AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

TOMORROW: Moonfest at NASA Ames, Sunday, July 19, noon - 6:00, Free
Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, July 25, 9:00 am
Next Star Party: Saturday, July 25, 7:30 pm
Special Event: Wine & Whiskers Fund-Raiser Wine Tasting, Sunday, July 26, $55.00

Hike Report - Shoreline:
There was a really large crowd gathered at 9 am for our hike this morning, including three first-timers, and one whose first time was the week yours truly played hooky, so he was new to me. Everyone got introduced and we were off, too few a number of minutes past 9 for the later-comers who caught up with us.

We took our standard level walk past the lake and out to our "benchmark" in the Palo Alto Baylands. At the bench we stopped briefly before heading back, but it was certainly *not* to take a breath! There were almost half as many conversations going on as there were walkers! And back at the café, our numbers and the number of conversations increased!

Don't always count on catching up with the group if you come past 9. We sometimes take a different route. But we'll always return to the café for coffee and camaraderie.

Coming up: A celebration of the first landing on the Moon 40 years ago at NASA - Ames, tomorrow. And of course, the usual Shoreline hike next Saturday: Also, a Star Party next Saturday night, and Sunday a special event for folks who want to support homeless cats. See below for details. And for the latest on *all* the upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Sunday, July 19, 2009, noon to 6 pm: *Moonfest* - NASA Ames, Mountain View
See: http://moonfest.arc.nasa.gov/ for more information.
Flyer available at: http://quest.nasa.gov/lunar/moonfest/Moonfest09_Handoout-006.pdf

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Saturday, July 25, 2009 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee* - Mountain View
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, July 25, 2009, 7:30 pm: Monthly Summer *Star Party,* Foothills Park, Palo Alto
Sponsored by Peninsula Astronomical Society.
The **NEXT** Peninsula Astronomical Society Star Party of the season is Saturday, July 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, http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/pas.htm, 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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Sunday, July 26, 2009, 1 to 5 pm: *Wine & Whiskers Fundraiser* - San Jose - $55.00
See: http://www.shiawlinglai.com/WineandWhiskers2009/index.html to buy tickets.
See: http://www.towncats.org/index.html for information about Town Cats
Flyer available at: http://www.towncats.org/wineandwhiskers2009/invitation.jpg.