year-old girl who loves reading and overcomes obstacles, and helps her teacher to reclaim her life.



Wednesday, August 12, 2015  
2:00 p.m. Matinee  
Tickets: \$65 — Mezzanine; \$75 — Orchestra  
**New deposit deadline:** \$25 by March 1, 2015

**"CHOCOLATE DROPS"**  
**S.F. Jazz Center**

Many members of Sixty Plus have been awaiting a visit to the wonderful new music venue at the SF Jazz Center. Your wishes are being answered: an afternoon performance, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, May 17. Jazz Center day performances are rare, but we are lucky to have an absolutely first-rate performance: The Black Appalachia Quartet, the "Chocolate Drops," with their blend of the African American and Appalachian cultures. Their program notes tell us they have "proudly reclaimed the African-American string band tradition. They reveal the celebratory, interconnected currents running through blues, country, and blue grass, bringing brash, youthful energy to music rooted in the red soil of the southern Piedmont."

Group sales tickets are only \$38.25 for excellent center seats. Sign up now, make checks payable to Sixty Plus, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets to be mailed back to you. Checks and envelopes can be mailed or given to Erwin Kelly at meetings. Deadline is March 10, but earlier responses would be much appreciated. Suggestions for food in this area will be forthcoming.

SF JAZZ Center is located at the corner of Franklin and Fell streets in San Francisco's Hayes Valley neighborhood. It is easily accessible from Muni Metro (Van Ness or Civic Center stations) or BART (Civic Center station) or Muni Lines 5, 6, 16X, 21, 47, 49, 71, 71L, 90.

See you there!

**Erwin Kelly, 4006 18<sup>th</sup> St., SF, CA 94114.**

**SFSU CREATIVE ARTS**

The Creative Arts Department offers a number of exciting events including classical music, poetry, and fine art displays. For a complete listing, visit the website at: <http://lca.sfsu.edu>. Tickets for events can be purchased through this website or by calling the box office: 415-338-2467.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February 9	Monday	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Executive Board & Committee Chairs, Rosa Parks Room D General Program Meeting, Rosa Parks Room Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU
February 11	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Tour of Officers' Club, SF Presidio, Lunch following at Arguello Restaurant 50 Moraga Avenue, Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 94129
February 23	Monday	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tour Committee meeting, Rosa Parks Room D Program Committee meeting, Rosa Parks Room D General Program Meeting, Rosa Parks Room Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU
February 24	Tuesday	11:30 p.m.	Not-Quite-Gourmet Dining, FARMERBROWN 25 Mason St., near Powell Street BART/MUNI station
May 17	Sunday	4:00 p.m.	SF Jazz Center, 201 Franklin St., SF, CA
August 12	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	"Matilda," Orpheum Theater 1192 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

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