



# The MCL Letter

October 2022

Fall Session C

## Message from our President - Wayne Sicard

Soaring Together to Make MCL Better



### President's Letter

October, 2022

Dear fellow MCL "ites",

The Fall semester continues well with robust attendance numbers. I want to especially thank our class coordinators for the wonderful job they are doing !

Randy Mathews (facilities), Dorothy Winke (past president), Annette Olsen (president elect) and I met with the MJC staff to review our glare problem from two of the doors in the rear of our classroom. We all agreed to getting a revised estimate for new glass tinting from our vendor which should lower the cost to MCL by about half. We also discussed the date of our Spring semester registration and agreed that Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> would work well as MJC regular classes will not be in session yet and we will have plenty of close in parking for everyone. MJC will not be charging for parking permits for the Spring semester.

The college will be installing an AED in our classroom and will want some of us to take a training session on the device. It was suggested that a Friday afternoon would not interfere with any of our class schedules so we will try to arrange that in the near future.

Onward!

Wayne





**FIELD TRIPS:**

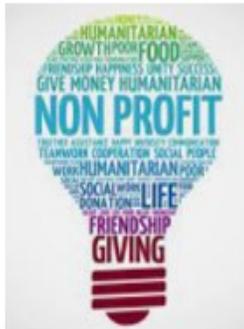
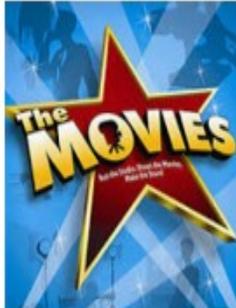
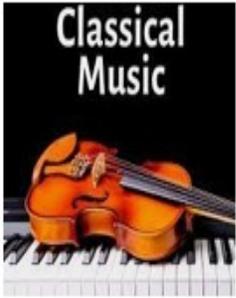
**No Field Trips in Session C**

**SESSION C Classes:**

**October 31 thru**

**December 9**

**October 31 – December 9, 2022**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>10 am to NOON</b>	 <p>Understanding Russia: A Cultural History</p>	 <p>Non-Profits in Our Community</p>	 <p>Everyday Engineering</p>	 <p>Current Events (Formerly "What in the World")</p>	 <p>Friday at The Movies</p>
<b>1 pm to 3 pm</b>	 <p>Classical Music Appreciation</p>	 <p>Social Zoom</p>  <p>Bridge</p>	 <p>Writing it Down!</p>	 <p>Birding</p>	

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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**

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**Betty Stewart**



**UNDERSTANDING RUSSIA: A CULTURAL HISTORY:** We will start a journey of learning about the last several hundred years of Russian history and culture. Our goal? To understand the complex, fascinating Russian spirit. What does it mean to be Russian? Lectures will be interspersed with personal impressions from my 17 trips to the country. This journey will start in Session B & continue through Session C. Discussions should be lively in light of their current war with Ukraine.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM BREAK

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
**Christine Beckstrom**



**CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION:**

October 31- It's Macabre! Dark, Scary and mysterious Classical Music  
November 7- Let's get to know Rachmaninoff and Sibelius!  
November 14- Musical Instruments that Survived the Holocaust  
November 21- No class  
November 28- Synesthesia  
December 5 - St. Cecilia, Patron Saint Of Music

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**Roger Jackson**



**NON-PROFITS IN OUR COMMUNITY:** A nonprofit organization is formed for the sole purpose of **benefitting societal welfare in a tangible manner, seeking to answer a humanitarian or environmental need.**

Please join us on this 5-week journey to learn about some of these organizations serving our greater Stanislaus area.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM BREAK

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Coordinator:  
**Ron Rutschman**



**BRIDGE:** As always, this class serves both experienced players and members who have never played bridge and want to learn something new.

Coordinators:  
**Wayne and Diana Sicard**



**SOCIAL ZOOM:** It's fun, and it will lift your spirits more than you might imagine. Time spent talking to, and hanging out with people will lift your mood! Please join us!

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
Ed Ponganis



**EVERYDAY ENGINEERING: UNDERSTANDING THE MARVELS OF DAILY LIFE:** Discover how engineering and technology influence our daily life. This class focuses on the engineering principles you encounter in your daily life at home and in the car. Explore how engineers use math, science, technologies, and experience to provide electrical, water, plumbing, structural, drainage, and communication solutions in our home. Engineering focuses on how something works, the scientific principles used, how and why systems fail, and the role of government to provide predictable functional solutions. Explore the workings of the fascinating buildings, devices, and public utilities that we use almost every minute of the day.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM **BREAK**

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
Joyce Starkey



**WRITING IT DOWN:** Do you like to write? Do you have family stories you want to share with your grandkids? Do you like to write poetry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join our writing group. Write anything you like at home and bring it to class when you are ready to share. We will enjoy what you wrote and offer friendly feedback. Don't worry, sharing is always voluntary! If you are not sure, come and listen to check it out. Come and join our writing community of writers and listeners.

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
Duane Nelson



**CURRENT EVENTS (FORMALLY "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? "*Current Events*" 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 our collective expertise.

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM **BREAK**

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
David Froba



**BIRDING:** We'll use our field guide, photos, videos, and audio to learn to identify and appreciate the birds of our local area. We'll work both mind and soul, since to know nature is to love it. In connection with the classes, each weekend we will take a non-MICL field trip to selected parts of our local area to hone our skills and deepen our appreciation for the birds that we have just studied. David Sibley's Field Guide to the Birds of Western North America" is recommended but not required. In preparation for the class it would be good to watch the video "Wings Over Our Two Counties" on YouTube.

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Coordinator:  
Carol Sullivan



**BOOK CLUB:** We meet the last Thursday of each Session. We read a nonfiction book one month and a fiction book the next month. The book is suggested and selected by the group and will be moderated by the person that suggested the book title. Our group is open to everyone, even if you have not read or have previously read the book. Please feel free to join the group for any of the meetings. Keep Reading!

**December 8, 2022**

"The Book of Lost Names", by Kristen Harmel

Inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish Children flee the Nazis in this historical novel. As a Polish-Jew graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris. She begins forging identity documents for Jewish children so they can flee to neutral Switzerland. Erasing people comes with a price, and Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records kept in The Book of Lost Names will become even more vital when the resistance cell helping is betrayed.

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Coordinator:  
Ed Padilla



**FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES:** Start your weekend relaxation with a film classic or foreign film (subtitled in English, of course) that will carry you away to other times and other places. Discussion encouraged but not required. Details of the movies are posted just before the semester starts.

Nov 4: "Young at Heart" - Musical

**Nov 11: Veterans Day -- MJC Closed**

Nov 18: "Shut Up & Sing" - Drama

**Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday -- MJC Closed**

Dec 2 - "Whiteout" - Mystery

Dec 9 - "Samsara" -- Documentary

November 21 - 25 Thanksgiving Break **\* No Class \***

### EVENT SCHEDULE

Session C Starts	October 31, 2022		
Curriculum Committee	1st Tuesday	Nov. 1, 2022	3:15 pm
Board Meeting	2nd Wednesday	Nov. 9, 2022	3:15 pm
Birthday Luncheon	3rd Friday	Nov. 18, 2022	1:00 pm
Potluck	Last Thursday	Dec. 8, 2022	11:30 am
Book Club	Last Thursday	Dec. 8, 2022	1:00 pm
Session C Ends	December 9, 2022		



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