HOLIDAY LITE NEWS

The Holiday Season is upon us once again, and I wanted to send you a few important reminders and updates before we all get caught up in the seasonal flurry of activities. First and foremost:

THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE PALACE HOTEL
Saturday, December 5, 2015

The Holiday Luncheon is less than two weeks away! If you are planning to attend, please be certain to send me your check and menu options right away – the deadline is Friday, November 27. If you want to attend but are afraid your check may not reach me by the deadline, be sure to send me an e-mail or call to let me know you want to be included. (linivory@comcast.net or 415-721-7432.) As you know, this year’s Holiday Luncheon will probably be our last one at the fabulous Palace Hotel, the end of a wonderful 12 year tradition. We do plan to carry on the tradition of the holiday luncheon, but most likely at a different venue next year. I know you will not want to miss our last hurrah at this grand palace. I am attaching a copy of the announcement and reservation form, for your convenience. Please do join our celebration, and bring your friends, family, and colleagues. The more, the merrier! (‘Tis the season to be merry....)
Other News & Updates

Membership and Dues. If you have not yet renewed your dues for the 2015-2016 year, please do so now. You can get a copy of the renewal form from our membership Coordinator, Connie Tallerico, at ctalle@sfsu.edu. We are planning to revise the very outdated membership directory in the spring semester; check with Connie to be sure your membership is current and that we have your correct address and phone number. If you do NOT want your home address or phone number listed, please let Connie know that, too.

The membership directory is distributed only to UWA members. As always, we are very grateful for your continued support and scholarship contributions.

Scholarship Update. We are pleased to announce that the UWA Board has approved an increase in scholarship funding to be awarded for 2016-2017 from $6,000 (this year) to $7,200. Students can apply for the Gloria Spencer UWA Scholarship beginning January 15; please encourage your students to apply—especially those excellent students who may be hindered academically because of their need of financial assistance.

Fall Events Update.

Presidio Tour, October 24. The most surprising thing about this very enjoyable tour was that we saw parts of the Presidio that most of us had never seen before – even though many of us have lived in the Bay Area all our lives. We stood on the site of the refuge camp for persons displaced by the 1906 earthquake and fire; strolled along lovely hiking trails, past the historic row of officers’ houses and by the headquarters of Lucasfilm (see group photo with Yoda, taken at the Yoda fountain.) In addition, we saw some world class landscaping and caught a surprising glimpse of the Palace of Fine Arts. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch and lively conversation at The Presidio Social Club. Just another beautiful day in San Francisco!

Jewel City Tour, November 21. We had a particularly good guide for this tour at the de Young Museum, one of our own: Jim Kohn, a recently retired English Professor from SFSU. Jim seems to be enjoying his retirement; and in between travels and other interests, he volunteers as a docent at the de Young, the Legion of Honor, and the SF Botanical Garden. He gave us an excellent tour of the Jewel City exhibit, and we will most certainly request him as a guide for future tours. Many of us stayed after the tour for lunch in the museum café, shopping at the Artisan Fair and museum stores, and the ongoing slide show of the Panama Pacific International Exposition (aka the Jewel City). Sorry, I forgot to take photos at this one!

Grace Lam passed away on October 24 after a lengthy illness, at the age of 66. Grace loved to travel, and she was the only person who had been on every one of the University Women's Association Scholarship cruises. She was not a member of the UWA, but her sister Betty Lam was. On most of the cruises she traveled with her sisters, Betty and Cecilia. The three of them were nearly inseparable, and we all have many happy memories and adorable photos of the three Lams. The photo on the right was taken at the 2014 Holiday Luncheon at the Palace Hotel; Grace is in the foreground, Cecilia and Betty behind her.