

Weekly Update Fall Session C December 5 - December 9, 2022

WEBSITE: micl-online.org

Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom and MICL Book Club, which will be held via Zoom, and you will receive an email invitation before each Social Zoom session. You will wait in a waiting room until the host lets you into the group. If you do not receive an email invitation, please call Annette Olsen at (916) 215-6967.

FACEBOOK: Enter MICL in search field then at site click on +Join Group.

Monday, December 5 - 10:00 AM – NOON: UNDERSTANDING RUSSIA - A CULTURAL HISTORY

Coordinator: **Betty Stewart**

Join us as we try to understand what it means to be “Russian.”

1st Hour: The October 1917 Revolution

2nd Hour: Lenin & the Soviet Cultural Invasion

Topic: Internet, social and news media in Russia

Monday, December 5, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION

Coordinator: **Christine Beckstrom**

St. Cecilia, Patron Saint Of Music.

Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 AM - NOON: NON-PROFITS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Coordinator: **Roger Jackson**

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.

Learning Quest - 10:00 a.m. - **MEET AT EL CAPITAN**

Over 100,000 adults in Stanislaus County have difficulty using an ATM machine or reading a bus schedule. Not being able to read well greatly affects so much in a person's life, such as their ability to find a job, read to their child, and even fill out health forms. Through a wide range of no-cost literacy services, like reading, writing, math, life, English language, technology, college, and work skills, Learning Quest helps a diverse population of learners meet their needs and achieve their personal and employment-related goals. 1032 11th Street, Modesto. Contact: Rebecca Sutis, 209-672-6659 rsutis@lqslc.com

Habitat for Humanity - 11:00 a.m. **MEET AT EL CAPITAN**

Habitat for Humanity International is a Christian housing ministry founded in 1976, connecting people from all faiths and walks of life, to work in partnership with families in need, and to help eliminate poverty housing in our community and worldwide. Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus is an affiliate and is an autonomous, non-profit corporation with its own board of directors and committee structure founded in 1989. Habitat symbolizes what can be done when a community comes together bringing hope, changing lives, and making a real difference in the community. Contact: Anita Hellam (209) 575-4585 ahellam@stanislaushabitat.org

Tuesday, December 6, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: SOCIAL ZOOM

If you're missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICL Zoom 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!

Tuesday, December 6, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: BRIDGE AT EL CAPITAN CLASSROOM

Coordinator: **Ron Rutschman**

This is a long-standing class that is finally returning, now that we are back in-person. As always, this class serves both experienced players and members who have never played bridge and want to learn something new.

Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 AM – NOON: EVERYDAY ENGINEERING: UNDERSTANDING THE MARVELS OF DAILY LIFE

Coordinator: **Ed Ponganis**

1st Hour: Why did this Dam Fail. Last week we learned about dam designs, today we see why a earth dam built in 1976 in Idaho failed after is was filled up for the first time.

2nd Hour: Wastewater Disposal and Treatment. Last week we learned about the fresh water plumbing system in our houses, today we learn about the plumbing disposal system. Find out how your toilet works. What happens to the 150 gallons of water the average person sends down the drain each day?

Wednesday, December 7, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: WRITING IT DOWN

Coordinator: **Joyce Starkey**

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.

Thursday, December 8, 10:00 AM – 11:30: CURRENT EVENTS (formerly What in the World)

Coordinator: **Duane Nelson**

Have you ever watched TV or read a newspaper 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.

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM – SESSION C POTLUCK

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - MICL BOOK CLUB

Coordinator: **Carol Sullivan**

Session C:

"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.

Friday, December 9, 10:00 AM – NOON: FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Ed Padilla**

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.

Sansara

Filmed over a period of 5 years in 25 countries on 5 continents. This is a work of Art. It is feast for our eyes and ears. Beautiful Landscapes you have never seen before. The Third World as you never seen before. A true movie experience and unforgettable film. Unconstrained by dialogue or narration, this is a Contemplative movie.

Friday, December 9, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: BIRDING

This final class we will be studying birds of the eastern part of Stanislaus County. This is a wondrous place and is the location for probably the most popular MICL bird trip of the year. Our focus will be particularly upon raptors, those amazing big creatures with hooked bills and lots of pizzazz. This will include the very good possibility of seeing both Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles, as well as perhaps seven or eight other different kinds of raptors. And there will be lots of other different kinds of birds, including the Christmas bird, red and green, the Lewis' Woodpecker. Since the sun rises late now and since the raptors do a little bit better

later in the day, we can meet a little bit later, at 9 o'clock, on Saturday, December 3. The meeting place will be the Fruit Yard Restaurant at the corner of Highway 132 and Geer/Albers Road. Bring your lunch.

We can't meet on Thursday afternoon because of a conflict with the book club. So we will meet BY ZOOM at 1:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, December 9 to do our study and preparation for the trip.

FUTURE MICL EVENTS AND CLASSES



Friday, December 16, 1:00 PM -? MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

We will gather at Mimi's on December 16th at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming, by sending an email to dorothywinke@gmail.com, a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you may receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.

Historic Murphy's Day Trip

FRIDAY APRIL 21

1 P.M. – 10 P.M.

\$50 / MEMBER

Includes: TRANSPORTATION cost and tickets to the THEATER/SHOW

PLEASE SEND A CHECK NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 26, MADE OUT TO: MICL, to:

Roger Jackson, 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, CA 95382

Leave MICL -1:00 p.m.

Arrive in Murphy's - 2:30

Olive oil / Wine tasting / Shopping (on your own)

DINNER WILL BE ON YOUR OWN (group reservation)

at the Historic Murphy's Hotel – 5 P.M.

(Or your own choice of eatery)

BUS WILL LEAVE MURPHY'S AT 6:30 (SHARP)

THE HISTORIC FALLON HOUSE THEATRE

7:00 P.M.

TICKETS GO ON SALE: JANUARY 2ND

Due to the popularity of this event, tickets sell out very quickly after being released.



Sierra Rep presents this hilarious comedy in the Fallon House. Based on the Hasbro game and the iconic Paramount movie, six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects.



MICL FIELD TRIP

Space Explorers: THE INFINITE

Due to the popularity of this event, tickets sell out fast once released.

Friday, January 20th, 2023

\$65.00 / member - LUNCH is **ON YOUR OWN**: at **Assemble Marketplace**

Trendy eatery with a full bar, industrial-chic vibe & bay views serving innovative American cuisine

PLEASE SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO: MICL, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10th to: Roger Jackson, 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, CA 95382

Leave MICL – 8:00 a.m.

Arrive – Richmond Waterfront 10:30... ish

Space Explorers: The Infinite – 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:30 – 2:30

Leave Bay Area 2:30

Arrive MICL 5:00.... ish

Space Explorers: THE INFINITE - ***The only immersive expedition to take you on an awe-inspiring interactive journey to Space*** is the first hour-long collective immersive experience that takes guests on an interactive journey aboard the International Space Station (ISS). After immensely successful runs in Montreal, Houston and Tacoma, ***Space Explorers: THE INFINITE*** is now open in Richmond Waterfront in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Highlights

- 🌍 Admire mind-blowing views of the Earth and feel the immensity of Space
- 🎮 Witness the first ever spacewalk to be captured in cinematic virtual reality
- 🔗 Explore an entirely walkable 3D model of the International Space Station
- 👨🚀 Join the crew of astronauts and discover their epic adventures
- 🚀 Experience an exclusive installation from world-renowned Japanese artist Ryoji Ikeda