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# The MICL Letter

August 2020

Fall Session A

## ***Message from our President - Judy Moore***

Greetings, MICLites!

### Adventures In Learning

When I chose the theme “Adventures in Learning” back in the early spring, I didn’t realize how prophetic those words would be! MICL classes are truly going to be an adventure, but we have a talented and hard-working team who are developing classes and making them accessible to as many members as possible. There are varied new topics to choose from as well as our favorites from previous sessions.

Please check out the classes as they are published via email, Facebook, and our website. MJC is developing a digital version of the community ed courses as well.

We are sailing through uncharted waters, and to quote *Star Trek*’s Captain Picard, “Going where no one has gone before” (not Captain Kirk- he said “no MAN has gone before!”)

Feel free to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or ideas; we welcome everyone’s suggestions.

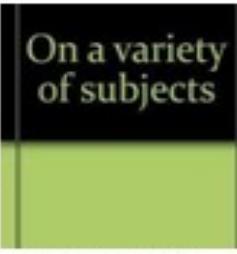
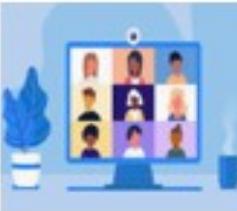
I hope you are able to be with us on Zoom as much as you like, and will enjoy our “adventures in learning” together!





**FIELD TRIPS:**  
**No Field Trips Scheduled at this time**  
**We will advise when we are able to resume**

**SESSION A Classes:**  
**August 24 thru**  
**September 25**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 to 9:30 AM					
10 am to NOON	 Book Club	 On a variety of subjects Potpourri	 U.S. Constitution	 Subject events Current What should I paragraph with my why have that?	 The MOVIES Friday at the Movies
1 pm to 3 pm		 Social Hour	 Writing it Down!	 SECRET SOCIETIES	

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**ALL CLASSES ARE HELD**

**ON ZOOM**

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**DURING FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS**

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# M O N D A Y

Coordinator:  
**Carol Sullivan**



10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

**Book Club:** The MICL Book Club will be meeting three times this Fall. Our meeting time and day have changed. We will be meeting on Mondays, at 10:00 am. All of our meetings will be held on Zoom, and you will be receiving an email invite prior to the meetings. If you have not yet been added to our Book Club list, please email Ron Rutschman at RUTSRO@HOTMAIL.COM, to get an invitation on meeting day. As with all Zoom meetings, you will wait in a waiting room until the host lets you into the group. I hope some of these book titles will encourage you to join our discussion. We would enjoy your participation

**9/21 THE BEET QUEEN, BY LOUISE ERDICH**

On a spring morning in 1932, young Karl and Mary Adare arrive by boxcar, in Argus, North Dakota. After being orphaned in a peculiar way, Mary seeks refuge in the butcher shop of their aunt and her husband, while Karl gets back on the train. So begins an exhilarating forty -year saga brimming with colorful, unforgettable characters: ordinary Mary, who will cause a miracle; seductive Karl, who lacks his sister's gift for survival.

# T U E S D A Y

Coordinator:  
**Wayne Sicard**



10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

**Potpourri:** Potpourri is a mixture of classes with no overall theme or objective. Expect to be informed on any one of a number of subjects, from senior health issues to upcoming elections. Each class will be new and different, and provide an opportunity to learn and get questions asked and answered. Come see what's going on, and enjoy some time with like-minded MICL

8/25     **Wayne Sicard:** "Anne Morrow Lindbergh"

9/01     **Hugh Brereton:** "Yosemite Rail Road"

9/08     **Rita Matthews:** "Three Master Gardeners: Fall and Winter Vegetables"

9/15     **Dr. David Higgins:** "Prop 14"

9/22     **Lynn Hansen & Richard Anderson:** "Their journey on the Oregon Trail"

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM    **BREAK**

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinators:  
**Diana Sicard**



**Social Hour:** If you are missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICL Social Hour. It's fun, and it will lift your spirits more than you might imagine. Time spent talking and hanging out with people will lift your mood! Please join us!

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**David Froba**



**U.S. Constitution:** In this 10 week course, retired attorney David Froba will lead us in a study and discussion of the U.S. Constitution. This 231 year old faded piece of parchment is very much alive. We will learn how it continues to affect our relationship with sex, drugs, rock and roll, God Allah, Jack Daniels, the interstate highway system, the bump stock, Facebook, cell phones, and yes, the coronavirus, among many, many other things.

12:00 NOON T1:00 PM **BREAK**

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

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 in the writing process and learn by doing. Come join our writing community as a writer or listener.

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**David 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 new class facilitator

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

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Coordinator:  
**Diedre Bush**



**Secret Societies:** Secret societies are not just as old as civilization; they are older—much older. They are not for everyone, and that quality of specialness drives much of their appeal. All secret societies organize for a purpose, practical, philosophical, or political. Secret societies have inspired and even led revolutions, including the American and Russian Revolutions. This course exposes the history, doctrines, and meanings of secret societies. It will explore the most infamous secret societies, as well as those that are more obscure. The course will reveal how secret societies have influenced history, from ancient times to the present.

# F R I D A Y

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**Ron Rutschman**



## 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.

08/28 "Young Frankenstein" Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle

09/04 "McLintock" John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara

09/11 "Five Easy Pieces" Jack Nicholson

09/18 "Sherlock Holmes" Robert Downey Jr.

09/25 "Splendor In The Grass" Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty

## EVENT SCHEDULE

Session A starts	Aug 24 2020		
Curriculum Committee	Sept 01	3:15 pm	
Board Meeting	Sept 09	3:15 pm	
Book Club	Sept 21 2020	10:00 am	
Session A ends	Sept 25 2020		



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