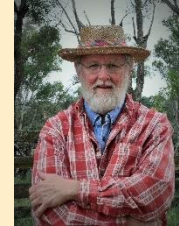




June 2024 Newsletter

June 21, 2024 Presentation

Save The Graves by Mike Roberts



Mike Roberts, co-founder and president of Save the Graves, Inc., will talk about El Dorado County cemeteries, their types, challenges, importance, and current restoration efforts. He'll explain Save the Graves, Inc., and will lead an optional field trip afterward to see recent restoration work at the private St. Michaels (Zentgraf) Cemetery, off Green Valley Road near Cameron Park Drive.

Mike is a corn-fed, Midwest Beatles-era baby boomer who became a career IT programmer, => software-designer, => project-manager, => burned out drunk marketing-poop. At age 50, with no journalism training or experience, he became a local newspaper reporter. The job quickly became a calling and triggered an affection for local history and yes, cemeteries. At age 58 he retired from the Mountain Democrat and let that affection blossom into a passion for old cemeteries, their inhabitants and the stories which connect them to local history.



Besides having ice cream in July, we will have the presentation originally scheduled for April. Gold Rush 2.0 by Mark Dayton



The Lions Clubs have a project to collect, clean and distribute old prescription glasses. When you donate your old glasses, they are sorted to determine those that are usable or unusable, processed, and placed in inventory for distribution to optical missions around the world. There's a box by the dessert table for your old glasses. **Please consider donating your old glasses.**

Ken Sterns from The Longevity Project at Stanford traveled the world to look at **THREE NOT-SO-BAD THINGS ON AGING AND LONGEVITY (TNSB)**. The SRS board thought the membership would be interested in his observations. We will reprint one of the projects each month that Ken found in his travels.

1. The School of Future Life, Kyungnam University.

Korea is making a big move towards life-long learning, with a goal of engaging learners of all ages. That's been evident for a while in the 169 cities that have earned the designation of being a "life-long learning city," reflecting investments in classes aimed specifically at older learners and in classrooms distributed in neighborhoods around the city. Most of the life-long learning cities offer hundreds of in-person classes a year, designed not only to educate but also help build social connection. And many have made their annual lifelong learning festivals a pivotal feature of the yearly calendar and drawing, it is claimed, upwards of 1 million people to their festivals in some places.

The Ministry of Education has now taken the next step, funding projects at some 50 universities around the country to support lifelong learning and older learners. It's driven by the need to keep an aging population engaged and productive but also to help the universities themselves retool in an era when traditional student-age populations are in decline.

In Changwon, in the southern part of the country, I visited the brand-new School of Future Life at Kyungnam University. If nothing else, the school is a testament to the speed of change in Korea, as the university was awarded a grant just last year, and in the handful of intervening months, the new school's leadership, led by Kyung-Hi Kim, has developed a curriculum, recruited a faculty and enrolled a full-sized class of 120 adult learners ranging in age from 25 to 75. One of the many interesting things about this new cohort of students is the multiple agendas that the school is trying to fulfill: some students want to learn the basics of a new career, some are seeking just to update their skills in an era of change, and some are engaging in learning to keep themselves active and productive in their later years. I even met a mother and daughter pair who are planning to get matching education PhDs after they complete the first three years of the program. It is a challenge for any school, let alone a brand new one, to meet so many different needs but it is, Professor Kim told me, the essence of a true intergenerational experience.

Genealogy Work Group

Sierra Renaissance Society (SRS) is very pleased to let you know that the Genealogy (Family Tree) work group is once again meeting at the LDS Family History Center (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville) on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 1-3 PM. Thankfully, we're up & running again. The format is informal, with a discussion of questions, progress & challenges with the 2nd hour down in the LDS lab with knowledgeable volunteers. If you're not currently a member of SRS & would like to be, come with your yearly dues of \$20.00 (for all large presentations & workshops for 2024) & give to either Nancy Weddle or myself. Also, we would appreciate it if you pass along this information to others who may be working on their own family tree.

Thank you, Carol Heape

What's Happening this Month

All Month

Dues are due!

Wednesday

June 12th

Genealogy Group meets 1-3 PM

Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville

Thursday

June 13th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM

Placerville Main Library

Friday

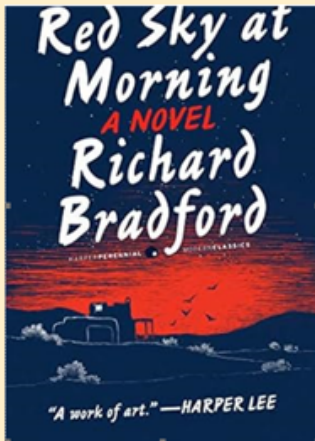
June 21st

Monthly Meeting: Save The Graves by Mike Roberts

4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs Lions Hall 1-3PM

Book Group meets 2nd Thursday of each month 1-3PM at the Placerville Main Library.

June 13th Book Club Selection



"Red Sky at Morning is a minor marvel: it is a novel of paradox, of identity, of an overwhelming YES to life that embraces with wonder what we are pleased to call the human condition. In short, a work of art." — Harper Lee

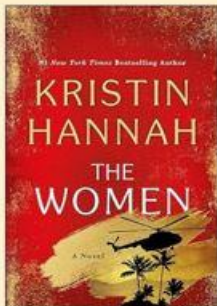
Hailed by the *Washington Post Book World* as "a sort of *Catcher in the Rye* out West," Richard Bradford's *Red Sky at Morning* is the classic coming-of-age story set during World War II about the enduring spirit of youth and the values in life that count.

In the summer of 1944, Frank Arnold, a wealthy shipbuilder in Mobile, Alabama, receives his volunteer commission in the U.S. Navy and moves his wife, Ann, and seventeen-year-old son, Josh, to the family's summer home in the village of Corazon Sagrado, high in the New Mexico mountains. A true daughter of the Confederacy, Ann finds it impossible to cope with the quality of life in the largely Hispanic village and, in the company of Jimbob Buel—an insufferable, South-proud, professional houseguest—takes to bridge and sherry. Josh, on the other hand, becomes an integral member of the Sagrado community, forging friendships with his new classmates, with the town's disreputable resident artist, and with Amadeo and Excilda Montoya, the couple hired by his father to care for their house.

Josh narrates the story of his fateful year in Sagrado and, with irresistibly deadpan, irreverent humor, describes the events and people who influence his progress to maturity. Unhindered by his mother's disdain for these "tacky, dusty little Westerners," Josh comes into his own and into a young man's finely formed understanding of duty, responsibility, and love.

The Women by Kristin Hannah

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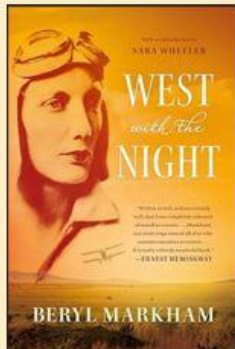
A #1 bestseller on the New York Times, USA Today, Washington-Post, and Los Angeles Times!

From the celebrated author of the "*The Nightingale*" and "*The Four Winds*" Kristin Hannah's "*The Women*" is at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided.

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California, and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

West with the Night by Beryl Markham

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Beryl Markham's "West with the Night" is a true classic, a book that deserves the same acclaim and readership as the work of her contemporaries Ernest Hemingway, Antonine de Saint Exupery, and Isak Dinesen.

If the first responsibility of a memoirist is to lead a life worth writing about, Markham succeeded beyond all measure. Born Beryl Clutterbuck in the middle of England, she and her father moved to Kenya when she was a girl, and she grew up with a zebra for a pet, horses for friends, baboons, lions and gazelles for neighbors. She made money by scouting elephants from a tiny plane. And she would spend most of the rest of her life in East Africa as an adventurer, a racehorse trainer, and an aviatrix – she became the first person to fly nonstop from Europe to America, the first woman to fly solo east to west across the Atlantic. Hers was indisputably a life full of adventure and beauty.

And then there is the writing. When Hemingway read Markham's book, he wrote to his editor, Maxwell Perkins: "She has written so well, and marvelously well, that I was completely ashamed of myself as a writer. . . [She] can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves as writers . . . It is really a bloody wonderful book"

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2024 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
June 21, 2024	Save the Graves	Mike Roberts
July 19, 2024	Ice Cream Social with Gold Rush 2.0	Mark Dayton
August 16, 2024	How Development Has Affected Wildlife	Shelly Blair
September 20, 2024	Yosemite Then and Now	Cheryl Purgett
October 18, 2024	Sierra Wildlife w/Ambassadors	Judy Monestier Sierra Wildlife Rescue
November 15, 2024	El Dorado Agriculture—Past, Present and Future and the Annual Meeting	Greg Boeger, Charles Mansfield, Paul Bush, David Bolster, Leeann Mila
December No Meeting	No Presentation	
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

Link to You Tube Videos of previous presentations;

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