

# 2017 Manuscript Society Annual Meeting – The Bay Area

May 17-20, 2017 – Oakland, Berkeley and Palo Alto, California

May 21, 2017 additional day in San Francisco

Host Hotel – *Waterfront Hotel* – Oakland

♪♪ Meeting by the Dock of the Bay ♪♪

## Schedule

**Wednesday, May 17th** begins the festivities with the Member registration for the meeting from 2:00-6:00 PM with the evening's **Opening reception** in the hotel's *Regatta Room*. With great harbor views, heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar it is a great way to begin our meeting. The Fun Auction will combine both a silent auction and the opportunity to compete during a live auction for some curated star items.

On **Thursday, May 18th** we will bus to the acclaimed **California Museum of Oakland** for a glimpse into the history of the bay area followed by guided tours of the museum's major document collections including the *Jack London Collection*, the *John Muir* and *Dorothea Lange archives*.

We will have a staggered lunch in the museum's members' café and members will have two hours of free time to enjoy the totality of the museum.

Returning to the hotel for a brief rest we then walk one short block to the **Presidential yacht, *Potomac*** for a docent led tour. The evening is free for you to explore the many excellent restaurants in the area in the colorful adjoining Jack London Square.

**Friday, May 19th** is "Berkeley Day." We begin Friday with our **Society Business Meeting and breakfast** in the hotel and from there we bus to the **Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley** where we will begin with an introductory talk by the Bancroft's curatorial team on the highlights of their work and magnificent collections. We'll have a chance to see any number of collections including: *the Carlton Watkins Photo Archive*, the *Mark Twain Collection*, and/or the gold rush collection, San Francisco's two world's fairs and the uproarious 1960s free speech movement plus rockin' Haight Asbury.

Lunch will be at the **Berkeley City Club** with a special talk hopefully by the head of Bancroft's Mark Twain collection. After lunch we will visit other key spots in Berkeley and its surrounding hills: Berkeley's Hall of Science and the nearby historic Lawrence Laboratory. We return to the hotel via a driving tour with highlights including Chez Panisse and Pixar.

Friday evening you are once again free to dine. The ferry to San Francisco is at our door step and you can "uber" to great dining spots to be recommended in the East Bay.

On **Saturday, May 20th** is Palo Alto Day." It begins with an 8:45 AM bus trip to the Computer History Museum in Mountain View where we receive a talk and guided tour by the curator of the center for software history. Highlights include some tips and warnings on how documents will be saved or lost in our digital future. Yes, there is paper plus many other formats and hardware. A box lunch and a quick ride will take us

by the neighboring Googleplex in route to the **Stanford University** campus. While there we will visit the **Hoover Institution** and tower, plus **several special collections** in Stanford's Green Library. Of particular interest is the Leland Stanford family and the great earthquake of 1906. Time permitting we will tour **Stanford's Cantor Art Center**.

After our return by bus to the hotel catch a brief rest and we will conclude the Annual Meeting with our bountiful **Closing Banquet** and a surprise speaker in the hotel's *Spinnaker Room*.

### **Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> (San Francisco)**

The morning begins with a ferry trip to Fisherman's Wharf -Pier 41 where we will board our bus and enjoy a bus tour of San Francisco. We will stop at the picturesque, **Cliff House** for their famous Sunday Champagne brunch.

Then we'll bus to **Presidio Park** with its beautiful view of the bay and the golden gate bridge. We will break into two groups for special tours the **California Pioneer Museum** (which has wonderful Manuscript and book collection) and the **Walt Disney Family Museum** which is one half block down the hill.

After these museum tours we will bus over Golden Gate Bridge and we look at of some Marin county highlights such as the **Frank Lloyd Wright Governmental Center** and have a coffee, pastry or wine stop on the drive back to the hotel. We'll be back to our hotel around 6:00 PM.

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS ANNUAL MEETING IN THE BAY AREA!  
"COME WEST DEAR MEMBERS, COME WEST!"  
May 17 – 21, 2017

**As is always the case, the events and scheduling can change.**

### **Registration for the Annual Meeting**

**Registration on line or watch your mail for the registration packet!** Registration for the Annual Meeting from Wednesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 20, 2017 is **\$575.00** per person. Sunday, May 21, 2017 is an additional **\$185.00**. Travel and hotel are not included.

### **Hotel Reservations and Travel Information**

#### **Waterfront Hotel**

10 Washington Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

**Reservations 888-842-5333** – Ask for *The Manuscript Society* Block

To get the special rate you must book your room by - **April 18, 2017** -Rates for both single and double occupancy are **\$205.00 for city side rooms or \$225.00 for rooms facing the water** (Plus 15% tax).

It is recommended, if convenient, that you fly into Oakland Airport rather than San Francisco International airport. It is smaller and closer to the hotel.