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CLUBS: Participation in all clubs requires an Emeritus Students Activities Card. For further information, call 485-9652.

ADVENTURER'S CLUB: Call Ruth King, 898-5845, for information on next meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL MODELS CLUB: 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Emeritus Center, Kentfield. Barbu Hanciulesco, 924-8949.

BOCCE BALL CLUB: Bocce ball on Tues. at San Rafael courts, 9:30 AM. Call John Kouns, 332-5929 for other activities.

BOOK BANTER CLUB: 2nd Friday, September to June, 12:00 - 1:30PM, Emeritus Center, Kentfield. Len Pullan, 381-6952 & Karen Hemmeter, 883-9120.

BRIDGE CLUB: Mon. 1:00 - 4:30 PM, Cafeteria, Kentfield. Tom Metzger, 479-8290; Lynn Mason, 456-2508.

CURRENT EVENTS and ISSUES CLUB: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12 noon, Emeritus Ctr. Jerry Weisman, 383-1831, and James Kennedy, 388-3939.

FRENCH CLUB: Call Doyleen McMurtry, 472-4738, for information on next meeting.

GLOBAL ISSUES CLUB: 3rd Friday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, IVC, Room 140, Bldg 10. Coleen Rose, 898-0131.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - 12 noon, IVC, Room 140, Bldg. 10, near Admissions. Don Polhemus, 883-3567.

GREAT IDEAS IN PHILOSOPHY CLUB: Thursdays, 1-3 PM, Room 140, Bldg. 10, IVC. Larry Witter, 883-6889.

HUMANITIES CLUB: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1-3 PM, Room 140, Bldg 10, IVC. Rudy Ramirez, 491-0522.

ITALIAN CLUB: 4th Tuesday, 2-4 PM, Emeritus Center. Mila Weed, 453-6054.

IVC BOOK FORUM: 4th Monday, 3-5 PM, IVC, Room 140, Bldg. 10, near Admissions. Louise Kerr, 883-2823.

IVC FILM NOIR DVD CLUB: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 1-3 PM, Bldg. 10, next to Admissions, Room 140, IVC. Rudy Ramirez, 491-0522.

MORAL-ETHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES CLUB: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM - 12 noon, Emeritus Center, Kentfield. Cole Posard, 491-4118.

OPERA AND BEYOND: 4th Wednesday, 1-3 PM, Emeritus Center, Kentfield. Gil Deane, 456-2853.

POKER CLUB: Mondays or Wednesdays, 2 - 4 PM, Cafeteria, Kentfield. Please call for time and place. Marcia Blackman, 479-7823 (no answering machine).

SCRABBLE CLUB: Every Thursday, 2:00-4:00 PM, Cafeteria, Kentfield. Marlene Knox, 459-1427.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB: Third Thursday. Please call Valda Carter, 388-6335, for time and place.

SPANISH CLUB: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM, Room 172, Harlan Center, Kentfield. Vicki Frate, 472-0320.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1-4 PM, Emeritus Center. Pauline O'Briant, 453-3168.



Photo by Paul Gruner

The architecture of the buildings at IVC complements the natural beauty with its magnificent oaks, streams, and wildlife. The campus seems to catch its breath before the Fall semester. For people, see the centerfold, pages 4-5.



ESCOM COUNCIL RESUMES MEETINGS IN AUGUST



Refreshed from a one-month hiatus the Council met at the Kentfield Campus Emeritus Center on August 19 to resume its busy agenda. Chaired by Co-President **Marian Mermel** the meeting devoted considerable time to C.O.M. financial issues that have a damaging impact on students, and in particular on senior students benefiting from former free classes.

In its role of representing the vital interests of the college's senior students ESCOM leaders have voiced great concern over the virtual elimination of (all but two) free classes designed to assist seniors with health-related programs. C.O.M. Board of Trustees meetings have been attended to demonstrate ESCOM's interest, and a proposal for shared costs will be made for the winter and spring quarters, Fall 1 and 2 being in the process of registration already. Stay tuned.

Marian Mermel, a member of the Presidential Search Committee, reported that a long list of applicants has been narrowed to five, who will be interviewed in late August and early September, with the public invited to attend these meetings.

Treasurer **Art Ravicz** gave his report, voicing concern over the shrinking receipts of membership fees, indicating a loss of dues-paying ESCOM members. As always, that spawns discussion of membership recruiting and retention strategies and the need for aggressive action in both areas. The Treasury's accounts are in good order and bolstered by the receipts from the successful raffle of a donated painting. A number of purchase orders were presented and approved for payment.

Director of Student Affairs **Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo** reported on Measure "C" construction progress and the inevitable parking problems related thereto. A federally mandated Constitution Day Celebration is scheduled for September 20 for colleges receiving federal funds in recognition of the role of the Constitution in higher education.

The Art Committee Chair **Len Pullan** sent word of a coming exhibit by **Ann C. Turner** beginning September 23. An artist's reception will take place October 7, from 5 to 7 PM.

Club Chairman **Bill Raffanti** announced that the

Wisdom Club has been renamed Moral-Ethical and Legal Issues Club, and that a new club, along the lines of the Film Noir Club is being formed. He was reminded that club chairs must assure ESCOM membership among their members. He was encouraged to generate a Club Policy document, outlining the functions and responsibilities of club chairs and members.

Beverly Munyon reported a significant surge in applications for financial aid, reflecting the loss of free classes, as reported above. She will meet with **Margaret Elliott** of the C.O.M. Foundation to discuss the future of its generous contribution to ESCOM's grant program.

Don Polhemus, Newsletter Editor, and **Paul Tandler** discussed recent activities of the Newsletter Committee. **Art Ravicz**, who designs and assembles the layout of the newsletter and facilitates its publication, would like a backup person to be available for these responsibilities. COMPUTER NERDS - PLEASE COME FORWARD.

A free-for-all discussion of membership, attrition, fund raising and other current issues ended the meeting, with the announcement that the next Regular Meeting will be at the Kentfield Campus on September 16, 2010.

Reported by Paul Tandler

FIRST EMERITUS POT LUCK SUPPER: A HUGE SUCCESS

A wonderful time was had by 16 guests at the kickoff pot luck summer supper at the home of this writer. The guests, from Novato, Bolinas and southern Marin, brought an amazing array of salads, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and wine. The enthusiasm for this social gathering was palpable. Everyone felt that this provided a wonderful opportunity to introduce new, continuing, and prospective Emeritus students to the full range of activities and social connections available to this vibrant group at COM.

Agreement was unanimous that we should schedule a supper several times during the year. So, if you would like to host or hostess our next one for a lucky group of guests, please contact me. We would like to schedule the next one for the end of October or the beginning of November.

Margot Jasie, Chair, Membership Committee

ENCOUNTER WITH A LONE COYOTE by Alicia Warcholski

Recently as I was driving along a side-perimeter road on the heavily-wooded grounds of a local Marin cemetery, I saw what appeared in the distance to be a small deer lying peacefully by the side of the road, basking in the warmth of the noonday sun. As I got closer, it looked more like a large dog. However, as I drove slowly by it, the "dog" stood up and looked directly at me in the car. I took one quick glance at its pointed snout and upright ears plus a bushy long tail and realized this was "a coyote". Immediately I realized that I am staying put in my car as the coyote proceeded to leisurely saunter in the exact direction of the gravesite I was intending to visit. I made a quick decision to drive back down to the cemetery office and report what I had encountered. The manager informed me that this "loner" was abandoned by the coyote pack which had been inhabiting the cemetery grounds for the past few weeks and most likely was "harmless". Needless to say -- the former deer inhabitants of the cemetery grounds were definitely staying away from their usual habitat lately. Most wild animals do have a developed "sixth sense" and are aware of a predator in their midst -- hence their disappearance from their usual feeding grounds of choice flowers and grasses.

The cemetery manager decided to accompany me in his open utility vehicle to the gravesite. He slowly drove along the side road while the coyote leisurely walked around the gravesites nearby, stopping here and there to smell or nibble on grass, flowers, etc. I hastily tended to the gravesite and closely watched for the coyote to reappear in my area; however, its attention had been drawn to the cemetery vehicle, and the coyote headed to the other side of the road again. The cemetery manager had mentioned to me that the "lone coyote" appeared to be older and less agile than the rest of the pack since he had observed their presence many times before their final exit from the cemetery grounds. He thought this "loner" didn't pose a threat to human beings because of its advanced age and scrawny appearance; however, I would rather be safe than sorry since wild animals are unpredictable, especially if they are hungry or sick. Coyotes do belong to the wolf family; therefore, that explains their "dog-like" characteristics.

PROHIBITION: A CRIME-RIDDEN JOKE - 1920 to 1933 by Jean Razenne

Liquor was evil incarnate, promoting Godlessness and the devil's works. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was gaining power. The movement produced colorful characters, one being Carrie Nation, a six-foot tall whirlwind determined to smash bars. A large hatchet was her weapon.

On January 16, 1920, the 18th Amendment to the Constitution denied every citizen the right to buy or sell alcoholic drink. "Prohibition is better than no liquor at all," quipped Will Rogers.

Morally corrupt is another matter. Alcohol does loosen one's sense of propriety. Church-going helps control the urge. Scripture inveighs against drunkenness, but recognizes that there is a time for beer and wine. The Book of Proverbs (31:6) contains this eulogy: "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish--let him drink and remember his misery no more."

The blight of Prohibition meant that the corner saloon became a speakeasy, a retreat of peace, erudition, and heart-quickenning cheer, raids, arrests and payoffs.

"Prohibition works!" President Harding stated.

Bootlegging had become a one-billion-dollar business and the government aimed to recover \$32 million in taxes. That resulted in a rash of commissions, studies, meetings, appointments...and no recovered taxes. There were no other major issues until the Great Depression of 1929. That was when you really needed a drink.

With the repeal of Prohibition on December 5, 1933, bootleggers seemed to vanish, and one had to recall how much of the social landscape they had once inhabited, along with Prohibition agents--the two fearless fat men, Izzy Einstein and Moe Smith.

Was it all over? Not exactly. America's greatest crime wave began in 1933, with John Dillinger, Machine Gun Kelly, Bonnie and Clyde, and others... movie material for decades. Myth has it that Dillinger was "fingered" by the Woman In Red. Actually, she was wearing an orange dress and a white hat.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Please call one of the following for access to the Emeritus Meeting Room, COM Indian Valley Campus, Bldg. 10: Larry Witter 883-6889, Gloria Kopshever 883-7805, Bill Raffanti 883-4079 (931-6399), Rudy Ramirez 491-0522

IVC Organic Farm

Basil, beans, beets, broccoli, chard, cucumbers, eggplant, fennel, kale, leeks, melons, onions, parsley, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, and flowers! Available **Tuesdays at the Novato Farmers Market**, 4-8 PM, downtown Novato on Grant Avenue; **Wednesdays at our Farm Stand**, 10 AM to 3 PM at the farm: 1800 Ignacio Blvd. We are at the College of Marin (COM) Novato campus. Park in the last COM parking lot and walk past the left side of the athletic field to the farm entrance. Please remember to bring your own bags!

Amulfo Cedillo, Director of Student Affairs, affirms plans to continue the COM/IVC Tradition of the **Harvest/Thanksgiving Lunch**. ESCOM members have enjoyed volunteering for this fun event, usually the **week of November 15-19**. If you wish to be part of it all, please contact Student Affairs office or look for posting in ESCOM/IVC, 140 AS, Bldg. 10 for exact date.

Ribbon-cutting for the new COM/IVC Administration Building is planned for December to coincide with the COM Board of Trustees meeting.

COM/IVC Pool Locker Rooms. Mold removal, retiling and painting of the men and women's 30 yr old locker rooms began in July and is nearing completion this month. Stop by to check it out and think about taking advantage of the credit and non-credit classes offered. Aquatic exercise eliminates the stress on joints and muscles.

Buck Institute Tours: A North Bay Option for Continuing Learning. Free tours are given on Thursdays at 10:30 AM for individuals and small groups, and on Wednesdays for larger groups. Phone 415/209/22445 or visit website: www.buckinstitute.org.

Global Issues Club, Friday, October 15 at 2 PM. In "One Man's Story: Philip Agee, Cuba, and the CIA" Agee tells about joining the Company (CIA) in 1957 and working in Washington, Ecuador, Uruguay, and Mexico until he resigned in 1968. He became one of the most important whistle blowers about US support for the installation

and maintaining of brutal dictatorships throughout the Western Hemisphere and beyond.

Great Books Discussion Group. Continuing our discussions from "Even Deadlier" our schedule is:

9/28 Dorothy Parker *The Custard Heart* and Rose Tremain *My Wife is a White Russian*.

10/12 Somerset Maugham *A Woman of Fifty*.

10/26 Italo Calvino *Theft in a Pastry Shop*.

IVC Film Noir Theater Club

10/ 09 Fallen Angel '45. Alice Faye, Dana Andrews, Linda Darnell. Director - Otto Preminger.

10/23 Cape Fear '62. Gregory Peck, Robert Mitchum. Polly Bergen. Director - J. Lee Thompson.

Humanities Club

10/2 Lecture 9 provides a close analysis of Odysseus' conversation with his wife Penelope, and considers the crucial question of whether Penelope recognizes this "beggar" as her husband. In Lecture 10, we consider the scene of vengeance in which Odysseus kills the suitors who have been plaguing his wife Penelope.

10/16 In Lecture 11 we discuss the final reunion of Odysseus and Penelope and the end of the *Odyssey*. Lecture 12 provides an epilogue to this course and its companion, *The Iliad*, by addressing the issue of the historicity of the Trojan War.

IVC Book Forum In addition to reading and discussing *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan, members viewed the PBS documentary (DVD) *Surviving the Dust Bowl* (2007)

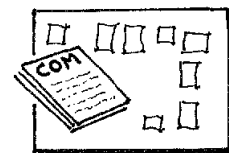
10/25 *Beyond The Earth and Sky*, Jamie Zeppa

11/22 *The Time travelers Wife*, Audrey Niffenegger

IVC Philosophy Club In September, members undertook a series of 8 intense and fascinating lectures by Bernard (Columbia U) Professor Dennis Dalton, examining the enduring problems of how societies may best be governed and thrive. In *Power Over People, Modern Political Theory*, they will study the varieties of political theory – capitalism, communism, dictatorship, anarchy – and the theorists, advocates and villains who posulated them – among them Rousseau, Marx, Freud, Gandhi, Hitler.



COM IN THE NEWS



Finalists for COM President and CEO

-- Out of a national search, which included 65 candidates, eleven semi-finalists were chosen by a committee composed of college faculty, students and administrative employees of College of Marin.

A final decision was made on 5 candidates and forwarded to the COM Board of Trustees for consideration. The finalists were: **William W. Cochran, EdD**, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Shasta College in Redding; **David Coon, EdD**, President of Evergreen Valley College, San Jose; **Kathryn G. Lehner, CPA**, Superintendent/President at Mendocino Lake Community College; **Lawrence Cox, PhD**, CEO of Compton Community College; and **Jim Faye, JD, PhD**, Academic Vice President at Cerro Coso Community College in Southern California. The candidates appeared at several public forums at both COM and IVC at various times from August 31st through September 3rd. Short, but in-depth, profiles on the candidates were published in local newspapers. (*Twin Cities Times* 8/18/24-10)

New Measure C Bond Director -- College of Marin has named **Laura McCarty** as the new director of the \$249.5 million Measure C Bond Modernization Program. She will receive annual compensation of \$118,443 and replaces **V. Anne Chernock** who retired in July 2010 after four years in the director position at an annual salary of \$123,000. Director McCarty has 20 years of experience in construction project management-- most recently at the San Francisco Unified School District's projects. (*I. J.* - 8/12/10)

Rattlers Make Appearance at IVC -- A recent short-lived heat wave in Marin County triggered the appearance and capture of several rattlesnakes on the IVC Campus. Rattlers tend to favor tall grass, rock and wood piles. Usually they are not aggressive, striking only when they feel threatened or provoked by someone or something. A professional snake wrangler was called in to deal with the snakes at IVC since they were sighted near buildings where many people walk to and from classes. Rattlers are the only species of venomous snake in Marin County. Less dangerous and non-venomous snakes in the county are: garter, gopher and yellow belly species. (*I. J.* - 8/25/10)

Submitted by: Alicia Warcholski

ART EXHIBIT

Beginning Thursday, September 23, a new exhibit at the Emeritus Center by artist **Ann C. Turner** begins and may be viewed through Friday, December 17th. Her reception will be held on Thursday, October 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Further information will appear in the November Newsletter.



EDITOR'S NOTES

The next two Sunday Salon dates are Oct. 17 and Nov. 7 at 10:30 AM.

The next Newsletter staff meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 1, 10:30 AM, at IVC.

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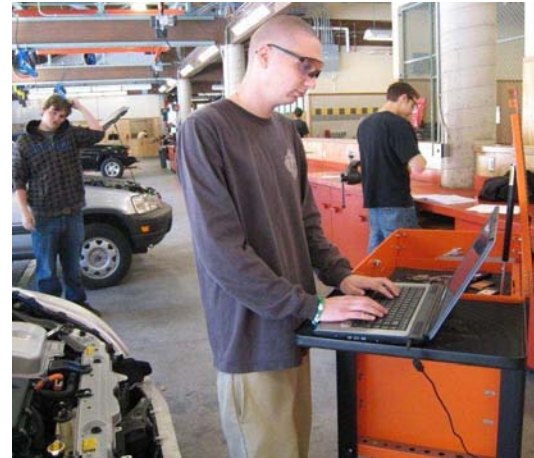
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INDIAN VALLEY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES TODAY



Simulation Center: A computer varies a mannequin's vital signs for student consideration.



Transportation Technology: Three views.

HOW IVC BEGAN

In March 1962, district trustees adopted a master plan which set a ceiling of 2,500 full-time students for the Kentfield campus and selected the Pacheco Ranch near Novato as the site for a second campus. The social unrest of the 1960's led to the demand for more personalized coherent education. The response of the Marin Community College District was Indian Valley Colleges, a series of small cluster colleges with close student-faculty contact and a distinctive curriculum. Each cluster featured different programs with general education courses designed to tie into the majors. As a group, *Indian Valley Colleges* opened in 1971 in surplus military barrack buildings at Hamilton Field with Dr. Ernest Berg as first president. Unified as *Indian Valley Campus* of the College of Marin, they moved to the present location in the fall of 1975.



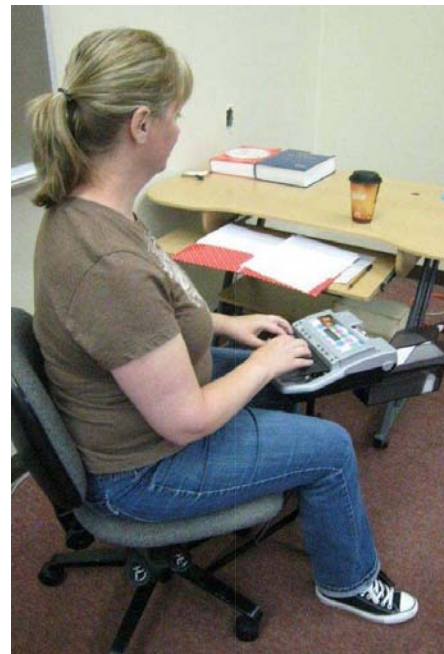
Simulation Center: Students examine a "patient".



Organic Garden: Produce and flowers are prepared for market.



The IVC Pool accommodates instructional and recreational purposes.



Court Reporting: Part of the program is learning mechanical shorthand.



The Book Forum, one of several ESCOM activities that meet at IVC.



Computer Center: Two attractive classrooms, one serene, one busy.



Machine and Metals Technology



Children's Center: A staff member reads to children. Volunteers are welcome.



Children's Center: Look at them get involved! The Center provides quality infant/toddler care to COM student families with children birth to 3 years.



The "nerve center" of the Resource Center; a view from the second floor.