

# CLIR VOICE

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June 2011

## President's Message

**Breaking news -CLIR's Council has just approved a three-month trial membership of Special Audiences for \$25 for both CLIR members and new three-month-trial members.**

Were he living in The San Francisco Bay Area today, Oliver Wendell Holmes obviously would have been a CLIR member. Why would one say that, you ask? Because he said:

*I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.*

At a time in life when many find it difficult to discover such possibilities, CLIR membership presents so many occasions to "sail." I'm so thankful that I stumbled upon this wonderful organization filled with opportunity and amazing people!

Among those are the members of the Special Audience, Finance, Nominating, Curriculum and Annual Luncheon Committees and the Office Task Force. Included also are the CLIR members who step forward and propose and manage our many peer classes and events. These are people who give many hours of their energy and expertise without which CLIR would not function, let alone continue. All of you have my deep gratitude and admiration, and undoubtedly my sentiments are shared by many CLIRites.

We look forward to socializing and celebrating our members when we gather for the Annual Luncheon June 24. But until then utilize the many activities, classes and events CLIR offers to keep you moving forward and as Christopher Morley proposed:

*Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to continually be part of unanimity.*

CLIR makes that easy as it provides so many possibilities!

—Robby Kiley

## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3  
General Meeting  
Social Hour Follows

June 24  
CLIR  
Annual Luncheon

July 27  
Tour  
Zen, Seals & a Pub

August 12—15  
Shakespeare—Santa  
Cruz

October 25-28  
Annual Ashland  
Shakespeare Trip

*This issue is  
brought to you  
by the color*

**ORANGE**

*Featuring  
"Giant Winners"  
at the  
CLIR  
Annual Luncheon*

## Class Updates

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Tuesday, June 28, 11:00am**

**Bill Gregory,  
Evelyn Forsman,**

**June 28:** *The Troubled Man*, by Henning Mankell.



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### History of Ancient Egypt

**First & Third Tuesdays, 1:00pm**

**Tania Yates**

*Professor Bob Brier, Egyptologist, delivers these lectures through the auspices of The Teaching Company.*

**June 7:** This lecture is about Joseph in Egypt. During the Second Intermediate Period, Egypt was ruled by foreigners, the Hyksos. They introduced horses and chariots into Egypt. Were they the Israelites? We reexamine the Joseph story to see what light Egyptology might shed on its authenticity. Internal and external evidence is considered.

**June 21:** The beginning of the New Kingdom - the fabulous XVIIIth Dynasty. We will see four patterns established at the beginning that will become part of the fabric of Egyptian society: 1. The Queen as a strong political force. 2. The use of a standing army to increase the wealth of Egypt. 3. Burial of the pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings and 4. Thebes as one of the two capitols of Egypt. We will take a detailed look at the nature of warfare in the ancient world.

## Current Activities

### ART-ON-THE-GO

**Don Soker Contemporary Art**

**80 Sutter St. (near Montgomery)**

**Mark Wolfe Contemporary Art**

**1 Sutter St., Suite 300 (in the Flatiron Bldg.)**

**Entrance on Market St.**

**Thursday, June 16, 1:30pm**

**Fran Hasher**

This month, we're going upscale with visits to two Financial District galleries. We will meet at the Don Soker street-level space on the side of the City National Bank Building, and then move around the corner to the Mark Wolfe Gallery. Don Soker is featuring his 40th anniversary show, a survey of works in various media by 40 artists exhibited by the gallery during the past 40 years. He has shown works by well over 200 artists from the gallery opening in 1971 to the present. The art he displays has a minimal quality with a strong emphasis on innovative technique and concept. The artists are mainly in mid-career and



## Current Activities, continued

internationally established, but there is also a limited number of emerging artists of exceptional ability. Mark Wolfe's gallery began as a SOMA salon, giving artists a space to exchange ideas in an informal setting. He moved downtown six years ago and to his present location last year. He is showing a group exhibition of works on paper by six artists -- four from New York and two from the Bay Area. The show includes works in simple pen and ink, watercolor, gouache, and graphite. The art demonstrates a sensitivity to motion and the subjective perception of form and color within space. **Trans:** Convenient to BART/Muni Metro Montgomery Station and to many buses.



### DINING AND DISCUSSION

**The Cliff House Bistro(Cliffhouse.com)**

**1090 Point Lobos**

**Wednesday, June 15, 5:30pm (new time)**

**Karla Jones**



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How long has it been since you have dined at the famous Cliff House? Always renowned for the view of Seal Rocks at sunset, it has been remodeled in recent years into an upscale restaurant. However, they have a *prix fixe* dinner available in the upstairs Bistro on Wednesdays for \$25. They don't take reservations, but if we get there early we should get tables together. Perhaps our discussion topic of the evening will be influenced by our surroundings. This part of town has a wonderful history, Playland at the Beach, the Sutro Baths, Ocean Beach and more. What are your memories? In order to know how many to expect, please telephone Karla Jones. NO sign up sheet available at the CLIR office. **Trans:** The #38 Geary bus ends at Sutro Gardens: walk down the hill to the restaurant. Parking is pretty good at this time of day. Call Karla to reserve your place.

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# CLIR Calendar: JUNE 2011

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				10:30 AM Curriculum Com.Mtg. 12:00 PM CLIRsights, Tours Com. Mtgs. 1:15 PM GENERAL MEETING and SOCIAL HOUR
<b>6</b> 11:30-AM Play Reading Class 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM History of Ancient Egypt	<b>8</b> 11:00 AM All About Tea	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM Vicarious Traveler SUN 6/12 Noon ACT Talk 2:00 PM ACT Play <b>VOICE DEADLINE</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Spanish Conversation 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>14</b> 10:30 AM Walk	<b>15</b> 11:00 AM Finance Com. Mtg 5:30 PM Dining and Discussion	<b>16</b> 1:30 PM Art-on-the-Go	<b>17</b> 1:00 PM Council Meeting
<b>20</b> 11:30 AM Play Reading 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM History of Ancient Egypt	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:30 AM Annual Luncheon
<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Spanish Conversation 1:00 PM Current Affairs Forum	<b>28</b> 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group 1:00 PM Movie Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Current Activities *continued*

### VICARIOUS TRAVELER—Gerson Finlev

Kenya, Africa

Friday, June 10, Noon

Nick Maffei

Gerson Finlev (an OLLI member) has volunteered to show his photos from two family trips to Kenya. His first visit was a months-long trip in 1989, which included a camping safari to Masai Mara National Reserve, Lake Nakuru and Karen Blixen's farm. His second trip was in 2006 to visit his daughter who was working with the Peace Corps in Loitokitok, near Kilimanjaro. Gerson will show us photos of his daughter's host family and how people live in that area of Africa. His presentation will end with photos from his journey from Loitokitok to Zanzibar (also called Spice Island) through Tanzania.

### WALK: Haight Ashbury Frolic

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30am

Patricia O'Connor

Meet at Magnolia Gastropub and Brewery, a building with a checkered past, 1398 Haight Street at Masonic. We'll see the the former abodes of some of the famous and infamous inhabitants of this renowned district, such as Janis Joplin, The Grateful Dead, Hell's Angels, Rudolph Nureyev, Margot Fonteyn and Charles Manson. The sites of "The Disneyland of the 1890s" and many other places from various periods of district history will be covered. There will be some hills as well as level pavement. **Trans:**

Muni lines 6, 43, and 71 stop at Haight and Masonic; 33 nearby. Heavy rain cancels



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### FROM ZEN TO RESCUED SEALS WITH A PUB LUNCH IN-BETWEEN

Wednesday, July 27 9:30am Bus leaves First Street

Barbara Farrenkopf

Marianne McCall

We visit the Green Gulch Zen Center for a guided tour of their Sanctuary (removal of shoes a Must) and answers to your questions about Buddhism. Then we stroll (walking shoes back on) through their working farm where they grow organic veggies and let-

tuces beloved by Green's Restaurant and also by shoppers at the Ferry Building Farmer's Market. Then? A typical Pub Lunch at the Pelican Inn (Bangers and Mash etc.). From thence we travel to the international award winning Marine Mammal Rescue Center for a docent-led tour. Our return to the City has spectacular views, so bring your cameras.

**Total Cost:** \$65. A paid sign-up puts you on the bus. This will be a quick sell-out.

## SPECIAL EVENT IN JUNE

### TASTE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT TEA

Aroma Tea Shop,  
302 Sixth Avenue (near  
Clement)

Wednesday June 8,  
11:00am

Roger Kallen

Join us in this unique visit to the Aroma Tea Shop. Here you can learn everything you always wanted to know about tea such as:

- \* How tea leaves are processed
- \* Learn about the only tea that is aged
- \* What the difference is between white, black, red, green and oolong teas.

Sample Hair Crab or Supreme Monkey and others from a huge array of teas and discover the different health benefits of each tea. Different ways and tips on how to make the tea correctly are demonstrated. All the teas are imported directly from the regional tea fields in China.

**Event limited to 10 people.** The shop is small, and tea preparation complicated, so if more wish to attend, an additional demonstration may be scheduled. There are many restaurants in the area for an on-your-own lunch after the event if the group desires.



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### ACT Class, Jean Wilcox

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

Sunday—June 12, Noon: Class at 30 Grant  
2:00pm: *Play: Homefront (Slaight/Irons)*  
Zeum Theatre



THE PELICAN INN



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Photo: Barbara Farrenkopf

**Bonnie Martz & George Lucas with the bounty prepared by our members for the Social Hour after our May 6 General Meeting.**

**SHAKESPEARE—SANTA CRUZ  
AUGUST 12—15  
Enid Leff**

Time goes on and August is getting closer. Don't forget to send in your deposit of \$85 as soon as possible. If you haven't signed on for this exciting event and can't get down to CLIR, just call the office and give them your information – whether you need a single or double room and with whom sharing, if you know. If you don't have a room partner at the moment, we can probably set you up with someone. And don't forget that family or friends are invited.

Full details, including price, plays and schedule, are in the April CLIR Voice.

**Member  
OUR mystery  
MYSTERY member  
CLIR  
MEMBER Mystery**

For the last few months I have enjoyed revealing tidbits from the past of various members of CLIR. The idea came to me after hearing stories from our members in Linda Howe-Steiger's memoir writing class. I thought that this would be an interesting way of getting to know each other.

But I have learned that CLIR members, not surprisingly, are focused on the present and not the past.

It has not been easy to get people to reveal stories about the past. Therefore, our monthly Mystery Person series has come to an end.

But before that happens, I have one more bit of business. I must reveal to you that our cigar-smoking "woman about town" from last month is Iris Berman.

Thanks to those who shared your stories.

Dick Hewetson

**Members—did you enjoy these little vignettes of life before CLIR? Somehow I feel sure Dick Hewetson would resume his column if you volunteered to share one or more of your early moments with us. Want to give it a try? If so, talk to Dick! (Editor)**



**THE ASILOMAR GANG:** Back row L-R: Richard Magary, Bill Farrenkopf, Bill Zinn, Nancy Zinn, Don Steiger, and Jane Galvin (partially visible), Middle row L-R: Bill Gregory, Fran Chan, Jean Port, Rita Brooks, Roslyn Rhodes, Tanya Yates, Evelyn Forsman, Enid Leff, Sitting down front L-R: Vicki Bell, Marjorie Mull, Barbara Farrenkopf, Joy Bryant, Robby Kiley, Shirley Olsen, and Linda Howe-Steiger.  
*(Photo by Pat Tibbs)*

# CLIR: GIANT WINNERS! ANNUAL LUNCHEON JUNE 24

**McCormick & Kuleto's**

—Seafood Restaurant

*The Captain's Room*

**Ghirardelli Square—900 North  
Point, #H301**

*Cocktails & Registration: 11:30am*

*Luncheon: 12:15pm*

*Choice of —*

*\*Baked Mahi Mahi with Lemon Butter,*

*\*Roasted Chicken Breast stuffed with cheese & fresh  
herbs,*

*\*Penne Pasta with olives, artichokes and Roma  
tomatoes in Basil Pesto Sauce.*

*Cash bar opens at 11:30am*

*Price for Members: \$45; for Guests: \$55*

*Sign up by June 15*

***CLIRsights speaker, Linda Bergthold, Phd***

*(See Page 7 for details.)*

***Wearing of the Giants colors encouraged.***

## CLIR NEWS

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL LUNCHEON TO  
MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE  
TASK FORCE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Pam Royce—Annette Berger  
Barbara Farrenkopf—Jean Port  
Karla Jones—Kathi Malone  
John Lavelle—Lila Riley  
Linda Howe-Steiger—Nancy Blair  
Pat Tibbs—Richard Hewetson



### SPECIAL AUDIENCES MAKES A NICE CHANGE

A three month introductory subscription to Special Audiences is now on offer for both regular members and those who are taking advantage of our new three-month introductory membership. The nominal fee of \$25 provides an opportunity to try out this fun experience where subscribers get to see plays, musical performances and much, much more.

### GAIL SCHLUECK IS NEW 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

It's official. Council moved to appoint Gail Schluock to complete the term vacated by Joan Paddington when she moved to the State of Washington. Gail is on the ballot to serve in this post next year.

### VICARIOUS TRAVELER HAS A SHORT REPRIEVE

Coordinator, Nick Maffei, has found a colleague who will put on the June show and Birgit Chase will present her latest travel pictures in the fall. Members—let's not make this fine program a "sometime thing." Contact Nick to learn how to show your pictures at CLIR.

### NEW ROSTER IS READY

A new CLIR roster has been printed and is available in the office. If you cannot get to the office, call and a copy will be mailed to you.

## CLIRsights at the ANNUAL LUNCHEON

**JUNE 24**

**Linda A. Bergthold,  
PhD**



### How Will Health Reform Affect You?

Dr. Bergthold has twenty-five years of experience in health care consulting and research for all levels of government agencies, from the White House to local counties. She has consulted with private corporations and foundations on health care issues.

She will discuss with us her findings on the important and immediate subject of health reform as it affects us.

### SENIOR SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY SERIES AVAILABLE AT CLIR—BUT DEADLINE IS SOON

Senior San Francisco Symphony subscriber packages for Thursday matinee concerts at greatly reduced prices are available until June 6. Two packages are available, an 8-concert or a 16-concert series. We have the forms to order these subscription at the CLIR office. Or you can order the form by calling Patron Services at 864-6000. For more information call Jean Port.

*Thank you, CLIR!*

*Thank you George Lucas and your wonderful committee for my birthday party on May 6<sup>th</sup>. I was not there but I was told how great it was. A medical appointment in Palo Alto kept me away.*

*I also want to thank all of you for your calls and cards for my recovery. CLIR is truly my extended family.*

*Thanks again,*

*Roz Goldstein*

## TRANSITIONS

**Gloria Brobeck**, April 27. This gifted artist and long-time member of CLIR (she joined in 2004) participated in many activities including the exhibition of her work at our Annual Art Show. In addition, Gloria contributed to the discussions on Senior Aging the first time this series was held. Her work was widely exhibited and she was involved in civic, teaching and cultural activities in the East Bay. Contributions are suggested to The Gloria Brown Brobeck Scholarship at California College of the Arts. Our condolences to her family.

**Richard (Dick) Ingraham**, April 29. Dick returned to membership in 2009 after an absence, and immediately became active in CLIR, presenting a show for Vicarious Traveler and donating towards the purchase of our new chairs. He participated in a segment of Zany San Francisco, using his experience as a City Guide to tell a colorful tale of The City's early days. Dick was a retired professor of Biology. We extend our condolences to his many friends and his long-time partner, Bill Gregory.

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## ASHLAND TRIP NEEDS SHAKESPEARE LOVERS

At last count, fifteen people have signed up for this popular trip. Twenty or more are needed to make this event happen. If you are interested, now is the time to call or email Nancy Zinn to see what to do next. Her email is:  
**[nancy.zinn@ucsf.edu](mailto:nancy.zinn@ucsf.edu)**

## WELCOME VISITORS

First time visitors who came to our May General Meeting were:

Pat Schwartz of El Cerrito, and Colin Alexander, Adele E. Behar, Joe Marchand and Dennis Setlock, all from San Francisco.

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NAME TAG IS?

Ah HA! You do? Well, then. Put it in plain sight and remember to bring & wear it to your next CLIR gathering and the next one after that. If you don't know where it is, call the office on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday and ask a Task Force volunteer for a new one to be ready for you next time you come to CLIR. It is SO much easier for everyone, new and old members alike when we don't have to trust our memories for those all-important names.

**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE  
June 10, 2011**

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