



Kindertransport

Presented by: *Mike Wolff*

Tuesday

May 3, 2016

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde Social Room
900 Calle De Los Amigos

Immediately following "Kristalnacht" (the night of broken glass) in Germany and Austria on November 9th, 1939, several countries worldwide became very concerned about the safety of Jewish children in Nazi occupied Europe. Concerned organizations and private citizens within both Great Britain and the United States began a series of attempts to get some of these at-risk children out of harm's way.

Parliament in Great Britain acted very swiftly and passed a law allowing 10,000 "non-Arian" children between the ages of two and fifteen to immigrate. A similar law was proposed here in the United States to allow 20,000 children to enter into the country. Unfortunately, the bill died in committee and only a few children were able to enter into the U. S.

Great Britain became the only country in the world to allow a mass immigration of children out of Nazi occupied Europe. The great majority of children came out of Germany and Austria. Due to the selfless efforts of one British private citizen, over six hundred children were able to escape out of Czechoslovakia. There was also a small sprinkling of kids from other European countries. This tremendous effort by Great Britain became known as the "Kindertransport".

The Kindertransport started moving children in early December 1938 and continued until the start of World War II in September of 1939. It is estimated that over 9,000 children actually managed to escape the Nazis and enter the safe haven of Great Britain with fewer than 1,000 children reaching the United States.

The class will cover the treatment of the Jewish citizens in Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1939, including the laws that were passed and actions taken. We will also cover the history behind the Kindertransport as well as the detailed story of one child who managed to survive due to the kindness of the British public. We will also touch on the story of Sir Nicholas Winton, the man behind the escape of the children out of Czechoslovakia.



Enrollment Form: *Kindertransport* - May 3, 2016

VISTAS Members \$18, Non-members \$27.

Note: *At-The-Door Registration is an additional \$5.00*

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

Deadline for registration: April 26th

BIOGRAPHY: *Mike Wolff* was born in Breslau Germany, sent to Glasgow Scotland at the age of three, moved to Bolivia, South America at the age of five and eventually came to the United States in 1952. He received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California in Berkeley and a MBA from California State College in Fullerton. He worked as Manufacturing Engineering Manager at Burroughs Small Systems Plant in Goleta.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 10, 17, & 24,	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Catherine the Great	Mon, April 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Refugees Crises	Thurs, April 14	1:30 pm	Valle Verde Social Rm
Kindertransport	Tues, May 3	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Opera/Derek Katz	Wed, May 4, 11, 18	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Africa	Tues, May 10, 17, 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Write About Your Life	Wed, June 1, 8, 15	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre