Monday, December 9: “Song and Dance Men of the Silver Screen – Gene Kelly”

Bonnie Weiss – Theater Educator, Writer, Radio and Cabaret Producer

Gene Kelly took dance out of the ballrooms and into the streets. He traded the top hat and tails of Fred Astaire for his own signature socks and loafers. His athletic, exuberant dance style graced such films as “For Me and My Gal” and “Anchors Away.” But he was more than a dancer – he also made his mark as a film innovator, choreographer, and later as a director. His choreographic work reached its pinnacle in the Academy Award-winning film “An American in Paris” – but his most beloved role was in the 1952 film, “Singin’ in the Rain.”

In this presentation we see Gene performing his most famous song and dance numbers and we also learn about his childhood, education, and his personal life.

The meeting will be held in the Rosa Parks Room, Cesar Chavez Student Center, at 1:00 p.m. Social time will follow. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters GRE - Hal 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.
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.

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President’s Message – December, 2019

“T’is the Season”

First off, I’d like to let everyone know we’ve made some progress in filling some key Sixty Plus board positions. My wife Kay Stewart has agreed to take over the Recording Secretary position, and George Suter will become the new Treasurer. We welcome both to the board and look forward to their participation through the rest of the term year. The board is still looking for a Corresponding Secretary and a Vice President to round out the Sixty Plus board positions.

I really enjoy this time of year, what with Thanksgiving starting it off and ending with the New Year being ushered in. Everyone seems to be in a more pleasant mood. And why not? We get to do some partying with family and friends, maybe even do some traveling to get away for a time. The way families got so spread out for some of us, it’s nice to have family visitors even for a few days. It all seems to come together at this time of year. I hope there are still some traditions big or small we all get time to enjoy regardless of how simple some may seem.

And don’t forget we may know others who may not be able to get out and around. Try to make a point of a visit with them – regardless of how long or short a visit – to have them remembered. It can’t hurt.

Something else I’d like to add: Most of us have a favorite charity or cause, and I’d like to encourage you to make a charitable donation with a monetary gift or a gift of your time to extend good will to those less fortunate. Your efforts along these lines will be very rewarding to you in return.

Ray Sarakaitis, President, Sixty Plus-OLLI at SFSU; 415-585-4811
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Happy Holidays
Membership

New Members, 2018 - 2019

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.

New Member: Thomas Lien

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

Mary Clare Bennett, Membership chair: marycbennett@gmail.com

Arts and Entertainment

Chris Botti, SF Jazz Center, Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.
201 Franklin Street, SF CA
Chris Botti is one of the world’s top popular music interpreters. He has sold the most records of any popular music instrumentalist. He puts on a show full of guests, music of all stripes and an on-stage presentation that includes glorious music and lots of just plain fun. To evaluate this statement, just talk to anyone who went to last year’s performance. See you there!
Cost: around $20.00

Into the Woods, Sunday, April 19, 8:00 p.m.
San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak Street, SF CA
A production of Sondheim’s musical delight.
Free!

San Francisco Youth Symphony, Sunday, May 10, 2:00 p.m.
Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, SF
Cost: $12.50

Theater: “The Band’s Visit,” Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Theater, 1 Taylor St, at Market Street, SF, CA
Seats are only in the Mezzanine (note: NO ELEVATOR in this theater)
Tickets: $70. Payment due by February 15 (non-refundable) Minimum of 10 seats – Maximum of 15
This critically acclaimed smash-hit Broadway musical is the winner of ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, making it one of the most Tony-winning musicals in history.
In this joyously off-beat story, a band of musicians arrives lost in a small desert town. Under the spell of the desert sky, the band brings the town to life in unexpected and tantalizing ways.
CHICAGO ODYSSEY, May 11 – 16, 2020

Trip includes: Five nights at the Knickerbocker Hotel, breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners

Guided Tours including: Chicago neighborhoods and lake front; Chess Records, Millennium Park, Chicago History Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, Architecture Tour on the Chicago River, Navy Pier, performance at Second City – and much more!

$1490 per person/double occupancy, $1815 single occupancy

Price does not include airfare, transfers between airport and hotel, guide gratuity, based on a minimum of 15 participants.

Deposit of $250 per person is due by December 15, 2019 (refundable less $50 until final payment)
Final payment is due by February 1, 2020 (non-refundable)

Please send your deposit check, made out to: University Corp SF State/OLLI; send to: SFSU, 1600 Holloway Avenue, Creative Arts 251, San Francisco, CA 94132

To receive a daily itinerary, contact the Sixty Plus office at sixty@sfsu.edu or 415-405-0489

Holiday Luncheon

For the upcoming holidays, the Tour Committee is sponsoring a buffet holiday lunch, including entertainment and Santa Claus.

Thursday, December 12th, 1:00 p.m.
Cost is $30.00 inclusive (includes wine and other beverages, tax and tip)

Place: United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 - 45th Avenue, SF 94116

Reservations are limited, so contact Sheila Birmingham asap
Phone: 415-564-4133 or Sheilah8491@outlook.com

Make checks out to S.F. State/U. Corp.

Tours continues....
Members of the Tour Committee spent a day exploring Sonoma County via the new SMART Train, with a visit to the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa dedicated to his career as a cartoonist.

Not-quite-gourmet Dining....

Will return in January!
Bon Appetit!
December Mini-courses

- **Music in a Jugular Vein**, Bebo White
- **News Junkies Unite! Discussing the Headlines of the Day (Three weeks in December)**, Sara Seims, David Perper
- **Patient No More! The 1977 San Francisco Federal Building Occupation**, Emily Smith Beetiks
- **OLLI in Dialogue: Filmmaker Marc Smolowitz in Conversation with Michael Fox, Michael Fox, Marc Smolowitz**
- **The Sonnet in English**, Nicholas Jones

Courses: Winter Session

- **Writing the Travel Memoir: A Celebration of Your Life's Journeys**, Diane Frank
- **Philanthropy in America: How Well is "Doing Good" Doing?**, Sara Seims
- **Anthropology of Religion**, Niccolo Caldararo
- **Great Poets of Elizabethan England**, Nicholas Jones
- **The Mysterious World Inside the Atom: Atomic Science for Poets**, Andrew Fraknoi
- **Why We Love Music**, Richard Harrell
- **Prelude to the 2020 Presidential Election**, Gerard Heather
- **Poetry on the Ivories - Chopin, Beethoven, Schubert and Others**, Alexandra Amati
- **The Art of Personal Storytelling (Writing Course)**, Lynne Kaufman
- **Bitcoin, Blockchain, and the New Economy**, Bebo White
- **A Virtual Journey on the Streets of San Francisco**, Monika Trobits
- **Passport to the Arts of Africa**, Karen McSorley
- **Columbus and the Pivot of History**, Tamim Ansari
- **The Golden Age of Arab Islam Seen Through its Cities**, Douglas Kenning

January Mini-courses

- **Creating an Outline: Turn Your Life into a Bestseller in 2.5 Hours**, Barbara Rose Brooker
- **The Importance of Being Ernst**, Joseph McBride
- **What's Your Boomer EQ?**, Claire Barnes
- **Emerging Dynamics of the Presidential Campaign**, David Peritz
- **The Impeachment of Donald J. Trump: Background, Legal Issues, and Potential Political Ramifications**, David Peritz

For information about days and times, go to [OLLI.sfsu.edu](http://OLLI.sfsu.edu)
Calendar of Coming Events

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            Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU Campus

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                         Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU Campus

January 21  Tuesday  Various  OLLI Winter Session courses begin
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