

Weekly Update Spring Semester Session B March 17 - March 21, 2025

WEBSITE: micl-online.org

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

Monday, March 17, 10:00 AM - NOON - MICL MEET YOUR PAST

Coordinator: **Debi Jackson**

Each week two MICL members share their unique life stories. As you listen you may connect to something in your own life experiences. These might be birthplace, school, employment, sports or family. It is these connections and the presenter's story that makes this series so enjoyable.

1st Hour: Scott Griffin

2nd Hour: Alene Griffin

Monday, March 17, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: TRIUMPH OF CHRISTIANITY

Coordinator: **James Pack**

Early Opposition to the Christian Message

We have numerous stories of Christian persecution by the Roman Empire, but these stories are rife with misunderstandings and misinformation. Here, you will reflect on the political context of Christianity within the Roman world. Using the Book of Acts and other historical texts as your guide, see what it was like to be an early Christian.

Imperial Persecution of the Early Christians

While there were no empire-wide persecutions of Christians in the 1st and 2nd centuries, Christianity had grown enough by the middle of the 3rd century that it posed an occasional threat to imperial Rome. From Nero to Pliny the Younger, examine the relationship between Roman politics and the growth of Christianity.

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 AM - NOON: VIETNAM: THE TEN THOUSAND DAY WAR

Coordinator: **Dan Gorman**

This documentary was produced in Canada in 1980. There are ten, 48 minute videos, covering 1945 to 1975. We will add to the discussion by hearing from a few veterans that were there, who will share their stories.

Tuesday, March 18, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: PHILOSOPHY OF HUMOR

Coordinator: **Bruce Clifton**

Rooting in the observations of thinkers like Aristotle and Sigmund Freud, this course will leave you with your mouth agape of how we as humans tick. You'll be amazed and will leave each class with a smile on your face.

Wednesday, March 19, 10:00 AM - NOON: EARLY HUMANS

Coordinator: **Dave Froba**

Professor Suzanne Pilar Birch shares her expertise and passion for discovery in this Great Courses series as she peels back the years to expose the emergence and lives of early humans in Early Humans: Ice, Stone, and Survival.

Wednesday, March 19, 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, March 20, 10:00 AM – 11:30: CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator: **Dorothy Winke**

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. We are very careful to respect the rights of all to express their opinions.

Thursday, March 20, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM – POTLUCK



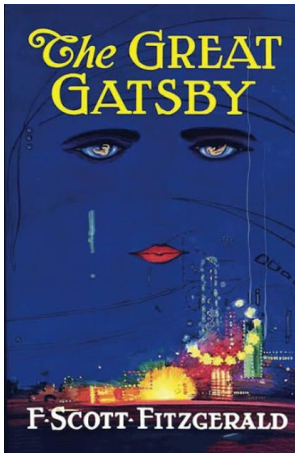
BASIC TRAINING
For Coordinators & Presenters
Spring Session C Courses
March 20th at 1:30 pm

Learn the basics of...

- Sound System: volume level
- Wireless Microphones: on and off
- The Ladybug: zoom in and out
- DVD Player: how to use it
- Thumb Drive: where it plugs in
- Computer: create a tab
- Projector: turn off and on

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Thursday, March 20, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - BOOK CLUB - The Great Gatsby

The Great Gatsby is a 1925 novel by American writer F. Scott Fitzgerald. Set in the Jazz Age on Long Island, near New York City, the novel depicts first-person narrator Nick Carraway's interactions with Jay Gatsby, the mysterious millionaire with an obsession to reunite with his former lover, Daisy Buchanan.

The novel was inspired by a youthful romance Fitzgerald had with socialite Ginevra King, and the riotous parties he attended on Long Island's North Shore in 1922. [Initially], the novel was a commercial disappointment ... and Fitzgerald's hopes of a monetary windfall from the novel were unrealized. When the author died in 1940, he believed himself to be a failure and his work forgotten.

During World War II, the novel experienced an abrupt surge in popularity when the Council on Books in Wartime distributed free copies to American soldiers serving overseas. This new-found popularity launched a critical and scholarly re-examination, and the work soon became a core part of most American high school curricula and a part of American popular culture. Numerous stage and film adaptations followed in the subsequent decades.

Gatsby continues to attract popular and scholarly attention. Scholars emphasize the novel's treatment of social class, inherited versus self-made wealth, gender, race, and environmentalism, and its cynical attitude towards the American Dream. The Great Gatsby is widely considered to be a literary masterpiece and a contender for the title of the Great American Novel.

Friday, March 21, 10:00 AM - NOON: MICL AT THE MOVIES

Coordinator: **Noel Russell**

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 encourage but not required.

Mankind : the story of all of us

The story of us is the epic tale of the rise of civilization, a 12-hour series, it spans the first flourishing of life in Mesopotamia through the discovery of America, capturing the danger, action, struggle, heroism, and adrenaline using groundbreaking techniques. 3 DVDs (ca. 552 min.) If we like it, we can continue viewing in Session C.

Friday, March 21, 1:00 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



We will gather at Mimi's on March 21st at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming by sending 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 can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.

FUTURE MICL EVENTS

Saturday, April 19 - MICL FIELD TRIP: The Marvelous Wonderettes (see flyer)
Deadline to pay is March 20th

Wednesday, May 7 - MICL ANNUAL LUNCHEON (see Save the Date flyer)



MICL FIELD TRIP
SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
2:00 P.M.
SEATS ARE \$30 EACH



This smash Off-Broadway hit takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom, where we meet Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy: four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts! As we learn about their lives and loves, the girls serenade us with classic '50s hits including "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," and "Lipstick on Your Collar." Reunited ten years later, the Wonderettes take the stage and perform at their high school reunion. Featuring over 30 classic '50s and '60s hits, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* will keep you smiling in this must-take musical trip down memory lane!

Deadline: March 20th

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MICL

MAIL CHECK TO: DAN GORMAN
2215 EL CAPITAN
TURLOCK, CA. 95380

NOTE: Dinner afterwards at **Standard Pour Restaurant** at 4:30 pm
Let Dan know if you want to be included in the reservations.

**MICL FIELD TRIP The Marvelous Wonderettes
Carpool Sign up**

Saturday, April 19, 2025

I can OFFER a ride to _____ passengers. My closest major cross streets are:

I NEED a ride. My closest major cross streets are:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email form to Field Trip Coordinator Dan Gorman:

dango880@aol.com

OR mail:

Dan Gorman

2215 El Capitan Drive

Turlock, CA 95380

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS March 22.

Save the Date

Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00 AM

2025

MICL Annual Luncheon

“Better Together”



Location

MJC West Campus

Mary Stuart Rogers Room
(Cafeteria Bldg.)

MICLites, our Annual General Meeting and Luncheon, is approaching quickly. During this event, we will review our accomplishments from the past year, present awards, and install the new board members, just like in previous years. Additionally, the class coordinators for the summer session will present their classes. We look forward to seeing you there.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW