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## THE KRESGE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

*I-House stretches to meet the demands of the future with \$10M Goal*

In the largest foundation grant in the history of International House, Berkeley, the Kresge Foundation has awarded a half-million dollar challenge grant contingent on the House securing \$1.5 million between April and December 2006. If successful, the House will have reached a cumulative \$10M goal in its record-breaking 75th Anniversary Campaign that began in January 2003.

Nearly 2,000 alumni and friends have contributed to-date, with gifts, pledges, and planned gifts totaling \$8M so far towards the aims of the 75th Anniversary Campaign. These four aims are: preserving and protecting the I-House building, establishing scholarships for students with financial need, endowing intercultural programs, and supporting technological resources to link alumni and friends worldwide in service to the House's mission.

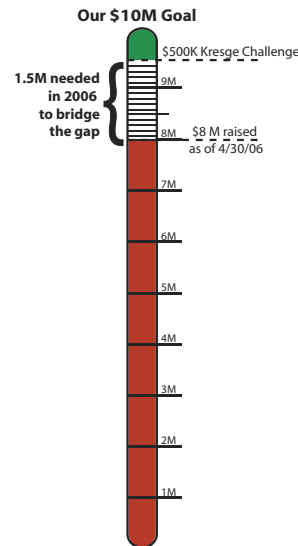
The Kresge Foundation operates nationally and seeks to strengthen nonprofit organizations by catalyzing growth, connecting institutions to stakeholders, and challenging greater support through their grant-making program. As an "all or nothing" challenge, International House will be unable to claim any portion of the Kresge Foundation award unless it succeeds in reaching its fundraising target.

Although the initial public goal for the 75th Anniversary Campaign was publicly declared in 2005 at \$7.5M, a \$10M revised goal was established in 2006 by Campaign Leaders who realized that crucial infrastructure improvement costs planned over eight years would face inflationary



Alumni and friends toast the 75th Anniversary of International House

pressures. In addition, gifts to that point included several pledged bequests which will seed future resources for the House, but not guarantee funds on-hand to complete the urgent facility upgrades.



The current \$10M goal includes \$6M for the building, \$2.9M in scholarships, \$500K for programs, and \$600K for technology resources.

"This was definitely the most thorough grant request process I've been through in more than ten years of

experience," said Alumni Relations Director Shanti Corrigan who, together with colleagues, worked on the original application and follow-up correspondence over five months. "What is

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## PROGRAM OFFICE NAMED FOR ARUN & RUMMI SARIN

The always-busy Program Office of International House has acquired a new name courtesy of a generous "birthday gift" from I-House couple Rummi and Arun Sarin, who met at a Program Office sponsored welcome event for residents in the fall of 1975.

The newly-named Sarin Program Office will continue providing more than one hundred rich intercultural programs serving residents, campus members, and the community-at-large, while International House will benefit from urgent upgrades this generous quarter-of-a-million dollar gift will make possible.

"I would have breakfast with somebody from Israel and lunch with somebody from Latin America and dinner with somebody from Nebraska," recalls Arun of his days under the dome. "That experience was hugely beneficial to my development." Today, Mr. Sarin is CEO of Vodafone, one of the world's largest global communications firms.

Mrs. Sarin is a former International House Board member and both Arun and Rummi have, since 2004, served graciously as Vice-Chairs of the 75th Anniversary Campaign. An early international celebration of the House's Anniversary took place in London in June 2004 when Arun addressed more



I-House alumni Arun and Rummi Sarin, pictured at a June, 2004 celebration in London for I-House's 75th Anniversary.

than 100 alumni and friends who gathered to enjoy his remarks along with champagne and birthday cake.

A plaque commemorates this generous gift and proclaims:

*Named in recognition of Arun and Rummi A. Sarin, who met during the first Social Hour for new residents coordinated by the Program Office in 1975. Originally from India, they married in 1980 and have since continued to advance the ideals of International House while traveling the globe: providing bold leadership in wireless mobile technologies to facilitate communication worldwide, and as engaged and generous philanthropists dedicated to a more tolerant and peaceful world.*

## OGATA TO SPEAK AT TOKYO EVENT



Sadako Ogata, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Sadako Nakamura Ogata, Former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and International House alumna from 1956-57, will be the guest speaker at a special 75th Anniversary reunion dinner in Tokyo on June 16.

The dinner, to be held at the Tokyo American Club, coincides with a meeting of the UC Berkeley Japan Alumni Association. Joe Lurie, Shanti Corrigan, and several Board members plan to travel from Berkeley to welcome guests.

For more information, call (510) 642-4128 or visit our website <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni>.

## FESTIVE GALA HONORS I-HOUSE 75TH

Nearly three hundred guests including dozens of alumni and current residents assembled on May 9, 2006, for the eighteenth annual International House Celebration and Awards Gala. Professor Steven C. Rockefeller, noted environmentalist and grandson of International House founder John D. Rockefeller, Jr., keynoted the event, which recognized the culmination of the 75th academic year of I-House operations and the world-wide celebrations and campaign taking place in conjunction with this milestone.



Steven C. Rockefeller provided the keynote

The Vice-President of the I-House Board, Cal alumna Martha Sam Hertelendy, was honored as *International House Global Citizen of the Year 2006* for her dedicated service to international organizations throughout the Bay Area. Musical and



Martha Hertelendy is Global Citizen of the Year

dance performances by residents and a delicious menu by Narsai David rounded out the night. The Emmy-award-winning Oakland Interfaith Gospel

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## VOICES AND VISIONS OF HOPE

I often suggest that I-House is more important and relevant today than it was when it opened in 1930. Although many people protested the opening of a gender and race-integrated residential center at the beginning of I-House history, today it seems the voice of religious and political polarization has reached a fever pitch around us. Never in my lifetime have I seen so much intolerant shouting among world leaders and on talk radio and cable television. All of this reminds me of an old Native American proverb: "Listen or thy tongue will keep thee deaf!"

Yet while intolerant words are spoken around us, and while many refer to a "clash of civilizations," I-House remains a beacon of hope for constructive dialogue and understanding. Although our residents come from vastly different backgrounds and come with preconceived notions about those whom they call "foreigners," here they are able to meet each other as individuals, building friendships and tearing down stereotypes. Every day at I-House I see students of every color, creed and nationality talking, laughing, singing, discussing—engaging in the kinds of dialogue that truly open minds and build a foundation for the peaceful discourse that our world so desperately needs.

No issue is off limits for these young people. The I-House Debate Club recently explored the difficult questions surrounding the Danish cartoon controversy in a civilized panel discussion (see story on page 3). Voices that would normally be divided on opposite sides or never even heard were able to interact, share perspectives and learn from each other. Elsewhere, news stories are reported from a singular viewpoint, which isolates the audience and prevents a deeper understanding. But I-House enables its community to view headlines and perspectives from over one hundred newspapers from around the world. (see story on page 5).

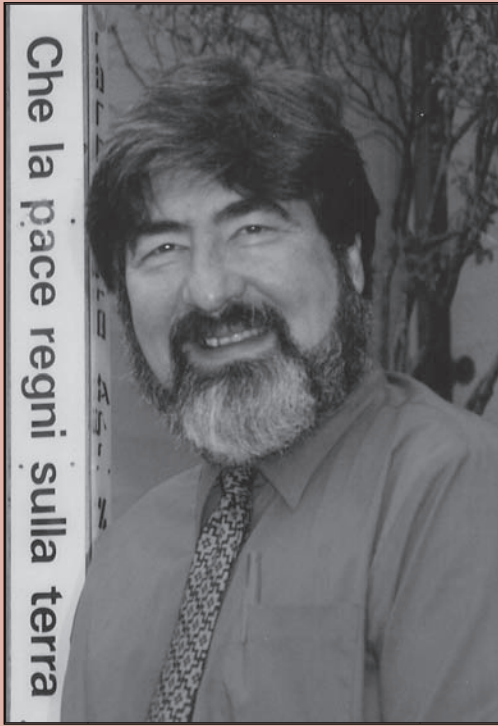
Our I-House and similar institutions around the world remain the relatively few special places on the planet where an extended common living and learning experience enables people to discover their shared humanity and in the process to shed their prejudices and expand their fields of vision and understanding.

When I see residents of the House from dramatically different backgrounds enjoying each other, discovering new ways of thinking, new forms of music, dance, and philosophy, I am reminded of why our institution is so important, especially as many of these young people will become leaders who will carry and convey the I-House spirit wherever they go.

That spirit is now expressed in a new publication, *A Vision of Hope*, which reflects on the great tragedies of 9/11 and reminds us of the dangers of profiling and stereotyping, all the while offering paths for better understanding in the future (see story on page 3). The essays in the new publication, some written by I-House students and alumni, recall a striking phrase from the film *Focus*, based on the short story by Arthur Miller: "When you look at me, do you really see me?"

As we celebrate three quarters of a century of positive interaction among residents from around the world, I thank all of you who have contributed to these often life-transforming interactions. And, as we commit ourselves with renewed vigor to supporting this great institution, we are not only making a commitment to the future of I-House, we are making a commitment to a better world, a world in which talking can give way to listening, looking becomes seeing, and we celebrate rather than fear our differences.

For the long term health of I-House, its physical infrastructure, its future residents, the cross-cultural education it provides and the many constituencies it serves, I hope that all who hold I-House dear will help me to embrace the challenge offered by the Kresge Foundation (see story on page 1). Already over 1,900 alumni and friends have shown their support by contributing to our 75th Anniversary Campaign. Many have embraced the opportunity to leave a permanent impression on the house by naming a resident room or having a message inscribed on a brick on the café patio. I thank all of you who have already invested so generously in the future of I-House and, on behalf of our community, I express our appreciation in advance to all of you who will join us to meet the Kresge Foundation Challenge, helping to ensure that the voices of hope, understanding and tolerance will always speak freely within and beyond these walls.



*Joseph Lume*

## GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

### MILLIGAN BEQUEST SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

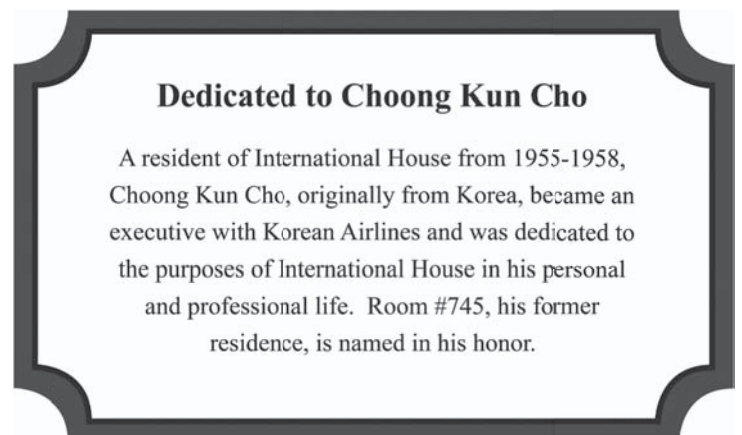
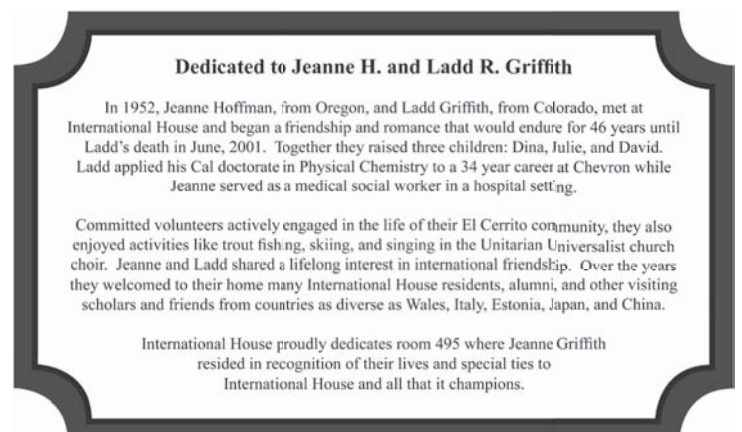
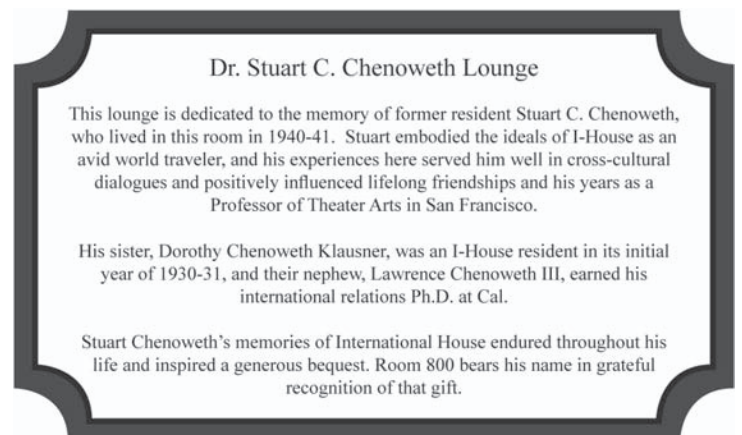
William J. Milligan was a resident of International House in 1947-1949 during the "Golden Age" era of the House. A citizen of Denmark, Mr. Milligan was born in Mexico to an Irish father and Danish mother, and came to UC Berkeley to pursue his undergraduate degree in Business. At Cal, he continued his friendship with a young woman who was a longtime family friend, and she, a student of International Relations, soon thereafter became his bride. In their 54 years together as husband and wife, Florrie and Bill traveled widely and demonstrated life-long support for the purposes of International House in advancing cross-cultural understanding for a more tolerant and peaceful world. Their generous \$250,000 bequest provides annual scholarship support for I-House residents with demonstrated financial need and awards are made at the discretion of the Financial Aid Committee of the Board of Directors. Many former residents of I-House may remember Bill also from his furniture store, Fraser's, which operated for years on Telegraph Avenue, and featured contemporary home furnishings in the Danish modern tradition.



Bill Milligan as an undergraduate

### RESIDENT ROOMS DEDICATED THROUGH 75TH ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

The room-naming program initiated for the 75th Anniversary Campaign provides the opportunity to dedicate resident rooms in celebration of one's own I-House experiences or in memory of loved ones. More than 20 alumni and friends of International House have already taken advantage of this opportunity to leave a tangible and very personal mark on the House. The three plaques below are just the beginning!



### KRESGE CHALLENGE

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most exciting is the vote of confidence the Kresge Challenge represents, and the way this enables us to reach out to new supporters to highlight new giving opportunities like the resident room naming and brick projects, and also how these projects leverage Kresge's support. With luck, this will help propel us to our goal and make sure the House's work continues for another 75 years and beyond."

Demonstrating the capacity to engage new supporters in innovative ways and to seed more long term self-sufficiency within an organization is a key consideration of The Kresge Foundation when evaluating applicants for challenge awards.

Alumni and friends can track campaign progress, monitor past and upcoming Anniversary events, or contribute towards meeting the Kresge Challenge online at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni).







## DEBATE CLUB TACKLES HOT TOPICS

By Brighten Godfrey, current resident

Changing minds and hearts is an ambitious goal for a 90-minute debate, but I-House is the perfect place to plant a seed of better understanding. In February, newspapers in Spain, France, Germany, and Italy reprinted the now-infamous cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed that were originally published by the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* in September 2005. This was only the beginning of a storm of unrest that clouded the following weeks.

At the same time, we began a new semester at UC Berkeley, the eighth for the International House Debate Club. Founded by I-House residents Ziad Nakat of Lebanon and Daniel Benoliel of Israel in fall 2002, the club holds several debates each semester.

The topic of the Mohammed cartoons was a perfect fit for the Debate Club's goals, although giving it proper treatment presented a challenge. Rather than a single issue with two clear-cut sides, the cartoons were a powder keg which revealed multiple tensions and conflicting goals, such as the desire to protect free speech, European Muslims' feeling of oppression, the status of immigrants in Europe, stereotypes, and political opportunism.

Fortunately, this diversity was matched by the unusual enthusiasm of a large group of residents eager to present their perspectives. On February 22, the Debate Club held a discussion with panelists from



Discussions initiated by the Debate Club explored as many viewpoints as there were speakers. Participants include (seated, from left) Saeed Rid (Pakistan), Brighten Godfrey (USA) and (standing, from left); Zofia Rybkowski (Hong Kong/USA), Nazanin Shahrokni (Iran); Kasandra Behrnot-Eriksen (Denmark), Mohamed Daoudi (Morocco), Marc Gersen (USA), Laura Smith (USA), and Sanjay Kidambi (India)

Pakistan, the United States, Iran, Morocco, and Denmark. There were as many viewpoints as speakers, addressing whether the Western world has applied double standards in its treatment of Islam, what level of offense is a reasonable price to pay to ensure freedom of speech, lingering issues of European colonialism, and more.

Although more than 70 residents attended, perhaps the larger impact came after the event ended. Panelist Kasandra Behrnot-Eriksen, a visiting scholar in political science from Denmark, wrote, "I think the greatest contribution from participating in the Debate Club, apart from the experience in itself, was the fact that the debate diffused into the I-House. It was not only to be found in a little room or between the selected few, but after the debate, found its way into the Dining Room, into the café, into the Great Hall. All of a sudden, the topic was to be found on the tip of everyone's tongue."

And Rotary Peace Scholar Saeed Rid recalled the comments of a French resident: "He asked me, are you going back to Pakistan at the end of this semester? I said yes. He wish me the best of luck for changing the thinking of people there. He also told me he will go back and do the same in France. I think this is the real spirit your debate gave to the residents to strive for removing the stereotypes and work for the better world and to do our part."

## ALUMNI WELCOME I-HOUSE RESIDENTS AT GOOGLE HEADQUARTERS



I-House residents enjoyed a visit to Google headquarters hosted by I-House alumni.

I-House residents were treated to a visit to Google headquarters in Mountain View thanks to I-House alumna and Board member, Kristin Berdan Weissman. "The exciting and energetic atmosphere surprised me," says Alberto Di Minin, a PhD Candidate in City and Regional Planning from Italy. We were introduced on a privileged tour to one of the most interesting company's headquarters by a group of affable alumni."

Highlights included a "behind the scenes" tour, a discussion with an international recruiter about world-wide job opportunities with Google, and a panel discussion featuring I-House alumni who work at Google. Among I-House alumni at Google are Eric Schmidt (IH 1976-80), Chairman and CEO; Kristin Weissman (IH 1989-90), Senior Corporate Counsel; Gurmeet Manku (IH 1995-1997), Infrastructure team; Doug Banks (IH 1993-95), Google Print; Lisa McIntire (IH 2003), AdWords; and Katie Wurtz (IH 1986-88), Google.org team.

## VISION OF HOPE BOOK PROFILES ALUMNI AND RESIDENT REACTIONS TO 9/11

Ten writers share their stories in *A Vision of Hope: Addressing Prejudice and Stereotyping in the Wake of 9/11*. Among the writers are two International House alumni, Sarah Williams (IH 1991) and Vandana Kapur (IH 2004), and two current residents, Caroline LeFeber from Wisconsin and Aurelio Perez, originally from Nicaragua and raised in Ohio. Firoozeh Dumas (IH 1986-87), the book's editor and author of *Funny in Farsi: Growing Up Iranian in America*, describes the authors: "They are ten individuals, each with a story, each with a vision of hope. They have chosen to share their stories in hopes that we can all somehow learn from one another."

In one of the essays, an anonymous Nigerian doctor describes a terrifying attack that left his five companions dead:

*I learned that religious intolerance is dangerous and we cannot afford it.... I learned that humans possess both good and bad ideals, and that a terrible fight goes on inside everyone – a fight between two wolves. One is evil and represents hate, anger, arrogance, criticism and intolerance. The other is good and represents peace making, love, tolerance, understanding, humility, empathy and compassion. Which wolf wins is the one you feed.*

Aurelio Perez, a current I-House resident, writes:

*September 11th didn't make me feel like an American, it made me feel like a person, not a citizen of the United States, but a member of humanity. Yet for all this consequent solidarity that many of us felt, September 11th helped me to acknowledge the multiplicity of racial, religious, national, cultural heritages that define us, heritages often masqueraded and reduced through the negative rhetoric of difference. I became aware of many of the challenges in the world today, challenges we must face not in spite of but precisely because of their difficulty.*

Perez goes on to describe his experiences at I-House:

*Life is not perfect at International House; we all come here with our prejudices and biases. To leave them behind would be impossible. Still, the challenges we encounter and collectively surmount serve as a testament to both the necessity of cultural exchange and the progress that is possible in the world.*



Vision of Hope authors are announced at I-House. Front row, from left: Karen Erlichman, Vandana Kapur and Caroline LeFeber. Back row from left: Sam Keninger, Mansheel Singh, Janet Dollacker, Aurelio Perez, Peter J. Robertson (Vice Chairman, Chevron), Liliane Koziol (Vision of Hope Project Director, I-House Director of Programs) and Mark Massoud.

The ten essays were selected in an essay contest funded by a grant from the Chevron in an effort to promote greater understanding. The review committee included alumna Firoozeh Dumas and Betsey Warrick, wife of former I-House Director W. Sheridan Warrick. Liliane Koziol, I-House Program Director, oversaw the entire project from promotion to implementation.

*A Vision of Hope* is available for \$10. Ordering details are included on the RSVP form on page 7.

## EDITH COLIVER FESTIVAL OF CULTURES



Dance and musical performances, global cuisine, consular booths, an international fashion show, and crafts from around the world were among the highlights of the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures on April 22. More than 3,000 residents, alumni, and visitors attended the event which is held on Cal Day every year. The festival tradition originated in the 1930s at I-House and, thanks to a generous endowment from the estate of Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43), the tradition continues to celebrate the cultures of the world.

## DEAN EDLEY SPEAKS AT SUNDAY SUPPER



Christopher Edley, Jr., Dean of UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, spoke at Sunday Supper in February about race in America. Sunday Suppers, a tradition initiated by I-House founder Harry Edmonds in 1910, is the oldest tradition of the House.

## 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.



## NEW ALUMNI WEB PAGES

We are pleased to announce an updated alumni section of the public I-House Website, <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni>. The new section features *Notable Alumni*, an I-House Store where you can purchase books, T-shirts, caps and more to show your I-House spirit, 75th Anniversary Campaign naming opportunities and a news section that highlights programs and events.



From the alumni section there are links to the secure *I-House@cal* portal where you can:

- Search the Directory for I-House alumni
- Search the Career Network for professional contacts
- Chat and blog at the @cal Café social networking site
- Upload a picture to your directory profile
- Post and read messages on the Community and Travel Email Lists "Your I-House Friends: Passports to the World"

To join *I-House@cal* you must be a current or former resident of International House Berkeley.

To register for *I-House@cal*, go to: <http://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 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).

## MELBOURNE AND SINGAPORE ALUMNI CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

International House alumni gathered for a luncheon at International House Melbourne in January. Robin Sharwood (IH 1955-56) showed slides and read passages from his diary in a moving presentation, *An Australian at I-House 50 Years Ago*. His memories of trips to the wine country and friendships that still endure struck familiar chords with alumni who share similar experiences. Sharwood is a Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne, Former Warden of Trinity College, and Member of The Order of Australia. Executive Director Joe Lurie shared stories of I-House in his presentation, *Cultural Influences on Perception*.



Alumni attending the Melbourne event include (from left) Angela Dennis (IH 2002), Andrew Knight (2003), Ines Lareo (1999-00), Anais d'Arville (2002), and Tricia Henry (IH 1960).



The Melbourne gathering brought back fond memories for Mel Forbes (IH 1969-70) and Valerie Lank Forbes (IH 1969-70).

In Singapore, Helmer Aslaksen (IH 1982-85) delighted the audience with his humorous insights in *The Dating Game: A Quick Tour of the Four Calendars of Singapore*, discussing the relationship of math to astronomy and art. Aslaksen, who is originally from Norway, is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the National University of Singapore.



From left, Martha Hertelendy (IH Board), Helmer Aslaksen (1982-85), Ali Haliman (IH 1978-79) who flew in from Indonesia, and Michele Ü who traveled from the Bay Area with her husband Kwei Ü (IH 1961-65 and IH Board) in Singapore.



Theresa Ng Fung (IH 1978-80) and Jay Fung (IH 1977-80) in Singapore.

## 1970S REUNION: LOST SHEEP—FOUND!

By Ken Shushkewich, I-House 1974-75

Thirty years ago, Ken Shushkewich, Roberto Figueroa, Luke Cheng, Myron Okubo and Henrique Koza enrolled at Cal in the master's program in structural engineering. The five of us lived at I-House beginning in fall, 1974. Upon graduation, we went our separate and successful ways. While most kept in touch, Roberto was lost. For as much as the group tried, no one had a clue as to what happened to him. After much searching, Shanti Corrigan, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, located a current email address. After all this time, we found Roberto! The group reunited for a memorable 30-year reunion at I-House in October. We agreed that were it not for I-House's luck with finding Roberto, this reunion might not have taken place.

Please keep your contact information including your email address up-to-date by filling out the *RSVP panel, page 7*.

## ALISON DUNDES RENTELN SPEAKS AT LODESTAR

More than 230 alumni and residents gathered in March for a dinner program with guest speaker and alumna, Professor Alison Dundes Renteln, Professor of Political Science and Anthropology and Director of the Unruh Institute of Politics at USC.

Her talk on *Law in a Multicultural World: The Right to Culture as a Human Right* explored questions of interest to alumni and residents alike. Should immigrants be expected to discard their traditions, even though the right to culture is a basic human right? Should symbols of religious identity like headscarves be allowed in public schools? How should the law handle traditions like child marriage and honor killing? While cross-cultural understanding is crucial, should our legal system allow culture in the courtroom in cases in which customs clash with the law?

Professor Renteln, an authority on cultural rights, is author of *The Cultural Defense* (Oxford, 2004), the first comprehensive analysis of cultural conflicts in the courtroom. She received her J.D. from USC and Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from Boalt Hall. Renteln is the daughter of the late Alan Dundes, professor of anthropology and folklore at Cal where he taught for over 40 years.

Lodestar programs in the fall and spring are a popular time to return to the House, share dinner with residents, and enjoy an engaging presentation. If you wish to be included on the invitation list, please check off the Lodestar item on the RSVP panel on page 7.



Professor Alison Dundes Renteln

## WEISSMAN JOINS I-HOUSE BOARD

Kristin Berdan Weissman was elected to the I-House Board of Directors at its March meeting. Ms. Weissman, who lived in I-House from 1989-1990, is a Senior Corporate Counsel at Google with primary responsibility for supporting its Operations Group as well as the company's open source software development efforts. She advises management on technology development and internet infrastructure legal issues. Prior to joining Google, she was an attorney at Sun Microsystems and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.



Kristin Berdan Weissman

After receiving a bachelor's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from UC Berkeley, Ms. Weissman earned her law degree at UC Davis. She lives in Berkeley with her husband Shmuel Weissman (IH 1986-90) and their daughter.

Residents enjoyed a trip to Google headquarters in the fall that was arranged by Ms. Weissman (see page 3).

## 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.

## ELDERHOSTEL 2006

International House will host two week-long Elderhostel Programs in June. Participating in these programs is a great way to visit the campus while enjoying lectures and other activities.

### A FEAST OF EARLY MUSIC, 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.

### CHALLENGES & 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. A day trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium is included.

To register, call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org). For more information, visit our website at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu> and click on Elderhostel. A program fee of \$675 covers lectures, accommodations, meals, and activities (including concerts and the Monterey trip).



## REMEMBERING CHARLIE CLAPP

Dr. Charles Clapp, who worked in Washington DC for nearly four decades, died February 13, 2006, at the age of 83. Over the years, he earned a reputation for building ties on both sides of the political aisle and made a point of attending the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

Dr. Clapp lived in I-House from 1949-51 during his graduate studies in political science and later served as assistant director of the House. I-House alumna Joan Williams Hoover remembers Charlie, as he was known to his friends, as a "friend and mentor to many of us at International House during the Golden Age."

After leaving I-House, Dr. Clapp served as an aide to Senators Leverett Saltonstall, a Republican, and John F. Kennedy, a Democrat. As special assistant to President Nixon from 1969 to 1974, he managed 17 presidential task forces on such issues as highway safety, pollution, aging, small business, and science. He was a White House liaison with several agencies and was responsible for finding more roles for women in government, a job he did, as one staff member recalled, "quietly and in the background," yet with great conscientiousness. He later served as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Postal Rates Commission.

While at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Dr. Clapp wrote *The Congressman: His Work as He Sees It*, a textbook study of the inner workings of Congress.

Friends recall his aversion to driving, a trait that was unusual for a man who ran landing barges at the battle of Okinawa.

Dr. Clapp took on the responsibility of raising his two nephews, Nathan and Elliot Clapp, after the deaths of his brother and sister-in-law. Nathan accompanied him on his final trip west to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of International House.

Seeing old friends at the 75th Anniversary Sunday Supper last June was a source of great pleasure for Dr. Clapp. During his stay, he also met the first recipient of the Charles L. Clapp Scholarship, Jaroslav Koudela from the Czech Republic, an MBA student. Jaroslav is at I-House this year thanks to Dr. Clapp's generosity and is the first of many who will benefit from the Charles L. Clapp Scholarship at International House.



Dr. Charles Clapp

## HUDSON COMMEMORATES LIVES DEDICATED TO INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

Darril Hudson grew up in the Bay Area, attended Cal, and now resides in San Francisco yet he is at home all over the world. After living at I-House from 1950-54, he went to London to pursue a doctorate in International Relations at the London School of Economics. From there, he began a career and a life defined by service to intercultural understanding and tolerance.

While in London, Mr. Hudson met Peter Boesch, a German hotelier who had fled the former East Germany as a child. The two shared a love of theater, music, art, and travel. They became life companions and shared nearly 33 years together. Mr. Boesch's hospitality career took them from London to Paris, Frankfurt, and San Francisco. Mr. Hudson's work in international relations led to professorships in the Bay Area and Germany.

These two internationally-minded people, who embody the spirit of I-House, will become a permanent part of the House's legacy. In memory of Peter Boesch, who passed away in 1995, Darril Hudson has made a \$100,000 donation to our 75th Anniversary Campaign.



Alumnus Darril Hudson attended a Sunday Supper on Feb. 5 and was hosted by I-House resident Andreas Schmidt from Germany.

In recognition of this generous gift, the central patio terrace will be renamed the Peter Boesch and Darril Hudson Terrace. A dedication will be held in the fall and a plaque installed with the following text:

*Peter Boesch and Darril Hudson Terrace  
Darril Hudson, Resident 1950-54, Met  
Peter Boesch, a German Hotelier, In London  
On the Autumnal Equinox 1962.  
Henceforth they shared the voyage of life  
Through the five continents  
And across the seven seas.*

## FESTIVE GALA

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Choir provided a rousing grand finale for the event, which was hosted by Peter Robertson and the 75th Anniversary Campaign Leadership Committee. The evening was anticipated to secure \$100,000 towards the 75th Anniversary Campaign and The Kresge Challenge.

Martha Sam Hertelendy's commitment to and involvement in global issues has spanned three decades. Vice-President of the Board of International House and Chair of the Executive Committee, she has served on the Board since 1997. Executive Director Joe Lurie notes, "Martha is passionately committed to building bridges of international understanding and we are grateful for her service to International House." Raised in Peru of Chinese Peruvian ancestry, she is fluent in Spanish, Cantonese, and French and holds a graduate degree in Education for Developing Countries. Having received a Congressional Certificate of Recognition for her multifaceted service work, her leadership roles have included President of the GRAMP Foundation, Vice-President of the Global Village Foundation, Vice-Chair of the World Affairs Council, Commissioner to the Asian Art Museum, and Board member of the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy and the Stanford Archaeology Center, among others.

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## THE WORLD'S HEADLINES AT I-HOUSE



Front pages of newspapers from around the world are now displayed on three large monitors in the café.

Today's front pages from as many as 150 newspapers are now on display in the I-House Café thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor. Viewers scan the world's headlines on three large monitors, each switching to another newspaper every minute. The front pages are downloaded daily from [www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org).

Commonly heard reactions are "cool" and "brilliant" as viewers notice the variety of news and headlines that use vastly different language to describe the same event – "peaceful protesters" in one newspaper are an "angry mob" in another. Executive Director Joe Lurie says, "This is a terrific new way to experience how the world sees the world. Credit goes to Hellmut Meister, our Manager of Information Systems, and his student assistant, Matthew Kocher for making this dream a reality."

## LASTING IMPRESSIONS

International House is grateful to the 147 donors who to-date have contributed \$500 or more to support the House through its "Buy a Brick" Program. Every brick is inscribed with the donor's personal message and ensures the preservation of the House through support for the 75th Anniversary Campaign. Inscribed bricks will be placed in the north patio outside the International House Café beginning in this summer with bricks added as needed. These are just a few of the brick inscriptions received to date:

An Oasis of Hope for World Peace, Justice Hugh & Maxine Macbeth	I Met My Valentine At I-House 1966 Colleen & Fuad Kader	Hooray For Breakfast In October 1958 Pat and Ken Taylor
Broad Minds Create Vast Possibilities Paresh Maniar, 1970s	To Sherry & Betsey Warrick "Thank You" Marna Feldt 1963-66	To Honor My Friends Meg, Takeru & Tani Neil Hamilton 1975
Enjoy This Unique Time In Your Life At I-House. We Did.	In Honor Of Stine, Kevin, Elena-World Citizens	In Loving Memory of Mairit Nordenstreng-Wolf, from David

To buy a brick with a contribution of \$500 or more, 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 also available at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/giving>.

## RARE BUDDHA RELICS DISPLAYED AT I-HOUSE



A collection of sacred relics of the Buddha and other Buddhist masters was displayed at I-House in March. Relics are pearl-like crystals found among the cremation ashes that are said to embody the spiritual qualities of compassion and wisdom. Some visitors experienced feelings of inspiration and healing while others were inspired to pray for world peace. The relics will be enshrined in a golden statue of Maitreya Buddha in northern India after the tour. For more information on the Maitreya Project and Relic Tour visit <http://www.maitreya-project.org>.



## 1930s

**Beverly Pracy Hosmon** writes, "I remember my year at I House fondly, 1939-40. Can't believe it is time for the 75th anniversary."



Congratulations to **Tito and Margaret de Longpre Moruza** who celebrated their 65th Anniversary in March.



**Frances Burks Newman** (left) shared a moment with speaker **Alison Dundes Renteln** at the Lodestar program in March (see page 4). Her late husband, **Prof. Frank Newman**, was Alison's international law mentor at Boalt and an inspirational teacher for a generation of international human rights attorneys.

## 1940s

**Daniel Evans** is one of three former governors to call I-House home. He was the popular three-term governor of Washington from 1965 to 1977 and U.S. senator from 1983 to 1989. Other governors are **Jerry Brown** (California 1975 to 1983) and **Pete Wilson** (California 1991 to 1999).

For more information about our notable alumni, please visit our new webpage at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable). We welcome your feedback at [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu).

**Rebecca Hayden** notes that alumni **Hal Gilliam**, **Jean Heying Rusmore**, **Martin Rosen** and **Richard Goldman** are all profiled in a new book, *Legacy: Portraits of 50 Bay Area Environmental Elders*, which celebrates the lives of environmental leaders.

**Henry and Lou Ann Moynihan Hellmers** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. "We met in September 1941, at a Friday night dance and then took a bike ride through Golden Gate Park on Labor Day 1941, and married in Berkeley in 1945."

**Marion Zehnder Jarrett** retired from nursing in June at the Senior Center in Cupertino after 25 years and was honored with the Crest Award for volunteer service. Jarrett, who also volunteered for 50 years with the Red Cross, is "still working as a Stephens Minister with my church – it keeps me busy!"



**Karl Pister** was honored at the April Charter Gala as Cal's 2006 Alumnus of the Year. Chancellor Birgeneau, one of the ten chancellors Pister has served, says "Teaching, researching, and service define Karl Pister." Pister, who has served as Professor of Civil Engineering at

Cal, Dean of the College of Engineering, and Chancellor of UC Santa Cruz, lived at I-House during the Callaghan Hall era, when the Navy rented the House during the second World War.

**Richard Rowson** recalls, "I took up residence at I-House – then called Callaghan Hall – over 60 years ago in Naval V-12 and have followed an international career ever since, currently as President of the Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), established in 2000 in Warsaw, Poland, at a conference of 107 nations' foreign ministers."

**Ed Safarian** received his country's highest honor for lifetime achievement – appointment to the Order of Canada. An internationally renowned economist, teacher and researcher, Safarian has made major contributions to the understanding of foreign direct investment and international trade and had significant impact on public policy in Canada. He is Professor Emeritus of Business Economics at the University of Toronto.

**Irving Tragen** reports that the first annual **Eleanor Dodson Tragen** Award will be awarded to the outstanding Foreign Service spouse of the year by the Department of State, the DACOR-Bacon House (the Association of Retired State Department and Foreign Service Officers), and the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide. He looks forward to attending the ceremony in December. Tragen and his late wife enjoyed a 50-year career with the Department of State and Organization of American States.

## 1950s

**Paul and Harriet-Ann Coates Azari** are busy with their "Froodles" business and family manufacturing company, AZARI Fruit Products. Paul's forty years as a biochemistry professor at Colorado State University and his knowledge of nutrition helped create this fruit snack made from fresh, whole fruit. Ordering info is at [www.froodles.com](http://www.froodles.com).

**W. Harold Clough** writes, "I spent some of the happiest and most interesting days of my life at International House." Clough played a pioneering role in building modern Australia-Asia relationships as the former chairman of Clough, a leading engineering and construction business in Western Australia with projects in ten countries.

**Mason Gaffney**, who married **Estelle Lau** in I-House in 1952, writes, "My marriage was only possible because in 1948 the California Supreme Court declared the state's prohibition of interracial marriages null and void." Now their son, Stuart, and his partner face legal obstacles to their marriage and have joined in a lawsuit to validate their San Francisco marriage license using inter-racial marriage as a precedent.

Congratulations to **Bob and Phyllis Levy** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day. They often met at I-House and enjoyed Friday night folk dancing.

**Phyllis Finkel Mattson's** powerful memoir, *War Orphan in San Francisco: Letters Link a Family Scattered in World War II* (2005) is based on letters written by her and her parents when she was sent to San Francisco to escape persecution by the Nazis in 1940. "Being an immigrant at age 10, when I reached I-House at age 20, I was eager to help foreign students learn about America, but in fact I learned more about the world."

**Michael and Mina Raines-Lambe Parsont** are living in Gaithersburg, Maryland, not far from Washington DC. He is retired from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. She retired from Montgomery County Public Schools and now substitutes and tutors.

**Doris Jones Ralston** enjoyed a trip to Australia and New Zealand and writes, "I look back to I-House years with great affection."

**Evelyne Rominger** writes that she and Rich are enjoying all the activities that come with Rich's service as an Alumni Regent and ex-officio member of the Board of Regents of UC. They welcomed their sixth grandchild last May.

**Walter Schatz** recalls one of the powerful friendships that are characteristic of I-House, "Ten years after the end of the Holocaust, a student from Germany met at the I-House John Holzman, an American Jew, originally from Nuremberg. He was my roommate, became my friend and still is. This was possible at I-House then and still is now."

**Robin Sharwood** was the speaker at the Melbourne Reunion in January where he showed slides and shared reflections on his experiences in "An Australian at I-House 50 Years Ago." He is a University of Melbourne Professor of Law, Former Warden of Trinity College, and Member of The Order of Australia.

**J. Bixby and Peggy Hurley Smith** write, "We met on our first day at International House in the Great Hall just before a group of us went to a football game." They will celebrate their 55th Anniversary in June.

## 1960s

**Arlene Blum's** new book, *Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life* (2005), is the story of her journey from an overprotected youth to the highest peaks on earth. The book also serves as a social history of women's roles.

**Joel Greenwood** is semi-retired after teaching for six years at Wellesley College and working as a consultant for Charles River Associates International in Boston. She volunteers for her alma mater, UW-Madison, the Harvard Business School, and local organizations.

**Stephanie Harlan** was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in Washington DC as a "passionate advocate for Monterey Bay" and for her service as Chairperson of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. She is a registered nurse at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and three-time mayor of Capitola, CA.

**Barry and Kang Ling James** have returned to Berkeley every summer since 1989 as part of Prof. Peter Bickel's research group in statistics and frequently stop by I-House. They are both professors of math and statistics at University of Minnesota, Duluth.

**Noriko Matsui** writes, "Thanks to the experience of international living I had at I-House more than 30 years ago, I enjoy meeting and talking with foreign students from various cultural backgrounds. I hope I-House will keep being what it has been, offering opportunities for deepening mutual understanding and attaining world peace." Matsui is an English professor at Rikkyo University in Tokyo.

**Slobodan and Joan McQueeney Mitric** spend almost half of each year in Serbia, in Belgrade and Lipolist – Slobodan's birth village. Joan does freelance journalism and teaches media workshops. At their wedding 37 years ago, "We were given individually monogrammed 'Jo and Slo' chamberpots by the Aussies. They knew Slobodan's home had no inside running water, much less a functioning WC. Never fear, if there ever IS an I-House reunion in Lipolist, we have had inside plumbing since 1973!"



**Nadia Grosser Nagarajan's** new book, *Pomegranate Seeds: Latin American Jewish Tales* (2005) was honored by the National Jewish Book Council. It is the first collection of the oral tradition of Latin American Jews to be presented in English.

**David Nairn** is a partner in the Alexander Partnership in London. He has worked extensively in strategy and organization redesign at the corporate and business unit level.

**Jaime and Juliana Roth Ordoñez** write from Bogota, "Fourteen of us went to the Brazilian jungle and did canopying, saw exotic birds and pink dolphins, and swung on liana vines. Such an adventure!" Their son, Thomas, is now a Cal grad student in anthropology living in the apartment that once belonged to their dear I-House friend, **Barbara Lynch**.

**Bora Özkök** is a scholar of Turkish culture, folklore, and music and Director of Cultural Folk Tours which has offered tours to Turkey for 28 years. Learn more about his tours at <http://www.boraozkok.com>.



## 1970s

**Tad and Diana Goulding Allan** write, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to have our 28-year marriage marked with a café patio brick! We met in the Great Hall in January, 1976."

For more information about buying a brick inscribed with your personal message, please see page 5.

**Aileen Cannon AM** enjoyed the alumni gathering in Melbourne in January. She was honored in the Australia Day Honours List for improving healthcare for women and children and services to medical education. She is a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (thus the "AM"). "My year in Berkeley, studying for the MPH in Medical and Child Health, had a profound influence on my academic career; also, my exposure to a wealth of multicultural experiences during the short time I lived at I-House was fantastic."

**Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's** enchanting book, *Mistress of Spices*, has been made into a movie that will be released later this year. The story follows an immigrant who runs a spice shop with magical spices that have the power to help those who use them.



**Roberto Figueroa** graduated from Cal with a masters in engineering and returned to his native Guatemala in 1976 just before a disastrous earthquake. After working on reconstruction projects, he earned his MBA, joined the U.S. Agency for International Development, and is now the President and CEO of Prisma Energy in Central America, a company that owns and operates electrical power plants in the region.

**Neil Hamilton** writes, "During my stay in the summer of 1975, I met three students from Japan. Over the last 30 years I have traveled twice to Japan to see my I-House friends. My nephew, Joel Nitta, is a current I-House resident."

**George Ho** in Hong Kong visited I-House over the summer and writes, "I enjoyed a cappuccino in the café – it brought back many happy memories. Thank you for taking good care of this lovely institution."

**Robert Kilpatrick** writes, "Living at I-House contributed to my career working in global life science business development with clients in 40 countries."

**Will Pier** writes that he is enjoying life in Sonoma and working as a fisheries restoration specialist for the Sonoma Ecology Center.

**Greg Pollak** is a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory and works on fusion research. He writes from Santa Fe, "I backpack, ski, and run regularly (for 28 years), and travel internationally at least twice a year. I continue to thank I-House for its invaluable education in other cultures."

**Larri Spengler** writes, "The world needs I-House more than ever, it seems. I hope our daughter gets to live there one day!"

**Chris Thompson** is a researcher at the Institute for Policy Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. He lives in Bethesda with his wife and daughter.

**Hidefumi Yamagami** writes, "I am in the second year at Kinki University in Osaka as a professor after 32 year service at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. I enjoy my new academic job."

## 1980s

**Helmer Aslaksen** and **Karen Moh** are the proud parents of **Edvard Jia-Xiong Aslaksen**, born in February. "His Chinese name means 'Cal Bear' in memory of my happy years at UC Berkeley and the sabbatical with Karen from 2004 to 2005." A math professor at the National University of Singapore, Aslaksen was the speaker at the I-House reunion in Singapore (see page 4).

**Walter Cingo** in Pretoria, South Africa, is a Divisional Director with NBC Holdings. "I would love to hear from all former I-House residents. If anyone happens to be in South Africa please let me know."

**Yoshinobu Kitamura** is translating a book by Boalt professor, **Robert Kagan**, and hopes to visit this summer.

## FINDING OLD FRIENDS

To find old friends, visit I-House@cal at <http://ihouseonline.berkeley.edu> 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.

**Laurie Masten** writes, "After returning to school at Yale for a graduate degree, I am teaching English and humanities at San Diego area colleges."

**Erica Kumpf Martenson** writes from Napa, "For the past three years, I have been working as a middle school counselor, which I love."

**David O'Brien** writes from Anchorage, Alaska, "I have been working at the state health department since 1998 where I provide computer support for the Alaska Cancer Program and manage the database of cancer patients in the state. My wife and I are very active as adult leaders in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and both our sons are in scouting."

**Kristen Pendleton** writes, "I am so grateful for the friendships I gained at I-House, the work experience in the Program office, and everything that I learned by living in a multicultural setting." Kristen lives in San Jose.

**Babu Rahman** started a non-profit charity called Agami focused on providing basic education to underprivileged children in Bangladesh. The group is currently looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and publicity. Rahman works at Maxtor Corporation.

**Ka Kheng Tan** is a professor of chemical engineering at Tunku Abdul Rahman University in Malaysia. "I am especially touched by the support of Cal while I was detained in 1989 for two years under the draconian Internal Security Act for my campaign to stop dumping radioactive wastes, questioning the controversial Bakun dam which removed the tribal peoples from their homeland, and human rights campaigns. Many thanks."

## 1990s

**Allen Arojuraye** is a medical researcher at Harvard Medical School experimenting with nanotechnology to quickly detect dangerous substances such as anthrax.

**Brian Clark** and his wife, **Michelle Sauvé**, welcomed their first child, **Micah Sequoyah Clark-Sauvé**, to their family in July.

**Lorenzo Gagliardi** is a professor of Roman law at the University of Milan. "I will always remember when I started my first research in my field at the UC Berkeley, living at I-House."

**Kahlil Jacobs-Fantauzzi** is executive producer of *Inventos: Hip Hop Cubano*, a documentary which follows hip hop artists in their daily lives in Cuba and during their first visit to the U.S. His next film will focus on Ghanaian hip hop. Visit [www.clenchedfistproductions.com](http://www.clenchedfistproductions.com) for details. Kahlil also teaches history at the Berkeley Alternative High School.

**Paul Kottman** and **Sakura Ozaki** met at the I-House in 1994. "We married in 1996 in Berkeley and live in Cold Spring NY with our two daughters. Kottman is Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature at the New School for Social Research in New York."

**Weijean Strand** was a Peace Corps volunteer in Kazakhstan after being a Resident Assistant at I-House. She and her husband, **Jason**, were married last fall.

**Asheena Khalakdina** works with the World Health Organization in Delhi as an infectious disease epidemiologist and worked in tsunami relief efforts. "After three weeks in the Ops room day and night in Delhi, I spent six weeks in Aceh, Indonesia, as part of the WHO team on epidemic alert and response activities."

## 2000s

**Henry Brown** writes from London, "I have learnt so much more from my time at Berkeley than I would have if I had lived elsewhere. The unique blend of cultures and passions enriched me to the bone."

**Elizabeth Pollock Bruch's** documentary video *Tuvalu: That Sinking Feeling* is featured on PBS's Frontline World on their online series at <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld>. The video takes a look at the problems facing the Pacific island country where rising sea levels from global warming cause erosion, salt-water intrusion, and migration, thereby accelerating the loss of traditional culture.

**Pierre Langlais** writes, "Thanks to the I-House, I had the best year of my life in 2005. I now have a huge family all around the world and I keep traveling to see all my friends."

**Lisa McIntire** taught English in Japan for a year and visited her I-House roommate in Korea. She lives in Mountain View and works as an AdWords Coordinator at Google.

**Iain Porter** writes, "I went on an extravaganza of a trip across Mexico and the US with a group of I-House folks. I can't thank you enough for the environment of I-House. It was, and continues to be, so important to me, in so many ways."

## SEND US YOUR NEWS!

If you enjoy reading News & Notes, please send us YOUR news on the RSVP panel on page 7. Photos will be published as space allows.



## 1930s ALUMNI

**Yaye Togasaki Breitenbach**  
September, 2005

A retired Psychiatric Nurse in Oakland. Her late husband was the photographer Josef Breitenbach.

**Myer "Mike" Kahn**  
August, 2005

Native San Franciscan and long-time leader in the Jewish community.

**Charles Robertson**  
November, 2005

Worked for Chevron for 38 years until a job with Pacific Resources took Charles and his wife, Jeanne, to Honolulu in 1973 where they lived until Charles and Jeanne died from unrelated causes in November.

**Jeanne Bennett Robertson**  
November, 2005

An interior decorator and accomplished watercolor artist who flew planes for the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. Jeanne and Charles Robertson were married for 64 years.

**Melvin R. Stover**  
November, 2005

A partner with Spink engineering, chief engineer for the American River Flood Control District until his retirement in 1979. An avid golfer, fisherman, and world traveler. Survived by wife, Emily Alvarez Stover of Gold River, CA.

**Mary Chamberlain Townsend**  
December, 2005

Died at home in Berkeley at the age of 100.

**George Bemski**  
December, 2005

A research physicist who lived in Brazil since 1979.

## 1940s ALUMNI

**Owen Chamberlain**  
February, 2006

Nobel Laureate, Cal professor emeritus of physics, and a brilliant researcher who contributed to the development of atomic weaponry. Chamberlain was also a social activist and man of conscience, who advocated for a world free of nuclear terror, promoted nuclear test ban treaties, participated in FSM demonstrations in the sixties, spoke out on race relations, and protested the Vietnam war. Chancellor Birgeneau calls him "one of Berkeley's best." Survived by his wife, Senta Pugh-Chamberlain, children, and stepdaughters.

**Charles L. Clapp**  
February, 2006

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**William W. Escherich**  
September, 2005

Promoted international trade with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and later worked with the Automobile Club. Active in organizations including the Historical Society, LA Beautiful, and Economic Round Table. Survived by his wife, Mary, and their children.

**Robert Bowman**  
March, 2006

A retired biology professor at San Francisco State University, renowned ornithologist, and trustee of the California Academy of Sciences. Dedicated to preserving the wildlife and ecology of the Galapagos Islands where he helped found the Darwin Research Station and successfully helped to convince the Ecuadorian government that the islands should be a national park. Survived by his wife, Margret, and sons.

**John "Jack" Garrison**  
November, 2005

Professor emeritus of physics at San Diego State University with more 75 publications in nuclear physics and solar energy. He continued an active solar energy research program in his retirement and held several patents. An avid outdoorsman and hiker. Survived by his wife, Betty, in San Diego.

**Theodore E. "Ted" Nichols**  
November, 2005

A retired professor of history at California State University, Long Beach, who specialized in Latin America. After retirement, he lived in Santa Rosa with his wife, Sandra. His greatest love outside of family and friends was music and he played in symphony orchestras and sang in choirs. Survived by his wife, Sandra, in San Diego.

**Douglas R. Powell**  
January, 2006

An authority on the geography and history of Alaska and the White Mountains of the Great Basin, a hearty outdoorsman, and master storyteller. Taught geography for more than 30 years at Sonoma State, San Francisco State, Deep Springs College, and at Cal where he was voted Best Undergraduate Instructor for his popular field course. A memorial service was held at I-House.

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## GIFTS IN MEMORY

The gifts below were received between September 1, 2005 and March 1, 2006. The name of the honoree is listed in bold followed by the names of donors.

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**Marjorie Gross Salin**  
October, 2005

A lifelong practicing North Beach Bohemian whose filming documents the beat artists in North Beach, known for her zest for adventure, artistic expression, historical curiosity, and frank wit. Owner Bull's Eye Gallery in San Anselmo, CA, first Director of the Marin Society of Artists. Survived by her children.

**Delbert E. Wong**  
March, 2006

The first Chinese American to be appointed to the bench in the continental U.S. He retired from the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1982 with a distinguished record as a jurist and community leader. He successfully challenged restrictive covenants in 1953 when an agent refused to sell property to a Chinese American. Survived by his wife Dolores in Los Angeles.

## 1950s ALUMNI

**Kaya Apaydin**  
December, 2005

Architect, athlete and political activist, he died in the Montclair hills home he designed and built. Originally from Turkey, he co-founded the architectural firm Akol, Angell & Apaydin. Survived by his children.

**John N. Bahcall**  
August, 2005

Professor of Natural Science at Princeton and recipient of the National Medal of Science for his pioneering efforts in neutrino astrophysics and his contributions to the development and planning of the Hubble Space Telescope. He played a leadership role in the development of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. Survived by his wife, Neta, and their children.

**Frank C. Langdon**  
February, 2006

Professor emeritus, Institute of International Relations, University of British Columbia, who focused on Canada-Japan relations and on patterns of security and defense in Asia. In 2000, he was honored with the *Order of the Sacred Treasure* from the the Emperor of Japan. He enjoyed hiking, skiing, traveling, and playing bridge. Survived by his wife, Virginia, and their two sons.

**Marjorie K. Rosser**  
January, 2006

A retired junior high school teacher in Williamsport, PA,

## 1960s ALUMNI

**Marilyn Davis Ream**  
July, 2005

A family physician with Group Health Northwest in Spokane, WA, who made three trips to Bangladesh to care for people in need. Her roommate, Jai Singh recalls, "I remember her fondly, she made a big impact on my life, inspired my travel, and awareness of the world." Survived by her husband Fred Runkel of Spokane.

**Nasrullah Syed**  
April, 2005

A long-time resident of Los Altos Hills, CA, originally from Hyderabad, India, an engineer in computer disc drive and aerospace industries and owner of Computer Products International. Survived by his wife, Amy, and sons.

## 1970s ALUMNI

**Michael Erceg**  
November, 2005

Founder of Independent Distillers Group in 1987 and one of New Zealand's wealthiest men, died at the age of 50 when the helicopter he was piloting crashed. Remembered as entrepreneurial, innovative, and independent. Sally Fox recalls that his primary goal after Berkeley was to return to "his native country, his beautiful New Zealand, to the family he loved so much."

## FRIENDS

**Richard H. Holton**  
October, 2005

Professor emeritus and former Haas School dean and leader in the fields of marketing, international business and entrepreneurship and left a lasting imprint in these areas at the Haas School. He served as U.S. assistant secretary of commerce from 1963 to 1965. Survived by his wife, Constance, and their children.

**Prentice Sack**  
January, 2006

An enthusiastic sailor, hiker, birder, world traveler, mother, wife, and grandmother. In Tanzania, where her husband, Paul, was the Peace Corps Director, she established a crafts shop and taught literacy in Swahili. She served on the I-House Board from 1973-79. Survived by her husband, Paul, and children.

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## PARTICIPATE IN 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS!

- Send me a reunion invitation for Global Homecoming, Oct. 7, 2006.
- Include me in the mailing list for future Lodestar programs (see page 4)
- Send me an Elderhostel flyer for June 5-11 and 12-18, 2006.

## STAY INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE!

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

- Send information about hosting students (see page 5).
- Send news and event announcements to the email address below.
- I can identify potential corporate/foundation sponsors. Please contact me for details.
- Send me the book, *Vision of Hope* (see page 3). Enclosed is my check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$10 or Visa/MasterCard number, expiration date, and three digit security code.
- Send me the new I-House T-shirt. \$15 US / \$28 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>.

- June 5-18 Elderhostel Program, see page 4
- June 16 Tokyo Reunion, see page 1
- October 7 Global Homecoming 2006 during Cal's Homecoming weekend, see page 5.
- October 18 Fall Lodestar Program, see page 4

### Ongoing Programs:

- Mon. 8:00 p.m. Social Dance Class - Learn new dance moves, free with an alumni card.
- Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Lecture Series - \$5 for the public, free with an alumni card, call the Program Office (510) 642-9460 for topics.
- Mon. & Wed. 5:00 p.m. Fitness Classes - Free with an alumni card, \$5 for the public
- Weekly 5:30 p.m. Language Tables - Call the Program Office for dates and languages featured. \$7.75 for dinner.

## NEW ALUMNI WEB PAGES AT [HTTP://IHOUSE.BERKELEY.EDU/ALUMNI](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the International House Alumni Relations website. The header includes the International House logo and navigation links: Home, About I-House, Alumni Relations, Living at I-House, Programs and Events, Conference Facilities. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to Alumni Relations for International House Berkeley' and features several highlighted sections:
 

- GATHERINGS:** See upcoming reunions and special events. View previous event photo slideshows.
- GIVING:** 75th Anniversary Campaign unites generations for I-House future. Make a gift to I-House today.
- PUBLICATIONS:** Learn more through our I-House Times Newsletter, documentaries, books, and more.
- ONLINE COMMUNITY:** Stay connected to your friends with I-House@Cal featuring the @Cal alumni directory and career network.
- NEWS:**
  - THE KRESGE FOUNDATION \$500,000 CHALLENGE:** Largest foundation award in House's history helps advance 75th Anniversary Campaign
  - NOTABLE ALUMNI:** Meet some of I-House's most accomplished former residents.
  - EDITH COLLIVER FESTIVAL OF CULTURES - APRIL 22:** Don't miss the lively festival featuring international crafts, fashion show, foods, dance and music.
  - ANNUAL GALA & CELEBRATION - MAY 9:** Steven Rockefeller to keynote. Martha Herkenedy is Global Citizen of the Year. Save the date!
  - ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAMS:** June 5-11: A Feast of Early Music; June 12-18: Challenges in the Middle East
  - TOKYO REUNION - JUNE 16:** Sadako Ogata, former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, to speak.

The International House Alumni web page has been revamped with a new look and new features including slideshows from previous events, a news section with the latest from I-House and notable alumni listings. Online resources are available through a link to [I-House@cal](mailto:I-House@cal) where you can find old friends in the Directory, search the Career Network, and blog at the @Cal Café. See page 4 for details.

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### Notable Alumni

The alumni pictured at right are just some of those whose accomplishments contribute to the I-House tradition of excellence. Our alumni include six Nobel Laureates, three governors, two California Supreme Court Justices, eleven ambassadors representing nine countries, and more than one thousand who have gone on to careers in colleges and universities around the world. In celebration of their accomplishments, a *Notable Alumni* web site has been launched at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni)

### Send us your additions

Please help us recognize alumni with distinguished careers who should be added to the list of notable alumni. Email your suggestions to: [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu).

If you do not have access to the web to view the list, copies of Notable Alumni are available from the Development Office.



Pictured above (from left to right) Row 1: Sadako Ogata, United Nations; Wendell Lipscomb, Tuskegee Airman; John Kenneth Galbraith, Ambassador; Eric Schmidt, Google CEO  
Row 2: Drew Gaffney, Astronaut; Arlene Blum, Author and Himalayan climber; Arun Sarin, Vodafone CEO; Khatharya Um, Associate Professor at Cal and first Cambodian woman in the U.S. to earn a doctorate.  
Row 3: Jerry Brown, California Governor; Jan Egeland, United Nations; Helmer Aslaksen, Professor; Julianne Cartwright Taylor, Chair of Amnesty International, USA  
Row 4: Chitra Divakaruni, Author; Richard Goldman, Goldman Environmental Prize; Rose Bird, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court; Pete Wilson, California Governor.  
*Noted achievements are not necessarily current positions.*

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