

Peninsula Seniors Lecture Series

Hesse Park—Fireside Room
29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes
Wednesdays - 10:30 to 11:30 AM

August 4 -- The Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro is one of the few remaining "picture palaces" that once were all over Los Angeles. This lovely and painstakingly restored motion picture theatre is open for movies, plays, concerts and all manner of entertainment and is the anchor facility for the renewal of downtown San Pedro.

Our speaker is Taran Schindler, Outreach Coordinator and Artistic Director of the Grand Annex which is next door to the Warner Grand itself. Join Taran for a thrilling slide show of the exquisite art deco interior and the historic restoration efforts that created this local South Bay gem. You will learn all about the theater's history, its present status and the plans for the future.

August 11 -- This is being written on the 70th day of the worst oil spill in the history of the Gulf of Mexico. Yet deepwater drilling and development has had remarkable success in finding major new sources of crude oil not only in our own back yard Gulf of Mexico but offshore Brazil, West Africa and other places throughout the world.

The Deepwater Horizon well blowout is a major setback. It should not have happened, but it did. We are indeed fortunate to have one of the Directors of the PV Seniors who is an internationally recognized expert and consultant on offshore drilling and development. Bob Visser will review what happened, how it could have been avoided and how the well is being controlled. We'll also review successful offshore developments that are in similar water depths going to 10,000 feet.

August 18 -- Get ready to say good bye to the Southern California Edison Company Meter Readers who are still making their rounds to each of our homes to record our monthly electrical power usage. Get ready to welcome Marvin Jackmon of SCE who will tell us all about Smart Meters and what the future holds. As technology continues to develop, our household electric meters will become more independent and be able to transmit their information over the transmission lines while providing other services as well.

August 25 -- Clarence Lee is a member of the Peninsula Seniors and regular at the weekly PV Seniors Writing Group. His newly published book, *A DIFFERENT KIND OF PREACHER*, tells the story of his growing up a black man in rural Mississippi and the challenges he met overcoming poverty, poor education, racism and family issues. His moving tale tells of the value of perseverance and the need to believe in yourself, in the power of love and the support of others. With an undergraduate degree in Sociology and a Masters in Social Work, he is now retired after a 40 year career with Los Angeles County, plus serving for 10 years as an adjunct faculty member at LA Trade Tech. He has written his memoirs in hopes of inspiring others.

PROJECT LINUS, OPERATION NEWBORN SIX-MONTH REPORT

Our dedicated volunteers made 44 blankets for Project Linus and 121 baby items (hats, layette body suits, and blankets of all materials) for a total of 1,330 hours. Many thanks to all of you. We would like to increase our donations to these worthy causes in the second half of 2010. New contributors are most welcome. Please call me if you have any questions.

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