



# JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

## No third Friday meeting in January

The Curriculum Committee has arranged presenters for each of our 2025 presentations. Many thanks to these members who have recruited exceptional presenters with topics from art to history, for our upcoming year. Please join us for each presentation, we so enjoy your company.

A good New Years Resolution is to get more involved in SRS, make the monthly presentation, and bring a friend.

Sincerely,

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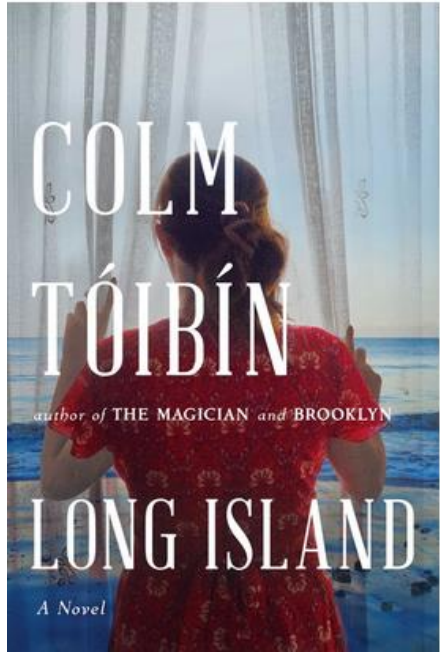
Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2025 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
January No Meeting	No Presentation	
February 21, 2025	Fencing and Wildlife	Kathleen Jermstad
March 21, 2025	Researching Ancestral History for My Historical Fiction Novel, <i>The Bereaved</i>	Julia ParkTracey
April 18, 2025	From There to Here, the Role of the El Dorado Community Foundation	Bill Roby, Amy Pooley
May 16, 2025	How To Get More Out Of Art and Life!	Deborah Pond-Hinde
June 20, 2025	Travels to Bhutan, Nepal & India	Steve and Dickson Schwarzbach
July 18, 2025	Ice Cream Social	
August 15, 2025		
September 19, 2025	The History of ARC's Wakamatsu Farm	Melissa Lobach
October 17, 2025	The Future of Healthcare in Western El Dorado County	Mindy Danovaro et al
November 21, 2025	Veteran Panel Discussion	Dick Morris & Panel
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		

The Genealogy Group **does** meets on January 7<sup>th</sup>. They meet at the LDS Family History Center (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of each month 1-3 p.m.

## The Book Group meets on January 9<sup>th</sup>

*Long Island* by Colm Tóibín

January Book



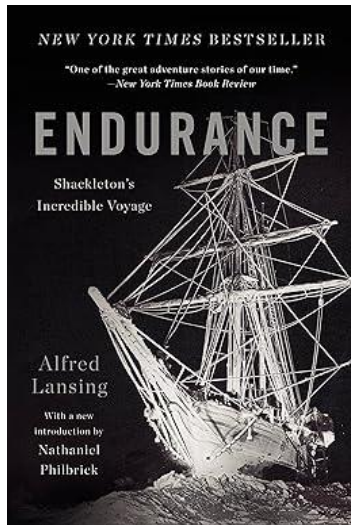
*Long Island* the sequel to *Brooklyn*: Eilis Lacey is Irish, married to Tony Fiorello, a plumber and one of four Italian American brothers, all of whom live in neighboring houses on a cul-de-sac in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with their wives and children and Tony's parents, a huge extended family that lives, works, eats, and plays together. It is the spring of 1976 and Eilis, now in her forties with two teenage children, has no one to rely on in this still-new country.

Though her ties to Ireland remain stronger than those that hold her to her new land and home, she has not returned in decades. One day, when Tony is at his job and Eilis is in her home office doing her accounting, an Irishman comes to the door asking for her by name. He tells her that his wife is pregnant with

Tony's child and that when the baby is born, he will not raise it but instead deposit it on Eilis's doorstep. It is what Eilis does—and what she refuses to do—in response to this stunning news that makes Tóibín's novel so riveting.

*Endurance* by Alfred Lansing

February Book



Experience “one of the best adventure books ever written” (Wall Street Journal) in this New York Times bestseller: the harrowing tale of British explorer Ernest Shackleton's 1914 attempt to reach the South Pole.

In August 1914, polar explorer Ernest Shackleton boarded the *Endurance* and set sail for Antarctica, where he planned to cross the last uncharted continent on foot. In January 1915, after battling its way through a thousand miles of pack ice, and only a day's sail short of its destination, the *Endurance* becomes locked in an island of ice. Thus began the legendary ordeal of Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven men. When their ship was finally crushed between two ice floes, they attempted a near-impossible journey over 850 miles of the South Atlantic's heaviest seas to the closest outpost of civilization.

In *Endurance*, the definitive account of Ernest Shackleton's fateful trip, Alfred Lansing brilliantly narrates the harrowing and miraculous voyage that has defined heroism for the modern age.

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**For those who have yet not paid your dues for 2025, they are due.**

It's Renewal Time for 2025. If you haven't renewed already, you have three options: pay by check or cash at the February meeting, send a check to EDCF, PO Box 1388, Placerville, Ca. 95667 by the end of February. Please: make check payable to EDCF and put Sierra Renaissance Society on the memo line, or go the EDCF website pay by Credit card. The URL is listed below.

The dues remain at \$20 for the year and we thank you for your support

Link  [Renew your membership online](#)

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## What's Happening this Month

**Tuesday**  
January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Genealogy Group** meets 1-3 PM  
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center  
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville

**Thursday**  
January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Book Group** meets 1-3 PM  
Placerville Main Library  
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

**Tuesday**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>

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Link to You Tube videos of previous presentations:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

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at the link below:

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