



2017 Friday Seminars

Auxiliary Ballroom 1:30 pm

JANUARY 6: BEING A MEDIUM...WHO KNEW?

Psychic mediums reach through the veil of our world into the afterlife to help people connect with the deceased. Claire Charles, a third-generation psychic, will discuss the possibility of receiving and sharing personal messages from angels, guides and departed loved ones.

JANUARY 13: HIKING IN ARIZONA

Arizona's starkly beautiful mountains are best seen on foot. As an Arizona hiker since 1961 and full-time resident of the state for 25 years, Ted Tenny has found out-of-the-way hikes in the Superstitions and around Arizona that are too often overlooked. His first person narratives of hikes in the "Superstition Wilderness" tell of unexpected discoveries, and sometimes, things which didn't quite go according to plan. Ted Tenny is the author of two hiking guidebooks: *Footloose From Phoenix: Some Pretty Amazing Hikes* (2015), and *Goldfield Mountain Hikes* (2006).

JANUARY 20: THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

Join Venture Out resident Gary Robertson for an in depth discussion on Lee Harvey Oswald; the man believed to have shot President John F. Kennedy. Gary will analyze the "single bullet theory" by looking at the medical evidence obtained from the event. Do you believe the idea that Lyndon B. Johnson was part of a conspiracy? Jackie Kennedy sure did!

JANUARY 27: THE DESERT & ITS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Sharon Waldie, a Certified Arizona Tourism Guide, will take you on a journey through time in the Arizona Desert. This knowledgeable guide will describe how prehistoric people lived and thrived in the unforgiving Sonoran Desert. Find out which plants were used for food, natural fiber and paint; which plants gave shelter and those which were used medicinally. These nomadic people, who existed in the desert for thousands of years, had to follow the food source to survive.

FEBRUARY 3: DESERT PLANTINGS IN VENTURE OUT

Attention Arizona home landscapers! Venture Out resident Bill Robinson will once again, discuss topics on native plant identification, selection, seasonal color, planting techniques, prudent irrigation and keeping new plants alive during Arizona's hot summer months. He will also offer some special tips on how to grow organic vegetables--right here in Venture Out! Sponsored by the Venture Out Green Committee.

FEBRUARY 10: A ROAD MAP TO KILIMANJARO—REALIZING YOUR DREAMS

After running fourteen marathons, Dan Archibald realized he couldn't run any faster. Looking for another outlet, he discovered climbing mountains. At first glance, this seemed impossible as he had acrophobia, a fear of heights. Technical mountain climbing was therefore not an option; however, a steady hike up was very attractive. He hiked 14,000 foot mountains in Colorado and 17,000 feet up Popocatepetl in Mexico, but on the horizon of his imagination was Africa. Come and hear the story of his adventure climbing Kilimanjaro.

FEBRUARY 17: AMERICAN LIFE IN THE ROARING TWENTIES-1919-1929

Flappers...Speak Easies...Prohibition...The Lost Generation...Elliott Ness and Al Capone! These are all events, people and happenings associated with what we term as the "Roaring Twenties". Venture Out resident, Ron Gumm, returns this season to dig into this dynamic decade to discuss the real truth to this boisterous era of prosperity.

FEBRUARY 24: Natural Solutions for Happy, Healthy Pets

Join Mary DeRoche from the Pawsitive Wellness Center to discover natural solutions in creating balanced, happy, healthy, pet companions. Nutrition, behavioral issues, allergies and building the immune system will be discussed in this "paw-pular" class!

MARCH 3: WHISKEY'S FOR DRINKIN WATER'S FOR FIGHTIN'

Water is the essential lifeblood of all things. Have you ever wondered how societies from ancient to modern times were able to survive in the desert? Learn about the history, development and impact of water on our social, environmental and economic fabric. Presented by Dr. George Seperich who is a retired professor and Associate Dean at the Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness at Arizona State University/Polytechnic Campus.

MARCH 10: THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND THE NEW DEAL-1933-1939

Your favorite history buff Ron Gumm returns! Many of our parents were children of The Great Depression and their experiences had a major impact on our lives. The Great Depression, which began and centered in the U.S., quickly spread throughout the industrial world. President Roosevelt's New Deal reshaped the economy, in order to end the poverty during that crisis in the United States. The New Deal programs would employ and provide financial security to millions of Americans.

MARCH 17: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IN CUBA

Venture Out resident Rene Moquin will take you on an adventure and share his experiences volunteering and teaching English to the people of Cuba. Relations between Cuba and the U.S. are the warmest they've been in decades, however, the embargo hasn't vanished completely. There are still specific restrictions on how U.S. citizens can travel to Cuba as well as what they are permitted to do while there.

MARCH 24: SMALL SPACE DESIGN & DECORATING

Design Experts from La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, Sonja Shaw & Julie Coleman offer some amazing innovations on decorating within limited spaces...and we have limited space in our homes at Venture Out! Learn how to design the perfect room and bring that small space to life!

MARCH 31: COMPARISON OF ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY

Christianity and Islam have more in common than most people realize — they are both monotheistic Abrahamic religions with Jesus Christ as an important, revered figure in both faiths. Join Venture Out Resident Rev. Paul Herrington as he explains the similarities and differences of both religions.