



# Community Friends

## *of International Students*

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### A Message From Neva Barker and Kristen Mallory Co-Presidents, 2016-17

On Sunday, January 8, 2017, the board members of CFIS held a two-hour workshop and potluck to discuss several important topics. This workshop was a helpful exercise and a brief summary of the topics discussed follows:

#### **Fund Raising**

The first goal for fundraising was the need to increase the base amount available in The Schimpff Family Emergency Loan Fund. This fund has provided crucial support to international students who find themselves with unexpected expenses. Since it is a loan, the funds are repaid, however there have been instances where a need has arisen when the available funds have been depleted while waiting for repayment of other loans. It would be useful to build the base amount in the fund to increase the ability to respond to needs in the future.

Another priority identified was to create a fund to offset the student cost of events that may be a hardship for some host families or community members to pay should they want to invite an international student to an event during the semester. Our thought was that a family trip to Disneyland, a play, sporting event, or even a dinner out in a Village restaurant, is already expensive but if a community member was able to ask CFIS for funding for the student's costs, the family or community member might be more inclined to invite our students to additional events.

In a brainstorming session, suggestions for fundraising ideas included a silent auction, a musical event or concert, guest lectures or career talks by CFIS members, or wine and cheese tasting events at a local venue. We will certainly keep you apprised of our events as we narrow down these creative ideas. Additionally, we welcome any suggestions you may have for us!

#### **International Parent's Dinner during New Student Orientations**

For the last several years, the CFIS board has hosted an International Parent Dinner during both New International Student and Scholar Orientation (NISSO) I and II. The dinner during NISSO I includes CMC, Pomona and Pitzer parents and the NISSO II dinner hosted Harvey Mudd and Scripps parents and some CGU students with spouses and young families. The purpose of this event is to welcome the parents and to introduce them to the support provided by CFIS and to allow them to get to know other international parents.

The number of participants at these dinners has grown due to increasing numbers of families accompanying their student for move in to college, and outgrowing the hosting spaces at the homes of CFIS members, making the cost prohibitive for CFIS. Additionally, the individual colleges have begun to send representatives from the Parent Associations and Advancement offices somewhat taking over the welcoming duties from CFIS. Pomona and CMC now plan to offer a dinner just for the international families, competing with the CFIS plans. After discussing the purpose of these dinners, CFIS would like to continue with an event for the families of the colleges who do not currently plan to offer their own separate dinner and we are considering modifying the event from a dinner to a dessert, and managing the attendance from campus community members.

#### **Host Family Program**

After many years of managing the Host Family Program, John Tarin, longtime Community Friend has stepped down from this role. Barbara Rugeley, CFIS board member, has graciously offered to manage the program but would like to have someone to work with her.

Stay tuned for more details on Fall 2017 host family information.

## **Farewell and Thanks to John Tarin CFIS Host Family Coordinator**

John Tarin, CFIS Board of Directors veteran, has resigned from his Board Member position as Host Family Coordinator.

Tarin, longtime Claremont resident, has served Community Friends of International Students for nearly a decade.

Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Tarin attended California State University in Dominguez Hills and graduated with a BA in French in 1971. In addition, he also attended California State University in Fullerton and graduated with a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology.

John had developed a penchant to do volunteer work in communities of the Inland Empire and in countries abroad. One of his first volunteer jobs began at the age of 19 when John took part in the Big Brother Program of Los Angeles County. Later, he joined the Peace Corps as a volunteer who traveled to and lived in Morocco from 1976 to 1978. Upon returning to the States, he volunteered with the Aids Services Center in Pasadena in the Child Buddy Program. Finally, John has donated his time as a volunteer with the Claremont Committee on Aging.

As an active CFIS Board Member, Tarin worked closely with I-Place administrators performing the essential tasks of Host Family Coordinator. Multi-tasking in this position for nearly five years, he executed great organizational skill in coordinating the arrivals and home placement of hundreds of incoming Claremont Colleges students from all over the world. Before the students departed from their country, John handled the job of arranging a temporary home for the student with a Host Family here in Claremont. I-Place then arranged a transportation system to shuttle the student from LAX to the Claremont community where the student was dropped off at the front door of their host family's home.

Simultaneously, for many years, Tarin has also served as a Mentor in the CFIS Conversation Partner Program. Tarin is not leaving CFIS, only stepping down from his tasks as co-coordinator of the Host Family program. He will continue offering his services in other areas.

## **Members of the Board 2016-2017**

### **Officers**

Co-Presidents: Neva Barker, Kristen Mallory  
Vice-President: Katya Fairbanks  
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John Faranda

### **Directors & Coordinators**

Host Family: Barbara Rugeley  
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Fund-Raising: Bertil Lindblad  
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Claudia Lennear, Catherine D'Emilio  
Special Events: Joan Gerard, Beth Hartnett  
Support Council: Neil Gerard  
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### **International Place Staff**

Director: Jessica Alampay  
Administrative Assistant: Sue Kerns  
Assistant Director: Chrystal Orozco  
Interim Program Coordinator: Jenna Bustamante

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## International Festival 2017

### Saturday, April 8 – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This year's International Festival will be taking place on Saturday, April 8 from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM, on the north mall of Claremont McKenna College. Claremont Colleges students will be representing over 18 countries or regions from around the world. The main stage will feature student and professional performances, representing the beauty and diversity of the world's arts and music.

**Volunteer opportunities:** We invite members of CFIS, and the wider community, to attend the event, as well as volunteer for the Festival.

#### Pre-Festival Volunteer Opportunities

Kitchen supervisors (Wednesday, April 5 – Friday, April 7)

Community publicity (Friday, March 10 – Friday, March 17)

Baked Goods – Baking and working at the Bake Goods booth—contact Enid Eckert [enideckert@icloud.com](mailto:enideckert@icloud.com)

#### Festival Day Volunteer Opportunities (Saturday, April 8)

Set-up or Clean-up

International crafts

Paper goods distribution

Baked Goods – Staffing

Sign distribution

Storytelling

Ticket Sales

Treasurers

Trinkets and Treasurers – organizing and sales



Please contact International Place Director, **Jessica Alampay** at [jalampay@cmc.edu](mailto:jalampay@cmc.edu) if you would like to volunteer for any of the opportunities listed above. Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate community volunteer coordinator.

**Thank YOU!**

## ***Message from I-Place Director***

### **Jessica Alampay**

#### ***Executive Order Restricting Travel to the United States***

On January 27, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order restricting entry to the United States for people holding citizenship from several countries; as well as suspending the Department of State's Refugee Assistance Program.

The Executive Order caused a great deal of concern amongst the international student community in Claremont and across the United States. International Place and the individual Claremont Colleges responded quickly, by sending messages of support, and ensuring that students knew that our office, and the Colleges, were following the situation.

While we await a new (updated) version of this Executive Order, I encourage CFIS members to reach out to students they know, just to check in and say hello. You may also wish to be informed of any particular support that student may need. Although the vast majority of our students were not affected by the initial Executive Order, students often appreciate a warm greeting and a show of support.

#### ***New International Student and Scholar Orientation | Fall 2017***

We are looking forward to the arrival of a new class of international students this coming August!

##### ***Student and Scholar Arrival Dates / Host Family Start Dates***

Saturday, August 12 (KGI Arrival)

*Hosting Opportunity: Saturday, August 12 – Wednesday, August 16*

Tuesday, August 15 (CMC, Pitzer, Pomona Arrival)

*Hosting Opportunity: Tuesday, August 15 – Saturday, August 19*

Saturday, August 19 (CGU, Harvey Mudd, Scripps College, Pitzer Exchange Arrival)

*Hosting Opportunity: Saturday, August 19 – Thursday, August 24*

#### ***Thank You from International Place***

We are so grateful to CFIS for all that they do to support our international student community! Thank you!

Jessica Alampay, Director  
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## **POMONA VALLEY UNA: FACT-FINDING MEMBERS IN ACTION**

By Claudia Lennear

The monthly meeting of the Pomona Valley Chapter of the United Nations Association was held on February 21, 2017 at Pomona College. In addition to its Board Members and presenters, the enthusiastic gathering included nearly 65 persons from the community. The agenda included references to the Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted last September, a brief message from Mel Boynton, the National Advocacy Chair, presentations by two Pomona College Professors, Miguel Tinker-Salas and Victor Silverman.

Presenter Bertil Lindblad showed a film clip that introduced the audience to the President of the UN General Assembly Peter Thomson who, indicated that the world is facing its largest human migration since WWII. However, a UN conference made up of Member Nations will focus on this global issue and resolve to devise solutions in 2018.

Mr. Boynton promoted the importance of UNA membership and encouraged those in attendance, who have been reluctant in the past, to take the opportunity to sign up immediately. He explained that the UNA is dedicated to educating laymen about the important issues facing the United Nations and its key bodies, the General Assembly and the Security Council. Last, but just as urgent, it was voiced that taking international concerns to Members of Congress via the UNA Advocacy Committee is essential.

Mr. Tinker-Salas, Professor of Latin American Studies at Pomona College, presented "Crisis in Mexico and Central America and Immigration". The theme outlined reasons which cause people to migrate north from south of the border in the first place. Simply put, migration is rooted in problems caused by tilted economics, the environment, conflict and war, drugs, and other factors that plague society due to US backed dictatorships.

Mr. Silverman, Professor of History at Pomona College, presented "Racial Nationalism and Cultural Liberalism." His lecture indicated policies of the United States that concern immigration and asylum of people from Europe and Asia. Interestingly enough, both Professors pointed out that "migrants" have no rights while "refugees" do.

The Q&A session covered the issues of immigration policy, deportation policy, asylum, welfare, changing attitudes, and NAFTA.

## **CFIS BOARD MEMBER ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF LOCAL UNA CHAPTER**

Bertil Lindblad was sworn in as President of the United Nations Association Pomona Chapter on January 29, 2017. He is a retired senior adviser for International Initiatives at Pomona College and brings more than 30 years of experience from the United Nations to both CFIS and the Pomona UNA membership. As a former Director of the UNAIDS New York office, Lindblad's background of large and complex global organizations will assure a sound focus on international cooperation and development to the UNA Pomona Chapter. His relentless dedication to international students at the Claremont Colleges continues through his participation with Community Friends of International Students.

Lindblad is working with UNA's leadership to coordinate international activities among the many chapters in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. He hopes to make efficient use of resources and to expand relationships among Southern California's chapters. His global connections, which include non-governmental organizations and think tanks, will provide options for members to collaborate across the UNA spectrum of Boards from LA to San Diego. In addition, Lindblad will concentrate to provide opportunities for local students to engage in research and to establish various other peace-minded activities through teamwork. Among his duties, Lindblad will oversee and advise many committees whose objectives are to bring awareness to communities about the humanitarian efforts of the United Nations while also indicating the challenges the International Organization faces. He intends to support this vision by facilitating visits and lectures by international professionals, artists, and scholars to interact in meaningful and informative ways with Chapter members.

Lindblad, who is currently serving his second year on the Board of Directors of Community Friends of International Students, coordinates with its Board Members on key issues regarding the support of international students of the Claremont Colleges. He has been helpful as a Host Family volunteer, and offers practical advice to several CFIS committees. In addition, he is a staunch advocate of International Place and has frequently suggested and recommended that international students get involved with the campus agency during their residency.

## Baked Goods Needed for Festival Booth

The International Festival is coming up on Saturday, April 8, and once again CFIS is asking for volunteers who can help out by volunteering to bake goodies and/or help staff the CFIS volunteer booth. Thanks to all who helped out last year, we made over \$1,000.00 for the international student program. And that was in spite of the rain.

Last year the cakes, cupcakes and pies were as popular as cookies, so anything you bake is greatly appreciated. You may bake ahead if you prefer, freeze your items and bring them to the Hub at CMC between 10:00 and 10:30 on April 8th.

If you are able to bake this year please prepare about 3 to 4 dozen finger food desserts and place 4 to 6 items (depending on size) in each zippered baggie so that there is minimal handling by the booth volunteers. **When you pack items please label any that contain possible allergens: peanut butter, nuts etc.** Pies and small cakes may be left in a foil baking tin and sealed with saran wrap.

Our bakery booth is only successful because of your support. Please email Enid Eckert at [enideckert@icloud.com](mailto:enideckert@icloud.com) if you can bake or volunteer to staff the booth. Listed below are the staffing times for the bakery booth.

10:00-12:00. Setting out and pricing items.

Staffing the Bakery Goods booth.

- 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Assisting with clean up.

Thanks again, Joan Gerard. [jsg05150@pomona.edu](mailto:jsg05150@pomona.edu)

Enid Eckert. [enideckert@icloud.com](mailto:enideckert@icloud.com)

### *In Memoriam*

*Patricia Lightfoot*

*Host Family and  
Financial Contributor*

*We wish to convey our condolences to her family  
and to acknowledge her contribution to  
Community Friends of International Students.*

### Electronic News



You may view the CFIS newsletter on the I-Place website at <http://iplace.claremont.edu>. Click on the link for "Community Friends of International Students."

If you want to receive the newsletter in print, or prefer not to receive the newsletter at all, please let us know by sending a message to:

[cfisclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:cfisclaremont@gmail.com)

# **World Class ART at the CLAREMONT COLLEGES**

By Claudia Lennear

CFIS recommends the “Art Walking Tour” of the Claremont Colleges because it is designed to inform you and / or remind you of the wonderful world class art located on each of its seven campuses. In the past we have pointed out the “Prometheus” mural located in Frary Hall, but today’s notable work is “Skyspace”. James Turrell’s installation can easily be found on the Pomona College campus in Draper Courtyard where the Lincoln and Edmonds buildings meet. If you prefer to program your GPS, the street location is at the corner of College Way and Sixth Street and you have only to access the area by walking just behind either building in order to approach the work of art itself.

“Skyspace” is an incredible art event that offers the viewer a continuous array of light and color within the context of an architectural framework. Although the setting of the piece is located in a courtyard, the actual geometric structure which houses the view is not unlike an atrium, a room commonly found in ancient Roman villas where guests assemble to await their host. In similar fashion, the audience gathers here and makes a choice to be seated, to stand, or to walk around before the show. Absent are the fancy decorative mosaics and tiles, but present is a working impluvium along with its corresponding compluvium exactly above. The impluvium, or basin, holds water which moves slightly. The timid ripples add associations of undisturbed nature and calm. However, the virtual compluvium, or ceiling opening, seems open to the skyview. Almost like its ancient roman complement, it is a simulated rectangular open space which allows the sight of a colored sky while its hues change with the passing of time. It is the center of the action of the artwork and the source of its psychology. A temporary, sentient effect occurs every few minutes. Each individual who makes up the audience exercises unique perceptions. It is intended that the imposed change of color of the sky gently collides with the senses. Then the viewer reacts according to the colored effect of the cascading light that incrementally fills the shape of the dome and walls. Simultaneously the shades of color alter the tinged reflection of water in the impluvium below. The overall effect of color and light and their power over the senses is a memorable experience of relaxed enjoyment.

“Skyspace” performs twice everyday, once beginning 1 hour before dawn and once again beginning 10 or so minutes before sunset for nearly 40 minutes in total each time. Between programs, the canopy of the installation remains lit in pastel. Every hour on the hour there is a beautiful 3-minute splash of light ranging in color from turquoise blue to shades of yellow. Even though Turrell has permanently installed many exhibits of “Skyspace” in many countries worldwide, the Pomona College demonstration is the only one in Southern California.

James Turrell is a native of Los Angeles. His parents followed professional careers, Turrell senior was an aeronautical engineer and Mrs Turrell was a trained medical doctor who enlisted in the Peace Corps. He was raised in the Quaker tradition, but attended and graduated from Pasadena Public High School. In 1965, Turrell earned a BA degree in Psychology from Pomona College and, later in 1973, he completed an MA in Fine Art from Claremont Graduate University. For further information, Turrell’s website is [www.jamesturrell.com](http://www.jamesturrell.com)



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## ***SAVE THE DATES***

### **International Festival**

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

**12:00—4:00 p.m.**

**CMC North Mall**

### **CFIS Annual Dinner and Meeting**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

**5:30 at the Smith Campus Center,**

**Pomona College**