



# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TIMES

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS & ALUMNI OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Alumni, residents, and friends are celebrating I-House's birthday at events planned throughout 2005-2006. For upcoming events, send us your email address on the RSVP panel on page 7 or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni>.

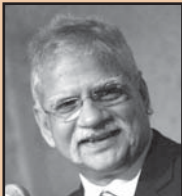
### Sunday Supper June 11, 2005



Alumni and residents enjoyed a program featuring speakers from every decade. Bonu Ghosh represented the 1980s. See page 3.

### Global Homecoming October 1, 2005

A barbeque on the patio was hosted by Jawahar Gidwani before the Cal football game. Cal shut out Arizona in a 28-0 victory! See page 4.



### New York Reunion October 1, 2005

United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland was honored as Alumnus of the Year. More at right.

### Lodestar Alumni-Resident Program October 25, 2005



Michael Morgan, Music Director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, discussed *Rhythm North and South: How People in Different Cultures use Rhythm*.

### Singapore Reunion January 6, 2006

Check off the Singapore box on the RSVP form to help organize or receive an invitation. See article page 5.

### Melbourne Reunion January 8, 2006

Check off the Melbourne box on the RSVP form to help organize or receive an invitation. See article page 5.

### Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures April 22, 2006



Celebrate the cultures of the world in a tradition that dates back to the 1930s. See page 3 for more.

### 75th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Gala May 9, 2006

The biggest fundraiser of the year supports building preservation, scholarships, programs, and technology. More at right.

### Tokyo Reunion June, 2006

Check off the Tokyo box on the RSVP form to help organize or receive an invitation. See article page 5.

### Global Homecoming October 7, 2006

Join a growing tradition for an international buffet and reunion before the Cal vs. Oregon football game.



## JAN EGELAND IS 2005 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

*House Honors U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs*

Jan Egeland, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was honored as International House Alumnus of the Year at an October luncheon held at the U.N. "Living in International House was like living in the United Nations without the bureaucracy," said Mr. Egeland. "Every single day led to new friendships with engaging students and scholars from all over the world. My year as a Fulbright fellow at Berkeley, living in I-House, was my most liberating, happiest and social year ever."

Acknowledged worldwide for his passionate leadership responding to the Southeast Asian tsunami, Jan Egeland addressed *The Global Relief Efforts of the United Nations* at a luncheon hosted by Executive Director Joe Lurie and attended by current residents, members of the Board of Directors, alumni, and friends. "It is most encouraging to be I-House Alumnus of the Year. I am honored," said Egeland.

A native of Norway, Egeland was a Fulbright scholar and law student while residing at International House in 1983. In the years since, he has distinguished himself as a leader in humanitarian, human rights, and peace work through the United Nations, the Norwegian Government, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and other non-governmental and academic institutions. He was appointed as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator in 2003.



Former Chair of Amnesty International USA Julianne Cartwright Traylor (IH 1968-69), UC professor of human rights Rita Maran, and human rights attorney Sandra Coliver congratulated Mr. Egeland.

Among those attending were alumnus Wolf Homburger (IH 1950-51), Julianne Traylor (IH 1968-69), UC Professor Rita Maran, human rights attorney Sandra Coliver, Board members Elizabeth Gordon and Dick Palmer, and Dr. Abdel-Kader Abbadi, retired U.N. Director of Political Affairs who was honored as Alumnus of the Year in 1991.

## \$1 MILLION CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT BY VON KASCHNITZ

In a stunning act of generosity, I-House alumnus Egon von Kaschnitz and his wife, Joan, have formally designated a one million dollar bequest to benefit International House in honor of its 75th Anniversary Campaign. "We do this because we appreciate how important the mission of I-House remains and know what an important role it can play in shaping the greater international understanding and tolerance our world so desperately needs," said Mr. von Kaschnitz who lived in the House in 1951-52. The gift is the single largest commitment to date towards the \$7.5 million dollar 75th Anniversary campaign, an effort launched to offset daunting financial challenges confronting the I-House facility, its residents, and operations (see insert).

The von Kaschnitz bequest is among the largest philanthropic commitments ever made to I-House since its inception in 1930 following its founding \$1.8M gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The bequest supplements previous Campaign contributions made by the von Kaschnitz family to International House in three areas: building support, a resident scholarship fund, and a special program fund to establish an annual classical music concert for residents.



Jan Egeland (left) and 75th Anniversary Campaign Chair Peter Robertson at the United Nations event honoring Mr. Egeland as Alumnus of the Year.

Egeland drew attention to "forgotten" emergencies that draw little assistance. "One of the most difficult missions of the Emergency Relief Coordinator is to bring attention to the most neglected emergencies, some of which turned, despite early warnings, into full-blown catastrophes, such as Niger or the Sahel in Africa." He called for creation of a humanitarian response fund to provide assistance when there are early warning signs.



Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz were greeted by resident Rachel Callenback at the spring Gala.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Egon and Joan for many years," says Executive Director Joe Lurie, "and so I'm especially appreciative of their dedication to the purpose of the House." He continued, "And while it should come as no surprise that their thoughtfulness and largess makes them among our most valued supporters for our current campaign, the news of this gift did take my breath away. It marks a very meaningful moment in the efforts of alumni and campaign leaders to shape the financial stability we feel I-House needs in the 21st century." Mr. Lurie hopes the von Kaschnitz commitment will inspire additional donations to the Campaign, including planned gifts that will enable I-House to recognize these contributions in donors' lifetimes.

## SPRING GALA IS MAY 9, ROCKEFELLER TO KEYNOTE

Steven C. Rockefeller, grandson of International House founder, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will give the keynote address at the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Gala on May 9, 2006. An emeritus professor of religion at Middlebury College, he coordinated the drafting of the Earth Charter for the Earth Charter Commission and chairs the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

The annual gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year. For more information, contact the Development Office at (510) 642-4128 or [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu) or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN IN MOTION

*One Year Ahead to Reach Ambitious Goals*

A dazzling array of activities and concerted efforts by Board, alumni, and friends of the House has helped generate more than two-thirds of the initial \$75 million dollar goal tied to the House's 75th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign. Still, with just over one more year to secure urgently needed funds for building renovations, scholarships, programs, and technology, inspired outreach efforts will continue throughout 2006.

Please see the enclosed newsletter insert for more information about this exciting endeavor to honor and preserve the special legacy of I-House Berkeley for future generations, including a calendar of upcoming events and special naming opportunities.

Formally launched by Campaign Chairman Peter Robertson in May of this year, Anniversary events and fundraising was begun two years prior, led by members of the Board and a Leadership Committee of special friends and alumni around the world. Despite significant progress, more than half of funds contributed to date are through pledges and bequests. Immediate funding needs of the House – most strikingly the critical overhaul of piping and plumbing systems throughout the 240,000 square foot I-House building – will require many generous new gifts to proceed as scheduled and as warranted by safety and maintenance concerns.

Events to celebrate this milestone anniversary and to keep the mission of I-House vibrant among alumni will continue to unfold throughout the anniversary, including upcoming gatherings in Singapore, Australia, and Tokyo. A comprehensive menu of special naming opportunities was established by the Leadership Committee to recognize gifts from \$500 to more than \$1M, see insert for the full list.

Campaign outreach suggestions and gift inquiries are welcomed by Shanti Corrigan, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, at (510) 642-0124 or [shanti@berkeley.edu](mailto:shanti@berkeley.edu).



## PROVIDING FOR A LEGACY OF HOPE

In the wake of 9/11, we live in a world that has become much more polarized, often fostering misleading and damaging stereotypes. Yet, at I-House, the day-to-day activities of eating, studying, and doing laundry bring students together and break down those stereotypes while programs like Sunday Supper, orientation retreats, and the Festival of Cultures pass on the history and values of our 75-year-old global community.

Two residents, Sheila Arado, from the Philippines, and Saeed Ahmed Rid from Pakistan, formed an unexpected friendship here at International House, a friendship that reaches across the boundaries of fear and exemplifies the purpose that our founders envisioned.

As a Christian, Sheila learned to fear and distrust Muslims because of anti-Christian violence perpetrated by extremists in the Philippines. "I never would have expected to have a friendship with a Muslim here in America," Sheila told me while sitting next to her friend, Saeed Ahmed Rid from Pakistan, in the Dining Room. "For me, it was a revelation. It released me from my prejudices." It was Saeed who nursed Sheila back to health after she had a sudden and severe allergy attack. In Pakistan, he had heard negative stereotypes of Christians but at I-House, he established friendships with Christians and Jews as well as with students from India, Pakistan's longtime rival.

I find the seeds of hope for a more peaceful and tolerant world in friendship like theirs. Their experiences remind us that the need for I-House and its programs is as strong as it was when the doors first opened.

International House has brought people together for 75 years to live in peace in this global community. Divided by differences in nationality, culture, politics, race, and religion, here they are united by friendship. For our distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Jan Egeland, living at I-House "was like living in the United Nations without the bureaucracy." His description is especially powerful since Jan is Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs at the United Nations (see page 1 for more about Jan).

It is immensely gratifying to me to see the community of International House – the alumni and friends around the world who value the work of I-House – come together to ensure the future of the House through the 75th Anniversary Campaign. As you will read on page 1, contributions are building a solid foundation for the next 75 years.

Alumnus Egon von Kaschnitz and his wife, Joan, have played a key role in the Campaign and in the life of the House. We are very thankful for their leadership gift of one million dollars which will benefit the House for decades to come (please see page 1 for more).

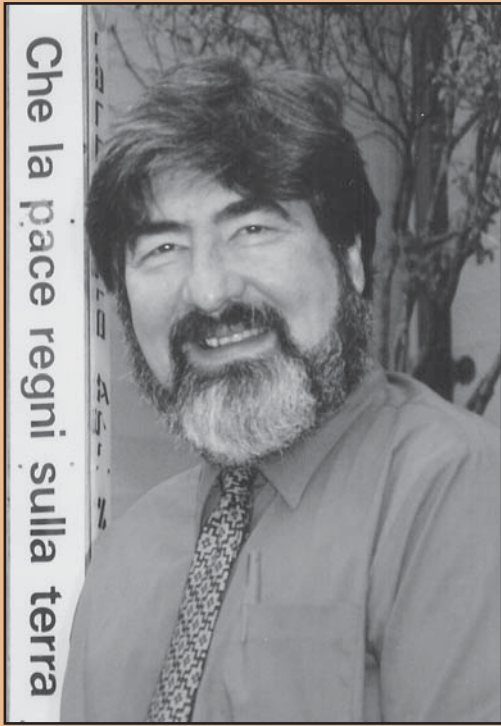
You can read more about the 75th Anniversary Campaign in the enclosed brochure. As you will see, we are seeking to accomplish four goals:

- To preserve our building through the Architectural Heritage Fund
- To provide scholarship resources through Gateway Fellowship Endowments
- To support cross-cultural education through the Intercultural Program Endowment
- To connect residents, alumni, and friends online through Technology and Communications Funds

Gifts for the 75th Anniversary have already been put to work in the beginning phases of rebuilding the infrastructure that supports our 75-year-old restroom and shower facilities. We have completed the second phase of a massive, multi-year project to renovate restrooms, showers, and related piping systems.

I invite you to select the goal that is most meaningful to you and to join me in contributing to this precious institution. You can even leave your mark through the Buy-a-Brick Program and/or the Room Naming Program (page 5). A pledge form is included on the back of the enclosed brochure. If you would like to discuss a larger gift, please contact our Director of Development, Shanti Corrigan, at (510) 642-4128 or shanti@berkeley.edu.

We have many exciting challenges ahead. Together, we will continue to fulfill our mission while building a solid foundation for the next 75 years. Thank you for continuing to nourish the spirit and vitality of an institution that could not be more relevant in our post 9/11 world.



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Award-winning actress Rita Moreno enjoyed mingling with residents at the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Gala in May. Ms. Moreno, who was born in Puerto Rico, transcended barriers of discrimination and set a precedent for actors to be recognized for talent rather than ethnicity. "Why are we killing each other?" asked Ms. Moreno. "We should be living together peacefully just as the students do living in International House."



The festive event, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year, launched the 75th Anniversary Campaign to support building preservation, scholarships, programs, and technology improvements. See insert for details.

### "A BOND THAT SEEMS TO LAST FOREVER" *1960s Friends Reconnect*

"The years melted away and we relived the good times we had as students at I-House," says Stuart Pawsey, describing a June gathering of thirty I-House friends from the mid-sixties. "Living together at I-House and sharing meals, activities, and excursions created a bond that seems to last forever." Many have stayed in touch over the years, yet, says Stuart, "it was very special to reconnect in the place where we all met almost forty years ago. Gathering at I-House, having dinner there, and exploring the corridors where we used to live were wonderful experiences. Many stories of our lives together there were shared."



I-House friends from the mid-1960s gathered at I-House in June. From left: Mac Stearns (IH 1965), Kazuko Kosugi Stearns (IH 1964), Betsy Bade Bacon (IH staff 1957-68), Chris Wills (IH 1964), Liz Fong Wills (IH 1964), Mardi Leland (IH 1965), Mary Preston, George Preston (IH 1964), Colleen Irish Kader (IH 1965), Stuart Pawsey (IH 1964), Fuad Kader (IH 1965), Glenda Powell Pawsey (IH 1965), Michael Lawrence (IH 1963), Susan McDougall Choy (IH 1966), Sarah Lawrence, Ron Choy (IH 1965), Cleo Cooper, Zmarak Shalizi (IH 1965), Brian Cooper (IH 1963), Desmond Rea (IH 1966), Isa Bernardini, Ida Rigby (IH 1966), Pat Simons, and Roger Simons (IH 1964).

Alumni came from Northern Ireland, Australia, West Indies, Rhode Island, DC, and throughout California to attend the reunion organized by Stuart and Glenda Pawsey. The group explored old haunts on campus and enjoyed lunch at the Free Speech Movement Café at Moffitt Library. In addition to dinner in the Home Room, the Pawseys hosted dinner at their home in Berkeley and Alan and Jackie Kirschbaum hosted a viewing of *Berkeley in the Sixties* at their home in Montclair.

If you would like to organize a reunion of friends from your era, contact the Development Office at (510) 642-4128 or ihalumni@berkeley.edu for help tracking down old friends, reserving a room, and arranging catering.

## RENOVATION PROGRESS OVER SUMMER 2005

International House recently completed the second of several phases of critical shower, restroom, and plumbing renovations. The project will upgrade all 52 restroom and shower facilities as well as related piping systems. These facilities have been in almost continuous operation for seventy-five years. Changes are also being made to enhance access for students with physical disabilities.

The kitchen delivery elevator was also updated over the summer. To minimize impact on academic year residents, construction began on May 23rd and ended September 23rd.

Construction expenses are estimated to total \$9.7 million over four to five years. Half of the amount needed is anticipated to come from the operations budget and investments but the remainder must come from contributions.

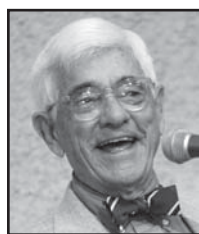
Donors to the Architectural Heritage Fund support our stewardship of this building: replacing dangerously outdated systems, improving safety and comfort, and taking preventative steps to avoid future costly renovations. See insert for details.





## 75TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SUPPER

More than 200 alumni, friends, and current residents gathered at International House to celebrate the 75th Anniversary at a traditional Sunday Supper in June. Sunday Suppers are the oldest tradition of the House, established by I-House founder Harry Edmonds in New York in 1909. Speakers representing every era shared their memories in a panel presentation of *A Walk Down Memory Lane*.



**Sherry Warrick, I-House Executive Director from 1961-1987,** launched the reminiscences, "I think you can be extremely proud of the institution in which you find yourselves today. I-House offers a broader platform than any organization I can think of for sharing ideas, for developing friendships and understanding, for learning how to get along with people, and for enjoying life in general. It's interdisciplinary, it's international – there are people from many states, universities, and colleges. It's a great place to learn from each other."

**Rev. Daima Lockhart Clark (IH1938-39)** took the audience back to the 1930s by recalling Eugenie Carneiro who created cultural festivals and programs for more than 20 years. She helped Daima refine her public speaking skills and opened doors that led to many opportunities and a career as scholar of African philosophy and religion. "If I had not come to I-House, the experiences and great opportunities that I have had since then simply would not have been possible."



**Hal Gilliam (IH 1941-42)** described, to the amazement of current residents, that all rooms were single rooms with a buzzer system instead of telephones and daily maid service. Gender segregation was enforced and "several friends were almost expelled for holding hands in the Great Hall." Then came Pearl Harbor, studying for finals during blackouts, and the shocking news of "the forcible evacuation of people with Japanese names. Allen Blaisdell, the executive director, stood up and said this was wrong. He was a man of great courage."

**Paul Salz (IH 1950-52)** remembered, "It was a few years after the second World War had ended, the Korean conflict had started, the Israel-Arab war was at an armistice – these world happenings gave us many topics for discussion. And discuss we did! But in the spirit of I-House, when 10 p.m. came, we all adjourned for a cup of coffee – all friends again. We were exposed to both sides of conflicts, gained understanding, and made many friends."



**Julianne Cartwright Traylor (IH 1968-69)** described the 60s as a time of struggle – over civil rights, free speech, and the growing movement against the Vietnam War. "I-House was like a haven. We would return at the end of the day and discuss the day's events... I-House meant a lot to me. It was more than a place to live. It was my community, a multi cultural one, par excellence... There should be International Houses all around the world. The world needs the type of environment I-House fosters for all of those who are privileged to live here."

**Chris Flores (IH 1978-79)** noted that in the late 70s, "the biggest excitement was more about disco than anything else! ...for people coming from overseas [Chris is from India], I-House is a wonderful place to be introduced to American culture. Some of the events that were most memorable were the Los Gatos orientation...and Lodestar weeks. To go to Lodestar with strangers and create an instant family, this was a powerful experience that bespeaks some of the values of this culture."



**Bonu Ghosh (IH 1982-85)** reflected, "My perspective is more of a personal one... I really got into the I-House community. We wrote a spoof of the *Love Boat* called the *Love House* with 'Sandy' Warrick as captain. We all acted and participated and I remember it as a real cross-cultural experience, a mixing of American pop culture and international cultures. We came so close together with these friends. It was really a special experience." She concluded with a song, sung in her native Bengali, "How can we forget those days...We may drift apart but when we come back together, you'll always be in my heart."

**Lan Le (IH 1994)** reminisced, "Thinking about I-House brings back many fond memories... my love affair with the library, pizza night, Spring Fest... Some of my best friends come from I-House. Whenever we meet, we talk about I-House like it was yesterday, yet it was 10 years ago. I'm so grateful for the time I spent here. I didn't know anyone in the Bay Area and I-House was really a home for me."



**Kevin Scallan (current resident),** "Cast your minds back to September 11, 2001. At that time, I had never left Ireland. Fast forward two years and I found myself in the retreats for new residents... with people from Turkey, Iran, South America... listening to the story of the woman from Iran... and her sense of alienation and fearfulness and not knowing where to go but to I-House. I learned a lot just in that moment. Since then, I've had a fantastic experience and met people from all over the world... It's been a life changing experience for me."

After the panel's presentations, memories were shared by alumni in the audience. The event concluded with the traditional Candlelight Ceremony which symbolizes the passing of friendship and understanding to others and spreading the work of the House throughout the world.

## HURRICANE SURVIVORS FIND A NEW HOME

When Rebecca Olson left New Orleans with just a few books and clothes, it never occurred to her that she would lose everything in flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina. Rebecca is one of three Tulane University students who received I-House scholarships in the wake of the disaster and are now living in International House and studying at Cal's Boalt School of Law.

Just three weeks after Hurricane Katrina turned their lives upside down the three students addressed residents at an emotional Sunday Supper.

"I-House opened its doors to give us a home. You don't know what that means when you really have nothing," Rebecca told her fellow residents at Sunday Supper. "It has been a wonderful experience, under the circumstances, to be around people who are all away from their homes," said Rebecca who is from Montana. "The hurricane destroyed all of my things and my home, but not my spirit. Life goes on and, in times like these, we are reminded of the good people in the world, like Wolf Homburger and many others, who go out of their way to help those in less fortunate positions. I just want to thank everyone for their kind words and support."



Students evacuated from Tulane University find a new home at International House. From left: Robin Fitt, Jill Starrels, and Rebecca Olson.

International House was able to offer scholarships to the three displaced students thanks to the generosity of alumnus Wolf Homburger (IH 1950-51) and scholarship funding from the Mark Ross Foundation.

"One thing I've learned from this disaster," said Robin Fitt, who is originally from the Bay Area and did her undergraduate work at Cal, "at any moment, something can be taken from you in the blink of an eye. I'm very grateful to the International House for allowing the three of us to have a new place to call home and a place to transition our lives." Robin, who hopes to work as an assistant district attorney, adds, "My stay at I-House has been extremely wonderful and supportive. The staff and fellow students make it feel like home."

"Emotions change every few moments but we're very grateful for the community of International House. We're fortunate to be able to continue our studies," says Jill Starrels, from Philadelphia. Jill, who plans to practice trademark and copyright law, adds, "I'm loving the food! The staff and students have been above and beyond hospitable and welcoming."

### STAY AT I-HOUSE

Plan a stay in one of two guestrooms and re-experience International House!

Contact the Events Office at (510) 642-0589 or email [ih-events@berkeley.edu](mailto:ih-events@berkeley.edu)

Guestrooms are popular so reserve well in advance.

## FESTIVAL OF CULTURES



Enjoy music, dance, an international fashion show, crafts, storytelling and global cuisine at the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures on April 22, 2006.

For information about this celebration of the world's cultures, call the Program Office at (510) 642-9460 or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>.

On the same day, the campus opens its doors to the community for Cal Day with free lectures, tours, and many special activities. For information, visit <http://berkeley.edu/calday>.

## BAY AREA HOSTS NEEDED

You can extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, visits to local attractions, or a friendly connection through the International Friendship Program. To receive more information, please return the RSVP panel on page 7 and check off the box for the International Friendship Program or call (510) 642-9460.

## HOUSE WELCOMES 75TH YEAR RESIDENTS

For the 75th time, International House opened its doors to students and scholars from around the world. Some facts about this year's residents:

- 379 residents represent 58 countries
- 189 residents are from the USA
- USA, Korea, France, Japan, Taiwan, China, have the greatest representation
- Men outnumber women 333 to 236
- 304 are grad students or visiting scholars
- 225 are undergraduates
- 39 on international exchange programs
- 78 receive I-House financial aid
- Over 7600 meals are served in an average week
- Most popular foods are barbecue lunches, pizza, and hamburgers
- 285 were introduced to I-House and to fellow residents at fall retreats
- 507 residents have high-speed Internet access



## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHER FOR GLOBAL HOMECOMING, 2005

Alumnus and Board member, Jawahar Gidwani, hosted a barbeque on the I-House patio as part of Cal's Homecoming weekend in October. Alumni and friends enjoyed catching up with old friends, sharing memories, and competing for T-shirts in a game of I-House trivia. The event was held before the Cal vs. Arizona football which ended in a Cal victory.



Prakash Rao, former President of the I-House Council, enjoyed chatting with current Council members, John O'Sullivan (left) from Ireland and Bianca Cerchiai from Italy.



Future I-House resident, Roni Weissman, checked out the House-shaped birthday cake. She is the daughter of Kristin Berdan Weissman and Shmuel Weissman, who met at I-House.



Prof. Emeritus Selig Kaplan and Gloria Goldberg Kaplan enjoyed receiving copies of their I-House applications from more than 50 years ago.



Christina Stone (left) brought her mom, Christiane Barbarin Cook, back to the House for the event.



I-House runs in the family! Current resident Eugenia Bazigos (left) and her mother, alumna Mary Metropoulos Bazigos, enjoyed the Homecoming gathering.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**GLOBAL HOMECOMING**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2006**  
**INTERNATIONAL BARBEQUE**  
**& MICROBREWS BEFORE THE**  
**CAL-OREGON GAME**

## ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAMS, JUNE, 2006

International House will host two week-long Elderhostel Programs in June. Participating in these programs is a great way to return to the House, enjoy lectures by outstanding Cal faculty, and participate in activities with people who share your interests. Some alumni attend with I-House friends and have their own mini-reunion. I-House staff member, Bethann Johnson, and retired staff member, Vangie Buell, will coordinate these programs.

### A FEAST OF EARLY MUSIC: THE BERKELEY FESTIVAL, JUNE 5-11

Enjoy a rich variety of Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music performed by world-class musicians at the Berkeley Festival. Concerts are complemented by lectures with UC professors who offer insight into the lives of composers and the social history of the era. Our program includes concerts on campus, intimate performances at International House, lectures, and instrument demonstrations. This is the fourth time I-House has hosted this exceptional program.

### CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, JUNE 12-18

Ethnic and religious tensions make reform exceedingly difficult in the Middle East. UC professors and other experts explore topics including the interplay of religion and politics, regional consequences of the Iraq war, and U.S. policy options that would promote stability. I-House has earned a reputation for balanced, in-depth international programs. An additional feature of this program is a scenic day-long trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium with its new Ocean's Edge Galleries and penguins from the New Orleans Aquarium.

### REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The program fee of \$675 includes lectures, accommodations, meals, and activities (including concerts and the Monterey trip). To register or receive a catalog, call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at [www.Elderhostel.org](http://www.Elderhostel.org). Elderhostel is open to adults, ages 55 and better. Registration for June programs begins in January. More information is also available on our website at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>. To receive a flyer, check off the box on the RSVP form on page 7.



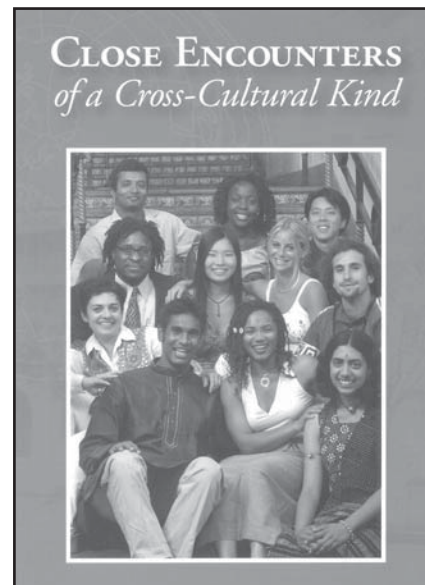
Alumni enjoyed returning to I-House to be students again at Elderhostel last June. Front row: Alice De Rycke Hurst (IH 1934-36), Jeanne Hoffman Griffith (1952-54), Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson (IH 1953-54), Executive Director Joe Lurie, Jane Stouder Hawley (IH 1958-60), Connie Fraser (IH 1963-64), Paul Herman (1949-51), Shanti Corrigan, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Back row: Putnam Henck (IH 1935-36), Betty Goren (IH 1951), Andre van Wyk (IH 1975-76), and Jackie Parker Clement (IH 1953).

## PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING FOR 75 YEARS

*I-House was the world in microcosm and ... I believe I have sharper perceptions, deeper understanding, more first-hand insights into other cultures and people because of my time at I-House.*  
 —Harold Gilliam (IH 1941-42)

*If everyone knew what we learn at I-House, their fear of 'the other' would be shattered, and their hate would turn to understanding.*  
 —Zahra Makoui (IH 2002-03)

These quotes are taken from the dozens of personal statements in *Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind* that testify to the unique, multi-cultural, idealistic atmosphere of I-House that altered the course of the authors' lives. The book is dedicated to Barbara Lynch who helped build our international community through her work in the Program Office and may be ordered on the RSVP panel on page 7 for \$14.



Proceeds go to the Annual Scholarship Fund in support of the 75th Anniversary Campaign. Special thanks to alumni Barbara Freeman, editor, and David Fleishhacker, publisher, for their help in creating this powerful reflection on seventy-five years of cross-cultural encounters.

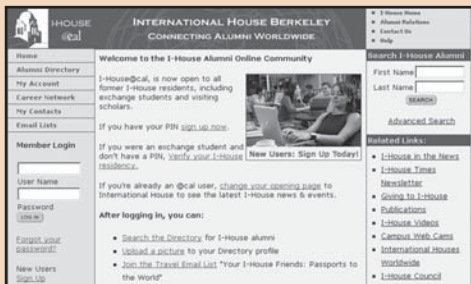
## BOOKMARK THIS SITE!

[ihouseonline.berkeley.edu](http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu)

We are pleased to announce that our online community, I-House@cal, is now open to all **current and former** I-House residents, including exchange students and visiting scholars.

Some of the website features include:

- Search the Career Network for professional contacts
- Join the new @cal Café social networking site
- Search the Directory for I-House alumni
- Upload a picture to your Directory profile
- Join the Travel Email List "Your I-House Friends: Passports to the World"



To Register for I-House@cal, go to: <https://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu/>

- For those with PINs printed on their mailing address label of this newsletter, click on **Sign Up Today**. (Your PIN is a unique number assigned to you by UC Berkeley when you complete a degree at Cal.)
- If you don't have a PIN, click on **'Verify your I-House residency'** to request an account.

If you're already an @cal user, welcome back! We invite you to change your opening page to International House to stay up to date on the latest I-House news and events. After logging in, click on 'My Account' to modify settings and update your contact info.

If you have any comments or need help accessing the site, please email [ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu). We look forward to seeing you online!

## FINDING OLD FRIENDS

To find old friends, visit the Online Community (see article above) or send a note to the Development Office and we'll forward it. Address the envelope to your friend, c/o International House Development Office.

## COUNTRY CONTACTS

<http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/countrycontacts>

Are you looking for a contact in another country? The alumni listed on the website noted above have volunteered to receive inquiries from alumni living or traveling in their area.

To volunteer to be a Country Contact or to update your listing, contact Bethann Johnson at [johnsonb@berkeley.edu](mailto:johnsonb@berkeley.edu).



## LEAVE YOUR MARK! NAME A ROOM OR BUY A BRICK

International House makes a lasting impression on many of the people who walk through its doors. Now is your chance to support the House and leave your mark by adopting a room or buying a brick. Every room and brick helps ensure the preservation of the House through gifts to the 75th Anniversary Campaign's Architectural Heritage Fund.

Donors who contribute \$20,000 or more can name a resident room and inscribe a plaque that will convey the history of the House on a very personal level. Seventeen rooms have already been named.

With a contribution of \$500 or more, donors are invited to provide an inscription for a brick that will be placed in a renovated patio outside the International House Café. These are just a few of the inscriptions received to date:

Berkeley/I-House A binomial that made My life so different	Hamish M. Caldwell 1983-1984 Glasgow, Scotland	In loving memory of our mother Baukje Sonja Altena
I met my true love At I-House 1950 Evelyn & Bob Apte	With more I-Houses the world would be a better place	Grace and Albert Ball Met and Married at I-House ♥ 1953
Cheers to Friends and Folk Dancing Kathryn M. Neri '68	Moustafa Chahine '60 & Marina Bandak '60 Lebanon & Palestine	Philip C. Magnusson Professor Emeritus Oregon State Univ.

To make a contribution and leave your mark, please use the enclosed envelope or contact the Development Office at 510-642-4128 or at [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu). Details are available at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni>.

## DESIGNERS COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Two noted designers, Ermenegildo Zegna and David Lance Goines will enhance the 75th Anniversary of International House with their creations.



This limited edition Goines poster commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the House. Mr. Goines is now working on a new poster to mark the House's 75th Anniversary.

David Lance Goines, a Berkeley-based internationally recognized artist, will design and print a 75th Anniversary poster for International House. The poster will serve as a companion piece to the 50th Anniversary poster he created 25 years ago – now a collector's item – which features a dove of peace rising above a helmet of war. The new poster will be available for purchase and as a donor recognition keepsake in 2006. Look for the design in upcoming editions of the I-House Times!

Ermenegildo Zegna, originally from Italy, is a world leader in fine clothing who lived in International House in the mid-seventies. Mr. Zegna has graciously agreed to create a limited number of Zegna ties and Agnona scarves to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of I-House and to be distributed to close friends and supporters. His sister, Laura Zegna, also a former resident of I-House, serves as President of the Organizing Committee of the Special Olympics in Italy, and was the featured speaker at a Milan alumni reunion event in June, 2004. *Grazie* to these artists for helping us celebrate I-House's birthday in style!

## “FINDING SOLACE IN DIVERSITY”— KHATHARYA UM SPEAKS AT SUNDAY SUPPER

Dr. Khatharya Um (IH 1983-88), first came to I-House as a refugee from Cambodia and earned a doctorate in Political Science at Cal, becoming the first Cambodian woman in America to earn a doctorate. Now an associate professor of Asian American Studies at Berkeley, Dr. Um reflected on her I-House experiences at the first Sunday Supper of the year. This is an excerpt from her moving speech:

*I remember looking forward to walking back up the hill to the comfort of knowing that under that grandiose dome, there is a place where accents are as common as complaints about the menu, where one can feel not just the freedom, but the pride of wearing a sarong or a sari or the universal dress code-jeans, where it is a common occurrence to find a jar of kimchi in your roommate's fridge as it is to partake in a multilingual discourse about contemporary politics. These are little mundane things but they mark a world of difference for those of us who find solace in diversity and in a multifaceted environment.*



Dr. Khatharya Um with her husband, Geoffrey Staniford at Sunday Supper. The couple met at I-House.

## KATHRYN GOLDSMITH LEGACY

Two of the joys of life for Kathryn McComb Goldsmith were Cal's superlative library and the multi-cultural community she found at International House. When the 85-year-old Mrs. Goldsmith passed away in November of 2004, she remembered both in her will.

Born in the Philippines, she came to the U.S. with her parents and grew up in Los Angeles. She lived in I-House in 1941-42 and remained active as a member. She recalled her years here as a formative time in her life with particularly fond memories of dinner discussions, Sunday Suppers, folk dancing, and cultural festivals. After graduating in 1941 with a B.A. in humanities, she married Howard Goldsmith, a foreign service officer. They enjoyed posts in Munich and Naples before returning to the U.S. and settling in Washington DC.

Thanks to Mrs. Goldsmith's generous gift which will total more than \$180,000, she leaves a legacy that will impact students for decades to come. In recognition of her gift, her room #427 will be named in her honor.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Four new members were elected to the 2005-06 Board of Directors:

**Dede Barsotti**, a graduate of the Haas Business School, is the Administrative Partner at Crosspoint Venture Partners, a leading venture capital firm focused on e-business services and broadband infrastructure. Previous positions include Vice President of Finance for Raychem Corporation, Corporate Controller for the Brae Corporation, and Senior Staff Auditor with Arthur Andersen & Co. She is a supporter of the National Charity League, a mother-daughter philanthropy group, and serves on the Board of the SV2-Silicon Valley Social Philanthropy Fund.

**Jan Fandrianto**, who lived in I-House in 1980-81, is President, CEO, and founder of Sipura Technology, Inc. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Fandrianto led the core development of media processing technology used in multimedia chips for voice, video and data applications. He was the founder and CEO of Komodo Technology, Inc. and VideoCore Technology, Inc., and CTO and VP of Engineering at 8x8, Inc. He graduated from Cal in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and earned a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford.

**Kit Choy Loke**, who lived in I-House in 1970-72, is a partner at Thelen, Reid & Priest LLP. She received her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1976 and holds a law degree from the University of Singapore. She specializes in real estate, corporate, commercial and finance law; has practiced in Hong Kong, Tokyo, and New York; and represents U.S. investors in business opportunities in East Asia. Ms. Loke has spoken at international law conferences in Singapore and the United States. As a student, she met her husband, Bruce Redwine, at International House.

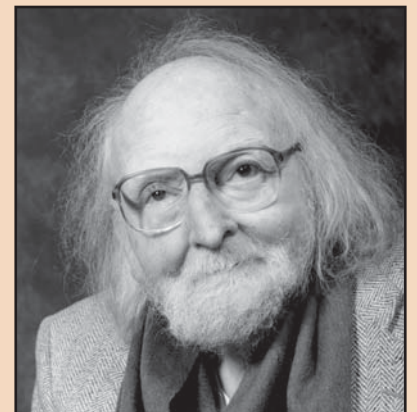
**John H. Sears** is an attorney with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton and serves as special counsel in the Corporate Practice Group specializing in Real Estate, Banking, and Finance. Mr. Sears holds a B.S. degree from Cal and J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law and continues to be a big Cal fan. He is past president of the Orinda Country Club and has been involved in several major civic organizations in San Francisco. He is the godson of Allen Blaisdell, the founding director of International House.

## ISABEL ALLENDE AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE



Internationally acclaimed author Isabel Allende spoke at International House on September 22 in conversation with historian and author, Sandra Curtis. Allende is one of the most popular novelists in the world today with more than 35 million books in print, translated into 27 languages. The Chilean author discussed her latest novel *Zorro: A Novel*, a fictional biography of pulp hero Zorro. The Auditorium was packed for the event which was moderated by Harley Shaiken, Chair of Cal's Center for Latin American Studies.

## NOBEL LAUREATE OWEN CHAMBERLAIN



Nobel laureate Owen Chamberlain was one of more than 200 alumni and students who gathered at International House to celebrate the 75th Anniversary in June. Professor emeritus Chamberlain is one of seven Nobel Laureates to live in I-House. He and Professor Emilio Gino Segrè received the Nobel Prize for their discovery of the antiproton.

## REUNIONS IN SINGAPORE, MELBOURNE, AND TOKYO

International alumni reunions are in the planning stages for:

- Singapore, January 6
- Melbourne, January 8
- Tokyo, June, date to be announced

To learn more, please send us your e-mail address on the RSVP on page 7 or check off the box on the RSVP to receive an invitation. If you would like to help organize one of the events, please contact the Development Office at (510) 642-4128 or [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu).



## 1930s



Clifton Amsbury (right) and his wife, Shirley, celebrated Clifton's 95th birthday with a party at I-House. Asked about reaching the remarkable age of 95, he says, "Well, it doesn't seem remarkable to me except that there are fewer friends around to share it with!" Clifton and Shirley have been married for 62 years.

Masaichi Hashiba fondly remembers Executive Director Allen Blaisdell and Program Director Eugenie Carneiro. "I remember the first Christmas I spent at I-House when Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell hosted foreign students who couldn't go home."

Congratulations to **Betty Koehler Burton-Loop** who married Col. Vincent Loop last year. Betty writes, "Residing at I-House had a profound influence on my life and my future. My career with the American Red Cross took me to Europe and Asia where I had an opportunity to further my understanding and relationships with people of other countries. I am convinced that my basic knowledge and understanding was forged by my associations at I-House. In a world where so much anger, hate, and chaos exists, it is comforting to know that the standards on which I-House was founded still exist."

**Helen Cox Wright** celebrated her 90th birthday at International House on September 4 and was joined by her I-House friend, Don Roberts, for a party in the Home Room. "It was wonderful to be back," says Helen, "it felt like just yesterday that I was there as a student." Helen was a bridesmaid for Don and his late wife, Mildred Stockton Roberts, at their wedding in the Home Room in 1938. She recalls her years at I-House as a favorite time of life and says that the Home Room is just as lovely as ever.

## 1940s

**Virginia Gookins Flagg**, retired faculty member in the Department of Economics at San Diego State University, writes, "The promotion of peace has been one of my major interests in my adult life. I feel strongly that more opportunities are needed for people from all countries and backgrounds to come together to learn to understand each other. International House is one of the places where this can happen."

**David Geddes** recalls, "I-House opened my eyes to a much wider world during the turbulent early 40s when I lived there. Hitler was on the rise and his radio rantings were listened to with horror. My dearest memory was that of sitting at Eleanor Roosevelt's feet in a lounge when she visited us at I-House to chat with students."

**Terje Jacobsen** writes from Norway, "For many of us, living at I-House left an indelible mark on our lives. Returning to our native countries, we carried with us many of the lessons learned there, not the least of which was how to live with and respect people from different cultural, religious, and racial backgrounds. Many of the friendships we formed there have lasted a lifetime. I feel I have an extended family in different parts of the world. Living at I-House made my life richer and the world smaller."

**Tilak Lall** writes, "I just turned 80 and my daughter and son-in-law gave me a wonderful party. I would like to do it again, one more decade at least! The happiest years of my life were spent at the House."

**Janet Wilson Owens** writes, "I have another couple for you to add to the 'romance' list. **George Owens** and I met the first night I was at I-House." Janet went east and George was recalled to active military duty but they continued their friendship and were married in 1952 with many I-House friends present, "George died in 1989 but I still carry the wonderful glow that started from a small sparkle at I-House."

Elizabeth Evans Weston writes,

*For 75 Years I-House built a dream.  
By living together, we gave each other self-esteem  
Our prejudices fell away  
As friendship came into play  
And now we can celebrate this system "supreme!"*

## 1950s

**Marcia Tillson Gedanken** has fond memories of I-House including dancing a Russian dance at the Festival, camping at Tahoe while building the ski lodge at Granlibakken, and planning activities with **Jim Armstrong**, **Milt Leong**, **Allen Steltzner**, and **Rafael Rodriguez**. She is retired from a career in adoption services with the California Department of Social Services.

**Michael King**, professor emeritus at Imperial College London consults with industry on problems in petrophysics, geomechanics, and the earthquake stability of large structures. He remains active in research, lecturing, and consulting and lives near Stratford-on-Avon.

**Margaret Ambler Nicholson** and **Nick Nicholson**, who met over breakfast at I-House, celebrated their 54th anniversary! Nick is professor emeritus of anthropology at UCLA.

### CELEBRATE I-HOUSE ROMANCE!

Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 700 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list. Please use the RSVP panel or send an e-mail to [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu) and let us know when and how you met.

**Ernst Pakuscher** writes that June will mark the 50th anniversary of his Cal graduation when he and fellow I-House resident, **Robin Sharwood**, were the only recipients of the Master of Laws degree. Professor Dr. Pakuscher is retired Chief Judge of the Federal Patent Court in Germany and Professor Sharwood is a law professor and former warden of Trinity College at the University of Melbourne.

**Janet Elmendorf Wenninger** joined the Peace Corps after graduating from Cal and taught school in the remote highlands of Tanzania. "During this time, I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Soon after I returned from Africa, I developed early symptoms of multiple sclerosis, a sickness belonging to developed countries, and I've been in a wheelchair since 1996. Like many residents of I-House, both past and present, I have had the enriching experience of living in other countries throughout the world."

**Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson** gathered news of I-House friends from 50 years ago. **Marvin Abraham**, who is retired from Oak Ridge National Lab, writes, "I remember my time at I-House with great appreciation for all the wonderful people I met..." including physicists **Bob Hammond**, **Bob Behringer**, and **Bob Levy**. Physicist **Hoyt Bostick** recalls, "We were transfixed watching the Army-McCarthy hearings in that little TV room; enjoyed Sunday outings to Stinson Beach; Italian food over in North Beach; and above all, congregating in the Great Hall." He is retired from a career in aerospace research. **Mel Pomerantz** returned for the 75th Anniversary Sunday Supper in June. He is a staff scientist at Lawrence Berkeley Lab where he is the liaison with utilities, industry, and city planning departments and researches energy savings potential of reflective materials.

## 1960s

**Francesca Gobbo** is a professor of intercultural education at the University of Turin, Italy.

**Peter Kaiser** recalls, "Coming from Germany in 1963, I met my future wife, **Anafu Murano** from Japan, later that year while playing Beethoven Violin/Piano Sonatas in the I-House Music Room. In 2005, we celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary (with two married children and five grandchildren) – always fondly remembering the I-House in Berkeley that brought us together through music and was home for us when we first met."

**Nancy Nagase Kurahashi** is Senior Technical Editor at Cisco Systems.

**Anna-Mary Bush Miller** and her husband are both retired computer specialists living in Florida and "miss the West Coast."

**Barbara Stradcutter** writes, "How grateful I am to the I-House newsletter for helping me keep up with my friends. I saw a note about **Lila de Araujo** and looked her up. Ever since then, we have been corresponding by e-mail, catching up on each other's lives. It has been a thrilling experience to renew our friendship after the passage of so many decades."

## 1970s



**Robbie Clipper Sethi**, an English professor at Rider University in New Jersey, is author of *Fifty-Fifty* which celebrates diversity's complexities through the story of a Punjabi family. Originally from New Jersey, she met her husband **Davinder Sethi** at I-House.

**George H.B. Verberg**, former CEO of Gasunie in the Netherlands, is President of the International Gas Union, which promotes the technical and economic progress of the natural gas industry.

**Mark Winn** rekindled his acting dream and has been in numerous plays in Los Angeles, often in African-American or Arab roles. He was a Moroccan in a TV soap opera and a pirate in Steven Spielberg's *Hook*. Most recently he played an Afghani in a covert action movie on the Discovery Channel.

## 1980s

**Amir Aczel** lives in Boston and is a visiting scholar in the History of Science at Harvard. His latest book, *Descartes' Secret Notebook: A True Tale of Mathematics, Mysticism, and the Quest to Understand the Universe*, has just been published. He is the author of two textbooks, many research articles on mathematics, and nine nonfiction books, including the international bestseller *Fermat's Last Theorem*.

**Hamish Caldwell** writes that he is enjoying life in Atlanta. His wife, **Dalia Judovitz**, is a professor at Emory University and he is the executive director of Cingular Wireless Business Markets Group.

**Firoozeh Jazayeri Dumas** premiered a one-woman show, *Laughing Without an Accent*, to sold-out audiences. Her award-winning book, *Funny In Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, is now included in the California Recommended Reading List for grades 6-12. For details on future performances, see <http://www.firoozehdumas.com>.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS!

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**Spencer Jon Helfen** writes, "After 14 years of practice as a transactional attorney, I changed careers and now own an art gallery specializing in California modernist art of the 1920s, 30s and 40s." Visit [www.HelfenFineArts.com](http://www.HelfenFineArts.com).

**Oona King**, former Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green in London's East End, was narrowly unseated by the Respect Party's candidate, **George Galloway** in May elections. The transition was greeted with grace by Ms. King who responded to press inquiries saying, "The more I see my husband and friends, the more I see what I've been missing for eight years as a politician, working virtually every evening and weekend... Blow me down if I'm not more in love now than I've been for the past eight years."

**Eric Muller-Borle** writes, "I have now relocated to Luxembourg, where I work for a financial communications company as their CFO. I look forward to coming back to Berkeley and visiting I-House. Maybe one of my four children will become an I-House resident in the next few years."

**Alison Dundes Renteln** was recently appointed Director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at USC. In this position, she plans to expand the range of programs to include more international issues. A professor of Political Science and Anthropology, she was the recipient of the 2005 USC campus-wide Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her recent book, *The Cultural Defense* (Oxford, 2004), has been called "the definitive treatment of law's complex relation to culture."

**Peter Suh** went to University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, served in the military as a Korean citizen, and completed specialty training in Pediatric Dentistry at USC/Children's Hospital. He teaches part-time at USC and has private practices in La Canada Flintridge and Los Angeles.

## 1990s



**Mark Giangiodano** writes, "My experience at I-House had the consequence of enriching my life and forcing me to grow as a person. I look back and say to myself: what a brilliant decision I made to go to Berkeley and to live at I-House."

**Serdar Tasiran** is an assistant professor of computer engineering at the Center for Advanced Design Technologies at Koc University in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Darren Kawaii** teaches social studies at The Henry Street School for International Studies in New York, a new public school that engages students in world issues, languages, and cultures.

**Rajesh Manghani** and **Ruja Parikh Manghani** announce the birth of their daughter, **Sonam**, who was born in June. "Had it not been for the I-House, we would probably not have had the honor of becoming Sonam's parents."

**Cliff Ho** and **Sylvia Saltzstein-Ho** are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter **Erica Saltzstein Ho**.

## 2000s

**Charlotte Cottrell** is the production manager of a new preschool children's TV show in Dunedin, New Zealand.

**Kamran Nemati** is a visiting associate professor of civil engineering at the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

**Liu Neng** returned to China after his stay in Berkeley as a visiting scholar. He is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at Peking University in Beijing. Just before leaving, he shared his perspectives on China's prospects in a lecture for Elderhostellers. He writes, "I am really proud to be part of the I-House family."

**Patrick Riley** writes, "Fulbright has forced me to leave U.S. soil for the first time in my life. I have arrived in Munich to study the economic and social implications of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) use. I hope to propose a 'Rawlsian framework' to provide a balanced protection of privacy, while suggesting limits to how companies implement this efficient technology." Patrick is a lecturer and Ph.D. student at Ludwig Maximilian Universität.



**Magda Elghobashi Schmit** and **Pierre-Hugues Schmit** were married in August last year. Magda writes, "I just found your *I-House: A home to romance* website and thought I'd share a reminiscence and photo related to my relationship with a fellow I-House alum. An American, I met my husband (a Frenchman) three months after moving to I-House. We met in the Dining Room at lunchtime on Friday, November 1st, 2002." They live in Paris.

**Craig Styris** and **Amanda Miller Styris** are living in Auckland, New Zealand and write, "We continue to cross borders because of I-House."

**Sofia Vergara**, who went on a study abroad program in Chile, writes, "So rare is the presence of wheelchairs on the campus of the Catholic University that I have grown accustomed to being gawked at... Studying abroad has not only shown how a different culture treats disability, it has introduced me to a range of new perspectives in the social and academic realm."

**Alen Voskanian** completed med school at UC Irvine and residency at UCLA and now works for a non-profit HIV/AIDS health care center in Los Angeles.



## 1930s ALUMNI

**Claire Helen Barricks**  
April 29, 2005

Former Camp Fire Girls executive and elementary school teacher who traveled the world and enjoyed 13 summers in the Berner Oberland in Switzerland. She fondly recalled her years in I-House where she had watched the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge from her room.

**Lloyd R. Michels**  
December 28, 2004

After a career with General Electric in the San Jose area, he worked as a consultant in chemical engineering and nuclear engineering and advised small business owners through Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Survived by his wife, Freda.

**Katsumi Takashima**  
May 3, 2005

After graduating from Cal, he was sent to Poston internment camp in Arizona where he became the informal mayor and married Yoshiko Taniguchi. He had a long career in business in the San Diego area and is survived by his children.

**Wakefield Taylor**  
April 6, 2005

Superior Court and Appellate Court judge and life-long Cal fan. As student body president, he agreed with his Stanford counterpart that the axe would become the perpetual trophy of the Big Game. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Carmel.

**Wayne Vucinich**  
April 21, 2005

A mentor to thousands of students, he rose from the poverty of a primitive mountain village in the Balkans to become a professor of eastern European studies at Stanford. Remembered as a charismatic and wonderful teacher.

## 1940s ALUMNI

**Eugene Canfield**  
June 10, 2005

A nuclear physicist with a distinguished career of 38 years at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He enjoyed bridge, intelligent conversation, puns, palindromes, chess, and puzzles. Survived by his wife, Elisabeth, and children.

**Amil (Bill) Roth**  
May 13, 2005

Amil formed lifelong friendships at I-House and carried its traditions into his own home by hosting students from Europe and Latin America for thirty years. He loved jazz music, worked as a lawyer, was a proud father of three UC grads and hopeful that his four grandsons would follow suit! He is survived by three children.

**Martha Michaelson West**  
April 24, 2005

An enthusiast of gourmet cooking, the visual arts, opera, flower arranging, and nature, she loved to travel and explore other cultures. She worked in a Sacramento law firm. Survived by her husband of 63 years, Robert, whom she met at I-House.

**Eleanor Dobson Tragen**  
April 15, 2005

A journalist, editor, and collector of Latin American folk art. Survived by her husband, Irving Tragen who writes, "We are a true I-House romance and our love affair lasted 61 years. We were married at Berkeley and had our reception at [I-House staff member] Etelle Carlson's home."

**David H. Wiltsie**  
Feb 4, 2005

Loved camping, skiing, canoeing, fishing, and painting landscapes. Established a gift shop in the Sierra Nevada and founded a publishing company that specialized in remedial educational materials. Survived by his wife Patricia.

## GIFTS IN MEMORY

The gifts below were received between March 1 and September 1, 2005. The name of the honoree is listed in bold followed by the names of donors.

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**Dr. Kwei Sang Ü**

Barry and Victoria Fong

## 1950s ALUMNI

**Grace Sarrafian Ball**  
July 5, 2005

Born in Beirut, she came to Berkeley to study and met her future husband, Albert Ball, at I-House. She accompanied him on his teaching career travels and as a Foreign Service wife to cities around the world. She learned the art of flower beading in Japan and earned plaudits for her intricate designs.

**Joseph Bagnatori**  
May 17, 2005

A native if Italy, an owner of Fugazi travel agency, and a founding member of the School of Italian Language and Culture in South San Francisco. Survived by his wife, Paola, whom he met at I-House.

**Jean Lamb Benson**  
February 14, 2005

A retired librarian at City College of New York, she lived in New York with her husband, Ray, and took pleasure in books, music, and conversation about politics and international affairs.

**LeRoy F. Cook**  
January 6, 2005

He had a distinguished career in education as a physics professor at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, for almost 40 years. The chancellor awarded him an Outstanding Service Award in 2004. Survivors include his wife, Arrelle.

**Horst G. Duhnkei**  
February 3, 2005

Professor emeritus of political science at Cal State East Bay, Holocaust survivor, and internationally known historian.

## 2000s ALUMNI

**Giulia Adesso**  
July 18, 2005

A brilliant student who is remembered by friends for her joy of life and ability to light up a room with her energy. A native of Molfetta, Italy, she was doing research at Cal in the properties of crystals while pursuing a doctorate from the University of Lecce. Giulia's life was tragically cut short by a freeway accident in Berkeley which also took the lives of two of her chemistry classmates. "She was the person who walked into a room all smiles, and everyone smiled with her."

## FRIENDS OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

**Alan Dundes**  
March 30, 2005

Cal professor of anthropology and folklore who is credited with creating modern folklore studies. His knowledge of cultural studies along with his characteristic wit made him a favorite among students. A memorial service was held at International House.

**Elvira (Ellie) Nishkian**  
July 23, 2005

A former I-House Board member who devoted herself to charitable work. She and her husband loved skiing and helped establish Alpine Ski Resort.

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## YOUR NEWS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:

## PARTICIPATE IN 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS!

- Include me in the mailing list for alumni-resident Lodestar programs.
- Send me an Elderhostel flyer for June 5-11 and 12-18, 2006.
- Send me a reunion invitation for  Singapore (January 6, 2006)  Melbourne (January TBA, 2006)  Tokyo (June TBA, 2006)

## STAY INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE!

There are many ways alumni can stay connected to I-House.

- Send information about hosting students through the International Friendship Program (see page 3).
- Send me event announcements and news to the email address below.
- I can identify potential corporate/foundation sponsors. Please contact me for details.
- Send me the book, *Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind* (see page 4). Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$14 or Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date.
- Send me the new I-House T-shirt. \$10 US / \$15 International Women's V-Neck \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL Men's Crew Neck \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL
- Please send me the PBS documentary about I-House, \$10 enclosed (see above for payment details). I prefer  VHS video or  DVD
- Send information on charitable estate and gift planning.
- I have included I-House in my estate plans.

## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORD

Please circle: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Prof./other: \_\_\_\_\_

First name Middle initial Last name

Name when enrolled, if different

Street address (if not printed on reverse)

City State/province Postal code Country

Email Phone

Years at I-House 19/20\_\_\_\_\_ to 19/20\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation\_\_\_\_\_

Employer\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse title: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Prof./other: \_\_\_\_\_

First name Middle initial/maiden name Last name

If applicable, his/her years at I-House: 19/20\_\_\_\_\_ to 19/20\_\_\_\_\_



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please contact the Program Office (510) 642-9460 or Development Office (510) 642-4128 to confirm program information, or visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>.

<b>November 17, 2005</b>	<b>Native American Dinner</b> Dining Room, \$8.75, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>January 6, 2006</b>	<b>Singapore Reunion, see page 5</b>
<b>January 8, 2006</b>	<b>Melbourne Reunion, see page 5</b>
<b>February 24, 2006</b>	<b>African American Dinner &amp; Gospel Night</b>
<b>March 7, 2006</b>	<b>Lodestar Alumni-Resident Dinner</b>
<b>April 22, 2006</b>	<b>Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures / Cal Day, see page 3</b>
<b>May 9, 2006</b>	<b>75th Anniversary Gala, see page 1</b>
<b>June 5-18, 2006</b>	<b>Elderhostel Programs, see page 4</b>
<b>June TBA, 2006</b>	<b>Tokyo, Japan Reunion, see page 5</b>
<b>Ongoing Programs</b>	
<b>Mondays 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cultural Movement Class</b> Learn new dance moves, no partner required, \$5 for the public, free with an alumni card.
<b>Wednesdays 10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour,</b> Alumni card required, no charge.
<b>Thursdays 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Globalization Lectures</b> \$5 for the public, free with an alumni card, call the Program Office (510) 642-9460 for topics.
<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fitness Classes</b> Free with an alumni card, \$5 for the public, 5 p.m.
<b>Weekly 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Language Programs</b> Call the Program Office for dates and languages featured. \$7.75 for dinner.



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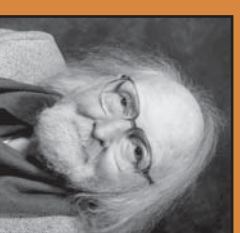
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75th Anniversary Sunday Supper, page 3.



Elderhostel programs explore early music & Middle East, page 4.



Who is this famous Nobel Prize winning alum? See page 5.

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## International House Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Alumni and residents celebrated the 75th Anniversary at a traditional Sunday Supper featuring speakers from every decade in *A Walk Down Memory Lane*.

See page 3 for more about the event.



From left (standing): Carolyn Chinn Gan (IH 1956-58), Julianne Cartwright Traylor (IH 1968-69), Christopher Flores (IH 1978-79), Bonu Ghosh (IH 1982-85), Paul Salz (IH 1950-52), and from left (seated): Kevin Scallan (current resident), Rev. Dairna Lockhart Clark (IH 1938-39), and Harold Gilliam (IH 1941-42).

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