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Dear Friends:

On behalf of President Bill Giacalone please accept this final announcement of the program for the **42nd Annual Meeting** of the Friends of the Modern School. We will meet in the **Rutgers University Brower Commons Rooms A and B on Saturday September 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM***. Rooms A and B are on the second floor and there is an elevator available. The meeting schedule will be approximately as follows:

9:00 to 12:00 AM Gather and Meet old Friends and Comrades
12:00 PM Lunch
12:45 PM Announcements – **J. Aaron, J. Wieck, Leo Goldman**
1:15 PM *The Lakewood Modern School* - **Neil McKelvie**
2:00 PM *Camp Kilmer and the Modern School* – **Elizabeth Reeves**
2:45 PM *Endowment for the Friends Programs* – **Bob Rosen**
3:30 PM General Discussion
4:00 PM Adjourn and more greetings among friends

Notes on Our Speakers

We will have more complete biographical information about our speakers at the Sept. 20th meeting. Neil McKelvie is a Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at City College of CUNY after forty five years at that institution. He obtained a MA degree from Cambridge and a PhD from Columbia. Neil was a student at the Lakewood Modern School until age 14.

Elizabeth Reeves is a registered architect and is a member of the planning staff at Rutgers. She earned a BA in Architecture from Cornell and a MA in Architecture from the NJ Institute of Technology. Elizabeth has a long history in historic preservation.

Bob Rosen is Dean Emeritus of the School of Theatre, Film and Television of UCLA and grew up in the Ferrer Colony in Stelton. Bob is an educator, critic, and film preservationist. He has guided the UCLA Film and Television Archive from a small collection to the world's largest university-based holding of original film and television material. With Martin Scorsese he was the organizer of the Film Foundation on which he currently serves as the founding Chair of the Archives Council.

***See page 2 under "Endowment Program."**

GOLDMAN HOUSE PROJECT

The sub-division of the Goldman property was approved by the Piscataway Township Planning Board in August of 2013. This allows for the sale of a building lot so that the remaining property on which the Goldman House is located can be turned over to the Friends of the Modern School. Before the adjoining property can be sold there are deed restrictions and these will be explained at the Sept. 20 Annual Meeting by John Wieck, Jeffrey Aaron and Leo Goldman. The Trustees will have to decide on a date for the Friends to take over the Goldman house property if that is deemed to be important. Our tax status allows us to apply to pay no local taxes on the Goldman House and property if we take over the building. We will also not have to pay income taxes.

ENDOWMENT PROGRAM*

One plan under discussion by the Trustees is to try to fund an endowment program through Rutgers University to sponsor interns who will do research on the history of Modern Schools, the Ferrer Colony and the Goldman house and to give an annual presentation on that research. Vice President Bob Rosen will discuss this possibility at the meeting on Sept. 20. Also, from 9:00 AM to about 12:00 Noon on Sept. 20, in Brower rooms A and B, Bob will interview and video former members of the Francisco Ferrer Colony and former students of Modern Schools to use in support of this proposal. Now that we have 501 (C) 3 tax status donations to an endowment program will be tax deductible. I will have more on those in later correspondences or at the meeting.

FUND DRIVE

The payments for our meetings do not cover all of our expenses. Please consider a donation to the Friends. We now have a 501 (C) 3 tax deductible status retroactive to 2010 and all donations are tax deductible. If you decide to donate to the Friends please use the attached reply form.

LUNCHEON

We will have a lunch prepared by the Brower Commons. It includes a deli sandwich with potato salad, hot beverages, including coffee, and also soda and dessert. We are asking you to pay \$20.00 to help defray costs of the lunch, postage and printing for the reunion announcements, cost of renting the dining hall and payment of the serving staff. Students and others who are interested in the formal program, but not in the lunch, will be admitted free after 12:45 P.M.

DIRECTIONS TO BROWER COMMONS

Coming from the North or South on the New Jersey Turnpike get off at Exit 9 and take NJ 18 North. Go past the "George St." exit to Douglas College and follow the signs "to Rutgers University George Street." At that intersection turn right onto George Street. At the next intersection take a left onto Huntington St. and after a block take a left on College Avenue. The Alexander Library will be on your left and Brower Commons is just east of the library across College Avenue from the Campus Center (Student Union).

Coming on Interstate 287 from the North or South, get off on Easton Ave. (Rt. 527). Proceed through seven traffic lights and at the eighth turn left on to Huntington St. Continue three blocks, and take a right on to College Avenue. The library will be on your left and Brower Commons is a half of a block east of the library. Parking is available either on College Avenue or in the large faculty lot behind the Campus Center. You will not get a ticket in that lot on a Saturday.

For the Trustees and the Program Organizing Committee
Jon Thoreau Scott, Secretary

FRIENDS OF THE MODERN SCHOOL
OUR 42nd ANNUAL MEETING

I (we) do _____ do not _____ plan to attend the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ferrer Modern School to be held on **Saturday September 20, 2014**. Please reserve a lunch(s) (\$20.00 each) for _____ person(s). Our meetings are open to all who are interested.

Please mail me _____ copies of the book **Recollections from the Modern School Ferrer Colony**. Include \$20.00 per book that includes postage.

Enclose your total payment of \$_____ made out to “**Friends of the Modern School**” and send your check to:

Jeffrey Aaron, Treasurer
Friends of the Modern School
240 South Adelaide Avenue,
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Please write only **one check** for the total amount if you are attending the Annual Meeting, ordering one or more books and contributing to the Friends fund drive (see below).

Names(s) _____

Please use the following spaces for corrections or additions only.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

e-mail address _____

We are also requesting that you send us addresses of the **next generation of Friends**. Please include addresses of those who may be interested in the ideas of the Modern School or in attending our annual meetings. We are especially interested in **relatives or descendants** of those who attended one of the Modern Schools or lived in one of the colonies associated with one of the schools and in those who are contemplating organizing, or having their children attend an alternative free school. All interested are welcome. Please use the back of this form for addresses. In addition please provide us with corrections of the address(s) of other Friends of the Modern School with whom you are familiar and may have moved. Thanks for your help.

SUPPORT FOR OUR PROJECTS

Yes, I would like to help complete the projects of the Friends of the Modern School with a contribution for:

\$_____ **the regular FOMS fund**

\$_____ **the Goldman House Project fund**