



# Jane Austen Society of North America Southwest October 2013 News

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The Fall  
Meeting was a  
success!

Over 80 people  
attended

## JASNA-SW Members at the AGM in Minneapolis last month



(left to right) Wendy Weiss, Kristen Syzlagi, Nancy Gallagher, Clara Browda, Jackie Rankin, Beverly Johnson attending a Minneapolis Tour and Pub Crawl

*Strategies and Choices: What Would Jane Do?* by UCLA Political Science Professor, Michael Chwe.

Dr. Chwe signed his new book, *Jane Austen Game Theorist*, for attendees after the lecture.

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More than 20 JASNA Southwest members attended the 35th JASNA Annual General Meeting from September 27-29 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Minneapolis was a delightful, welcoming city. The theme of the AGM was "Pride and Prejudice, Timeless." The plenary speakers were Joan Ray, Janine Barchas and John Mullan. They, along with a plentitude of breakout speakers, including our own Lynda Hall, filled us with brilliant ideas and sparkling thoughts. The AGM was a great success!



Gisele Rankin (North Carolina Region), Claire Bellanti, and Bob Bellanti at the Libations event

In other exciting news, our own Claire Bellanti was elected President-Elect (congratulations, Claire!) and the Board accepted our proposal to host the 2017 AGM.

(Story and photos courtesy of Claire Bellanti)

## **Pride and Prejudice: The Characters We Love to Hate**

Join JASNA-SW for this year's Winter Meeting on December 7, 2013 at a new venue, the elegant Town and Gown at USC.

December brings an end to this wonderful year-long celebration of *Pride and Prejudice* - but not without giving those we love to hate their fair share of the spotlight. The program will focus on Mr. Collins, Lady Catherine de Bourgh, George Wickam, Lydia Bennet, and even Charlotte Lucas. Presenters include JASNA Chicago

Board member Sue Forgue, two students: USC graduate student Amanda Bloom and Rachel Thompson, an undergraduate at Biola University, our own Lynda Hall, and - quite possibly - a surprise visit from the Bingley sisters!

Registration information will be posted on the JASNA-SW webpage this fall.

## October Calendar

### **Saturday, October 12, 1:30pm - EMMA by Jane Austen with the Long Beach Reading Group**

Please join the Long Beach Reading Group as they have an encore reading of Jane Austen's wonderful novel, Emma. Learn new insights and share your favorite passages from Emma with other Janeites. For more information, [please click here to email](#) Gerda Kilgore or call her at (562) 496-4452.

### **Saturday, October 19, 11:30am - A CIVIL CONTRACT by Georgette Heyer with the Ventura Reading Group**

Please join the Ventura Reading Group to discuss A Civil Contract, a romantic novel about a viscount who marries a wealthy commoner's daughter out of convenience. The group meets at the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, 805-648-2715. For more information, please [email Dianne Moon](#).

### **Sunday, October 20 at 5:00pm - TO THE LIGHTHOUSE by Virginia Woolf with the Santa Monica Reading Group.**

The Santa Monica Reading Group will be discussing To The Lighthouse, Woolf's "modern" novel of the Ramsays and their visits to the Isle of Sky in Scotland. For more information please [email Diana Birchall](#) or call her at 310-394-2196..

## Regency Tea and Dance



October 6, 1:00 -5:00pm in Pasadena

The Jane Austen Festival in Bath will be the center of the program for this month's tea talk. Enjoy tea and stay for dancing in this month's Regency centered event. RSVP Required, for more information please visit the [Victorian Tea and Dance Society website](#).

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