



# The MI CL Letter

November 2020

Fall Session C

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

### *Adventures In Learning*

Autumn Greetings!

MICL is motoring into C Session with educational, stimulating, and just plain fun classes for you-from history to philosophy, writing and current events, films, novels, and socializing with each other- and birds! Potpourri- "A seemingly unrelated mixture of subjects; an unusual assortment"- promises a wide variety of topics from which to choose. There is truly something for everyone, and I encourage you to try a class new to you. If you know a MICL member who has not yet participated in our Zoom classes, please encourage them to do so. I miss seeing my MICL friends in person, so Zoom classes are the next best thing!

So let's continue to travel with each other on this adventure, and happy learning!

Judy Moore,  
MICL President





## FIELD TRIPS:

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

**SESSION C Classes:**

**November 2 thru  
December 11**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30 to 9:30 AM</b>					
<b>10 am to NOON</b>	 <b>Book Club</b>	 <b>Potpourri</b>	 <b>Great Ideas of Philosophy</b>	 <b>What in the World?</b>	 <b>Friday at the Movies</b>
<b>1 pm to 3 pm</b>		 <b>Social Hour</b>	 <b>Writing it Down</b>	 <b>The Ottoman Empire</b>	 <b>Birding</b>

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### ALL CLASSES ARE HELD

**ON ZOOM**

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**DURING FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS**

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**Carol Sullivan**



**Book Club:** 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 previously read the book. Please feel free to join the group for any of the meetings. Keep Reading!

12/07 **MAID: HARD WORK, LOW PAY, AND A MOTHERS WILL TO SRUVIVE  
BY STEPHANIE LAND**

In this memoir about working as a maid, a beautiful and gritty exploration of poverty in America. While the gap between middle-class and working-poor Americans widens, grueling low-wage domestic and service work-primarily done by women-fuels the economic success of the wealthy.

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:  
**Wayne Sicard**



**Potpourri:** Potpourri s a mixture of classes with no overall theme or objective. Expect to be informed on any 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 MICAL members. Details of topics will be posted just before the semester starts.

11/10 Wayne Sicard "The Cold Blue" on the 8th Air Force - in honor of Veteran's Day

11/17 Jacob Klein of the Sierra Club - The California Coal Industry

11/24 **NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

12/01 - Elaine Gorman, "Summer 2020 Backpacking in the Sierra--Staying Safe and Sane

12/08 - Robin Martin presents on "Feng Shui"

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

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
**Diana Sicard**



**Social Hour:** If you are missing your friends during these days of social distancing, consider joining our MICAL 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:  
**Jim Pack**



**GREAT IDEAS OF PHILOSOPHY:** Philosophy is the love of wisdom and the pursuit of truth. In this course, we will consider many of the most significant questions in philosophy: What is the nature of truth and knowledge? Does God exist? What is morally right and wrong? What is the meaning of life? In this first lecture, we provide some guidelines for “doing” philosophy, including these: Question everything and admit when you’re wrong; don’t assume that truth is a matter of opinion or gut feeling; and don’t hide behind a right to your opinion. Instead, seek effective arguments and evidence and proportion your beliefs accordingly.

**11/11 NO SCHOOL - VETERAN'S DAY**

**11/25 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 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:  
**Dorothy Wink**



**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 each five week session. A number of class members have real expertise to lend to a number of discussions. Learn something new every day. Join the camaraderie.

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
**Carol Stark**



**The History of the Ottoman Empire\*:** The rise and fall of the empire that became the first modern Muslim nation-state—the Turkish Republic— which is still strategic to the Middle East today. We begin with the Ottoman sultan Suleiman the Magnificent who from 1520 to 1566 ruled from one of the greatest Muslim states, an empire that included all the historic cities of Islam. Constantinople, now known as Istanbul, emerged as Islam’s cultural capital, defining religion, aesthetics, and letters. Suleiman’s architects redefined Islamic architecture, creating a skyline of mosques that set the standard for cities of the Middle East. Stressing the achievements of high Ottoman civilization, imperial institutions, and great wars waged by sultans against the Habsburgs of Europe and the shahs of Iran. The latter wars, between Ottoman sultans and Iranian shahs, sharpened the divide between Sunni and Shi’ite Islam, thereby dictating allegiances across the Middle East to this day.

**11/26 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING**

\* For lecture notes email Diedre Bush [wen4102jb@gmail.com](mailto:wen4102jb@gmail.com)

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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.

- 11/06 **"Lady Bird"** - Saoirse Ronan (Greta Gerwig's first film as director)
- 11/13 **"Still Alice"** - Julianne Moore
- 11/20 **"One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest"** - Jack Nicholson
- 11/27 **NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- 12/04 **"Boyhood"** - The Joys and Pitfalls of Growing Up
- 12/11 **"Before Sunrise"** - A romance

12:00 NOON TO 1:00 Break

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:  
**David Froba**



**BIRDING:** Modesto lies on the Pacific flyway, which carries huge numbers of migratory birds to our area. It is nearly winter now, the birds have settled in, and we will be there to see and hear them. Your guide, Dave, "Birdman", Froba, will go out in advance to a good local birding area and survey it. Then, we will meet each week by zoom and study about ten of the birds that Dave saw in that area. We will then go out during the week individually or in social-distancing groups to that area and try to find the birds that we studied. Then, the next week we will prepare for a new birding area and ten more birds, but also report on and discuss the ones that we saw during the previous week. David Sibley's "Field Guide to Birds of Western North America" is recommended but not required.

11/27 **NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

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### EVENT SCHEDULE

Session C Starts	Nov 2, 2020		
Curriculum Committee	Nov 10	3:15 pm	
Board Meeting	Nov 11	10:00 am	
Book Club	Dec 7	10:00 am	
Session C Ends	Dec 11, 2020		



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