

## PRESIDENT'S



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## BIG NEWS

**June 1: Membership  
Registration**  
Opens for Fiscal  
Year 2022-2023

**Summer Program  
June 3—July 29:**  
(see page 7 for details)

**Parking Permits Info**  
for our **Summer Program**  
and for **Fiscal Year**  
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023  
(see page 6 for details)

This is my last President's Corner Recorder article as Renaissance Society (RS) Board President. I want to thank all of you for your support over the last two years. The time of the "pandemic pivot" truly defined a new era of innovation and continuous improvement for our 35-year-old lifelong learning organization. Over three hundred volunteers helped RS to not only survive, but to thrive in a time of massive disruption. The Renaissance Society 2021-2022 academic year was an amazing success! Almost 1700 RS members registered for over 21,700 enrollments in 214 programs.

This June edition focuses on our Annual Membership renewal and a return to campus for the Fall 2022 semester. The RS on-campus **Summer Program** will feature eight outstanding speakers starting June 3 through July 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Friday. Presentations will be followed by "brown bag" lunches and tours of the Planetarium, the Arboretum, and other "Sac State gems." This is a great chance to carpool and invite friends and associates to experience the joys of lifelong learning and social interaction.

The **membership portal opens online on June 1, 2022**. You can also complete and mail the enclosed membership application with a check to our RS office. You will be able to apply for your UTAPS (University Transportation And Parking Services) virtual parking permit online or stop by the Welcome Center inside the Sac State main entrance at 6000 J Street to complete the registration process starting on **July 1, 2022**.

Over half of our Fall programs are on Zoom-Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, the other half of our programs will be in-person on the Sac State campus. Several program leaders are offering Friday HyFlex simultaneous in-person and Zoom presentations. So, **no matter where you live, beyond the greater Sacramento area, outside California or overseas**, if you have a computer with a microphone, a camera, and Internet access you can participate in programs face-to-face online. RS has members in 21 states plus the District of Columbia and 63 California cities!

The Renaissance Society is still one of the best kept secrets. Please share the secret with your friends and invite them to join us and become lifelong learners. No grades, no attendance – learning just for the fun of it! We have over 100 Fall programs scheduled. The **Fall 2022 Catalog** will be posted to our RS website on Monday, August 1. **Program registration opens** Monday, August 8.

The **Fall 2022 Orientation & Rendezvous** working group is planning a return to the Sac State University Union Ballrooms for in-person sessions on Friday, August 12. The Orientation will be in Ballroom III from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in HyFlex – simultaneous presentation in-person and Zoom. Next, a guided Sac State tour from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. will orient Renaissance newcomers and returnees on how to navigate the campus. Following an early lunch, the traditional Rendezvous will be held in Ballrooms I & II from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. You will have the chance to meet RS program leaders and explore volunteer opportunities to support Sac State students and serve on RS committees.

Thank you again to all of you who volunteer and participate to help support one another as we **Learn, Connect, and Share**. See you this Summer and Fall on the Sac State campus!

*Ken*



**Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 Academic Year**

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

This special **Membership Edition** of The Recorder will explain the process for signing up for the upcoming Fall 2022—Spring 2023 Academic Year.

Renaissance Society will send a Constant Contact email message on Wednesday, **June 1**, with a link to our Registration site inviting you to either renew your membership or to join us for the first time for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. **ALL Renaissance members will also be receiving a printed June Recorder newsletter in the mail!**

**There are two ways to Renew or Sign-up for a Membership:**

- 1) Online, with a credit card payment
- 2) The traditional paper way by using the form on the next page, page 3, and mailing it in with a check. The paper form is also available on our Renaissance Society website where it can be printed, filled in, and mailed in with your check **starting on June 1, 2022**. Look for the paper form under the “**Membership**” option on the front page of the Renaissance website.

**Membership for the 2022-2023 Academic Year is \$100.00 per person!**

To use the **ONLINE CREDIT CARD PROCESS:**

**Important:** If you are renewing your membership, you will need to know your Renaissance Society membership number, which you can look up online with your Last Name and Zip Code **HERE**. Also, if you will be 90 years old before July 1, 2022, you are eligible to be an *Honorary Member*. See details below.

The online internet process is simple and safe. To access it, go to the Renaissance Society website at **www.csus.edu/org/rensoc**. First click on the “**Online Registration**” box. **Returning** members, please click on “**Sign Me In**” or “**Help me Login.**” For **new** members, click on “**Sign Me Up.**” The system will be asking for credit card information to make your payment, but does not retain credit card information once the transaction is completed.

It’s simple and in a flash you are up-to-date with your Renaissance Society membership for the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Academic Year. ***Do not complete the online registration information more than one time because your credit card will be charged each time.*** If you think that your payment did not go through, phone the Renaissance Office at (916) 758-5133 or email **renaissa@csus.edu**.

**Note:** Instructions for purchasing parking permits are available at **https://tinyurl.com/RSparking**. Parking Permits cost \$40 and will be good from July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023. You can **purchase** your parking permit for the new fiscal year starting on **July 1, 2022**. Click **HERE** to get to the UTAPS online parking portal.

**\*\*Note:** If you will be 90 years old before July 1, 2022, you are eligible to become an *Honorary Member* and you will no longer be required to pay membership dues. **Do not register online.** You must contact the office at (916) 758-5133 in order to be processed and registered for the new year.



**\*\*Members who already are *Honorary Members* must also register with the office, phone (916) 758-5133 or email **renaissa@csus.edu**.**

**Fall 2022!**  
**Have a sneak peek at what we have in store for our Renaissance members for Fall 2022!**

Monday Big History Series -14  
 Tuesday Speakers Series -12  
 Friday Forums –12  
 Community Presentations –5  
 Other Presentations –13  
**Total One-Time Presentations-56**

**Plus:**  
 Seminars—49  
 Shared Interest Groups—28

**For a Grand Total of 133 fabulous options!**

The Fall 2022 Semester Theme:  
**“The Joys of Learning Together”**  
 See you soon!

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

### Please Print

HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER PRIOR TO THIS YEAR? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>ADDRESS: STREET</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
<b>PHONE</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME</b>		<b>PHONE</b>

<b>Membership Fee</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Donation for Renaissance Society General Programs**</b>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ _____
<b>** Do you want your donation to be anonymous? Yes _____ No _____</b>	<b>Note: There will be no refunds.</b>

**Make check payable to: The Renaissance Society  
California State University, Sacramento  
6000 J Street – Mail Stop 6074  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6074**

**IMPORTANT – Please answer the following questions since this will determine how you receive Renaissance Society publications:**

**Renaissance Society publications are available online. It is an unwarranted expense to reproduce and mail them. Please indicate if you will accept an online copy of each publication.**

I will read the Schedule-at-a-Glance online      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will read the *Renaissance Recorder* online      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will read the Membership Directory online      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want your name, email, and phone number listed in the Membership Directory?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

## GIVE A MEMBERSHIP GIFT

By Debbie Martinez

Looking for the perfect birthday, anniversary, or retirement gift? Why not give an annual Renaissance Society membership? At \$100 a year, and for about \$2 a week, you can share a year of Renaissance Society experiences with someone special in your life. And now, with the option of taking seminars over Zoom, you can give a membership to someone living outside of Sacramento, even out of state!



A Membership Gift is easy and straightforward. Simply click here on the [Gift Membership](#) page or find the “**Online Registration**” page on our website. Then click on “**Sign Me Up**” for New Members: fill out your family member, relative, or friend’s personal information; click submit; and then enter your credit card information.

You can also get a specially designed gift certificate to send to your recipient! Contact the Renaissance office at [renaissa@csu.edu](mailto:renaissa@csu.edu) for the certificate. Please consider this concept. It really is a meaningful gift!

## Our “Everyone Bring One” campaign is working!

Take a look at our membership growth across the United States for this fiscal year 2021-2022. Share the treasure that is **The Renaissance Society** and keep spreading the word!

- **1699 Total Renaissance Society members**
- **From 63 cities in California alone**
- **From 21 States + the District of Columbia**  
AZ, CA, DC (District of Columbia), HI, ID, IL, MA, ME, MI, MS, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OK, OR, SD, TN, TX, WA

## DINING TOGETHER

By Cheryl Nelson

The Dining Together group will meet on Wednesday, **July 13**, OR Thursday, **July 21, 2022**, at 5:30 p.m. at Selland’s (Broadway location), 915 Broadway ([www.sellands.com](http://www.sellands.com)). Parking available—enter from 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Order individually when you arrive—food is delivered to your table. You might be interested in their weekly \$29 special for 2 which includes wine. RSVP to Cheryl Nelson at [slynnsearch@yahoo.com](mailto:slynnsearch@yahoo.com), no later than **July 8, 2022**. You will receive a confirmation email.



**WE NEED YOU! Here is your opportunity to SHINE! Join the wonderful people that MAKE the Renaissance Society so special!**

Looking for a new Renaissance hat to wear? The vitally important **Program Committee** seeks motivated volunteers to join our exciting Committee! We could use you to help us with one or more of our many activities:

- Recruiting Program Leaders
- Coordinating Facilitators for One-Time Presentations, SIGs, and Seminars
- Event-planning our Rendezvous
- Orchestrating the Seminar Leader Training Workshop
- Proofreading and Editing the Renaissance Catalog



We look forward to your help in maintaining our top-notch Renaissance Society standards by joining the **Program Committee** team! Contact Cindy Suchanek at [csuchanek3@gmail.com](mailto:csuchanek3@gmail.com) or Pam O’Brien at [obriendesign@comcast.net](mailto:obriendesign@comcast.net)

**Do you enjoy Writing or Dabbling in Social Media?** Tap your inner author and join the **Communications & Marketing Committee!** Do one of these exciting possibilities appeal to your interests and talents?

- The monthly *Recorder* newsletter
- The Renaissance **Annual Report**
- Our Renaissance **Twitter account** needs your tweeting talents!

Writing skills and knowledge of Publisher are helpful. Contact Deborah at [deborah.seiler2@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.seiler2@gmail.com). Questions? Call her at (916)704-5735.

## Stay Tuned

Fall planning is underway and **Tech Hosts** will be needed for Zoom only and Hybrid (in-person and Zoom combo) classes. Training will be provided. More details next month. Any questions? Contact [Marian Kile](#) or [Sarah Ryan-Roberts](#).

**“TELL ME AND I FORGET, TEACH ME AND I MAY REMEMBER, INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN”**

## OUR RENAISSANCE MEMBERS CAME THROUGH!

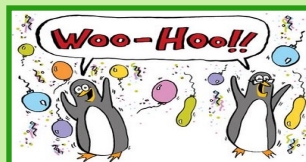
By Amber Korb

**Thank you** to our Members who have answered our call to reduce printing costs and paper use over this past year! Thanks to your cooperation, printing costs for the Recorder newsletter dropped from \$7,500 a year to just over \$2,000 a year. **Keep it up!**

We now have less than 15% of our membership requesting print copies of the **Recorder**, 15% requesting the printed **Membership Directory**, and 23% requesting the printed **Schedule-at-a-Glance**.

The Board of Directors continues to urge our members to read our publications online. Not only will it have a significant financial impact, but it will help the environment by saving paper and related products needed to print and mail publications.\*

\*We understand that members with vision impairment might need a print copy.



## RENAISSANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE MEMBERS

By Debbie Martinez

Finances should not be a barrier to lifelong learning. The Renaissance Society has a member scholarship program to meet that need. We encourage current and prospective members who have a financial hardship and a commitment to lifelong learning to apply for the scholarship.

The member scholarship program waives annual and mid-year membership dues, as well as UTAPS parking permits, if needed, for a limited number of applicants for the current academic year. Qualified members can apply each year that they have an identified need. Payments will be internal accounting transfers. No cash will be disbursed directly to individuals. There will not be any retroactive reimbursements for previous semesters. The Board is committed to removing membership barriers that keep new and existing members from joining due to financial hardship.

To apply, please complete a **Member Scholarship Application** and include a 500-word or less narrative explaining in detail the applicant's need for a scholarship. You can find a PDF of the application on our website **starting on June 1, 2022** for fall applications, under the "**Membership**" option on the front page of our Renaissance website. You can also request one from the office at [renaissa@csus.edu](mailto:renaissa@csus.edu) or call (916) 758-5133.

Send the application electronically to [renaissa@csus.edu](mailto:renaissa@csus.edu) or by mail to: **The Renaissance Society, CSUS 6000 J St., MS 6074, Sacramento, CA 95819-6074.**

Applications will be reviewed for completeness and for meeting the identified criteria. For questions, please contact MDCE Co-Chair Debbie Martinez at [Debralyn78@pacbell.net](mailto:Debralyn78@pacbell.net) or call (916) 802-6530.

## Officers and Members at Large

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and NEW Members at Large! Check out their impressive bios in May's Recorder Newsletter on our website!

**We welcome the 2022-2023 Officers and MALs:**

**President:** Deborah Seiler

**Secretary:** Robert Benedetti

**Controller:** Norv Wellsfry

### New Members at Large

Kevin Bray

Kathryn Tobias

Stacie Walton, MD



## Do you Facebook?



Are you a current Renaissance member?

Join us and share your Renaissance experiences by connecting with and getting to know other members! Try our "members only" group Facebook page! You can also post photos and links to this page. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancesocietysacramento>

And our **NEWEST** Facebook page for everyone to find us has **launched!** Check us out and spread the word to the world at <https://www.facebook.com/rensocietysac>.

Be sure to look at it and click on the "**Like**" button at the top of the page. Only our administrators, Kathy Hart, Kathy Sullivan, and Lorraine Murphy will be able to post to it, but everyone can "**Like**," "**Share**," or "**Comment**." We look forward to **CONNECTING** with you!



## *In Memoriam*

**Frank Stork**, 94, has passed away.

A former Sacramento Bee photographer and a long-time Renaissance member. His passions were photography and sandhill cranes, volunteering for years at the Consumnes River Conservancy.

**Harriette Hawkins Work**, 92, a long-time Renaissance member has passed away. She was a teacher at American River College and one of our past Board Presidents—the 14th Renaissance Society President from 2007-2009!

## RENAISSANCE SOCIETY 2022 SUMMER PROGRAM PARKING INFORMATION

By Deborah Seiler

Our Summer 2022 Program is free and open to the public, but there may be minor parking fees for some. Here's the arrangement:

### Renaissance Members who had a parking pass for the Spring 2022 Semester

You're in luck. Your parking pass is valid until June 30, 2022. After you renew your membership, beginning June 1, you will be able to purchase a new \$40 parking pass **beginning on July 1**. This parking permit is valid until June 30, 2023.

### All Others

You will need to pay either \$4 for two hours or \$7 for the day during our Fridays in June. If you join or renew when membership opens on June 1, you will be able to purchase a new \$40 parking pass **starting on July 1**. This parking permit is valid until June 30, 2023. If you do not purchase a parking pass, you will need to pay the \$4 or \$7 fee.



### Closest Parking Structures to Del Norte Hall

**Parking Structure 2 (PS2)** has a permit machine that accepts \$1 or \$5 bills or Visa and MasterCard credit cards. It is on Level 3 near the elevator closest to Subway.

**Parking Structure 5 (PS5)** has permit machines that also accept cash or credit cards. The machines are on Levels 3 and 4 next to the elevator.

### Easy Options

Go to the UTAPS office inside the Welcome Center just off State University Drive. The Welcome Center is well marked and there is free 30-minute parking while you pick up a parking permit using cash, check, or credit card. This allows you to park in ANY lot or structure on campus.

If you use this option, you can park in **Parking LOT 2** for the **Summer Program** which is right next to Del Norte Hall.

And, if you have a handicap permit, the **parking permit plus your handicap placard** allows you to park in all the designated spaces.

### You can also pay by phone:

[Sign up for a PayByPhone account](#) and [download the app](#). When you arrive on campus, enter location number "5115" into the app to pay your parking fee.

Please view the [campus map](#) for directions. Here is a [printable campus map](#). View the [Visitor Information page](#) for more parking information.

## OUR CHALLENGE

By Nancy Findeisen

Our 2022-23 budget for expenditures is **\$212,400**. Our anticipated income from membership dues is **\$178,000**, which means that we cannot rely solely on member dues to provide the quality programs you have come to expect from Renaissance. We need to find other resources to fill the gap.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Renaissance needs your help. Your gift of "something extra" with your Annual membership registration will go a long way to ensuring the sustainability of our excellent programs and guarantee our ability to expand, enhance, and thrive during this time of uncertainty and change.

Your donation will help us:

1. Keep our dues low
2. Invest in new technologies
3. Develop new programs
4. Outreach to diverse communities
5. Build our reserve fund



Please consider adding a donation to the Renaissance **General Operations Fund** when you renew your membership this year. Look for the check-off box on the registration form and select the amount you wish to give to sustain the Renaissance Society, as it continues to provide innovative and enriching programs through lifelong learning.

## A BIG Congratulations to our 2022 Sac State Scholarship winners!!

1. Jasmine Vargas (Health Science)
  2. Alyssa Lee (Health Science)
  3. Quenton Pham (Nursing)
  4. Mohammad Omari (Finance)
  5. Kyle Nguyen (Computer Science)
  6. Christina Zumalt (Doctorate Physical Therapy)
  7. Liliana Serrano (Psychology)
- (the **Doug Fulton Scholarship** recipient)

Want to get to know something about them? Check out their bios and pictures on our Renaissance website or click **HERE**.

Well done 2022 winners!! Best wishes in your future endeavors.

### Congratulations



## OUR EXCITING 2022 SUMMER PROGRAM *By Deborah Seiler*

**Learn! Connect! Explore!**

Our Renaissance Society presents its 2022 Summer Program with exciting speakers, relaxed opportunities to socialize over lunch, and optional afternoon tours to hidden and not-so-hidden gems on the beautiful Sacramento State University campus.



**DATES:** Fridays, June 3 through July 29 (except July 1)

**TIMES:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and a tour.

**LOCATION:** Del Norte Hall, Room 1004

**COST:** Free and Open to the Public. Small Campus Parking Fees may apply.

**June 3:** *Current Challenges to Voting Rights and the Role of the League of Women Voters* --Trisha Uhrhammer and Carol Moon Goldberg, League of Women Voters

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch (meet at Del Norte Hall)

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. *Age-Friendly Talk*, Debra Morrow - limit 25 (meet in Del Norte Hall-Room 1004)

**OR** 12:30 Self-Guided Campus Tour (meet at Del Norte Hall)

2:00 p.m. **ASI Food Pantry Tour** - limit 20 (45 minutes) (meet at the loading dock behind the University Union. Anyone coming for just this tour should obtain a parking permit and park in Lot 6)

**June 10:** *Writing Memoirs, Caregiving* -- Kate Washington, Sacramento Author

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch in the Library Quad (meet in Library Quad)

12:30 p.m. **Planetarium Tour** - limit 30 (45-60 minutes) (meet in front of the Hornet Bookstore)

**June 17:** *Understanding Race, Immigration, and Borders in the United States* -- Dr. Manuel Barajas, Center on Race, Immigration and Social Justice (CRISJ)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch in the Library Quad (meet in Library Quad)

12:30 p.m. **Planetarium Tour** - limit 30 (45-60 minutes) (meet in front of the Hornet Bookstore)

**June 24:** *10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's* -- Alexandra Castillo-Weisgerber, Director of Care & Support at Alzheimer's Association

12:00 p.m. **Lunch at Engrained** - limit 62 (meet at loading dock behind the University Union)

1:15 p.m. **Hidden Gems: Tree of Peace and Founder's Rose Garden** (meet at Shasta Hall)

**July 8:** *Cleopatra* -- Dave Lewis, Renaissance presenter

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch (meet at Del Norte Hall)

12:30 p.m. **Hidden Gems Tour: Pony Express Marker; Guy West Bridge; Sacramento Mural** (meet at Del Norte Hall)

**July 15:** *WWI and the Sacramento Valley, Special Collections of the Sacramento Public Library* --

James Christian Scott, Reference Librarian and Archivist, Sacramento Public Library

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch in Library Quad (meet in Library Quad)

12:30 p.m. **Hidden Gems Tour: Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden** (meet outside University Library)

**July 22:** *Great Depression and Hoovervilles in Sacramento* -- James Christian Scott, Reference Librarian and Archivist, Sacramento Public Library

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Brown Bag** lunch (meet at Del Norte Hall)

12:30 p.m. **Arboretum Tour with Mike Baad and Donna Eash** (meet at Del Norte Hall)

**July 29:** *Conductors and Conducting* -- Dr. Leo Eylar, Sac State Professor of Music Emeritus

11:30 a.m.—Final group lunch at **Round Table Pizza** (meet in the University Union)

Click [HERE](#) for more detailed information, and also check our Wednesday, **Weekly Updates** for further news on the presentations, tours, registration, and parking arrangements. There's lots more information to follow!

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