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MARIAN'S PASSING - MICL's LOSS



MICL has sustained a deep loss in the passing of Marian Pettygrove. At George's side during the inauguration and development of MICL, Marian played her own active part in providing leadership with the Curriculum Committee, authoring a MICL history, and developing and presenting a full semester of Antiques classes. In Writers' Workshop, she treated us to stories about the many dolls in her outstanding collection. MICL will deeply miss her charm and her talent. Our heartfelt sympathies go to George and the family for their loss.



MICL Founders, Marian and George Pettygrove

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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT - Art McRae



We hope that all of you are having a great start to the year 2012. In addition, we would like to think that you had a glorious holiday season and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. That being said, our Spring Semester "A" session is up and running with quality education/entertainment/exercise, and very good attendance. Thanks again to our curriculum committee, coordinators, and presenters. Be sure you check page four in this Newsletter to get a schedule of what is planned for our "B" session.

Great things continue to happen at MICL. With years of solid foundation building as a basis, we have been able to modify some operations to meet the demands of our current economic times. This electronic newsletter, the evolving transition to online registration and our ability to disseminate information via e-mail (thanks to Jenny K.) are examples that seem to be working. We thank and congratulate our MICL membership for adapting. Membership numbers and class attendance would seem to verify the approval of these concepts.

The material in the above paragraph is in no way intended to diminish the importance of our traditional word of mouth, person to person, communication that is such a vital part of our organization. Our 20 minute break and gathering around the "snacks" table is an integral part of our whole social network. I think we all look forward to this time as an essential part of any Room 6000/6001 activity. Special thanks to current Hospitality Chair, Nancy Webber, for coordinating this activity. Potlucks, trips, exercise class, and birthday lunches are also a part of our intangible *esprit de corps*.

In regards to our February 16 potluck, we would like to strongly encourage members to attend. We will be introducing our "newcomers." The food is always delicious and the camaraderie stimulating. We will also get the usual preview of our next classes from our Session "B" Coordinators. We would like to extend special thanks to MICL member Larry McElhane for volunteering to contact, interview, and introduce the "newcomers."

We would also like to recognize Membership Chair, Gene Richards, and his crew of dedicated workers for organizing and implementing our 1/12/12 registration. Things seemed to go well, and we had a full classroom for the 10:00 a.m. orientation assembly. On the downside, Charter President George Pettygrove, was unable to attend because of illness. It is also with great sadness that we learned of the passing of George's wife, Marian, on Friday, 1/20. We extend our sympathies to George and family. We wish George, and other ailing MICL members, a speedy recovery and return to MICL.

Realizing that we are now well into our "A" session, we hope that everyone is observing the parking regulations, keeping in mind that our classroom-issued passes are for guests only. If we fail to bring our parking permit, we should purchase one of the all-day temporary permits that are available for \$1.00 at parking lot dispensing machines. We are monitoring construction workers' use of MICL's parking spaces. MJC Security will facilitate on our behalf.

Our "C" Session Newsletter will have a full slate of 2012/2013 Officers & Board Members selected by the nominating committee. Voting will take place at our Annual Luncheon to be held on May 11. However we would like to recognize the mid-year transition involving our Newsletter. Shirley Irving, after seven years as NL editor, is now in the process of working with Dan Brown, who will assume this title next year. Thank you, Shirley. Congratulations and good luck to Dan.

Regards to All, AGM

Spring, 2012 - Session B

February 20 through March 23

Check out Page 4 for exact schedules.

- Monday Morning - Enjoy more **CHAIRSIDE TRAVELS** -- travel around the World without leaving your chair - from Florida to Italy to Israel to China and always be home in time for lunch.
- Monday afternoon - Interested in ballroom dancing, painting, Native American flutes, poetry, California ceramic tiles, music--and more? Come to Monday afternoon classes to hear fellow MICLites talk about (even demonstrate!) their interests in these various fields of art, how their interests developed, and what these activities mean to them.
- Tuesday Morning - An in-depth look at the years leading up to WWII, an overview of the war years and a survey of the post war era. Special attention given to the home front with personal looks at the lives of our members during this period.
- Tuesday afternoon -The US Constitution. We will talk about the history of the Constitution and how it has been interpreted and implemented. There is more to the Constitution than the Bill of Rights, although we will talk about that too. You will come away from the class being surprised how the Constitution influences so much of your life and what you are accustomed to.
- Wednesday Morning - Would you like to spice up your life and conversations? You can, by speaking French! Acquire the conversation skills so when in a French-speaking country you can speak with the natives in their language.
- Thursday Afternoon - Have you ever wondered who and why certain world decisions are made? Here is your chance to be part of them as this study strives to take on some of the great geo-political issues of our day.
- Don't forget our MICL's Prized REGULARS. Writers' Workshop (Wed. p.m.), What in the World (Thurs. a.m.) and Friday at the Movies (10:00 a.m.).

February - 2012			
B Session Begins	February 21		
Birthday Luncheon	February 24	1:00 PM	Marie Callender's
March - 2012			
Board Meeting	March 6	3:15 PM	Classroom
Curriculum Meeting	March 14	3:15 PM	Classroom
Birthday Luncheon	March 16	1:00 PM	Marie Callender's
Curriculum Meeting	March 20	3:15 PM	Classroom
Potluck	March 22	12:00 PM	Break room
Book Club	March 22	1:00 PM	Classroom
C Session Begins	March 26		
April - 2012			
Start of Spring Break	April 2		No Classes this week
Spring Break Over	April 9		Classes resume

NEW MICLETTER EDITOR

After many years as MICL Newsletter editor Shirley Irving is taking a well deserved break. We thank her for her service and look forward to seeing her as she continues in other MICL activities. The new editor, Dan Brown, can be reached by phone at 572-1850 or by email at danb@madkennel.com. Please get any information you would like included in the newsletter to Dan three weeks before the start of the session.

**Note: No classes
Feb 20**

MICL CLASS SCHEDULE Spring, 2012 - Session B



**MONDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD**

Jerry Jackman

- ~~Feb 20~~ • -----Holiday-----
 Feb 27 • Tuscany Region in Italy - *Colleen Crosthwaite*
 Mar 05 • Vagabond Across China - *Jerry Jackman*
 Mar 12 • The Everglades, Florida - *Joyce Starkey*
 Mar 19 • Masada, Israel - *Jerry Rosenthal*

**MONDAY 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
REFLECTIONS ON THE ARTS**

Ginny Dall & Betty Boj-Sode

- ~~Feb 20~~ • -----Holiday-----
 Feb 27 • Doris Geisler, Marianne Mayerle and Gwen Jensen
 Mar 05 • Gene Richards and Jim Wells
 Mar 12 • Joy Chancellor and Frances Lopez
 Mar 19 • Ginny Dall and Jan Sharp

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
YOUNG AT HEART/TAI CHI**

Arline Wortner, Doc Wait, Lila Huff, Leonard Olives, Jim McCabe

- Feb 21, 23 • A strength training program designed specifically for older adults followed by Tai Chi. You may sit or stand, depending upon your physical ability. The program follows the guidelines of the Presidential Fitness Award.
 Feb 28, Mar 01
 Mar 06, 08 Participants with health problems should have their doctor's approval.
 Mar 13, 15
 Mar 20, 22

**TUESDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
WORLD WAR II - CAUSE AND EFFECT**

Gene Richards

- Feb 21 • Pre-WWII Germany • Full employment!
 Feb 28 • Pre-WWII Japan • Home front
 Mar 06 • Turning points of WWII • Harry Truman
 Mar 13 • Rebuilding Europe • Entertaining the troops
 Mar 20 • Japan surrenders • Educating America

**TUESDAY 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
US CONSTITUTION**

Dave Froba

- Feb 21 • The Constitution contains our core values as a nation. It is not about words on paper. It's about our ongoing collective history of personal and human relations.
 Feb 28
 Mar 06
 Mar 13
 Mar 20

**WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
TRAVELER'S FRENCH**

Norma Moore

- Feb 22 • Would you like to spice up your life and conversations? You can, by speaking French!
 Feb 29 Acquire the conversation skills so when in a French-speaking country you can speak with the natives in their language. The class will use the textbook, The Easy French Reader.
 Mar 07
 Mar 14
 Mar 21

**WEDNESDAY 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

Joyce Starkey/Shirley Irving

- Feb 22 • Come listen or bring your writing to the class -- memoir, story, poetry or prose. Sharpen your skills in a supportive environment.
 Feb 29
 Mar 07
 Mar 14
 Mar 21

**THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
WHAT IN THE WORLD**

Larry McElhaney

- Feb 23 • Please come join us as we discuss the good, the bad and the "you have got to be kidding me." This class is designed to listen to others' ideas as well as share some of your own. Discussions should always be civil and respectful towards each other.
 Mar 01
 Mar 08
 Mar 15
 Mar 22

**THURSDAY 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
GREAT DECISIONS**

Jerry Jackman

- Feb 23 • Have you ever wondered who and why certain world decisions are made? Here is your chance to be part of them, as this study strives to take on some of the great geo-political issues of our day. You need to purchase a book to direct us through the "Great Decisions" of our day.
 Mar 01
 Mar 08
 Mar 15
 Mar 22

March 22 - BOOK CLUB at 1:00 PM - *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley

**FRIDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES - WWII FILMS**

Betty Boj-Sode

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| Feb 24 • THE GATHERING STORM (2002) | English | color | 96 min. |
| Mar 02 • THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN (1969) | English | color | 132 min. |
| Mar 09 • A WALK IN THE SUN (1943) | English | b/w | 117 min. |
| Mar 16 • THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY (1976) | English | color | 132 min. |
| Mar 23 • THE SUN (2005) | English sub-titles | color | 110 min. |