AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Age-of-Aquinas Yahoo Group is live!
Visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/age-of-aquinas. This is prob'ly the last time this Hike report will come by plain email, so if you don't get a second copy that comes from the Age of Aquinas Yahoo Group address, let me know by reply to this message.

Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am
Thanksgiving dinner: Thursday, November 26, 11:30 am

Hike Report - Shoreline:
It was clear and cold and beautiful this morning as a smaller-than-usual group of walkers gathered in front of Lakeside Café. After a round of introductions that included two first-timers, we set out walking our usual route along the lake, across over into the Palo Alto Baylands, and out to our "benchmark" bench. There we paused in our walking, but not in our talking, and soon retraced our steps back to the café, where the walking turned to coffee- and hot chocolate-sipping, and the talking continued.

Perhaps the chill in the air caused some of the smaller birds to move more slowly than usual, because our bird diarists, Carrie and Carol, positively identified several that we hadn't got a good make on before. Some of these *un*usual suspects were: lesser scaups, gadwalls, ring-necked ducks, a western wood peewee, a white-crowned sparrow, a song sparrow, and some northern pintails. This was in addition to the *usual* suspects: Canada geese, coots, avocets, mallards. greater yellowlegs, snowy egrets, northern shovelers, gulls, a kite, a harrier, a red-tailed hawk, cinnamon teals, night herons, a great blue heron, cormorants, and hummingbirds. See how many you can spot next week!

Coming up: Next Saturday is another regular Shoreline hike, and don't' forget the "Little House" Thanksgiving dinner under the auspices of Peninsula Volunteers (the "Peevies"). See below for details. For the latest on *all* the upcoming events, visit: http://paloaltocatholic.org/aofa.html.

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Saturday, November 28, 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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Thursday, November 26, 2009, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm: *Thanksgiving Dinner* - Menlo Park
Sponsored by Peninsula Volunteers
Help support the Peninsula Volunteers help those less fortunate this Thanksgiving by coming to the "Little House" Thanksgiving dinner.
Menu: Traditional Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie
Vegetarian/Vegan Menu: Baked Acorn Squash stuffed with Mixed Grains and Legumes, Caramelized Onion and Balsamic Vinegar Reduction Sauce, Baked Herb Tomato Side with Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie
Time: 11:30 am till 1:00 pm
Cost: $15:00 until November 18 deadline for reservations. (Tickets are non-refundable)
Location: Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Map: http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=800+middle+ave+menlo+park+ca+94025
More information: Call 650.326.2025 and ask for Aida. You must have a credit card to purchase tickets.