



## Citizens of London

Coordinated by:

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**Mondays, March 11, 18, & 25**  
**1:30-4:30pm**

**Goleta Library**  
**500 N. Fairview Ave.**

**(Please park in church parking lot next door.)**

A closer look at the book, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour*, written by Lynne Olson

Who were these Americans? How did they get involved? What was their impact? How were they changed by this experience? These are the questions that will be addressed by members in our upcoming class. Since many VISTAS members have already read the book and are enthusiastic about it, we will have some lively discussions.

Ted Anagnoson will begin the FIRST SESSION with a short review of Ambassador Joe Kennedy's negative predictions for Britain's prospects in defeating Germany. and FDR'S policies before Pearl Harbor Day. In March 1941, Gil Winant took on the challenge of becoming the new ambassador to Britain. Sue Mellor was able to find his own account of the role he played from his arrival in February, 1941, to the U.S. entry on December 7. It was written in the form of a letter to a close acquaintance, called *Letter from Grosvenor Square*. Ray Stone has done extensive research on the Battle of the Atlantic which lasted throughout the war and he has developed one of his spectacular PowerPoint presentations on the pervasiveness and repercussions of that battle.




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### ENROLLMENT FORM: **Citizens of London**

**VISTAS Members \$30, Non-members \$45**

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**Please enroll by February 28, 2013**

Beginning the SECOND SESSION, **John Pillsbury** will discuss the eight meetings between Churchill and Roosevelt, based on Jon Meacham's book, *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship*. **George Ittner** will highlight the feats of valor exhibited by the Royal Air Force in the Battle of Britain. **Barbara Margerum** will discuss how America learned of the horrendous bombing of London through the efforts of Edward R. Murrow and how he affected the future of news broadcasting

In the THIRD SESSION, **Jan O'Dowd** will explore the contributions of the women of England. She will highlight the work of Lady Reading and the Women's Voluntary Service, as depicted by Katherine

Bentley Beaman in her book, *Green Sleeves: the Story of WVS/WRVS*. Once America became involved, the question of who would lead the joint forces needed to be resolved. **Ed Vernon** will talk about George Marshall's role and the conflicting positions among the generals. **Judy Mack** will discuss a key figure, Ambassador George Kennan, who promoted "containment" as a policy toward Russia at the end of the war. We will end our study with **Lois Kaplan's** insights into the role of Pamela Harriman in creating relationships between many of the key players.

Read the book as a basis for this fascinating discussion. It will be fun!

### VISTAS Winter/Spring 2013 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	Thurs, Mar 21	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Imperial Presidency (4)	Mon, Jan 28 thru Feb 18	1:30-4:30pm	Maravilla Clubhouse
Short Stories (3)	Wed, Feb 20 thru Mar 6	1:30-4:30pm	TBA
The Lady in Gold (5)	Wed Mar 6,13,20,27	9:30-12:30pm	SB Maritime Museum
Citizens of London (3)	Mon, Mar 11, 18 & 25	1:30-4:30pm	Goleta Library
The Bible in Ancient Near Eastern Context	April	TBA	TBA
Folk Music Nationalism, & Modernism in Europe	April	TBA	TBA



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