

# Sixty Plus at San Francisco State University

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SIXTY PLUS

*A Program for Lifelong Learning*

*March, 2015*

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

#### Dr. Dee Spencer, SFSU, "Amazing Women in Jazz"

Dr. Dee Spencer, Professor and Chair School of Music and Dance, founded the jazz studies undergraduate degree program at SFSU in 1990. She served on the piano faculty at Berklee College of Music in Boston among other faculty positions. She has been a featured performer at several jazz festivals and has performed with jazz greats such as Jimmy Scott, Louis Bellson, Branford Marsalis and John Handy. She released her debut CD in 2002 and recently composed the score for a musical.



This presentation will examine the contributions of women instrumentalists and vocalists throughout jazz history including Early New Orleans and the Swing Era. Women played a vital role in the development of America's Art Form: Jazz.

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 Richard Lewis. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Ko - Lin** are requested to bring treats. Please let Richard know if you are not attending. Make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

#### Therese Poletti, Journalist and author, "Grand Emporiums of Old San Francisco"

A brief history of some of San Francisco's merchant princes and princesses and the department stores they founded is the topic of a slideshow/talk by author and journalist Therese Poletti. Stores, including the Emporium, City of Paris, I. Magnin, Joseph Magnin and Gump's, were all founded by immigrant entrepreneurs who made San Francisco their home and were the core of the rebuilding and creation of the downtown shopping district after the 1906 earthquake.

Ms. Poletti has been a journalist for over 20 years and is the author of "Art Deco San Francisco: The Architecture of Timothy Pflueger." She is a volunteer guide for San Francisco City Guides, where she leads the Downtown Deco walking tour and is currently working on a department store walk.



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 June Maffei. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Lo - Mil** are requested to bring treats. Please let June know 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 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 – March, 2015

On Monday, February 9th, Marilyn Straka gave a wonderful presentation of a sample of Victorian homes in Pacific Heights, including secret gardens and landmark buildings, all the while giving us much San Francisco history. She was very informative and entertaining. Thank you to our hospitality hostess, Helen Jarkovsky, and host, Irv Jarkovsky, and all those who brought treats for a generous selection and presentation.

According to Chris Malfatti, our Membership Chair, many of you are not wearing your name tags. Since I have been wearing mine regularly, I have realized their value in meeting new members of Sixty Plus and socializing with other members. If you are in need of a new name tag, please let Chris Malfatti know and she will be more than happy to make one for you. Chris sits at the table as you enter the meeting room.



Karen Grech, our Sunshine Chair, sent out three cards: a get-well card to Aida Hom and one to Kay Stewart. The third, a sympathy card, was sent to Gus Kronert who lost his wife, Kay, recently. Kay was a loyal member of Sixty Plus for many years. The memorial for Kay is on Saturday, March 14th, 11:00 a.m., at The First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin Street at Geary near Cathedral Hill. All of you are most welcome to attend. Gus has asked me to let Sixty Plus Members know these details and would appreciate if you would let him know, if possible, if you will be attending. Gus can be reached by telephone at 415-564-6859.

Please call or e-mail Karen Grech if you know of anyone in need of a note of congratulations, get-well or sympathy. Karen can be reached by telephone at 415-775-1822 or by e-mail, [grechkaren@yahoo.com](mailto:grechkaren@yahoo.com).

Eileen Ward, our Office Coordinator, will be on vacation February 20th through March 1st. Please feel free to contact me during that time.

Best regards,

**Margo Moor, President, Sixty Plus at San Francisco State University, 415-205-9350, [m Moor@att.net](mailto:m Moor@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>Mar. 9</b>	<b>Ko - Lin</b>	<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>Mo - Ol</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>Po-Roo</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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## NEW MEMBERS, 2015

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.

We'll be looking out for you and hope to welcome you personally.

**Mary Clare Bennett**  
**Mareike Carter**  
**Ruth Chalian**  
**Juanita Cunningham**

**Kathy Fitzpatrick**  
**Ingrid Oyen**  
**Gerald Spinel**



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## Not-quite-gourmet Dining

**Gaspar Brasserie**  
**185 Sutter (nr. Kearny)**

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m.**

Gaspar is a classic Parisian brasserie with traditional dishes with a California flair. Classic cheese selections complement the wines du jour, and oysters and champagne are of course featured. Small plates with smoked salmon crepes or escargot or house pate are superb. Soups and salads to tempt you – and entrees that include duck confit, steak frites, and an incredible French burger. So dust off your French and join us for a mid-day Gallic feast.

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

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## Tour Committee

### ASIAN ART MUSEUM, INTERNATIONAL CULINARY ACADEMY LUNCHEON

Please join us on Friday, March 13, at 10:45 a.m. at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum for a docent-led tour of the museum's newly curated exhibit – Seduction: Japan's Floating World. The one-hour tour includes a discussion of the intriguing historical significance of the featured scrolls and woodblock prints. Afterward the group walks two blocks to United Nations Plaza for a three-course lunch at Bistro 10 UN, an international culinary academy.

The museum is at 200 Larkin St., two blocks from Market St. and close to downtown transportation. MUNI: 19 Polk and 5 Fulton stop there. Civic Center parking garage is across the street. The cost of tour and lunch is \$25.00; museum entrance is \$9.00. Members of the Asian or Fine Arts museums cover the admission fee for themselves and possibly other attendees as their guests.

Please sign up at the Sixty Plus meetings or contact Maryann Swazo (415) 566-7621.

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## Getting to Know You

### Kathy FitzPatrick

By Richard Lewis

A new member, Kathy FitzPatrick, is looking forward to making new friends and enjoying being part of Sixty Plus. She heard about the group from information in the Sunset Beacon.

She was born and raised as one of eight children in Rumford, RI. After a few years in Philadelphia she moved back to Rumford with her two children, Michael and Susan, and took evening classes at Providence College and Rhode Island College. After getting re-married she moved to Wareham, MA, near the Cape Cod canal.



She worked for Liz Claiborne for 18 years as part of the management team. After Claiborne closed, she joined J C Penney in 2008 as part of their management team, and was supervisor of the fine jewelry department.

In 2012 her son-in-law got a position in San Francisco. “I was asked to tag along,” she said. “I thought, why not? There was nothing keeping me in Massachusetts, and I was ready for a new adventure in my life. I was able to transfer to JCP in Daly City, and I am still there part-time.”

She was happy because both her children were living in California – Susan in SF and her son and his family in San Diego. “He has three girls, 11, 9 and 7, and I get to see them more often now that they are a short plane ride away.” Michael is a senior chief in the navy, and Susan is in the insurance industry in SF. Kathy shares a home with Susan, her husband and her grandson Talin, 18 months.

“Moving to SF was a big change, going from a small beach area to the city. There were some adjustments to make. I am enjoying exploring the area now that I am working part-time. I have the best of both worlds – a large city and an ocean down the road. I have traded one ocean for another!” she said. She hopes to do more local exploring and to travel abroad.



She likes to read, go to movies, concerts and plays, and she crochets. She has been to several meetings and everyone has been welcoming and friendly.

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# Served Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 18th, 2015, Noon to 3:00 P.M.

\$35.00 prepaid (guests welcome)  
Seven Hills Conference Center, SFSU

*Happy Hour*      *Sit-Down Lunch*      *Entertainment*      *Prizes*

## Menu

Caesar Salad

Choice of:

Oven Roasted Halibut with a beet and lemon compote

or

Sliced Tri Tip of Beef with braised onions and wild mushrooms

or

Vegetarian dish upon request.

Vegetables, starch, rolls, butter, wine, and coffee.

Dessert: Traditional New York cheesecake

Shuttle bus from Lake Merced parking lot at 11:45 A.M.; return at 3:00 P.M.

Sign up at a meeting or send a check made out to Sixty Plus,  
indicating choice of entrée and name(s) of guest(s).

Reservation and refund deadline: May 12th.

Halibut      \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Beef      \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian      \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Give or send your check (made out to Sixty Plus) to:  
Peggy Pol, 2479 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116-2120

Cart shuttle service from bus or garage available upon reservation with Peggy.

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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

**NEW PERFORMANCE VENUES**

The last few years have seen an astounding increase in performance venues in San Francisco. Chief among the new spaces is the new *SF Jazz Center*. Sixty Plus will be visiting the Jazz Center **Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m.** to hear "The Chocolate Drops." With their blend of the African American and Appalachian cultures, they have "proudly reclaimed the African-American string band tradition. They reveal the celebratory, inter-connected currents running through blues, country, and blue grass, bringing brash, youthful energy to music rooted in the red soil of the southern Piedmont."

(SF JAZZ Center, located at the corner of Franklin and Fell streets, 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. Plan your transportation carefully – May 17 is Bay to Breakers day!)

Both of our major music organizations are unveiling new theaters. The Sound Box for the *SF Symphony* is up and running. It is a truly experimental house, emphasizing spontaneity and experiment. The performance area has two stages, seating space for 300 with a bar serving drinks during performances. This very creative, innovative addition to San Francisco's cultural life is located on the top floors of Davies Symphony hall in an area formerly a full-size stage and orchestra pit for opera rehearsals.

Also the complete renovation of the *War Memorial Building* includes a small opera theater for the SF Opera Company. It features musicals, Baroque, and contemporary operas requiring a more intimate space. Sixty Plus will be setting up a series of visits to these new facilities.

One of the most avidly awaited new performance venues is the second theater for *ACT*, the completely renovated Strand Theater. And not least among our new houses, the refurbished *Nourse Auditorium* will be a temporary home to SF Performances and the Arts & Lectures series.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

March 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
March 13	Friday	10:45 a.m.	Tour of Asian Art Museum Lunch at International Culinary Academy 200 Larkin St., SF, CA
March 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
March 31	Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Not-quite-gourmet Dining Gaspar Brasserie, 185 Sutter St., near Kearny
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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