

Message from Parting President - Dorothy Winke

Dear MICLites,

This is certainly not how I expected to deliver my parting message to you as your President, nor I'm sure how you expected to receive it. Our usually fun filled Spring Luncheon/General Meeting has been a victim of this virus, along with our ability to hold the election of new officers and to install them into office. By this time, you have received and voted on the **ballot to add to our By-Laws the ability to vote online and voted for the new officers**. Hope you all took advantage of this new wrinkle to our MICL world. Responding members were **unanimous** in their **approval**. Thank you.

This year started out with a bang with the summer Ice Cream Social and just kept on improving. Fall A Session had the fabulous series on the Mysteries of Human Evolution, Political Polling and Folk Music. B Session didn't slack off for a moment with Child Welfare Services, Kaiser Doctors discussing Senior Health and the offering of Favorite Museums. C Session didn't let down the high standards and gave us the Islamic Golden Age, the Presidential Series and the ever popular Birding class. These were just a few of the offerings to round out our perennial favorites of Travels Around the World, Writing it Down and What in the World, as well as the always popular Friday at the Movies.

After a winter break, we were right back into the swing of things, learning about the Italian master thinker/painter/inventor Leonardo da Vinci and the thought provoking continuation of the Climate Change problems we are facing. Pet World and Comedy kept us entertained to finalize A Session. Then our world fell apart when we were in the third week of B Session. We were abruptly cut short from our exploration of the Explorers and Cannabis. At least we did get to go on the field trip to the CBD manufacturing facility, before this darn COVID19 Pandemic brought our MICL world crashing down on our heads.

THANK YOU to all of the coordinators and presenters. Your efforts were appreciated beyond measure. And especially to Roger Jackson, Dave Froba and the Curriculum Committee for developing exceptional classes as well as our Board members.

Judy, as I figuratively hand over the MICL gavel to you as President, I wish you all the fantastic experiences I have had in leading our group, with hopefully, none of the frustrations. You face some unexpected challenges as President #34 that none of your predecessors have had to face. I know you are up to the challenge and you will have my utmost cooperation to help you in any way possible. **My wishes for a glorious year are heartfelt as your adventures as MICL President are beginning.**

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



Part of the pleasure in being President is to have the opportunity to award the Silver and Gold Sneakers to members for their outstanding contributions to MICL.

The 2019/2020 Silver Sneaker is to a new member for **"Hitting the Ground Running"** and goes to a pair of recipients, both who jumped right in and became involved with the daily operation of the Kitchen/Break Room, and in fact, baked many of the goodies we enjoyed. Then seeing Diedre could use an extra hand with the trips, again volunteered to help out. I am of course, referring to our mother-daughter dynamic duo, **Mary Hanson and Annette Alexander**. Mary soon assumed the Chairmanship of the Birthday Luncheons, while Annette began learning the ins and outs of putting together our Newsletter. With the election of new officers, Annette will become the new Communications Director. Now, that is how to get involved and what makes MICL work...both said "I am here, how may I help?"



The Golden Sneaker was such a tough one to try to narrow down, I gave up. Who among our more veteran members has contributed and outstanding amount of time, energy and expertise to furthering the MICL experience? As I said, I gave up! So many have contributed so much, they ALL get the Golden Sneaker Award. It will be up to them to determine how to share it. In this time of coping with the closure of the MJC Campus, we are so in debt to them for keeping us informed of what progress was being made. They figured out how to connect us all through Zoom Meetings and special newsletters, how to keep us involved with MICL and to keep MICL as the viable, living entity we all enjoy.

The Golden Sneaker award goes to the entire **Communications team: Margaret Olson, Ron Rutschman, Bruce Gallmeyer, Susan Filice, Dorothy Ford, Anita Young plus Dave Froba**. What would we have done without their expertise in keeping us connected? The Zoom Meetings have been wonderful in allowing us to see and hear each other and to express our feeling and frustrations... for filming some of our outstanding classes and putting them on our website... in giving us delightful special editions of the Newsletter... of giving us the ability to share and comment on Facebook. Everyone of them had a hand in keeping MICL in our lives through this very difficult period and **my hat is off to them individually and as a group. BRAVO to all of you!**

Thank you to every MICL member for allowing me to be a part of your lives and I want all of you to know this has been one of the highlights of my life experiences.

Dorothy Winke MICL #33

Message from New President - Judy Moore

Greetings MICL Members!

When I chose the theme “Adventures in Learning” for the 2020-2021 MICL year, I certainly did not have in mind COVID 19! I had visions of travel, exploring new ideas, sharing experiences, and **“going where we have not gone before”** – to paraphrase “Star Trek”.

Actually, our reality is not too far from my original version. We already are exploring new ways to communicate and share classes. Some of us have become proficient in setting up **ZOOM meetings** so we can see and hear each other. **We are finding curriculum that can be shared in this format, classes that are educational, entertaining, and indulge our need for fellowship.**

We will be testing these new methods in our Summer classes; so, get yourself invited!

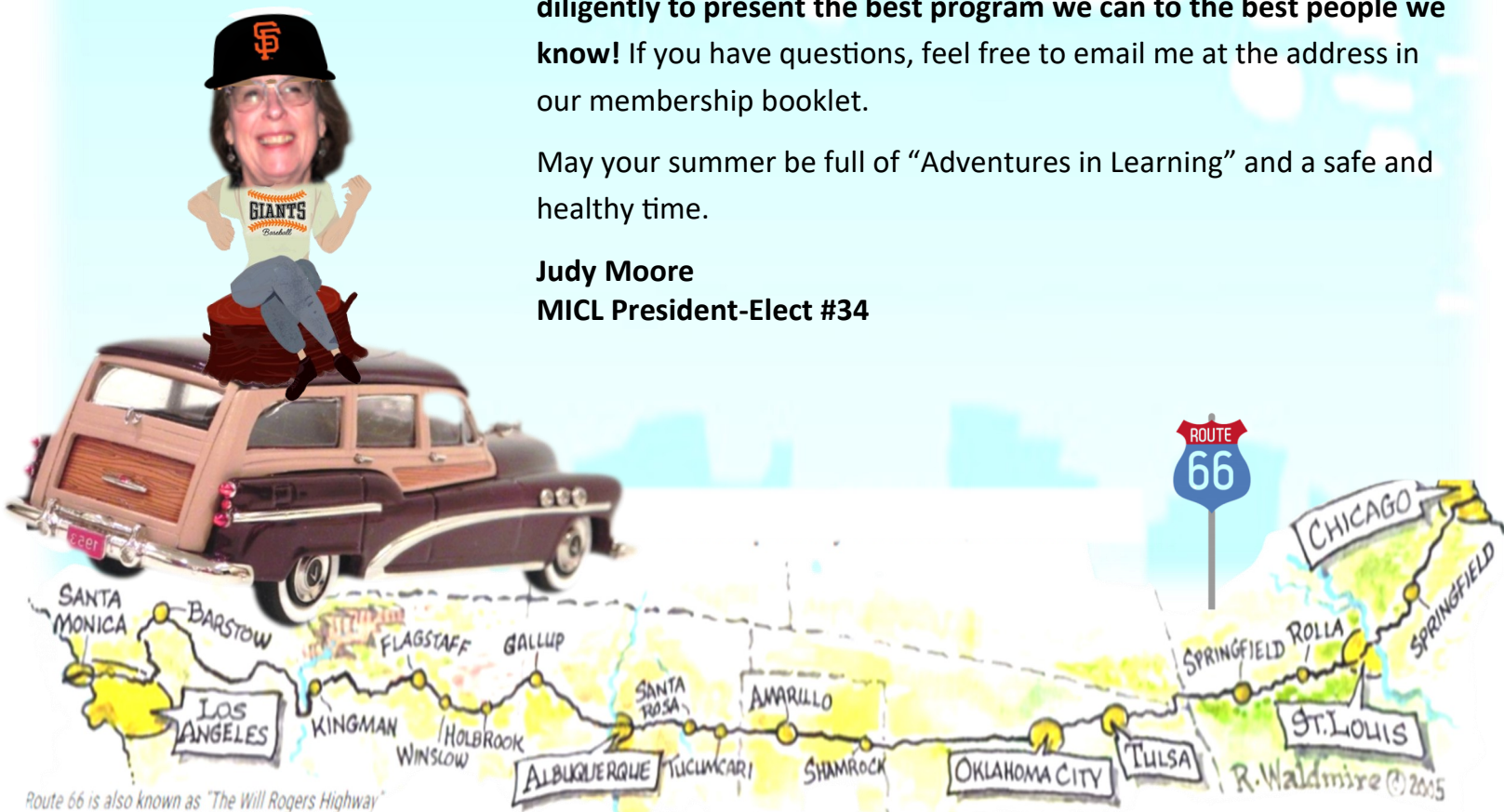
Our Membership Chair, Ron Rutschman, can guide you through that process.

Fall Session classes have been calendared, but how they will be presented depends on several factors: first, the reopening of MJC, secondly, the control of COVID 19, and finally, the willingness of our membership to meet in person. **The health and safety of our members is the priority.**

We are living in uncertain times. As the MICL Board, **we are working diligently to present the best program we can to the best people we know!** If you have questions, feel free to email me at the address in our membership booklet.

May your summer be full of “Adventures in Learning” and a safe and healthy time.

Judy Moore
MICL President-Elect #34



Route 66 is also known as "The Will Rogers Highway"





Summer Session is ALL ZOOM CLASSES

We have been conducting classes using this video conferencing tool and members find it effective and enjoyable!

SUMMER SESSION
Classes:

May 11 thru August 7

ZOOM SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 am to NOON	No class	 <p>Writing It Down!</p>	 <p>What in the World?</p>	No class	No class
1 pm to 3 pm	No class	No class	 <p>The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)</p>	 <p>Book Club Dates June 11th July 23rd</p>	No class

2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**CLASSES ARE HELD
IN THE EL CAPITAN CENTER BUILDING
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
DURING FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS**
Summer Session No Mondays or Fridays
**LOCATED ON THE WEST CAMPUS OF
MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE**

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Millie Starr



WRITING IT DOWN: Be inspired to share your writing efforts in an encouraging and supportive classroom setting. Class members write at home about anything they want, and they share what they write in class when they are ready.

The goal of the class is to support one another and learn by doing. Come join our writing community as a writer or listener.

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS CONTACT:

Ron Rutschman – rutsro@hotmail.com or 805-312-3834

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Dave Froba



WHAT IN THE WORLD?: Have you ever watched TV or read a news paper article, opinion, or letter to the editor and really wanted to discuss or react to what you read?

What in the World? is just the class for you. We discuss all kinds of issues and happenings from your neighborhood, local, regional, state, national, and world news. You bring in the topic, introduce it, and we all discuss it with the help of a facilitator. Learn something new every time. Join the camaraderie.

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS CONTACT:

Dave Froba – froba@comcast.net or 209-521-7265

DO YOU ZOOM?

If you would like to participate in the summer classes, you will need to download the app on your phone, laptop, tablet or desktop computer and have an active email account.

Contact this person to help you with the Zoom app:
Ron Rutschman – rutsro@hotmail.com or 805-312-3834

FOR HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY OR EMAIL ACCOUNT:

Bruce Gallmeyer – bgallmeyer@gmail.com or 209-524-0382

W E D N E S D A Y

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Diedre Bush



HISTORY OF THE CIA: The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is America's premier intelligence organization, charged with keeping watch in a dangerous and unstable world. Some have accused it of not doing enough to protect US national security, to others, it has done too much, intervening overseas and threatening civil liberties at home.

We will begin with a brief survey of the history of American intelligence prior to the CIA's 1947 creation, exploring how Americans have swung between a deep suspicion of spying and an acceptance of the need for it.

TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS CONTACT:

Diedre Bush – wen4102djb@gmail.com or 209-614-6957

May 13	Secrecy, Democracy & Birth of the CIA; George Kennan & the Rise of Covert Ops
May 20	The CIA, China & the Korean War; The Iran Coup of August 1953
May 27	Regime Change in Guatemala; Operation Rollback in Eastern Europe
June 3	U-2 Spy Missions & Battleground Berlin; The CIA in Syria, Indonesia & the Congo
June 10	Under Orders: The Agency Targets Castro; Missile Crisis in Cuba & at Langley
June 17	Unquiet American: Maj E. Lansdale in Vietnam; CIA Fronts & the Ramparts Exposé
June 24	Spies in Hollywood: Romance & Thriller; Nixon, Kissinger & the Coup in Chile
July 1	Watergate, Nixon & the Family Jewels; James Angleton & the Great CIA Molehunt
July 8	Colby, Church & the CIA Crisis of 1975; The CIA, Carter & the Hostage Crisis in Iran
July 15	Reagan, Casey & the Iran-Contra Scandal; Afghanistan, the Soviets & the CIA
July 22	Intelligence Failure: The Road to 9/11; CIA Advance in Afghanistan, Retreat in Iraq
July 29	CIA Renditions, Interrogations & Drones; Amaryllis Fox: Life Undercover in the CIA
Aug 5	Spec Ops Exec & French Fight German Occupation; House Search for <u>WWII</u> Spies

T H U R S D A Y

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM JUNE 11th & JULY 23rd

Coordinator:
Carol Sullivan



MICL BOOK CLUB SELECTION for June 11th:
PRODIGAL SUMMER by Barbara Kingsolver

Prodigal Summer weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives in southern Appalachia. At the heart of these intertwined narratives is a den of coyotes that have recently migrated into the region. Deanna Wolfe, a reclusive wildlife biologist; Eddie Bondo, a young hunter who comes to invade her solitary life; Lusa Landowski, a bookish city girl turned farmer's wife; and a pair of elderly, feuding neighbors find connections to one another, and to the land, and the final, urgent truth that humans are only one piece of life on earth.

MICL BOOK CLUB SELECTION for July 23rd:

WEST OF EDEN: AN AMERICAN PLACE by Jean Stein

Stein vividly captures a mythic cast of characters, their ambitions and triumphs as well as their desolation and grief. These stories illuminate the bold aspirations of five larger-than-life individuals and their families. At the center of each family is a dreamer who finds fortune and strife in Southern California: Edward Doheny, the Wisconsin-born oil tycoon; Jack Warner, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants; Jane Garland, the troubled daughter of an aspiring actress who could never escape her mother's schemes; Jennifer Jones, an actress from Oklahoma who won the Academy Award at twenty-five. Stein chronicles the ascent of her own father, Jules Stein, an eye doctor born in Indiana who transformed Hollywood. The author paints a portrait of an outsider who pins his or her hopes on the nascent power and promise of Los Angeles.

TO SIGN UP FOR THESE CLASSES CONTACT:

Ron Rutschman – rutsro@hotmail.com or 805-312-3834

ZOOM Etiquette

Isn't technology amazing? Using ZOOM video conferencing has made it possible to attend a class from the comfort of our own homes. Many of us have become friends over the years so we have missed seeing each other face-to-face.

Thing is, you're on camera now. You may not be aware of what other participants see or hear on their end. We are still learning how to use this tool and communicate with consideration for others. Many members use a computer and laptop monitor in gallery view and see everything in everyone's rooms...simultaneously.

With that in mind, here are some tips and tricks that can help all of us be savvy ZOOM users:

- * Learn how to use the chat feature. This is where you can type a comment, ask a question to the moderator, or raise your hand to be in line to speak. If you think you may forget what you want to say, keep a pad and pencil handy to jot it down until the moderator calls on you. This is just like passing around the microphone in the classroom. Patience and courtesy please.
- * If you join the call late, no need to explain or apologize; you're forgiven. Again just like in the classroom, it is not necessary to interrupt who is speaking. Make sure your mute feature is on; we will see you joined us.
- * Continuously check that your mic is on "mute." When even one person's background noise is audible, to the rest of us, it can sound like a jaunt to the barnyard and louder than you think. Some of us have to have our volume up so we can hear better.
- * Keep your camera at eye level no matter the device you are using. If you sit about 4 feet from the lens we will see your face, if you raise your hand, etc. When your camera is too low, we see body parts that you probably wouldn't want to expose or angles most us would not consider flattering. We now understand what it's like to be celebrities!
- * If you can, have a light source on your face. A lamp works well if not too close or just sitting near a window where light is cast on your face. We want to see what you look like!
- * While you are on camera, be aware we see *everything*. Personal grooming is a no-no. Drinking a beverage is OK; making food or eating a meal is discouraged. Touching the face frequently is too much motion for those seeing you and very distracting.
- * Speaking of moving your device or being in motion while conferencing – that's really hard on the eyes. It can be very dizzying on a monitor so close your view to others if you want to move around. And remember if your camera is on, you may have just positioned it somewhere you will regret.
- * The conference host would like to think the session is interesting and you are engaged as a participant. If you did not get enough sleep the night before or need to take a break, it is okay to leave the conference. If we can see your eyes are closed too long, someone may panic and call 911!

These reminders should take you back to the social manners we grew up with as children attending school. It is all about remembering we can be **SEEN AND HEARD** so let's be the best we can for each other! ZOOM may be the only way we can conduct classes this year.

Did we say mute enough? 😊



The year got off to a great start. Our permanent classes remained the same, and all did well. The What in the World class continued to discuss their ideas and opinions on anything and everything in the world. Beginner's Bridge class continued to draw people who enjoy the game. Writing it Down continued to attract all kinds of writers who enjoy sharing what they write with others.

Travels Around the World only got to three continents this year and New Zealand. Both my iPad and desktop insist that New Zealand, along with Australia and Papua New Guinea, are in a part of the ocean called Oceania. In North America, we shared in hiking across America, the Noah's Ark Encounter in Kentucky, and tide pools in California. We visited Nebraska, and Phoenix, plus we saw photos from recent MICL trips.

Leaving our own country, we went north to visit Quebec City, Canada, and south to visit the Lake Chapala area of Mexico. In Europe, we visited Iceland, cruised the Baltic and North Seas, and made two visits to Ireland. We visited nine countries to learn the germ theory of disease. We cruised again, this time going to England on The Queen Mary 2. And one family shared their travels to Scotland, France, and Venice. Asia took us to S.E. Asia twice. One visit was to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand. The other went to seven countries in that part of the world. We visited Dubai, China, and The Philippines. We visited Japan twice, once on a Shinto Buddhist Pilgrimage, and then to visit some of Japan's cultural treasures.

As always, the Curriculum Committee brought us outstanding five-week classes. In the arts, we had classes on Music Appreciation, Favorite Museums, Comedy of the fifties, and Leonardo da Vinci. In history, we learned about the Aztec Empire, Mysteries of Human Evolution, the Islamic Golden Age, MICL—Meet your Past, Explorers, and had a Presidential Lecture Series.

In what I call current life, we had classes on Political Polling, Social Services, Exploring Cannabis, Birding, Great Decisions, Climate Change Solutions, and Pet World. We had a potpourri series and had doctors from Kaiser come to talk to us about Senior Health. In addition to our classes, we had Young at Heart for exercise, Book Club, Potlucks, Monthly Birthday Luncheons, Friday at the Movies, and fun trips.

Then, in the middle of Spring B Session, everything stopped. On March 12, MJC cancelled all MICL classes and activities due to Coronavirus health concerns. The rest of the college closed shortly afterwards. But Dave Froba, Ron Rutschman, and Bruce Gallmeyer researched and instructed members about the Zoom app and got What in the World online. Great Decisions went Zoom after that, followed by Writing it Down. A Birding class and Book Club are joining in and getting online.

The Pandemic could not and did not shut MICL down. We will do what can online until that wonderful day when we can meet again in the MICL classroom.

Have a good and healthy summer!

Joyce Starkey
MICL Historian

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WE SALUTE YOU, MICL MEMBERS!

We had a wonderful 2019 – 2020 school year thanks to all of our members. Lots of learning and sharing each other's friendship was suddenly interrupted from the way we were. But in true MICL fashion, we reinvented ourselves to keep our organization nimble, morphing into the way we are...more interesting classes, a sense of purpose, and our ever-present element of fun!

Sequel coming soon to your ZOOM theatre on your personal device.

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