

Student Association for International Water Issues

4th Meeting Agenda: November 1, 2007 @ LMR 253

Happy Halloween!!! (Halloween Water Tower→)

1) Wine Tasting: Spread the words out!!!

November 12 (Mon) 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

@ L'uva Bella Wine Gallery (in the Summit Sierra Mall, next to Dillard's Department store)

Admissions: \$25

SAIWI is having a wine tasting on November 12 (Mon) 6 to 8pm. This is at L'uva Bella Wine Gallery (in the Summit Sierra Mall, next to Dillards). Harmony has tickets to pass out. Please help us get the word out and sell these tickets.

Admission is \$25 and you get 4 red/white tastings with your entry. This was a great success last year and we hope to raise a good amount this year.



1.25) Other fundraising events coming up

- a. We may be able to post our photos from the photofundraiser at La Busola and make a proceed from photo sales in addition to spreading the word about SAIWI to the public
- b. Sasha and Harmony have made contact with the managers at Magic Underground. We will sell tickets for about \$40 and this will include appetizers and a world renowned magic show. We are able to do it in December, March or April. Our main efforts would be in selling tickets and advertising. Sasha, a SAIWI member, has offered to do the catering for the event. We should decide by next meeting if we will be doing Magic Underground in December or at a later date.
- c. Be ready to sign up for African Dinner committee's next meeting or the one following. Breann Westfall is heading up the event and will give more details

2) Geological Society of America (GSA) conference update

SAIWI (Harmony and Peggy) gave a presentation at the annual Geological Society of America Conference in Denver, CO. They made contacts with several people and were able to gather ideas about future projects.

3) Trip sign up sheet

An updated version of this sheet was passed around. There is a lot of interest in all of the trips coming up.

- d. No Mexico this year, but it is a possibility for future projects.

- e. SAIWI will be working with DRI in Ghana during spring break. The amount of students sent depends on funding available.
- f. Planning for the project at Cameroon has begun. We are waiting to hear from a local Cameroonian with well drilling experience who would collaborate with SAIWI on the project. Cathy Fitzgerald, an engineer that frequently works with SAIWI has agreed to accompany us also. Once we have established contact with him we have plans to go late summer next year
- g. Navajo nations will also occur in the summer. This trip will be the least expensive as it is a domestic trip in the desert southwest. The project has not been defined yet but there are several needs for water development and sanitation in this area.

4) DRI researcher (Dr.) Alex Lutz “Working in Africa”

Dr. Lutz gave a presentation on her work and life in Ghana and Mali. Her dissertation research and a 6 month fullbright scholarship brought her to these locations. She studied groundwater sustainability and water quality of existing water resources. Her presentation was a great reminder that to be successful in international work one must: a) ask the people if they desire the resource you offer, if yes then b) educate the people about the importance of clean water so they take pride in the resource you helped their community acquire, c) make sure someone is trained and will watch over the resource, and finally d) establishing long-term projects creates an understanding of the community you are working with. Pursuing a long-term project should be one of SAIWI’s next goals along with keeping the above factors in mind while working on international water issues.

5) Next meeting: Dr. David Kreamer from UNLV “Hydrophilanthropy” 5:00p.m. November 15th, 2007 (Thur) @ **LMR 353**

Dave Kreamer, a professor from UNLV will be giving a talk as part of International Week at UNR at SAIWI’s next meeting. This meeting will be in **LMR 353** on November 15th at 5:00 pm. This is a different spot than usual, but is in the building adjacent to where our current meetings are. Call a SAIWI officer or email if you need directions.

7) Are you new?

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- 2) Click “Join This Group!” (button on top of the picture)
- 3) Sign in with your Yahoo account or
Register with Yahoo to get your ID and password

