



The MICL Letter

May 2024

Summer Session

Message from our President - Annette Olsen



Bloom and Grow with Lifelong Learning

Dear MICLites,

It is hard to believe that we have concluded the 2023 - 2024 Session, and are headed towards the 2024 Summer Session! Although there will be **no in-person registration** for the Summer Session, you can register through the link on our website micl-online.org, or mjc4life, or by phone **(209) 575-6063**, the cost is **\$30.00, no parking fee.**



We have enjoyed an array of terrific classes that have engaged our imagination, inspired our creativity, and broadened our understanding of the world. Our Summer Session promises to keep up this momentum with more interesting classes that offer a wonderful blend of both serious and lighthearted subjects. We start our week thoughtfully with **The Philosopher's Toolkit**, followed by our jovial **Social Zoom**. Next, we delve into **Banned Books and Burned Books** followed by **Wednesday's at The Movies**. Finally, we have **Current Events** followed by **Crafting**. Don't miss it! I am additionally *very* happy to report that our **new audio equipment** will (*finally*) be in place for the Summer Session.

I would like to thank all the **Coordinators** and **Presenters** for their great work to provide us with all the interesting classes, and guest speakers that we have enjoyed throughout this past year. We are very lucky to have so many talented and creative people here at MICL! It is so nice to see folks step out of their comfort zone and roll up their sleeves to coordinate or present a class. It has been a joy to see folks blossom into these roles. We benefit so much from the collaboration of our more experienced members, who provide support and encouragement, to our newer members.

I encourage everyone to consider a passion or interest that you have, or maybe something you have always wanted to learn more about, and consider being a coordinator or presenter of a class on that subject. It is a very enriching and rewarding experience, and we have many resources to assist you with this endeavor. After all, *we are "Lifelong Learners"!*

It was my stated goal, as President, to increase the MICL membership. I have been working with Betty Stewart this past year towards achieving that goal by promoting MICL through presentations to organizations in the community. Thanks to Betty, MICL was featured in the Stanislaus Magazine, and we were interviewed on KCBP radio (both are on our website). MICL is a true gem in our community and as Past President I intend to continue working with her to spread the word about MICL to interested groups. If you belong to a group that would be interested in a presentation about MICL, please contact Betty Stewart: **(209)204-5969** or babushkabetty@icloud.com.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve you as MICL President, and Acting President. I want to let you know how much I appreciate you, and all the support you have shown me. The friends I have made at MICL have truly enriched my life!

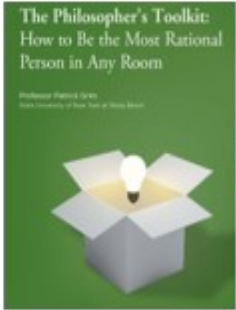





I look forward to seeing you all at Summer Session! For those who will not be able to attend, have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Annette Olsen, President

2024 SUMMER REGISTRATION
Online: micl-online.org or mjc4life.org
Register by Phone: (209) 5756063
Cost: \$30.00

SUMMER Classes:
May 21 thru
August 8, 2024

Summer Session 2024					
May 21 – August 8, 2024					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 am to NOON		 <p>Philosopher's Toolkit</p>	 <p>Banned/Burned Books</p>	 <p>Current Events</p>	
1 pm to 3 pm		 <p>Social Zoom</p>	 <p>Wednesday at The Movies</p>	 <p>Crafts</p>	

2024 - 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

Annette Olsen Immediate Past President
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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Jim Pack



THE PHILOSOPHER'S TOOLKIT: Learn how to sharpen your problem-solving skills and make better decisions and arguments in this dynamic course that helps you put philosophy's most practical tools into action. Thinking is fundamental to our daily lives. The Philosopher's Toolkit surveys strategies to improve our thinking-visualization, simplification, the principles of debate, and techniques for social reasoning. Because the best philosophy is done in conjunction with other disciplines, you'll apply these tools to economics, psychology, and more. Thinking is one of the things we do best. Wouldn't it be great if we could do it even better? This course gives you a set of thinking techniques designed with that goal in mind: tools for conceptual visualization, critical analysis, creative thinking, logical inference, rational decision, real-world testing, effective reasoning and rational argument. We will use interactive engagement to introduce a range of conceptual methods and perspectives mind-stretching philosophical puzzles, mental exercises by example, thought experiments on which to test your powers and deep questions to ponder.

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Diana Sicard



SOCIAL ZOOM: We will continue social zoom in the summer. If you haven't joined us, or it has been a while, please give us a try. It's like sitting around the kitchen table and talking about whatever suits us at the moment. We have come to know our fellow Zoomers better in a way that is different from seeing them in class. Unlike in the past, we are going to be using just one zoom invitation that will be good all year long. You won't have to wait until just before the meeting to get the invitation. The following is the information you need to join:

Meeting ID: 89193079434 Passcode: 720691

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Bob Droual



BANNED BOOKS, BURNED BOOKS: Maureen Corrigan, book critic for NPR's Fresh Air, presents the history of book banning going as far back as Shakespeare and continuing up to the current battles over "Critical Race Theory" and the textbook wars. Does book banning work in a democracy? This lecture series earned a 100% rating with Wondrium. Join us this summer as we dive into this complex issue which is sure to generate lively discussion.

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Noel Russell



WEDNESDAY AT THE MOVIES: Start your mid-week 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. Details of the movies are posted just before the summer session starts.

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10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Dorothy Winki



5/23 - 6/27/24

CURRENT EVENTS: 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.

Coordinator:
Duane Nelson



7/11 - 8/8/24

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinators:
Judy Moore

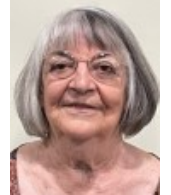


CRAFTS: We will be working on hands-on projects. We will present ideas, give you a project list for one of the projects, and support you through your work. There is no right way or wrong way, just your way. We will start with one four week session and if people want to continue we will do a second session. So far the projects are:

1. Making a flower collage in a frame from petals and leaves from a variety of pieces which will be shared.
2. Covering a frame, or any object, with beads or buttons which you will bring, or from a shared assortment.
3. Making yard art. With screws and beads.
4. Making a collage of found objects in a frame or whatever you want to attach it to, or make it free standing.

No limit to the creativity. Your imagination is your source.

Carol Sullivan



1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Arleen Allsup



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 have previously read the book. Please feel free to join the group for any of the meetings. Keep Reading!

6/20 & 8/1: Books will be announced in the Weekly Update

EVENT SCHEDULE

Summer Session Starts	May 21, 2024		
Curriculum Committee	1st Tuesday	No Summer Meetings	
Board Meeting	2nd Wednesday	No Summer Meetings	
Birthday Luncheons	3rd Friday	5/24, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16	1:00 pm
Potluck	Thursday	No Potlucks	
Book Club	Thursday	June 20 & August 1	1:00 pm
Summer Session Ends	August 8, 2024		



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