

# FWC UPDATE

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March 15<sup>th</sup>: Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers, and Recognition of Section Chairs  
(See last pages.)

**March 15, 2011, 1:30**

*Hostesses: Playreading*

## "Understanding China: The Continuing Mystery of Western Music"

音樂



**Prof. Robert Winter**  
Presidential Chair  
in Music and  
Interactive Arts

As part of his year-long 2010 sabbatical, Distinguished Professor of Music Robert Winter spent several months touring China (Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou), Taiwan, and Hong Kong at the invitation of many former students and prestigious institutions such as the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and the Taipei National University of the Arts. During his journey he presented multiple performances of six different programs (from "Beethoven and the Creative Process" to "East Meets West: A Pianistic Dialogue"); engaged in intense discussions with scores of Chinese colleagues about Chinese culture, music, and their teaching methods; and gave countless personal coachings and more than a dozen masterclasses. He returned with more than a thousand images and almost forty hours of audio and video. His talk today marks his first public presentation of these experiences, framed against the backdrop of the often inexplicable Chinese fascination with Western art music.

***There will be a raffle (two theater tickets).***

**April 26, 2011, 7:30**

*Hostesses: Evening Bridge*

## "What's Really Going on at

Google™



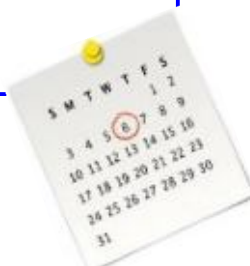
**Dr. Joshua Hyman**

Over the last 15 years, web search has progressed from a handy way to find information on the internet to an essential daily tool. Meanwhile, Google's mission expanded to organizing **all** the world's information, making it universally accessible and useful through projects like Google Maps, Google Earth, Google Voice, Google Apps and Google Translate. Dr. Hyman will explain how search engines gather information from the internet and make it available in ordinary English. His presentation will also cover some of Google's newer projects. Lastly, he will describe what working at this really amazing place is like. Both an undergraduate and a graduate Bruin, Josh Hyman is now a Senior Software Engineer at Google in the Santa Monica office. With Google since 2004, he has worked on various projects related directly to web search. Previously, Dr. Hyman worked with the UCLA Center for Embedded Networked Sensing.

**Save the date: May 17 at 11:30**, for our **Spring Luncheon**

Ms. Leatrice Eiseman will speak on *The How & Why of Color Trends*.

Consider carpooling. To find a carpool partner, call Phyllis Amboss, 310-459-3128, who has a membership list by zip codes and can easily suggest others in your area.



**All meetings will be at the UCLA Faculty Center. Enter at Hilgard/Westholme. Park in Structure 2 (\$10).**

New members are always welcome. If you'd like to attend for the first time, please call the hostess or Chair.

### Bicycling

Every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

We ride at the beach bike path at an easy pace; don't be afraid to join us. We will welcome you. You will need a bicycle, a safety helmet, and a bicycle rack for your car.

**Since we occasionally change our meeting location, new members must contact one of our Chairs.**

**Chairs: Eva Clark, 310-391-3689,  
eva.clark@alum.wellesley.edu  
Carolyn Berry, 310-578-2255,  
cwberry1@yahoo.com**

### Birthday Club

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

The Birthday Club Section is a social gathering where we celebrate birthdays, share a potluck lunch, and the celebrants share their personal and family history.

**March 2** at June Bulkazc's, 5252 Calderon Road, Woodland Hills, 818-225-0052. Celebrating Sandy Spolsky's birthday.

**April 6** at Mary Lou Ward's home, 4543 Greenbush Ave., Sherman Oaks, 818-986-3473. Celebrating the birthdays of June Bulkazc, Amelita Dolorico and Sylvia Moss.

**Chair: Maria Runnegar, 310-470-9480,  
runnegar@usc.edu**

### New Name

#### Book Section A/B = THE Book Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Book Section members present and discuss books of their choice at most of the monthly meetings during the year from October through June. At the December meeting, the members present short vignettes of books they recommend for holiday gift giving. In May, in the past, we have had an "entertainment." In June, we have a book auction. Any FWC member may attend but it is best to call beforehand in case of an unexpected change to the meeting place.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

**March 8** at Phyllis Amboss' home, 751 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades, 310-459-3128. Noel Carterette will talk about *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantell. Refreshments by Phyllis Amboss and Marjorie Friedlander.

**April 12** at Noel Carterette's, 456 Greencraig Road, Los Angeles, 310-476-9935. Phyllis Hirshleifer will talk about *The Lost Books of the Odyssey* by Zachary Mason. Refreshments by Bette Billet and Barbara Rapoport.

**Chairs: Barbara Rapoport,  
310-474-0818,  
barbarar@ucla.edu  
Noël Carterette,  
310-476-9935,  
carteret@ucla.edu  
Margaret Lewis,  
310-454-2037**



### Bridge, Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Experienced players welcome. Please contact the hostess as groups of 4 are needed.

**March 9** at Eileen Miech's home, 3412 Mountain View Ave., L.A., 310-390-3785.

**March 23** at home of Anita Jacobson, 2110 Malcolm Ave., L.A., 310-475-1691.

**April 13** at home of Elaine Svenonius, 2820 Malcolm Ave., L.A., 310-202-7416.

**April 27** at Sandy Spolsky's home, 12424 Indianapolis St., L.A., 310-398-3521.

**Chair: Anita Jacobson, 310-475-1691**

### Bridge, Morning

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Players must arrive by 10:30 and be able to stay until 2:30. Experienced players welcome. Please call in advance.

**March 3** at UCLA Faculty Center. Hostess: Mary Petersen, 310-459-3646.

**April 7** at UCLA Faculty Center. Hostess: Elaine Svenonius, 310-202-7416.

**Chair: Margie Bates, 310-641-4192  
bates@chem.ucla.edu**

### New Name

#### Bridge, Novice = Bridge Intermediate

**Change of Weeks** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Meetings include instruction and play of bridge hands. Please email or phone the section chair if you wish to attend. All meetings at

Belmont Village, 10475 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood, L.A.

**March 1** Belmont Village

**March 15** Belmont Village

**April 5** Belmont Village

**April 19** Belmont Village

**Chair: Margie Bates, 310-641-4192  
bates@chem.ucla.edu**

### New Name

#### French Reading and Conversation

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10:00 to noon

Enjoy French conversation, refreshments, and reading aloud French novels "en français." Please call the hostess beforehand if you have not attended the section previously.

**March 14** at Eileen Kramer's, 937 19<sup>th</sup> St. Unit 1, Santa Monica, 310-828-4137.

**March 28** at Nancy Igo's, 640 East Channel Rd., Santa Monica, 310-573-4121.

**April 11** at Elaine Wise's, 483 Abramam Ave., Pacific Palisades, 310-454-3383.

**April 25** at Joan Moschovakis' home, 721 24<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Monica, 310-394-5201.

**Chair: Helen Nefkens, 818-986-7007,  
hnefkens@yahoo.com  
Joan Moschovakis, 310-394-5201,  
joan.rand@gmail.com**

New members are always welcome. If you'd like to attend for the first time, please call the hostess or Chair.

### Galleries and Sights

5 times a year

Please wear your FWC membership card and call your local Chair to make carpooling and luncheon reservations no later than March 21.

**March 31, Thursday:** 10:30 A.M. Take the Angel's Flight Railway (world's shortest railway), 351 S. Hill St., L.A. and walk the surrounding area for significant sights, above and below. Lunch will be at the Grand Central Market. (\$3.00 in advance to Sonny)

**Chairs:** Sonny Harris, 818 990-1950 (Valley)  
Feli Halma, 310 476-4035 (City)

### Garden Tours

Will meet several times throughout the year. We enjoy visiting gardens, shows, and special gardening events throughout our area. A special outing is being planned for April. Please contact the Chair for more information.

**Chair:** Shirley Dowling, 310-393-5419,  
[william.dowling2@verizon.net](mailto:william.dowling2@verizon.net)

### Genealogy

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

**March 25:** 10 to 12 noon. Contact Ann Duncan, 310-572-9142 for details of the March 25 meeting. If you have ideas for the next field trip, contact Chair Ann Duncan. If you wish to be placed on the FWC Genealogy email list, please send an email to [tashiera701@yahoo.com](mailto:tashiera701@yahoo.com).

**Chair:** Ann Duncan, 310-572-9142,  
[tashiera701@yahoo.com](mailto:tashiera701@yahoo.com)

### German Conversation

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Please join us for stimulating conversation, reading and discussion in German.

**March 8** at Geraldine Walter's home, 11412 Kingsland, L.A., 310-398-4196.

**March 22** at UCLA Faculty Center

**April 12** at Mary Lou Ward's, 4543 Greenbush Ave., Sherman Oaks, 818-986-3473.

**April 26** at UCLA Faculty Center.

**Chairs:** Dorothea Frederking, 310-472-4765  
Helga Lupu, 310-454-0284,  
[hdlupu@verizon.net](mailto:hdlupu@verizon.net)

### International Cooking

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Share recipes from around the world and learn new cooking techniques as we explore foods with an eclectic and/or foreign flair.

**March 21:** Indonesian food at Dianne Homsher's home, 3112 Haddington Dr., L.A., 310-838-8770.

**April 18:** Russian food at the home of Olga Merkurjev, 3257 S. Barrington Ave., L.A., 310-391-1758.

Contact Chairs for possible change of location and additional information.

**Chairs:** Olga Merkurjev, 310-391-1758,  
[olgamerkurev2@gmail.com](mailto:olgamerkurev2@gmail.com)  
Mary Lou Ward, 818-986-3473,  
[marylward@aol.com](mailto:marylward@aol.com)

### Let's Do Lunch

4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 12:30

Join us for a delicious lunch at a restaurant in the Los Angeles area and enjoy the camaraderie of your FWC friends. If you wish to join our section contact Helen Nefkens with your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address to be added to our e-mail invitation list for our monthly events.

Those without e-mail will be notified by phone or U.S. mail. Invitations will arrive 2 to 3 weeks in advance. **Please RSVP promptly to the hostess selecting the restaurant.**

**March 25:** Maria Runnegar, 310-470-9480,  
[Runnegar@usc.edu](mailto:Runnegar@usc.edu).

**April 29:** Joyce Glantz, 818-783-5562, [gglantz@ucla.edu](mailto:gglantz@ucla.edu).

**Note change of April LDL to the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday due to Passover and Good Friday.**

**Chair:** Helen Nefkens, 818-986-7007,  
[hnefkens@yahoo.com](mailto:hnefkens@yahoo.com)

### New

### Mah Jong

1<sup>st</sup> Monday 9:30 to 11:30

This new section is for Beginner and Intermediate players. Guidance for those interested in learning. Come to the first meeting to make arrangements for the future. Please contact the Chair for more information.

**March 7** at Susan Shemin's home, 321 El Camino Dr., Beverly Hills, 310 551-4093.

**April 4** at Susan Shemin's, 321 El Camino Dr., Beverly Hills, 310-551-4093.

**Chair:** Susan Shemin, 310-551-4093,  
[susan.shemin@gmail.com](mailto:susan.shemin@gmail.com)

### Newcomers

Please contact the Membership Chair if you are a newcomer to UCLA or have not been a member of FWC for several years.

**Chairs:** Ida Riordan, 310-837-9851, [iriordan@ucla.edu](mailto:iriordan@ucla.edu)  
Sonny Harris, 818-990-1950

### Playreading

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

The Playreading Section explores classical and contemporary plays for the theater in an informal study group format. Individuals from the group are cast to read aloud one or more parts from the selected plays. Others may enjoy the Playreading section as audience. Afterward the cast and audience share discussions of the play and playwright as time permits. Guests are welcome. Rehearsal is generally one week before the scheduled playreading.

**March 10:** *Overtones*, a one-act play by Alice Gerstenberg plus a yet-to-be named play.

**April 14:** To be announced.

We meet at the UCLA Faculty Center. Contact either chair for up-to-date information and/or to join our Playreading group.

**Chairs:** Rochelle Caballero, 310-454-7431,  
[rrcab90272@cs.com](mailto:rrcab90272@cs.com)  
Phyllis Amboss, 310-459-3128,  
[amboss@ucla.edu](mailto:amboss@ucla.edu)



New members are always welcome. If you'd like to attend for the first time, please call the hostess or Chair.

### Spanish Conversation

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 10:00 to noon

Bienvenidos a la conversación en español. Charlamos, leemos, escuchamos audiorevistas de la actualidad en CD, miramos el canal de historia y muchas cosas más. LLámenos y venga. **Please contact one of the Chairs for information about meeting dates and places.**

**Chairs: Carol Roback, 310-395-5289,**  
**[droback@altrionet.com](mailto:droback@altrionet.com)**  
**Ofelia Nodarse, 310-328-2773,**  
**[ofelia134@aol.com](mailto:ofelia134@aol.com)**  
**Rita Carranza, 310-475-8243,**  
**[rita.carranza@verizon.net](mailto:rita.carranza@verizon.net)**

**NEW**

### New Time Tai Chi

Every Tuesday afternoon, 1:30

Intermediate and advanced levels are welcome at an ongoing Tai Chi class with a skilled instructor @ \$5.00 per class. Enrollment is

limited. Classes are held at Monarch Village, 5325 Etiwanda Ave., Tarzana. Call Chair to join.

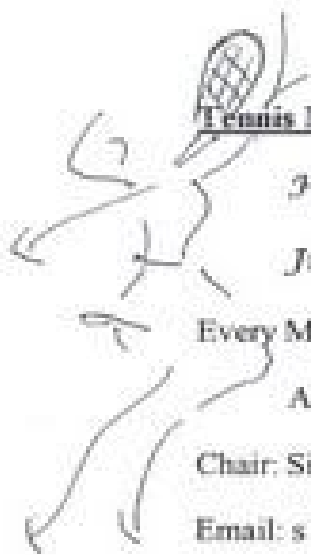
**Chair: Sonny Harris, 818-990-1950**

### Tennis, Friday

Every Friday morning from 9:00 to 11:00

We play every Friday morning at the UCLA Sycamore Courts. New members who play at high intermediate level or better are welcome to join in the fun. Call or e-mail the Chair if you plan to come.

**Chair: Ellen Freeman, 310-475-1078,**  
**[freemanc ceramics@aol.com](mailto:freemanc ceramics@aol.com)**



### Tennis Monday

*Healthy Living!*

*Just Blast Strings!*

Every Monday 9:00 to 11 a.m.

All levels are welcome

**Chair: Simone King, (818) 783-4372**

**Email: [s123run@gmail.com](mailto:s123run@gmail.com)**

We play at the UCLA Sycamore Courts. Contact the Chair for information and to state your desire to join this group.

### Travel

Once each quarter, 1:30 p.m.

This section enjoys presentations about special travel adventures of our members and others. Spouses are welcome. Membership has grown to more than 22 members so a larger venue may be needed. Please contact the Chair for information and to be added to the contact list or to volunteer to do a presentation.

**Chair: Joyce Glantz, 818-783-5562,**  
**[gglantz@ucla.edu](mailto:gglantz@ucla.edu)**

### Walking & Hiking

5 Walks throughout the year

We will explore different places of interest in the Greater Los Angeles area on our walks. Contact the Chair for additional information and to be added to the list to receive advance notice of activities.

**March 1:** After three very easy "walking" outings we will now do a real hike: Temescal Canyon Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains. We will meet in the parking lot on the north/west corner of Temescal Canyon Blvd. and Sunset in Pacific Palisades. The hike starts at the parking lot. There is lots of street parking on Temescal and Sunset. There is also paid parking in the lot because it is a state park. The first part of the hike is quite easy, but then there is a gradual elevation gain that is somewhat steep in parts, until we arrive at the waterfall. Sturdy shoes are desirable. The hike takes about an hour and a half. There are several restaurants in the area for lunch.

**Chair: Brigid Mills, 310-459-6959,**  
**[brigid10@verizon.net](mailto:brigid10@verizon.net)**

### **Help New Members Find Us and Learn about All Our Activities**

If you know of potential FWC members among your friends and colleagues, please call Pat Lotker, Membership Chair, or send her an email:

818-492-8087

[patl@verizon.net](mailto:patl@verizon.net).

Pat will follow up.





Scholarship Dinner

International Cooking

# Photo Gallery

Joyce Glantz



MARY LOU

DIANE

MARIA

DAGMAR

FELI

RITA

SANDY

MARIANNE

CYNTHIA

INTERNATIONAL COOKING  
MARCH 15, 2010

Birthday Club



Galleries and Sights



## Honoring Our Section Chairs on March 15<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at the March General Meeting to celebrate and honor these special women who lead the FWC Sections. Here is an opportunity to show our appreciation for all the time and effort these leaders put into making each Section successful.

What exactly does a FWC Chair do? She is responsible for organizing the meetings, activities, programs, or events of her Section. She relays the information to be included in the *Update* and is the contact person for members interested in attending a Section. The Chair compiles the list of members of her group. At the end of the year she writes a description of the Section and its activities. If no one is willing to chair a section, it becomes inactive. Therefore the Chair is invaluable. Any member who is interested in chairing an existing Section or would like to start a new Section, contact the VP/Sections, Sandy Spolsky, 310 398-3521, [scspolsky@ca.rr.com](mailto:scspolsky@ca.rr.com)

## REPORT from the 2011-2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating Committee was chaired by Phyllis Amboss and included Vanae Ehret, Noel Carterette, Pat Nagy, and Kate Geller. The committee will present this slate of nominees. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, with the consent of those nominated. All members are urged to attend and to participate in the election before the Music program on March 15.

### Election of Officers

#### Nominees for the 2011-2012 term:

President: Rochelle Caballero  
 Vice President/Sections: Dagmar Lestrel  
 Vice President/Programs: Bette Billet  
 Recording Secretary: Susan Shemin  
 Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Freeman  
 Treasurer: Louisa Cardenas  
 Historian: Zorana Ercegovac

#### In Memoriam

The FWC mourns their loss :  
 Loraine Geissman  
 Leon Knopoff  
 June Sherwood  
 Carl Wold

### FWC EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010-2011 OFFICERS

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## A Note from the President about the Faculty Center Controversy

Mary Ann Sherritt



“Thank you” to all who attended the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at and about the Faculty Center. The preponderance of opinion expressed at the meeting was to preserve the Faculty Center building. Since then, there has been a ground-swell of opposition to building a new conference center/hotel on the site of our Faculty Center.

Information regarding the groups that have been formed to preserve the Faculty Center will be available at the next General Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, if you would like to become more involved in the crusade to save the Faculty Center, please contact Marjorie Friedlander at [friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com](mailto:friedlander.marjorie@gmail.com) or 310-459-7145.

The online petition to save the UCLA Faculty Center:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/190/help-save-the-ucla-faculty-center/>

The website for photographs and historic information:

<https://sites.google.com/site/savefca/>

For more information on how to help: [protect-preserve@hotmail.com](mailto:protect-preserve@hotmail.com)