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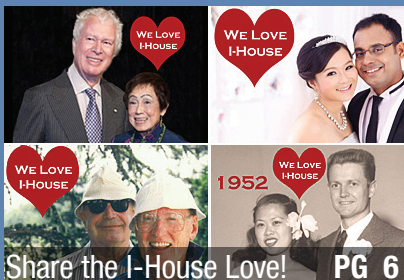
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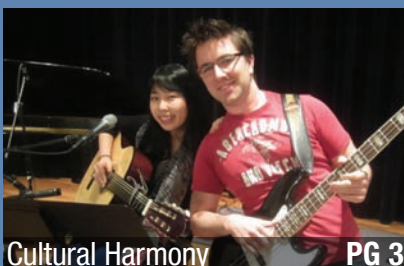
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## IH Cultural Harmony: The Future Lives Here

### Reflections on Iran Through The Prism of *Argo*

*Lowell Bergman Interviews Ken & Pat Taylor*



Millions who viewed the Oscar-winning film *Argo* are familiar with the broad outlines of the 1979

hostage crisis in Iran and that a Canadian Ambassador named Ken Taylor and his wife Dr. Pat Taylor, at their own peril, offered shelter to six would-be American hostages in their quest to return home. But lucky guests attending the 2013 I-House Gala learned the true inside story of the Canadian-led rescue, and came to appreciate the humanity and courage of the remarkable Taylors, who were honored as the first *I-House Alumni Couple of the Year*.

Renowned investigative journalist and UC Berkeley professor Lowell Bergman interviewed the Taylors (video available on the I-House YouTube Channel) and asked just how accurate the *Argo* portrayal of what unfolded was. Said Ken "Don't confuse Hollywood with history— better to say, it was based *loosely* on a true story." Some elements were so different that when viewing the film the first time, Pat remarked she leaned over to Ken to quip: "so very exciting - did we get out ok?" A comment that secured his confident assurance they did indeed.



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### Front Entrance Remodel Continues Legacy of Access & Opportunity

A major summer 2013 renovation to the front entrance and lobby of International House will not only improve its appearance, function, and energy efficiency, but will also continue important improvements that enhance services for persons using wheelchairs.



The new front entrance reception area



Current resident Angelica Galang (left), a law student, also welcomes the new front desk and dual automated doors, saying, "I only learned recently how much

the bathrooms at I-House were improved to ADA specs in the last few years. It's cool that I-House has some really prominent disability rights advocates in its alumni base and to know with these changes, and more planned in the dining hall, I-House keeps making improvements in this area."

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Mary Catherine & Bob Birgeneau with resident Tansu Acik, at Gala in 2006. Just one example of how the Birgeneaus have demonstrated support for I-House through the years.

I-House extends its enduring thanks to Robert Birgeneau, who in June, 2013 steps down as UC Berkeley's Chancellor and as Chair of the I-House Board of Directors. As a graduate student at Yale University, Birgeneau resided in an international student housing complex and has said "It's been a pleasure being so closely involved with I-House and the important ways it works to promote global citizenship and intercultural understanding at Berkeley." Bob Birgeneau will remain on the faculty of Cal's Physics Department and the couple will continue to reside locally. Look for news regarding incoming Chancellor Nicholas Dirks from Columbia University in the next IH Times!

## FIRST LADY OF I-HOUSE



We are pleased to announce the selection of Susan Giesecke as Director of International Protocol at UC Berkeley's newly established Global

Engagement Office (GEO).

GEO works to facilitate and coordinate the campus's international initiatives and to foster coherence among them. The Director of International Protocol negotiates, plans, and facilitates high-level visits to the campus by international heads of state, royalty, public/private administrators and other distinguished officials.

"I am thrilled to fill this new role on campus, where I can be involved in welcoming international guests to UC Berkeley. I look forward to making connections between GEO and I-House, and increasing the international presence on campus."

## Executive Director's Message

### Peer Learning, I-House Style

Hans C. Giesecke, Ph.D.

One of the most powerful examples of learning that I have witnessed here at I-House is the phenomenon of students educating students. Given that we have some 70 nationalities present in our historic building at any given time, there is a great deal of cultural give and take going on regularly. Of course, this is to be expected in a place like I-House. What is truly surprising, however, is the sheer amount of useful and enduring instruction that takes place through such peer interaction—to say nothing about the romance-induced peer interaction, for which I-House is particularly well-noted. Indeed, I can postulate with good reason that in many cases the interactive learning experiences that our residents have within our walls may be the most salient of their entire university careers.

What I have regularly observed here at I-House is that the effects of peer learning extend wider and deeper than most higher education experts even imagine. It is clear to me that our residents are more likely to do better in their classes and labs because they are exposed regularly to peers who question them about the nature and purpose of their academic work – often in a rather intense fashion. Since we have residents who are pursuing academic majors in law, economics, business, engineering, operations research, mathematics, physics, political science, history, music, and many other fields, there is a great deal of cross-pollination going on here that helps our students understand their own academic work through the eyes of others who are not experts in their same fields of endeavor.

Since I-House is also one of the few places on the University of California – Berkeley campus where undergrads, graduate students, post-docs, and visiting scholars regularly mix and mingle, those with lesser experience in academe benefit greatly from their exposure to those who have more years of university experience behind them. At the same time, our residents who have already achieved some expertise in their fields are compelled to

learn how to explain their more in-depth academic knowledge to those who may have had little or no exposure to their fields. This kind of exchange and interplay is what peer learning is all about. It deeply reinforces classroom learning effects, and helps students retain what they have learned longer as they exchange ideas with others who are interested in knowing what they are studying and investigating.

Such exposure to other inquisitive and engaged students is also critical to our residents' ability to make a number of career transitions throughout their post-academic lives. Adaptability is one of the key traits that graduates of the 21st Century must display in order to advance their careers in jobs that may not even exist yet. Learning how to interact and engage with those from other disciplines is one of the keys steps necessary in attaining such flexibility. The experiences that our I-House residents have in engaging one another regularly are priceless in terms of understanding and grasping one's own field of endeavor and knowing how to explain it to someone else with little or no background in that same field. Knowing intuitively how to interpret events, ideas, and circumstances to others in ways they can understand is one of the greatest assets that someone can bring to their life and career. This is a skill set that many I-House residents gain during their time here.

We trust that you will help us extend this most practical skill set to many more residents who want to achieve and realize it in the months and years ahead. Thanks so much for your commitment to I-House and its great impact on the lives of those it serves. ■

Hans C. Giesecke, Executive Director



# Under The Dome

RESIDENT & INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWS

## Cultural Harmony: IH Resident Musical Vibrations

### Spring Concert

On March 13, 2013, I-House residents showed their talent through music and dance performances at the annual Spring Concert.



Photos by Larnie Macasicht



### I-House Shakes

At a Coffee Hour in February, residents gathered in the Great Hall to perform "Harlem Shake, I-House Style." Resident Taymour Mortagui, originally from Egypt, got the party started as the dancing Pharaoh, with residents from all over the world joining in the fun. The video can be seen on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/ihouseberkeley](http://youtube.com/ihouseberkeley) in the Resident Performances playlist. ■



## Lit from Within: IH Building & Resident Enlightenment

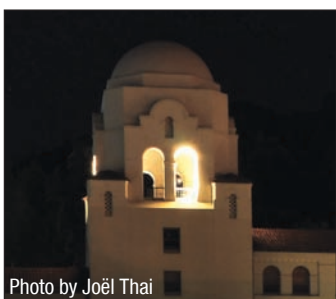


Photo by Joël Thai

The Spring of 2013 has brought new light to the iconic dome of International House with a new LED light installation that illuminates a lovely glow from within, defining the majestic arches of our 83-year-old historic home.

With a wonderful synergy, the semester has also launched new efforts through I-House health workers, students who liaise with Cal's Tang Health Center on wellness issues. The group organized a special spring event to enhance resident well-being: a trip to the UC Botanical Gardens,

just up the hill from I-House. Residents toured the garden and were led in a discussion on the importance of mindful eating, relaxation and physical activity. While at the garden, residents enjoyed yoga, meditation and healthy snacks. The trip also promoted twice-weekly yoga lessons at I-House organized by Resident Council, which is helping ensure, from top to bottom, I-House is a place where enlightenment thrives. ■



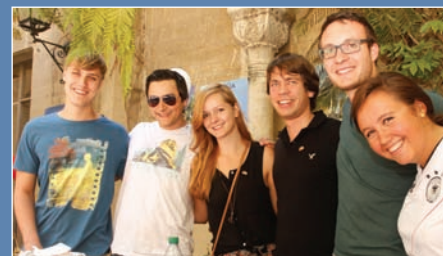
## SPRINGFEST: EDITH COLIVER FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

*Food, fashion and fun!*

On April 20th, I-House residents and visitors enjoyed music, dance, an international fashion show and tempting treats from around the world at the Edith Coliver Festival of Cultures. This year's country-focus was Poland, and featured folk dancing and a performance of Poland's National Anthem.



Spiesz dances with Polish Danceversity Teen Team (Choreography: Mary Kay Stuvland)



German residents at their booth in the patio. Supported by the Consulate General of Germany.



By popular demand, Japanese residents performed the traditional *Soran Bushi* dance on four stages! Supported by the Consulate General of Japan.



*Mas Makers Massive*, a carnival arts performance group from Trinidad & Tobago.

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## THE CULTURE CORNER

### *What's for tea?*

Special Report from New Zealand

I imagined cultural adjustment in New Zealand would be easy since I speak English like the majority does in this country (English, Maori and NZ Sign Language are the official languages).



Breidi Truscott Roberts

Or so I thought. Surprisingly, one of the main challenges—in addition to learning how to drive on the other side of the road—has been deciphering a new set of vocabulary. Swimsuits are now 'togs,' friends are 'mates,' flip-flops are 'jandals,' and a 'plunger' is actually a French press for coffee. The kiwi that I know from home is called a 'kiwifruit' here and Kiwi actually refers to a native bird as well as the people who live in New Zealand.

I recently went to a BBQ at the house of a new 'Kiwi mate' of mine and wanted to learn more about this thing called 'tea.' Certainly I know what tea is—but it was more the concept of a meal named 'tea,' about which I inquired. Like the British, New Zealanders call 'tea' a break from work for mini-meals. However, the main meal of the day is often called 'tea' and eaten around 5-7pm. I asked my friend, "So, it's like dinner?"

"Yes," he said, "it is the same as dinner. And you might be confused when ordering an 'entrée' because in New Zealand 'entrées' come before the 'main,' even though I know in the US you know them as appetizers."

"OK let me get the meals straight. You have breakfast, morning tea, lunch, then 'tea' in the evening?" I clarified, "Do you also have something called 'supper'?"

"Supper comes after 'tea' and involves some sort of 'pudding.'"

"You mean to say you have pudding every night?"

"Well, 'pudding' can be any kind of post-meal treat even though you probably think of it only as a sweet dish with a custard-like consistency," he replied.

"So 'pudding' means any kind of dessert?" I asked, and he confirmed. "Does anything else come with this dessert course?"

"Why, tea, naturally!" he said, just as I thought I was beginning to understand.

It goes to show, cultural differences can be confusing—and a reminder for us all to have patience with visitors unfamiliar with our culture. An outsider's perspective can shine a light on our own humorous idiosyncrasies. Please pass the pudding!



## Notable Alumni Help California Eliminate Toxic Flame-Retardants in Furniture

I-House alumna Arlene Blum (IH 1967-68) has been a longtime advocate for reducing unneeded and toxic flame retardants in furniture. IH Alumnus Jerry Brown (IH 1960-61), Governor of California, has taken a strong lead in changing flammability standards to make sure our furniture will be both fire safe and healthy. Blum says, "Thanks to Brown's leadership we will be able to buy safe and healthy couches by fall 2013 I hope! This is a huge triple-win for our health, our environment and fire safety." See Blum's interview from KQED Today at [youtube.com/ihouseberkeley](http://youtube.com/ihouseberkeley), or visit [arleneblum.com](http://arleneblum.com). ■



## I-House takes the Challenge!

I-House is working with UC Berkeley on strategies to achieve "Zero Waste by 2020." Following suggestions from the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS),



I-House is not only composting food waste but now recycles all paper towels throughout our 50+ restrooms, and has adjusted purchasing policies to identify vendors and products with recyclable and compostable packaging. These efforts are in addition to increased resident education on recycling, energy and water saving strategies, and adding more thoughtfully positioned recycling bins (batteries, clothes and electronics) throughout IH. "Students are really supportive," says CFO Shirley Spiller, "and that gives me confidence Zero Waste by 2020 is attainable at I-House." ■



Photos by Larnie Macasieb

Residents like those above are helping implement ambitious efforts to reduce, reuse & recycle as part of UC Berkeley's *Zero Waste by 2020* program.

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The riveted Gala audience also viewed a video clip of former President Jimmy Carter who, when asked to comment on the differences between *Argo* and reality was that “90% of the ideas and the consummation of the [rescue] plan was Canadian [and] the main hero in my view was Ken Taylor.”

*Argo*'s director, Ben Affleck, the audience learned, phoned Ken after hearing rumors that the ambassador and his fellow Canadians had a few issues with Hollywood's version of events. The Taylors, who are based in New York, were invited to visit Hollywood and, although the film was essentially complete at that time, the closing caption was modified with Ken's input to reference the Canadian role more accurately.

With the characteristic grace of someone accustomed to being statesmanlike, Ken noted that one of the great advantages of interacting with people from so many different cultures is you get the opportunity to look beyond your own borders and see the world from different perspectives. These were skills he and Pat honed at I-House as residents in the late 1950s. Ken said I-House was like a first diplomatic posting in that “once you come to I-House, you live with an international understanding almost unique or impossible to get elsewhere.”

Pat remarked that their first breakfast together 55 years ago set the tone for the rest of their lives, and is the reason they have remained dedicated supporters and volunteers with I-House New York and Berkeley. Read more about the Taylors and see video at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala2013](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala2013). ■



IH Application photos of Patricia E. Lee (IH 1954-55, 1958-60) and Ken Taylor (IH 1957-59). More about our *Alumni Couple of the Year* on page 6.

I-House's inaugural Global Foundation for Peace Award was conferred to The MasterCard Foundation in recognition of its historic \$500,000,000 program to provide access to quality secondary and university education to 15,000 academically talented young people from disadvantaged communities, primarily in Africa. UC Berkeley is a part of the global network

of institutions aligned with the Foundation's vision of economic and social transformation through increased educational access. Through a broad cross-campus coalition Berkeley will welcome 113 MasterCard Foundation scholars to campus between 2012-2020, with nearly all of the \$30M in funding from the Foundation will cover scholar tuition, fees, and room and board. Graduate participants and senior-level undergrads will have the opportunity to benefit from and contribute to the I-House community. President & CEO Reeta Roy who accepted the award said, "Its great to experience all that I-House has to offer." ■



MCF President & CEO Reeta Roy, 3rd from left, with six of the seven inaugural cohort of MasterCard Foundation Scholars from Africa at UC Berkeley.

## Front Entrance Remodel Continues Legacy of Access & Opportunity (Continued from page 1)

Two of the notable alumni Angelica refers to are Victor Pineda (IH 1999-00) and Daniel Florio (IH 1993-96), who, although they resided at I-House at different times, met “under the dome” before years later advocating together at the United Nations for more international disability rights legislation. Danny Kodmur (IH 1996) is also an IH alumnus who now serves as a Disability Access Specialist at UC Berkeley and says “I appreciate being able to work



Jane Whitner with Dave Tozer at a Discover Cal event Nov. 2012.

on campus access improvements, especially I-House as my former home.”

Alumna Jane Whitner (IH 1958-60 & 1965-66) recalls having to navigate her wheelchair in 1958 along the north delivery driveway to enter I-House. “It was just very difficult to get around campus, including I-House, in those days. It's good to know that with these upcoming

improvements – that build on many changes over the years – for the first time the front desk at I-House will have a wheelchair-height portion. And that will just be much more truly welcoming.”

The upcoming renovations will provide increased energy efficiency through LED digital information displays that reduce paper waste and the elimination of the west-facing front door will decrease incoming cold winds and related heat escape. (More on I-House greening efforts on page 4).

Further renovations in the planning stage include modifying the IH laundry room and an ambitious improvement to the dining hall and server – an area Angelica indicates could benefit from better ADA functionality.

“Our alumni contributors are a key source to helping realize these improvements” says ED Hans Giesecke. “We welcome the philanthropic support that will ensure future generations of I-House reside in a building that further enhances in a tangible way all the intangible benefits of the I-House experience.” ■



## Cross-Cultural Weddings

Sara Bakhtary & Giovanni Gonzalez Dubois



Giovanni is from Guatemala and Sara is of Iranian background. Their two cultures were reflected on their wedding day through the mix of Latino and Persian music on the dance floor, the kabob served for dinner, and the international guests present speaking Spanish, Farsi, and English.

Sylvia Saltzstein & Cliff Ho



Cliff and Sylvia met in the I-House Café, hit it off immediately, and fell in love. I-House brought so much joy to their lives that when they decided to get married, Joe Lurie was their first choice to officiate the marriage! As an official "Deputy Marriage Commissioner for a Day," Joe made the ceremony wonderfully special.

Juliet Estrella & Mark Spencer



Juliet and Mark met during their first week at I-House, in August 1988. Their wedding ceremony blended together Filipino, Catholic and Jewish traditions, which they continue to this day. They happily count themselves among the many cross-cultural couples, and enjoy visits back to I-House.

## Love is in the air at I-House!

On Valentine's Day 2013, I-House launched a new webpage that features stories of couples and friends who met at I-House. The effort inspired more alumni to share their stories, so we kept the love alive by adding to the page and by featuring couples and friendships on our Facebook page! Here are just a few of these remarkable stories of cross-cultural love and friendship. See more at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/love](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love). Contribute your story via email [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu). Share the love! ♥

I-House Alumni Couple of the Year 2013

Ambassador Ken Taylor & Dr. Patricia Taylor



"It was about 7 am and we were the only two residents in the dining hall for breakfast..." began Ken Taylor, when reminiscing about meeting his wife of 55 years, Pat, at I-House in October 1958. Ken and Pat were interviewed in April, 2013 as part of I-House's 25th Celebration and Awards Gala at which they were recognized as *I-House Alumni Couple of the Year*. "She was getting a PhD in bacteriology plus was a violinist and ballet dancer....I thought there must be three or four of her to be doing so

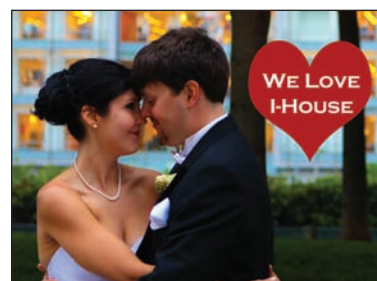
many things," continued Ken, who at Cal earned his degree in Business at Haas. The couple then embarked on many overseas assignments linked to Ken's service in Canada's diplomatic corps, while Pat continued her scientific research. The recent Oscar-winning film *Argo* is a fictionalized account of their real-life heroism in Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis—while Ken was Canadian Ambassador to Iran—harboring American would-be hostages to safety in a Canadian-led rescue.

"The lessons of I-House have been such an important part of our lives since—and of course we wouldn't have each other if it weren't for I-House," says Pat. Their inscribed brick on the I-House Café patio (pictured at right) says it all.



Nicola Szibbo & Troy Reinhalter

Nicola, a Canadian, and Troy, an American, met in 2008. They loved hanging out at I-House and attending holiday meals in the Dining Hall, Coffee Hour, formal dances, hiking and attending Cal games with other international students. In August 2012, Nicola and Troy married in San Francisco, where both their families from Vancouver, BC and from Washington, DC traveled for the big event. They attended the April 18th Gala and were excited that Ambassador Ken Taylor and Dr. Pat Taylor are "couple of the year," given the release of the movie *Argo* and the US-Canadian cooperation that led to the successful "Canadian Caper" in Iran.



Momo Zheng & Raj Shekhar Singh

Raj writes, "I wanted to inform you about my love story too. I met my wife Momo Zheng at I-House in the summer of 2008. We immediately fell in love and got married as soon as I came to UC Berkeley again for my PhD study." Momo and Raj had a Chinese wedding in Momo's hometown in China at the beginning of the year, and will have an Indian wedding, hosted by Raj's parents, at the end of 2013.



# Love, International Style

## Vern Haddick & Paul Herman - 50 Years of Partnership

Vern Haddick and Paul Herman met as residents at International House and formed a lasting partnership that endured more than fifty years. Paul passed away last fall and Vern has inscribed a brick on the I-House patio in memory of their enduring union that I-House made possible.

Paul Edward Herman  
"gladly did he learn  
and gladly teach"

*Cement your bond with a bench dedication or brick inscribed in the I-House Café patio. Gifts support The Fund for I-House which provides critical support for resident scholarships and all that I-House does. See [ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/naming).*



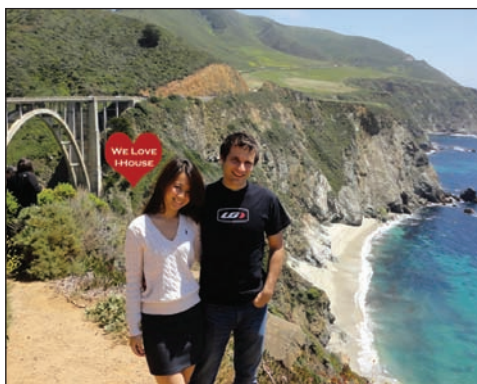
## Alicia De Bruyn & I-House Friends

Alicia writes: "I lived in I-House for only one semester, in Fall 2011, but it was the best semester of my life. I met some of my best friends there, including my roommate, Laura Hertz. This is a picture of all of us on a trip to Lake Tahoe, in a weekend of September 2011. That's the weekend where we all really got to know each other. Thank you for the amazing times, and my friends across the world!"



From left: Alicia De Bruyn (Belgium), Maria Sundqvist (Sweden), Arienne Malekmadani (USA), Lisa Barry (England), Laura Hertz (USA), Milda Jasaite (Lithuania)

## Yevgeniy Grechka & Justine Lan



Yevgeniy writes, "It all started in fall 2011. I spotted a beautiful girl dancing in the middle of the room...as fate would have it, the next semester she moved into to I-House... Now, Justine studies in Germany for her master's degree, and although we are half the world away we try to be together as often as possible. International bureaucracy doesn't make things easy, with me being Russian and her being Indonesian. We have very few countries we can go to where we don't need visas.

Nonetheless, we're pulling through, and we owe it all to I-House!"

## I-House Friendships

ASALLE TANHA & INGEBOG ØVERHAUG



Ingeborg writes from Hamar, Norway: "Upon arriving at I-House in fall 2008, I met my new roomie, Asalle Tanha from Sonoma, California! I had never before, nor have I after shared a bedroom with anyone, but I am glad I got to live with her for a whole year!"

COLORFUL FRIENDSHIPS FORMING EVERYDAY!



Photo by Marcus Gedai [www.marcusgedai.com](http://www.marcusgedai.com)

From left: Richard Kotite, Amy Gonzalez, Khrisha Shah, Kenneth Kristiansen & Jacey Sang Eon Lee

IH Resident Assistants and friends Kristen Kerler and Yoline Banerjee organized IH participation in a campus celebration of the Holi Festival of Colors this April. Kristen reports "It was honestly an amazing and memorable experience that included nearly 100 residents!" The Holi festival is a Hindu tradition in India, Nepal and Pakistan, among other countries, where friends celebrate the arrival of spring together in a riot of color.

LARISSA MOESSMER & JENNIFER THOMAS



Larissa writes from Munich, Germany: "I've read all the cute stories of couples and friends who met at I-House-such a wonderful idea! I lived at I-House in summer 2012 when I met Jennifer, the best roommate I could hope for! My time in Berkeley would not have been the same without her."

# I-House Giving Matters

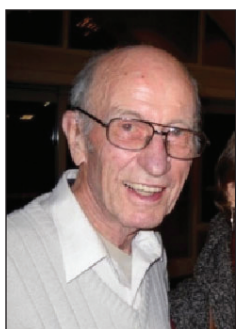
## Brewer Bench Naming Honors Beloved Golden Age Crooner

For several years during the post WWII era of I-House the resident stairwell echoed with the sweet harmonies of the “Jahdrools,” four male residents who sang songs of romance and optimism in what has since been called the “Golden Age” of International House.



Bob Brewer, 2nd from right, singing at an I-House performance, circa 1948

Bob Brewer, who sang a deep bass harmony with fellow members Elliot Castello, Bob Hacker, Joe Connell and Doug Powell, passed away last fall. This spring, gifts in Bob's honor will inscribe a bench at I-House that honors Bob, his beloved wife, Nancy (who he met in the IH Café in 1948), and



Bob Brewer (IH 1946-52)

will commemorate this special community and part of I-House history.

In a collection of oral histories about the IH Golden Age Bob wrote: “some of the best memories of I-House were of the singing on the stairs coming down

from the Dining Hall. Nanny and I loved the inclusive and casual atmosphere.” A civil engineer, Bob and “Nanny” lived in the Oakland Hills in a house designed by two fellow I-Housers, Reeve Gould and David Leaf.

Listen to the voices of the Jahdrools and enjoy lyrics from their songs, including some written by their former fellow resident, the renowned “Renaissance man” Raphael Rodriguez, at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/jahdrools](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/jahdrools).

## Widening Opportunity: Huhns Support IH Scholarship

Two years ago UC Berkeley alumni and supporters Jim and Betty Huhn read a 2010 newspaper article about exceptional students who, despite admission to UC Berkeley, might not be able to benefit from Cal due to limited financial resources, especially given recent tuition increases. Happily, the couple, which has a proud history of scholarship support on campus, stepped in to help some of the students identified, and have now expanded this foundation of support in 2013-14 to include a full room and board scholarship award at International House.



Cal alumni & supporters Betty ('50) & Jim Huhn ('52) have launched a new scholarship at I-House

“I-House is really a jewel on campus that we hadn't explored until recently. We just know that the experience of living with such a diverse community of students from around the world and with so many academic perspectives will be a truly enriching experience for our sponsored scholarship recipient - and really for all the Cal students that have the chance to live here!” said Jim. “We have no grandchildren, so these students are like our adopted grandchildren. And we get great pleasure watching them progress through Cal.”

“It's like seeing a rose bloom in the garden,” adds Betty.

Learn more about naming opportunities at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/donate/naming](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/donate/naming) or contact Shanti Corrigan, Director of Development & Alumni Relations at (510) 642-0124 or [shanti@berkeley.edu](mailto:shanti@berkeley.edu).

## Alumnus Librarian Honored in I-House Library

The first table-naming in the International House library has been established in memory of IH alumnus Frank Tilson Brechka (IH 63-64), himself a librarian on the UC Berkeley campus for more than two decades.



Frank Brechka as an IH resident in 1963

The dedication was made following news of a generous estate gift relayed through Wayne Walker (IH 1963-66) and his wife Mary who visited IH in early 2013 from St. Louis, Missouri, spending an afternoon with Alumni Relations Director, Shanti Corrigan. “My visit to I-House brought back many happy memories including times here with Frank, who was an avid world traveler and very interested in other cultures. His apartment was filled with artifacts he collected on his travels. He even survived a 2007 boat attack by Somali pirates!” remarked Wayne.

Frank is also remembered as a perennial learner and scholar, having received his Ph.D. in History in 1968 from UC Berkeley. An avid collector, he owned many artifacts and over 2,000 books on a wide range of subjects. “Frank was a dedicated professional who loved Cal” says Wayne. “He served as UC Berkeley's History Librarian from 1971-91.”

At his memorial service it was noted, “Frank is remembered most, however, for his gentle manner, and for being the nicest guy you can imagine.”



The I-House Library, shown here in 2012, will enjoy its first dedication of a study table in honor of former resident and Berkeley librarian Brechka.

## Summer Reading by Alumni Authors

Did you know that I-House was home to many best-selling authors? We've gathered a collection of books for summer reading so you can discover the world through the creative minds of your IH friends! From 17th century Spain in *Rocamora*, African fairy tales in *The Bearless Man of Tornabia*, to the breathtaking adventures in *Breaking Trail*, there's something for everyone! See our Alumni section on our website for links to purchase books featured here. See more authors in our Notable Alumni page in the Literature and Journalism section: [ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/notable/](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/alumni/notable/) ■



## Distinguished Alum Memoirs

Two accomplished IH alumni from the 1950s, Robin Sharwood of Australia (IH 1956-57) and Basil Hoare from England (IH 1952-53) recently self-published their memoirs.

### Robin Sharwood

Recipient of the Boalt Hall's Walter Perry Johnston Fellowship, graduate law student Robin Sharwood spent the 1955-56 academic year residing at I-House "where I made many friends." In his travel diary, *From Sea to Shining Sea*, Robin writes of his epic rail journey from Berkeley to Harvard, where he would meet with the Saltonstall family, whose eponymous scholarship the young Melburnian had won. Leaving Berkeley on Thursday, July 19th, 1956, he reached Cambridge, MA 48 days later, having stopped at 19 cities and crossing 16 states. ■



From left: Winfried Siefert, Bill Charters, Marilou Adams, Larry Johnston, Robin Sharwood. Front: Terry Chadwick

### Basil Hoare

Basil Hoare met IH Executive Director Hans Giesecke in June 2012 in London, where Basil now lives, to welcome the House's fifth director and his family to the worldwide I-House family. Basil remembers his time at I-House fondly, writing:

"I met so many interesting people from all over the world, a number of whom remained friends all my life. I worked with the UN over 16 years as well as with UK aid for 18 years in Africa, teaching and training—and it all started at Berkeley, really. I also remember the hospitality at I-House—we were always invited to American homes."

Now in its third edition, Basil's memoir *My Story* covers his many travels and friendships, weaving together detailed recollections and anecdotes of adventures in exotic locations solely from memory. ■



"An International Group" with Basil Hoare (IH 1952-53) pictured 2nd from left



The I-House Group 2001 Lunch in London clockwise Una Conroy, Celeste Macleod, Dick Wilson, Basil Hoare, Sally Wilson, John Conroy, Terttu Puhakka

## Letter From: Mina Raines-Lambe Parsont (IH 1954-56)

After reading the I-House Love Stories page on Valentine's Day, Mina writes, "I love these stories! I met my husband at I-House, where we were residents in 1955. We were standing in line at lunch time and ended up at the same table. After a long courtship in Berkeley and Sacramento, where my Lithuanian parents resided at the time, we were married in Paris on July 4, 1959.

We went to graduate school at Colorado State University, where Michael received his doctorate degree in radiation biology and I was the first recipient of a master's of art in teaching. Our two sons and their families held a 50th wedding anniversary for us in June 2009! I am now a widow (since March 2010) and live near Washington, DC, where we have had two I-House events in the last few years because there are many I-House alumni in our capital. Michael and I loved I-House with all our hearts."



IH couple Mina & Michael on their wedding day.

Mina and her sister Nelee were subjects in a documentary, "Tombées du Ciel," about the experiences of two Jewish sisters who survive the Holocaust in France, thanks to many courageous people who risk their lives to save them. See photos and film trailer at: <http://www.neleelangmuirremembered.com>.

Do you have a unique I-House story or know of an I-House alum who is doing something notable or amazing? Email us at [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu).

# Back to Berkeley

## BEAUTIFUL DAY AT THE I-HOUSE CAFE



Alva Cornelius and friends put together a mini-reunion that took place in Berkeley and L.A., before Alva returned home to Göttingen, Germany. Alva writes, "We really enjoyed our vacation in the U.S., especially at I-House. It was like coming 'home.'"

Clockwise from top: Alva Cornelius (IH 1998-00), Rika Hirata (IH 1998-00), Jame-Anne Ervin (IH 1998-00) and Jocelyn Truitt (IH 2000-02).

## GREAT HALL GET-TOGETHER



Decades apart but common ties to I-House. From left: Gauri & Ashish Desai (IH 1994) w/ their kids, Mitra Forati (IH 1992-94), Momen El-Husseini (IH 2008-09 & 2012-13) and Mehdi Maasoumy (IH 2009-10)

## GATHERING OVER GUMBO



I-House pals met with more Cal friends at Angeline's Louisiana Kitchen, a popular hangout in downtown Berkeley. From left, Andreas Andersen (IH 2012), Anna Torres (IH 2012-13), Mimi Portilla (IH 2012) and Hannah Sholder (IH 2011-13).

### Plan Your Own Reunion!

Would you like to get together with I-House friends? Using Facebook and email, you can plan your own reunion at I-House or elsewhere. Alumni Relations can help spread the word! Email [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu).

# Alumni Gatherings Worldwide

**Anna Romanowska** writes: "The story of our group goes back to fall 2007 and spring 2008. After having a great time at I-House, we decided to keep our friendships alive and visit each other in our home countries. Our first Reunion was in Paris in 2009 (below), an absolutely amazing gathering of 18 people from different countries. It was clear that I-House reunions need to be a fixed part of our lives so we decided to celebrate New Year's Eve in Munich in 2010. Again, awesome time, and we managed to reach out to even more people so we continued to plan more gatherings. So far we've met up in Amsterdam, Vienna, Brussels, Nice, Rotterdam, Madrid and Barcelona. Wherever we go we carry the I-House spirit with us! We even have two couples who knew each other at I-House but started to date only after coming to our reunions. For New Year's Eve 2014 we are planning to meet up in Istanbul." ■



Top from left: Andre Artioukhine, Job Van DeSande, Anna Romanowska, Michael Krüsi, Alexis Clinet, Elisabetta Tollardo, Dominik Domin. Below from left: Mariska Visser, Benoit Rogerie, Mylene Le, Huan Liu, Jan Zybura



Proudly displaying their Cal and I-House love, **Fredrik Olovsson** posts on Facebook, "Four I-House friends making a greeting for a fifth, who couldn't make it to the reunion in Shanghai, November 2012. We Love I-House!" The group spelled out COMO for their friend Como Shin (IH 2010-11), who was there in spirit! ■

From left: Benjamin Maurice (IH 2010-11), Cynthia Or (IH 2010-12) Fredrik Olovsson (IH 2010-11) and Ivy Chu (IH 2010-11).

**Neil Smyth** writes: "Thought you might be interested in a gathering of a group of friends from I-House around the 1996-1997 period, with partners and kids that met up over Easter 2013 in south Holland.

So, a total of six IH alumni, meeting up 15 years after living together in I-House - with as many kids as adults to show for the intervening years!" ■



From left: Carlo Cloet (IH 1996), Marloes van Caspel (IH 1997), Neil Smyth (IH 1996), Frank Hoffmaan (IH 1996), Diederik [Evelyna], Evelyn de Beer (IH 1997), Simon Wakeman (IH 1996), Rachel Fleet [Simon], Siska Philips [Carlo] + future residents of I-House (kids from the five couples)! Names in brackets show who they are a partner of.

# Alumni News & Notes

## 1950s



**Norden H. "Dan" Cheatham** recently visited IH and shared many happy stories of his time at I-House in 1958, including membership in the UC Berkeley Marching Band, one of the oldest college marching bands (100 years!) on the west coast. Dan's career took him from an I-House 8th floor room, to forests of the island of Maui, Hawaii, to the Palau islands as the Conservation Officer for the then U.S. Trust Territory of Pacific Islands, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. He later participated in the development of the University's system of natural history research reserves located throughout the State of California.

**Claire (Michelson) Greiner** recently moved to Reno, Nevada to be nearer to her son Miles (IH Alum 1970s) and his family. She enjoys reading the I-House Times, especially when she reads about old friends such as **Hugh and Lois Warren**.

**Paulette Lassaga** writes, "I cherish my time spent at Berkeley, and I spent 25 years teaching French and Spanish at my local high school in Wheatland, California."

**Donald Michael Platt** discussed his 17th century novels *Rocamora* and *House of Rocamora* in an internet radio interview on January 16, 2013. *House of Rocamora* continues the exceptional life of roguish Vicente de Rocamora, the historical Dominican friar, royal confessor for Holy Roman Empress María when she was Infanta of Spain, putative Inquisitor General, and master of disguise.

**William W. Shane** writes, "Now almost 20 years retired, I work regularly at the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy. I spent most of my career in The Netherlands. Did my two years at I-House contribute to my choice to live abroad? I don't know, but it may have been a sign of things to come."

**Bonnie R. Wilson** writes, "On October 19, I attended the 60th reunion of my class, 'The Golden Crew of '52.' It's the last reunion I plan to attend, at present! P.S. I'm always indebted to I-House as the place where I found a husband... and a smart one!"

### Did you meet your sweetheart at I-House?

Share your story with us by emailing [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu). We'll add your names to the I-House Couples list and feature your photo and story on our Love page: <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love> Share the love! ♥

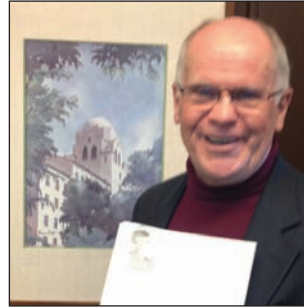
## 1960s

**Kwei and Michele Ü** write, "With best wishes, gratitude for the honor to be associated so closely with I-House, appreciation for the efforts of you all and with hope for world peace."

**Wayne (IH 1963-66) and Mary Walker** visited us in late February from St. Louis, Missouri. "My visit to I-House brought back many happy memories. While there have been some major changes, some

parts of the House remain the same," remarked Wayne.

The Walkers also participated in the dedication of an I-House library table in memory of Wayne's dear friend and fellow IH alumnus, **Frank Brechka (IH 63-64)**, who passed away last August. Read more about Mr. Brechka on page 8.



## 1970s

**Gary Brewer** writes, "Our family-owned business, [www.digitaleyemedia.com](http://www.digitaleyemedia.com), which started in 2001 and delivers Digital Marketing services to small to medium business in Southern California, was recently nominated for the 13th Annual Family Owned Business Awards by the Orange County Business Journal and Cal State Fullerton's Center for Family Business. Wish us luck!"



**Andrew W. Harrell** writes, "I lived at I-House from 1972-74 while working on my doctorate in mathematics. After living there I worked for the US Government for



37 years doing R&D coordinating and research mathematics related to US Army Engineer planning, computer programming, geotechnical engineering, vibration analysis, vehicle testing, digital mapping.

I'm now retired and writing a book on Southern US History and one on computer mathematics. To have a place to return to and continue to study, listen, work together with fellow international students and scholars is of lasting value to me.

Many thanks to the I-House staff for arranging the summer reunions and teaching conferences there. It is heartening to know you are interested in keeping up with all our former residents and alumni."

## 1980s

**Nobu Kitamura** teaches environmental law, and also serves as the deputy dean at Sophia Law School, Tokyo, Japan. He celebrates the new buildings at Boalt Hall, and wishes to return there as a visiting researcher.

**Deborah Sorondo** became Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration at Planned Parenthood of Shasta-Pacific (PPSP) in January 2013. PPSP is a nonprofit which runs 21 reproductive health care clinics in a 17 county area of northern California,



including San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Napa and all counties north. It has an annual budget of approximately \$45 million and 500 employees, most of whom are involved in the delivery of health care services. It's a very interesting and exciting time to join them, since the organization

will be impacted by the changes to the health care delivery and reimbursement system coming with the Affordable Care Act.

## 1990s

On January 29, 2013, **Cliff Ho**, pictured here with Liliane Koziol, Director of Programs, returned to I-House to give a presentation on

Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) and career opportunities at Sandia National Laboratories. He is a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories, where he has worked on projects involving nuclear waste management, environmental remediation, microchemical sensors for environmental monitoring, water treatment, distribution, and concentrating solar power.



I-House couple **Sylvia Saltzstein Ho** and Cliff have worked at Sandia National Labs for nearly 20 years. Cliff works in solar energy research and Sylvia works in nuclear energy fuel waste management. See their wedding photo and love story on page 6.

**Tejashkumar Unadkat**, current IH Board Member, writes, "I-House, wishing you and your loved ones a very happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year. Sal mubarak, or as they say in Gujarati - nutan varshabhinandan."

**Anders Yang** writes, "Happy New Year I-House! I just wanted to share some news: I have joined the board of Chinatrust Bank-USA. With best wishes for 2013!"

## Stay Connected to I-House!

We welcome your participation on other social networks. Fans of I-House Berkeley, The Official Page, receive timely event announcements and the latest I-House news. Join the conversation and "Like" us at [facebook.com/berkeleyihouse/](https://facebook.com/berkeleyihouse/)!

Visit [ihouse.berkeley.edu](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu) for links.



## 2000s

On April 8, 2013, **Sener Aktürk** returned to I-House from Istanbul to discuss his new book, *Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey*. His book explores what it meant to be



German, Soviet, Russian, and Turkish in the twentieth century, and how that definition radically changed at the turn of the twenty-first century. Sener enjoyed his visit to I-House and meeting the new Executive Director, Hans Giesecke. Sener donated a signed copy of his book for the alumni library and wrote: "To the International House, where the ideas of this book were conceived and developed."

Sener's book is available on Amazon.com.

**Bruno Calfa** writes, "Simply put, living in I-House has made me feel more like a citizen of the world! The diversity of its residents and the social events are what make I-House a real home for all the residents. It doesn't end after they leave. Friendships continue and memorable times are never forgotten. I-House opened my eyes to many different cultures, and I have a much better understanding about the world I live in."

**Giovanni Gonzales Dubois** has earned a place on UC Berkeley's Wall of Fame. He founded the Bay Area's top social networking organization for Latino professionals, a derivative of his leadership among Latino students as an undergrad and grad student. He was the only Latino student in an engineering class as an undergrad. Now he's a leader in bringing Latino professionals together. What started off as dinner parties has become the Bay Area's top social network for Latino professionals. His work received honorable mention for a SXSW (South By Southwest) Innovation Award. More about Giovanni and his "better half," alumna **Sara Bakhtary** on page 6.



**Wen Guo** writes, "I was a resident at I-House for two years. I don't think I remember much of the rest of the campus!"

**Kim O. Nguyen** writes, "After being away from I-House for more than half a decade, I found myself on the I-House brick patio, escorted by the Assistant Director of Development, David Tozer.



A gentle smiling kitchen staff member walked up to me, warmly shaking my hand. 'Good to see you again!' he said. Memories flooded back! I was running late for lunch coming from a noon class at the Haas School of Business. He gave me a lunch, wrapped in saran wrap to keep it warm. 'I saved this for you,' he said. 'Don't tell

anyone.' He quickly walked away smiling a secretive smile. I stood there in awe. Today, I'm still in awe. He remembers me. My home away from home remains the same even as time has passed. I'm ever thankful for those beautiful moments that I-House has given me."

**Beat Schwendimann** and **Katie Bokan-Smith** met at the first I-House dance in September 2007. Now, five years later, they are engaged! In July 2013, their wedding will take them back to the UC Berkeley campus. Katie (from California) and Beat (from Switzerland) currently live together in Sydney, Australia, where they both work at the University of Sydney.



## 2010s

**Bernice Agyekwena** has always had a passion for stories. Now, she revisits her childhood passion, as a contributor to the world of young adult fiction and fantasy by creating her own version of African fairy tales that are deeply rooted in African myths and cultural practices. Her new book, *The Beardless Man of Tornabia & Other Stories*, is available on Amazon.com, and is featured in our summer reading collection by IH alumni authors (see article, page 9.) Bernice was a Gates Fellow at the Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism in 2010-11 and participated in the African Reporting Project.



**Michel Brun** Michel Brun traveled around the world after having received his MS in Mechanical Engineering and Management of Technology. He writes, "This amazing adventure has reinforced my feelings about how thankful I am to I-House. Almost everywhere I traveled (Tokyo, Sydney, Bangkok, Amman, Petra, Cairo, Paris, Miami, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Atacama, Uyuni, La Paz, Cusco, Machu Picchu and San Francisco), I was welcomed by friends I met at I-House. I would have never lived such an experience without having lived at I-House."

When Michel returned to the U.S. in July 2012, he landed a job as Project Engineer in Seattle for Saint-Gobain, which makes glass wine bottles for 40% of the US market. He was recently promoted to Project Manager, in charge of multiple critical projects in California. You can check out if a bottle has been made by them by finding the "SG" sign at the bottom of a bottle.



**Momen El-Husseiny** writes, "I enjoyed meeting a heart-touching person like **Ashish Desai** (IH 1994) who was easy to connect to within the walls of I-House. Our mutual friend, **Mitra Forati** (IH 1992-94), introduced us and we opened our hearts, sharing deep reflections on life and its meaning from Egypt to India. I loved meeting Ashish's wife and children in the vibrant Great Hall, a place with a long tradition of I-House friends being able to transcend borders & reconnect values!"

**Kaho Ito** writes, "I've made great memories and lifelong friendships here at I-House. I miss the good old days in the dining hall. All the love from Japan."

## Friends

**Didier Bourgeois** writes, "I still remember the I-House folk dancing on Friday nights."

**Evangeline "Vangie" Buell** received the Shero & Legend Award at a gala dinner on December 14, 2012 in San Francisco sponsored by The Filipina Women's Network. A Shero & Legend is a professional woman whose achievements have opened doors, set new standards, paved the way, and helped build the foundation for the careers of Filipina women. Vangie received proclamations citing her service to the community from Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor Ed Lee and other notables. In June, she also attended the biannual conference of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Vangie was chair of the conference, gave the welcoming speech, and received an award for her years of service to FANHS.



**Sandra Coliver** writes, "My sister Susie and I are tremendously grateful for I-House's continuing recognition of our mother Edith as part of the spring festival. I-House was a huge part of her life. Warm wishes for the new year."

**T. K. Fowler** writes, "I taught on campus in the 1990s and appreciated what I-House did for many of our foreign graduate students."

**Patricia Hanscom** writes, "Thank you for keeping me connected to I-House activities. I am a neighbor and was a close friend of Wendell Lipscomb and Ellen Gunther, both MDs as was my husband Bob Hanscom. We came to California from Chicago, University of Illinois Medical Center, and fell in love with UC Berkeley and never left. Go Bears!"

**Kathryn Neri** writes, "I became a friend of I-House during my years on campus from 1964 - 1968 although I was not a resident. I lived in a sorority up the hill and sometimes stopped by the cafe on my way to campus. Several in our house enjoyed the spirit and camaraderie of I-House, and we volunteered on the 'Welcome to Berkeley' committee that provided orientation for first-time I-House residents. One of our favorite activities was folk dancing on Friday nights! The sorority I lived in closed shortly after I graduated. I-House became our favorite place to visit during reunion weekends and football games. Last year I was elated to learn that my sorority had been invited to re-colonize our Berkeley chapter. And it was especially sweet that the celebration banquet for the re-installation was held this February at I-House. What a lovely coincidence!"

Planning A Visit To Berkeley? I-House maintains two guest suites for short-term stays. Details at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/events](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/events). To reserve, contact (510) 642-0589 or [ihouseevents@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihouseevents@berkeley.edu).

## Welcome New Staff!

**Laura Michelle Berman**, Annual Fund and Event Coordinator  
**Nicole Callis**, Catering Coordinator  
**Susanne Koller**, Housing Coordinator  
**Neil Turner**, Business Tech Support Analyst 2

# In Memory

## 1930s Alumni

**Col. Karl Landstrom** (January 27, 2013)

Karl moved into I-House on its opening day, August 18, 1930. He was director of the Bureau of Land Management, former administrative law hearing officer for the State of Virginia, an infantry battalion commander during World War II, and retired Army Colonel. His military honors include the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

**Lilian Wurzel** (December 29, 2012)

Lillian majored in social welfare at UC Berkeley and remained very active in community affairs throughout her 100 years of life, including writing a monthly column for the Retired Public Employees' newsletter for the San Jose chapter. She generously included I-House in her estate plans.

## 1940s Alumni

**Robert Anthony Brewer** (November 24, 2012)

Bob passed away last November (see page 8) and is survived by his wife, Nancy (IH 1948-50), four daughters (Anne, Katie, Carol and Amy), their families, and many friends in the IH community.

**Kathryn Bixby Likowski** (May 2, 2012)

Katy was a resident at I-House from 1946-48. Her international interest continued throughout her life and she was both friend and teacher to many students from around the world. She is survived by her husband and fellow IH alum, Jim Likowski.

**Patricia A. Mathewson** (October 16, 2012)

After earning her degree in International Relations at UC Berkeley, Patricia later served in Lisbon and Paris with the ERP (Marshall Plan), helping rebuild European economies post-WWII. In retirement, she was an active volunteer at Bowers Museum of Cultural Art in Santa Ana, CA, and a strong supporter of I-House.

**Patricia Marie Repucci, née Ryan** (February 22, 2013)

Patricia lived at I-House from 1940-41 and was a graduate student in the School of Social Welfare at UC Berkeley. A note she sent in 2006 reads: "We felt most fortunate to be living at International House and have many great memories."

**Otis Rosasco** (April 6, 2012)

After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Business Administration, Otis enlisted in the US Navy and commanded destroyers. After WWII, he returned to the family ranching operation as a fourth generation Rosasco cattleman in Tuolumne County—receiving the Distinguished Service Award to California Agriculture.

**Hal St. Clair** (September 10, 2012)

Hal enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 under the V-12 program. He earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Electrical Engineering at UC Berkeley and was discharged from active duty as an Ensign in 1946. He was a member of the IBM team that developed the first hard drive at its Los Gatos laboratory.

## 1950s Alumni

**Maggie Gee** (February 1, 2013)

As an I-House "Notable Alumna," the story of Maggie's life has many fascinating chapters, including political activist, Women Air Service Pilots, mathematician, computer scientist, and physicist. Maggie's accomplishments have been recognized by numerous awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal.

**Paul Herman** (November 2, 2012)

As a faculty member and founding director of Psychology Programs at the California Institute of Integral Studies, Paul co-designed the first professionally recognized, accredited degree program of transpersonal psychology in the US. He met his life-partner, Vern Haddick, in 1951 at I-House, and they traveled widely throughout their 60+ years together. See their photos and story on page 7 and at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/love](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love).

**Don Swanson** (November 18, 2012)

Don earned a Ph.D. in Physics from UC Berkeley and thrived at I-House in the early 1950s. He pioneered the field of literature-based discovery, which uses existing research to create new knowledge, particularly in biomedical fields. He was the dean of the University of Chicago's Graduate Library School and professor emeritus in the Humanities Division. In 2000, Don received the ASIST Award of Merit, the highest honor from the American Society for Information Science & Technology.

## 1960s Alumni

**Frank Tilson Brechka** (August, 2012)

Frank earned a Ph.D. in History at UC Berkeley in 1968, and worked as a reference librarian in the Doe Library and then as the history librarian until his retirement in 1991. Read more on page 8.

**Joel Greenwood** (April 12, 2012)

Joel lived at I-House in 1963 and also in the summer of 1968 while doing graduate work in economics, after which she attended Cambridge University on a Fulbright Scholarship. She taught economics at Wellesley College then spent a long career at Charles River Associates, a global economic, financial, and business management consulting firm in Boston.

**Ray Hausler** (October 15, 2012)

Ray lived at I-House while earning his degree from the Haas School of Business (MBA '66). He was a senior audit manager for the General Accounting Office in Portland, Seattle and Washington D.C. He was awarded the GAO Distinguished Service Award for his work on NW energy and electric power policies for Congress. Ray lived for family, his wife of 44 years, Virginia; his three children, Victoria, Stephanie, Graham; and seven grandchildren.

**Kohei Honde** (May 1, 2010)

**Jo Gene Griffin Hurley** (December 31, 2012)

Jo Gene graduated from UC Berkeley and taught school in Long Beach. She was married for 44 years to her loving husband Bob Hurley of a

pioneer Phoenix family. She enjoyed volunteer work at the Heard Museum, Orangewood Presbyterian Church, and the Franciscan Renewal Center. Jo Gene was a 50 year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, which promotes the education of women. Her chief passion and love in life was her family.

**Sanford (Sandy) Svetcov** (February 15, 2013)

Sandy was an appellate lawyer, father, husband, provocateur, lousy-jump shooter, and crazy grandpa. With a full-ride scholarship, he earned his degree from Boalt Hall Law School and went on to argue nearly 400 appeals in state and federal appellate courts. Sandy was awarded the John Frank Award, the Boalt Hall Judge Lowell Jensen Award, and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers' Kathleen McCree Lewis Award. He handled appeals in some of the biggest cases to pass through the Bay Area, including the Patty Hearst case, the San Quentin Six, and The People's Temple case. Sandy is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol, his two children, Eric and Danielle, and four grandchildren.

## 1970s Alumni

**Françoise Havelange** (July 4, 2012)

Born in Belgium in 1957, Françoise Havelange devoted her life to justice and human rights issues. Fluent in five languages, she worked for Terre des Hommes in Senegal before joining L'Institut Panos Paris (IPP)—figuring prominently in the struggle to promote media pluralism, particularly among marginalized populations in Africa. In November 2000, she became the IPP's Executive Director, leading strategy to develop independent media, including in The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi and the Central African Republic.

## 1980s Alumni

**Dr. Suryanarayana Yenamandra** (October 29, 2012)

Sury Yenamandra, I-House President in the years 1988 to 1989, passed away on October 29, 2012 and was particularly active in the social life of I-House. Kind regards, Heribert Hirte worked at Desert Valley Hospital "A worthy friend, honest and endearing doctor and above all a good citizen."

## Friends

**Professor William G. Bade** (August 10, 2012)

As Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at UC Berkeley, Bill served as Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, deeply cared about his students (24 successful PhD candidates in his field of Functional Analysis/Banach Algebras), and loved teaching and collaborative research. His years at Berkeley resulted in many wonderful international friendships that are still cherished by his family today. He was a true friend, loving father and grandfather who will be greatly missed, and is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 60 years, their six children, and five grandchildren.

**Henry Evers** (April 23, 2012)

**Robert Schwantes** (October 25, 2012)

## Gifts in Memory

The gifts below were received between July 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013. Honorees in bold, followed by names of the donor(s).

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## Corrections

We regret the omission of Peter Taylor's name in the Fall 2012 Honor Roll of Donors at the Diplomat level.

In the article honoring IH alumnus Professor Rangaiya Rao (IH 1959) in the Fall 2012 newsletter, we omitted the name of his son, Gopal Rao, and have modified the online version to read "Professor Rao is also missed and remembered by son Gopal Rao, daughter Gowri Grewel, son-in-law Paul Grewal, and grandchildren Calvin & Sarina Grewal, all of Palo Alto, and many family members in India."

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## JULIJONA LIESYTE FRASER (IH 1948-51)



Julijona Liesyte Fraser, known to her many IH Golden Age fellow alumni friends as "Julia" a resident of El Cerrito, CA, passed away peacefully on

April 10, 2013 surrounded by her loving family and friends. Born in Harbin, China, to Lithuanian parents on June 16, 1918, she earned her undergraduate degree from Vilnius University and left Europe at the end of World War II, entering the United States through Ellis Island as a Chinese immigrant. Fluent in many languages her first job was at the Library of Congress in Washington DC, prior to making her way west to the Berkeley where she studied and lived at International House. While pursuing her Master's degree in Library Science and History she developed close friendships with many at I-House. Julia, who was Catholic, developed a strong friendship at I-House with Lottie Salz (IH 1947-48), a Holocaust survivor. IH Director Alan Blaisdell introduced the two.



Julijona "Julia" Liesyte Fraser dancing with David Duncan in 1948.

Julia married Joseph Summer Fraser and worked as a research librarian at UC Berkeley, and retired from the Contra Costa County Library system as a children's librarian at the age of 70. Julijona is survived by her three children, Paula Fraser, Sandy Fraser, and Julian Fraser. Julijona enjoyed her seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She was an intelligent, independent woman who passed on a love of books, cooking, traveling, and above all—family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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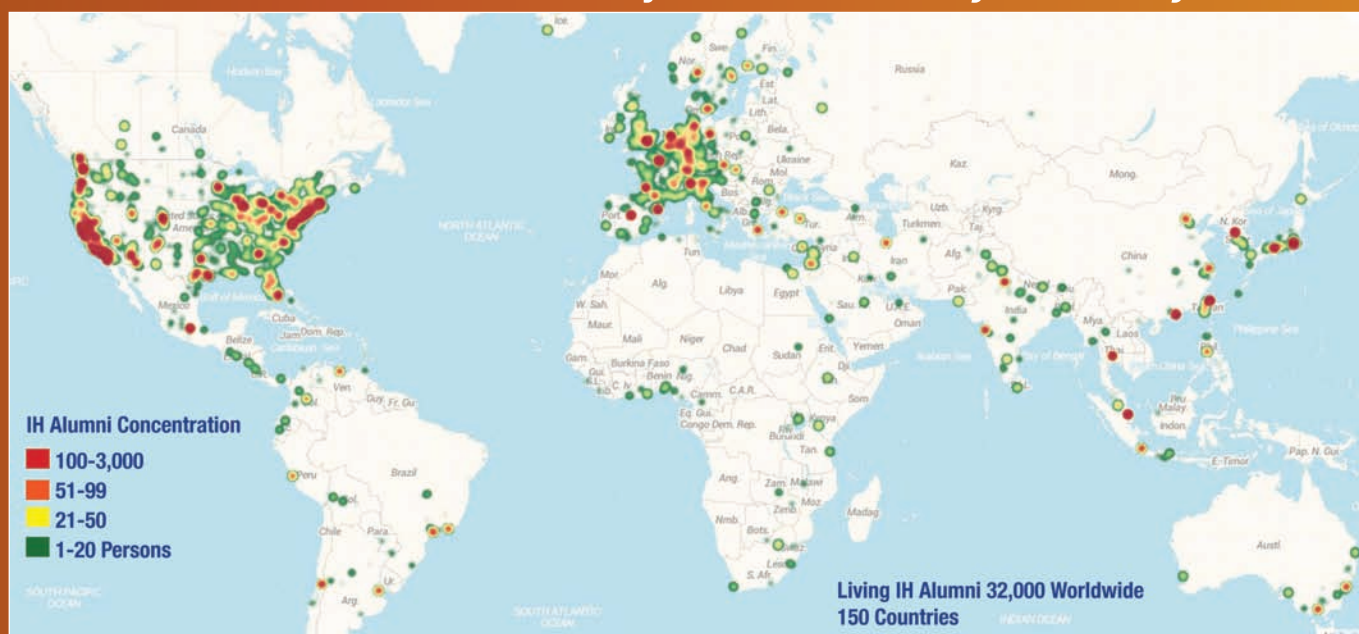
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