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Message from the President—Fall 2012

A new season of VISTAS courses is before us for our enjoyment, learning, and participation. The incoming curriculum director, Ted Anagnoson, will outline the upcoming programs at the picnic on Sunday, September 16, and be assured that VISTAS will continue to offer varied and stimulating programs to enhance all of our lives.

Last year, over 1,000 VISTAS attendees came to one or more of the 17 seminars. The best attended were *What Makes Music Beautiful*, led by Derek Katz, one of our most popular presenters, and the *Harvard Justice Course*, with Barbara Krahn as discussion leader. The subjects of several other very well-attended seminars were *Proposition 8 and the Obama Health Care Bill*, *Pirates! From Treasure Island to Somalia*, and *Why Democracy? Why Capitalism? Why the West?* Other fine offerings included *Violin Making*, the ever popular *Documentary* film sessions and of course our best attended and perhaps most enjoyed, the *Winter Social*, with clever short plays led by Ray Stone plus good company, food and wine!

The VISTAS Board wants not only to offer courses that are enjoyable and educational but urges each of you to participate by leading or by volunteering to help put on a program. Let any board member know what you would like and become a "giver." As Mom said, "You will get more than you give."

Welcome to a new year of being part of our group of Lifelong Learners.

Ed V

PLEASE JOIN VISTAS—IT'S A DEAL!

VISTAS depends on the membership to keep offering courses year after year. Our active Curriculum Committee is hard at work even now planning next year's seminars. Please contact vistas@silcom.com if you are interested and we will send you the information.



In Memoriam

Bob Macy (1935-2012) died on March 24, following surgery and a short hospital stay. VISTAS lost a long-time member and a major seminar leader. Every year, since 2005, Bob presented an in-depth topical subject, often bringing experts in particular fields to broaden the discussion. Programs ranged from International Relations to Education Challenges in the 21st Century to this year's Sub-Saharan Africa's Rebirth. Class participants were intellectually stimulated and their knowledge enhanced. Many people signed up for Bob's courses simply because he was the leader. We will miss him. (*Charlie Schneider*)

Darwin Holian (1923-2012) died April 27. In addition to being a retired physician, he was a kind, generous and very good man. He was a fascinating person in his interaction with VISTAS, which is where I go to know him. An obviously bright and creative man, I asked him why he was so interested in VISTAS. He told me that his education was mostly technical and he realized that there was more to the world than what he had learned and he wanted to find out about it. He undertook computer related jobs of web site design and database maintenance which were, I think, new to him, and were highly helpful

to young VISTAS and a key to our long term success. He was open to opinions of others, but knew his own views and was able to express them well. He taught several classes about things he was comfortable sharing. (*Peter Kruse*)

Warren Elliott (1927-2012) died on May 29, 2012, from what seemed to be a series of illnesses which just wouldn't go away and which he refused to acknowledge or to limit his extensive activities. He was a faithful member of VISTAS, a presenter and participant of wit, and an important source of oral history for much of what has happened in Washington for the past 40 years. Warren was educated at the University of Colorado and the University of Michigan Law School. He was an avid reader and participated in numerous athletic activities, including football and in recent years was a master of the drop shot in tennis. He was a Capitol Hill staffer, lawyer, leader of a law firm and general counsel for a very large insurance company. He was active in Opera North and Iliad Life Long Learning while living in Hanover, New Hampshire. He became a member of VISTAS when he moved to Santa Barbara in 2002 with his wife, Polly Griscom. (*Peter Kruse*)

Seminar/Event	Fall 2012	Presented by
VISTAS Annual Picnic	Sun, Sep 16, 12:30pm	Diane Wolf
Play Bridge (10)	Tues, Sep 11, 10am	Shirley Diamond
Fall Initiatives & Process (2)	Mon, Sep 17 & 24, 1:30pm	Ted Anagnoson
Documentary Club	Thurs, Sep 20, 2pm	Diane Wolf
Fall 2012 Election (3)	Tues, Oct 16, 23, 30, 1:30pm	Judy Mack
Astronomy (3)	Wed, Oct 10, 17, 1:30pm & 18,	Chuck McPartlin
Poetry (1)	Thur, Nov 1, 1:30pm	Paul Willis
No. American Indian Tribes (3)	Mon, Nov 5, 12, 19	Sue Mellor
'Round the Horn (1)	Sat, Nov 10, 10am	Kathryn Chalfant

For more detailed information on these seminars, both past and future, go to the Website under Past Events and Upcoming Events: vistaslifelonglearning.org. Flyers to follow.