

## **Weekly Update Spring Semester Session C    March 24 - March 28, 2025**

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### **Monday, March 24, 10:00 AM - NOON - TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD**

Coordinator: **Betty Stewart**

Everything to do with travel is in this course, including trips taken by MICL members, guest speakers who have visited exotic countries, tips on how to travel as painlessly as possible, B&B advice, and exploring countries that people rarely go to. Photos, videos, and most of all great stories are the core of this fun course.

**Presenters: Chuck & Marilyn Rowland**

**“Untamed Iceland” covering a 2016 two week land tour of the country with a group of 16 through Overseas Adventure Travel**

### **Monday, March 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: ALL THINGS CONSIDERED**

Coordinator: **Bob Droual**

In this course we will focus on topics of interest that lend themselves to a one or two hour class but not a full five-week session. Special emphasis will be on topics that are particularly timely at this point in history.

#### **1st Hour: Scott Griffin --An Overview of Organic Chemistry**

Scott Griffin will be presenting an overview of a lecture series on organic chemistry that he plans to give in the Autumn MICL sessions. Scott has a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from UCLA and extensive experience in industry. However, the lecture series is not intended to make organic chemists of everyone, but rather to present essential concepts and then to focus on applications of organic compounds in our daily lives. A few examples are organic compounds in living systems, polymers and plastics, foods, flavors, and aromas, carbohydrates and proteins, and natural products. Scott will utilize selected lectures from two Great Courses series: “Foundations of Organic Chemistry,” by Prof. Ron Davis Jr., Georgetown University, and “Cooking Better with Science,” by Sean Kahlenberg, Asst. Prof. and Ted Russin, Dean, Culinary Science and Nutrition, Hyde Park, NY.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Hour: Eric Caine**

Eric Caine, an amateur journalist and retired English professor, has been doing an online newspaper, the Valley Citizen, for the last 12 years. Many of us subscribe. Eric is an excellent communicator, both in print and in word, and will give us the fascinating story of the Valley Citizen, his opinions on local journalism, and whatever else you want to talk to him about. If you haven't done already, check out the Valley Citizen online and be prepared for an interesting hour.

## **Tuesday, March 25, 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 25, 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 26, 10:00 AM - NOON: WINE TASTING**

Coordinator: **Duane Nelson**

In this course, Master of Wine Jennifer Simonetti-Bryan will show you how you can become a knowledgeable wine drinker just by training your senses to get the most out of every glass you drink. We begin by building your taster's tool kit, a set of skills you will need to taste and analyze wines most effectively. Then, we examine the process of making wine all the way from the vineyard to the bottle. From there, we will approach the abundance and variety of the wine world.

## **Wednesday, March 26, 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 27, 10:00 AM – NOON: CURRENT EVENTS**

Coordinator: **TBA**

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 27, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: GREAT DECISIONS**

Coordinator: **David Froba**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. It is an opportunity to understand more in depth the most critical global issues facing America by a combination of reading, watching a video, and discussion. All are welcome to watch the video and discuss, but if you buy and read the book you will get more out of the class. To reserve a book contact David Froba, [davidfroba@gmail.com](mailto:davidfroba@gmail.com) or by phone/text at (209) 499-6406.

## **Friday, March 28, 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** (Continued from Session B)

The story of us is the epic tale of the rise of civilization, a 9-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.

## **FUTURE MICL EVENTS**

### **Friday, April 18, 1:00 PM - MICL BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

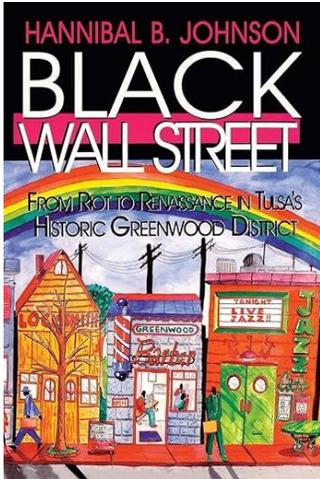


We will gather at Mimi's on April 18th at 1 PM. Let Dorothy Winke know you are coming, by sending a text message to her at 209-499-2129, or easier still, tell her in person at MICL. Be sure to remind her if it is your birthday month so you can receive a free dessert provided by Mimi's.

### **Saturday, April 19 - MICL FIELD TRIP: The Marvelous Wonderettes (see flyer)**

### **Thursday, April 24, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - POTLUCK**

**Thursday, April 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - BOOK CLUB - "Black Wall Street: From Riot to Renaissance in Tulsa's Historic Greenwood District", by Hannibal Johnson**



Early in the twentieth century, the black community in Tulsa - the "Greenwood District"- became a nationally renowned entrepreneurial center. Frequently referred to as "The Black Wall Street of America," the Greenwood District attracted pioneers from all over America who sought new opportunities and fresh challenges. Legal segregation forced blacks to do business among themselves. The Greenwood district prospered as dollars circulated within the black community. But fear and jealousy swelled in the greater Tulsa community. The alleged assault of a white woman by a black man triggered unprecedented civil unrest. The worst riot in American history, the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 destroyed people, property, hopes, and dreams. Hundreds of people died or were injured.

Property damage ran into the millions. The Greenwood District burned to the ground. Ever courageous, the Greenwood District pioneers rebuilt and better than ever. By 1942, some 242 businesses called the Greenwood district home. Having experienced decline in the '60s, '70s, and early '80s, the area is now poised for yet another renaissance. Black Wall Street speaks to the triumph of the human spirit.

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

## Save the Date

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM

2025  
MICL Annual Luncheon

"Better Together"



Location

MIC West Campus

Mary Stuart Rogers Room  
(Cafeteria Bldg)

MICLtes, 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



**MICL FIELD TRIP**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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.