MARCH is a month of celebrations—and madness. You may celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day, Easter, or the Vernal Equinox (Spring!). If you are a sports fan, baseball is back, and college hoops fans succumb to March Madness. At SFSU, spring recess is a happy time for students and faculty alike. If you are a Caesar, “Beware the Ides.” Because I love long days and warmer nights, I particularly look forward to March 13, when we “spring forward” to begin Daylight Savings Time. Andrew Marvel said it best: “...we cannot make our sun stand still, yet we will make him run.” (“To My Coy Mistress”)

If you need more reasons to celebrate, check out our line-up of spring events, beginning with a private tour of the Pierre Bonnard Exhibit at the Legion of Honor museum in SF. Don’t miss the SPRING LUNCHEON, on campus in the Vista Room on April 20. And a “Foodie Tour” TBS in May/June in one of San Francisco’s trendiest food corridors (see sidebar).

PIERRE BONNARD Painting Arcadia

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 3:00 PM

DOCENT: JIM KOHN, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, SFSU

SFSU’s own Professor Jim Kohn will be the docent for our private tour of the Pierre Bonnard exhibit at the Legion of Honor. This comprehensive exhibit spans Bonnard’s entire career, and it includes several of his masterpieces, along with some lesser-known gems. (Many are lovely paintings of women, as well as cats—for the feline-lovers among us.) Dr. Kohn may provide insights we would have missed on our own. Even if you have already seen the exhibit, join us for our tour with Jim Kohn. And stay afterwards for (no host) coffee and treats in the museum café. See the enclosed flyer for details. DEADLINE: MARCH 18.

ALSO THIS SPRING:

SPRING LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

SFSU VISTA ROOM

11:30 – 2:00 P.M.

An opportunity to meet some of our recent UWA Scholarship Recipients and enjoy a special lunch on campus with colleagues and friends. Invite newcomers as well as old friends. Join us for this celebration of spring. SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 20, 11:30 – 2:00 in the Vista Room. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

FOODIE TOUR

HAYES VALLEY

Fun Foodie walk and tour through SF’s trendy Hayes Valley neighborhood. Meet the chefs, sample their foods and beverages. See for yourself why the Hayes Valley has become so popular among food lovers of all ages. The tour will be in May or June, TBA. Watch for details.

Watch for more events this summer -- another Tiburon cruise, or what? Your ideas are eagerly accepted—we would love to try something new. Contact me with your good suggestions, linivory@comcast.net)
“People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.”  -  Maya Angelou

“If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.”  -  Margaret Thatcher

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
MARCH 8, 2016

BREAKING NEWS:
ACTING CO-PRESIDENT JEANNE MANGERICH MOVES ONWARD AND UPWARD!

In Jeanne’s own words: “What a day - I guess when things are supposed to happen, they move. Many of you know I have been looking for better opportunities on and off campus, and today I got hired as a Junior Building Inspector at the huge Apple campus under construction in Cupertino. (If you Google it, it looks like a space ship) . . . . I am thrilled to be making more money and learning new things, with chances for advancements too. My employer will be 4Leaf, Inc., in Pleasanton, not Apple....” Jeanne adds that she will “...certainly want to remain a [UWA] member and participate in what activities I can, but I will have to step down from interim president. Thanks for giving me the opportunity!” Jeanne officially retired from SFSU March 24. Lily Gee – the other half of the Co-Presidency--will continue to serve as Interim President in Jeanne’s absence.

WOMEN WANTED!

One woman is leaving (Jeanne) and two are needed to fill her shoes! The UWA Board needs another Member at Large, and we need to replace Jeanne immediately as Honors’ Convocation Coordinator. The Honors’ Convocation is a university-wide celebration held in McKenna Theatre to recognize many of SFSU’s most accomplished undergraduate students. It is being held this year on the evening of May 26. The Coordinator puts together a small group of volunteers each year to serve as ushers and hostesses at the Honors Convocation and the reception that follows. The Board meets 2 -3 times a semester, on campus. If you can help, please contact any one of the Board members (see listing on Page 6), especially Lily Gee (Acting President) lilygee@sfsu.edu or Lin Ivory (Program Coordinator) linivory@comcast.net, or call 415-721-7432.

MARCH 20 STUDENT DEADLINE
FOR THE GLORIA SPENCER UWA SCHOLARSHIP

If you know of an outstanding student in need of financial assistance, please encourage her/him to apply. Information about the scholarship can be found on the University Women’s Association website: uwa.sfsu.edu. Students can apply on the Student Financial Aids website: www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/scholarship.
The UWA Cruise of Tahiti and the South Pacific ended on February 4, and ever since we got home everyone I see asks me about the cruise. How was it? In a word, FANTASTIC. Six of us from SFSU were shipmates aboard Oceania’s Marina, the Lam sisters (Betty and Cecilia), Jim and Arline VanNess, Bob and Lin Ivory (that would be me.) I think I can safely speak for all of us when I say we had a fabulous time. The islands were as beautiful as we remembered from our previous two UWA Tahiti cruises, and this itinerary included two ports that were new to us, Nuku Hiva (Marquesas) and Rangiroa. They couldn’t have been more spectacular, or more different from each other. The Marquesas are steep and rugged with great vistas and archeological sites. Rangiroa is an enormous ring of tiny islands (motus) forming a huge lagoon filled with sea creatures of all sizes and colors, and none of the motus are more than a few feet above sea level – a veritable “string of pearls” in the South Pacific. We spent one full day on a private tour of Nuku Hiva that was a highlight for the six of us – up and over the mountains, trekking through the woods to the ancient sites, stopping for photo ops at magnificent viewpoints. We stopped on a remote beach on the far side of the island and enjoyed an amazing meal of freshly caught fish.

“I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list.” – Susan Sontag
Another highlight for Arline/Jim/Betty/Cecilia was a day trip in a glass bottom boat on Bora Bora, where Jim and Betty swam with the manta rays. Bob and I rented a small motor boat that day and explored the lagoons on our own, and we rented a Fun Roadster (essentially a dune buggy) on Moorea and puttered around all day. Arline thought she had overdone it in Raiatea when she and Jim spent several hours kayaking on the Faaroa River—but she recovered by the next day and is proud of the fact that her new Fitbit recorded 10,000 steps (or more) every day of the cruise. So much for a relaxing tropical vacation!

Because there were only six of us, we had dinner together nearly every night—and with Oceania’s excellent food (touted as the best cuisine at sea) and their excellent specialty restaurants, dinner was a highlight as well. The ship anchored overnight in Bora Bora, which gave us an opportunity to have dinner at Bloody Mary’s – a world famous restaurant and bar with a sand floor and a wall of photos and autographs of the many celebrities who have eaten there over the years.

One complaint: the WiFi on the ship was AWFUL - a frustration for all of us. After a few days, however, I realized that the WiFi in the ports wasn’t much better. These islands are pretty far away from everything – which is, after all, one of the reasons they are so special. Once I realized that, I began to chill. Surprisingly, it was a treat NOT to be connected. And here’s a little piece of trivia you probably didn’t know: the Marquesas are so isolated that they have their own time zone. When you sail from Tahiti, you set your clocks ahead by 30 minutes – yes, it’s a HALF hour time difference. Who knew?

And, speaking of Trivia, another highlight for Jim/Arline and Bob and I was competing in Team Trivia every afternoon. We took first or second place every single day, and at the end of
the cruise, our team came in FIRST PLACE over-all.

We all agreed that Oceania is the best cruise line. They have the best food, an excellent staff to passenger ratio, and virtually no hidden costs. Air fare is included in the price, as well as all the specialty restaurants, specialty coffees, soft drinks, and bottled waters – all extras on many other ships. And Oceania ships are smaller and more elegant than most. In the end, this says it all: the six of us signed up for a “future cruise” before we left the ship. What that means is that we all put down deposits on a cruise, but we have two years to chose a specific cruise and destination. So we don’t know yet where we are going, but we do know that **THE NEXT UWA SCHOLARSHIP CRUISE WILL BE ON OCEANIA.** We are wide open to suggestions about where to go, and we want to encourage as many people as possible to join us. The six of us have a great time traveling together, but we need around 16 to generate scholarship funding, and that is our goal. So if you have been thinking about going on a cruise and you agree that it would be fun to travel with friends from SFSU, let any of us know where you would like to travel next. Oceania comes out with their 2017 itineraries in April, and that’s when we will begin our search in earnest for the perfect itinerary. The next cruise will probably be in 2017. Give us your ideas, help us decide on a destination, and do join us next time!
At our lunch at the Samovar Tea Lounge on February 27, we sampled a fascinating array of food and teas from around the world. Some of us ordered the traditional English Tea Service, others enjoyed more exotic Russian or Chinese Teas, and still others had the fritatta and sandwiches. Food portions were generous, the flavors unique, and it was a particularly enjoyable group of women. Thanks to Frances Barron, Lily Gee, LaVonne Jacobsen, Jeanne Mangerich, Maria Meyer, Stephanie Schwartz and her mum, Jo Byrne, Gloria Tseng and Arline Van Ness for joining me for this fun outing.

“I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it.”

Alice Walker