

# CLIR VOICE

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April 2011

## President's Message

CLIR is known for many things, including its flexibility. My March message mentioned that we'd no longer be reading aloud the minutes of the previous General Meeting, but that's changed. Council decided at its February meeting that, before asking for corrections, the minutes of the previous General Meeting will be read aloud by the Secretary. It's expected that this will consume only a few minutes of the no more than 65 minutes these meetings are anticipated to last. That should easily be attainable if members listen attentively and rise only to make note of important corrections.

At that same meeting, Council adopted a policy guideline for a situation previously not addressed: what shall be done when a CLIR member asks to have the Office forward an email using the CLIR email list? The policy guideline now established is: So long as it does not conflict with CLIR Rules and Responsibilities, if a CLIR member sends the Office a request for an email be forwarded to CLIR members, unless the email seeks to sell a product or service, the member's request will be timely executed. The CLIR member making the request will be identified in the subject line.

And for those who are looking forward to CLIR's Annual Luncheon, to be held June 24, this year's featured speaker will be Rachel Gordon. She's well known to many CLIR members through her excellent reporting for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and KQED.

—*Robby Kiley*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 1**  
General Meeting  
Social Hour Follows

**April 27-29**  
Asilomar

**June 24**  
CLIR's  
Annual Luncheon

**August 12—15**  
Shakespeare—Santa  
Cruz

**October 25-28**  
Annual Ashland  
Shakespeare Trip



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## Class Updates

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, April 26, 11:00am

Bill Gregory,  
Evelyn Forsman,

**April 26:** *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance*, by Kirsten Downey



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### OPERA IN AN HOUR (or two, this time)

Wednesday, May 11, Noon

George Lucas

Our moderator, George Lucas, condenses Wagner's "Gotterdammerung" Prologue and Act 1 in one hour and Acts 2 and 3 in the second hour.

## Current Activities

### ART-ON-THE-GO Stays Home

**Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life 1990 –2005**  
Presented by Mina Shea, Fine Arts Museums Docent  
At CLIR, 50 First St., 3rd Floor

Thursday, April 21, 1:30pm

Fran Hasher

Portrait photographer Annie Leibovitz, famous for her iconic photos in Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair, has had a long and varied 40-year career. In the 1980s Leibovitz adopted a new style of lighting and the use of bold colors and poses. Among her famous subjects were John Lennon, Yoko Ono, Linda Ronstadt, Demi Moore, Christo and Queen Elizabeth. A major retrospective of Leibovitz's work was held at the Brooklyn Museum in late 2006 and early 2007. The show was based on her book, *Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990–2005*, and included many of her professional (celebrity) photographs as well as numerous personal photographs of her family, children and partner, Susan Sontag. Learn more about Leibovitz's fascinating life and career at a PowerPoint lecture on April 21 which will be presented at CLIR by Fine Arts Museums docent Mina Shea.



### DINING AND DISCUSSION

#### ACT Classes

Contact: Jean Wilcox

If you signed up for the ACT performances back in February, here is your schedule for April.

April 10—*Sentimental Journey* 3:30pm Geary Theater  
April 30—*Ion* (Euripides) Noon 30 Grant, 7th floor

## Current Activities, Continued

### Helmand Palace

2424 Van Ness Avenue (near Green)

Friday, April 8, 6:00pm

Karla Jones

This Afghanistan restaurant is named for the province so often in the news. Authentic cuisine of the region has a variety of offerings including vegetarian, if you wish, but no alcohol is available. There is such a variety of delicious dishes that it might be fun to share, but we will have to work that out as we order.

Perhaps our discussion topic for this Dining & Discussion evening will be influenced by our surroundings. **Cost:** Separate checks, so it is best to bring cash. **Trans:** Street parking should be available and there is excellent public transportation access.



**Deadline:** April 6. Call Karla or sign up on the sheet in the office by that date.

### VICARIOUS TRAVELER—Nick Maffei

Friday, April 8, Noon

Nick Maffei

Nick Maffei will demonstrate how to convert your old 35mm slides, photos and negatives into a digital format, using an inexpensive service called Scan Cafe. This San Jose company has hand scanned and repaired over 52 million photos, slides and negatives. Their service will enhance and color correct your old faded photos and restore them to the highest quality. The best part is that you can look at your images on their web site prior to receiving the scans, and you can reject up to 20% of the images you send them without paying. Nick will also discuss several different, simple and free ways to display digital photos on your computer and or TV.



### Current Activities continued on Page 4

#### Asilomar

April 27–29

Wednesday afternoon through Friday noon

Richard Magary

Complete details of our annual trek to Asilomar are in the February and March issues of the Voice.

# CLIR Calendar: APRIL 2011

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Curriculum Com. Mtg 12:00 PM CLIRsights, Tours, Walks Com. Mtgs. 1:15 PM GENERAL MEETING and SOCIAL HOUR
<b>4</b> 11:30 AM Play Reading 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Kata Gentle Exercise 1:00 PM History of Ancient Egypt	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Issues of Aging	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Vicarious Traveler 1:30 PM CLIRsights 6:00 PM Dining & Discussion <b>VOICE DEADLINE</b> <b>4/10 3:30PM ACT</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Spanish Conversation 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Kata Gentle Exercise 10:30 AM Walk	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Issues of Aging	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM Council Meeting
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<b>25</b> 10:30 AM Spanish Conversation 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Kata Gentle Exercise 11:00 AM Book Club 1:00 PM Movie Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>ASILOMAR, April 27-- 29</b> <b>4/30 NOON ACT</b>

## Current Activities (continued)

**WALK: Buena Vista Park**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 10:30am**  
**Richard Magary**

Explore San Francisco's oldest park—a hilltop urban forest with beautiful 360-degree views right in the middle of San Francisco. See rare and California native plants, historic oaks, old tombstone fragments lining some foot paths, big redwoods, a new boardwalk, some history and (maybe) ghosts, along with magnificent homes on the perimeter. Modest slopes: wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes.

Meet at the intersection of Buena Vista East/West at Upper Terrace Streets. Unrestricted parking in the 400-500 blocks of Buena Vista E/W near our meeting point.

**TRANS:** Muni's 37 Corbett bus **toward the Haight** from Church-Market. Schedules at 511.org or contact Richard Magary *in advance* for more details on where we meet.

**Rain cancels**

### FREE ART LECTURES

**Free Docent Art Lectures at the de Young Museum**

Koret Auditorium

50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, Golden Gate Park.

**April 2, Saturday**

**1:00 pm** *Balenciaga and Spain*

Lecturer: Ellen Harden.

**2:15 pm** *All that Glitters—Jewelry at the Fine Arts Museums*, Lecturer: Peggy Gordon.

**Free Docent Lectures at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor**

Florence Gould Theatre, Lincoln Park.

**April 5, Tuesday**

**1:00 pm** *Pulp Fashion, The Art of Isabelle de Borchgrave*

Lecturer: Clara Morrissey.

**2:15 pm** *The Quilts of Gee's Bend*

Lecturer: Martha Walker.



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**INSTITUTE ON AGING—GRAND OPENING**  
**3575 GEARY BLVD (The Old Coronet Theatre)**  
**APRIL 2, 11:30am, all day**

The Institute on Aging (IOA) officially opens the doors to their state-of-the-art Senior Campus on this date. The new Campus will serve as the main location for their comprehensive health and social support programs.

Festivities begin at 11:30am. Open-house-style tours will be available. Their website, [IOAging.org](http://IOAging.org) describes the comprehensive senior services they provide.



## CLIR News

Member  
 OUR mystery  
 MYSTERY member  
 CLIR  
 Mystery  
 MEMBER

Our **March Mystery Member** who sent a 1954 Christmas card from the Philippines with his Negrito pygmy family was Bruce Baird. I bet that shocked those who wanted to know when he was going to get married.

**Our April Mystery Member** had just finished college and was staying in youth hostels. One day while bicycling with friends on a very narrow road enjoying the beautiful Italian scenery, a

roar that sounded like an atomic blast came from behind them, and a low-slung sports car passed with such speed and creating such a wind that they were knocked off the road. As they tended their bruises and decimated saddlebags, a kindly American expatriate couple came over to help them. They informed them that they had just been run off the road by Maria Callas. They said that they had heard her sing recently and she sings as badly as she drives! Who is this CLIR member?

*If you would like to be a Mystery Member, send a paragraph describing something about you that the rest of us probably don't know to me. Include a picture if you wish.*

### WHY I AM A MEMBER OF CLIR

*By Gail Schlueck*

My friend, Irene Owen, introduced me to CLIR while I was still working full time as a nurse at UCSF. She would regale me with all the fun activities that she was attending, such as Special Audiences, art classes and great day trips with good food.

Boy, was I jealous and couldn't wait to retire and join CLIR. I finally retired in October 2005 and became a member. I was looking forward to all those peer classes plus tuition discount classes at UCBX. To my surprise I received an extra dividend that I did not expect—many, many new friends that I'm able to share the creative experiences and life's joys and sorrows. When I look around, I see mentors who teach me how to cope with grace and humor the changes that we experience in body, mind and spirit as we age. I have expanded my knowledge base by attending classes in many subjects, including computers, history and art, a new hobby that I have chosen as my retirement vocation.

They say that to stay alert, vital and interesting one must have a community of friends and a place to go where you can pursue new interests in a secure and comfortable environment. That place for me is CLIR.

## CLIR NEWS

### MOVIE CLUB HOSTS OSCAR PARTY

By Pat Tibbs

Tom Rothgiesser and George Lucas hosted an Oscar Party for CLIR's Movie Club at their Russian Hill home on Sunday, March 27. Members brought really delicious food while Tom & George provided the wine and champagne. Tanya Yates brought an Oscar poster which was displayed prominently on the front door. There was a lively competition among club members. Each completed a ballot of prospective "winners" before the broadcast. George Lucas won the contest with five correct winners among the top eight categories. Way to go, George!

Bill Farrenkopf was in charge of the remote control and efficiently zapped all the commercials.

A good time was had by all.

The Movie Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm when we decide which two films to see and review the following month. In March we reviewed *The Fighter* and *The Unknown*.

### HISTORIANS???

One member responded to our suggestion that CLIR's historians check out our historical supply of Voice newsletters, dating back to 1976. Dick Hewetson noted that waaay back in April of 2006 Garfield McNamara was Looking Again at Shakespeare, Mike Nichols was leading an Investment Seminar, and Al Greening's Cameras at Work group was taking photos of wildflowers on a private mountain top in the Napa Valley.

While it is understandable that CLIR's members are rooted in the present, let's tiptoe back through the archives and find some even more exciting tidbits? The source material is on a low shelf in our Clubroom.

Interested? Send your gems to [sfalice@aol.com](mailto:sfalice@aol.com)  
We will print them in the Voice.

### OFFICE TASK FORCE—UPDATE

Six members are now trained and volunteering to keep the office open three days a week. Some serve a day a month, others a day a week. 2nd Vice President, Pam Royce, is the leader with the current group including Annette Berger, Barbara Farrenkopf, Dick Hewetson, Karla Jones, Lil Riley and Pat Tibbs.

To take part in this volunteer activity refer to the March issue of the Voice for all the details. Then contact Pam Royce or just email the office. Help CLIR save huge expenses by eliminating paid staff.

## CLIRsights Missing Links

**Vivian Kahn &  
Michael Nolan**

**Friday, April 8  
1:30PM**



### FIND THE MISSING LINKS IN YOUR FAMILY

Explore how to research your ancestors and uncover your roots with expert genealogists.

Vivian Kahn and Michael Nolan have done extensive research in the field of genealogy for the past twenty years, here in the United States and internationally.

Ms. Kahn specializes in Hungarian Jewish family research, but her investigations have led her to Belarus, Buckinghamshire, Chicago, Michigan, Ontario, The Ukraine, as well as the lower East Side of New York, to pre-Revolutionary Dutch settlements in New Jersey and the Hudson River Valley. She has published articles for both San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogy and the International Review of Jewish Genealogy.

Mr. Nolan has completed more than twenty Family Trees for clients with roots in Mexico, Spain, Ireland, Eastern Europe, Puerto Rico, Cuba and all parts of the United States. In 1992, he visited the *shtetl* birthplace of Jewish relatives in Kaluszyn, Poland, and has organized tours of Brooklyn for Irish cousins.

Please join us for discussion, examples, and tips for starting a private discovery trip into your own family origins.

### Change of Address:

**Joan Paddington  
Creekside Retirement Community  
400 Gilkey Road  
Burlington, Washington 98233**



### ART ON THE GO—Revisited

In February, Chair, Fran Hasher, planned a special trip to a group of artists' studios on Bryant Street near Mariposa in San Francisco.

It was an instructive and interesting day. The artists we visited are pictured here.



Clockwise from left are Mel Soloman, Peggy Gyulai, Annie Arrasmith, Jeremy Sutton, Kristin Kyono, Sonya Philip.

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