

Sixty Plus – OLLI at San Francisco State University

Highlights

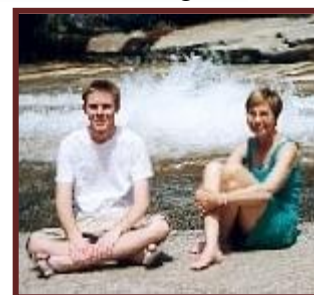
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SIXTY PLUS – OLLI: A Program for Lifelong Learning, February, 2017

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13: "FLORIDA – ITS NATIONAL PARKS AND SNOWBIRDS" **Marilyn Straka, On the Level Walking Tours**

Why do people visit Florida in the winter months? A visit to the Sunshine State is a welcome change from the snow and cold of the north. Some come to explore beaches, collect shells, or go fishing, but Marilyn went to see its National Parks: The Everglades (swamps and alligators), Biscayne Bay (all underwater) and Dry Tortugas (a Civil War fort set against a white sand beach). We are able to see it all in this visit to Florida: history, nature, and snowbird activities.

Marilyn is the director of *On the Level Walking Tours* in San Francisco. She leads walks throughout the City but also takes her travelers to far-flung places through her armchair travels.



Marilyn with her son, Rob, at Yosemite

The meeting will be held in the **Rosa Parks Room, Cesar Chavez Student Center** at 1:00 p.m. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Gr - Hal** are requested to bring treats. If you are not attending make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27: "PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS" **George Wright, PhD (retired)**

The premise of this talk is that the first one hundred days of a newly-elected President provides an indication of his administration's effectiveness and level of popularity. The talk will focus on how effective President Trump has been in implementing his campaign promises and whether he has faced constraints and limitations in implementation. Also, Dr. Wright will comment on public opinion at this 100-day juncture.

Dr. Wright taught Political Science at Cal State Chico from 1969 – 2003 and also taught history at Skyline Community College. His major research interests include U.S. politics, International Political Economy, and the Politics of International Sport.



The meeting will be held in the **Rosa Parks Room, Cesar Chavez Student Center** at 1:00 p.m. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Har - Iz** are requested to bring treats. If you are not attending, make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

Shuttle Bus Times: Pick-up time for each program is 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 leaves at 3:00 p.m. from in front of the Creative Arts Building on Holloway Avenue.

President's Message – February, 2017

Hello to all in the Sixty Plus community. The holidays are finally safely behind me and I look forward to Valentine's Day. I send loving greetings to all our members.

I apologize to Jeanne Glennon, our Highlights editor, for being late in getting this message written and sent to her. I had a wild weekend over the Martin Luther King Holiday. My beloved 1994 Volvo Station Wagon was stolen from in front of my house on Sunday morning. It disappeared between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. while I was walking my dog! I came back to an empty parking place and was totally befuddled as to where my car had gone without me.

SF Police Department responded to my call in about 30 minutes (pretty fast, I thought) and took my report. In all my years of driving, this was my first experience with having my car stolen. I arranged to rent a car for a few days so that I could take the grandkids to school on Tuesday morning. I really didn't need to do that because around 3:45 Monday afternoon I received a call from the UCSF Police dispatch center that they had found my car! It was parked in the Hastings College parking garage at McAllister and Larkin. They said I could meet the police and reclaim it.



I jumped into the rental car and raced to the location.

The two UCSF police officers were so nice. They unloaded all of the junk the thief had loaded into my car and carefully inspected it for drug paraphernalia, which was found. The car was fine, no damage. A few things of low value were gone. I was so thrilled to get the car back that I didn't care about the missing items. It was a happy ending to what could have been a terrible experience. My new best friend is Officer Frank Ruiz of the UCPD.

Wishing all of the Sixty Plus Community a Happy Valentine's Day,

Chris Malfatti

Chris Malfatti, President, Sixty Plus at OLLI-SFSU; 415-585-4811; cmalfatti@sbcglobal.net

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.

Feb. 13: Gr -- Hal	Mar. 14: Ja -- Ke	Apr. 10: Lew -- Maz
Feb. 27: Har -- Iz	Mar. 28: Ki -- Lev	Apr. 24: Mc -- Na

Membership

NEW MEMBERS, 2016 - 2017

A warm welcome to all of our new members from all of us continuing members! Please feel free to approach any of us at any meeting, and we'll be delighted to make your acquaintance. We hope your membership is productive of new friendships, fun, and adventures.



Welcome!

Diane Ringel

Mary Clare Bennett: marycbennett@gmail.com

Not-quite-gourmet Dining: Aquitaine

175 Sutter St. (between Kearny & Montgomery Sts.)

Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 a.m.

Come and enjoy the cuisine of southwest France in an exquisitely comfortable setting. This charming French bistro nestled in the heart of the Financial District features well-crafted authentic French classics. In addition to a variety of salads and sandwiches, choices include moules frites, arctic char, and escantoun landaise (rosemary polenta with cheese and mushroom sugo). The mouthwatering duck Reuben, piled high with duck confit, pastrami, Swiss cheese, pickled cabbage, and gribiche aioli; and the rich and hearty cassoulet, loaded with duck confit, Toulouse sausage, saucisson, and white beans are perennial favorites. Cash only

MUNI Metro to Montgomery Station; MUNI busses on Sutter or Geary Sts.

RSVP required: Cecilia Lim, cec639sf@att.net or call 415-957-1602



From the OLLI community of learners:

Feb 1, 1pm - 2:30pm, Wed: Brown Bag Lecture & Discussion: California Poet Laureates with Keven Bellows, who has taught students ranging from veterans to six-year-old budding poets for many years at UCLA-OLLI. Landscape, language, climate, and history combine to make the poetry of California distinct, celebrating the unique experiences of the West we all cherish. The works of the poets covered in this talk reflect their California roots.

Coming: Reserve your seats right away for **Stephen Kane**'s early April talk at California Academy of Sciences, "**The Diversity of Alien Worlds.**" Stephen's classes have been extremely well received by our members.

From our OLLI Curriculum liaison:

Have you been thinking about a class you would like to take that is not available in the current OLLI offerings? You now have an opportunity to make course and teacher suggestions for OLLI courses. Please give your suggestions to the Education Committee or simply leave them at the Sixty Plus meeting registration desk.

Richard Chackerian, Education Committee: richardchackerian@gmail.com

Special Events

We had a wonderful time at the Holiday Luncheon on December 16 at the Seven Hills conference Center at SF State. I thank everyone who came! I also want to thank my helpers, Santa's elves Margaret Grant and Chris Malfatti.

I think it is time for me to retire from this job. It has been great fun all those years. Volunteers, will you please call me, so I can tell you what to do!

Happy 2017 to all!
Peggy Pol

Peggy Pol, Special Events chair: mrpol@sbcglobal.net



Tour Committee

Valentine's Day Luncheon Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Please celebrate Valentine's Day with us at the Vista Room, Burk Hall, San Francisco State University Culinary Department. The event is a three-course luncheon which begins at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 14. The price of the lunch is \$18.50 plus tip, payable by credit card at the event.



Transportation: numerous MUNI lines serve the campus (lines 28-19th Avenue, 29-Sunset, Metro M, etc.).

To reserve a place please see Maryann Swazo at a Sixty Plus meeting or contact her at 415-566-7621.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival October 17 – 21, 2017

This trip includes: Transportation via motor coach, four performances, three nights' hotel, breakfast daily, farewell dinner, pre-performance seminars.



Call the Sixty Plus office for a full itinerary and pricing. **415-412-4684**

Arts & Entertainment

Wonderful Deal for the Thrifty Thursday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.

We will be killing two promises with one stone! Here's your chance to visit the San Francisco Opera's new Diane B. Wilsey Center and hear the New Century Chamber Orchestra led by Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg in her last year as leader of the group. To top it all off, the schedule indicates that Chanticleer will be there as well.

The Wilsey Center is the brand new set of venues for vocal and operatic performances. Located on the fourth floor of the Veterans' Building, it features the 299-seat Dianne and Tad Taube Atrium Theater; the John M. Bryan Education Studio for student, family and adult programs; and the Edward Paul Braby San Francisco Opera Archive.

This entire bundle of experiences is yours for \$15.00. Add your name to Erwin Kelly's list at a Sixty Plus program meeting and he will purchase tickets.

Wilsey Memorial Building, 450 Van Ness Avenue, corner of McAllister St. Transportation via MUNI: 5 McAllister, 47 or 49 Van Ness, or Civic Center BART/MUNI.

Getting to Know You

by: Richard Lewis

Bessie Hahn, our vice president, was born in Shanghai, grew up in Hong Kong, and came to the United States for college. “And here I am still!” she said with a smile.

She has lived in South Dakota, Wisconsin, New York State, Maryland, Massachusetts, and finally settled in San Francisco four years ago.

Her original life plan was to become a biochemist. But an early marriage and the arrivals of three children changed the plan for her. While her children were growing up she was a stay-at-home mother, taking evening courses one at a time at Syracuse University. Eventually she received a degree in library science.



Her professional life began as the life sciences librarian at Syracuse University. Subsequent appointments brought her to the Johns Hopkins University and Brandeis University in Massachusetts. While there, in 1983-85, she fully computerized the Brandeis University Library, one of the first university libraries in New England to adopt the new technology. When she retired, Brandeis honored her as their first “University Librarian Emeritus.”

Since 1984 she has served as a consultant/Honorary Lecturer to the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Library, giving lectures and assisting their staff to modernize library services. Other professional activities have included serving as president of the Chinese-American Librarians' Association and co-chair of Asian-Pacific Library Conferences.

Four years ago she decided to move to San Francisco to be near her youngest daughter's family. “It has been such a privilege for a grandmother to have the opportunity to interact with her grandchildren on a daily basis!” she said.

The desire and need to find new friends has induced Bessie to volunteer at the Asian Art Museum, join two choruses – the San Francisco Choral Society and the San Francisco City Chorus – and continue her involvement with libraries. She is the citizen liaison for the Ortega branch library to the main San Francisco public library.

A year ago, her daughter came upon some information on a group called “Sixty Plus”, and encouraged her to join. “After attending an exploratory meeting, I felt as if I had re-entered the university world of my youth!” she said. “There is no doubt that I would want this organization to flourish and grow in the years to come.”

Now that she has more time on her hands she also has the urge to start a new hobby, or revive an old one. “I remember when my dad ‘forced’ me to practice Chinese calligraphy during the summer months when school was not in session. I find myself going back to it now, and I have even offered a beginners’ course for children at the Ortega library last summer,” she added.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February 1	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	OLLI Brown Bag Lecture & Discussion: California Poet Laureates
February 13	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 14	Tuesday	12:00	Valentine's Day luncheon Vista Room, Burk Hall, San Francisco State University Culinary Department
February 27	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 28	Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Not-quite-gourmet Dining: <i>Aquitaine</i> 175 Sutter St. (between Kearny & Montgomery Sts.)
March 15	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	New Century Chamber Orchestra, Chanticleer Wilsey Memorial Building, 450 Van Ness Avenue

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