Sixty Plus – OLLI at San Francisco State University

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SIXTY PLUS – OLLI A Program for Lifelong Learning January, 2018

No Shuttle Monday, January 8!

Monday, January 8: “Art Conservation and Preserving Your Family Heritage”

Anisha Gupta, Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Paper Conservation, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

Art conservation is the preservation of cultural heritage from the ravages of time, the threats of pollution and the damage from natural disasters. Working in museums and other cultural institutions, as well as research labs and private practice, conservators combine unique skills gained through on-going study. Anish will give a brief overview of conservation and walk through a few case studies. She will also provide information on how to better preserve your own family heritage.

Anish Gupta graduated from the University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation with a major specialty in works of art on paper and a minor in photographic materials. In the Museums she works in the paper conservation lab to conserve a collection of almost 100,000 works.

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 Do – Fy are requested to bring treats. If you are not attending, make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.

Announcement for January 22 meeting follows. . . .
Monday, January 22: “Thinking About the Russian Revolution 100 Years On”

Richard Robbins, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of New Mexico

The Russian Revolution was one of the events that defined the twentieth century, yet it remains a subject of immense controversy even in Russia itself. Dr. Robbins gives a brief overview of the subject, examining causes, both long-term and immediate; he surveys the Revolution’s course and tries to explain why the Revolution, begun with such high hopes, turned toward tyranny and terror.

Dr. Robbins taught History at the University of New Mexico for almost forty years. He is the author of three books on Russian history, most recently Overtaken by the Night: One Russian’s Journey through Peace, War, Revolution and Terror. He has given a number of courses through OLLI at SF State.

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 GA - Go 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.

Membership

New Members, 2017 - 2018

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.

Elizabeth Olivarez

Mary Clare Bennett, Membership chair: marycbennett@gmail.com
As I write this, Christmas is seven days away. By the time you read this, the New Year will be in full swing. A lot can happen in two weeks! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Welcome to 2018.

It is my greatest pleasure to serve as the President of Sixty Plus. This is the second semester of my two-year term. In spite of the many changes that have come to Sixty Plus in the past few years, the spirit and determination of our membership is very evident. While we have 120 members on the roster, 40 to 50 members come to our meetings. That’s nearly the same attendance as the times when our roster was much larger. Nevertheless, in order to stay as an active organization on the SFSU campus, our numbers need to grow. I am personally encouraging everyone to bring a friend to a January meeting to meet the group. This type of friend-to-friend recruitment is more direct than newspaper ads. Please consider inviting guests and helping them meet other members.

We enjoyed a very detailed explanation of Wagner’s Ring at our only meeting in December. It was very interesting to me, since I am not an opera fan. Kip Cranna, our speaker, unraveled the mysteries of this huge operatic endeavor. Some of our members will be attending the production in San Francisco this summer. His talk was very well received by the 45 members who were checked in by Mary Clare Bennett.

I want to thank Anne Maguire for setting up the Cookie Patrol for the December meeting. Plenty of goodies were spread out for all to eat. The table was very festive (if I do say so myself…)

Happy New Year to all Sixty Plus Members, Family and Friends

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OLLI at SFSU

Spring 2018 Session One: Jan 16 - Feb 26
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 (All day) to Monday, February 26, 2018 (All day)

Classes include:
Exploring the Universe: From Mars to the Stars (and Galaxies) Andrew Fraknoi
Gate Crashing the Party: 500 Years of Immigration to America - Douglas Kenning
Connections with Social Media - Anne Drazen
Writing: Life into Literature - Laura Fraser
Pre-Columbian Architecture: Selected Sites of the Ancient Americas - Nancy Fee
Writing: The Dramatic Monologue - Lynne Kaufman
Detecting Women: Gender and the Detective Genre in Literature and Film - Mary Scott
Foreign Aid: The Good, Bad, and the Facts - Sara Seims
More Documentary Touchstones - Michael Fox
California Politics - Tom Ammiano
More classes being finalized now!

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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Martin Luther King
“I have a dream”

Monday, January 15, 2018
Arts and Entertainment

For information and/or reservations for all listed events, call Erwin Kelly 415-552-9435.

“Avenue Q”
Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
The marvelous San Francisco holiday season offering of “Avenue Q” comes to the welcoming New Conservatory Theater (wine free for Sixty Plus folks). “Avenue Q” is a delightful, ever-so-slightly off-color production. This TONY-award musical features a charming group of puppets in a neighborhood of real people. A very funny libretto and a top-notch musical score have given the show a four-year (and counting) run.

New Conservatory Theater Center, 25 Van Ness at Market Street
Transportation: BART to Civic Center; any MUNI bus on Market or Van Ness

Walker Evans Exhibit
Saturday, January 20, 2018, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 27, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Next on our list of events are two attractions sponsored with the Tour committee. First we have two dates for a docent-led tour of photographer Walker Evans at the Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) A new collection of Walker Evans’ most important and interesting photographs has been drawn from his lifelong career, including his magnificent photos of the Great Depression. The docent, Michael Gonzalez, is one of the top-rated by museum visitors. Meet in the lobby with Erwin fifteen minutes before the tour time. Transportation and entry fee are on your own. The museum entrance fee gives you a chance to visit the rest of the museum for the whole day.

SF Museum of Modern Art, 151 Third Street between Mission and Howard Streets
Transportation: BART to Montgomery; MUNI underground or F to Market Street at Third Street

Botanical Gardens
Sunday, January 28, 2018, 1:30 a.m.
Last is the long-promised tour of the Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park. Again, the docent will be Michael Gonzalez who owns a landscaping firm and who has been at the gardens for a dozen years. This is his last show, as he is retiring from this volunteer position. It is unusual to visit this site in winter, but Mike says a surprising amount of plant activity happens at this time of year. Our visit is set up for us golden agers; the walk avoids all hazards and stays as much on level ground as possible. Entry is free for S.F. residents, so bring some form of identification: driver’s license, etc. Others pay a very moderate fee. Reservations with Erwin required.

Golden Gate Park at JF Kennedy Drive
Transportation: MUNI Metro N Judah or MUNI 29 Sunset or MUNI 5 or 5R

SF JAZZ Center
Friday, April 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

At SF JAZZ Paula West performs songs reflecting social concerns in America over the years. Composers to be featured include Simon & Garfunkle, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, and Pete Seeger. Ticket information will be forthcoming in February.

Erwin Kelly, Arts & Entertainment Chair: 4006 – 18th Street, SF, CA 94114; 415-552-9435
Not-quite-gourmet Dining....

Lemongrass

2348 Polk St. (between Union & Green Sts.)
Tuesday, January 30, 11:30 a.m.

After feasting on rich and heavy holiday fare, you might want some lighter cuisine, like the veggie-forward food served up at Lemongrass, where most of the dishes come with ample amounts of fresh vegetables mixed together with the main ingredient — beef, pork, poultry, seafood, or noodles. The menu here is extensive, including popular Thai dishes like larb salad, pad thai, pumpkin curry, barbeque chicken, sautéed prawn and silver noodles, and crab fried rice. The difficult task is to choose among so many tempting options, but whatever your choice, you will not be disappointed. The ingredients are well-seasoned, the flavors well-balanced, and the vegetables fresh and crisp.

No credit cards

MUNI lines 19, 45, or 47 (From the 47 line, Union St. from Van Ness to Polk is very steep. Green Street is a better route if you’re not a hiker.)

RSVP Required: Cecilia Lim, cec639sf@att.net, or 415-957-1602

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Tours

Valentines Luncheon Save the Date:
Wednesday, February 14, 1:00 p.m.

The tour Group sponsors a luncheon at Neiman Marcus Rotunda, 150 Stockton St. at Geary St. Details available in the next Highlights. Limited Reservations.

Contact: Maryann Swazo, 415-566-7621

Heath Ceramics Factory
Friday, February 23, 2018

Join us for a one-hour tour of the Heath Ceramics Factory in Sausalito where they make their famous dinnerware and vases. We meet at 9:30 a.m. at the front door of the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero for the 10:00 a.m. ferry ride. We transfer to the Golden Gate Transit bus #30 for a short ride to the factory. The tour is free but bring cash for the ferry and bus trips. After the tour we inspect the show room, then have lunch at a nearby eatery. Space is limited; only six spaces are available for this tour. Please call to check availability and make a reservation.

Contact: Doug Roberts, Tour Committee, 415-681-8845
Calendar of Coming Events

January 7  Sunday  2:00 p.m.  “Avenue Q” New Conservatory Theater Center
                           25 Van Ness at Market St.

January 9  Tuesday  TBA  Community Meeting on Program Budget and Finance

January 20  Saturday  3:30 p.m.  Walker Evans exhibit

January 27  Saturday  11:30 a.m.  SF Museum of Modern Art, 151 Third St., SF, CA

January 24  Monday  10:30 a.m.  Executive Board & Committee Chairs, Rosa Parks Room
                                    1:00 p.m.  General Program Meeting, Rosa Parks Room
                                    Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU

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                                   Meet at Ferry Building, Pier 1, Embarcadero

April 20  Friday  7:30 p.m.  Paula West at SF JAZZ
                                   201 Franklin St. at Fell St.

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