



PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning



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Welcome to PILLAR Institute, the Pikes Peak region's only institute for lifelong learning for the past 27 years! PILLAR is a dynamic hub for curious minds seeking intellectual growth and meaningful community connections. Through an array of engaging programs, thought-provoking lectures, and enriching activities, PILLAR fosters a culture of continuous learning for adults of all ages. Our mission is to inspire lifelong learners by providing opportunities to explore diverse topics, cultivate critical thinking, and connect with others who share a passion for discovery.

At PILLAR, learning is not just a pursuit—it's a way of life!

**Lifelong Learning Opportunities for
January to April 2026**

Class Locations

PILLAR: 6385 Corporate Dr. in the New Altitude building. Park in the north parking lot.

ZOOM: A link will be sent with your confirmation email.

AR: Aberdeen Ridge, 2744 Grand Vista Circle

IGP: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle

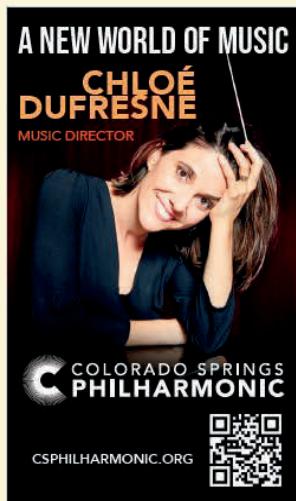
NG: Natural Grocers, 7298 N. Academy Blvd.

SC: Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock Ave.

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Wednesday Mah Jongg

Every Wednesday morning, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, PILLAR plays Mah Jongg in the New Altitude lobby.

PILLAR Member-FREE Not-Yet-Member-\$2.00 per week

#1000 Taste of PILLAR

Tuesday, January 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Understanding the Periodic Table ~ Carl Reese

Probably everyone has seen the periodic table. Yet, most people don't understand why it is formatted the way that it is. It's all about the electrons and how they affect chemical bonds. We will discuss the structure, properties, and chemical bonds of atoms.

Epiphanies about Epiphany ~ Jamie Foster

There's a great deal of history to Epiphany and uses of the date. In fact, there are 2,000 more words about Epiphany than there are about Christmas in Wikipedia. Let's see how the visit by the wise men, the baptism of Jesus, a wedding in Cana, and "Little Christmas" all hold claim to this holiday.

Japan in the 1990s ~ Dr. Dick Fairley

Dick was a full-time consultant in the 1990s. He will relate how he obtained consulting jobs with Hitachi and Sony in Tokyo, the consulting work, and some of his social adventures in Japan.

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#1002 Anniversaries in the Year 2026

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm

There are big anniversaries in 2026, like the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and small anniversaries, like the 40th anniversary of the movie *Top Gun*.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

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#1003 IGP: Cowboy Poetry: A Truly Unique Genre

Thursday, January 8, 10:00am - 11:30am

Let's look at some cowboy poems, penned by a cowboy with a stubby pencil who wants to get it down before it is gone. We will learn about the thoughts of a cowboy poet and the description of the cowboy way of life.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

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#1005 Zoom: “Sanitarium City of the West:” The Tuberculosis Boom in Colorado Springs

Tuesday, January 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Treating tuberculosis and related medical businesses became the major industry of the later 19th and early 20th centuries in Colorado Springs. It was the source of improving one's habits, wholesomeness, health care, “clean industry,” employment, and housing. This combination brought and/or influenced much of Colorado Springs' elite and artistic populations. In turn it also increased death rates and decreased birth rates.

Location: Zoom. You will receive the Zoom link in the first registration confirmation email.

Katherine Scott Sturdevant: History Professor Emerita of Pikes Peak State College. She has been teaching for PILLAR since its beginning.

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#1006 Electric Cars, Solar Panels, and Power Issues

Wednesday, January 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Let's learn about EVs (electric vehicles), solar panels, and power issues. We will discuss costs, dependability, and rebates.

Daryl Kuiper: MA in Mathematics from the University of Nebraska.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1007 Better Balance and Better Falls

Wednesday, January 14, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

The “Better Balance/Falls Workshop” focuses on improving balance and building confidence in managing falls, addressing them not as an inevitable part of aging, but as preventable issues. The class explains the four systems that contribute to balance and provides practical exercises and techniques for safer falling and getting up from the ground. **Max: 15**

Erin Eleuterio: BS in Kinesiology from California State University, Long Beach. She has worked as an exercise physiologist, older adult exercise instructor, and health coach for nearly twenty years.

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SC: Moses and the Exodus**Tuesday, January 20, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

We will learn about the early life of Moses, the Burning Bush, the Ten Plagues brought upon Egypt, the parted Red Sea, and Mt. Sinai where the Ten Commandments were given to Moses.

Location: Senior Center, 1514 North Hancock Ave.**Must register with the Senior Center. Call 719-955-3400.**

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Jamie has developed and taught several church-related courses.

#1008 Immortality**Wednesday, January 15, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Immortality means being imperishable through indefinite time. Concepts of immortality have arisen in different historical times, including in ancient philosophies and modern religions, mathematics, nature, biology, humanities, culture, and in the science of (perhaps) immortal human life.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA.

PILLAR Member-FREE**Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00****#1010 Beginning Mah Jongg Lessons: 2 Extended Lessons****Sundays, January 18 and 25, 12:00pm - 4:00pm**

Learn Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League rules. The 2025 card will be available to purchase for \$14.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. Sandy plays in Mah Jongg tournaments around the country.

PILLAR Member-FREE**Not-Yet-Member-\$100.00****#1012 The Wisdom Journey of a Woman's Lifetime: Psyche and Eros****Wednesday, January 21, 12:30pm - 2:30pm**

This class will emphasize what women learn and how they change throughout their lives.

Myrna J. Kruckeberg: MA in Psychiatric Social Work from University of Wisconsin and MA in English, Sociology, and Anthropology from St. Olaf College.

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This Enochian phrase on the back book cover of *The Secret of Secrets* translates to "threshold hides the secret."

***The Secret of Secrets* series**

A Four Part Journey Through Prague on the Path of *The Secret of Secrets* and Beyond

Thursdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12

Author Dan Brown has captivated audiences with his stories for decades and his latest book *The Secret of Secrets* is no exception. With Prague as the center point, the reader is led through the City of a Hundred Spires through explosive scientific and mystical discoveries. Join us as we learn to unravel these mysteries.

All classes in this series must be registered separately.

#1013 TSofS: The City of Prague

Thursday, January 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

We will explore the Charles Bridge, St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Jewish Cemetery, Clementinum Library, Crucifix Bastion, and more through the eyes of one who was raised and schooled in Prague.

Dr. Ivan Zador: Dr. Zador is a retired endocrinologist and former resident of Prague.

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#1017 TSofS: Noetic Science

Thursday, January 29, 10:00am - 12:00pm

"The day science begins to study non-physical phenomena, it will make more progress in one decade than in all the previous centuries." ~ Nikola Tesla

We will explore the work of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) which was a major focus of Dan Brown's latest book, *The Secret of Secrets*. "Some people value science while others value spirituality and experiences. IONS values both. Their premise is that "at the nexus of inner knowing and outer investigation, we will discover entirely new ways of being and of doing that uplift humanity and advance thriving for all."

Ruth Meinking: Ruth is a retired licensed mental health counselor.

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#1023 TSofS: Non-Local Consciousness

Thursday, February 5, 1:00pm - 3:00pm (note time)

No one really KNOWS what consciousness is. Many neuroscientists insist it is merely a neurochemical process in the brain, yet some physicists hypothesize it may be more fundamental to reality than matter is. Non-local consciousness is the theory that consciousness isn't confined to the brain or body, but can exist and communicate beyond physical limitations.

Dr. David Gardiner: Associate Professor at Colorado College and the Chair of Asian Studies, Religion, Culture, and Power.

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#1028 TSofS: The Devil: Evil Without and Within

Thursday, February 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The Devil's Bible is a mysterious object with a bizarre history. The largest book in the world, it measures three feet by two feet and weighs 165 pounds. It is kept locked in a bulletproof, fireproof display case in Sweden. The grotesque centerfold of the Devil is intriguing and will lead us into a study of Satan as the Adversary of God and humanity and the tempter of humans to commit evil.

Dr. David Weddle: Dr. Weddle is a retired professor of Christian Studies at Colorado College.

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Historic Old Town Square in Prague

#1015 My Murals and the Murals of the Broadmoor Art Academy: a Live Performance of the Artist Eric Bransby (portrayed by Norm Renaud)

Tuesday, January 27, 10:00am - 12:00pm

“Please join me in considering and actively re-creating my murals which are at the Fine Arts Center, Pioneer’s Museum, and Colorado College.” Eric Bransby (aka Norm Renaud) will guide you in this process. We will also discuss the murals by artists from the Broadmoor Art Academy, the nationally known art school founded in Colorado Springs in 1919.

Norm Renaud: MS in Administration with a major in Elementary Education from UCCS. He is now a docent at the Fine Arts Center at Colorado College.

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#1016 From *Erasure* to *James*: Reading Percival Everett

Tuesday, January 27, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

The book *James* was the winner of the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Percival Everett's reimagining of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is told from the perspective of the enslaved Jim. But who is Percival Everett and what does his work say about race and identity in America? Focusing on two of Everett's most notable novels, *Erasure* and *James*, this session invites readers to take a closer look at the author and his unique contributions to contemporary American fiction.

Durthy A. Washington: MA in English from San Jose State University, a former English professor, the founder of LitUnlocked LLC, and author of *Culturally Responsive Reading: Teaching Literature for Social Justice*.

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#1019 Friday Foodies at Eim Thai

Friday, January 30, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 1466 Garden of the Gods Rd., #148.

It's what you learn after you know it all, that counts.
~ John Wooden.

**#1020 Coming China Wars - of Geography and Near Space
Wednesday, February 4, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

China's government and population face an existential crisis. Some are of their own making, such as population collapse. Some are geographical, such as lack of resources and ocean access. Great nations in such a crisis will fight rather than fade quietly. They may attack Taiwan, and they may attack Russia. This lesson covers the why and how this crisis is likely to play out with emphasis on the Near Space technology demonstrated by the Chinese airship overflight of the US in 2023. That asymmetric military advantage makes China more likely to win than most pundits understand.

Ed Herlik: MS in Political Science. Ed has taught in the Air Force Academy's Political Science department.

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#1021 and #1027 The History of New Orleans, Parts I and II

Wednesdays, February 4 and 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

New Orleans is a rich gumbo of cultures: Spanish and French creoles, Cajuns, the descendants of slaves from Africa, the Choctaws and other Native American tribes, and Vietnamese immigrants from the mid-1970's. Come with me on a trip to historic New Orleans and "laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Julia Hargrove: MA in American History from the University of Texas at Austin; BA with a double major in History and English from WSC (now WSCU) in Gunnison, Colorado.

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#1022 The Navajo Code Talkers

Thursday, February 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

During WWII, the U.S. Marines organized a special team of Navajo men who used their unknown language and put it into an ingenious code. This code was never broken, and it helped win the war in the Pacific theater against the Japanese. This presentation includes video Code Talker interviews and Ken's time with Navajo people and two Code Talkers.

Ken Valles has participated in Mountain Man Rendezvous, visiting museums and sites around the world.

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#1025 Some Favorite Songs

Tuesday, February 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Let's listen to some of my favorite songs from musicians such as Dave Brubeck, Sammy Davis, Jr., Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Bob Dylan, Ray Charles.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. Dr. Fairley has worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

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#1026 Probate and How to Avoid It

Tuesday, February 10, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

This presentation provides an overview of probate and non-probate transfers, discusses the pitfalls, and explains ways to avoid them.

Rabea Taylor: JD from University of Denver Sturm College of Law and University of Tübingen in Germany.

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#1029 North to Alaska

Thursday, February 12, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Planning a trip to Alaska doesn't have to feel overwhelming. This class explores the unique features of each region and provides practical tips to help you design a vacation that matches your interests. Learn how to choose destinations, activities, and experiences for an unforgettable Alaskan adventure.

Gary White: MS in Mechanical Engineering and BS in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M.

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SC: Capture the Moment: Iconic Photographs and Photographers

Tuesday, February 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The flag raising on Iwo Jima, the Dust Bowl's migrant mother, the Beatles' *Abbey Road* album cover, and the afghan girl on the cover of *National Geographic* are all iconic photos. Let's remember these iconic photos and those who took them.

Location: Senior Center, 1514 North Hancock Ave.

Must register with the Senior Center. Call 719-955-3400.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

#1031 History of the Steam Engine

Thursday, February 19, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The steam engine was the first modern engine that generated enough power to do meaningful work. In this presentation, we will cover the early days of steam engines, the dangers of uncontrolled steam power, the development and application of stationary engines, the motive force used to power marine and wheeled conveyances, and the use of steam engines in railroads.

Dr. Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a KRCC jazz disk jockey.

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#1040 The Amache National Historic Site at Granada, Colorado: A Japanese American Internment Camp (1943-45)

Tuesday, February 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Amache Japanese Internment Camp opened in 1942 and closed in 1945. This presentation will be a patriotic story of 31 former Amache residents who volunteered to fight the Nazis in the special 442nd Japanese American regiment and were killed in action.

Steven Antonuccio: MLS from Emporia State.

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#1042 Friday Foodies at Colorado Mountain Brewery

Friday, February 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. **Max: 12.**

Location: CMB Roundhouse (South), 600 S. 21st St.

#1045 NG: Where to Start to Love Your Heart

Tuesday, March 3, 10:00am - 11:00am

Taking care of your heart doesn't have to be complicated. Begin your journey toward heart health with simple dietary strategies and supplements that will pump up your heart health.

Location: Natural Grocers, 7298 Academy Blvd.

Dawn Franz: BS in Nutritional Science with a minor in Biochemistry from the University of Arizona. She has been a Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers since 2005.

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Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1046 The Ten Commandments Applied Today

Wednesdays, March 4 and March 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm

We will walk through the first five of the Ten Commandments, explain what those commandments actually mean, and look at some real-world applications. You need not be any particular religion or even religious at all to appreciate this class.

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Jamie has been a primary and secondary school teacher and has developed and taught several church-related courses.

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#1047 IGP: The Blues: From the Mississippi Delta to the South Side of Chicago

Thursday, March 5, 10:00am - 11:30am

We will listen to the origins of the blues, the development and evolution of acoustic blues, the transition to electric blues, those who made the transition, and the reasons for it.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems

Engineering from UCLA. Dr. Fairley has worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

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#1050 Pikes Peak Trolleys, Past, Present and Future

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Early Colorado Springs was blessed by a streetcar system that was one of the best to be found anywhere. Winfield Scott Stratton was the owner of the Colorado Springs Rapid Transit Railway Company. This presentation will cover the history of streetcar service pre- and post-Stratton, how it affected the lives of residents, and what became of it. We will also review what is going on presently in the trolley world and what we might imagine in the future.

John Haney: MS in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona. He is the remaining founding member of the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum and Restoration Shop, which preserves our local streetcar history. John has just released a beautiful coffee table, 254-page revision of *Pikes Peak Trolleys*, which he will have in the New Altitude lobby for purchase.

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#1051 ICE 5: A Group Word Game of Logic and Reasoning

Tuesday, March 10, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Join fellow word lovers in a challenging and fun session of a new game written by PILLAR member Thom Rogers. This should appeal to Wordle players, Scrabble players, readers, etc.

Anybody who likes words and figuring things out will enjoy this game. **Max: 8**

Thom Rogers: AS in Telecommunications Technology from Napa Valley College, California.

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#1053 Couples and Care: Protecting the Healthy Senior and Disabled Spouse at Home

Wednesday, March 11, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

This class explains spousal protections under long-term care programs and what every couple should know before care begins.

Kim Searles: CSA, Kim is the Director of Education for Beneficent - Learn How to Pay for Long-term Care company.

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#1054 and #1057 Christian Nationalism in America: The History, the Meaning, and It's Adherents

Thursdays, March 12 and 19, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Let's explore the history, meaning, and the adherents of Christian Nationalism in America and why we should be concerned. We will also talk about Project 2025.

Laurence Sargent: PhD in Special Education from University of Northern Colorado, MA in History from and an MA in Special Education

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#1055 Zoom: The History of St. Patrick's Day and the Irish in America

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Irish immigrants factored in American history from earliest colonial days, but the most arrived between 1820 and 1860.

Location: Zoom. You will receive the Zoom link in the first registration confirmation email.

Katherine Scott Sturdevant: History Professor Emerita of Pikes Peak State College. She has been teaching for PILLAR since its beginning.

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#1056 Marriage

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00am - 12:00pm

When have you had a chance to really dive into the social phenomenon called marriage? We will talk about the history of marriage and polygamy, other cultures and the purpose of marriage, why marriages fail, marriage by design versus marriage by choice, and how much the government should get involved.

Daryl Kuiper: MA in Mathematics from the University of Nebraska, and a BA in Mathematics from the University of Colorado.

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#1060 “Sector 001 of the Alpha Quadrant” – Our Solar System

Tuesday, March 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm

“Sector 001 of the Alpha Quadrant” is how *Star Trek* describes our home solar system. In this class, we’ll look at our exceptional home solar system, centered on Sol, surrounded by eight unique planets plus other diverse objects. We’ll talk about orbits and characteristics of our neighborhood, which extends out millions of miles.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

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Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.
~ William Arthur Ward

#1061 Geopolitics of Oil

Tuesday, March 24, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

If you want to understand the geopolitics of oil you must first understand the oil and gas industry. Did you know that the world consumes 97,000,000 barrels of oil per day? A barrel is 42 gallons. How much oil do China, Russia, Europe, and the United States import? Do you think this affects how they conduct their foreign policy?

Jim Poole: PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado, MS in Economics and an MS in Geology.

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#1062 Big History III: The Recent History of Everything and Everyone

Wednesday, March 25, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Big History III is a relatively new course about the entire 13.8 billion year history of the universe. In this session, we will focus on human evolution, the development of agriculture and the associated rise of civilizations, and, finally, the impact of industrialization.

Carol Bach: MD in Medicine from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Sarah Young: MS in Biology from Stanford University.

Randy Stiles: PhD in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University.

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#1063 and #1067 Zoom: Religion and Modernity: Exploring the Connections

Thursdays, March 26 and April 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Modernity is defined by the rise of several different movements: the invention of Newtonian physics, the revolution in astronomy initiated by Copernicus, the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, and the rise of historical criticism of the Bible. These classes on Religion and Modernity will ask students to read and be prepared to discuss two lectures written by Dr. Martin Cook. The first one, "The Death of God," explores the radical implications for traditional religion of some of these modernity movements. Second, "Why God Didn't Die After All," explores some of the ways in which religion mutated and adapted to conform to the constraints of modernity. The two lectures will be sent to you by email in March.

Location: Zoom. You will receive the Zoom link in the first registration confirmation email.

Dr. Martin L. Cook: PhD and MA in Philosophy and Religion from the University of Chicago.

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#1064 Friday Foodies at P.F. Changs

Friday, March 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 1725 Briargate Parkway.

SC: The Priceless Art of the Fabergé Eggs

Tuesday, March 31, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The fabulous Fabergé Eggs were commissioned as Easter gifts. Let's learn about the creator of the eggs, Peter Carl Fabergé, his House of Fabergé, and the priceless and beautiful Imperial Eggs he created.

Location: Senior Center, 1514 North Hancock Ave.

Must register with the Senior Center. Call 719-955-3400.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska.

#1066 The Historic Presidential Transition from Franklin Roosevelt to Harry Truman

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00am - 12:00pm

President Franklin Roosevelt selected Senator Harry Truman to be his vice-presidential candidate for his fourth term in 1944.

Following Roosevelt's death in April 1945, Truman would oversee the end of World War II and the establishment of the post-war era. This presentation will focus on many of the domestic and foreign policy initiatives of the Truman administration with a particular focus on Truman's decisions to use atomic weapons against Japan to end WWII and the removal of General Douglas MacArthur as the commander of UN forces during the Korean War.

William Berry: PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian Politics from Cornell University.

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#1070 Comparing the United States and Chinese Economies

Tuesday, April 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The United States and China are the world's two largest economies. They simultaneously compete and cooperate making the relationship between these two giants unique in recent history. This session will examine how the economies are structured, their similarities and differences, and a look ahead to see which one is more likely to dominate in the years ahead.

Dr. Neal Rappaport: PhD in Economics at MIT and a MBA in Finance from University of Chicago.

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#1071 The Scientific Story of Creation: How the Universe Came to Be and Keeps Surprising Us

Tuesday, April 7, 12:30 - 2:30pm

This talk tells the story of how we discovered the expanding universe and the surprising evidence that its expansion is accelerating. We'll meet the scientists who uncovered these clues, explore what modern astronomy reveals about dark matter and dark energy, and highlight the profound mysteries that still remain.

M. Shane Burns: PhD in Physics from University of California, Berkeley.

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#1072 Let's Talk Travel and Its Rewards

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Join your fellow travelers and discuss some special times you have experienced in your travels. **Participants need to submit one or two responses and/or photos to the class questions below, immediately after enrollment to nrenaudspo@aol.com.**

1. Describe a travel experience that profoundly affected your life and how or why it affected you.
2. Tell about a trip that altered your view of the people of the country you visited.
3. Share a memorable adventure which included both negatives and positives.
4. If you were a travel agent, which of your trips would you recommend over others and why? **Max: 15**

Norm Renaud: MS in Administration from UCCS.

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#1073 Organize Your Space, Simplify Your Life

Wednesday, April 8, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Organizing your home is essential for eliminating unnecessary frustration from your life, allowing you to focus on what matters most. You will hear practical tips to help you conquer your clutter and organize your spaces with convenience in mind.

Tami Gale: MA in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management from Hamline University from Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Tami is the owner of Gale Force Organizers.

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#1075 How Tim Berner-Lee Invented the World Wide Web Tuesday, April 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tim Berner-Lee invented the World Wide Web singlehandedly in 1969 and never made a penny for his efforts. We will learn how a job in Switzerland inspired Tim, how he developed and posted the first Website, and how he fought, and is still fighting, to keep the WWW free and public.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA.

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#1076 Wild Horses Couldn't Drag Us Away: The Art and Times of Colorado Artist, Frank Mechau

Tuesday, April 14, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

If you've visited the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, you've seen Frank Mechau's work, including the magnificent 60 foot mural "Wild Horses" painted on what was an exterior wall of the museum when it opened in 1936. Together, we'll explore the influential life and towering artistic achievements of this Colorado Renaissance man.

Cindi Zenkert-Strange: BA in English from Greenville College in Illinois. She was a publishing manager, a grant director, and a docent at Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

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#1077 The Tragic Life of Rosemary “Silver Dollar” Tabor Wednesday, April 15, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Rosemary "Silver Dollar" Tabor was the daughter of Colorado Silver Baron Horace Tabor and Baby Doe Tabor. Losing his fortune after the silver crash, Horace Tabor died of appendicitis and left his wife and daughter penniless. The beautiful Silver Dollar Tabor aspired to be an actress. Rosemary "Silver Dollar" Tabor was tragically murdered in Chicago at the age of thirty-six.

Steven Antonuccio: MLS from Emporia State and BA in Communications from the University of Colorado.

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#1078 Alzheimer's 101, Part II

Wednesday, April 15, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Call it Alzheimer's disease, dementia, CRS, or whatever. We have difficulty dealing with it in a loved one. We will share our experiences on dealing with this tough issue.

Peter Knepell: PhD in Applied Mathematics at Cornell University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

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SC: Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song

Tuesday, April 21, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Ella deserves to be known as "The First Lady of Song" for the forty million record albums sold, for the fourteen Grammy Awards, including one for lifetime achievements, a Kennedy Center Honor, and a National Medal of Arts.

Location: Senior Center, 1514 North Hancock Ave.

Must register with the Senior Center. Call 719-955-3400.

Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. Dr. Fairley has worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

#1081 Zoom: The Cresson Mine: The Untold Stories of Gold, Greed, and the Greatest Strike in Colorado History

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Deep within the volcanic hills of the Cripple Creek Mining District lies the legend of the Cresson Mine. While many know it as a source of immense wealth, few know the intricate, dangerous, and often bizarre reality of what happened above ground and 2,000 feet underground.

Location: Zoom. You will receive the Zoom link in the first registration confirmation email.

Steven Wade Veatch: MS in Earth Science from Emporia State University in Kansas.

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#1083 Friday Foodies at Little Nepal

Friday, April 24, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Must pre-register with PILLAR. No walk-ins. We will be going Dutch. Max: 12.

Location: 1747 S. 8th St.

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9:30am - 12:30pm or when classes are in session.

Class Registration Information

- Pre-registration is required for all classes and tours as all classes have maximums.
- Register for classes online yourself at [**https://www.PillarInstitute.org/learn**](https://www.PillarInstitute.org/learn), call the office at 719-633-4991, mail in a registration, or come in when the office is open.
- The most current class schedule is on the website and in weekly emails. Make sure you are on the PILLAR email list.
- A mailed print catalog is \$5.
- **If you cannot make a class, please send an email to director@PillarInstitute.org, so someone on the waiting list can attend.**
- **PILLAR follows School District 11 closures.** If D-11 is closed due to weather, then PILLAR is closed. Closing notifications will be made by email.
- **Where is PILLAR located?** PILLAR is located on the New Altitude floor of The Resource Exchange (TRE) Building across from Furniture Row. Park on the north side of the building to enter directly into the New Altitude floor. The PILLAR office is located by the Pinon conference room.

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