IT’S ALL IN THE NAME

Welcome to a new year, and a new newsletter. The newsletter of the Fromm Institute, “From the Rooftop,” or the “Rooftop” as it was commonly known, has now moved to the digital, green age. We will continue to print copies for those who do not have email, but you can now expect to find the newsletter in your email inboxes starting this Fall.

The newsletter was originally named “From the Rooftop” because the Fromm Institute administrative office was on the top floor of the University Center. Communications flowed weekly from that rooftop office to Fromm Institute students in the various classrooms around the USF campus.

While we retained the name for several years after vacating the rooftop, the move to email newsletters provides us with another opportunity. You’ll notice the current name, RT 2.0, which refers to the original “Rooftop.” However, it is not very creative, and so we turn to you for assistance. In the early 1990s, we had a contest for a Fromm Institute slogan. The winning phrase, “Grey Matters,” was a huge success and is even used by other lifelong learning programs today. Fromm Institute students have always been more than willing to offer creative and intelligent suggestions, so today I am happy to announce a contest to name our new email newsletter.

I would like to invite you to submit names for our email newsletter during the first two weeks of classes (by September 21). Submissions can be made in writing to our office, by phone (415-422-6805), or by email (fromm@usfca.edu). During the third week of classes, we will announce the winner. Be sure to provide your name because the winning submission will be rewarded with a Fromm Institute session membership for the remaining two sessions (Winter & Spring) of the academic year AND a Frommcast membership for the remaining three sessions (Winter, Spring & Summer) of the Frommcast year.

All of us on the Fromm team look forward to your creative, insightful, and amusing submissions. Welcome back to the Fromm Institute, thank you for your input, and enjoy the RT 2.0 email newsletter (for the time being).

- Derek S. Leighnor, Fromm Institute’s Executive Director

TWO HOLIDAYS CANCEL CLASSES: This session two holidays will cancel classes and the first is coming up soon - Yom Kippur on Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The next is on Monday, October 8, Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day. These classes will meet once again during “Make-Up” Week.

FROMM’S FALL MEDICAL LECTURE SERIES

An amazing resource with invaluable access to the issues and developments in health care today awaits you. Fromm Institute’s Medical Lecture Series, coordinated by Dr. Melvin Cheitlin, begins its heralded program of UCSF’s ‘best’ lecturers featured each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Xavier Auditorium, and all enrolled students and their guests are welcome to attend. Here are the first three:

Sept. 12 “Addiction: Why It Happens, How We Stop It” with Diana Coffa, M.D.
Sept. 26 “Beyond - Hearing Aids: Current & Future Treatments” with Jeffrey Sharon, M.D.
Oct. 03 “Teeth and Titanium” with Arun Sharma B.D.S., M.S.

Watch this newsletter for more information on our medical lectures this session — a unique educational opportunity offered nowhere else, thanks to Dr. Cheitlin, UCSF, and the Fromm Institute is now within your realm educational possibilities.
GOING GREEN IN THE FALL OF 2018

In an effort to cut costs and save paper, we have made a few changes this session. Please watch your email inboxes closely for communications from the Fromm Institute Office. Additionally, we will email our newsletter to you. Duplicated Materials for each class will be emailed to you 3 – 5 days prior to each class meeting, and will also be posted on our website at: http://fromm.usfca.edu/course-materials.html We will print a minimal number of materials and have them available in the office for those members who do not have email accounts. Please make sure to keep us updated with your correct email and any class changes you make so we can be sure to keep you apprised of all your class announcements and handouts.

NEW MEMBERS — LET’S DO LUNCH!

New members should have received a welcome packet in early September which includes information on the New Members Meet & Greet Lunches during the third week of classes. Lunches will take place at Noon, Monday - Thursday, Sept. 24-27 in the Maier 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. If you haven’t already done so, please RSVP to Carla Hall in the Fromm Institute office to secure a free bag lunch.

THE WELCOME DESK AWAITS

The Welcome Desk is just inside the lobby of Fromm Hall. Students can find hearing assistance headphones (Sennheiser headsets), help with handouts, the new ID Card forms, 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.

FROMM INSTITUTE STUDENT ASSOCIATION – REQUESTS YOUR VOLUNTARY DUES

The Fromm Institute Student Association (FISA) offers a social agenda for all students during the session. It consists of concerts, lunchtime “Brown Bags,” and many snacks and treats to accompany that program and the school session. To do so, it requests that everyone pay a voluntary $5 per session dues. The FISA booth is in the Maraschi Hallway and is regularly staffed — all ready to accept your support. Free Fromm Institute notebooks will be given to anyone who pays their dues.

MAKE LISTENING EASY

Having trouble hearing our lectures? Try a 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.

LIBRARY SECURITY & YOUR ID MAY NEED TO BE UPDATED

Many of you already have ID cards and frequently use the library or go to other events and facilities on campus where an ID card is needed. The University now requires a newer version of card which has an invisible ‘chip’ in the magstripe. If you have a card that looks like the image here (at right), we ask that you request a new one.

To get an updated ID card:

- Let the Fromm Office know you need the updated card, and we will request one for you. It will be available to pick up during the third week of classes.
- If you want one immediately, go to the OneCard office at Lone Mountain.
- Or request an ID card through USFs website, where you can load up a new photo on your own. Instructions can be found on a flier in the office.