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September 10 - 26, 2023

Fortified cities and tiny fishing villages, rugged Atlantic coastline and commanding Pyrenees peaks, iconic shrines to both religion and fine art, and intimate lodgings in historic paradores and pousadas – it all awaits on this singular small group journey from Lisbon across the north of Spain, ending in vibrant Barcelona.



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September 14 - 28, 2023

Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar and beloved Dubrovnik, we see why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.



SICILY IN DEPTH

September 28 - October 9, 2023

Crossroads of the Mediterranean, the “toe” in Italy’s boot, “God’s Kitchen” Sicily is all this, and much more, as we see on our stellar small group journey around this Italian island. It’s lively cities and ancient ruins, temples of man – and of nature, hospitable people and delectable cuisine, a feast for all the senses.



ISRAEL: TIMELESS WONDERS

October 14 - 25, 2023

Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David Hotel.

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Classic Safari: Kenya & Tanzania, August 13-28, 2024

Exploring Iceland, August 15-25, 2024

Southern Italy & Sicily, September 4-18, 2024

Scotland: Highlands & Islands, September 9-20, 2024

Provincial French Countryside, September 27-October 11, 2024

New Zealand Adventure, October 10-25, 2024

Southeast Asia Odysseys, October 31-November 18, 2024

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LOCATIONS

Look for the two-letter codes before each course number, starting on page 5

(AG) - Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh,
4800 Aston Gardens Way, Naples
(239) 296-5434

(AR) - The Arlington,
7900 Arlington Circle, Naples
(239) 307-3000

(BR) - The Commons Club at The Brooks,
9930 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs
(239) 949-3800

(BV) - Bentley Village,
850 Retreat Road, Naples
(239) 431-2000

(CC) - Cypress Cove,
10200 Cypress Cove Drive, Fort Myers
(239) 415-5100

(GL) - Moorings Park Grande Lake,
7410 Little Lane, Naples
(239) 326-2996

(GO) - Moorings Park at Grey Oaks,
2355 Estuary Drive, Naples
(239) 213-7777

(MP) - Moorings Park Center for Healthy Living,
132 Moorings Park Drive, Naples
(239) 261-1616

(NC) - Naples Center,
704 Goodlette-Frank Rd N., Suite 330, Naples
(239) 434-4737

(OL) - Online via Zoom

(TE) - The TwinEagles Club,
11725 Twin Eagles Blvd., Naples
(239) 354-1709

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

FGCU Academy Needs Your Support Today to Ensure that Our Critical Mission of Senior Education and Enrichment Continues!

FGCU Academy is ready to serve the SWFL community for the Summer 2023—Learning, Growing, Sharing, Socializing. I am excited to welcome you to the new FGCU Naples Center, which is located at 704 Goodlette-Frank Rd N, Suite 330 in Naples. As always, all of our locations listed on page 3 are open to all our students.

If we have had the opportunity to meet in person or if you have heard me speak, I hope I was able to share with you my passion about FGCU Academy and its mission to provide lifelong learning and enrichment to the SWFL community. I believe it is critical to our well being to keep exploring new avenues for growth to keep our minds engaged in our past, present and future. I know those who join as members and friends who participate share my commitment. Thank you for supporting our vital programming.

As an educator, I find myself slightly uncomfortable talking about the financial needs of FGCU Academy beyond thanking everyone for their support. But, this year and moving forward, it is important that I find the words to ask for additional support through philanthropic donations. The fact is that the revenue generated through memberships and fees provides for only 50% of our annual operating costs. Additionally, our attendance has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, so our revenue is much lower than in the past.

Our passion keeps us moving forward and your donations will do the same. Please take a few minutes to consider donating to ensure our continued success. All amounts make a difference in strengthening the work we do in the community.

Your gift will allow the Academy to offer more than 1,500 diverse and fascinating programs at more than fifteen locations throughout SWFL. Please visit our website (<https://fgcuacademy.asapconnected.com>) to review the rich and varied programmatic offerings that are available this summer. Through our mission we promise to enrich the lives, minds and social well-being of more than 10,000 SWFL adults and seniors during 2023.

I am grateful for your consideration to support this vital community outreach program this year.

I look forward to seeing you at a FGCU Academy program soon. Please contact me directly at jguerra@fgcu.edu or 239-434-4838 with questions or to learn more.

In gratitude,
John J. Guerra
Director of FGCU Academy

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BRIDGE LESSONS

Contract Bridge for Beginners \$100 / \$120

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10 – 12pm, Tuesdays
NC5681 – Naples Center (Naples)

Speaker: Chuck Valery

This course is intended for total beginners who want to learn bridge. Modern Contract Bridge is an exciting and challenging card game played by millions of people. Upon completion, you can expect to have a firm foundation of Contract Bridge principles. The course is based on a balanced mixture of lecture and hands-on practice playing. Each successive session builds by introducing more complex subjects. The first half of each session introduces various bridge concepts. The second half is spent playing actual hands on these topics. Students get a set of 50 handouts illustrating topics discussed. Learn this wonderful card game and have fun.



BIOGRAPHIES

Franz Joseph – The Last Habsburg Emperor \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** - June 1 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5682 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – June 13 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5683 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Born into a dynasty steeped in centuries of power and tradition but also teetering on the brink of collapse, Franz Joseph inherited a sprawling, disparate empire that was crying for reform and a dysfunctional family that suffered from the effects of intrigue and inbreeding. With extraordinary self-discipline and dedication, Franz Joseph managed to hold them all more or less together, but an emperor's private life cannot be separated from his public one, and the end of his long reign saw the destruction of everything. Franz Joseph's life is a gripping tale of duty, power, politics, love, and loss, all played out on the world stage.

Queen Victoria – The Grandmother of Europe \$25 / \$30

June 6 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5684 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Victoria was a match maker extraordinaire! Her own marriage had been blissfully happy, but Victoria didn't seem to care much about the feelings of her own children. While chiding them about duty and obligation, she set them up with "appropriate" matches throughout Europe. A German prince, a Russian duchess – it was all part of the plan for the family, which would, to her mind, guarantee the stability of the empire. Yet Victoria herself broke her own rules in her relationship with her Scottish servant! Let's explore the life and family of this very human, motherly queen, whose grandsons ended up at war with each other.

Napoleon Bonaparte \$25 / \$30

June 7 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5685 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Napoleon's skill and brilliance extended well beyond the battlefield. Within 20 years of the abolition of the French monarchy during the revolution, he had out-manuevered his political rivals and crowned himself emperor and then began rebuilding the state and establishing a dynasty. This lecture will explore the political and social backdrop that gave rise to Napoleon's career as well as the ambition and character that enabled the "little general" to leave a remarkable legacy.

Alva Vanderbilt Belmont – Slave to Ambition or Champion of Freedom? \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** - June 19 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5686 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – September 8 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5687 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Alva was seen by many – including her own family – as a ruthless, domineering social climber who would stop at nothing to reach the top. Her carefully orchestrated plans for dominance, including the forced marriage of her daughter, have become legendary. Yet there was more to Alva than snobbery: she forged an independent path that astonished both her contemporaries and posterity.

William “Wild Bill” Donovan \$25 / \$30

July 21 at 2:30 – 4pm, Friday
AR5688 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Donovan was a lawyer, politician, war hero and one of the founders of U.S. intelligence. His amazing story is one of intellect and bravery. This lecture traces Donovan’s life as the Director of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the father of the CIA. He was a visionary who identified weaknesses with U.S. intelligence. His observations have lessons for today.

Queen Elizabeth I – Gloriana \$25 / \$30

July 31 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5689 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Where would England be today had Elizabeth I not become queen? A lesser ruler might have succumbed to the conflicting demands of political factions. A lesser personality might have indulged personal whims at the cost of ministerial respect. Against great odds – her father ordered her mother’s execution; she had no husband; she produced no heir; and her cousin plotted her assassination. Elizabeth nevertheless tackled religious strife, political divisions, court intrigue and war, to guide England to a state of unity and prosperity.

Catherine the Great \$25 / \$30

August 7 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5690 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Bright, ambitious and imbued with ideas of the Enlightenment, Catherine rose from a German princess to Empress of Russia through her wits and wiles, not to mention intrigue and the convenient elimination of her husband. Her correspondence with the greatest minds of the day is legendary. She had grand plans for Russia, and encouraged by her lover Potemkin, set about the expansion, modernization and education of the country. Although her reign also saw the violently dangerous Pugachev rebellion, Catherine’s accomplishments and devotion to Russia have earned her a place among history’s most Enlightened Despots.

King George III \$25 / \$30

September 19 at 10 – 11:30am, Tuesday
BR5691 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

To many Americans, he is Mad King George, the tyrannical English king whose despotic ways pushed the colonists to

revolution. To the English, he was Farmer George, a stubborn, plodding ruler who obstructed his parliament and blocked progress. Both assessments are incomplete, and his unfortunate mental collapse was a family tragedy. There was much more to the life of this very civilized, cultured and moral man.

Peter the Great: A Czar Larger Than Life \$25 / \$30

September 25 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5692 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Peter the Great dragged Russia, kicking and screaming, into the seventeenth century. Peter was larger than life; a towering man with towering ambition to match and a vision of greatness for Russia. No project was too big: move the capital city! Or too small: measure the length of men’s beards! To modernize the state Peter turned his hand to every aspect of Russian life. Was he a visionary reformer or a ruthless tyrant? This lecture explores the life and legacy of a most unusual czar.

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

Apple Watch Tips, Tricks & Secrets of the New Watch OS 9 \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – June 8 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5693 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – August 8 at 2:30pm – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5694 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 12 at 11 – 12:30pm, Tuesday
NC5695 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5696 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: John Guerra

Join this lecture-style presentation as we explore the many features of the Apple Watch. It’s not just about telling time, it’s about phone calls, email messages, maps, music, photos, health tracking, Apple Pay, fall detection and so much more.

iPhone & iPad for Beginners \$35 / \$42

June 13 at 11 – 12:30pm, Tuesday
NC5697 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5698 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: John Guerra

The iPhone provides access to phone, voicemail, email, the web, photos, calendars, texting, maps, games and more. iPads have revolutionized computing since their introduction. With its larger screen the iPad is absolutely a viable replacement for your desktop or laptop! Whether you already own an iPhone or iPad, or are considering purchasing one, join us as we explore the capabilities of these remarkable devices. This lecture-style demonstration teaches you the important basics of: installing, reorganizing and deleting apps, using the touch interface, keyboard basics, text selection and editing, Spotlight, Apple ID, settings and more.

iPhone/iPad: Tips, Tricks & Secrets All Users Should Know in iOS 16 \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – June 13 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5699 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)
- **Option #2** – June 15 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BR5700 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)
- **Option #3** – June 21 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5701 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Join this lecture-style presentation to learn all of the new features, upgrades and enhancements of Apple's newest operating system for iPhone and iPad, iOS 16. We explore tips, tricks and secrets that make using your device easier, more powerful and efficient.



The Best of the Best Smartphone and Tablet Apps All Users Should Know – Part 1 \$35 / \$42

June 15 at 2 – 3pm, Thursday
GL5702 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

This lecture-style presentation explores some of the best apps that Apple and Android users should know about and install on their devices. Apps are the life-blood of your smart devices. Without them, your 21st century tools are greatly limited in what they can do. We will identify and demo the best apps available in categories like productivity, email, travel, video calling, texting, car services, travel, stocks and so much more. This lecture is appropriate for all Android and Apple users, although Apple devices will be used to demonstrate various apps.

The Best of the Best Smartphone and Tablet Apps All Users Should Know – Part 2 \$35 / \$42

July 20 at 2 – 3pm, Thursday
GL5714 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

This lecture-style presentation explores some of the best apps that Apple and Android users should know about and install on their devices. Apps are the life-blood of your smart devices. Without them, your 21st century tools are greatly limited in what they can do. We will identify and demo the best apps available in categories like productivity, email, travel, video calling, texting,

car services, travel, stocks and so much more. This lecture is appropriate for all Android and Apple users, although Apple devices will be used to demonstrate various apps.

iPhone/iPad Settings: iCloud, Notifications, Apple Pay, Emergency SOS and More \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – June 20 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5703 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)
- **Option #2** – September 13 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
BR5704 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: John Guerra

Settings is one of the most important Apps on your iPhone/ iPad; it is where you customize and control how your device functions. If you have not spent quality time in the Settings app, you do not fully understand how your devices can work for you. This lecture style presentation explores how to configure the most important settings on your iPhone and iPad, including iCloud, Notifications, Focus, Display & Brightness, Privacy, Emergency SOS, Apple Pay and many more.

iPhone/iPad Apps: Apple Mail \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – June 29 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5705 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – July 25 at 10 – 11:30am, Tuesday
NC5706 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5230 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #3** – August 7 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5707 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Many iPhone and iPad users do not fully understand how to use Mail, one of the most important apps on their devices. Apple's Mail app supports Gmail, Yahoo, Exchange, AOL and nearly all email platforms. We explore the detailed workings of the Apple Mail app showing you how to add new accounts and contacts, work with attachments, insert photos or videos, organize email into folders, eliminate junk mail, markup or sign attachments, scan documents and much more.

iPhone/iPad Apps: Camera \$35 / \$42

July 11 at 10 – 11:30am, Tuesday
BR5708 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: John Guerra

iPhones/iPads have multiple cameras for taking still photographs, wide angle, portraits, panoramas as well as regular, time-lapse and slo-mo videos. Change your focus and exposure, take live photos, mirrored selfies, macro and nighttime photographs. We also learn how to transfer photos from your digital camera to your iPhone/ iPad and much more.

Computer and Internet Security for Desktops, Laptops, Phones and Tablets \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – July 11 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5709 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

- **Option #2** – July 13 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5710 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #3** – August 8 at 11 – 12:30pm, Tuesday
NC5711 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5712 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: John Guerra

Every day across the country, millions of people fall victim to viruses, spyware, malware, keystroke loggers, ransomware, phishing schemes and hacking. Join this lecture-style presentation to better understand all these threats and how to best protect yourself against them. Defend yourself and your computing devices while protecting your identity and keeping your personal information safe. This lecture is appropriate for all Windows, Android and Apple users and is one of the most important technology lectures you can take.

Introduction to Microsoft Windows 11 \$55 / \$65

July 19 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5713 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Windows 11 in this lecture style presentation. This lecture is designed for those who have used Windows before and are interested in upgrading or learning about the new Windows 11 operating system. If you have just bought a new computer with Windows 11, have upgraded, or are going to upgrade, this presentation is for you. Join us as we make Windows 11 easy to use and understand.

Macintosh Tips, Tricks & Secrets:

MacOS Ventura \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – July 27 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
NC5715 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5716 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #2** – August 16 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5717 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 12 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5718 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

MacOS Ventura (released in October 2022) elevates the most advanced desktop and laptop operating system in the world to a new level of power, sophistication and ease of use. We explore Mac tips, tricks and secrets that all users should know including Settings, the Finder, the Dock, Spotlight, Window Navigation, software installation, App Store and more.

iPhone/iPad Photos App: Photo Management, Editing, Sharing and More \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – August 2 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
BR5719 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)
- **Option #2** – August 17 at 1:30 – 3pm, Thursday
CC5720 – Cypress Cove (Fort Myers)

Speaker: John Guerra

Apple's Photos App has an immersive, dynamic look that

emphasizes your best shots with larger previews and improved organization. Memories finds your best photos and videos and weaves them together into a memorable movie complete with music, titles and transitions. Perfect your images with intuitive, built-in, powerful editing tools. Search photos based on who or what is in them. iCloud stores your photos and videos and synchronizes them across all your devices.

iPhone/iPad Notes App: The App Everyone Should Use \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – August 10 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5721 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – August 24 at 2 – 3pm, Thursday
GL5722 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

The Notes app is the best place to jot down quick thoughts or to save checklists, images, web links, scanned documents, handwritten notes or sketches. With iCloud, it's easy to keep all your devices in sync, so you'll always have your notes with you. You can search notes for typed text, handwritten notes, text in scanned documents and even images inside your notes. Secure the notes that hold your most personal data – such as financial details, medical information, or secret family recipes with a password, a fingerprint or even Face ID. Join this lecture as we explore one of Apple's most useful, powerful and productive apps available.

Cloud Computing \$35 / \$42

- **Option #1** – August 22 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5723 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)
- **Option #2** – September 20 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5724 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

This useful and practical introduction to cloud computing explores what clouds are, who provides them, how they function and why you should use them. Microsoft, Google, Apple and many others offer cloud solutions. Most of them are free and easy to use! We explore the various cloud alternatives available, how to set them up and use them, and the benefits they offer for file storage and security and synchronizing of data across all of your devices. This lecture is appropriate and useful for Windows, Android and Apple users.

iPhone/iPad Apps: Safari \$35 / \$42

September 14 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5725 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Apple's web browser, Safari, keeps getting faster and better. It sports a smart search bar, tabs, and a special split view version for iPad users. Save your favorite websites to your Home Screen or as Bookmarks. You can view Shared Links and add articles to your Reading List or access your saved passwords and credit cards through iCloud's Keychain.

Pages Word Processor for the iPhone/iPad/Mac \$35 / \$42

September 14 at 2 – 3pm, Thursday
GL5726 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Create gorgeous documents in minutes with the Pages word processor for iPhone/iPad/Mac. A word processor that is easy and user-friendly is just what we expect from Apple. Start with a pre-designed template to instantly create beautiful reports, resumes, posters and more or use a blank document and create your own design. Easily add images, movies, audio, charts and shapes and use comments, change tracking and highlights to review your work. With iCloud, your documents are kept up to date across all your devices. And with real-time collaboration, you are able to work together at the same time with others, even on a PC. This class presumes you are familiar with using an iPhone/iPad/Mac.

Artificial Intelligence: The Rise of the Machine \$35 / \$42

September 19 at 10 – 11:30am, Tuesday
NC5727 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5728 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: John Guerra

Artificial Intelligence has been around much longer than you think so why is it featured so prominently in the headlines today? What is AI, when was it first invented and what are its future applications? How will it likely benefit humankind? Like all new technologies, what are the potential risks and dangers? Join this fascinating lecture as we explore one of the greatest technological advances of our time.



iPhone/iPad Apps: Apple Mail and Safari \$35 / \$42

September 25 at 3:30 – 5pm, Monday
TE5729 – TwinEagles (Northeast Naples)

Speaker: John Guerra

Many iPhone and iPad users do not fully understand how to use Mail, one of the most important apps on their devices. Apple's Mail app supports Gmail, Yahoo, Exchange, AOL and nearly all email platforms. We explore the detailed workings of the Apple Mail app showing you how to add new accounts and contacts, work with attachments, insert photos or videos, organize email into folders, eliminate junk mail, markup or sign attachments,

scan documents and much more. Apple's web browser, Safari, keeps getting faster and better. It sports a smart search bar, tabs, and a special split view version for iPad users. Save your favorite websites to your Home Screen or as Bookmarks. You can view Shared Links and add articles to your Reading List or access your saved passwords and credit cards through iCloud's Keychain.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Great Discussions Group (2-part series) \$46 / \$56

- **Option #1** – June 1, 22 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursdays
OL5748 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #2** – July 6, 20 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursdays
OL5750 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #3** – August 3, 17 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursdays
OL5752 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #4** – September 7, 21 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursdays
OL5754 – Online via Zoom

Moderator: John Guerra

In a globalized world, crucial and important topics rise and fall daily. Ripped from the headlines, this program offers the opportunity for substantive discourse on the issues and stories shaping local, national and world events. Our goal is to build consensus, unity and identify practical solutions. Join neighbors, friends and peers, in-person or online, in this interactive, thought-provoking and engaging discussion group. We strive to offer a constructive and respectful forum where conservatives and liberals alike can comfortably and openly share their viewpoints and opinions. Each week participants receive articles for discussion and, where appropriate, videos are shown to help further our dialog. The best discussions arise from a group of diverse individuals offering their personal viewpoints and perspectives informed by their unique life experiences. Together with your opinions and ideas, bring your listening and critical thinking skills to help enrich us all.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

Nuclear Fusion...Harnessing the Power of the Sun on Earth \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** – August 3 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5739 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – Aug 4 at 2:30 – 4pm, Friday
AR5740 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 12 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5741 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)

Speaker: John Yasinsky

President Biden recently announced, following a major experimental breakthrough at a National Lab, that we will have, within 10 years, clean, unlimited electrical power from fusion reactors that use hydrogen from sea water as fuel. Are we that close to harnessing the power of the Sun on earth? This presentation describes why creating power from nuclear fusion is so difficult, the progress in development over the past 60 years, and the remaining challenges that must be overcome.

FOREIGN FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

International Film and Documentary Discussion Series (4 Films) \$42 / \$55 Donation

June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17 at 2pm, Sundays
NC5742 – Naples Center (Naples)

Moderator: John Guerra

Pre-registration is strongly advised. Participants may register for the series (NC5742) or for any of the individual films below. Join fellow film lovers as we watch and discuss films from around the world.

Award winning, thought provoking, heart pounding and life changing cinema that will stay with you long after the credits roll.

- **Shoplifters (Japan, 2018, Crime/Drama, Rated R, 121 minutes)** \$12 / \$15 Donation
June 18 at 2pm, Sunday
NC5743 – Naples Center (Naples)
A Japanese family with inadequate incomes, depend on shoplifting to make ends meet.
- **Phoenix (Germany, 2014, History/Drama, Rated PG-13, 98 minutes)** \$12 / \$15 Donation
July 16 at 2pm, Sunday
NC5744 – Naples Center (Naples)
Tense, complex, and drenched in atmosphere, Phoenix is a well-acted, smartly crafted war drama that finds writer-director Christian Petzold working at peak power.
- **Baby Teeth (Australia, 2019, Comedy/Drama, Rated MA-17, 118 minutes)** \$12 / \$15 Donation
August 20 at 2pm, Sunday
NC5745 – Naples Center (Naples)
Milla, a seriously ill teenager, falls in love with a drug dealer, Moses, her parents' worst nightmare.
- **Retrograde (2022, Documentary, Rated R, 94 minutes)** \$12 / \$15 Donation
September 17 at 2pm, Sunday
NC5746 – Naples Center (Naples)
Tells the story of the last months of the 20-year war in Afghanistan through the intimate relationship between American Green Berets and the Afghan officers they trained.

GARDENING

Beautiful, Flowering Orchids: How to Make Yours Thrive and Grow! \$28 / \$33

July 6 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5755 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Gayle Dorio

Taught by a member of both the Naples Orchid Society and the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, you will learn interesting facts and how to grow and flower the orchids you love. The lecture discusses the popular Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas and Dendrobium orchids.

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HEALTH, MEDICINE & WELLNESS

Acupressure for Anyone® Series: For Health, Body Awareness and Well-Being \$50 / \$60

June 20, July 18, August 22 at 10 – 11am, Tuesdays
OL5756 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: Sue Lovett

Participants may register for the entire series (OL5756) or for any of the individual classes. Acupressure for Anyone® (A4A) puts the extraordinary healing gifts of acupressure into the hands of ordinary people. Based on the wisdom teachings of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, you will learn a gentle finger pressure technique to connect with meridian points on the body. Acupressure formulas are taught for common health issues such as headache, insomnia, colds and flu, digestion, etc. as well as powerful balancing formulas for managing stress and calming the mind and spirit. A handout is provided for the acupressure protocol for home practice as well as a link of a recorded guided version of the practice to watch on demand for 30 days. Bring water and either a rolled-up towel or 2 tennis or stress balls to class. Class will be taught seated in a chair. Acupressure is found to be a relaxing, gentle self-care practice and is not a substitute for professional medical care. Please consult your doctor if you are not sure if acupressure is right for you.

- **Head Release & Quick Relief Points** \$20 / \$25
June 20 at 10 – 11am, Tuesday
OL5757 – Online via Zoom
Applications: Migraines, General or One-Sided Headaches, Stress Headaches. One-point, quick relief points for common conditions will also be taught.
- **Chest Release** \$20 / \$25
July 18 at 10 – 11am, Tuesday
OL5758 – Online via Zoom
Applications: Chest Colds, Heartburn, Shortness of Breath, Dry Skin
- **Abdominal Release** \$20 / \$25
August 22 at 10 – 11am, Tuesday
OL5759 – Online via Zoom
Applications: Digestion support, appetite abnormalities, Chronic gastritis, Stomach and intestinal tracts congested.

Balance University: Improve Balance, Posture and Flexibility (3-part series) \$40 / \$48

- **Option #1** – June 16, 23, 30 at 9 – 10am, Fridays
NC5760 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5761 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #2** – July 14, 21, 28 at 9 – 10am, Fridays
NC5762 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5763 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #3** – August 11, 18, 25 at 9 – 10am, Fridays
NC5764 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5765 – Online via Zoom

- **Option #4** – September 15, 22, 29 at 9 – 10am, Fridays
NC5766 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5767 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: Chris Williams

Balance University is an interactive wellness class, designed to improve balance, posture and flexibility. This program starts with basic balance exercises and progresses to more complex movements over time. Your instructor explains the “whys” and the importance of balance exercises as part of your everyday routine. Join our instructor in a safe and effective low-impact workout on Friday mornings.

Yoga Nidra Meditation (2-part series) \$20 / \$25

- **Option #1** – July 11, 25 at 9 – 10am, Tuesdays
OL5768 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #2** – August 8, 22 at 9 – 10am, Tuesdays
OL5769 – Online via Zoom

Speaker: Jane Carroo

From the comfort and peace of your own home, calm and reset your body and mind through the practice of Yoga Nidra Meditation. We start with gentle stretches and breathing exercises to relax the body as we ease into a guided meditation. Yoga Nidra is the easiest form of meditation. It is an ancient sleep-based guided meditation, which is very relaxing. As a result, people feel refreshed and their energy is recharged. It’s equivalent to 3-4 hours of sleep. Very healing on many levels. Suggested props include a yoga mat or your sofa and blanket or towel.

Overcoming Grief and Loss \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** – July 20 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BR5770 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)
- **Option #2** – August 8 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5771 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 11 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5772 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Sherdene Simpson

Grief is the normal and natural emotional response to change or loss of any kind – death, health changes, relationship changes and on and on... Grief is also the result of unmet hopes, dreams and expectations and the loss of intangible concepts such as safety, trust, security, respect, faith... and hope. Grief is universal. All of us will experience grief and losses. But we are not well prepared to really handle, manage or recover from the emotional impact which result from these changes and losses. Given the proper emotional tools, we can achieve recovery from our grief and live content and fulfilled lives.

HISTORY, LAW & GOVERNMENT

The Berlin Wall \$25 / \$30

June 5 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5773 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

The Berlin Wall (1961-1989) framed the quintessential symbol

of Soviet and East German oppression. Travel back into the Cold War as Dr. Franz unveils plot threads including world leaders like John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev and Walter Ulbricht (of East Germany). The divided Berlin represented a major chess piece in the Cold War struggle. Follow the lives of various persons in Berlin, from guards to civilians, and observe daring attempts to escape through the increasingly secure border.

Sidney Reilly “Ace of Spies” – The “Real” James Bond? \$25 / \$30

June 5 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5774 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Britain has a long and storied history of intelligence. Sidney Reilly was one of their most successful spies. His exploits spawned articles, books and a popular TV miniseries. Reilly, the origin of James Bond and the structure and history of British Intelligence is discussed and compared to the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Ellis Island: The Immigrant Story \$25 / \$30

June 12 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5775 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

It is estimated that approximately 40% of American citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island. Using images and many immigrant quotes, Dr. Franz tells the story of American immigration in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and of the most popular entry point, Ellis Island. Immigrants came from so many countries, and for so many reasons, and they greatly contributed to the work and success of this nation.

Influential Speeches of World War II \$25 / \$30

June 12 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5776 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

World War II was won and lost amidst several remarkable speeches. Some inspired nobleness while others exploited evil. We examine famous speeches, quotes, quips and letters and the historical events surrounding them. We also discuss Churchill’s remarkable oratory abilities and secrets. Topics include: Churchill; FDR; DDE; Patton; “Wild Bill” Donovan; MacArthur; Joe Kennedy; Cordell Hull; Hirohito; Hitler; Goring; and the Nuremberg trials.

George Washington at Trenton: The Revolutionary War Takes a Dramatic Turn \$25 / \$30

June 14 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
BR5777 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

The year 1776 seemed a disaster. The British anticipated the end of the war soon, following a long string of victories against ill-equipped and poorly trained Americans. Then, in one of the most unexpected and pivotal events in American history, Washington

led American troops over the icy Delaware River and shrewdly snatched two sensational victories at Trenton and Princeton. The news swept through the Colonies, and the patriot cause was given a second birth. Follow Dr. Franz as he shares this inspiring story.



The Twilight Zone: Fiction Foreshadows the Truth! \$25 / \$30

June 15 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5778 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Richard Hertzberg

Examples and causes of engineering failures of aircraft, ships, bridges, and load-bearing structures are introduced and discussed. It is shown that most structural failures are traced to combinations of excessive loads, presence of preexisting defects, and inadequate material toughness. A newly created video recording eerily connects works of fiction with real events associated with structural failures; in one instance, the “failure” of a fictional airliner is compared with the failure of the Comet, the first commercial jet aircraft. In addition, the events surrounding the sinking of the fictional Titan passenger liner are compared with the actual catastrophic sinking of the Titanic cruise liner.

Churchill’s Secret Army \$25 / \$30

June 15 at 1:30 – 3pm, Thursday
CC5779 – Cypress Cove (Fort Myers)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Churchill created a special intelligence agency to set occupied Europe “ablaze” using “ungentlemanly” tactics. His inspiration came, in part, from the Irish Republican Army which waged a guerilla campaign against British rule. The Special Operations Executive (SOE) engaged in espionage, sabotage, assassination, reconnaissance and, along with the American OSS, supported resistance movements. SOE ran a spy school, Camp X, in Canada where OSS agents were trained in “murder and mayhem.” Many were women. Topics include: Intrepid; training; agents; operations; and movies inspired by SOE missions.

Spanish Florida and the Conquistadors \$25 / \$30

June 19 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5780 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

This lecture will examine 15th and 16th century Spain and its intent focus on the discovery and settling of “La Florida” through the early conquistadors, beginning with Juan Ponce de Leon and concluding with Pedro Menendez and the settlement of St. Augustine in 1565. With the recent 500th anniversary of Spanish Florida, this is an adventure story that needs to be told.

Operation Underworld – World War II

Mob Alliances \$25 / \$30

June 20 at 1:30 – 3pm, Tuesday
BR5781 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

As we entered World War II, the U.S. Navy covertly elicited the aid of the Mob to stop spies, saboteurs and dock strikes. “Lucky” Luciano, Meyer Lansky, Albert Anastasia and others answered the call. In this lecture, we discuss what led to the alliance, the impact and the aftermath.

What Does It Really Mean When the Bible and Constitution Say... \$25 / \$30

June 23 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5782 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Naples)

Speaker: Kent Commons

What do the Bill of Rights and the Bible really say? Words and their usage change over time. By employing an interpretive process, we use the U.S. Bill of Rights and the Bible to ascertain the meaning the original authors intended as well as how the original audience would have understood those messages.

Enlightened Despots: Frederick the Great, Maria Theresa and Catherine the Great \$25 / \$30

June 23 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
BR5783 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

The Scientific Revolution and Age of Enlightenment brought new knowledge and ideas to an increasingly literate European society that was hungry for information. New ways of thinking about philosophy, religion, government and humanity itself spread quickly. Products of their age, some monarchs embraced the new ideas, hoping to reform systems and strengthen their states, but, what happened when ideas of reform clashed with notions of their own power? How far could the Enlightenment go? We will examine the plans, personalities and performances of Frederick the Great, Maria Theresa and Catherine the Great.

How the Modern Bible Came to Be \$25 / \$30

July 3 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5784 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Kent Commons

In 2007, *Time* magazine asserted that the Bible “has done more to shape literature, history, entertainment and culture than any book ever written.” It’s a bold claim, but one that’s hard to refute. But if the Bible’s standing as a cultural behemoth is beyond doubt, its history is anything but. For centuries, some of the world’s

greatest thinkers have puzzled over the origins and evolution of this remarkable document. Who wrote it? When? And why? These are the thorniest of questions, made all the more tangled by the Bible's great age. Join us as we explore the origins of the bible as we know it today.

America in the 1920's \$25 / \$30

July 7 at 2:30 – 4pm, Friday
AR5785 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Steve Valdespino

Great Grandma might have been a hottie! The 1920s: What a decade! Prohibition, Bootleggers, Jazz, Flappers, Speakeasies, Automobiles, Literature, Sports, Film, Radio and more. The era also encompassed a schizophrenic quality rife with tension: Progressive vs Reactionary; Modernism vs Nostalgia. Period music and sound effects galore in this exciting audio-visual presentation.

Covert Interrogation in World War II \$25 / \$30

July 10 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5786 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

The value of intelligence during WWII is well documented. Codebreaking and deception operations greatly enhanced Allied military effectiveness. Less well known is the importance of intelligence gleaned from POW interrogations - many conducted at COVERT sites in U.S. and England. We will examine previously classified data about this little-known WWII history. Topics: secret interrogation and detention centers; PO Box 1142; PO Box 651; Camps Ruston, Peary, King; Dustbin; Richie Boys; Military Intelligence Service; interrogation tactics; MI5; MI9; MI19.

The Creation of Germany \$25 / \$30

July 10 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5787 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Perhaps because of its dominant role in two world wars, it is easy to think of Germany as an old nation with a long history. But Germany is a young state, less than 150 years old. The original territory was divided into myriad small holdings ruled by independent noble families and surrounded by the powerful states of Austria and France. The path to unification would be blocked by all of these. Despite earlier attempts, it took the rise of Otto von Bismarck, with his cunning, wisdom and political acuity, to overcome all these obstacles and establish the German Empire.

1968: A Very Troubled Year \$25 / \$30

July 14 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
BR5788 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Steve Valdespino

You won't want to miss this remarkable lecture as we discuss Vietnam: Khe Sanh, Tet Offensive, USS Pueblo, MLK & RFK, Politics, Democratic National Committee, Sports, Cinema, Culture, Technology, protests, Olympics, MUSIC! Apollo 8 and so much more.

Lincoln and Booth: Two Men at the Crossroads of History \$25 / \$30

July 14 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5789 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

President Abraham Lincoln and famous actor John Wilkes Booth shared some similar traits, but also great differences. This presentation will introduce both persons, and then trace the history of those last few months of the American Civil War when Booth's murderous plan was forged. Then there was the vigorous man-hunt for the assassin and his accomplices. Join Dr. Franz as we follow this drama that changed the nation.

Paul Revere: Patriot, Courier and Entrepreneur \$25 / \$30

July 17 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5790 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

Many first learned about Paul Revere through Longfellow's famous poem, but there is so much more to know, including many horseback journeys as an important courier before and during the Revolution. He used all his great talents as a storyteller, artisan, factory owner and political cartoonist for the patriot cause. After the war, he made significant contributions as well. Join Dr. Franz as we examine the interesting and productive life of Mr. Paul Revere.

Five Eyes: Global Eavesdropping and the Collection of Communications Intelligence \$25 / \$30

July 18 at 10 – 11:30am, Tuesday
BR5791 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Since World War II, the U.S. and U.K. have had an alliance to jointly collect and share communications intelligence. That agreement has expanded to include other types of intelligence. It also grew to include Australia, Canada and New Zealand and became called Five Eyes. It is the most effective intelligence alliance in history. Join us for a fascinating introduction into the world of signals intelligence and global eavesdropping. Topics include: history, types of intelligence, agencies involved, third parties, Nine Eyes, 14 Eyes, Atlantic Charter, VENONA, Soviet Spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, ECHELON, Pine Gap, NSA Hawaii, Edward Snowden, leaks, cyberwarfare, intelligence partnerships, Israel, emerging issues and 5G.

The Russian Revolution \$25 / \$30

July 20 at 1:30 – 3pm, Thursday
CC5792 – Cypress Cove (Fort Myers)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Like the German and Austrian empires, the Russian empire too was a casualty of the First World War. Had war not broken out, would the tsars have been able to maintain autocratic control of the country? Had Lenin not returned via a sealed train, would the moderate politicians have prevailed? This course will examine the

state of Russia and its government in the early twentieth century and then follow the chain of events that toppled Nicholas II, destroyed the Romanov dynasty, and brought Lenin to power after the outbreak of war.

The War of the Worlds Broadcast, 1938 \$25 / \$30

July 24 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday

MP5793 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

In the 1930's, radio was king. In those turbulent times of Hitler and Mussolini and the threatening clouds of war, Americans were used to hanging on every word of the special news announcements. When Orson Welles tried to have some Halloween fun with a Martian invasion, using dramatic news announcements, he unleashed a panic across the country. Dr. Franz will retell this fascinating and sometimes humorous story.

Lincoln's America: Development of the Transcontinental Railroad \$25 / \$30

July 24 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday

BV5794 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Richard Hertzberg

We will trace early development in the mid-19th century of the railroad industry in the U.S. Upon Lincoln's presidential election in 1860, the federal gov't embarked on the monumental task of constructing the transcontinental railroad. We will discuss the technical difficulties, the political wrangling, the corruption, and role of Chinese laborers associated with this project. Finally, the actions taken by the federal governments of both the U.S. and Canada are examined, regarding immigration policy toward the Chinese.

The Germans are Coming! A German King Takes the English Throne \$25 / \$30

July 24 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday

AG5795 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

How can this be? It was never supposed to happen. Queen Anne of England had had multiple pregnancies; she had a son. Apart from the horrific scandal of his wife, George of Hanover was enjoying a life of gambling and hunting (and ruling!) in his German state. But fate and his mother had other plans for George, and at the age of 54 he sailed, none too willingly, for England. The English were not particularly glad to see George arrive, either. But George took the English throne, took an English mistress, and established the Hanoverian line in his new homeland – even if he did loathe his son!

VENONA – Soviet Spies in America \$25 / \$30

July 27 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday

BV5796 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

During World War II and the Cold War, Soviet spies and operatives infiltrated the White House, Treasury, State, DOJ, WAR

and DOD. They also penetrated our most guarded program, the Manhattan Project. Fortunately, the U.S. Army had a top-secret counterintelligence project to decode Soviet Intelligence messages. Most of the cryptanalysts were women at Arlington Hall, VA. VENONA was instrumental in identifying American spies. Many were committed communists who were highly placed. We explore this program and its far-reaching impact.

Early Islamic Art & Architecture \$28 / \$33

July 28 at 1:30 – 3:30pm, Friday

GL5797 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Gabriella Miyamoto

Many westerners are unfamiliar with both the history of Islam and the earliest expression of Islamic culture in architecture and art. Join us for an introduction to the development of the mosque in its different regional variants, the first of which was presumably derived from the plan of the Prophet's house in Medina. The remains of magnificent palaces we will look at proclaim the refined and elegant lifestyles of Islamic rulers at a time when Europe was barely emerging from the Dark Ages or consumed by medieval martial culture. Islamic artisans produced a variety of sumptuous manuscripts, ivory objects, glassware, tiles, and carpets, decorated with exquisite Arabic calligraphy and intricate geometric and vegetal motifs, that came to be prized by Europeans as well. While people are often aware of the Qur'an's supposed "prohibition" against the depiction of human and animal figures, you will be surprised to see many zoomorphic images in objects produced for Islamic elites, even images of the Prophet himself.

A Stunning Race: The Kennedy-Nixon Presidential Campaign 1960 \$28 / \$33

• **Option #1** – July 28 at 2:30 – 4:30pm, Friday
AR5798 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

• **Option #2** – August 11 at 1:30 – 3:30pm, Friday
GL5799 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

• **Option #3** – August 17 at 10 – 12pm, Thursday
BV5800 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

• **Option #4** – September 26 at 2:30 – 4:30pm, Tuesday
GO5801 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)

Speaker: Hugo Llorens, Ambassador (Ret.)

1960 was a fascinating time in American history. The nation was at once amid a titanic struggle with the Soviet-led communist threat abroad while benefiting from a strong economy at home. The decisive question for the American electorate was whether to continue the proven Eisenhower era policies of the prosperous but complacent 1950s or to seek and reach higher and chart a new generational path. As standard bearers for their parties, Vice President Richard Nixon and Massachusetts Senator John Kennedy were young, dynamic, brilliant and infinitely ambitious. The campaign resulted in a mythic struggle between these two men resulting in one of the closest results in American electoral history. Ambassador Llorens expertly weaves the political dynamics of that historic campaign with so much at stake for America and the world.

The California Gold Rush \$25 / \$30

July 31 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday

BR5802 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

On a remote sawmill in the remote territory of California, James Marshall was surprised to find gold nuggets in the sand. The story of the gold spread faster than bad news through the small towns of Sacramento and San Francisco. These towns would not be humble for long, as a regional gold rush turned national and international. Between 1848 and 1853, a most unusual civilization and culture sprang up in the gold field areas. Join Dr. Franz as he shares this 'boom or bust' story.

The Bayeux Tapestry: A Well-Told Story of the Conquest of England \$25 / \$30

August 7 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday

BV5803 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

The 11th century Bayeux Tapestry is amazing because it is 230-foot long and still in good condition, when tapestries that old are very rare. But it is also filled with memorable characters and puts forth the 1066 Battle of Hastings between the English and Normans. Join Dr. Franz as he team-teaches with the Tapestry to bring this 11th century story to life.

FBI: Politicization and Integrity \$25 / \$30

August 8 at 1:30 – 3pm, Tuesday

BR5804 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

In the past decade there have been serious allegations of politicization in our judicial system. Several cases have called the independence and integrity of the DOJ and FBI into question. Join a retired federal law enforcement executive in a candid discussion. Topics include: Has the FBI and DOJ been politicized; have investigations and prosecutions been influenced improperly; has FBI's stellar reputation suffered; if so, why?



Operation Drumbeat - The Second Pearl Harbor \$25 / \$30

August 14 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday

BV5805 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

During 1942 German U-Boats sunk 600 merchant ships - 400 off the US eastern and Gulf coast. The US was not prepared to meet the U-Boat threat; over 5,000 Allied sailors were killed. This is the truly fascinating story most Americans do not know - but should. We will discuss the Battle of the Atlantic and the Battle of the Caribbean. Topics will include: Enigma; Civil Air Patrol; Q-Ships; U-Boat losses; the Merchant Marine; Operation Pastorius; New Orleans, Miami; Jacksonville, New York, Cape Hatteras, Cuba.

Medieval Knights, Chivalry and Tournaments \$28 / \$33

• **Option #1** – August 18 at 2:30 – 4:30pm, Friday
AR5806 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

• **Option #2** – September 21 at 10 – 12pm, Thursday
BV5807 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Gabriella Miyamoto

The medieval knight as we understand him sprang onto the European scene around the year 1100 CE when the four key characteristics of this warrior figure came together: (i) his signature martial tactic; (ii) his elevated social status as a member of the nobility; (iii) the development of a code of chivalry; and (iv) the evolution of the tournament as a forum in which to practice and display his military skills. This lecture discusses these elements and provides a detailed overview of the armor, weapons, and tactics used in medieval tournaments and jousts, as well as their social importance.

The Crusades \$28 / \$33

August 21 at 10 – 12pm, Monday

MP5808 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Gabriella Miyamoto

The Crusades were a series of military expeditions initiated by the Popes for the purpose of protecting and expanding Christendom. They were undertaken primarily to the Middle East, but also to Spain, southern France, and Baltic Europe, and lasted from 1095 CE, when Pope Urban II preached the First Crusade to recover Jerusalem from the Muslims, until around 1500, when the last Muslims were expelled from Spain and all of the Baltic area was effectively Christianized. This lecture focuses on the background, tactics, and battles of the First and Third Crusades and offers a profile of the Military Orders, particularly the Knights Templar, who played a key role in Crusader warfare and administration.

The Six Wives of Henry VIII

August 21 at 3:30 – 5pm, Monday

TE5541 – TwinEagles (Northeast Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Henry VIII's six marriages were about both love and power; but romance with this king could be a dangerous game. He needed an heir, but what else was Henry hoping to achieve through these marriages? Who were his wives? Were they hapless victims or ambitious schemers or perhaps a combination of the two? Each one's story was unique. Let's meet these six very memorable 16th century ladies of the English court.

Eli Cohen – Israeli Master Spy \$25 / \$30

August 22 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5809 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Eli Cohen, one of the most successful spies of all time, might have become the Syrian Deputy Defense Minister if he had not been caught and executed. He provided intelligence crucial in the Six Day War. This lecture also examines other Mossad operations (including Adolph Eichmann and U.S. spy Jonathan Pollard) and compares other major intelligence organizations.

The Crimean War \$25 / \$30

August 28 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5810 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Queen Victoria was securely on her throne, and Czar Nicholas I was securely on his. How did an issue over a church in Palestine end up causing these empires, as well as France and the Ottomans, to go to war against each other? Territorial ambition, religion and folly combined to ignite the disastrous Crimean War, epitomized by the infamous Charge of the Light Brigade.

World War II America \$25 / \$30

August 31 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5811 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Steve Valdespino

An audio-visual tribute celebrating *The Greatest Generation* on the Home Front during the war years 1940-1945. Experience the world of your parents and grandparents during one of the darkest periods of the modern era. Lots of wonderful memorabilia and history including Hollywood, music and dance, popular culture and, of course, War news. This program is at turns dramatic, humorous and poignant. You won't want to miss it!

Western Defectors – Greener Grass? \$25 / \$30

September 6 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5812 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Many Westerners have spied for Russia. Many were motivated by ideology and idealism. More recently avarice has been the main catalyst. This lecture explores Western defectors to Russia; what they did, why they did it and what they discovered. Topics include: NSA spies William Martin and Bernon Mitchell; Kim Philby and the Cambridge Five; CIA spy Edward Lee Howard; assassin Lee Harvey Oswald; and Edward Snowden.

Remember the Lusitania! \$25 / \$30

September 12 at 1:30 – 3pm, Tuesday
BR5813 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Franz

“Remember the Lusitania!” became the cry in May 1915 after this fast and luxurious ocean liner was sunk by a solo German torpedo. Approximately 1,200 passengers perished (including about 128

Americans), unwitting victims of a struggle between England and Germany in the Great War (World War I). Join Dr. Franz in exploring this epic tragedy, as he stays close to the human stories and individual decisions surrounding the RMS Lusitania's fateful voyage.

British Intelligence \$25 / \$30

September 18 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5814 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Britain has a well-deserved reputation for excellence in all areas of intelligence. Their intelligence services were truly brilliant during World War II. They clearly won the “battle of wits.” This lecture examines some of their most effective operations. Topics include: structure; successes and failures; current effectiveness; ULTRA; Bletchley Park; the Double-Cross System; convoys; U-boats; Plan Z; operations Mincemeat, Bodyguard, Fortitude; ZIG ZAG; VENONA; Five Eyes; operation Primrose; MI19; and the Cambridge Five.

Five Great American Presidents \$25 / \$30

September 22 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5815 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Steve Valdespino

An enlightening and exciting examination of the highlights of five presidential administrations: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt. This is history chock full of powerful and poignant details and anecdotes.

Religion, Power, Dynasty, and the Crown – The Civil Wars of France \$25 / \$30

September 22 at 2:30 – 4pm, Friday
AR5816 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Nancy Maxwell

Ruling over a fractious state is a challenge at the best of times, but when the “new religion” reached 16th century France, the combination of ambition, greed, and religion made for a lethal cocktail. The great noble families fought for dominance over each other and the weak kings; the royal family, buffeted by intrigue, plots, and counter-plots, struggled to hold onto their lives, let alone their thrones. By 1589, the ruling house of Valois had collapsed and the Bourbons reigned. This lecture will explore the personalities, intrigue, and machinations of the French wars of religion, as well as the values and beliefs that enabled moderation to ultimately prevail.

Russian Intelligence \$25 / \$30

September 26 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5817 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Thomas Eastwood

Soviet/Russian intelligence has been highly effective for over a century. During World War II and the Cold War, their human intelligence was particularly successful. We discuss their successes and failures and compare them to Western intelligence. Topics include: intelligence effectiveness, structure, GRU, KGB,

SVR, FSB, FSO, Spetsnaz groups, atomic spies, Cold War spies, defectors, Cuban Missile Crisis espionage, Russian Sleeper spies, The Cambridge Five, The Americans and assassinations.

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Moderator: Gayle Dorio

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NC5819 – Naples Center (Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10 – 12:30pm, Thursdays
NC5820 – Naples Center (Naples)

Advanced Supervised Mah Jongg Play: \$70 / \$85

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NC5821 – Naples Center (Naples)
- **Option #2** – August 3, 10, 17, 24 at 1:30 – 4pm, Thursdays
NC5822 – Naples Center (Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 7, 14, 21, 28 at 1:30 – 4pm, Thursdays
NC5823 – Naples Center (Naples)

Mah Jongg for Beginners (3-part series) \$60 / \$72

June 5, 7, 9 at 10 – 11:30am, Mon/Wed/Fri
NC5824 – Naples Center (Naples)

Speaker: Gayle Dorio

Please bring your 2023 Mah Jongg Rule Card (from the National Mah Jongg League; call 212-246-3052) and your own Mah Jongg set. Learn the fundamentals of Mah Jongg. Learn how this exciting game makes you think every minute. Learn play strategies and how to put your tiles together to make a hand.

Advanced Mah Jongg Strategies (3-part series) \$60 / \$72

June 26, 28, 30 at 10 – 11:30am, Mon/Wed/Fri
NC5825 – Naples Center (Naples)

Speaker: Gayle Dorio

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MUSIC & CONCERTS

Women in Western Music \$25 / \$30

June 20 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5730 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

Women's influence on western classical music spans over a millennium, including composers from Byzantium to the present day. Enjoy an afternoon of music by both European and American women composers and learn how women's influence in music has influenced the creation of some of classical music's most famous works.

Movies and Music \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** - June 22 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5731 – Bentley Village (North Naples)
- **Option #2** – June 28 at 1:30 – 3pm, Wednesday
BR5732 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)
- **Option #3** – July 12 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5733 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

This presentation explores how music enhances the dramatic narrative of movies. The presentation explores the scientific origins of motion studies that evolved into what were at first called motion pictures, then moves into the lengthy process of synchronizing sound and film. Selections from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Gone With the Wind*, *Dr. Zhivago*, *Star Wars*, *The Godfather*, and *The Wizard of Oz* will accompany the lecture.

Scandal in Paris \$25 / \$30

August 21 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5734 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

Explore the lives of renowned pianist and composer Frederic Chopin and the eminent writer Georges Sand and their tumultuous relationship. Both artists had established their careers in Paris, the cultural capital of Western Europe, and had some of the greatest luminaries of the age in their circle of friends. The romance between Sand and Chopin was unfortunately torn apart by the family dynamics that were reflected in Sand's children.

Changing of the Seasons: Music, Poetry and Art \$25 / \$30

August 29 at 1:30 – 3pm, Tuesday
BR5735 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

According to Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Enjoy a spiritual session in which poetry readings (preferably by the participants), art, and music will reflect the human experience that will stretch back to the time early humans made handprints on the cave walls as a reflection of self-awareness.

To Russia with Love \$25 / \$30

September 7 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5736 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

Tsar Peter the Great opened Russia to Western influences and fundamentally altered the nation as a whole. The city of Saint Petersburg, which stood as a symbol of European influence in Russian culture, was a city that cultivated European music, provided by European musicians. But the Russian pianist and composer Arthur Rubinstein, who had received his training in Europe, realized that music education was needed to develop native talent and build a musical culture within the nation. However, a group of nineteenth-century composers calling themselves *moguchaya kuchka* (or the “Mighty Handful”), under the mentorship of Mily Balakirev, sought to develop a Russian musical tradition not influenced by European culture. *The kuchka*, comprised of five composers, created music which was inspired by Russian religious and folk music and thus developed music with a distinctly “Russian” sound. The music of the *kuchka* influenced future generations of composers and elevated the Russian musical tradition to a level equal to that of Europe’s musical tradition. Enjoy works by Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, Rimsky-Korsakov, Cui, Auerbach, and Tchaikovsky.

Gangsters, Jazz and Flappers \$25 / \$30

September 11 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5737 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

Enjoy the exciting music of the Roaring Twenties, America’s first party decade and the time of bathtub gin, hip flasks, raccoon coats, guys and dolls, and hot jazz. Come dressed to the nines in your twenties attire for an afternoon of dancing to the Charleston and whistling those lovable tunes of bygone years.



Americana Lecture & Concert \$25 / \$30

September 25 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5738 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: Rachel Cox

Discover America’s musical heritage on this fascinating journey

that explores the music of the Native Americans to the diversity of today’s popular music. Walk through time as you listen to the stories behind the indigenous peoples of North America, the world of the colonists, the influence of the music the African slaves brought to the new land, folk songs of the British Isles, the cultural import of European classical music in this emerging culture, the rise of popular music and Tin Pan Alley, Latin roots that run deep in the national heritage, and the classic American genres of jazz and rock and roll. Musical selections include the works of Amy Beach, Aaron Copland and Ruth Crawford Seeger, in addition to Irish fiddle tunes, ragtime favorites, Stephen Foster melodies, spirituals and Latin pops classics.

SCIENCE & ASTRONOMY

Voyage to Mars \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** – June 9 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5826 – Moorings Park Grande Lake
- **Option #2** – August 21 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5827 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)
- **Option #3** – September 25 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5828 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: Edward Grace

In 2020, three missions were launched from Earth with the destination of Mars. All three missions arrived at Mars in February 2021. The first mission was by United Arab Emirates and named the Hope Probe. The second was by China and named the Tianwen-1 Mission. The third was by NASA and named Perseverance. The Hope Probe will remain in orbit and analyze Mars’ weather patterns. The Tianwen-1 Probe has an orbiter, a lander and a rover. Perseverance has a lander, rover and helicopter drone. We examine the objectives of each mission and provide updates on their accomplishments to date. We discuss the James Webb Space Telescope which was launched on December 25, 2022 and the discovery of the 5,000th Exoplanet. Join us for a fascinating discussion about the forefront of space travel and exploration in the 21st century. Our speaker was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work on the Apollo 13 mission.

Artemis: Return to the Moon by 2025 \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** - July 18 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5829 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)
- **Option #2** – September 28 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5830 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Edward Grace

NASA’s Artemis Program plans a return to the moon and beyond before the end of 2025 and will include a woman in the crew who would become the first woman to walk on the moon. We discuss NASA’s plans for the Artemis Program. The initial Artemis I uncrewed launch occurred in November 2022. NASA has issued a contract to SpaceX to develop the Human Landing System to be used on Artemis. The long-term plan is to build a base on the moon from which to launch explorations of other planetary bodies. Our speaker was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work on the Apollo 13 Mission and shares with us an

inside view of the Artemis program and how it differs from the Apollo Program.

The Apollo Space Program \$25 / \$30

September 11 at 3:30 – 5pm, Monday
TE5831 – TwinEagles (Northeast Naples)

Speaker: Edward Grace

In this lecture we review the Apollo Space Program from 1962 to 1972 from the eyes of our speaker who helped design the Inertial Navigation System used on both the Apollo Command & Lunar Modules while he was employed at the MIT Draper Laboratory. We highlight the Apollo 11 – First Landing on The Moon and Apollo 13 – Houston We Have A Problem Missions, as they occurred in Johnson Space Center Mission Control. Finally, Apollo 17 was launched in December 1972 and Astronaut Gene Cernan became the last man to walk on the moon. Our speaker was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work on the Apollo 13 Mission and shares with us an inside view of the Apollo space program and its importance in history.

WORLD VOYAGE: SIGHTS, SOUNDS TRADITIONS & CULTURE

Ethiopia – Land of the Queen of Sheba and the Home of the Lost Ark of the Covenant \$25 / \$30

June 26 at 10 – 11:30am, Monday
MP5832 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)

Speaker: James Sernovitz

Ethiopia is the world's second oldest Christian country with ancient churches carved out of solid rock. It is the source of the Blue Nile with ancient monuments rivaling the pyramids. Ethiopia has more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other African country (including Egypt) and it is where the coffee bean originated. Grab a cup and join us on this fantastic adventure.

Northern India: The Heart of a Culture \$25 / \$30

June 26 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5833 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: James Sernovitz

Explore Northern India, where every moment brings new stimulation! Wander through a non-tourist bazaar. Join thousands of Hindu pilgrims descending the ghats into the holy Ganges. Explore the “Golden Triangle” cities of Delhi, Agra (the home of the Taj Mahal) and the Pink City of Jaipur. Marvel at Varanasi, aflame with cremations fires! When you think things cannot be more amazing, we travel back in time to the Camel Fair in Pushkar, where thousands of camels and horses from all over India are bought and sold just as they were in ancient days.

The Wonders of Ancient Cambodia and Tibet \$25 / \$30

June 27 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
AR5834 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: James Sernovitz

Travel from Tibet, the “Roof of the World” and the highest country on earth, to the steaming jungles and swamps of Cambodia, an ancient and exotic land. We journey from the Potala Palace, the home of the Dali Lama to Angkor Wat, the ancient and mysterious temple complex of the Khmer people who ruled all of Southeast Asia.

An African Safari – Following the Herds and Predators \$25 / \$30

July 10 at 2 – 3:30pm, Monday
AG5835 – Aston Gardens (North Naples)

Speaker: James Sernovitz

Join an African safari in quest of the holy grail of all African explorers, the “Big Five.” From the Ngorongoro Crater to Mt. Kilimanjaro to the Serengeti Plain, sit in the jeep with us as we search for the lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, and the rhinoceros as well as many other beasts such as the cheetah and hippo.

Jordan – A Biblical Land in a Modern World \$25 / \$30

July 20 at 10 – 11:15am, Thursday
BV5836 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

The land of Jordan is full of amazement from the city of Petra carved out of solid rock, ancient Roman ruins, Crusader castles, to bustling modern cities. Abounding with many places mentioned in the Bible, Jordan is a place not to be missed.

A Different Look at Florida \$25 / \$30

• **Option #1** – July 25 at 2:30 – 4pm, Tuesday
GO5837 – Moorings Park Grey Oaks (South Naples)

• **Option #2** – July 28 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
BR5838 - Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: James Sernovitz

Florida is a world unto itself. Join us as we go from the glamour and excitement of Miami Beach through the primitive Everglades and follow the beautiful beaches of the Gulf Coast all the way north and west to the Panhandle. We then head inland, where most visitors, and many locals never venture, to visit the many unique agricultural sites that make Florida famous such as sugar plantations, orange groves, orchid greenhouses and many other remarkably interesting places.

The Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and the Center of the World \$25 / \$30

- **Option #1** – August 2 at 10 – 11:30am, Wednesday
MP5839 – Moorings Park Original Campus (Central Naples)
- **Option #2** – September 26 at 1:30 – 3pm, Tuesday
BR5840 – Brooks Commons Club (Bonita Springs)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

Join us as we travel from the high mountain city of Quito, Ecuador and cruise the remote volcanic Galapagos Islands - the inspiration for Darwin's famous Theory of Evolution. We'll see everything from the actual Equator line to the strange and unique wildlife that only is found on the islands in this remote corner of the world.

Cuba - A Nation Frozen in Time \$25 / \$30

August 24 at 10 – 11:30am, Thursday
BV5841 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

The Cuban Revolution was over 50 years ago, but for most of its citizens, nothing much has changed. From the vintage cars to swinging Latin rhythms, the beautiful countryside and even bunkers remaining from the Bay of Pigs days, we visit it all. Come along as we experience a land stuck in the 1950s and 1960s.

Turkish Delights \$25 / \$30

August 25 at 1:30 – 3pm, Friday
GL5842 – Moorings Park Grande Lake (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

For thousands of years Turkey has been the crossroads of the world. Come with us as we explore a land that is both ancient and modern as we travel by land, balloon and sailing ship to enjoy amazing images of this most interesting and beautiful country.

Indonesia: Land of Volcanoes and Dragons \$25 / \$30

September 8 at 2:30 – 4pm, Friday
AR5843 – The Arlington (Southeast Naples)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

Seldom visited by Americans, Indonesia is an awe-inspiring land. The world's fourth most populous country spread over 17,000 islands and seemingly as many different cultures and peoples-- sea dwellings, mountain clans and jungle tribes whose homes are located in rainforests, on rivers, next to beautiful ocean beaches and aside active volcanoes. From the tourist magnet of Bali to the cultural heart of Java and the dragons that live on Komodo, we visit an enigmatic, exotic, breathtaking and unforgettable land.

The Great Silk Road: A Caravan of Cultures \$25 / \$30

September 11 at 1:30 – 3pm, Monday
BV5844 – Bentley Village (North Naples)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

The heart of the ancient caravan routes of the Great Silk Road

crosses the remote and largely unknown region of Central Asia, which stretches across deserts and mountains from Europe to the Far East. Join us as we take you on an amazing journey through Central Asia's Five 'Stans: Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

Alaska and The Klondike Gold Rush \$25 / \$30

September 21 at 1:30 – 3pm, Thursday
CC5855 – Cypress Cove (Fort Myers)

Speaker: Jim Sernovitz

Relive the excitement of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Hike the famous Chilkoot Trail and sail down the mighty Yukon River to the richest gold fields ever found. See how things were a century ago and how they are today. Ride on the famous White Pass and Yukon Railroad.



WRITING WORKSHOPS

Writers Collaborative Workshop (4-part series) \$85 / \$100

- **Option #1** – June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1 – 3pm, Tuesdays
NC5856 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5857 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #2** – July 11, 18, 25, August 1 at 1 – 3pm, Tuesdays
NC5858 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5859 – Online via Zoom
- **Option #3** – August 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1 – 3pm, Tuesdays
NC5860 – Naples Center (Naples)
OL5861 – Online via Zoom
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NC5862 – Naples Center (Naples)
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Speaker: Lisa Wroble

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OUR SPEAKERS

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Kent Commons, M.A., is a graduate from Whittier College and Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and has worked with several ministries.

Rachel Cox, B.A., is a professional violinist and violist who has performed with many orchestras, including the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, Punta Gorda Symphony Orchestra and others.

Gayle Dorio is a registered interior designer and highly decorated orchid society member. She is an avid mah-jongg teacher and player.

Thomas Eastwood had careers with the ATF and DOD where he conducted and led counterintelligence and criminal investigations.

Gerald Franz, Ph.D., has been a history professor and college librarian for 37 years, earning five graduate degrees along the way.

Edward Grace was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for working on the Apollo 13 Mission. He founded several technology firms.

John Guerra, a Columbia University graduate and former Wall Street merchant banker, is the director of the FGCU Academy.

Richard Hertzberg, Ph.D., former Lehigh Professor and Chair of Materials Science and Engineering (MS&E) Dept.: recipient of 2000 Educator Award as nation's most outstanding MS&E educator; author of seven textbooks.

Hugo Llorens, Ambassador, is a 36-year veteran of the U.S. diplomatic service with degrees from Georgetown University and the National War College.

Sue Lovett is an acupressure practitioner, LMT and yoga teacher, and has been teaching in SWFL and Cape Cod since 2008.

Nancy Maxwell, M.S., grew up abroad and developed her passion for history while living and teaching in Europe.

Gabriella Miyamoto, J.D., M.A., currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Ringling College of Art & Design.

Jim Sernovitz is a prize-winning and published photographer. He has taken photos on 6 continents and in over 100 countries as well as all 50 states and most of Canada.

Sherdene Simpson, Ph.D. LMFT, LPCC-S, CHT is an Assistant Professor of Counseling at Florida Gulf Coast University. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, and Supervisor, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Certified in Grief Recovery.

Steve Valdespino. M.A., has 25 years of teaching experience at the University of Central Florida, Lely High and Edison State College.

Chuck Valery is a retired aerospace engineer. He played bridge for many years and recently formed the Delasol Bridge Club.

Chris Williams is the founder of Emeritus Health. He currently works as a certified personal trainer in Naples.

Lisa Wroble is a nationally published author and writing instructor.

John Yasinsky, Ph.D., is a retired CEO, with a doctorate in nuclear science. His areas of experience and expertise cover a broad array of energy technologies, including nuclear power, solar photovoltaic, wind turbine power generation, coal and natural gas.



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