Can you believe it?? I don’t think we could have anticipated how long this would go when we first got the Shelter in Place order. Some of the novelties of staying at home – finally getting around to those household projects, baking banana bread, and not needing any excuse to binge-watch a new Netflix series in a day – have started to wear off. Yet, there is something oddly calming about settling into this as our ‘new normal’. Zoom hangouts have kept us connected to family and friends, we’ve stopped apologizing for the kids screaming in the other room or the mess in the background, and we’ve all given each other a bit more grace in these times. I am so grateful to have the ILEA community to share this experience with, lean on, and support one another.

We’ve rounded up another list of ways you can make the most of this bizarre new life!

1. While Mr. Holmes Bakehouse has been closed, and access to their coveted Cruffins has been cut off, they have kept their loyal fans busy with their new bake kits. They’re shipping you the ingredients and instructions to make some of their indulgent treats at home!

2. If you’ve already been baking as much as I have been, this Hip Hop Grooves class from Innovative may be the perfect way to get moving and out of the kitchen! Join them TONIGHT at 4:00 PM for a fun-filled workout class. And be sure to keep an eye on their newsletter for future classes and other virtual engagements.

3. It has truly been incredible to see what this community of caterers has done in SIP – I have LOVED seeing the innovation! Foxtail and their suite of companies are taking it to the next level with a variety of offerings for now, and the future of events in a post-COVID environment. Check out their virtual happy hour kits, charitable initiatives, plus delicious food and beverages available now from Serpentine!

4. I have seen this pop-up in a couple of places recently, and I have to say I am intrigued. Check out this 7x7 article on virtual psychic readings!
5. As we move into Phase 2 in San Francisco, more and more restaurants are opening up for takeout and delivery. I have loved this opportunity to support some of my favorites, and try some new spots that have been on my wish list! I’m keeping track of who is open with this awesome comprehensive list from SFist.

6. Our friends over at Barbara Llewellyn Catering are now offering wholesome meals and pantry staples for delivery. Check it out to get a break from cooking for a night, or have something sent to a loved one for a special treat!

7. If you’ve ever had your picture taken with The Vanity Portrait Studio at one of our ILEA events, or your own client event, it is probably one of your favorite photos ever. Colson and his team have a way of making us all look good! For our community, they’ve extended their offer to send a free print from the archives! And they’re taking that sleek styling eye into the world of virtual events in their new streaming partnership with Gatsby Entertainment – check it out!

8. And finally, our video of the week comes from Lori who keeps ILEA running behind the scenes and helps support all of this content for our membership – thank you, Lori, for all that you do! We’ve all been on a video call with these various Zoomers recently!

Thanks for following along! And as always, send us your must-see quarantine content at togetherweekly@ileancc.org!

Growing Together While Apart,
Kelsey Linden, Board of Directors