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75TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SUPPER

JUNE 11, 2005

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Sunday Supper, 1935

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75TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

JUNE 9-14, 2005

Come Home to I-House for a special 75th Anniversary Reunion, June 9-14. The last reunion with the option to stay in International House was 15 years ago so this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. For alumni coming from a distance, this is a great time to plan a trip to Berkeley and even stay additional days in the House. The reunion cost is \$400 per person for accommodations, meals, programs, tours, and more. See page 2 for more information.



All former residents – including these from the 1930s – are invited to the June reunion!

2005 LAUNCHES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

International House at UC 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.”



Executive Director Joe Lurie (center) toasts 75 Years of International House Berkeley with alumni and residents at one of many celebratory gatherings underway throughout 2005-2006.

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, almost 1,000 people gathered in Berkeley to protest racial integration at the site of the proposed International House.

Other voices in the community celebrated the establishment of I-House. Clifford Weigle wrote about residents in the Oakland Tribune, “By coming into close contact and fellowship with each other, they will leave college with a consciousness of the unity of mankind that sees beyond national borders.”

What was once a controversial dream is a reality today.

Over the course of 75 years, more than 60,000 students from more than 100 countries and throughout the U.S. have called I-House home. Thousands of former residents have gone on to distinguished careers. Among them are seven Nobel Prize laureates, two California governors, a Governor of Taiwan Province, ten ambassadors, the Crown Prince of Norway, a Nigerian presidential candidate, the chief of a Native American tribe, and more than a thousand professors. Thousands more have made meaningful contributions to communities around the world.

International gatherings and activities to celebrate this rich history began more than a year ago. Upcoming events are listed on page 2 and additional information including event photos are online at: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/>

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR I-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 \$4M 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.”

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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.



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 Centre for East Asian Studies.

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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 ethnocentrisms, 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 seeming miracle of 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.

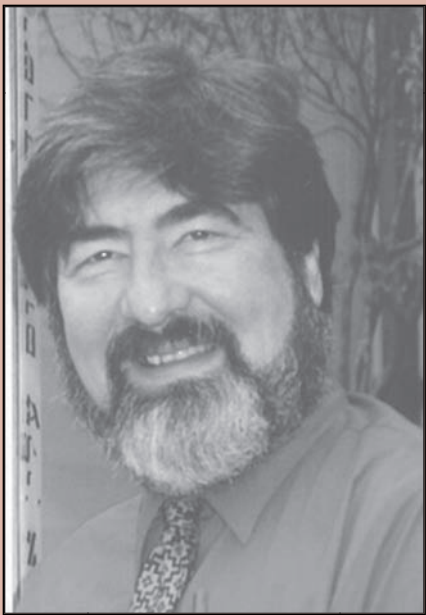
In spite of, or perhaps even because of wars, racism, religious and ideological conflicts, the encounters at International House among residents from very different cultural and political backgrounds have often produced dramatic and unexpected new friendships. Those, in turn, have frequently brought 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.

Joseph Lurie

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 Eifman 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) 843-3000, 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/>.

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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, Donna Rosenthal (IH 1968-70). Resident Julia Zamorska from Poland danced a rumba – the dance of love – with partner Ashish 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.



Four generations of the Beahrs family joined John and Virginia Oakley Beahrs (IH 1934-35) in celebrating their meeting at I-House 71 years ago! From left (seated): Carolyn Beahrs, John Beahrs, Erik Beahrs (on lap), Virginia Beahrs, Andrew Beahrs. From left (standing): Bill Beahrs, Michele Byrnes, Derek Byrnes, Elizabeth Windchy, Richard Beahrs. John, Virginia, Carolyn, Andrew, Michele, and Richard are all Cal alums.



Tanyan Nguyen Lim (IH 1968-69) discarded her anti-Chinese prejudice after a Chinese student helped her when she fell ill soon after arriving from Vietnam. That experience paved the way for another Chinese student, Benito Lim (IH 1966-70), to go “from enemy to husband!” The Lims have five sons, four of whom graduated from Cal – the fifth missed the application deadline and had to go to MIT.



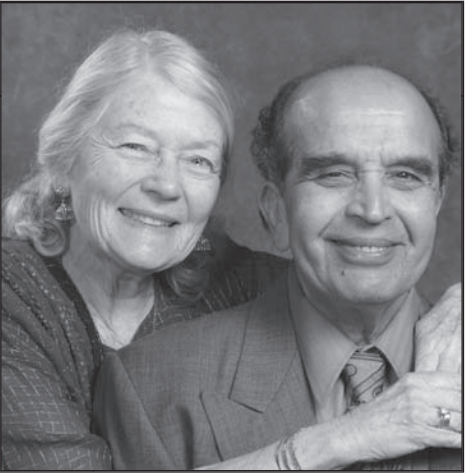
At lunch, Eugene Pekary (1965-69), saw “a lovely Philippina lady,” Jean Nicolas Pekary (IH1967-68), and almost dropped his tray. He knew she was the woman for him but had to admire her from afar until he managed to maneuver through the Dining Room line to be near her and offered an awkward hello. “It was the start of a beautiful relationship.”



Walter and Marianne Newkirk Kerl (IH 1943-44) celebrated the 61st anniversary of their very first date at the Valentine’s gathering. Their daughter Caroline Kerl (IH 1970-71) continued the family tradition by meeting her husband, Bill Lunch (IH 1969-70) at I-House.



Orville Golub (IH 1938-40) was standing by the fireplace in the Great Hall when “into the room walks tall and athletic” Ellina Marx (IH 1939) after returning from horseback riding. Cupid struck, leading to their marriage of 63 years (and counting!).



Helen Crane Desai (IH 1951) “saw a darling boy,” Raj Desai (IH 1951-53), at I-House and went on a “harmless” tennis date with him. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary last June.

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/>.

RICHARD GOLDMAN SPEAKS AT RESIDENT AND ALUMNI PROGRAM

International House alumnus, 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 alumnus 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 Peace Prize in 2004, becoming the first African woman to hold this distinction.

Among those attending were Goldman’s fellow alumni from the 1940s including George Ann Garms, Jane Hohfeld 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.



Mr. Goldman with residents. From left, Shenaya Tarapore (USA), Richard Goldman (IH 1941-42), Julia Zamorska (Poland) and Bao Bui (USA).

“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 1983, 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.

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT!



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/>



Dr. Helmer Aslaksen (IH 1982-85) celebrated the Year of the Rooster with the Master of Ceremonies Mandy (Fung Man) Leung who is a current resident from Hong Kong and Program Director Dr. Liliane Koziol.



GOLDEN AGE ALUMNI MEET RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, JR.



Front row from left: Peggy Grunland, Bob Brewer, Doralee Castello, Betsy Bacon, and (back row) Elliott Castello, Paul Grunland, Galen Fisher, and Rafael Rodriguez and his wife, Gerlinde Hoebel.

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 alumnus Rafael Rodriguez (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.”

Rafael, who plans to write a book about his father, was eager to hear stories from those who had known and loved him, especially since Rafael was only ten when his father died. Rafael senior was a biology professor and fine artist whose paintings, especially of orchids, were reproduced as postage stamps. Young Rafael was delighted to hear songs and poems that his father composed and to see pictures and mementos that friends have treasured for more than 50 years. Rafael and Gerlinde both have Ph. D.s in biology and are post-doctoral fellows at the University of Missouri, researching insect communication.

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 first 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 Stagg.



NAME THAT ROOM!
ALUMNI GIFTS SUPPORT
HOUSE

I-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 entwined 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 UC 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.

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.

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

Guestrooms are popular so reserve well in advance.

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 Ü, 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 Graduate Division, will also provide recipients with tuition, fees, and a stipend. The permanently endowed Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship will preferably support alumni of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, a school founded by Kwei’s uncle, I-House alumnus, Choh Ming Li. Kwei’s father was also an I-House alumnus.

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

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 Ü, “a magnificent way to open the doors to I-House and Cal 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 Koziol. 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).

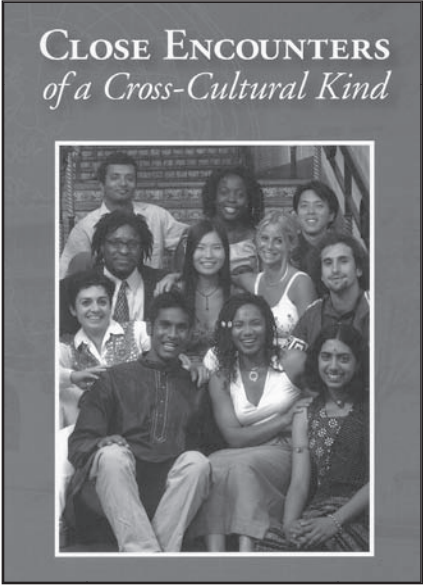
Harnessing technology to further the I-House mission is the basis of the fourth Campaign effort. “Over the course of our history, computer usage among residents has evolved from a specialized practice in the 1970s to completely ubiquitous today,” says Director Lurie. “And in providing residents computer 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 the 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.

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 alumni 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 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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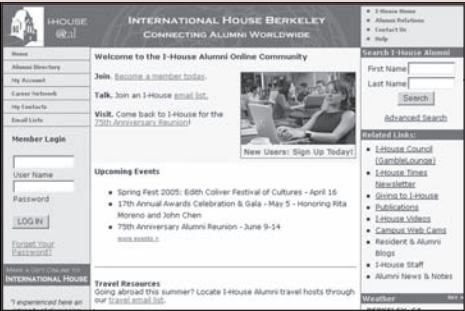
ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY IS LAUNCHED

I-House@cal launched in April. We invite all I-House alumni to register for 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/>



Some of the website features include:

- Update your personal contact info
- Upload your photo
- Join an email list
- Search either the Directory for a personal contact, or the Career Network for a professional contact
- Save other I-House@cal members’ contact information



Other new features will be noted in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

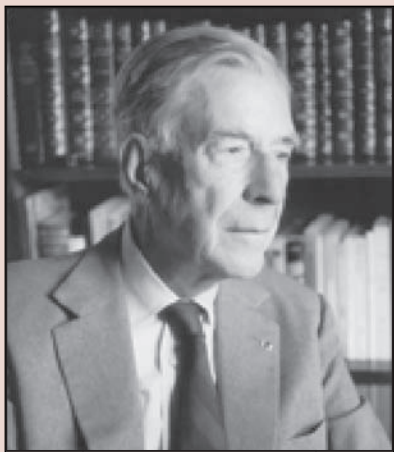
Have a question? Email us at ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu.

“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

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.

1930s



John Galbraith, prominent economist and author of more than 40 books writes, “I-House was a large step into another world. It was wonderful in every way: in architectural enjoyment, very welcome nutrition and, above all, in company... nothing has equaled International House in my memory.” The first authorized biography of Galbraith, *John Kenneth Galbraith: His Life, His Politics, His Economics*, was published in February.

Harriet Newgard Livingston cheered on the Bears with 40 other Old Blues who watched the Big Game and celebrated together at Baywood Court Retirement Center in Castro Valley, CA.



Alice Darling Lowe attended the Valentines 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 shepherded his last book, *Armand Guillaumin*, into print after his death.

Cleone Wetherbee Dye sends greetings to all Charter Members who lived in I-House with her in 1930, the year the House opened.

1940s

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 Elderhostel next June with Lesley Jones Alexander!”

Paul Bernier, who met his late wife at I-House in 1938, 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 I House was a most enlightening experience.”

Bernice Livingston Youtz writes, “I continue to be grateful for my two years at I-House more than fifty years ago. Even more, I appreciate all I-House continues to offer the global community.”

Robert Peck is living in Santa Fe NM in retirement from Los Alamos National Lab.

Elizabeth Evans Weston recalls her I-House experiences in poetry:

International House Vision

*My memories of I-House are still crystal clear.
Friends made in those years now live far & near.
We learned from each other
Like sister and brother
So our lives were entwined without fear!*

1950s

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

Gunnar Engen writes, “I very much enjoyed my stay at I-House where I met my future wife, **Maria Segaena**, a Fullbright Scholar from Spain.” He is retired from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics after 39 years, as Regional Commissioner.

Hisaki Hitomi is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at Utsunomiya 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 DC while her husband, Rich, served as Clinton’s number two person in U.S. Department of Agriculture. Rich is now on the UC Board of Regents as a representative of UC alumni so Evelyne is in the Bay Area often and stops by I-House.

Isaiah Zimmerman was awarded the Payant Award for Excellence in Judicial Education, at the National Judicial College of the American Bar Association in November. He is a partly retired psychologist and lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Susan.

Helen Honer Zuegg and **Heinrich (Enrico) Zuegg** have been living in Verona, Italy, for more than 40 years and are at Lake Garda during the summer. They have three children and six grandchildren and keep in touch with several 1950s alums including **Guido De Luca**, **Helen and Raj Desai**, **Carolyn and Don Honer**. Their daughter is a guide in Verona so if anyone needs a guide, the Zueggs can be reached c/o the I-House Alumni Office.

1960s

Spencer Bailey writes, “I visited I-House in Paris last summer. The program is different but the feeling is the same.”

Denny Gulick, Professor of Mathematics at University of Maryland, writes, “Great concept: sharing of cultural values under one splendid International House roof.”

Daniel Hoffman writes, “I retired in 2003 after teaching marine biology for 33 years at Bucknell University. My wife, Marcia, serves as Human Resource director at Bucknell.”

Margot Sachs Lansing is a partner in Sage Lansing, an executive search firm based in Newton, MA, serving colleges and universities nationwide.

Marius Mes and **Barbara Barham Mes** have spent half the years since their I-House days outside the U.S. but are now back on this side of the Atlantic with their three children and six grandchildren. Barb and Mari send greetings to I-House alumni ‘64-’66.

Lila de Araujo Rayol writes from Para, Brazil, “It is always a great feeling to receive news from I-House. I won’t be able to be there materially with you for Homecoming, since Brazil (the Amazon, where I live) is so far away but my heart and my mind will certainly be there and rejoicing at such a great moment.”

John Sharp writes from Arlington, MA, “**Sara Colegrove** and I met at I-House in 1963 mainly because we both had roommates from India. We have returned several times over the years and it always feels like coming home.”

Jerald Udinsky writes, “I-House is an unparalleled opportunity to meet people from other cultures, an opportunity that can change not only your viewpoint, but your entire life.” He is president of the Udinsky Group, business and labor appraisers, in Berkeley.

1970s

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s novel, *Mistress of Spices*, has been adapted for film. Production began in March in Oakland and release is scheduled for 2006.

Richard J. Grant Caldwell is the author of *The Dreamflax Cocoon* and *Gerkin’s Visions*.

Randall Huff is devoting his time to writing after 20 years of teaching literature and business communication. *The Revolutionary War Era: American Popular Culture Through History* was published in December.

Kathleen (Kay) McDonough is an assistant professor in the Communication Department at SUNY Fredonia. She teaches video production and produces historical documentaries.

Hidefumi Yamagami moved from the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi to Kinki University to pursue an academic career.

1980s

Susan Corvino Bradforth and **Steve Bradforth** are living in Pasadena where Steve is an associate professor at USC and Susan is Director of Advancement for Saint Mark’s School in Altadena. They have two daughters, Emma and Gwen. They meet often with I-House alumni, most recently in Vegas, and last summer in Scotland for **Hugh Tuffley’s** (IH1987-1988) wedding.

Jan Egeland has been in the news for his role as U.N. Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator following the tsunami in Indonesia. His office acts as “oil in the machinery,” ensuring that workers, transport, and supplies reach devastated areas.

Patricia Sue Forsyth writes, “Wish we had many more International Houses in the world. The understanding and friendships formed there are among the truest paths to peace.”

Farshid Moussavi writes, “The need for understanding and dialogue between peoples has never been greater than in today’s world. The stakes are high, and the costs of continued fear and misunderstanding are more excessive than ever. I thank you for the wonderful and eye-opening experience I had living there, and I wish we had many more I-Houses in the world. Those of us who lived there, our lives will never be the same. We can make a difference in this world by sharing our experiences with others and by spreading the message that all people are human, and beautiful in their own way.”

1990s

Brian Clark works for a small architecture firm in Maryland and lives in Washington with his wife, Michelle Sauve. He writes, “I am organizing a samba percussion group based at my capoeira school. I developed a passion for Brazilian music during my I-House years.”

Olrik Mühlbach writes from Germany, “In 1998, I had the pleasure of staying in I-House while studying in Berkeley. I am in a wheelchair and my first big journey abroad was such a success that I traveled from Australia to Cambodia all alone. Unfortunately, in 2003 I had to stay nearly five months in intensive care. After this experience, I took my law degree and wrote a book about survival.” *Survival - Überleben auf der Intensivstation* is available at www.amazon.de.

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 MSW 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.

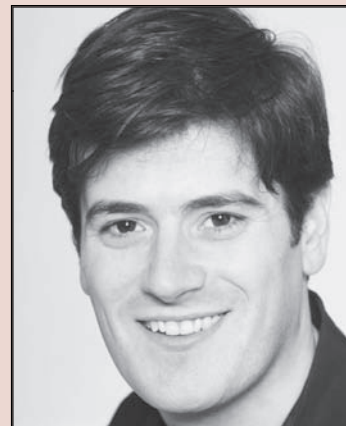
Mike Zingg writes, “It is always good to hear the latest news from the I-House. I fondly remember and cherish the friendships and the enriching discussions during my stay in ‘92-’93. Since 2000, I have been happily married to my wife, Ayako.” He is CFO of Hilti Japan, an international manufacturer of construction products.

2000s



Tshewang Dendup, shown above at graduation from Cal’s Journalism School, stars in *Travelers and Magicians*, the first feature film to be photographed in the tiny Himalayan country of Bhutan. With spectacular scenery as the backdrop, the film explores the dilemma of the appeal of the glamour of Western culture versus respect for traditional ways.

Jochen Kunzel graduated from the European School of Management and, after trips to Russia and the United Arab Emirates, is now a Financial Analyst at Morgan Stanley in Frankfurt, Germany.



If you’re in New York, catch **Sean Murphy** (above) doing stand-up comedy at clubs including The Underground Lounge, Yello, and the Teabag Open Mic. He explores the personal and political, specializing in impersonations of persons famous and obscure. Contact him at seanwardmurphy@gmail.com to find out where he is performing.

Victor Santiago Pineda is a disability activist, award-winning film producer, and president of 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 summer, 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.”

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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.

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