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## Directory of Oxonians 2003-2004

The new edition of our Directory of Oxonians Residing Northern in California accompanies this issue of the newsletter for those of you who have paid your subscriptions for the year as members of this Branch of the Oxford University Society. Additional copies are available and the subscription period is always open. If you have already subscribed for the year and have not received the Directory with this letter, please contact the Secretary and the error will be rectified.

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## Future Events

Events for the remainder of the present year will be as follows:

### **Saturday, October 25th**

*(Please note date change from Oct. 18th)*, group visit at the newly re-established Asian Art Museum at 200 Larkin Street in San Francisco followed by a reception at the nearby Soluna Cafe and Lounge.

**Sunday, November 30th**, Our annual Pre-Christmas Party at the Huntington Hotel in San Francisco, preceded, for those who wish, by the Advent Carol Service at Grace Cathedral (Anglican) across the street.

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## Bodleian Library Benefit Exhibition

The New York Office of the University of Oxford has arranged for a benefit exhibition, reception, and dinner to be held on November 9th in San Francisco in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Bodleian Library. Invitations have been sent by the New York Office. As well as being the repository of one the worlds few virtually exhaustive collections of books and manuscripts, the Bodleian is the administrative center of the entire University library system. It is hoped that this event will succeed handsomely in support of the informational center of Oxford's educational mission.

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## New Secretary of the Oxford University Society

Mr. Alastair Lack, Secretary of the world-wide Oxford University Society based at Oxford, has resigned after two years of continuing the fine work of Secretary Timothy Lewis in restructuring and moving the Society from its former status as a private organization (the Oxford Society, founded some eighty years ago) to the status expressed in our present name as the official alumni association of the University of Oxford. He was known to and will be missed by many, including the

secretary of this branch. The new Secretary, Lady Nancy Kenny, comes to the Society from the being head of the Refugee Studies Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, and will take up her duties on the 20th of October. Her husband, Sir Antony Kenny, was a former Master of Balliol.

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## Annual General Meeting

The 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Oxford University Society was held at Christ Church in July. The outstanding item of business again affects the status of the Society, with a discussion of the responsibilities and opportunities involved with the stated intent of the University to make us a University department. While we shall not all become dons, the proposal reveals the seriousness with which the Vice-Chancellor and University governance regards the role of the Society as its friend-raising organ throughout the world.

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## Tech Museum Visit

Our June 21st tour of the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose was an informative experience and a pleasant Oxonian gathering. Our group ranged from small children to seniors, and with the vast information and hands-on experience provided one could

finish the day as a nascent brain surgeon or astronaut (or other) according to choice.

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## A Message to All from the Secretary

Our Branch of the Oxford University Society (OUS) is seeking to develop a stream of events to coincide with the social, professional, and personal interests of Oxonians in their twenties and thirties. This is not to compete with our otherwise scheduled program, but to add to it, and to bring younger Oxonians together and also to integrate them more fully in the overall life of our organization. All events will remain open to all, younger and older, allowing the events themselves to determine their personal appeal. As the official alumni association of the University of Oxford it is our mission and privilege to draw all interested Oxonians into one organization in the strengthening and celebration of the ties and memories and continued interest with which we are joined to college and University. And we need also to be in service to the University itself in ways that are open to us in our own communities in northern California. One needed means of service is in mentoring recent graduates who have moved to our area and are in search of employment and a congenial social venue. Another is in providing first hand acquaintance with the University and its ways, academic and otherwise, in matters of the educational system and student life for accepted students in our area who would appreciate personal contact with recent graduates before they go to Oxford. I frequently

receive requests from people in both of these categories and need to have an advisory team to whom I can refer them.

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## Post-Doctoral Network

A post-doctoral network is being established among Oxonians in our area under the leadership of Matthew Kaser. Its purpose is to provide professional contacts among specialists in a variety of fields and to assist new arrivals in finding employment suitable to their interests and background. All who are interested in being affiliated with this group may communicate with Matthew at [mkaser@comcast.net](mailto:mkaser@comcast.net).

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## Oxford Business Association

A branch of the Oxford Business Association, independent of the OUS and sponsored by the Said Business School of the University, is active in our area under the leadership of Sneha Patel ([patelsd@hotmail.com](mailto:patelsd@hotmail.com)). Its purpose and continuing aim is to draw together in common interest Oxonians presently working or seeking employment in the areas of commerce and finance.

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## Oxonians New to Northern California

The following Oxonians (by college) are newly listed in the 2003-2004 Directory. **Balliol**: Donald Davidson, Michael Dal Bello, Kellie Ann Takenaka; **Christ Church**: Edward Thompson; **Corpus Christi**: Ernest Meyer, Ruth Meyer (né Dale), Charlotte

Ormond, Mark Wu; **Exeter**: David Heilbron; **Green College**: Ellen Gambrill; **Greyfriars**: Alexis Doval; **Harris Manchester**: Dennis Kuby; **Hertford**: Brian Belchers; **Jesus**: Harriet Morgan; **Keble**: Philip Gregory; **Lady Margaret Hall**: Anya Emerson, Kathryn Norman; **Linacre**: Daniel Yost, Elizabeth Zacharias; **Magdalen**: Paul Brink, Erik Hagerman, Paul Hughes; **Merton**: Ted Anstedt, Malcolm Caplan; **New College**: Craig Canine; **Nuffield**: Richard Martens; **Queen's**: Denis Halton; **Ripon College**: Katharine Flexer; **St. Antony's**: Martine Jago, Michael Cullen, Barbara Ann Markel, Christopher Rickerd; **St. Catherine's**: Chris Anderson, Steve Brindle, Peter Magowan; **St. Cross**: Zachariah Appleton; **St. Hilda's**: Patricia Foschi, Jessica Varelas; **St. John's**: Michael Hart, Richard Parry, Andrew Salmon; **Trinity**: M. A. Kramer, Robert Madsen, Richard Smith; **University**: Kurt Giles, Shageru Nakamura; **Wolfson**: Dolores Heeb; **Worcester**: Elizabeth Colton, Jill Fraser-Crowley, Gregory Heibel. **College Unknown**: Mark Francis, Philip Gregory, Steve Lew, Lorna Papsdorf.

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## And These Have Moved Away

**Balliol**: Jasmine Dellal, Mark Sadler; **Greyfriars**: Michael Daubenmire; **Hertford**: Alan Milne Lees, Anne Christine Strugnell; **Jesus**: Terry Watson; **Magdalen**: Joshua Lin, Rebecca Ranninger; **New College**: Nicholas Spaeth; **Oriel**: Jules Reinhart; **St. Anne's**: Sylvia Dews; **St. Anthony's**: Sanjay Mody, S. E. Weaver; **St.**

**Catherine's:** Peter Rosenthal; **ST.**  
**CROSS:** Caroline Comfort-Shields;  
**St. Hilda's:** Jenifer Jowsey Riley;  
**St. Hugh's:** K. E. Wiggert; **St.**  
**Peter's:** Alan Wills; **Trinity:** John  
Lyle; **University:** Edward Scott;  
**Wadham:** Ridley Rhind;  
**Worcester:** Kevin Wofsey.

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## Deceased During the Past Year

William Brothers (University)  
James Frolik (Merton)

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## E-Mail Addresses

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