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The Lunar Society

The great scientists of the second half of the 18th century formed the Lunar Society in England, which was a virtual brain trust. Their ideas and inventions changed the world forever and helped usher in the Industrial Revolution. The society met monthly for dinner. Attendees included James Watt, who invented the steam engine, Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of Charles Darwin, and Josiah Wedgwood of porcelain fame. There were even visits by Benjamin Franklin, America's leading scientist. By Bill Plachy. Jan. 17 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #206

Settling the New World



Columbus is credited for discovering the New World, but in reality, it was settled many millennia before by people from North East Asia. Anthropologist Henry George, M.A., examines the Clovis-first settlement of the New World featuring a three-migration hypothesis: The Paleo-Indians from the Lena River, The Athabaskans from Dyuktai, and the Eskimo-Aleuts from Hokkaido. Jan. 22 (Tue) 10 a.m. #207

Star Trek & Terrorism



Prof. John Putman examines the parallels between terrorism today and the mission of the Star Ship Enterprise that fought a variety of alien species with histories of violence. Of those species, the Vulcans were able to bring their violent tendencies under control. Is it possible that today's terrorists can learn to control their violent tendencies as well and become productive citizens? Jan. 24 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #209

Russia Cozies Up to Iran

Implications for the West

Russia and Iran have had a complicated relationship for centuries, vacillating between cooperative to competitive. The two countries want to limit U.S. influence in the region and, in a surprising move, Iran recently allowed Russia to use an air base for bombing in Syria. Dave Edick, former President of the San Diego World Affairs Council, will discuss the implications of U.S. efforts to confront Iran; the wars in Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan; the Saudi-Iran conflict; and Israeli security. Jan. 15 (Tue) 10 a.m. #204

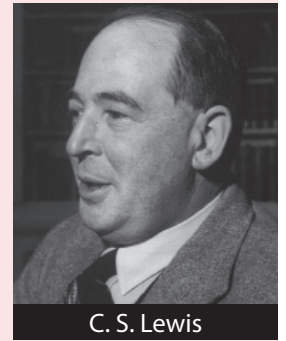




-THE CHRONICLES OF- NARNIA

Into the Wardrobe

There were really three C. S. Lewis's. The Oxbridge professor of English literature, the Christian apologist/amateur theologian, and the writer of best-selling children's books. After a brief review of Lewis's seven chronicles, this class will focus on the author and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. By Don Goeller, M.A. This is the first in a series of four lectures on Lewis. Jan. 16 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #205



C. S. Lewis

Secular Humanism

A GLOBAL PHILOSOPHY FOR TODAY



Although secular humanism has permeated philosophical precepts for centuries, it has never been accepted in the same way as religions as a cultural system for political and moralistic thinking. Cy Chadley will explain how it is time for secular humanism, incorporating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to be better understood as a political philosophy for living together in an ever-increasing populated world. Jan. 23 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #208

The Art of Eugene Boudin



Eugene Boudin was one of the first French landscape painters to paint outdoors. He was a marine painter, an expert in the rendering of all that goes upon the sea and along its shores. Charlotte Gragg continues her series on the Impressionist School. Jan. 8 (Tue) 10 a.m. #201

What's New in Estate Planning for 2019



Attorneys Roberta J. Robinson and Daniel J. Wilson, both Certified Specialists in estate planning, trust, and probate, present an educational program to highlight all the recent changes in estate planning, including discussing the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Trump Tax Act). They will touch on all topics such as

estate taxes, gift taxes, property taxes, income taxes, and explain in plain English how it could affect taxpayers and whether they need to update their estate plan. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation. Jan. 31 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #212



Hamilton & Other Broadway Music by Vincent Young



The hit Broadway musical Hamilton won 11 Tony Awards by setting American history to the tune of rap, pop and hip-hop, with a dash of just about every other music style included. Vincent Young narrates and plays songs from the music that changed Broadway forever. Included are Sousa marches and Broadway overtures. Jan. 9 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #202

Cradle of Civilization

Andean South America



Henry George, M.A., will describe the rise of civilization in the coast of Peru and its diffusion into the highlands of the Andes. The cultures described include the El Paraiso and Salinas Traditions, Chavin de Huantar, the Moche, The Tiuhuanacu and Huari, the Chimu, and the Inca. The Andes is one of the seven cradles of civilization in our world. Jan. 29 (Tue) 10 a.m. #210

San Francisco Earth Quake

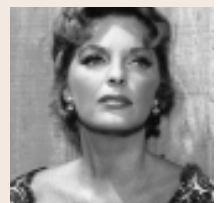
The 1906 San Francisco earth quake shook the city to its foundations and caused an inferno that lasted for three days. More than 3,000 people lost their lives and more than a century later traces of the disaster still linger. Historian Mark Carlson recounts the 7.8 earth quake and how the people coped and rebuilt one of America's most beautiful cities. Jan. 10 (Thu) 1:30 p.m. #203



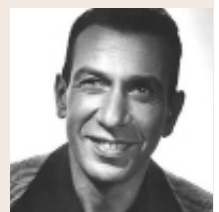
Film: The Great Man by Ralph Delauro, Film Critic



The drama builds with each new discovery by a newspaper reporter as he unearths the hidden past of a radio icon who died at the height of his career. He was adored by the public but privately was an autocratic, narcissistic, egotist who was abusive to his staff and others. Jose Ferrer is the reporter who might take the radio icon's place if he writes a glowing tribute to him. Loosely based on the controversial career of Arthur Godfrey. Also stars Julie London and Dean Jagger. 1957. 92 minutes. Jan. 30 (Wed) 1:30 p.m. #211



Julie London



Jose Ferrer



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