AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am
Two Astronomy Events: Lecture April 22; Star Party April 25
6th Annual A of A Spring Dance, May 2, 8:00 pm

Hike Report - Shoreline:
We went back to our old habit of walking straight out to our Baylands "benchmark" this morning. There were about eight of us on the way out, and half again that many on the way back. When we are predictable, people catch up with us. And then, as usual, another group of folks joined us back at the café.

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It was bright and sunny and warm. What else is new? Though it was cloudy/foggy in Cupertino and Redwood City (reportedly), there was a large blue sky hole above Shoreline. Perhaps the Sun was watching over all the new little Canada geese chicks that were following their parents around, learning about the world and life. We'll watch the young-uns grow over the next several weeks. So come on out and join us if you can.

Coming up: Wednesday, April 22, is the Astronomy Lecture at Foothill College. Next Saturday, April 25, is the first Star Party of the season at Foothills Park. And Saturday, May 2, is the 6th Annual Age of Aquinas Spring Dance! 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 25, 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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Astronomy Lecture and Dinner: Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 5:45 pm
Sponsored by Foothill College Astronomy Program, NASA-Ames, SETI, and Astronomy Society of the Pacific
Meet at 5:45 for a light dinner at *Pasta Market,* San Antonio Rd & El Camino Real, in Los Altos. Then carpool at 6:30 to Foothill College. The Lecture begins at 7 and is usually packed. This time Margaret Race (SETI Institute) will give a talk entitled *"Protecting the Earth and Other Planets".* It's about accidentally moving organisms from Earth to the Moon or Mars, and vice versa. How do we prevent contamination of both places? Visitors must purchase a campus parking permit for $2. Parking lots 1, 3, 5 and 6 provide access to the theater. The college is located on El Monte Rd at I-280.
Time: Dinner 5:45 pm, carpool 6:30 pm, lecture 7:00 pm.
Cost: Whatever you spend for dinner, plus your share of the $2 parking fee. The Lecture is FREE!
Location: *Dinner & Carpool:* The Pasta Market, 4546 El Camino Real, Suite A7, Los Altos, CA 94022
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=4546+el+camino+real&csz=los+altos+ca+94022
Location: *Lecture:* Foothill College, Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
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, April 25, 2009, 7:30 pm: Monthly Summer *Star Party,* Foothills Park, Palo Alto
Sponsored by Peninsula Astronomical Society.
The **FIRST** Peninsula Astronomical Society Star Party of the season is Saturday, April 25. Bring your telescope and/or binoculars (if you have them) *and* a picnic dinner. While the sun sets and twilight deepens, we'll have our picnic and get our telescopes set up. Dress warmly in layers. Clear nights can get chilly.
Time: 7:30 pm gathering at the Park'n'Ride till ~10:30 pm. ***Please note:*** New admittance policy in 2009: *The Park entrance will close at 8:00 pm, so don't be late or you won't get in!*
Admission: ***FREE!!***
Location: Meet at the Park'n'Ride at I-280 and Page Mill Rd west of Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. From there we'll carpool to Foothills Park. Any car with a telescope or a Palo Alto resident aboard gets in free. Or you can just tell them at the gate that you are an amateur astronomer participating in the public star party. We will be joining the Peninsula Astronomical Society for this month's summer star party.
Directions:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=i-280+and+page+mill+rd&csz=los+altos+ca+94022
More information: http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org, or Carrie Karnos, ckarnos@yahoo.com.

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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! *****