update

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THE NEXT ISSUE of the Newsletter will be coming out at the end of September. Announcements, articles, etc. should be sent to Monica Clyde, 1940 Cortereal Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611 by the end of August. Send items for Membership News to Kathleen Casey, 1130 Delaware Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP POTLUCK will be held this year on September 20 at the home of Agnes Peterson in Los Altos. An announcement giving full details. including a map, should reach you soon. This purely social occasion is especially designed for newer and veteran members to become better acquainted. If you don't have transportation, Agnes can put you in touch with a driver in your vicinity.

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THE MONTHLY "READERS' ROUNDTABLE" co-sponsored by the Hoover Institution and the Institute for Historical Study begins a new season on Thursday, September 24, from noon to 1 p.m. in room 250 of the Herbert Hoover Memorial Building. The speaker will be Valerie Steenson, who has been with the United States Information Services for the last five years, serving as information officer in Korea and Peking, and then at the newly established U.S. Consulate in Chengdu (People's Republic of China), where some student riots took place. Her presentation is tentatively titled: "Cultural Diplomacy in China— Four Years with the USIS in Beijing and Chengdu." Please plan to attend, and to bring your lunch.

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COMING SOON TO A LIVING-ROOM NEAR YOU: What member services can be continued or expanded? How can the Institute perform greater public service functions while still retaining its focus on scholarly research? These two topics will be addressed at a series of informal "town meetings" for Institute members in October and November. To encourage maximum participation and free discussion, these meetings will be held in members' homes in six geographical areas: Peninsula/South Bay, Davis/Sacramento, Marin, San Francisco, and two East Bay locations. Coordinators in each area will be in touch with members by mail and phone. If the date for the meeting in your area is inconvenient, please plan to attend one that is nearby. (An apology to members living outside the greater Bay Area-- perhaps someday the technology for communication via satellite will be feasible for the likes of us.)

WORK-IN-PROGRESS SESSIONS planned for September and October feature presentations by Glenna Matthews, whose book, Just a Housewife, has just been published by Oxford University Press; art historian Francis O'Connor, a member who lives in New York and will be making a rare visit to California in October; and new member Anne Richardson, a scholar of English renaissance literature. Postcards announcing complete details will be mailed soon.

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FILM BUFFS are invited to view and comment upon a series of films which the Institute intends to show in the spring of 1989 as part of a public program devoted to the bicentennial of the French Revolution. The series of videocassette showings will begin on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:30 at the home of Ellen Huppert, 1490 Willard Street, San Francisco, with D.W. Griffith's Orphans of the Storm (1922), featuring two Gish sisters, a thrilling rescue from the guillotine and fascinating reflections upon the Bolshevik revolution. Other films to be previewed include the 1935 Tale of Two Cities, Jean Renoir's La Marseillaise (1937); Marie Antoinette (1938), Marat/Sade (the 1967 film version of Peter Brook's production of the Peter Weiss play), and two 1983 productions: La Nuit de Varennes and Danton. For further information, call Ellen: 415-665-1529.

HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS

Joanne Lafler will be in Europe from August 26 to October 5. During her absence, Institute Vice President Agnes Peterson will take over most administrative responsibilities. Georgia Wright has temporary custody of supplies such as brochures and Institute letterhead stationery and envelopes.

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