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The MICLetter

March 2023 **Spring Session C**

Message from our President - Wayne Sicard

Soaring Together to Make MICL Better

March 2023

Dear Fellow MICLites,

As your Acting-President, it is with deep sorrow that I am writing to you now. We were all in hopes that Wayne would be welcoming us all into Session C, but it was not to be. We lost Wayne on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 8:47 am. He will be sorely missed! A memorial is pending., and we will share that information with you. Diana is home now, with family still gathered around her.

Wayne became a valued member of MICL from the minute he hit the door, with his quick wit and jovial smile. Right away, he participated actively in "What In The World", with thought provoking commentary on the current events of the day. He also shared with us his pilot's expertise, helping us to understand several current events involving air plane incidents. In the Fall of 2022, Session B, he amazed us with his extensive knowledge of vintage aircraft, when he co-presented a class on WWI. Of course, his contribution to MICL goes way beyond this, and cannot be summed up.

As our President, he worked hard to help MICL rally back from the pandemic, and was determined to "build MICL back better". He and Diana shared that goal, and worked on it together, as they did all things.

One of the greatest components of MICL is the community that we build and share together, that we support one another through. I would like to thank the MICL community for the way everyone stepped up to the plate, to rally around the Sicard family with your strong support. Thoughts and prayers have been abundant, as well as cards, emails and Facebook posts, they have all been very well received and appreciated by Diana and her family. Diana wants you all to know how very much she appreciates your efforts. She does not know when she will be returning to MICL, but we must continue to extend our support, as she and her family travel down this rocky road together.

Farewell to our captain, as he flies the far sky.

Sincerely,

Annette Olsen, Acting-President

FIELD TRIPS:

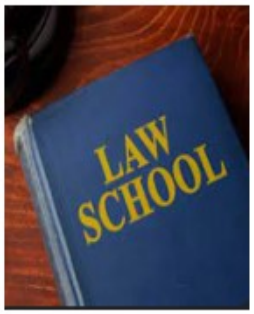
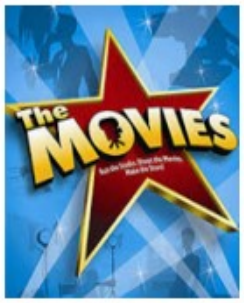
Historic Murphy's Day Trip
Friday April 21, 2023
FULLY BOOKED

SESSION C:

March 27 thru
April 28, 2023

Session C Spring 2023

March 27 – April 28, 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 am to NOON	Travels Around the World	Careers	 Law School for Everyone	Current Events	 Friday at The Movies
1 pm to 3 pm	Amazing Birds	Social Zoom	Writing it Down!	Great Decisions	Birding

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IN THE EL CAPITAN BUILDING
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
DURING FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS
SUMMER SESSION TUESDAY - THURSDAY

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MONDAY

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
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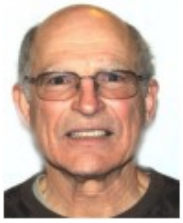


TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD: In this class we bring in MICL members and friends of members to tell us about their trips, near as well as far and wide. You can expect lots of great pictures, perhaps videos, and most of all, stories about the trips. In addition to the experience of virtually going along on these trips, you will learn how the trip was planned and other background information. For good reason, this course has consistently been the MICL class with the largest attendance. Come and see the world!

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Randy Mathews

AMAZING BIRDS: Do you enjoy nature and learning more about it? Birds are among the most ingenious and adaptive of all animals, and a marvel of the natural world. We will be joining biologist and bird expert Bruce E. Fleury PhD. for his Great Courses/ Wondrium series: The Scientific Wonder of Birds. We will learn about birds evolutionary history, the magic of flight, the mystery of migration and navigation, and much more about the remarkable lives and behaviors of birds. Whether you are an expert birder, or a complete newcomer, join us as we learn about these beautiful and amazing creatures.

TUESDAY

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Roger Jackson

CAREERS: People choose their careers in various ways, all of which require time and attention, since the choice of a career is a critical and crucial decision which will affect an individual's life deeply. People may choose their careers based on various factors or parameters, but they are all important and key determinants.

Some of these factors are as follows: Education, Need, Aptitude, Job Satisfaction.

Please join us in learning about the careers of some of our MICL members.

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

1:00 PM T 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Dorothy Winke

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinators:
To Be Announced

LAW SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE: This is course is presented in four parts: 1. Litigation and Legal Practice, 2. Criminal Law and Procedure, 3. Civil Procedure, and 4. Torts. The first section is covered in the Spring Semester Session C. The remaining sections will be in the Summer Semester.

Section One explains litigation and the adversarial system in American law, **a)** the legal system generally, the place of law and lawyers in our history and society, **b)** how to think like a lawyer, matters of precedent, textual analysis, inductive and deductive logic, logical fallacies, and the use of analogy, **c)** practical and ethical issues of the attorney-client relationship, why a lawyer might want to represent a seemingly guilty person, and what to do if a client asks her to break the law, **d)** pretrial preparation, jury selection, opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing arguments, **e)** the impact of media coverage and social media in the courtroom, **f)** types of evidence submitted in trial, **g)** handling common objections, false confessions, mistaken eyewitness identification, and flawed expert testimony, **h)** the appeals process and effective advocacy in appellate courts vs. in trial courts. Finally, the United States Supreme Court—its history, its function, the challenges, and opportunities that it presents for the American people.

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Joyce Starkey

WRITING IT DOWN: 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

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Dorothy Winke

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.

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

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

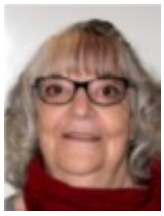
Coordinator:
Richard Cato

GREAT DECISIONS: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the documentary film series and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. We meet on Thursdays at 1:00 pm beginning in B session and continuing through C session. This year's topics include Energy Geopolitics, Economic Warfare, Global Famine and Climate Migration. There is a charge for the Briefing Book.

THURSDAY

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
Carol Sullivan



BOOK CLUB: We meet the last Thursday of each Session. 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!

April 27, 2023, 1:00 PM

"DEATH AT LA FENICE", by Donna Leon
Selected by Carole Sullivan, Moderator TBA

The first book in the internationally bestselling Guido Brunetti detective series in which a high society murder leads Guido to investigate the darker side of beautiful Venice.

There is little violent crime in Venice, a serenely beautiful floating city of mystery and magic, history and decay. But the evil that does occasionally rear its head is the jurisdiction of Guido Brunetti, the suave, urbane vice-commissario of police and a genius at detection. Now all of his admirable abilities must come into play in the deadly affair of Maestro Helmut Wellauer, a world-renowned conductor who died painfully from cyanide poisoning during an intermission at La Fenice.
But as the investigation unfolds, a chilling picture slowly begins to take shape—a detailed portrait of revenge painted with vivid strokes of hatred and shocking depravity. And the dilemma for Guido Brunetti will not be finding a murder suspect, but rather narrowing the choices down to one.

FRIDAY

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Coordinator:
Noel Russell

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.

Mar 31 - **"Waking Ned Devine "**
April 7 - **"Bull Durham"**
April 14 - **"Fever Pitch"**
April 21 - **"Bend It Like Beckham"**
April 28 - **"The Truth About Cats & Dogs "**

FRIDAY

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Coordinator:
David Froba

BIRDING NEAR HOME: This class will work in tandem with Randy Matthews' class, "Amazing Birds", on Monday afternoons. Randy will focus on amazing facts about birds, in general. But in this class we will focus on bird identification, and more specifically, on identification of birds in our local area. In each class we will study about 10 different species of birds. Then, on the weekend following each class, we will go out to a nearby natural area and try to find these ten species. We will also find bonus birds that we haven't studied and identify them in the field. David Sibleys's "Field Guide to Birds of Western North. America" is recommended but not required. It would also be good to watch the video "Wings Over Our Two Counties" on Netflix before the class.

Historic Murphy's Day

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 reservatio
at the Historic Murphy's Hotel – 5 P.M.
(Or your own choice of eatery)
BUS WILL LEAVE MURPHY'S AT 6:20 (**SHARP**)

ARRIVE PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M. AT THE HISTORIC FALLON HOUSE THEATRE

EVENT SCHEDULE			
Session C Starts	March 27, 2023		
Curriculum Committee	1st Tuesday	April 4, 2023	3:15 pm
Board Meeting	2nd Wednesday	April 12, 2023	3:15 pm
Birthday Luncheon	3rd Friday	April 28, 2023	1:00 pm
Annual Luncheon (No Potluck)	Thursday	May 11, 2023	11:00 am
Book Club	Last Thursday	April 21, 2022	1:00 pm
Session C Ends	April 28, 2023		

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