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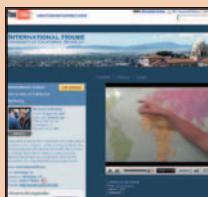
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CHITRA BANERJEE DIVAKARUNI IS 2008 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Award-winning author and poet honored at I-House Gala

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is an award-winning author and poet, whose work frequently explores cross-cultural themes. Her bestselling collection of stories, *Arranged Marriage*, received an American Book Award and her novels, *The Mistress of Spices* and *Sister of My Heart*, were made into films.

In recognition of her achievements in promoting cross-cultural understanding and thereby furthering the I-House mission, Chitra Divakaruni was honored as *2008 Alumna of the Year* at the 20th annual International House Celebration and Awards Gala on April 16.

"I thank I-House," says Divakaruni, "for giving me the opportunity to live with and exchange ideas with people from other cultures whom I might have avoided under other circumstances. Some of them became my closest friends. They transformed my thinking and my beliefs."

Recalling her I-House experiences, Divakaruni says, "I learned to let go of preconceptions about different cultures. I learned to value and feel comfortable with people different from me. I met so many wonderful people from so many countries. I-House connected me with a wonderful host family with whom I still keep in touch. I had so much fun!"



Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni (IH 1978-79), 2008 Alumna of the Year, says that I-House friendships transformed her thinking and beliefs.

Asked how her I-House experiences impacted her writing, she says, "Living at I-House made me sensitive to the challenges people face when living in a different country and how it changes people, makes them grow. These are major themes in my work." The author of fourteen books has been published in more than 50 magazines, including *The New Yorker*, and translated into 16 languages.

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RESIDENTS LAUNCH PROJECTS FOR PEACE

Kathryn Wasserman Davis, an alumna of I-House New York, celebrated her centenary birthday by contributing \$1 million to fund 100 Davis Projects for Peace in 2007. "I wanted to use my 100th birthday to help young people launch some immediate initiatives – things that they can do during the summer of 2007 – that would bring new thinking to the prospects of peace in the world," said Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis and her late



Kathryn Wasserman Davis
(I-House New York 1931-32)

husband, Shelby Cullom Davis, US Ambassador to Switzerland (1969-1975), both lived in I-House New York while working on their masters' degrees at Columbia University in 1931-32.

After many creative projects were completed last summer, Mrs. Davis re-funded the program in 2008 and extended participation to residents of select International Houses. Four awards were reserved for I-House Berkeley residents who will receive grants of \$10,000 to implement projects during the summer of 2008.

Dr. Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, convened a review committee that selected the four recipients from among resident submissions. As a result, four dynamic residents will launch their peace projects this summer.

Ana Teresa Villarreal Montemayor, a sociology Ph.D. from Mexico will work with Cambodian and Vietnamese children to promote cross-cultural sensitivity through sports and friendship in a Cambodian "Peace Camp."



Aaron Sorenson, a Ph.D. student from the U.S. pursuing South and Southeast Asian Studies will conduct creative writing workshops in the Khmer language in Cambodia and publish resulting essays in both Khmer and English.



Ayşe Ercumen from Turkey, who attended an Austrian high school in Istanbul, is working towards her Masters in Public Health and will conduct a clean water intervention project in Mumbai, India.



Sina Akhavan from the U.S. and of Iranian descent will work in Kosovo teaching employment education skills to Roma children.



I-House is exploring ways to make the Peace Projects a permanent part of the I-House experience.

HOUSE HONORS RICHARD BLUM

Global Citizen of the Year

Richard C. Blum, an internationally recognized business leader who has helped advance peace and improved the health and well-being of people in developing countries, was honored as *Global Citizen of the Year* at the annual 20th annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on April 16.

Mr. Blum is Chairman of the University of California Board of Regents, a trustee and member of the executive committee of The Carter Center in Atlanta, and Honorary Consul to Mongolia and Nepal.



Richard C. Blum (center) I-House Global Citizen of the Year, pictured with his wife, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Dalai Lama.

I-House recognized Mr. Blum for the far-reaching impact of his work in combating global poverty for more than three decades.

Mr. Blum is Founder and Chairman of the American Himalayan Foundation, which sponsors more than 160 healthcare, education, environment, and social service projects throughout the Himalayan region.

In 2006, he founded the Blum Center for Developing Economies at UC Berkeley. The Center improves the well being of poor people through dissemination of scalable and sustainable technologies and systems, while educating and inspiring students to become a new generation of global citizens.

Mr. Blum is Chairman of Blum Capital Partners, L.P. and Co-Chairman of Asia of TPG Capital, LP. He serves on the boards of the World Wildlife Fund, the Wilderness Society, the Glide Foundation and the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

To view a slide show of the 2008 Gala and a complete bio of Mr. Blum, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala>.

20 YEARS OF GALA CELEBRATIONS

Over the years, I-House has been privileged to honor many notable alumni and friends who help advance our mission. A selection of past honorees includes:

Abdel-Kader Abbadi (IH 1963-67), Harry Belafonte, Richard Goldman (IH 1941-42), Maxine Hong Kingston, Norman Mineta, Rita Moreno, Sadako Ogata (IH 1956-57), David Rockefeller, Steven Rockefeller, Jr., Arun Sarin (IH 1975-78), Ted Turner, and Jerry Yang.

For a complete list of honorees, visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/>

LIVING ACROSS CULTURES IN THE I-HOUSE VILLAGE



Martin Brennan, Executive Director

It was winter of 1969 and I was spending my school break in my grandfather’s birthplace. At first I was overwhelmed with how different things were. Mornings revealed foot-long icicles inside my room. Romilda and Bepe spent hours with their feet inside the oven of their wood stove. Rosa’s every fourth word was “eh-eh-eh-eh-eh.” Carlo’s antics on his perilous Vespa on narrow mountain roads left me clinging for my life. Aldo lit his ever present cigars with embers pulled from the fire and always burned his sweater to the lamentations of Lucia. I could consume Mt. Everest in pasta yet the predictable refrain was: “Ah, you eat so little today.”

One night a wizened stranger sidled up at Bar Centrale, dumped a pile of dubious mushrooms on the table and proclaimed: “Mangia! Ti fanno bene” (Eat! These are good for you). Yet, by the time I hopped on the train to return to the university, this warm and accepting community had become home. My relatives and friends had taught me the value of living across cultures.

On December 24, 2007, my family and I joined the I-House village for our holiday dinner. The gathering of former residents, visitors, and residents quickly became a familial setting. Thanks to the efforts of Farook, Momen, Mujeeb and Jose Manuel, we ate to our heart’s content before a crackling fire in the Great Hall. Almost everyone was miles from home and yet everyone felt at home. This sense of being part of an international community brought back memories of being with my Italian family on another December 24 many years ago. Every day, I-House inspires similar adventures in cross-cultural understanding.

One of our residents captures this experience in a message I received recently:

The center of my life in Berkeley has been International House. It has enlightened me in so many ways, has stirred my vocations, and inspired friendship with people I would have never thought I would become friends with. I cannot stress enough how deeply enriching and life-changing it has been to meet with people of such diverse background, and at the same time with such common will to understand, relate, and peacefully discuss any topic.

What great opportunities I have had to talk with Serbians and Kosovars of what is going on in their land while it is happening; or with Kenyans and their elections; or Turks and their conflicts with the Kurds; or with the Japanese and their economy and constitutional reforms. Or to be invited to go to pray in a Mosque, and invite a Muslim friend to go to my church. These are just some among many great things I’ve been able to do being in I-House.

A couple of weeks ago, another resident confided that when he learned that I-House residents included historic enemies of his homeland, he grew concerned about the possibility of serious friction. To his surprise quite the opposite has happened.

These students are our future leaders and the experiences they have at I-House will shape their lives and our collective future. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and learning about the dynamic and exciting activities that support our mission. Thank you for your commitment to International House. I invite you to visit the House and to stay engaged in our community as we work to foster a world beyond the dome that looks like the global village under our dome.

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Martin Brennan
Executive Director

STUDENTS PROFILE I-HOUSE EXPERIENCE IN VIDEO CONTEST ON YOUTUBE

The Internet has dramatically expanded both the tools and means of sharing multimedia information. Drawing on this trend, the I-House Alumni Relations Office approached the Resident Council early last fall regarding co-sponsorship of a contest seeking resident created five minute or less video submissions on YouTube to “vividly convey the I-House experience” and the House mission: to foster cross-cultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills.

A prize of \$1,000 was announced and ten video submissions were received. A panel of three I-House alumni selected the winning films including Kristin Weissman (IH 1989-90), a Board member and Google attorney, fellow Googler and I-House alumna Lisa McIntire (IH 2002-03), and Charles Ferguson (IH 1973-76), an Academy Award nominated documentary film-maker. Kristin graciously arranged a reception and tour of Google for video makers when winners were announced. All submissions are available for viewing at <http://ibhouse.berkeley.edu/videocontest/>.

Top five “Experience I-House” videos

“Life at I-House: A Glimpse”

“Search and Find”

“Citizens of the Planet”

“International House”

“House Planet”

1st place and winner of \$1,000 prize:

“Life at I-House: A Glimpse”
by Kirsty Buck and Eliana Capitani

“I came here as an American citizen, but I will leave here as a global citizen.”

“I am on the fifth floor, so all the guys up there are my roommates”

2nd place:

“Search and Find”
by Usree Bhattacharya, Niels Hansen, Diogo Oliveira E Silva, Cristoph Roling, Tom Zimmermann

“What can you find in I-House? Music...good neighbors...tall German roommates...variety...chocolate chip cookies...inspiration... India Today magazine in the library...friends from many countries.”

3rd place:

“Citizens of the Planet”
by Aditya Rametra

“I wanted to live in Berkeley and experience American culture here, and look through a mirror from other societies and see what they think of us.”

4th place:

“International House”
by Deborah Cullinan and Ishbel Begg

“My favorite thing about I-House is that you can walk three feet and hear five different languages.”

“I like I-House because I love the community, and I love meeting people from all the different countries and talking to them in their languages, or at least trying to.”

5th place:

“House Planet”
by Renato Fajardo

“When you see these people, such diversity, it’s like a dream, and a fantastic reality.”

“[At I-House,] we have received, somehow, an invitation and a challenge to understand and act out what it is to live together.”

IRAQI EDUCATORS VISIT I-HOUSE

A delegation of twelve Iraqi educators, including officials from the Ministry of Education and Deans and Professors of Iraqi universities, came to Cal in early March and met with I-House Director Martin Brennan (back row, center) and current resident Omar Fekeiki from Iraq. The group was invited to the U.S. through the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program and was coordinated by the Delphi International Program for World Learning. The group was oriented to the history and mission of I-House before lunch with several residents prior to appointments and tours elsewhere on campus.



A delegation of Iraqi educators stopped in the I-House courtyard before enjoying lunch with residents.

UNDER THE DOME

THE GREENING OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Residents and staff form “Green Team” to promote sustainability awareness and actions under the dome.

Concerns tied to the worldwide issue of climate change have sparked dialogue among staff and residents on activities to reduce the “carbon footprint” of I-House. The Resident Council has appointed a key member to coordinate student involvement in a “Green Team” which will partner with staff from every I-House department to promote greater environmental awareness and responsibility in I-House operations. The group also will examine how to promote and celebrate resident and alumni achievements in combating environmental challenges.

Julia Hassen, the I-House Council representative on greening issues, says “When we have almost 600 students a day in a 240,000 square foot building, there are plenty of ways small actions can shape big improvements in how we use resources.”

Executive Director Martin Brennan says, “I hope we can make I-House a model on these critical issues. I know we can benefit from collaborating with UC Berkeley and drawing on the influence of I-House residents and alumni who are championing new best practices in sustainability. The lessons our residents take home can make a difference around the world.”

A few accomplishments and goals for the future are profiled below:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A \$25,000 grant from Chevron is funding an extensive energy audit by Chevron Energy Solutions that will show what steps can be taken to increase energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, and achieve certification as a “green” business.
- Resident Anna Harvey won a \$1,500 grant from the UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CAS) to reduce electricity consumption. The grant helped fund motion sensors that turn off lights in empty public spaces.
- Low-flow toilets and shower heads are being installed each summer as the House enters the fifth summer of an eight-summer restroom renovation program. The work also includes improvements in ventilation efficiency and installation of high-efficiency CFL lighting fixtures.
- Collaborations with other non-profits have been launched including an all-organic dinner in January in partnership with Focus the Nation (global warming solutions). Students also sailed with SeaLife Conservation to explore joint projects in ocean clean-up.
- Used cooking oil from Dining Services is now recycled into biofuel for biodiesel cars.
- The Dining Room has replaced “disposable” plastic cutlery and take-out dishware with “spud-ware” and “corn-ware” that are 100% biodegradable within 60 - 90 days.
- Recycling of paper, glass, and cans continues under the watch of the Green Team that is reviewing ways to improve implementation.
- All newly purchased printers are “Energy Star” models.

GOALS

- Establish metrics from energy audit findings to shape conservation goals and create fun incentives to inspire sustainable practices by residents and staff.
- Complete restroom remodeling and building maintenance projects with attention to energy savings and the sustainability of materials used.
- Research opportunities for composting, rain water catchments, and rooftop solar panels.
- Explore ways to reduce waste in the Dining Room including smaller plates, trays and portions.
- Invite Cal’s newly appointed Director of Sustainability to address residents.
- Link the I-House Green Team to the campus-wide CAS program to replicate and share best practices in sustainability.
- Research grant opportunities, including those supported by Alameda County, to provide materials and equipment to facilitate “Greening” projects.
- Invite the campus recycling program director to review recycling operations and offer feedback for improvements.
- Conduct a Spring 2008 online pledge drive among residents and staff to commit to actions to reduce waste as featured at <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/pledge.html>. Pledges are tied to small steps like turning off computer monitors, using both sides of paper, and turning off water while brushing teeth. These small actions add up!

MARTIN BRENNAN TEACHES CRISIS DIPLOMACY AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Each week, twenty-three undergraduate and graduate students, twelve of whom are I-House residents, gather for a course in Crisis Diplomacy taught by Executive Director and former Ambassador, Martin Brennan. The seminar melds theory and practice as it examines analytical models of logic and decision making in international crises contrasted with case histories. It is the first academic course in recent history to be held at I-House.

“As an individual who is looking to pursue a career in the foreign service, this class is of particular interest to me,” says Nima Rahimi. “One important aspect of diplomacy I have learned through this class is that although national security is the number one priority, bureaucratic interests sometimes cloud the judgments of decision makers. Furthermore, I have noticed that as a class, we often dismiss the moral imperative when drawing up our suggested courses of action. Martin makes a point to remind us that morality should be a part of the decision making process, although



Former ambassador and I-House Executive Director, Martin Brennan teaches a class in crisis diplomacy

sadly, in practice, we have seen it is not often the case.” Nima, an I-House resident and Treasurer of the I-House Council, will be graduating in May with a double major in Political Science and German. Then he’s off to The London School of Economics and Political Science for a master’s in Global Politics.



Residents like Julia Hassen, Council Representative to the I-House “Green Team”, and Josephine Mason are helping develop strategies to reduce waste in I-House operations including Dining Services.



Resident Luke Harley of Australia (far right) organized a resident trip on SeaLife Conservation’s “Prius of the seas” to build interest in ocean clean-up.

You can support The Green Team by sharing advice and the stories of alumni who are leaders in the sustainability field. You can also sign-up to receive the I-House Times by email and reduce paper usage by contacting us at ihalumni@berkeley.edu.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY TEA AT I-HOUSE

Women from different cultures celebrated International Women’s Day on Friday, March 7, with an afternoon tea and stimulating conversation. Attendees included I-House residents, alumni and members of the San Francisco Consular Corps. Shenaya Tarapore (IH 2004-05) former Program Coordinator, donated funds to start the first International Women’s Day Tea at I-House in 2005. For more events, see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/calendar>.



From left: Carmel DeAmicis, Shenaya Tarapore, Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, and Jennifer McDonald enjoyed the Women’s Day Tea.

EDITH COLIVER FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

Dance and musical performances, global cuisine, consular booths, an international fashion show, and crafts from around the world were highlights of the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures on April 12 from 11 am to 6 pm. The event is held every spring on Cal Day.



Residents prepare tempting treats from around the world.

The festival tradition originated in the 1930s at I-House. After a hiatus of 30 years in the ‘60s it was brought back in 1991 and now continues to celebrate the cultures of the world, thanks to a generous endowment from the estate of Edith Coliver (IH 1940-43). Attendance is free for I-House residents and staff and \$7 for the public. For more info, see ihouse.berkeley.edu/springfest.

Bay Area Hosts Needed

Friends and alumni of International House are invited to extend the hand of friendship to an international student far from home by offering a holiday meal, outings to local attractions, and, most of all, friendship. To receive more information about the International Friendship Program, please return the RSVP panel on page 7 or email ihprogra@berkeley.edu.

COUNCIL HOSTS BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSIONS

Contact between current I-House residents and members of the Board of Directors has been greatly enhanced by a recent Council initiated series of informal discussions over meals. Board members have been joining groups of 20-50 residents over breakfast, lunch or dinner and are invited to share their personal and professional life stories. The Board represents a diverse group of leaders and entrepreneurs and includes many I-House alumni. Speakers to date include Jawahar Gidwani, Chairman and CEO of NeoKismet, LLC; Andrei Manoliu, Managing Director, GrowthPlans LLC; Dick Palmer, Executive Director, Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management; Peter Robertson, Vice Chairman, Chevron Corporation; Kwei Sang Ü, neurologist; and Kristin Weissman, Managing Counsel, Google Inc.

“Our Board members are an amazing group of people and we are fortunate to have them here with us, it is remarkable that they are willing to take time to meet with residents,” says Nathaniel Rice, Resident Council Chair. “They have shared their own experiences, their insights into career opportunities, their visions of the future, and their advice for us as students and residents of I-House. We are looking forward to more of these meals and discussions.”

SUKHI'S FLAVORS OF INDIA

Sanjog Singh came to live at I-House twelve years ago after first visiting three years prior when her mother, renowned chef/teacher Sukhi Singh, began contributing tasty creations to the House's annual Divali celebration.

That first collaboration earned the House and Sukhi a local prize for best ethnic cuisine and launched a collaboration that continues even now as Sukhi graciously volunteered her talents in shaping the House's Gala 2008 feast on April 16th.

Sanjog followed her studies at Cal with a position at eBay as European Marketing Manager but recently seized the opportunity to help grow her mom's business, *Sukhi's Gourmet Indian Food*, now featured at Whole Foods, farmer's markets, and soon coming to frozen food sections of many markets (see <http://www.sukhis.com/>).



I-House alumna Sanjog Singh (IH 1996-97) is pictured with her mother, chef/teacher Sukhi Singh, who helped shape I-House's 2008 Gala menu and Divali dinners.

Sanjog writes, "I still remember the day I decided to apply for the scholarship at I-House. Sipping my latte at the I-House Café, a commonplace of people from all over the world, made me realize the opportunity that I had here. From toga parties to the Festival of Lights, I-House gave me a place to not only acquaint me with other cultures but also to celebrate my own. A few years later, this experience played an important role in my decision to become a citizen of the United States, a country that has educated me and allowed me to be a citizen of the world. I treasure my memories of I-House and am so grateful for the scholarship that helped me live in this special place."

ITALIAN NIGHT

Alumna Paola Civoli Bagnatori (IH 1949-1952) came back to I-House to be guest chef for Italian Night in November. More than 600 residents and visitors attended the special feast of Italian cuisine which included *Arrosta di Manzo* and *Melanzane alla Parmigiana*.



From left (standing): Residents Alessia Paternoster, Alessandro Piazza, Dario Beraldo, Alumna Paola Bagnatori, Mirko Meraviglia, Valentina Canalin, Bianca Cerchiai, Tommaso Poggiani, and (at bottom) staff members Chiara Logli, Martin Brennan.

Resident Valentine Canalin who organized the event said, "I would like to thank the chef, Paola Bagnatori, for her great job and everybody in I-House who collaborated to organize this amazing event! There was a really Italian atmosphere: the food, the music and the friendly people made me feel like home. We had a lot of fun together!"

I-House Dining Services offers many dinners with cultural themes each year including Lunar New Year, African American, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, Australian, Bastille Day, Persian New Year and Divali. The next theme dinner is a Cinco de Mayo Celebration dinner on May 5 from 6pm to 8pm in the Dining Room. Friends and alumni are invited to join residents for these special dinners. Free for residents and \$9.25 for the public.

Suggestions for guest chefs and special menus are welcomed by Gary Beitch, Director of Dining Services, at (510)643-3266 or gbeitch@berkeley.edu.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ENJOY LESSON ON LOVE OVER TEA

UC Berkeley psychologist addresses "Love of Humanity" on Valentine's Day

I-House alumni, staff, and friends were treated to a Valentine's Day tea and an engaging lecture about the basis of human emotions on February 14th. Dr. Dacher Keltner—a



Renowned social-psychologist Dr. Dacher Keltner demystified the biological manifestations of love.

renowned social-psychologist who teaches at UC Berkeley—is founder and co-director of the Greater Good Science Center. Guests shared good food, good company, and Dr. Keltner's presentation on the biological and cognitive systems that combine to form humanity's common emotional foundation. Dr. Keltner explained the physiological systems, including the skin and nervous system, which generate feelings of compassion—what he likes to call the "love of humanity." He discussed how people transmit these emotions through touch and non-verbal

sounds, and went on to suggest the probable evolutionary advantages of these aspects of human nature.

I-House alumni, residents, friends and supporters of the Greater Good Science Center came together for this event in the auditorium, which was decorated for the occasion with photos of dozens of I-House couples. Before introducing Dr. Keltner, I-House Director Martin Brennan and his wife, Giovanna, shared the story of their first meeting and "falling" in love.

Dr. Keltner spoke passionately to the audience about the evolutionary development of human compassion, and emphasized its role in our success as a species. Dr. Keltner interacted with the



Usree Bhattacharya, an I-House resident from India, sang a Hindi love song while playing the harmonium.



121 years of I-House love, from left, Tito Moruza, Margaret de Longpre Moruza, Evelyn Lowen Apte, and Robert Apte.

audience as a way of demonstrating points about human nature. The presentation ended with a series of questions from the audience, and all who attended expressed another human emotion for this collaborative event—gratitude.

In a testament to the bonds of affection formed at the House, five I-House couples came to the tea. Among them, Robert Apte and Evelyn Lowen Apte, and Tito Moruza and Margaret de Longpre Moruza were in attendance. These two couples recently celebrated their 66th and 55th wedding anniversaries, respectively, and together represent 121 years of I-House love!

SILICON VALLEY ENTREPRENEURS FROM U.S. AND ABROAD PROFILED AT LODESTAR DINNER PROGRAM

Angelika Blendstrup, Ph.D. (IH 1970-72) spoke to a crowd of one hundred alumni, residents and friends at a spring Lodestar dinner on March 11th sharing insights into the way leaders in the Silicon Valley from different countries and cultures act and think, how these cultural differences have influenced Silicon Valley and the greater US, and personal and professional anecdotes from leading entrepreneurs.

She recently completed a book entitled *They Made It! How Chinese, French, German, Indian, Israeli and other foreign born entrepreneurs contributed to high tech innovation in the Silicon Valley, the US and Overseas*. She shared excerpts from the book during the evening which also featured two resident musical performances.

A business communications consultant, Angelika holds a Ph.D. in bilingual,

bicultural education from Stanford University, a Masters in Comparative Literature from UC Berkeley and a B.A. in foreign languages and educational psychology from the University of Tübingen, Germany.

The next alumni-resident Lodestar program will be held in November. To receive an invitation, return the R.S.V.P. section on page 7.



Angelika Blendstrup (IH 1970-72) was the featured speaker at a Lodestar dinner program for alumni, friends, and residents.

VIDEO CONFERENCING LINKS I-HOUSES AND EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

I-House hosted its first-ever video conference in February in collaboration with International House at UC San Diego. Newly acquired digital video conferencing (DVC) equipment allowed speakers and I-House residents in Berkeley and San Diego to interact with one another. DVC technology lets people in two or more locations interact via digital video and audio transmissions, making dialogue possible over great distances.

Executive Director Martin Brennan, who moderated the panel discussion, notes, "This is a terrific new tool for I-House. Imagine discussions with ambassadors in the Middle East, conversations with students in Pakistan, and dialogues with prominent alumni around the world. We are developing new programs that allow students to communicate face to face with government officials, professors, and alumni in distant locations."

The February conference, *Non-Traditional Security Assistance and U.S. Objectives Abroad*, provided insights into recent developments in American foreign aid and strategic capacity. J. Stephen Morrison,

Director of the Africa Program at the Washington DC based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and Ambassador Mark Bellamy, former U.S. ambassador to Kenya, led the discussion at I-House, presenting CSIS Task Force findings on the increase of military control over formerly non-military international development assistance. They were joined by UC San Diego political science professor Clark Gibson. The event included participation by I-House residents and other students from Berkeley and UCSD.

According to Task Force findings, the Department of Defense share of U.S. development assistance increased from roughly 6% to 22% between 2002 and 2005. The Task Force evaluated the implications of the Defense Department's increased role for U.S. national security, foreign policy, and development objectives.

This event demonstrates the promise of new technologies like DVC to connect I-House residents with experts, alumni, and other I-Houses worldwide to advance I-House's mission of fostering a more tolerant world.

"LESSONS FROM KENYA" DRAWS PACKED HOUSE

A timely discussion about political transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa drew a standing-room-only crowd of students, alumni, and faculty in February. I-House Director Martin Brennan, who served as US Ambassador to Uganda and to Zambia, served as moderator.

Post-election turmoil in Kenya was the starting point of lively discussions. "Media coverage of Kenya's recent turmoil has conveyed the subtext that violence and chicanery are the norm in African politics and that orderly political transitions are beyond the continent's reach. The reality in Kenya and across the continent is far more nuanced," said Brennan.

Speakers included Jean Ensminger, Professor of Anthropology at Caltech, Ambassador Theogene Rudasingwa (IH 2005-06), former Rwandan Ambassador to the United States and VP of Global Affairs at the Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation, and Leonardo Arriola, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley.

Speakers remarked on the possible socio-economic and political causes of Kenya's rough passage and cited examples of African nations that have managed political transitions with relative success. Professor Arriola noted, "If democracy is going to work in Africa, you need multi-ethnic coalitions. In fact, we do see that happening, and when it does occur, it often leads to power sharing." Additional programs on Kenya are planned for the coming year. See the online calendar at ihouse.berkeley.edu/calendar/.



Alumnus and former Rwandan Ambassador Theogene Rudasingwa (IH 2005-2006) spoke as part of the panel discussion on Kenya.

ROOM 482 DEDICATED TO BECKY HAYDEN (IH 1941-42)

In late February, I-House honored Rebecca Hayden by dedicating her former room with a named plaque. Ms. Hayden lived in room 482 from 1941-42, and she came to I-House for a small ceremony to celebrate the room dedication. Dmitri Pavlov, a Mathematics doctoral student and current resident of room 482, was on hand for the occasion. The two residents, past and present, exchanged stories about their experiences at I-House.

As a resident of International House, Becky was very active on campus, including membership in the Prytanean and Mortar Board societies. From 1947 to 1955 she served at Cal as one of the first instructors of English as a second language and co-authored three related texts. Later, between 1958 and 1993, she published



The current resident of room 482, Dmitri Pavlov from Russia (left), enjoyed chatting with the room’s former resident, Rebecca Hayden, at the dedication of the room in her honor.

communication textbooks, including *Intercultural Communication*, at Wadsworth Publishing Company. Room 482, her former room as an I-House resident, is named in her honor.

RESIDENT ROOM-NAMING

The Resident Room-Naming Project was launched during the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign and has already inspired over 20 dedications via gifts from alumni and friends. Supporters of the Room-Naming Project enable critical preservation and renovation activities to care for our most precious resource: the I-House building. Over \$400,000 has been raised to-date. For details or to review guidelines visit: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming/>.

CHITRA DIVAKARUNI IS ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

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Much of Divakaruni’s work deals with the immigrant experience. Her book *Arranged Marriage* is a collection of short stories about women from India caught between two worlds. In *The Mistress of Spices*, Tilo provides spices for cooking and for the homesickness and alienation that many Indian immigrants experience. Her most recent novel, *The Palace of Illusions*, is a retelling of the Hindu epic *The Mahabharat* from the point of view of its most notable female character.

Divakaruni was born in Calcutta, India, and earned her B.A. from the University of Calcutta. She came to the U.S. at the age of nineteen and eventually earned a Ph.D. in English at Cal. While living in International House, she worked in the woodshop, the service center, and the Dining Room. “My favorite job was cutting up Jell-O,” the all-American delicacy that has baffled so many international students.

While a resident of I-House, Divakaruni became involved in the issue of violence against women. She now serves on the Board of Maitri in San Francisco Bay Area and on the Advisory Board of DAYA in Houston, organizations that help the South Asian American community fight domestic violence. She also serves on the Board of Pratham, which brings literacy to underprivileged children in India.

Divakaruni teaches in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Houston and lives in Houston with her husband, Murthy, and their two sons. Her sons inspired her to write *Conch Bearer* and *Neela*. “I wanted Indian American children to read these books, to become aware of their history and culture, and to relate to characters that came from the same ethnic background.”

Following the tragedy of September 11th and subsequent hate crimes against people of Indian origin, she says, “I wanted all children to learn about our culture, become comfortable with it, to admire and enjoy the children who are the heroes and heroines of these books. I hope this will lead to greater understanding and less prejudice and suspicion among cultures.”

To learn more about Chitra Divakaruni, visit <http://www.chitradivakaruni.com>.

LEGACY GIFTS TO I-HOUSE

Friends who include I-House in their estate plans provide crucial support for our vital mission. Planned gifts can also provide tax and life income benefits. Donors with such plans become members of the I-House Associates of Cal’s planned giving Benjamin Ide Wheeler (BIW) Society. BIW members receive invitations to an annual lecture, tea, and select campus events. Contact Cal’s Gift Planning Office at 800.200.0575 or ogp@berkeley.edu.

LETTER FROM: YUKI TAKAHASHI IN THE SOUTH POLE!

“Antarctica feels as peaceful as I-House, with over 40 countries participating in a treaty to use the continent only for peaceful purposes and to promote international cooperation. I had the chance to come to the South Pole for the third time to work with a telescope we built here two years ago for a study of the Big Bang. This time I’m here from November to February, with the sun always above the horizon. Because we come here through New Zealand, I was able to visit our friends Charlotte Cottrell (IH 2001-02) in Dunedin, Dan Bidois (IH 2003) in Auckland, and Tedy Gunawan (IH 2002-03) in Melbourne and Sydney, where we had a little I-House reunion with Yvette Selim (IH 2002) and others.”



Yuki Takahashi, (IH 2002-05) returned to Berkeley in March to continue work on his Ph.D. in physics focusing on experimental cosmology and researching how the Big Bang started. He hopes to use his experience in conducting research with an international team in an extreme environment as a model for lunar exploration. “I would really like to make it possible for many people to go to the moon and look back at the earth.”

Yuki’s international background is extensive. He was born in the US, attended schools in Japan for nine years, earned a B.S. From California Institute of Technology, an M.Sc. from the University of Glasgow, an M.A. from Berkeley, and lived in Russia and France for one summer each. He has presented at conferences including Toulouse, Nice, Berlin, Beijing, Valencia, and Hawaii. Yuki has more photos at <http://cosmology.berkeley.edu/~yuki/sp3/>.

LETTERS FROM....

Are you working on AIDS prevention in Uganda? Studying Czech in Prague? Working in the United Nations? Or do you know another I-House alum who is doing something notable or even amazing? Send a message to the editor at johnsonb@berkeley.edu or send a letter to Editor, I-House Development Office.

PIONEERING FARMER JOHN ZUCKERMAN LEAVES I-HOUSE LEGACY

John Stephen Zuckerman, who invented the first mechanical sugar beet harvester and pioneered the world’s largest certified organic farm, remembered I-House with a generous bequest in his will. Mr. Zuckerman was one of the House’s early residents, living in the House from 1931-32. Even at the age of 20, he had already traveled widely, listing on his I-House application trips to China, Japan, India, and numerous destinations in Western Europe as testament to his interest in other cultures and countries. Mr. Zuckerman lived in room 83T during those years, and in appreciation of his generous bequest, the room will be dedicated in his honor.

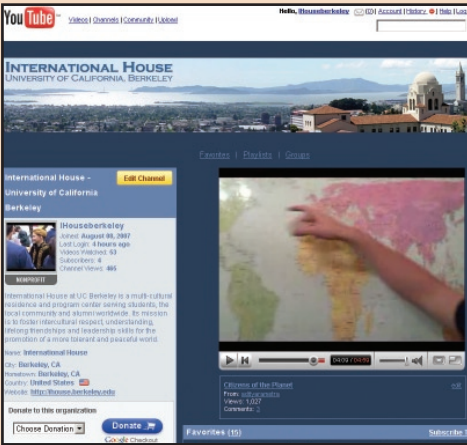
Born in Los Angeles, his family moved to the Sacramento Valley shortly after his birth. It was there that John Zuckerman left his enduring mark as a pioneering farmer, full of innovative ideas for agriculture with the leadership skills to implement them. He helped build Zuckerman Farms which encompasses 28,000 acres in four states. After many decades of successful farming and leadership in the community, Mr. Zuckerman died in his Stockton home in



Alumnus John Zuckerman, (IH 1931-32) left a legacy of achievement and of generous support for I-House.

2000 at the age of 90. International House received his generous bequest this year following the passing of his late wife, Cecilia, in 2007. In recognition of his organic farming leadership, \$5,000 from his bequest of \$120,000 will be earmarked for Resident Council allocation in support of The Greening of I-House (see article page 3.)

I-HOUSE YOUTUBE CHANNEL



I-House channel: <http://youtube.com/ihouseberkeley>

I-House Berkeley has its own channel on YouTube that features videos created by residents from the “Experience I-House” video contest (see page 2), documentaries about I-House and other videos created by alumni. Visitors can subscribe to playlists, share favorites and rate or comment on videos.

If you have or know about a video that should be featured on the I-House Berkeley channel, email ihouseatcal@berkeley.edu. See you online!

GIVING TO I-HOUSE WITH GOOGLE CHECKOUT

Giving to I-House has never been easier with the addition of the Donate button on the YouTube channel and I-House home page. The non-profit status of I-House allows donations through Google Checkout. Donations are secure and go directly to the Fund for I-House which provides crucial support for the day-to-day operations of the House including financial aid for residents.

ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAM

The Berkeley Forum on the Middle East: Culture, Politics, and U.S. Foreign Policy is the topic for an Elderhostel program to be held June 9-15. The program is co-sponsored by the UC Center for Middle Eastern Studies. A fee of \$715 covers accommodations, meals, and classes at I-House as well as local outings and a trip to the Monterey Aquarium. For more information visit <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu> or register with Elderhostel at 1-877-426-8056.

JOAN KASK JOINS BOARD



Joan Poteet Kask, who serves as Assistant Dean for Administration of International and Area Studies (IAS) at Cal, was elected to the I-House Board of Directors at its March meeting. IAS oversees international programs on campus, including IAS Teaching Programs, Study Abroad, Berkeley International Office, and International House. Assistant Dean Kask played a key role as a member of the Executive Director Search Committee.

“I am honored to join the Board especially because this is a particularly exciting time for I-House as new programs and resources are developed under Martin Brennan’s able leadership,” says Kask. “In the last few years I’ve experienced through the residents, alumni, and staff what a vital role I-House plays as international and U.S. students discover the world through each other while also learning the leadership and communication skills so necessary in our increasingly interconnected world.”

Prior to becoming Assistant Dean, Kask was Assistant Director of Berkeley’s Institute of East Asian Studies. She holds an M.A. in Asian Studies from Cal, a B.A. in Anthropology from Cal State Long Beach, and spent a study abroad year in Taichung, Taiwan.

1930s

Warren Swing wrote with fond recollections of I-House, “Many happy memories of my residence in 1937-38 shared with a group of friends from the peninsula. We shared music—a chamber orchestra conducted by my friend **Ray Matthai**—and programs on the stage, like the Florodora Sextet, to give the foreign students a taste of American culture. We have enjoyed the special friendship of several students as a host family—from Switzerland, Italy, and Brazil. **Eva Ziegler** is our lifetime friend who has been in our home several times, and we have visited her home in Switzerland. In a troubled world, I-House is a beacon of hope—keep the light burning!”

1940s



Glenna Weiser Bryant (left) stopped by I-House with her daughter, **Susan Johnson**, in January. This was Ms. Bryant’s first return visit to I-House since leaving the House in the forties. She received her masters in Slavic Languages & Literature and her C.EPP in Education while living at I-House.

Nancy Schettler Gordon (IH1947-49) writes from Charlottesville, VA, “Congratulations on the appointment of Ambassador Brennan to be the new Executive Director of I-House. I only hope that the next 75 years will be as successful for I-House as the past years have been.”

Alumnus and former member of the I-House Board of directors, **Bishara Lawrence**, visited I-House with his son in early October of 2007.

Karl Pister was presented with the *Clark Kerr Award for Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education* by the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate in October.

Pister started at Berkeley as undergrad in engineering and lived at I-House from 1943-45 as a V-12 Navy man when the House served as “Callaghan Hall.” He continued a lifelong



connection to UC as a professor, Dean of the College of Engineering, Chancellor of UC Santa Cruz, and Vice President for Educational Outreach. Now, at age 82, Pister is Senior Associate to Chancellor Birgeneau, guiding planning for the Southeast Campus Integrated Projects, including the plan to renovate Memorial Stadium. Lawsuits to block construction of the training center have tied up the project and now await a judge’s ruling.

Scharlott Rus sends her thanks for the named brick installed as a tribute to her late husband **William P. Rus** (IH1946-48) that was dedicated by **Gilbert Haakh**. She writes, “Their meeting at International House was the beginning of a long and meaningful friendship.”

Elizabeth Evans Weston, of Coronado, CA, writes of meeting her late husband **Henry Weston**, “We met in 1944 when International House students were housed in fraternity houses. He was a zoology student working on his master’s degree. I was in my second year of studying English and later changed to International Relations. I was having difficulty in my zoology class and Henry began helping me study. We became friends and later moved back to I-House where we made many friends by attending Sunday Suppers. In 1947 we decided to marry and Henry had an offer to study pheasants in Iowa for his Ph.D. Regretfully, we left Berkeley but kept our many friendships alive for years. We had over 50 years of happy married life together and I thank I-House for our initial meeting.”

TO FIND OLD FRIENDS

Visit I-House@cal

or send a note to the Development Office and we'll forward it. Address the envelope to your friend, c/o I-House Development Office.

1950s

Audrey Kemp Bowyer writes from Piedmont Gardens in Oakland, “I was very active at I-House and only lived there one summer because our house was full of visiting relatives. That was during the years 1948 through 1953 when I went to Paris on a Fulbright Fellowship. There I lived at the Cité Universitaire and became co-director at the American House - all part of the I-House connection”

Linda Jay Geldens is enthusiastic about the new ways for alumni to connect. She says, “I’ll definitely join the alumni online community.” She is “helping clients communicate their message with style” as a writer and editor, and can be contacted at www.LindaJayGeldens.com.

Charles P. Luehr has fond memories of his I-House room, #766, and all of the friends he made during his time there. He participated in a gathering of alumni and friends with Martin Brennan in New Mexico in November 2007.



Ram S. Miralay, son of **Srikanth Miralay** came to I-House in October with his wife and daughter to tour the House and visit the rooms where his father stayed. After the family returned to India, Srikanth’s daughter wrote, “My brother and his family were thrilled that you took them around to show them the rooms where our father had stayed. Here, back in Bangalore, my sister, my mother, and I were moved and emotional to see the copies of Dad’s application and other papers that my brother brought back. Our father loved Berkeley and I-House. He cherished it all his life. To mark this special trip, his granddaughter brought back I-House T-shirts for each of us. They are really special. We grew up seeing Dad in them over the last 40 years and now we have our own!”

Canadian-born, Finnish-American scholar **Leo Kalevi Vuosalo**, a retired Professor of Political Science, visited I-House from Helsinki.

1960s

Bruce Abell and **Nancy Mathews Abell** spent a lovely evening with Executive Director Martin Brennan and I-House alums of all ages in Albuquerque last November. Bruce writes, “It was especially sweet to reconnect with **Tom Bergstresser**, whom I hadn’t seen in over 40 years. The welcome mat is always out for you in Santa Fe.”



Soledad Borrromeo-Buhler (left) and **Johannes Buhler** visited I-House in December from their home in Zurich. Soledad is currently working on a biography about her grandfather who was in the Philippine revolution. She is also the author of *The Cry of Balintawak*.

CELEBRATE I-HOUSE ROMANCE!

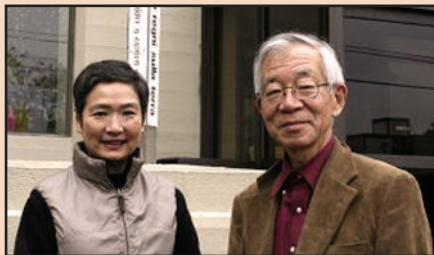
Did you meet your spouse at I-House? We know of more than 900 couples who met here and would love to add you to the list on the I-House Couples page: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/notable/couples.html>

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

Kazuo Ninomiya (right) visited I-House in November from Tokyo for lunch with Martin Brennan and Shanti Corrigan. He wrote with news of his family, “My daughter and her husband have just returned from Boston after an assignment as a researcher at Genzyme. He is a medical intern. My granddaughter, Hana, was born in Boston a year ago.”



Jean Lippett Pfaelzer is Professor of English and American Studies at the University of Delaware. Her most recent book is *Driven Out! The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans* (2007). She recently completed work on a documentary for PBS/KEET on the Chinese Experience in Humboldt County, CA, and was appointed to the Washington DC Commission for Women.



Jun-ichi Toriyama (right) visited I-House with his wife. “This trip was a wonderful one highlighted by a visit to the I-House and the kind reception given us there. Everything reminded me of the young days spent in the I-House and Boalt Hall.”

Patricia Yee says that I-House jump-started her interest in international affairs. Her career has included overseas admissions at the Harvard Business School and, with an MBA from Columbia Business School, the field of international banking. Her posting in London with Merrill Lynch was a particular highlight. Currently a resident of New York City, her financial services work is now focused on the domestic market. Patricia hopes to visit this summer and see the bricks that her family dedicated in memory of her aunt, **Constance Lai Lim** (see In Memory, page 7).

1970s

David Ian Rabey is a Professor of Drama and Theatre Studies at Aberystwyth University in Wales. *Lovefuries*, his second volume of plays written for his own Lurking Truth theatre company, was published by Intellect Books.

Ruben Rodriguez and his wife **Marian Stetson-Rodriguez**, who met at I-House, have used their international experience to build a successful cross-cultural training company, CHARIS. Their group works in 25 countries around the world.

Sharon Smith is thriving in Montreal as an artist and teacher. She is deeply involved in fostering creativity among young students through art education and currently teaches at Royal Vale Priory Schools.

Maura Mack and **Kathryn Anthony** are coordinating a reunion of I-House friends, circa 1976-1980, on June 21-22, 2008 in the Bay Area. For more information or to RSVP (by June 13, please), contact Maura at mauramack@sbcglobal.net or (619) 688-0253.

1980s

Margaret Collins Andrews writes, “I am now an entrepreneur! I started Mind and Hand Associates LLC, a research-based strategy and marketing firm dedicated to the higher education community.” More about her company at: www.mind-and-hand.com.

Avijit Chaudhuri is the James McGill Professor of Psychology at McGill University in Montreal in the Behavioral Neuroscience Program. He and his family visited I-House in December.

Laurel Trevino-Murphy writes from the Texas Hill Country, “In keeping with my love and concern for the environment, we built a self-sufficient house that will run on solar energy and rainwater collected from our metal roof. Spraywater will be used for irrigation. Mostly local materials from central Texas were used to build this home. It will be rated by the Austin Green Building Program and LEEDS. We’ve lived in Austin for 8 years, where my husband, **Carlos Torres-Verdin**, is a professor at the University of Texas, Austin. All my love to I-House!”

1990s

Seiko Fujii is an associate professor in the Department of Language and Information Sciences at the University of Tokyo. Seiko attended the Sunday Supper and enjoyed contacting old friends during her visit.

Michaela Jedinak knows how important it is to project the right image whether for an interview or work. Her services are available by personal appointment in London, online consultations via email, interactive live web consultations for expert help at the touch of a button - just book a time slot, line up a web camera, and receive expert personal advice. www.joyofcolour.com



Stephan Ohlerich (left) and **Volker Schlutz** visited **Su-Shien Pang** (right) in Hong Kong and Shanzen. Stephan has worked for Airbus and its mother company EADS since 2001 after finishing his engineering studies. “Without my Berkeley and I-House experience, I would probably have never dared to take such a step. But due to that great experience, I was totally excited to live abroad again and learn a new language. I am working not only with people from the US and Europe, but also Indians, Russians, and others in our international markets. I stayed in I-House during the academic year 99-00 (thus before 9-11) and I really still consider it the greatest time of my life so far.” He stays in touch with I-House friends **Holger Schmid**, **Volker Schlutz**, and **Hans Loes**. They usually meet several times a year to spend evenings looking at old photos. Stephen has also visited I-House friends in the UK, and **Charles de Segundo** in Italy.

Sandra Chang Wang writes with news of her friend and former I-House roommate—**Ji-Hyun Park**. “Ji-Hyun is currently working as an attorney at Morrison Forester in SF and previously worked at WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) at the UN in Geneva. She speaks French and Korean, as well as English. More importantly, besides her many accomplishments, she is a great friend!”

2000s

Patrick Riley writes, “I am back in California, focusing on my Ph.D. coursework and working at Boalt Hall School of Law as a Graduate Researcher, after teaching and pursuing research at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität as a Fulbright Research Fellow in 2005-06. In fall, 2005, I presented my master’s degree and final project (www.mReplay.com) at UC Berkeley’s School of Information Management & Systems.”

Bartosz Tkaczyk is the CEO of Energizers—a professional training and coaching organization. He writes from Poland, “I’ll try to organize some cultural events with the US Embassy in Warsaw, Poland - I do some public speaking and tell students in Poland about my experience with I-House.”

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.

STAFF NEWS

Vangie Canonizado Buell won the 2007 Global Filipino Literary Award for Non-Fiction for her book, *Twenty-five Chickens and a Pig For a Bride: Growing Up in a Filipino Immigrant Family*. (2006). The book is the poignant and inspiring memoir of growing up in a Filipino immigrant family in Oakland in the 1930s and 40s.

Clark Lemaux, I-House Business Manager and CFO, retired after nearly 18 years at I-House. He currently enjoys having time to pursue a variety of interests locally and looks forward to traveling in the coming months. During his tenure at the University, he also served as Chair of the Berkeley Staff Assembly and the Berkeley delegate to the Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA).

IN MEMORY

R.S.V.P. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

1930s ALUMNI

Glenn L. Allen
November 13, 2007

Graduated from Berkeley with a degree in chemistry and went on to a career as a chemical engineer and executive with Dow Chemical Co. He was married for 40 years to Margaret Smith Allen, until her death in 1981, and later married Gladys Levis Allen. Always fascinated by the world, Glenn was an avid reader. He is survived by a son and daughter.

Constance Lai Lim
December 31, 2007

Following graduation from Berkeley, she worked at Pan American in San Francisco and then went on to get an M.S. from Columbia University. She left her job as an Economics Affairs Officer at the United Nations when she married Poon Lee Lim, MD and cared for their three daughters. After being widowed, she returned to work at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Citibank. She is survived by daughters Suzanne Lim, Janet Simons, and Deborah Lim and granddaughters Laura, Jennifer, and Mary Simons.

Flora Elizabeth Reynolds
January 18, 2008

A librarian at Mills College from 1955-1976, she served earlier in several Marin County libraries as well as the San Francisco Public and San Francisco State libraries. In retirement, she did volunteer work at the Gleason Library at the University of San Francisco and at the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley.

1940s ALUMNI

Haluk Akol
January 5, 2008

A native of Istanbul, Turkey, Haluk graduated from Berkeley in Structural Engineering and met his beloved wife of 57 years, Doris, at Cal. Haluk was a Structural Engineer and architect, a musician, and prolific artist, and an avid boater who twice won the national predicted log racing title. Haluk's warmth, laughter and leadership will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his loving wife, Doris Akol; a daughter, two sons, and grandchildren.

Richard L. Anderson
January 23, 2008

Born in Bastrop, LA, in 1926, he moved to California to attend UC Berkeley in 1943. He went on to work at the Stanford University Linear Accelerator, and then at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab for 23 years until his retirement in 1991. He also established and managed Pilgrim Attorney Services for the past 20 years. Richard was an actively engaged member of the I-House Alumni Association and the I-House community. He is survived by his dear friend Marceline Harding; a son and two and grandchildren.

Richard M. Diamond
September 14, 2007

A renowned nuclear scientist, he helped revolutionize research into the interior structure of the atom. He served on the faculty of Harvard and Cornell Universities before returning to UC Berkeley to work at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is survived by his brother Philip; his former wife, the distinguished anatomist Prof. Marian Cleves Diamond; and four children.

GIFTS IN MEMORY

The gifts below were received between September 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008. The name of the honoree is listed in bold followed by the names of donors.

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1950s ALUMNI

Elizabeth "Betty" Welp Schulz
September 29, 2007

Taught English and history at Capuchino High School in San Bruno, CA, volunteered for many years at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Mercy High School in Burlingame, CA. Betty loved her family dearly and enjoyed life, traveling, reading, bridge, cooking, and gardening. Survived by her husband of 49 years, Harold Schulz, M.D., of Hillsborough, CA, two sons, and grandchildren.

1960s ALUMNI

Jean Downie Dey
October 11, 2007

Born in New Lunnon, Alberta, Jean followed her childhood dream by becoming a teacher. At Berkeley, she earned her doctorate in education in 1969. She joined the Faculty of Education at the University of Victoria, BC, where she specialized in Language Arts and Early Childhood Education. Her many university students remember her with gratitude.

Leona E. Dickey
October 6, 2007

Enlisted with the first contingent of women to enter the USMC during World War II and returned to active duty during the Korean War. Her education included a masters from UC Berkeley and Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. She was a career elementary school teacher who began her career in Bend, OR, and taught for 30 years at Bay View and Natural Bridges elementary schools.

FRIENDS

Elizabeth Thomas Birge
October 20, 2007

Born and raised in England, she earned her certificate at the Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts in London and taught cooking in Berkeley for 20 years. She was one of the pioneers in establishing the Workshop on Molecular Gastronomy, launching a new field in the science of cooking. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved to spend time with her family and traveled the world. She is survived by her husband, retired Berkeley Lab physicist Bob Birge, son, and grandchildren.

Albert H. Bowker
January 20, 2008

Albert Bowker, chancellor of UC Berkeley from 1971 to 1980, an expert in statistics and an innovative administrator, died at the age of 88. He called Berkeley a "wild and wonderful place." Bowker was a great friend of International House and served as Chair of the Board of Directors while chancellor.

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Berkeley, CA 94720 or email johnsonb@berkeley.edu

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- April 24, 2008

May 5, 2008

May 28, 2008
- Festival de Seville, 6-8 pm

Cinco De Mayo Dinner, 6-8 pm

I-House Alumni Reunion in Washington DC 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- June 9 - 15, 2008

July 16, 2008

September 16, 2008

October 4, 2008

October 17, 2008
- International Student House, see <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/a/events>

Eldernostel Program on Middle East (see page 5)

Bastille Day Dinner, 6-8 pm

Mexican Independence Day Dinner, 6-8 pm

Global Homecoming before the Cal vs. Arizona State football game

Oktoberfest Dinner, 6-8 pm

Ongoing Programs:

- Mon. 7 pm

Wed. 9 pm

Thurs. 7:30 pm

Mon & Wed. 5 pm
- Social Dance Class

Coffee Hour open to residents, members and alumni

Globalization Lecture Series, Homeroom 7:30 pm

Fitness Class
- Language labes Weekly 5:30 pm
- Call the Program office for dates and languages featured. \$8.00 for dinner.



Jim Block Photography

International House Fall 2007-2008 residents, from more than 60 countries, gathered on the front steps for a photo together.

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Residents Kirsty Buck (above left) and Eliana Capitani, both from the U.K., were the happy winners of a \$1000 prize for their YouTube Video about living at I-House, *Life at I-House: A Glimpse*. To celebrate their windfall, the two treated themselves to a trip to New York.

The contest was created to engage residents in multimedia documentation of the I-House mission: to foster cross-cultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships, and leadership skills for the promotion of a more tolerant and peaceful world. Plans are underway for a second annual contest next year.

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Google Hosts Reception for I-House Video Contest

Award winning videos have been watched by more than 2,000 online viewers



More than 30 residents enjoyed a tour and reception at Google for the announcement of video contest winners and screening of top selections.

Residents gathered at Google for the announcement of the winners of a video contest that challenged residents to convey the I-House mission in YouTube videos. Residents Kirsty Buck and Eliana Capitani won the \$1,000 award for their entry: *Life at I-House: A Glimpse*. The Google celebration was arranged by Board member Kristin Weissman (IH 1989-90) a Google attorney and Lisa McIntire (IH 2002-03), a Google staff member. Kristin and Lisa joined alumnus Charles Ferguson (IH 1973-76) to judge the entries. Ferguson's own film, *No End in Sight*, was nominated for a 2008 Academy Award in the Best Documentary category.

The Resident Council and Alumni Office collaborated on the contest and provided the \$1000 prize. See page 2 for quotes and snapshots from the winning entries and view the films on I-House Berkeley YouTube channel, <http://youtube.com/ihouseberkeley> (also see page 5).

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