2005 LAUNCHES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

International House at U.C. Berkeley opened its doors August 18, 1930. In the 75 years since, it has continued to advance what benefactor John D. Rockefeller, Jr. called “a new kind of experiment – the day-to-day practice of international fellowship among men and women.”

A series of celebrations with alumni and friends around the world will continue throughout 2005-2006. International House was founded at a time of deep racial segregation, hostility to foreigners, and opposition to men and women students living in the same building. In fact, about 1,000 people gathered in Berkeley to protest racial integration at the site of the proposed International House.

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CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR HOUSE FUTURE

A distinguished international Leadership Committee of alumni and friends chaired by Vice Chairman of ChevronTexaco Peter Robertson, will formally launch an ambitious 75th Anniversary fundraising effort at the May 5, 2005, Celebration and Awards Gala.

The Campaign, which will extend throughout 2006, has secured $4.3 million dollars thus far toward an initial public goal of $7.5 million. “I am pleased with our progress to date, but our goal represents the minimum that is required to protect the most fundamental elements of this great institution and to ensure that I-House is available to serve new generations for the next 75 years. I very much hope and expect that our campaign will exceed the minimum threshold,” says Mr. Robertson.

“We’ve been fortunate that our dedicated Board and many others have helped cultivate the astounding leadership contributions we’ve received to-date – although we’ve much much more to do,” says Executive Director, Joe Lurie.

The work ahead includes securing at least $4.5M additional dollars to support renovating the original 1930s plumbing and ventilation systems throughout the House. “Although we’ve raised more than a million dollars to-date to support this work and have made internal fiscal plans to devote several million dollars more – the total costs to complete this project exceed $8 million,” says Lurie. “We know you can’t bring people from all over the globe together to live and learn together if you can’t provide the most basic amenities for their daily lives.”

New Scholarships
Open Doors, page 5.

John S. Chen

John Chen was recognized for his work to advance U.S.-China relations and understanding of multicultural identity. Born in China and educated in the U.S., Mr. Chen became Sybase CEO in 1997, helping to avert company closure. He serves as a governing board member of the U.S. Center for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation. Council of Foreign Relations, Walt Disney Company and the Committee of 100. Mr. Chen is a generous supporter of scholarships for girls and women in rural China, organizations that aid poor and abused children, and Cal’s Chang-Lin Tien Center for East Asian Studies.

HOUSE HONORS MORENO AND CHEN

International House honored actress Rita Moreno and Sybase CEO, John S. Chen at the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Gala on May 5. The event, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year, set in motion the 75th Anniversary Campaign to support building preservation, scholarships, programs, and technology in service to a more peaceful and tolerant world.

Rita Moreno

International House honored Rita Moreno for her distinguished career in the arts through which she transcended barriers of discrimination and set a precedent for actors to be recognized for talent rather than ethnicity. Born in Puerto Rico, Ms. Moreno moved to New York and made her Broadway debut at age thirteen. Her film career includes more than thirty features including her Oscar-winning performance as Anita in West Side Story. Her theater work includes Master Class and The Ritz, for which she won a Tony. The only American woman to have won Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy awards, Rita Moreno is an internationally recognized artist who has helped dismantle ethnic stereotypes and engage children and adults alike in celebrating humanity in all its diversity.

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Providing for a Legacy of Hope

When I-House opened in 1930, it was the first interracial, international, coeducational residential center west of New York. Many were shocked to see people from different racial and cultural backgrounds actually living together. In fact, so uncomfortable were some with the idea of I-House that in the late 1920s it produced angry protests from almost 1,000 Berkeley residents.

Today, I am reminded by alumni from the early years that the vision of the founders, Harry Edmonds and John D. Rockefeller Jr., was not only right, but that it worked. As one alumna put it, “We came to grips with each other as real entities, not images on travel posters; at I-House we had to deal with the realities of our own ethnocentrism, and not abstractly either… one in which we were bent, hurt, pleased, delighted, enlightened, changed… in short, one in which we grew.”

The House fostered tolerance, shattered stereotypes, and opened rich new possibilities not only for its residents, but also for the many communities they touched. Some of the most significant integration breakthroughs in Berkeley came through the influence of I-House and its residents. And the creation of many other International Houses in the United States and abroad drew hope and inspiration from the seemingly miraculous diversity at work and thriving at I-House Berkeley.

Today, the mission and work of International House become even more significant, and protecting its future even more compelling. As national frontiers blur, and as walls between nations crumble, as people within and between nations are thrust together by technology, too often the fear of difference and the ugly specters of ignorance and prejudice raise their heads. Neo-Nazis, racists, and ultra-nationalists trouble the headlines of the day. We read and hear of minorities and immigrants being used as scapegoats, religious sites being desecrated. The horrifying evidence of genocide is seen once again in the last decade of the 20th and the first years of the 21st century. And hatred’s voice is all too common on the Internet.

In spite of, or perhaps even because of wars, racism, religious and ideological conflicts, the encounters at International House among residents from very different cultural and political backgrounds have often produced dramatic and unexpected new friendships. Those, in turn, have frequently brought about transformations in attitude and growth of perspective that have helped shaped the ways many of our alumni have viewed the world and lived their lives.

The many dramatic successes of our first 75 years suggest the critical importance of ensuring the future health and vitality of our institution, especially during polarizing times like these. So in celebrating 75 years of cross-cultural breakthroughs, we hope with your help to provide a solid foundation for the next 75 years. The basis of that new foundation is described on page one of this newsletter.

When I walk through our building, I am often inspired to see students from dramatically different backgrounds talking, arguing and laughing together. These are the seeds of relationships which will last a lifetime and provide hope for a more peaceful world. These residents are the reasons why I love this place and why I ask you and your fellow alumni to join me to ensure that our House will be here as a legacy of hope for decades to come.

Joe Lurie
Executive Director

Celebrate 75 Years!

Please join alumni, residents, and friends of International House at these festive occasions to celebrate our remarkable past and ensure the continued vitality of this unique institution that champions cross-cultural understanding. Photos and notes from past events at online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/.

75th Anniversary Reunion at I-House, June 9-14, 2005

Gather your friends and come home to I-House for a special 75th Anniversary Reunion, June 9-14! You may be able to stay in your old room if it is vacant or stay elsewhere and attend as a commuter. Activities include:

- Wine tasting tour of the Napa Valley by chartered bus.
- Lectures by alumni and UC professors.
- Sunday Supper on Saturday, June 11, with a reception and dinner followed by speakers representing every decade in A Walk Down Memory Lane. If you wish to attend Sunday Supper only, see below.
- Picnic by the Campanile during the noon carillon concert following an introduction to the magnificent 61-bell carillon.
- Campus treasures and tours, with time to enjoy campus activities including the Elman Ballet performances of Anna Karenina and Don Juan & Molière.
- Free time to visit your old haunts or take a ferryboat trip to San Francisco.

A fee of $400 covers accommodations, meals, classes, and field trips for this five-night program. Single rooms are available at no extra charge. Double rooms with twin beds are also available and restrooms are still “down the hall.” Parking is an additional $35. To attend activities including Sunday Supper as a commuter, the cost is $120 with meals purchased as needed.

Hotel accommodations are available one block down Bancroft at the Bancroft Club Hotel (510) 549-1000, three blocks away at the Durant Hotel, the Claremont (510) 843-3080, or the Berkeley Marina Doubletree Hotel (510)548-7920 with shuttle service to I-House.

For those who attend Elderhostel (see page 4) and the Reunion, accommodations and meals are free for the two nights between programs. Reunion flyers with sign-up information were mailed in April. If you didn’t receive one, please call the Development Office (510) 642-4128 or visit the website at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/.

75th Anniversary Alumni Sunday Supper, June 11, 2005

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of International House at a traditional Sunday Supper on Saturday. June 11. The festivities begin with a reception at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and speakers representing every decade in A Walk Down Memory Lane. The evening closes with the Candlelight Ceremony. See the RSVP panel on page 7 to make a reservation, $35 per person. Sunday Supper is included in fees if you register for the 75th Anniversary Reunion.

Global Homecoming, October 1-2, 2005

Return to International House for a lecture and luncheon before cheering the Bears on to victory over Arizona on Saturday, October 1. An alumni brunch will be held on Sunday.

Homecoming is celebrated across campus with tours, lectures, receptions, and sports. Watch for invitations or register online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/ after August 15 or call the Development Office (510) 642-4128.

New York Reunion, Fall, 2005

Date to be announced.

Awards Celebration & Gala, Spring, 2006

Date to be announced.

Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures, Spring, 2006

International House celebrates the cultures of the world in a tradition that dates back to the 1930s when Eugenie Carneiro organized the first cultural festivals. The event is now held on the same day as Cal Day when the campus opens its doors to the community with free lectures, tours, and open houses. Date to be announced.

Global Homecoming, October 7, 2006

Special events are being planned in conjunction with Cal’s Homecoming Weekend, October 6-8 and the Cal vs. UCLA football game.
Celebrating Romance at International House ♥

More than one hundred alumni, friends, family members, and residents joined in a special Valentines dinner to celebrate 75 years of I-House romances. The evening included dinner, dancing, and love stories and was hosted by Joe Lurie and his own I-House sweetheart, Dona Rosenthal (IH 1968-70). Resident Julia Zamorska from Poland danced a rumba – the dance of love – with partner Aishah Kanekar and inspired the audience to dance to the vocal stylings of Anna Meister accompanied by resident Vincent Mathieu-Colas from France on piano. A video clip of Tanyan Lim’s moving story about discarding her prejudices and meeting her husband, Benito Lim, opened the flood gates to participants sharing their own love stories. The clip is part of the PBS documentary about I-House which can be viewed online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu. Selected complimentary photos taken by photographer Jim Block are shown below.

Richard Goldman speaks at resident and alumni program

International House alumna, environmentalist, and philanthropist Richard N. Goldman discussed the Origins and Impact of the Goldman Environmental Prize at the March Lodestar program for alumni and residents. Mr. Goldman, an I-House alumna from 1941-1942, served on the I-House Board and was honored as Alumnus of the Year in 1998.

Founded in 1990 by Mr. Goldman and his late wife, civic leader Rhoda H. Goldman, The Goldman Prize honors environmental heroes who take great personal risks to protect rivers and forests, stop toxic industry practices, and assist indigenous peoples. Considered the “Nobel Prize for the Environment,” the Goldman Prize recognizes ordinary people who take extraordinary steps to protect the environment and provides critical financial support for the recipients. Goldman Prize winner Wangari Maathai from Kenya went on to receive the “Nobel Prize for the Environment,” the Goldman Prize recognizes ordinary people who take extraordinary steps to protect the environment and provides critical financial support for the recipients.

Among those attending were Goldman’s fellow alumni from the 1940s including George Ann Garms, Jane Holfield Galante, Owen Chamberlain, Harold Gilliam, Virginia Mason, Wenyen Leong, Marion Ross, Bishara Lawrence, and George Raad. The evening featured traditional South American music performed by residents and dinner with residents.

“Conversations at Lodestar” were established in 1963 to bring U.S. and international students together for week-long retreats at the Lodestar International Student Center in the Gold Rush country. When the Center closed in 1984, funds were donated to International House to continue the Lodestar tradition of building fellowship and understanding through programs for residents and alumni. Lodestar dinner programs for alumni and residents are held three times each year. If you haven’t received invitations and would like to attend future events, see the RSVP panel on page 7 and check off the box for Lodestar invitations.

To see more terrific couples photos or view or add names to our growing list of 700+ I-House couples, visit http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/valentines/

Under the Dome

Alumni and residents ushered in the Year of the Rooster at a Lunar New Year celebration in February with guest speaker and alumnus, Dr. Helmer Aslaksen (IH 1982-85). Dr. Aslaksen, a mathematics professor at the University of Singapore and an expert on cultural astronomy, discussed Lunar New Year in relationship to mathematics and the Chinese calendar. Chinese New Year is the main holiday for more than a quarter of the world’s population. Yet, very few people know how to compute the date which falls between January 21 and February 21. Dr. Aslaksen made it (almost) simple!

The festive event began with a traditional lion dance and included presentations by residents from China, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Mongolia, Taiwan, and Vietnam who explained family traditions, myths, and symbols of Lunar New Year celebrations in their countries.

Dr. Aslaksen, who is originally from Norway, recalled his years at I-House as some of the happiest years of his life and challenged current residents to make the most of their time in this global community. He is back in Berkeley while on sabbatical until June, 2005.

To learn more about cultural astronomy, the Chinese Calendar, the Islamic calendar, and the Indian calendar, visit Dr. Aslaksen’s website at http://www.math.nus.edu.sg/~aslaksen/
Festival of Cultures

More than 3,000 visitors joined residents in celebrating the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures on April 16. Selected to be an official event for the United Nations 60th Anniversary, the event included music, dance, presentations of ritual ceremonies, global cuisine, storytellers and crafts from around the world. The festival tradition originated in the 1930s and, thanks to a generous endowment from the estate of Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43), promises to continue as a renowned celebration of world cultures.

Catering Chef Wins Medal

Fidel Coria, I-House catering chef, won an American Culinary Federation Bronze Medal for his recipe for Aztec Lamb in a culinary challenge competition at the National Association of College and University Food Services Pacific Region. His recipe is at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/recipes/

Dining staff members Warren Clark and Jonathan Au won Honorable Mention.

Golden Age Alumni Meet Rafael Rodriguez, Jr.

Alumni and friends from the late 1940s “Golden Age” era met Rafael Rodriguez, Jr., and his wife, Gerlinde Höbel, when they visited International House in December. Rafael is the son of alumna Fidel Coria (IH 1946-50) in whose memory alumni established the Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Scholarship. “It was amazing,” writes Rafael, “and gave us a very strong impression of how it must have been when my father was at I-House, and, indeed, how it continues to be.”

Alumni and friends established the Rafael Rodriguez/Golden Age Scholarship which provides room and board at International House plus a stipend for one or two year international students who show great promise but lack the resources to come to Cal. The Graduate Division provides tuition waivers for the scholarship recipients. Contributions to the endowment are always welcome. Use the reply envelope and note that your gift is for the RR/GA scholarship.

I-House Alum/Photographer Leaves Legacy

James Stephens was the I-House photographer and shot many of the wonderful photos now displayed in the Hall of History. The Stephens sisters contributed their father’s I-House photo albums which are available for viewing in the Alumni Office.

The daughters of the late James Stephens (IH1938-41) and Lorraine Wolf Stephens Berry (IH 1939-40) presented a Wedgwood plate commemorating the opening of International House to Development Director, Shanti Corrigan. Below from left, Shanti Corrigan, Diane Stephens Sargeant, Virginia Stephens Pehrson, and Joy Stephens Soggi.

Name That Room! Alumni Gifts Support House

1-House alumnus Egon von Kaschnitz recently became the first International House former resident to adopt a resident room through a new 75th Anniversary giving opportunity. “The first day I entered my room at I-House, I never would have imagined how completely entranced my life would become with this institution,” said Mr. von Kaschnitz. We hope that many other alumni will elect to pay tribute to the influence of I-House on the lives of its residents through a Resident Room Naming Program to support crucial House renovations.

Donors who contribute $20,000 or more to support the Architectural Heritage Fund receive a plaque that duplicates one placed in the designated resident room he/she wishes to name. The plaque alerts future residents and visitors to another layer of the House’s history – and often the remarkable accomplishments and lifetimes of residents who had occupied this same space.

“In this instance, I’m pleased to make this gift in memory of Arthur Strock and to link his name to the room that both he and his father before him occupied,” said Mr. von Kaschnitz. For details of the Resident Room Naming program contact the Development Office or visit http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/.

Elderhostel, 2005

This year’s Elderhostel Program is China in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities with lectures by I. V. Berkeley China expert, Professor Tom Gold. The timely topic has generated broad appeal and, at this writing, the program is nearly full including spaces reserved for alumni. The program includes a docent-led tour of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco and trip to Napa.

To register, call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at www.Elderhostel.org. Be prepared with the program number, #12445, and your credit card. If the program is full, ask to be put on the waiting list and tell the customer service representative that you are an I-House alum. The cost is $648 which includes accommodations, meals, classes and other activities. Details are available online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu or call for a flyer (510) 642-2664.

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 ihevents@berkeley.edu

Guestrooms are popular so reserve well in advance.

Stay at I-House
Scholarship Gifts Open Doors to I-House

Three recent remarkable scholarship gifts to I-House are helping ensure future residents’ access to pursuing cross-cultural understanding within the International House community. Alumnus Charles Clapp generously established a scholarship fund in 2004 to support undergraduate and graduate room and board and looks forward to meeting the first recipient of this award in the fall of 2005. “It seemed like a nice way to give something back,” remarked Dr. Clapp.

The House is delighted this sentiment is shared by additional Leadership Contributors to the 75th Anniversary Campaign, including Caroline and David Miller who have established a planned gift that ultimately will provide room and board scholarships for U.S. and international students who could not otherwise afford to live in I-House.

Board member Kwei U, an I-House alumnus from 1961-1965, together with his wife, Michele, established a Gateway Fellowship endowment in 2005 which, through a match by the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, will also provide recipients with tuition, fees, and a stipend. The permanently endowed Adrian Hao Yin U Gateway Fellowship will preferably support alumni of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, a school founded by Kwei’s uncle, 1-House alumnus, Choh Ming Li. Kwei’s father was also an I-House alumnus.

Thanks to these generous scholarship gifts, new residents of generations will continue to pursue the mission of the House into its next 75 years and beyond.

Fostering understanding for 75 years

Essays and speeches from dozens of alumni testifying to the powerful personal experiences they had as residents are collected in Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind. Special thanks go to alumna Barbara Freeman, editor, and David Fleishhacker, publisher, for creating this reflection on seventy-five years of cross-cultural encounters. The book, which is dedicated to Barbara Lynch who helped create a sense of community through her work in the Program Office, 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.

Campaign launched (continued from page 1)

Scholarships comprise the second element of the Campaign, and, through a generous matching program provided through the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, eligible gifts leverage room and board scholarships at I-House to also provide recipients with free tuition, fees, and a $5K stipend. These “Gateway” fellowships for first-year doctoral students are, says Fellowship donors Kwei and Michele U, “a magnificent way to open the doors to I-House and call to students who otherwise could not afford these opportunities.” (See related article above).

The vibrant residential and community programs for which I-House is well known are the rationale for the Intercultural Program Endowment. “These are the events that celebrate the wonderful diversity of our residents – the lectures and dinners, dances, coffee hours, and festivals that expose our resident body to the different traditions of cultures around the world,” says Program Director Liliane Kowitz. A $500K goal has benefited already from leadership gifts supporting essay contests, music concerts, and the generous bequest from the Edith Coliver estate to endow the annual Festival of Cultures (see announcement page 2).

Harnessing technology further to the I-House mission is the basis of the fourth Campaign effort. “Over the course of our history, computer usage among residents has evolved from a specialized practice in the 1970s to completely ubiquitous today,” says Director Lurie. “And in providing residents computer rooms, cabled and wireless internet access, software and security support, and now new online alumni services (see article at right), we really require external support to help us meet these needs.” A preliminary $500K Campaign goal has been established to help support the human, technological, and financial resources of these services.

“This is shaping up to be quite a birthday for the House,” says Alumni Relations and Development Director Shanti Corrigan. “We’re heartened by the amazing support so far and know that we’ve much more to accomplish to protect this historic building and support our students at its heart.” A complete brochure detailing the campaign is available from the Development Office or by visiting http://ihouse.berkeley.edu.

Alumni and friends wishing to participate in the Campaign or discuss “birthday gifts” of all sizes are invited to contact Shanti at (510) 642-0124 or at shanti@berkeley.edu.

Campaign Leadership

International House expresses its sincere gratitude for the individuals below who are helping exert their influence to ensure the financial success of this multi-million dollar fundraising effort:

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As real and challenging and as enjoyable as day-to-day life in I-House has been, I have learned that this is only a model, a smaller scale version of the world in which we really live, the community without boundary to which we all truly belong.”

- Aurelio Perez, current resident from the USA

Alumni Online Community is launched

I-House@cal launched in April. We invite all I-House alumni to register to this online community, and in a few weeks we will be inviting the Class of 2005. For more information and to register, go to http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/
1950s

Congratulations to Harriet Coates Azari and Paul Azari who live at I-House and are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year!

Gunmar Engen writes, “I very much enjoyed my stay at I-House where I met my future wife, Helen. It was an unforgettable Scholar from Spain.” He retired from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics after 39 years, as Regional Commissioner.

Hisako Hitomi is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at Waseda University.

Patricia Marks Pilling-Halbeisen traveled to New Zealand in September and was privileged to meet and talk with Prime Minister Helen Clarke.

Evelyne Rowe Rominger is back in California after eight years in Washington D.C. while her husband, Rich, served as Clinton's number two person in U.S. Department of Agriculture. Rich is now on the U.S. Board of Regents as a representative of UC alumni so Evelyne is in the Bay Area often and stops by I-House.

Joel Garcia

I am originally from Quebec, Canada, and my House and the long-time friends we met there.

Paul Bernier, Jones Alexander!

attend your Elderhostel next June with Lesley

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1940s

Alice Darling Lowe attended the Valentinian event (see page 3) and returned to I-House for the first time since her departure in 1938. She recalled the hardships students faced during Depression years and the marvelous times she had at I-House with the man who would become her husband, Christopher Gray. He became an art history scholar and faculty member at Johns Hopkins University. Alice shepherd’s his last book, Armand Guillaumin, into print after his death.

Cloine Wetherbee Dye sends greetings to all Charter Members who lived in I-House in 1940s, the year the House opened.

Grace Thompson Altus writes, “What a wonderful place I-House is — and was, half a century ago. I still correspond with four dear friends made then, and living now around the world. Thank you for reminding me how important a beacon of hope it is. I plan to attend your Eldelhostel next June with Lesley Jones Alexander!”

Paul Bernier, who met his late wife at 1-House in 1958, writes from Corvallis, OR, “My wife and I always cherished fond memories of I-House and the long-time friends we met there. I am originally from Quebec, Canada, and my residence at 1-House was a most enlightening experience.”

Bernice Livingston Youtz writes, “I continue to be grateful for my two years at I-House and the long-time friends we met there. No matter how far and near, I remember and cherish the friendships and the enriching discussions during my stay in ’92-’93. Since 2000, I have been happily married to my wife, Ayako.” He is CFO of Hilti Japan, an international manufacturer of construction products.

Jürgen Polle is an assistant professor in the biology department at Brooklyn College of City University of New York (CUNY).

Warren Polson, who earned his MSc degree from Berkeley in 1992, works for The Division of Developmental Disabilities in Rhode Island.

Maria Sendra and Joel Garcia met at I-House and married a few years later. Maria is Chairman for Southern California Corporate & Securities Group for Baker and McKenzie. Joel made a career change from engineering to establish two start-up companies.

Mike Zingg writes, “It is almost always good to hear the latest news from the I-House. I fondly remember and cherish the friendships and the enriching discussions during my stay in ’92-’93. Since 2000, I have been happily married to my wife, Ayako.” He is CEO of Hit’s Japan, a film producer, and president of Victor Santo Pineda, a non-profit disability advocacy organization who has collaborated with the World Bank, U.N. agencies, and policy makers to promote equal opportunity, access, and inclusion. This year, he will advocate for disability rights in the reconstruction process in Thailand. Reflecting on his I-House experiences, he says, “A real understanding of humanity came out and I saw that I could contribute my knowledge about disability with the rest of the world.”
1930s Alumni
Stuart Chenoweth
December, 2004
A San Francisco State University emeritus professor in theater arts. His passion for theater and his love and exuberance for teaching touched many throughout his life. 

June Reynolds Davidson
February, 2005
A social worker, policewoman, community volunteer and world traveler. June and her late husband, Donald, met at I-House in 1934.

Jay D. McEvoy
November, 2004
Adrian Kragin
March, 2005
A leading expert on American income tax law who left a lucrative Hollywood law practice to practice at UC Berkeley. He argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, drafted legislation, published widely, and served as vice chancellor from 1966-64. Kragin lived at I-House the very first year it opened and later served as a Board member.

Charlotte Heath Weber
September, 2004
1940s Alumni
Alfred Baxter
March, 2005
An erudite student of history and poetry; a master limnologist, yachtsman, and mountain climber. After graduating from Stanford, Al came to Berkeley as a doctoral student in philosophy. He became an assistant to Chancellor Clark Kerr before embarking on a career in management consulting. His winemaking hobby led to the establishment of Verdel Crest Vineyards and production of award-winning wines that were served by President Carter. Al is remembered for his courage after the devastating loss of his wife, Gail, in the Oakland hills fire and during his own recovery from open heart surgery. Survived by his second wife, Mary, and three sons.

Kathryn McComb Goldsmith
November, 2004
William John Milligan
December, 2004
Home was many places for Bill—Mexico and Denmark as well as the U.S where he lived in Berkeley, Sea Ranch, and Walnut Creek. He owned Frases in Berkeley, a well-revered home furnishings store. His appreciation of the arts led him to many people, places, and opportunities which he always brought home to share.

Theodore B. Taylor
October, 2004
A top atomic weapons scientist who underwent a change of heart and campaigned against nuclear weaponry and hero of the McPhee book, "Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind,", a collection of reflections from alumnus, at the address below. Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank for $14 or Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date. Proceeds benefit the Annual Scholarship Fund in support of our 75th Anniversary.

Please send me a Global Homecoming invitation, October 1-2.

Jay D. McEvoy
November, 2004
R.S.V.P. We hope to hear from you

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Private in 75th Anniversary events!
☐ Send me a flyer for the 75th Anniversary Reunion, June 9-14.
☐ Please include me in the Lodestar invitation mailing (see page 3).
☐ Send me an Elderhostel flyet, June 1-7.
☐ Send me a Global Homecoming invitation, October 1-2.
☐ Yes, I will attend the 75th Anniversary “Sunday Supper” on Saturday June, 11. Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank for $35 per person (or Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date). Name(s) for nametags:

Stay involved in International House!
☐ Send the 75th Anniversary Campaign Brochure.
☐ Send the e-Bulletin to the email address above.
☐ Send information on charitable estate and gift planning.
☐ I have included I-House in my estate plans.
☐ Send me the book, "Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind,", a collection of reflections from alumnus, at the address below. Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank for $14 or Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date. Proceeds benefit the Annual Scholarship Fund in support of our 75th Anniversary.

Please send me the PBS documentary about I-House, $10 enclosed (see above for payment details). I prefer: VHS video or DVD

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Participate in 75th Anniversary events!

R.S.V.P.
Calendar of Events

May 5  Celebration and Awards Dinner  
Gala evening honors Rita Moreno and John Chen  (see page 1).

June 1-7  Elderhostel Program  
China in the 21st Century: Issues and Challenges (see page 4)

June 11  75th Anniversary Sunday Supper  
A traditional Sunday Supper (on Saturday!) celebrates the 75th Anniversary (see page 2).

June 9-14  75th Anniversary Alumni Reunion  
Stay at I-House or commute for lectures, a wine tasting trip to Napa, campus tours, and more (see page 2).

October 1-2  75th Anniversary Global Homecoming  
During Cal’s Homecoming weekend, I-House celebrates with a pre-game lunch on Saturday and a Sunday brunch (see page 2).

Fall  New York Reunion  
Date to be announced, check http://ihouse.berkeley.edu for updates or call the Development Office (510) 642-4128.

Ongoing Events

Mondays  Cultural Movement Class  
Learn new dance moves, no partner required, $5 for the public, free with an alumni card, 8 pm.

Wednesdays  Coffee Hour, Alumni card required, no charge, 10 pm.

Thursdays  Globalization Lectures  
Weekly lectures during the academic year. $5 for the public, free with an alumni card, call the Program Office (510) 642-9460 for topics, 7:30 pm.

Mondays & Wednesdays  Fitness Classes  
Free with an alumni card, $5 for the public, 5 pm.

Daily  Breakfast Buffet  
Located in the I-House kitchen, open to guests, residents, and friends of I-House.

Daily  Princeton Review  
Free 1-hour preparation sessions, $10 donation suggested.

Daily  Parenting Workshops  
Weekly sessions for parents and children.

Daily  International House Library  
Open 24 hours, located in Building A, 2nd floor.

Daily  I-House Times  
The Newsletter for Friends & Alumni of International House.