# AGE OF AQUINAS

*a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+*

***Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am***
***Next Edgewood hike: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am***
***Special "100 Hrs of Astronomy" Star Party, April 4, 8-11 pm***
***Coming up: the 6th Annual Spring Dance, May 2, 8:00 pm***

***Hike Report - Shoreline:***
I think we might be getting into that time of the year in Northern California when all the days are the same: warm temps, blue skies, bright sun. That time when a young male duck's fancy turns to thoughts of love. In a few weeks the Canada goslings will be over-running the place! Hey, I'm not complaining, mind you!

We had more than a dozen on the hiking trails out to our "bench-mark" in the Baylands, and more than a dozen were already waiting for us back at the café. There is a movement afoot to have a late morning hike *after* coffee. If you're more of late-morning person than an early-morning person, ask around at coffee next week to see if anyone wants to go walking. These days are just too beautiful to stay home!

***Request for volunteers!***
Planning for the dance actually began on the walk this morning, so if you'd like to help, let us know (age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org) and we'll put you in touch.

***Coming up:*** Next week is another Shoreline hike, and the regular first-Saturday Edgewood hike. AND a special International Year of Astronomy event -- a star party at Foothill College Observatory. See below for details. And for a complete rundown on *all* the upcoming happenings, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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**Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee***
Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!
**Directions to Lakeside Café:**
***From northbound 101,*** take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).
***From southbound 101,*** take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.
Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.
**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043
**More information:** Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html, call Randy on 408.739.2881 or Email: age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** These hikes are every Saturday *****

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**Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 9:00 am: *Edgewood Park Hike and Lunch***
Meet in the INNER parking lot of Edgewood Park at 9 am. This is a hike that will take you up and down, in sun and shade, amidst grasses, trees and wildflowers, for about an hour and a

quarter. Afterwards gather about 10:30 am, for coffee at *Canyon Coffee Roastery*, 3203 Oak Knoll Dr., Redwood City, CA 94062.
**Time:** 9:00 am.
**Directions to Edgewood Park:**
***From the 101,*** take the Whipple Ave exit and travel through town West to Alameda de Las Pulgas. There turn right and go about 1/4 mile to Edgewood Rd. There turn left and follow Edgewood about 2 miles to the Park Entrance on your left.
**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=us-101+%26+whipple+ave%2C+redwood+city%2C+ca+94063.
***From I-280,*** take the Edgewood Road exit and go East toward Redwood City about 1/2 mile to the park entrance on your right.
**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=i-280+%26+edgewood+rd%2C+redwood+city%2C+ca+94062.
**More information:** Visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html, or contact Josephine, 650.619.4024, josephine.dorval@oracle.com or age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org.

***** Hikes are on the 1st Saturday of the month*****

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**Saturday, April 4, 2009, 8:00-11:00 pm: *Star Party,* Foothill College Observatory, Los Altos Hills**
*Sponsored by Foothill College and the Peninsula Astronomical Society.*
Foothill College and Peninsula Astronomical Society, http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/pas.htm will hold a star party at the Foothill College Observatory, providing skies are clear. The 16-inch college telescope will be open for viewing and members of the Society will bring their own telescopes as well. The event is part of the "100 Hours of Astronomy" celebration, being held around the world April 2 - 5. Visit http://www.100hoursofastronomy.org/index.php. It's the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first turning a telescope to the heavens.
**Time:** 8:00 pm till 11:00 pm.
**Cost:** The star party is free, but parking costs $2.00 per vehicle.
**Location:** Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. The observatory is just off the main campus ring road, near Parking Lot 4.
**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=12345+el+monte+rd&csz=los+altos+hills+ca+94022
**More Information:** Contact Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com, call Randy on 408.739.2881, or visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html.

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**Saturday, May 2, 2009 @ 8:00 pm: *Age of Aquinas 6th Annual Spring Dance,* Palo Alto**
Come join the festivities celebrating **Age of Aquinas's *leap forward into SPRING!*** It's *spring!* The time when, as Alfred, Lord Tennyson once put it, "*a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."* Hey, it could happen! I mean, "*Pierre-Auguste*" was a popular name for famous artists in the 19th century. There was Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Pierre-Auguste Cot, so *you* could be popular too at the next Age of Aquinas dance! And you *will* be if ***The Sharp Nines,*** have anything to say about it! They'll be playing for us again with new additions to their repertoire.
**Time:** Doors open 8:00 pm, the music will start around 8:30 pm and go till about 11.
**Cost:** Still only $10.00 (Cash only, please, no checks)! Snacks and beverages will be provided.
**Location:** St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301
**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=1095+channing+ave&csz=palo+alto+ca+94301.
**More information:** Contact Mabel by email: m-ngo@sbcglobal.net, or Tom by phone: 408.298.2064, or visit http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html.

***** Those who hear not the music think the dancers mad! *****