**Reflections on Joe Lurie’s I-House Journey**

“...I've been fortunate to have seen up close the frequently dramatic changes that I-House has produced,” says Joe Lurie as he looks back on his tenure as Executive Director. “Students and scholars from vastly different cultures come together to learn that it is possible to live side-by-side, to co-exist with difference, to enjoy difference, and, in the process, to shed misleading and damaging stereotypes. I've seen Palestinians become friends with Israelis, Christians with Muslims, Koreans with Japanese, Turks with Armenians, and this year, an Iraqi and an Iranian. As a result, they carry with them a much broader vision, often a newly-born commitment to bridge cultural divides.”

Joe arrived at I-House on Valentine's Day in 1988 for what turned out to be a long-term love affair with the House. “For Donna and me, it has been a significant expansion of our sense of family.” Joe’s wife, Donna Romanell, a journalist, is an I-House alum from 1968-69. “The number of friendships we have developed over the years – with residents, board members, alumni, and staff – has brought an extraordinary glow to our lives.”

“One story that is a metaphor for me for much of what unfolded before our eyes over the years was the experience of Sue Allen in the late 1980s. A white South African, Sue had to come thousands of miles to I-House to discover, with a black South African, an unexpected friendship, so rare in the days of apartheid.”

“I-House breakthroughs such as Sue Allen’s remind me of a bumper sticker, ‘If you can't change your mind, are you sure you still have one?’” says Joe, known for his love of proverbs and thought-provoking sayings.

The third executive director in the 76-year history of the House, Joe was preceded by Sheridan Warrick (1968-1987) and Allen Blassedel (1928-1961). Last July, Joe announced his departure in June 2007. (Continued on page 2)

**WE DID IT!  CAMPAIGN SURPASSES $10M GOAL**

An ambitious campaign honoring the 2005-2006 75th Anniversary year of International House Berkeley has successfully raised $10.6M to support building renovations, scholarships, intercultural programs and technology. In the process, I-House secured a $500,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation—the largest foundation grant in the House’s history.

The silent phase of the campaign was launched on January 1, 2003 and the public campaign formally concluded on March 1, 2007. In the final five weeks nearly $500,000 was contributed by nearly 400 donors in support of the eight-phase, eight-year project to exceed $13M for persons with disabilities. Total costs for this first endowed scholarship for RPCVs in Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship fund – the House’s 75th Anniversary Campaign as one of many prominent achievements in his I-House career. A 65th Anniversary Campaign led by Mr. Lurie secured $3M in 1996.

This campaign is truly a milestone for International House and a testament to how hungry our world is for the kind of hope, understanding, and peace that is the heart of what I-House is all about.

Alumni toasted the 75th Birthday of I-House at a Valentine’s event, one of dozens of celebrations held worldwide in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign. (Continued on page 2)

**House is Applauded in Alumni Surveys**

Although anecdotal testimonies have long pointed to the lasting positive impact of International House on former residents, formal evaluations have been conducted to assist I-House in evaluating the ways it works to fulfill the House mission.

In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Campaign, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation provided support for written and online surveys of both alumni and residents for this purpose. Over 1200 alumni responded. (Continued on page 4)

**ANNUAL GALA IS MAY 3**

Patti Garamendi, keynote speaker, is pictured here with her husband, John, the Lieutenant Governor of California. In her Peace Corps role, she has had a thirty-year career of public service and currently serves as the Assistant Manager of Programs for the California Exposition and State Fair. She will announce the launch of the Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship fund – the first endowed scholarship for RPCVs in California.

Ivan “Steve” Matsuura will be honored as Alumnus of the Year 2007 and Peter J. Robertson, Board Member and Chair of the House’s 75th Anniversary Campaign, will be recognized as Global Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Matsuura will be honored for promoting cross-cultural understanding between Japan and the U.S. through his work in the financial world and extensive involvement in community organizations. (Continued on page 3)
Cross-cultural discovery has been a major theme in Joe’s life. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, he became interested in facilitating contact with other cultures. He went on to leadership positions for international exchange programs, including AFS International, the Experiment in International Living, and the National Association of International Education. Back in the early 80s he drew national attention for his study, “America, Globally Blind, Deaf and Dumb,” an overview of a shocking ignorance in America about the rest of the world. The study of 25 years ago drew attention to “a problem in America, still very much with us,” Joe observes.

When Joe first came to Berkeley, he realized that I-House was not fully understood on the campus and beyond. Documenting the history and the stories of I-House is one of Joe’s lasting contributions.

He chronicled the history of the House in the booklet, An Informal History, and inspired the Hall of History adjacent to the Chevron Auditorium. The exhibit, developed by a team of alumni and Executive Director Emeritus Sheridan Warrick, provided an opportunity for I-House to educate and engage thousands of visitors from the community.

Joe worked with alumni and former board member David Fleishhacker and alumnus Barbara Freeman to produce a collection of powerful I-House experiences, Close Encounters of a Cross-Cultural Kind. Another book he initiated, Vision of Hope, was edited by alumna Fiozoch Dumas and funded by Chevron to address prejudice and stereotyping in the wake of 9/11.

And he initiated the production of an I-House documentary that has been shown on PBS stations across the U.S. “To be part of the process of documenting the achievements of the House has been particularly important for me, certainly because of the thrill of discovering the pioneering influence of the House, but more significantly because it helps to leave light of possibilities for those who will become the future of International House,” says Joe.

Another contribution in Joe’s legacy is the revival of the Festival of Cultures which was established in the 1970s under the leadership of the Program Director who was in the house from the early 1950s, and is now ably led by Program Director, Liliane Kozol. Because of Joe’s efforts, the Festival was partially endowed by alumna Edith Colver (1940-43), who served on the I-House Board during the nineties.

As director, Joe has been committed to strengthening the financial future of I-House thanks in large part to increased contributions from alumni and friends. The House recently completed a three-year, $10 million campaign that generated funding for preservation of the building, intercultural programs, technology, and financial aid. Reserves and endowments have grown from $3 million in 1988 to over $20 million today and annual financial aid has increased from $30,000 to $550,000 during Joe’s tenure. In a creative partnering of resources, Joe worked with Mary Ann Mason, Dean of the Graduate Division, to establish the Gateway Scholarship program. These newly-created scholarships provide a package of financial aid including room, board, tuition, fees, and a stipend, thus providing new scholarship packages that compete with offers from private institutions.

Scholarships that bring economically disadvantaged students to I-House have also been an important priority for Joe. “I wanted to help bring an opportunity to an environment where the House would host students from different economic backgrounds as well as different cultural environments,” says Joe. “One year, we had a prince and a student on financial aid living together. They became close friends, sharing differences in experience and perspective, bridging an economic divide that was as significant as the many cultural breakthroughs I’ve seen.”

The biggest challenge during Joe’s time has been the ongoing renovation of the building. “We’ve done everything possible to increase seismic safety, to renovate our infrastructure, to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, and to improve technology resources. The building is the bedrock of International House. Without the building, the mission can’t be delivered.”

Reflecting on the many positive changes at the House over the years, Joe stresses, “None of this would have happened without the commitment of dedicated and talented staff, the generous support of friends and alumni; the extraordinary devotion, generosity, and wisdom of a splendid Board of Directors and the creativity, care, and brilliance of its amazing amalgam of residents.”

When Joe announced that he would step down in June of 2007, he said, “It’s time to pass the torch.”

He plans to continue working in a way that positively impacts people’s lives, perhaps for a smaller organization or in the foundation world, and he is intrigued with the idea of teaching. But for now, he and his wife, Diane, will enjoy traveling with the House and spending time with friends. They will continue to enlist volunteers, keep young, and in touch with the House. I-House has become a permanent part of our lives, so I’ll be standing down soon, I certainly won’t be stepping out!”

Joe’s “Roast & Toast”

Joe Lurie will be honored at a celebration on June 2. Plans are underway for a “Roast and Toast” in the Chevron Auditorium. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and to send letters, photos, and other mementos to the Development Office that will be incorporated into the celebration. For more information, visit the I-House website or contact the Development Office at 510-642-4218 or email ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

Those who wish to honor Joe are also invited to contribute to the Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship Fund which will help a returned Peace Corps volunteer live at I-House and pursue graduate studies at Cal. This will be the first endowed RPCV scholarship in the state of California.

TEN SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN “GATEWAY” TO I-HOUSE AND CAL

Through the generous support of alumni and friends I-House has recently launched ten scholarships that, by virtue of a special matching program with UC Berkeley’s Graduate division, offer housing, tuition, fees and stipend packages to qualifying graduate students with financial need. These funds enable the house to exceed its $500,000 goal.

Each Gateway fellowship covers costs for International House room and board. Those awards are then matched by University funds, and a 5:13 ratio stipend provided by the UC Berkeley Graduate Division. The partnerships enable Cal to better compete for students with other universities offering “toral package” awards, while I-House is assured of continued socio-economic as well as national diversity among its nearly 600 residents from the U.S. and abroad. Because I-House private room and board costs are $11,500 annually and Graduate Division matches provide a value of up to $30,000 plus for overseas and out of state students, donors to such funds may receive a better than three-to-one match for their contributions.

Each fellowship was established in conjunction with the House’s 75th Anniversary Campaign. Although the campaign formally concluded March 1, 2007, International House hopes to establish further Gateway opportunities before July 1, 2007, when the current matching opportunity with the Graduate Division will expire.

Award recipients are selected by the Graduate Division upon review of admitted UC Berkeley graduate students. All awards are for first year graduate students – most for entering PhD candidates – because typically the most deserving find University support through such research and teaching assistantships. Donors shape priority preferences for some awards.

Seven endowed Gateway funds created for 2007 will operate in perpetuity, as annual interest income on these funds ($250K x 15% x 100% = 27,500) is sufficient to cover room and board with being depleted. The principal is preserved.

The Adrian Hao Yin U Gateway Scholarship supports an entering PhD student with priority preference for graduates of The Chinese University of Hong Kong or of any university in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China.

The Carly and Betty Helmholdt Scholarship supports an entering PhD student with priority preference for students from Physics.

The Chevon-Xenol Gateway Fellowship supports an entering PhD student, preferably from Saudi Arabia or another Middle Eastern country, studying chemistry, engineering and other earth science.

The Chevon-Xenol Gateway Fellowship in Public Health supports an entering Master of Public Health student, preferably from Saudi Arabia or other Middle Eastern countries.

The Elmshorn East-West Gateway Fellowship supports an entering PhD student with priority preference for scholars from Egypt or other Middle Eastern countries.

The EB&T Gateway Fellowship awards two each year, one to an entering PhD international student, the second to allow for a second year student to extend his/her scholarship.

In addition, three term endowments which fall below the permanent endowment criteria operate through awards drawn directly from donor funds as opposed to investment income. These funds will operate until fully disbursed. To date, these three are:

The Barbee Other Pho Suaica Foundation Scholarship term endowment supports an entering PhD international student with priority preference for students from Swedu. At least four annual awards are guaranteed.

The Norway House Foundation Gateway Fellowship term endowment supports an entering PhD student—preferably descendents of Norwegian World War II wamen and merchant marines. At least eight annual awards are guaranteed.

The International House Gateway term endowment is comprised of hundreds of donations from I-House supporters that have pooled their funds. Two awards are made annually to entering PhD students, one from the US and one from overseas. It is possible that either or both of these “Open” Gateway funds will become permanent endowments as they continue to grow and may attain the $250,000 threshold.

Lastly, in honor of Joe Lurie and his upcoming departure from the position of I-House Executive Director, donors have recently launched the beginnings of another fellowship. The Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) Fellowship Fund is continuing to receive contributions from many entities and the I-House Board recently voted to devote a portion of 2006 Gala proceeds to this cause. The fund would be the first endowed RPCV scholarship in the state of California.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Following the announcement of Joe Lurie’s decision to step down in June 2007, the Board of Directors immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative. Co-chaired by Jawahar Gidwani and Haig Beirich, the search committee immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative. Co-chaired by Jawahar Gidwani and Haig Beirich, the search committee immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative. Co-chaired by Jawahar Gidwani and Haig Beirich, the search committee immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative. Co-chaired by Jawahar Gidwani and Haig Beirich, the search committee immediately formed a search committee to identify his successor consisting of Board Members, a resident representative and a campus representative.

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At the first bite, I almost cried out of happiness,” says Valentina Bila from Italy, recalling the Italian dinner that Paola Civoli Baginato (IH 1949-1952) orchestrated at I-House as guest chef for Italian Night in November. “We are very grateful to Paola for bringing all of us together with a delicious dinner and a memorable night. She is bringing the real Italian cuisine around the world.”

“I really enjoyed cooking for I-House residents, who showed us much appreciation for the dinner,” says Paola. More than 600 residents and visitors attended the special feast which included Pappardelle with Porcini Sauce, Minestrone di Fagioli e Scarola, Chicken Saltimbocca, and Parmesan. “It was also a pleasure to introduce International House to my grandchildren,” says Paola who serves as the Managing Director of the Museu ItalianoAmericano in San Francisco.

International House Dining Services offers many dinners with cultural themes each year including a Lunar New Year Dinner, an African American dinner, an Asian American dinner, and a Diwali Dinner featuring Creole and Cajun cuisine, a Native American Dinner, St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, Australian Night, Persian New Year, and a Diva Dinner. The next dinner this month is a Cinco de Mayo Celebration dinner every May 5 from 6pm to 9pm in the Dining Room. Friends and alumni of I-House are invited to join residents for these special dinners. Theme dinners are free for residents and at $9, a bargain for the public. Alumni with an alumni card receive a one dollar discount.

If you would like to be a guest chef or lend a helping hand in the kitchen, please contact Director of Dining Services, Gary Boritch, at 510-643-3266 or gboritch@berkeley.edu. For a schedule of theme dinners, see http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/events.

Enjoying a taste of home at the Italian Dinner: Chiara Legli (staff), Paola Baginato (IH 1949-52), Bocci Galli, Alessandra Galli (1957-59), and students Federico Pisaulli, Michele Costam, Stefano Zivoda, Sabrina Donada, Davide Gasperini, Valentina Bila, Alberte Creatore, Chiara Andreoni, Mirko Gasperoni, and Paola’s granddaughter, Saba.

SUNDAY SUPPER: THE OLDEST TRADITION OF THE HOUSE

Sunday Supper is the oldest tradition of the House dating back to 1910 when Harry Edmonds invited international students to his home in New York to counter the isolation that many of the students experienced. These Sunday Suppers inspired Edmonds to approach John D. Rockefeller to fund the first International House in New York in 1924 followed by Berkeley in 1930.

Today, Sunday Supper is a quarterly celebration of our multicultural community hosted by residents and featuring distinguished speakers and performances by talented residents. The February Sunday Supper celebrated St. Patrick’s Day Night, Australian Night, Persian New Year, and a Diva Dinner. The next dinner this month is a Cinco de Mayo Celebration dinner every May 5 from 6pm to 9pm in the Dining Room. Friends and alumni of I-House are invited to join residents for these special dinners. Theme dinners are free for residents and at $9, a bargain for the public. Alumni with an alumni card receive a one dollar discount.

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Al Young, California’s Poet Laureate; Berkeley, grad, and an award-winning poet and novelist, with resident Hanna Jacobson, an anthropologist student from Los Angeles. Young, the guest speaker for the event, told the audience, “Culture as we’re experiencing here tonight is possibly the most important by-product of any society. It is pretty, music, literature, film, dance, and visual arts for which cultures are ennobled and by which we are remembered.

You’re remembered for what you make great as an expression of the human spirit.” He closed by saying, “The future is in your hands. It’s going to take all of your creativity and energy to make this planet a livable place.”

Tim Stacks, an MBA student from the U.S., told the audience, “I got asked all the time why an American would live in International House. Can’t I be American AND international? Believe in the mission of International House like thousands of students who have had the pleasure of living here – both American and international. One of the great things about I-House is that you don’t have to choose between where you are from and who you are. This is truly a place I feel proud to call home.”

Nathaniel Rice, Council Chair said, “Extraordinary things happen here…great friendships, great lives. With our I-House experiences, I hope we can prevail in making this House and the whole world a better and more peaceful place to live in.”

Hanna Jacobson and guest speaker, Al Young

Decha Sermwittayawong was the student host for alumna Betty Slater. Decha is a boardmember and post doc in immunology who will return to Thailand next year where he plans to be a university professor.

Benny Moosreiten Slater (IH 1941-42) on the right, returned to the House for the first time in 65 years with her family to celebrate the naming of Benny’s old room in her honor by her daughter, Amy Slater. Benny shared a chance encounter in Hong Kong with a Chinese friend from I-House that led to a wonderful evening of reminiscences. “All of you who live here will have many experiences like this.” And reflecting a sentiment that has been voiced by many alumni, “Living here is an ongoing experience that will last throughout your lives.”

Decha Sermwittayawong and alumna Betty Slater

New Residents Welcome at Retreats

Newcomers to I-House learn about the services, programs, and mission of I-House while becoming acquainted with new friends from around the world at orientation retreats. Residents share their observations about life in the U.S. and misconceptions about their countries. Depicting how flitting is initiated in their home countries is—not surprisingly—often the highlight.

ATTACHMENT

Under the Dome

 Luca Moroni and alumnus Kevin Scallan reflected on the importance of retreats: “Cast your minds back to September 11, 2001. At that time, I had never left Ireland. Fast forward two years and I found myself in the retreat for new residents with people from Turkmenistan, South America…listening to the story of the woman from Iran and her sense of alienation and fearfulness and not knowing where to go but to I-House. I learned a lot just in that one moment. Since then, I’ve had a fantastic experience and met people from all over the world. It’s been a life-changing experience for me.”

Celebrate I-House Romance!

Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 900 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list on the I-House Couples page: http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html

Please use the RSVP panel or send an email to ihalumni@berkeley.edu and let us know when and how you met.

I remember students from around the world watching the Berlin Wall come tumbling down. I looked around me and realized how many of us had crossed the walls with ourselves. Bonnie Wasserman - (IH 1989-1990)

Under the Dome

Alumni brings flavors from home to I-House

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Several updates to the I-House website have been implemented to provide better information and a fresh new look. The new design showcases the benefits of living at I-House, Programs, Events, and our prime location in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The popular International House T-Shirt is now available in child sizes and baby onesies (pictured above). The front shows a globe with “respect, understanding, tolerance, peace and friendship.” The child and adult shirts have “International House” in 20 languages on the back.

The 100% cotton shirts made by American Apparel are sweatshop free! Show your I-House spirit and order yours today by filling out the form on page 7, calling the Residents’ Service Center at (510) 443-9459, or viewing the I-House Store online at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/store.

KENNETH ARMIJO EXPERIENCES WEIGHTLESSNESS ON NASA AIRCRAFT

Kenneth Armijo (IH 2005-06) conducted experiments on a NASA aircraft known as the “Vomit Comet,” which provides a weightless environment for training astronauts and conducting state-of-the-art research. Kenneth and a team of mechanical engineering students were selected by NASA to conduct their experiments aboard the aircraft in micro-gravity conditions. “We emerged from the ultrasonic waves as a means of enhancing the efficiency of the low power systems in space,” says Kenneth. “We were able to have some success and I hope that our technology will be used in future missions.”

“Experiencing macrogravity and providing students with the opportunity to further human space exploration are some of the most exciting and rewarding experiences one can have. I am truly grateful for being part of a collegiate experience that can further our opportunities and benefit humanity.”

Kenneth, a first generation Mexican American who comes from a rural farming community in central New Mexico, is a second year graduate student in mechanical engineering at Cal. He came to I-House and to Berkeley last year from the University of New Mexico. “I vividly remember the atmosphere of I-House and meeting people from all over the globe. I was able to share my experiences and be influenced by other cultures. This was inspiring and extremely rewarding.”

Kenneth plans to finish Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and do research in academia or the private sector. He also hopes to be an astronaut. “I have always wanted to be an astronaut and this gave me a glimpse into the space program, as well as the technological contribution that surrounds this dream. I want to be a part of the space effort and hope to make a lasting technological contribution towards the future of mankind.” If Kenneth is fortunate enough to become an astronaut, he will follow in the footsteps of fellow I-House alum, Dr. Drew Gaffney, a Space Shuttle Astronaut and now Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University.

ALUMNUS LOWENTHAL SPEAKS AT LODESTAR

David Lowenthal (IH 1947-49), professor emeritus of geography at University College London, spoke to alumni and residents at the spring Lodestar program in March. Lowenthal noted that he was able to see much unchanged at I-House, “the same space, the same architecture, the same sense that everything is possible.”

Speaking on the topic of Becoming a Citizen of the Global Community, Lowenthal explored sources of the loss of faith in the future since his own student days and finding a sense of hope in the global commitments of the I-House community.

The audience – which included alumni from every decade, current residents and guests – responded with questions about different cultures were different from their own. Kenneth plans to finish Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and do research in academia or the private sector. He also hopes to be an astronaut. “I have always wanted to be an astronaut and this gave me a glimpse into the space program, as well as the technological contribution that surrounds this dream. I want to be a part of the space effort and hope to make a lasting technological contribution towards the future of mankind.” If Kenneth is fortunate enough to become an astronaut, he will follow in the footsteps of fellow I-House alum, Dr. Drew Gaffney, a Space Shuttle Astronaut and now Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University.

ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO JUNE ELDERHOSTEL

Each year, many alumni take advantage of the opportunity to be students again, to review the convenience of classes, meals, café, and accommodations in I-House. It’s a great way to return to Berkeley and enjoy lectures and activities with others interested in the same topics. Two programs are scheduled for June. The Intercity of Religion and Politics June 1-3

Religion plays a powerful role in political issues and conflicts around the world. The world’s greatest religions inspire hope, understanding, and commitment to human rights yet they can also foster intolerance and conflict. Does living in a diverse world mean that there will always be violent conflicts? What is the political impact of growing fundamentalism? In a program cosponsored by Berkeley’s Graduate Theological Union, professors will focus on regions that are currently in the news. Field trips include a campus tour, local museums, the UC Botanical Garden, and a day-long trip to San Francisco to the De Young Museum, returning by ferry.

Registration Elderhostel is open to adults, age 57 and better. The program fee of $698 includes lectures, accommodations, meals, and activities. To register, receive an Elderhostel catalog, call Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056 or visit the website at http://www.elderhostel.org.

Additional details are on the I-House website at http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/elderhostel.

BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Directors welcomed three new board members at its fall meeting.

James O'Bannion Faulhaber returns to the I-House Board after serving from 1974-78 and 1985-97. He has chaired the Development and Finance Committees and was an ex-officio member of the House and Finance Committees. Ms. Faulhaber earned a master’s degree from Berkeley in 1969 and lived in the I-House community from a student from 1969-71. Currently, Ms. Faulhaber and her brother farm in the Central Valley of California. Previously, she was an IBM Regional Sales Manager, president of Leicht Sciences, and co-founder of an import business. She is married to Charles Faulhaber, Professor of Spanish and Director of the Bancroft Library at UC.

Jame Chong Tom was born in Shanghai, grew up in Hong Kong and Taiwan where he completed her undergraduate studies and came to the U.S. for her master's and doctorate. She is a retired clinical psychologist and lives in Berkeley with her husband, Sanford Tom, a retired psychiatrist. Tom has been an active volunteer in the Bay Area for numerous non-profit organizations. Currently, she is a Commissioner of the Asian Art Museum, a Trustee of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and president of a family foundation.

Joyce M. Hicks, Esq. is the Executive Director of the Board of Odyssey of Oakland Citizens’ Police Review Board. She previously served the City of Oakland as one of two Chief Assistant City Attorneys and managed the City Attorney’s Advisory Division. Ms. Hicks earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law and is married to Eric Hicks, a University Counsel for the UC Office of the President. Ms. Hicks is Immediate Past Co-Chairperson of the California State Bar Council of State Bar Sections, Vice Chairperson of the Lawrence Hall of Science Advisory Council, and a board member for Women Lawyers of Alameda County.
Remembering Louis Heilbron
By Joe Luzie
Distinguished former I-House Board member and legal advisor, Louis Heilbron, passed away on December 20, at the age of 99.

My wife, Donna, and I were especially saddened by this loss, as Louis was a terrific friend, an exceptionally decent human being and a generous supporter of I-House.

Even though Louis’ formal service on the Board ended in the 70s, he and his wife Delphine were among the first to welcome Donna and me to the Bay Area in 1988. At an initial meeting at a Chinese restaurant in San Francisco, Louis’ calming presence helped soothe our rattled nerves during our first earthquake experience. It was a calmness that reflected the steadiness and wisdom of his ways which we were to discover over the years.

With a smile, Donna and I remember Louis’ enthusiasm for Cal’s football team, especially when it was on a winning roll. We had a very incomplete idea of the astounding extent of his accomplishments and honors until he invited us into his study to watch a Cal football game. In truth, we had difficulty focusing on the game, so distracted by the many plaques and honors on his study’s wall.

When I told Louis in passing that International House hoped to honor Yehudi Menuhin as its global citizen of the year, I was surprised to learn that he had been Menuhin’s attorney for many years. In fact, Louis was key in bringing the great musician to International House for its annual gala in 1995.

A well respected, highly accomplished attorney, Louis was a major civic leader who embraced many causes; his ability to obtain effective compromises made him the obvious choice to chair the many committees he served.

These included the World Affairs Council (President 1965-1967 and member of its Executive Committee for over 50 years), the Jewish Community Center (President 1949-1950), Temple Emanuel-El (President 1954-1957), Human Rights Commission of San Francisco (Member 1969-1975, Chair 1970), State Board of Education (President 1959-1960), and Phi Beta Upsilon of Northern California (President 1972-73), and California Historical Society (President 1985-85).

Louis made perhaps his most important contributions to public institutions as first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges and he helped to convince the Legislature and the UC Board of Regents of the value of the Master Plan for all segments of California Higher Education. Clark Kerr called Louis’ contribution “historical.”

“He was a rare combination of devotion to family and devotion to what he considered public duty,” said his son David, an attorney from Tiburon, California. “He was amusing, witty, very intelligent and a delight to be around.” Life with his father was frictionless, said his other son, John, former UC Berkeley Science Historian, Vice Chancellor and I-House alumnus. “He was a gentle, good man who ran his family life the way he did his negotiations,” he said.

Louis’ interest in world affairs was extensive and his commitment to fairness and human rights evident throughout his life. He embodied the highest principles of International House which was fortunate to have had him as an advisor and a friend. Donna and I are among the many whose lives are richer for having known him.

International Friendship Program Connects Families

“We have been a host family for eight years now and it is hard to tell who gains more, the student or the host family,” says host mom Maureen Apter. She and her daughter, Lauren Apter, traveled to Bangalore, India, for the wedding of Nidhi Tandon and Anup Shah. The Apters became Nidhi’s host family when Nidhi and Anup lived in I-House in 2003-04 and they have remained in close contact.

“From the moment we stepped off the plane in India, we were family,” says Maureen. “Nidhi’s aunt and uncle took us into their home and everyone was so informative and loving. We attended so many wonderful events leading up to the wedding that I am still not talking it all.”

Maureen is an active member of the University Section Club which includes the Foreign Students and Alumni Committee.

An anonymous gift recently revealed in the dedication plaque for the renovated meeting area on the sixth floor in memory of former staff member Eugénie Carneiro. Ms. Carneiro, who was of Portuguese heritage, came to I-House from Shanghai and resided in the House from 1931-1934. She then served as a staff member from 1934-1935 and launched an annual Festival which celebrated the cultures of those who resided in the House.

Eugénie Carneiro, I-House alumna and former staff

Ms. Carneiro is also recognized in the Hall of History where the description states, “She drew students of diverse backgrounds together in the common expression of the beautiful in song and dance.” The Festivals provided the inspiration for today’s annual celebration of the world’s cultures, the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures.

We Did It! Campaign Surpasses $10M Goal

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(Campaign continued from page 2) The additional income, allowing for completion of the fourth phase of renovation in the summer of 2007. Special naming opportunities throughout the House helped advance the architectural heritage building elements of the campaign. Twenty-six resident rooms were named by donors through gifts of $20,000 each along with six benches thought gifts of $5,000 or more and more than 240 bricks at $500 each or $300 for current residents.

Student scholarships comprised the second largest area of the campaign and garnered $3.45M in support. Through a special program in partnership with the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, many gifts enabled qualifying road boards to be named by award of a research, teaching or an unusual spending (see Gateway article page 2).

The remaining gifts were directed to support programs ($720,000) and technology ($15,000).

A campaign Leadership Committee headed by Peter J. Robertson, Vice-Chairman of Chevron, was responsible for community outreach. Mr. Robertson will be honored as the International House Global Citizen of the Year on March 3, 2007, for his role in this effort, having devoted countless volunteer hours in contacting and soliciting support from prominent House alumni worldwide, as well as meeting with foundation and corporate leaders who value the purposes of I-House as he does.

The 75th Anniversary Campaign sponsored a series of alumni reunions and annual events around the world in order to engage the broader section of alumni possible in this effort. Gatherings took place in London, New York, Paris, Milan, Singapore, Melbourne, and Los Angeles, along with many other events held on-site at I-House, including a Valentine’s Day Dinner to honor the nearly 1,000 couples the House has hosted together.

A donor recognition wall to celebrate the nearly 1,000 couples the House has hosted together.

Limited Edition Poster

Berkeley-based internationally renowned artist David Lance Goines has created a limited edition 75th Anniversary poster for International House, pictured above. The poster is a companion to a 50th Anniversary poster Mr. Goines created 25 years ago which is now a collector’s item. The new poster is available to purchase for $50 each, or two copies for $75. A host donors of $325 plus will receive a poster as a donor recognition keepsake. Current residents may purchase the poster for a discounted student rate of $25 each. All but $15 per poster payment is tax deductible as a charitable contribution to I-House. For details, contact the Alumni Relations office at (510) 642-4128 or visit http://house.berkeley.edu/a/store.
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**Maria Constantinou Mossop, Anna Karabou, and Jeanne Tui Vos** (left) celebrated in a reunion at the University of Washington with Maria since we were I-House roommates 30 years ago. We read in the Portland Oregonian, Berkeley, and Cyprus, respectively, for the wonderful work they have done. Jeanne enjoys a life of music and dancing, raising, and rimming. Joanna also invited Nita Tshiamaheli from Lefemis CA. "Thank you I-House for lasting friendship!"

**1980s**

**Gunmar Rengstorf** from Lolland and Amanncke Kae from Jeda met at I-House in 1967 and married in 1988. They currently live in Sweden with their two sons. Gunmar is a lawyer with a law firm in DC and is involved with a number of organizations and the master's degree in interior design and architecture at the Corcoran College of Art and Design.

**Francis James Damour** most recent book, Last Journey in Paris, features "humanity and touching motifs about the love of family and humanity, covering her birth in Texas, two Felipe and Tobin, and her raising of American children with her French husband.” Her popular book Beque in France: A Memoir of Growing up Jesuitic in America was translated into Persian and has been acclaimed in Iran.

**Kenneth Marcus** writes, "The love of music remains an important part of my life."

**William Pier** for the Sonoma Ecotourism Center doing riparian habitat restoration work with a focus on salmon conservation.

**Nimrod Argazah** writes from Iceland: "I may be interested in your upcoming event and was wondering if there is a way I can help or be involved."

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Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures
April 21, 2007
International House celebrates the world's cultures each spring at the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures. Performances, storytelling, handicrafts, global cuisine, and an international fashion show are among the highlights.

The Festival tradition was established in the 1930s by Eugenie Carneiro who served as Program Director until the early 1950s. Today, the tradition continues under the leadership of Program Director Liliane Koziol.

The Festival is partially funded by a generous endowment from alumna Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43).

The Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures is held on the same day as Cal Day each April providing an ideal opportunity to visit I-House and the campus.

For more information, call the Program Office at (510) 642-9460 or visit http://ihouse.berkeley.edu.

April 21, 2007
Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

April 30, 2007
An Evening of classical Music
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. $8 for dinner.