WELCOME BACK

While all of you were on Spring Break, Fromm Hall was quiet and all of us here at the Fromm Institute office missed the vibrant and active community present during our sessions. Although it was quiet, we remained busy enrolling more than 1,100 of you in more than 30 course offerings – something that is sure to make for an engaging and exciting Spring 2018 Session. Much of our work is intended to entice you to enroll in the academic program we offer, but we also know that the community created by our students, faculty and staff is one of the principal benefits all who are touched by the Fromm Institute share.

It is my hope that the camaraderie you encounter during the next eight weeks, as well the courses you take, continue the tradition that has made the Fromm Institute a San Francisco “original” serving hundreds of older students each day, with thousands of retired people among its lifelong learning student body and alumni. Talk about community! You are now, for the first time or once again, part of a great one.

From all of us here on the Fromm Team, WELCOME to the more than 65 new students anticipating a new adventure, and WELCOME BACK to the more than 1,000 of you undertaking another new expedition. We’re thrilled that you’re here!!

Derek S. Leighnor, Fromm Institute’s Executive Director

ELEANOR FRAENKEL (1933 – 2018)

During the break, the Fromm Institute lost a dedicated member and a great supporter. Fromm Institute Member and Donor Eleanor Fraenkel passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 6. Ellie first began attending classes in 2000 – one year after her husband and current Fromm Institute Board Member, Albert Fraenkel, first discovered us. Ellie’s undeniable natural charm, warm and dazzling smile, and impeccable manners fashioned the epitome of a true southern belle, with a gift for making those around her feel comfortable through a supportive word, joke or touch. While she will be missed, we take comfort in the memories we have of this wonderful woman. Ellie is survived by her husband, Albert Fraenkel II, son Jeffrey (Alan Mark), daughter Marien Grace, grandchildren Noah and Linnea Sablosky, and her faithful dachshund, Magnolia. Please keep Albert and the entire Fraenkel family in your thoughts as they proceed through this difficult time.

A Memorial Service will be held to honor Ellie on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 11am in the Gleeson Library Atrium at the University of San Francisco.
WHAT A SITE! FROMM.USFCA.EDU
Along with general information about the Fromm Institute such as its mission and history, its faculty and curriculum, membership and fees, and its need for community support, on our website you’ll find practical tools for you to use all session long. Did you know, for example, that all class handouts are posted there on a weekly basis (each Friday at 3 p.m.) under “Course Materials?” Wonder if a particular day is a Fromm Holiday? You can find that there, too, under “Holidays.” Looking for a newsletter or previous course catalog? If it’s relatively recent, it’s under “Communications.” In addition, you’ll find videos of our faculty speaking about their courses under “Faculty Presentations.” If you haven’t already, visit the Fromm Institute website and take full advantage of our on-line home.

NEW MEMBERS LET'S DO LUNCH!
New members should have received a welcome packet in early April which included an invitation to the New Members Meet & Greet Lunches during the third week of classes. Lunches will take place at Noon, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 23, 24, 25 in the Berman Room and will be hosted by Student Association Welcome Committee member Frances Pinnock. Come learn about your new status as a Fromm Institute student, hear from “seasoned” Frommies who’ll talk about their experiences, and come meet some of your fellow newbies who are sure to be your newest friends. Please RSVP to Carla Hall in the Fromm Institute office to secure a free box lunch.

WELCOME BOOTH AWAITS
The “Welcome Booth” is just inside the lobby of Fromm Hall, just outside the entrance to the administrative offices. Students can find hearing assistance headphones (Sennheiser headsets), help with handouts, Class Locators, Add/Drop Forms and even Frommints, our own privately maintained brain food. Staffed by our “Care Corps” student volunteers before and after class and during the school day as time permits, it’s a help desk that is well stocked and ready to be the first place you should visit with any questions.

MAKE IT EASY LISTENING
Having trouble hearing our lectures? Try our newly updated Sennheiser headset or, for those with compatible hearing aids, a T-Coil headset. These hearing enhancement tools are available outside or in the Fromm Institute Office before each class. Leave your USF ID card (required for the privilege) and let our headsets make your listening, and learning, easier.

MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE UNTIL APRIL 26
While you can always drop a class, you can make changes to your schedule (adding a class) until close of business on Thursday, April 26. Add/Drop Forms are located in the Fromm Institute office and at the Welcome Booth. Fill one out and drop it off at the office, phone in your changes, or even email them to us at fromm@usfca.edu.

“FROM THE ROOFTOP” IS YOUR NEWSLETTER ALL SESSION LONG
This newsletter, the “Rooftop,” as it’s called by many a Frommie, is published five times each session and available in and around Fromm Hall with a fresh issue as Week One (04/09), Two (04/16), Four (04/30), Six (05/14) and Eight (05/29) begin. Always a good read, it’s brimming with info on what’s happening throughout the Fromm Institute program. Of particular interest, and always very popular, is Issue #4, published on May 14. Why? It offers a preview of the courses scheduled for the Spring of 2018 and identifies when you’ll be able to register for them. Read your “Rooftop” and stay on top of things at the Fromm Institute.