

These Fall PALAC Zoom groups still have room for you!

Please sign up now. In addition we offer two NEW GROUPS and four FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS.

All groups are on Zoom. If you need Zoom training, email Donna Jaffee (laballetgirl@gmail.com).

401 A Tale of two Cities by Charles Dickens

A Tale of Two Cities is set before and during the French Revolution, depicting the plight of French peasantry demoralized by French aristocracy and the brutality of revolutionaries toward the former aristocrats. ISBN-13: 978-1503219700

Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m., October 1, 8, 15, 22

Leader Jane Crane

Members \$21 Non-Members \$31

402 Election Meltdown - Dirty Tricks by Richard L. Hasen

Voter suppression, incompetent election administration, foreign and domestic misinformation campaigns, inflammatory rhetoric – in his new book, *Election Meltdown: Dirty Tricks, Distrust and the Threat to American Democracy*, UC Irvine law professor Richard L. Hasen uses riveting stories to illustrate four factors contributing to distrust in the fairness and accuracy of US elections. ISBN-13: 978-0300248197

Fridays, 2 - 4 p.m., October 2, 9, 16

Leader Louis Rubenstein

Members \$30 Non-Members \$40

404 The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson

The whimsical and ever-curious Bill Bryson uses his own body as his story, exploring it from tip to toe, to clarify how the body works so brilliantly. One reviewer wrote, "Extraordinary stories about the heart, lungs, genitals...plus some anger and life advice - all delivered in the inimitable [very readable] Bryson style." ISBN-13: 978-0385539302

Tuesdays, 2 - 4 p.m., October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3

Leader Carla Barnes

Members \$30 Non-Members \$40

407 Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

The story of Katherine and Heathcliff is a brilliant, terrifying novel of passion set against the windswept Yorkshire moors of late 1700s England. The substance of this perplexing work has been debated for two centuries: Is it a love story? A ghost story? A tale of revenge? We will decide ourselves and then hear what famous critics and authors have said. We will watch the classic 1939 movie as well. ISBN-13: 978-1509827800

Mondays, 2 - 4, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9

Leader Bonnie Brown

Members \$21 Non-Members \$31

409 Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her quest for knowledge transformed her. Eye-opening view of the rural life and two sides to the power of belief. ISBN-13: 978-0399590504

Mondays, 10 - noon, November 9, 16, 23, 30

Leader Bill Urban

Members \$27 Non-Members \$37

411 & 412 Laemmle movies

Thanks to movies online and Zoom, participants are given a movie selection, then go online to purchase it at Laemmle at Home, and watch it in the comfort of their homes prior to the Zoom discussion. PALAC fee does not include cost of each film, which varies in price.

Your choices for Zoom discussions are:

411 Wednesdays, 2 p.m., October 14, 28, November 11, 18

Leader Carol Criqui

412 Thursdays, 3 p.m., October 15, 29, November 12, 19

Leader Audrey Vaughan

Members \$10 Non-Members \$15

NEW 413 *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

The Old Man and the Sea is the story of an epic struggle between an old, seasoned fisherman and the greatest catch of his life. Ernest Hemingway's Pulitzer Prize winning novel examines the struggles between youth and age, prey and predator, and love and hate. ISBN-13: 978-0684801223

Fridays 2 - 4 p.m., October 23, 30

Leader Steve Crane

Members \$22 Non-Members \$32

(Limit: 12)

NEW 414 Central Asia #2: Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan

An Armchair Traveler Program: The Walled City of Khiva on the Silk Road. Nukus and hidden Soviet art. Turkmenistan and its capital of Ashgabat. Why is the city so "White"?

Wednesday, November 11, 7 - 9 p.m.

Leader Brice Harris

Members \$10 Non-members \$15

NEW Magical Desserts

In preparation for the wonderful **Happy Hour** on **Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 5 pm**, we are lucky to have three PALAC chefs willing to demonstrate how to make their **favorite** desserts.

Tuesday, December 1, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. — Coralie Whitcomb (coraliewhitcomb@gmail.com) will create her Holiday English trifle

Wednesday, December 2 from 5 to 5:30 p.m.—Fran Blackwell (fmblackwell@yahoo.com) will create her delicious Italian biscotti

Thursday, December 3, 5 to 5:30 p.m. — Deb Fox (dbfox51@gmail.com) will create her fabulous chocolate covered strawberries

Free for everyone!

If you are interested in joining any of the dessert groups, please email the "culinary artist" to get the Zoom link and then watch the magic take place. You will be able to observe these "chief cook and bottle washers" in action.

On Friday, you can create your own desserts and eat them while we "happy hour" on Saturday. Recipes will be available upon request.

NEW Happy Hour

Everyone will get 30-60 seconds (depending on the number of participants) to say how (and what) they have been doing since last we met face to face.

Then get ready for a 20-minute rendition of the Mel Brooks/Carl Reiner "2000 Year Old Man" portrayed by Steve and Jane Crane.

Saturday, December 5, 2020, 5 – 6:15 p.m. Email Bob Diller bobdiller@earthlink.net for the link.

Free for everyone!

REGISTRATION

(PLEASE NOTE: The office is temporarily closed, so please do not call or send US mail to the old office. Instead, you can email us at palac.office@gmail.com.)

To register for **Groups**, mail a check ASAP to **SUE HOGAN**, 2460 Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104-4937. Write the group number(s) on your check and the word "dues" if you have not paid for the 2020 year. Dues for the rest of the year are \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a couple.

To register for the **Holiday Events**, no need to contact Sue, just email the host. Holiday events are free.

Option to purchase books yourself

The cost of each discussion group includes the price of the book, convenient delivery to your home, and office overhead. If you choose to buy your own book rather than using the office's book delivery system, we request that you follow these simple steps:

- Adjust the price to \$10 for members, or \$20 for non-members.

- With your check include the statement “I will be responsible for buying my own books.”
- Jot a note to yourself to remind yourself to order or buy the book. Be sure to order your book early, to give the bookstore or online service time to check availability!
- Keep the ISBN handy when ordering online or shopping at a store. This ensures you will have the same edition of the book as the rest of the group.

(Note: Buying your own book may end up costing you more, and may take longer to obtain than if the office orders the book for you.)