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CII does London . . .



By *Graham Dooley*

Well I for one was determined to show off my bronzed body having returned from a Hawaii conference the week before. I alighted on the shores of “blighty” on a day sailing from France complete with shorts and tea shirt. I left the shores in France at 20 C and arrived in England with a temperature of 12 C so my first shop was to buy a pair of jeans and a sweater. When I got to London on the train I think it was even colder.

I jumped in a Taxi en route to the Hotel and in the middle of London I spotted a tiny American “bird” flitting through the crowds – it was Joan Beach of course and she spotted me in my

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. . . And Washington, DC!

By *Nancy Barber*

I would like to report to our membership, and thank our local regional directors William Lowrance, Robert Kresson and his wife, Eva Szigehy, M.D. along with CII’s former chair and president, Joan Beach, in organizing and hosting a regional meeting over dinner at the Cosmos Club in Washington D.C. on April 17, 2009.

I had just arrived in Washington DC on a red eye flight from San Francisco the day of the dinner, I found myself driving in Washington DC Dupont Circle rush hour traffic on a Friday evening. I thought to myself, well, maybe there is some place worse than San Francisco to try and find a

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Left to Right: Rick Alpert of Legal Investigations and Bill and Marilyn Lowrance, give a cheery smile and wave to the CII members who could not attend!

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Taxi – waving frantically for me to stop – and then I realized why – a deluge of rain came down and I think Joan was washed away.

I arrived at the Hotel and had a quick chat with Eddy (Holland) and Raul (Romania) with guest Larry (American living in Italy) and hopefully a convert from Intellnet.

There were about 25 of us in all and we met up at 1730 for the start of the famous “Jack the Ripper” tour. I thought, “well; I suppose it will be OK”, but in fact it was most educational especially when you think of the resources those guys in the late 19 century had.

August 1888. The Whitechapel area. A woman, Mary Ann Nichols one of several London prostitutes, meets a tall dark man... It’s the beginning of the “Jack



the Ripper” case.

The name 'Jack the Ripper' has become the most infamous in the annals of murder. Yet, the amazing fact is that his identity remains unproven today. In the years 1888-1891 the name was regarded with terror by the residents of London's East End, and was known the world over. So shrouded in myth and mystery is this story



that the facts are hard to identify at this remove in time. And it was the officers of Scotland Yard to whom the task of apprehending the fearsome killer was entrusted. They may have

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Some of the crowd at the DC CII Regional Meeting.

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failed, but they failed honourably, having made every effort and inquiry in their power to free London of the unknown terror.

And the reaction of the crowd to this most interesting of



London tours – well just look at the faces – I wish we could get that much attention at a CII conference !!!

Our guide informed us that if we had an idea who the “Ripper” was then we would make a lot of money. Just then peering from behind the crowd I saw a sinister shape leering to-

wards a young woman. No it was not the “Jack” it was a force more evil from Transylvania and we only had an hour before the sun went down.

London's own "Curry Mile", Brick Lane is home to so much more than first-rate spiced food, it also plays host to Jewish bagel shops, Indian sari silks and artists' studios - Gilbert and George and Tracey Emin are famously proud residents of the neighbouring streets. Walking down Brick Lane of an evening can feel a bit like running the gauntlet with touts trying to lure you into their curry houses but it's all part of the fun. The vibrant mix of communities and activities lends an off-beat vibe that attracts young Londoners who gravitate towards bars and clubs like 93 Feet East and the The Old Truman Brewery, to the coffee shops, fashion outlets and graduate art shows. Several outdoor festivals celebrating the diverse culture of the area take place every year as the weather warms up. Brick Lane

And on to the famous Greenwich Naval College – I spent many a happy hour there 30 years ago – I will tell you the stories over a pint of beer sometime.

Market is the best time to stroll down the road for a snapshot of pure East End London with second-hand furniture, unusual clothes and bits of this-and-that seemingly from the back of someone's wardrobe.

Saturday and the weather was a little warmer so what better than a “booze cruise” down the Thames to Greenwich Village. A few settled for a “hair of the dog” while others enjoyed a cup of tea whilst cruising the Thames. I think the sunglasses tell the story !!!



The Greenwich Hospital was founded in 1694 as the Royal Naval Hospital for sailors. It was established as a residential home for injured sailors, on the

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model of Les Invalides and the Chelsea pensioners (Chelsea Hospital). The pensioned sailors wore blue uniforms not unlike the red ones of the Chelsea pensioners. It occupied its riverside site for over 170 years, closing to pensioners in 1869

When the Greenwich Hospital (London) was closed it was converted to a training establishment of the Royal Navy and from 1873 to 1998 it provided a number of courses for naval officers including being home to the Royal Navy's staff college.

The staff course provided advanced training for mid-ranking officers. It became known as the 'Navy's university' inaugurating a new era of scientific training.

During the Second World War the College's major task was the training of fighting officers. Around 35,000 men and women graduated during that period. In 1943, the beautifully floored and paneled 'Admiral's House' on the north wing of King Charles Court was damaged by a direct hit from a German bomb; another hit the front of the building.

The Royal Navy finally left the College in 1998 when the site passed into the hands of the Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College. On the closure of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, Britannia Royal Naval College became the sole naval college in the United Kingdom.

We were taken into the "crypt" and the "painted



hall" where the body of Admiral Lord Nelson laid in state. I have been to the Vatican in Rome and seen the beautiful painted ceiling but this small version of Greenwich is a masterpiece and really tells a story.

Again a tremendous and informative visit and if you really want to know the history of this magnificent place go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Naval_College_Greenwich.

To finish the tour we have a photo of Dutch Eddy playing with his "Balls" in what is probably the oldest bowling alley known to man and built in the 1700s. They used cannon balls to bowl with apparently.

No we have not finished yet – a tour of Greenwich, a pie and a pint and guess what Alan and Vicki Marr had arranged – only a personal air display by the Royal Navy. Naturally as there was only 25 of us we invited several hundred others.

Well, what a lovely day – you can see I really enjoyed it just before I am about to take the old "Harrier" for a spin. I must stop putting my hand on my hip !!!!!!!!!!!

And so back to the hotel for an hours 'kip' then into my "whistle & flute" as they say in the East End and on to Piccadilly and Mayfair where we all enjoyed the most a truly superb gourmet Italian meal following a champagne reception and sponsored by Piers Erskine (Corporate Intelligence Service), Max Hattersley-Hoskinson (Defacto), Richard Green (Commercial Intelligence Agency) and Alan Marr (Jigsaw Services).



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parking spot during rush hour Friday commute traffic. And just when I allowed a dark cloud to appear on my horizon, a sign appeared out of nowhere proclaiming "Cosmos Club Parking". My faith in humanity restored, I easily find parking. Filled with confidence at my newly restored parking karma, I look around at the surroundings and it is absolutely transformational to another time zone. It can barely be described.

The Cosmos Club was founded as a private men's social club by John Wesley Powell in 1878.

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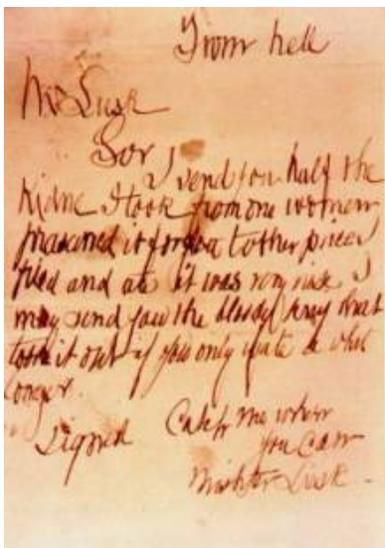
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25 attendees from The Netherlands, France, Italy, Malta, Austria, Belgium, Romania, Israel and UK. Our guests and past Presidents present – Peter Heims, Chris Brogan, Joan Beach and Alan Marr. Not forgetting of course "Little Neva" from France who has now attended her second meeting in her third year.

Next year Bucharest with Antwerp as a back up. 2011 Antwerp or Vienna.

Now that's about it. I hope Alan & Vicki gave you a different look at London, with some ex-colleagues as guides.

Question for the month - Can any of our graphologists evaluate this little piece of evidence ?



The good news is it is 2009 and women are now permitted as members, and yes, as members, we can even enter by the front door. This brings me considerable cheer as I walk into one of the impressive architectural sights that transform the audience to another time and another place in history. The building and its construction was impressive. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The setting was just perfect and spirits were raised with new and old friends.

In addition to our hosts, invited guests included Ken Cummins, Denise Cummings, Margaret McKown, Stephen Sanow, Barry Horvick, Debbie Hawkins, Rick Alpert, Julie Alpert, Susan Spofford, Marilyn Lowrance, Nick Burt, Mary Selley, James Maley, Nancy Maley, Michael Russell, Carole Russell, John Sleggs, Jae Sleggs, Kayla Pope, Michael Houston, Larry Ross, Nathaniel Moore, Sandra Petro and Robert Moore.

I was able to meet someone at the dinner that had some background on a similar type of investigation I was currently handling. So, not only did I have the pleasure or reacquainting myself with my old friends, as well a finding an excellent networking opportunity. I would thank Joan Beach for her tireless efforts at maintaining and nurturing membership efforts.

And, if I may, on a personal note, take a moment to thank all of those CII members, who not only did I have the pleasure of the company at the Cosmos Club dinner, but to those CII members who called me, fed me, wined me, dined me, and generally made a hectic two week business trip a pleasure while I was living out of a suitcase. If you are ever in San Francisco, I hope I can return the hospitality of good friends, good company and spirited conversation.



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While the beautiful backdrop of the coast, the hinterland, offers arts and crafts boutiques, stunning walks in National Parks, and wine testing in charming properties.

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