

2009 Annual Members' Meeting and Fundraising Appeal

Planning the 2010 Program

As we move towards the end of this year's program, it is time to plan for 2010. On Saturday, October 10th at 7:30 PM in Concord House, we will hold the annual meeting and brainstorming session. All members are invited to this annual meeting and to join in an active visualization of a program that promotes Aim # 3.

This aim seeks to "*Honour through appropriate observance the contributions of men and women of all ages to world culture.*" Which men and women dedicated to the improvement of life and to the development of world culture would you recommend for study? What contribution to the IWC program would you like to make?

Use the form posted to the IWC website or e-mailed to those on the IWC digital distribution list to organized and submit your ideas. Think imaginatively. Any friend of the Institute is invited to make suggestions.

Funding Appeal

A New Year with a new program brings another cycle of the necessity to raise funds to support the Institute and its programs. The Board of Trustees estimates that we need to raise \$15,000 by December 15th to balance the books for this year and support next year's program. The Institute is supported solely by voluntary contributions. We want to keep our programs free and open to the public, but we have real world costs to cover such as insurance, maintenance and repairs for our beautiful building. Our program costs include some honorariums and travel expenses for presenters. We also need funds to expand our print publications and cover the copyright fees of proposed digital postings. If you saw the film, *Dynamic Dimensions of Yellowstone*, for example, you know what a wonderful educational resource that would be for students across the globe if posted on the web.

You can send your donation to the Treasurer, Institute of World Culture, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Any donation you can afford is most welcome. **All contributions and memberships received before December 15th will be tripled in value by a matching 2 to 1 grant offered by a friend of the Institute. In other words, for every dollar you give, the Institute will receive three dollars!** Acknowledgement of your tax deductible gift will be sent to you promptly. We appreciate the generous contributions that have been placed in the donation box recently.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and with appreciation of your continuing support for the aims and programs of the Institute,

Carolyn Dorrance
President & Program Coordinator