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“Look at one another. Listen to one another. Touch one another. Become aware of what glorious beings you are. You are far more involved in shaping the future than you have begun to realize.”

– Frank King Kelly

“A Pioneer of Wonder” Remembering Frank Kelly

So many were saddened by the news of the passing of Frank K. Kelly on June 11th, one day before his 96th birthday. Frank was a member of the Institute and made several insightful presentations at the Institute including the Founding Day Lecture of 2006. His was a full life, with a remarkable variety of intense experiences from which he learned of both the promise and problems of human life. From the streets of Kansas City and the beaches of Normandy to the pinnacles of Presidential power, he bore witness to the stark realities of the 20th century while engaged in active participation to transform those realities. Living through a century filled with violence and deprivation, he still developed an optimistic vision for a future without war and injustice. His deep belief in the glorious potential of every human being inspired many at a time when the promise of a new century was darkened by the problems of the past. Frank Kelly revealed the sources of his optimism in his Founding Day address as follows:

“All my life, I have felt connected to the stars. As a boy, I walked at night in the garden of my grandfather King’s house, looking up at the dazzling lights in the sky. I didn’t feel dwarfed by them or overcome by their intensity. I saw them as playgrounds for my mind and spirit – and I still do. One world was not enough for me. I wrote stories about the explorations of the stars that I knew human beings would undertake.”

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Theme for 2010: Pioneers of World Culture

Aim 3. To honour through appropriate observance the contributions of men and women of all ages to world culture — Declaration of Interdependence

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**A Sense of Wonder:
Honoring Rachel Carson**

Founding Day Program:

Saturday, July 3, 2010

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Concord House

1407 Chapala Street

Santa Barbara, CA

Presenter: Sandhya Tillotson

The heroic personal and professional struggle of Rachel Carson, a pioneer of the contemporary environmental movement, is depicted in a documentary drama. Carson scientifically demonstrated the interdependence of all life and the harmful effects of human tools of environmental control such as the use of chemical pesticides. Her writings, including the best seller, *Silent Spring*, and fearless lectures provoked an intense policy debate that continues to the present day. A short talk by Sandhya Tillotson will introduce the program at Concord House, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, home of the Institute of World Culture which is celebrating the 34th anniversary of its founding.

IWC July 2010 Film Series

All film screenings will take place

at Concord House,

1407 Chapala St., Santa Barbara,

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Moderator: Robert Moore



Saturday, July 10th

Louis Armstrong – Satchmo

A well balanced documentary, written by Gary Giddens, is full of performances that demonstrate why Satchmo was universally named the ambassador of love. The film is spiced with commentaries by his contemporaries concerning his genius and profoundly human character. (1994)

Saturday, July 17th

Music Within

A movie based on the life of Richard Pimentel, a man who fought for the civil rights of the disabled, a struggle which culminated in the Americans with Disabilities Act. The *Music*



Within may be somewhat rough and irreverent at times, but it does highlight the perspectives of the disabled. Richard Pimentel (Ron Livingston, *Office Space*) (Continued, p. 3)

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comes back from the Vietnam War with a severe ringing in his ears that leaves him virtually deaf. Pimentel finds a new path in life when he starts a career finding jobs for his fellow vets — and forms a deep friendship with a brilliant man whose body is severely affected by cerebral palsy. Director: Steven Sawalich. Rebecca De Mornay and Hector Elizondo (actors). (2007)



Saturday, July 24th
Eroica

The film depicts a moment in musical history, combining historical fact with biographical speculation, about Beethoven's initial performance of *Eroica*. Incorporating a blazing performance of the symphony on period instruments into a reconstruction of its first performance at the Lobkowitz Palace, it manages to make a lot of statements (Continued, p. 4)

In July

Anniversaries

- 1st Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz, German philosopher, mathematician b. 1646
- 2nd Hermann Hesse, German-Swiss poet, novelist, painter, Nobel laureate b. 1877
- 3rd Franz Kafka, Austro-Hungarian novelist b. 1883
- 4th Nathaniel Hawthorne, American novelist, short story writer b. 1804
- 6th John (Jan) Huss, Czech religious thinker, philosopher, reformer d. 1415
- 6th Tenzin Gyatso, Tibetan spiritual and political leader, XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet b. 1935
- 9th Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish Baroque painter b. 1577
- 10th William the Silent, Prince of Orange, Dutch statesman, founder of the Dutch Republic d. 1584
- 10th Sir William Blackstone, English jurist, professor b. 1723
- 11th John Quincy Adams, American diplomat, 6th U.S. President b. 1767
- 12th Henry David Thoreau, American author, poet, transcendentalist b. 1817
- 13th Julius Caesar, Roman military and political leader and ruler b. 102/100 B.C.E.
- 14th/24th Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American author, Nobel laureate b. 1904
- 15th Rembrandt van Rijn, Dutch painter, printmaker b. 1606
- 15th Thomas Bulfinch, American writer, mythologist b. 1796
- 16th/17th Jean Baptiste Corot, French landscape painter, printmaker b. 1796
- 18th Robert Hooke, English natural philosopher, polymath b. 1635
- 18th Nelson Mandela, South African activist, former President of South Africa b. 1918
- 19th Edgar Degas, French painter, sculpture, printmaker b. 1834
- 20th Francesco Petrarca, Italian scholar, poet, Father of Humanism b. 1304
- 20th/22nd Gregor Mendel, Austrian Augustinian priest, scientist b. 1822
- 24th Simón Bolívar, Venezuelan military general, political leader b. 1783
- 25th Thomas à Kempis, German Catholic monk, mystic, author d. 1471
- 26th George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright, Nobel laureate b. 1856 (con't. p. 4)

about art, music, biography and history, without ever being didactic. Director: Simon Cellen Jones. (2003)



Saturday, July 31st
Nicholas Roerich:
Messenger of Beauty

Artist, writer, educator, archaeologist, explorer, mystic, peacemaker and true pioneer of world culture, Roerich (1874-1947) left a rich legacy of paintings, drawings, 30 books on the mystic East, and countless articles and lectures. The Roerich Peace Pact, a remarkable treaty signed by President Roosevelt and 26 other heads of state, sought to protect and preserve the cultural treasures of humanity from the destructive forces of its civilizations. (1979)

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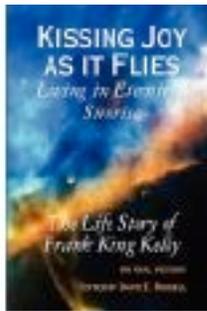
- 26th Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist b. 1875
- 26th Aldous Huxley, English writer, essayist b. 1894
- 28th Jean de la Fontaine, French poet, fabulist b. 1621
- 29th Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish diplomat, Secretary-General of the U.N. b. 1905



Observances and Acknowledgements

- 4th Independence Day in the U.S. celebrates the adoption in 1776 of the Declaration of Independence
 - 5th Discovery of radio waves coming from the Milky Way galaxy announced in 1933
 - 11th Breakthrough in the understanding of infinitesimal calculus by Leibniz in 1675
 - 14th Storming of the Bastille, marking the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789, is celebrated annually as Bastille Day
 - 15th Spanish Inquisition abolished in Spain by royal decree in 1834
 - 16th First atomic bomb tested at Los Alamos, New Mexico, U.S. in 1945
 - 16th/17th First photograph of a star taken by William Bond in 1850
 - 20th Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first human beings to step onto the moon's surface in 1969
 - 20th First successful landing of a space vehicle on Mars in 1972
 - 30th Society of Freemasons opened an American lodge in Boston in 1733
- Undated
- Breakthrough in the foundation of quantum mechanics theory by Werner Heisenberg in 1925
 - First world atlas, attributed to Claudius Ptolemy, was printed in 1477

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“As I went through my long life I encountered one glorious being after another. I began to become aware of the tremendous role played by humanity in the development of the amazing planet called the Earth.”

“I became aware of the spiritual wisdom of the saints and prophets; the writers of the Gospels and the soaring poets, ranging from Rumi to Shakespeare; the creators of great music, ranging from the singers of songs in all languages to the deep composers, Bach and Puccini and Beethoven, realizing that there were no limits to the creations pouring forth from the human soul. I found everlasting pleasure in the lines of William Blake—The one “who kisses joy as it flies lives in eternity’s sunrise.” ...

“We are evolutionary giants with origins linked to the cosmic explosion that brought the universe into being. We are composed of whirling atoms and glowing molecules beyond our comprehension. Albert Einstein, the greatest thinker

of the 20th century, who brought us into the nuclear age, which may destroy us all, decided that we were created by a Spirit we could never understand. We can never understand how far we have come and how far we may have to go. We are electromagnetic fields of energy and yet many of us may become Glorious Beings rising like mountains on new horizons.”

Frank affirmed this faith in spite of his recognition of the great capacity of mankind to do evil things. Recently, at a forum this past April at the Institute, we were warned of the dangers facing mankind:

“Humanity is in a tragic situation. You are surrounded by more dangers than any generation before you. And yet you have more strength, more technological knowledge, more allies to help you than any previous people who came into existence in the years past. How do I dare to make such statements to you? I dare because I have lived in this body for more than 90 years – and I have experienced many miracles.”

One challenge Frank Kelly dared to confront was the threat of nuclear war and war generally. He served as Vice-President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation since its founding. He gave tireless support for efforts to bring peace to a volatile world by

using dialogue rather than war to settle conflicts. When he hosted the film *Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future* at the Institute, he addressed the question of why men go to war and how we might end the threat of war. His comments were summarized by one attendee as follows:

What creates war? War develops out of the desire to protect oneself without consideration for the welfare of others. Insisting on one’s own way, disregarding dialogue, refusing to compromise or see things from the perspective of others or to work out solutions using positive, inclusive attitudes leaves brute force and terror to appear as viable solutions to problems. The failure to recognize that truthfulness in personal affairs should extend to world affairs obscures dialogue. Regarding others as needing or deserving less than we do, or being afraid that if others get what they need we will have less, leads to war. These are all powerful forces in the service of fear and alienation. Thoughts such as these pollute and deaden the imagination and the heart.

So, how do we turn away from a world (*Continued, p. 6*)

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dominated by fear and move towards a world alive with hope, respect and admiration for each other? We could begin, Frank believed, by recognizing that thought is more powerful than any nuclear weapon. In fact, it is thought which produces war and weapons of war, and it is thought which puts them to use to dominate and destroy.

It is thoughtful analysis of our vulnerability to false calculations about the necessity of war or violence that is part of Frank Kelly's legacy to mankind. He urges us to ask bold questions such as 'What kind of world would it be if thoughts of loving-kindness predominated?' Frank Kelly's example shows us that such a world is possible, and is created by each and every loving thought and act made each and every hour of the day by each and every human being, regardless of race, religion, gender, education or social status. As a Founding Fellow of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Frank contributed to a circle of fresh dialogue about ending war, promoting economic justice and reforming the American constitutional system. His sense of citizenship was deep, broad and probing.

This "glorious being" will be hugely missed. A world without his joy, his smile, his

humor and exhortations to think big and work harder is a world a little empty of something precious. But, as Frank believed, through imagination and compassionate service, we can keep bright the memory of one who "kisses joy as it flies" and "lives in eternity's sunrise." Thus, can we work for the vision expressed in the poem "Locksley Hall" of Lord Tennyson that Frank often quoted and said that President Harry Truman carried in his wallet.

"For I dipt into the future,
far as human eye could see,

Saw the Vision of the
world, and all the wonder that
could be;

Saw the heavens filled
with commerce, argosies of
magic sails,

Pilots of the purple twilight,
dropping down with costly
bales;

Heard the heavens fill with
shouting, and there rain'd a
ghastly dew

From the nations' airy
navies grappling in the central
blue;

Till the war-drum throbbed
no longer, and the battle-flags
were furled

In the Parliament of man,
the Federation of the world."

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Frank Kelly's [2006 IWC Founding Day Lecture](#)



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