Your SDAF Summer Newsletter

San Diego Adventist Forum

2012 Summer News

Summer greetings from San Diego Adventist Forum. We trust you’re having the summer of your dreams with lots of good times with family and friends and perhaps getting to spend some time in your favorite special place or maybe somewhere brand new! We’re letting you know that our Summer Newsletter is now available for online viewing and/or printing from our website www.sandiegoadventistforum.org. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

SDAF Spring Retreat #13. Since you received our last Newsletter in April, more than 40 registrants enjoyed a very successful retreat at Pine Spring Ranch with perfect spring weather. Dr. John Jones of the La Sierra University HMS Richards Divinity School took us on a fascinating 5-part journey through The "B" List: Early Christian Writings That Didn’t Make the Cut—and What They Tell Us about the Early Church. An inspirational Sabbath Vespers was provided by His Voice, a male chorus based in Riverside. Diane McCary honed everyone’s competitive game spirit before we watched Jon Dunham’s heart-warming film, The Spirit of the Marathon. For the first time ever at our retreats, Since Dr. Jones allowed the sessions to be recorded, downloadable mp3 files as well as CDs now may be purchased online at our website www.sandiegoadventistforum.org. This is a first at a retreat--thank you Dr. Jones! The next SDAF retreat is tentatively scheduled for 2014 and we’ll keep you informed as it develops.

Summer meeting. As detailed in the attached Newsletter, our next quarterly meeting will be on September 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the usual venue, Tierrasanta SDA Church, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego. Dr. Sigve Tonstad of the Loma Linda University School of Religion will present The Lost Meaning(s) of the Seventh Day based on his recent book of that title. He will stay on for a Meet the Author and book signing session during the buffet luncheon. (see the Summer Newsletter for more details about this meeting and the subsequent Fall meeting).

Electronic Newsletter Blues. While a vast majority of our 2012 members opted to receive their Newsletters via email (which saves us considerable time and expense, not to mention trees!), our email facilitator (MailChimp) has provided us with some very interesting statistics. We were surprised to learn and have no good explanation for the
fact that 42% of you have not yet "opened" our last email from us that included the May Newsletter and Spring Retreat Registration information. Might your email program be blocking our address? We are studying how to eliminate this problem and would love to hear any suggestions from you, our readers--please email them to sdaf.org@gmail.com.

Very exciting news. While about one-half of our extensive archives of over 250 meetings are currently available in digital format (CDs or downloadable mp3 files), it was very encouraging to recently learn that the digitization of the remaining lectures/meetings is ahead of schedule. The new sound files are in the process of being electronically cleaned up and are now expected to be ready for purchase well before year end. In the meantime, the complete archive list is available on our website (www.sandiegoadventistforum.org) and is a great source for reviewing the resources that are being updated. Several of the all star, classic presenters (such as Raymond Cottrell and Fred Hoyt) are no longer with us but their lectures are still fascinating and timely. Why not look over the list, pick out your favorites and be ready to download them as soon as they are posted? An announcement will be made on the website so please visit it often.