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Three Mondays: October 16, 23, and 30, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

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The story of **campaign finance in America** goes from an early ineffective emphasis on eradication prior to 1971 to the Nixon administration's abuses. Those abuses produced the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, an effort to limit contributions and expenditures and to establish public financing for the race for the presidency. Within a short time, many of those limits were tossed aside by the Supreme Court as violations of the first amendment, and the race was on. Forty-seven years later, we have few limits, and public financing died in 2008. Now we have secret (dark) money, vast amounts of above-board money, and a Supreme Court that seems to have equated money with speech, to the vast empowerment of the wealthy.



We will trace the history of efforts to limit campaign expenditures through the Citizens United court case (2010) in session 1, then look at dark money, independent expenditures, the overall problems, and potential reforms in session 2. Session 3 will be devoted to the history and forces making our society's politics so "polarized." Along the way we have short interludes on \$ in the 2020 and 2022 elections and California's campaign finance laws.

PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

Preferred registration deadline*: October 9, 2023

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Money in America's Political System

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VISTAS members \$40; non-members \$60

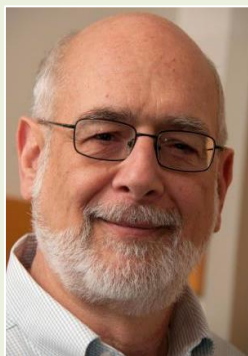
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Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



Ted Anagnoson taught political science at Cal State LA and UCSB for 40+ years. In retirement, he edits the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association quarterly newsletter and teaches courses for VISTAS Lifelong Learning.



IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). Participants may also be asked to show vaccination status on the first day of each course in case our records are incomplete. This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



VISTAS Fall 2023 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
Annual Fall Picnic	Saturday, September 9	12:30 pm	Tucker's Grove
Fiction Book Club / Sharon Alvarado	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Flight—Ups and Downs of Aviation / Bruce Phillips	Mon. Sep. 11 and 18	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Impact of Railroads on Am. Music / Norm Cohen	Wed. Sep. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Legendary Foods of France and Italy / Larry Canepa	Fri. Sep. 15 and 22	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Women behind Walls / Bee Bloeser	Thur. Sep. 28	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Rethinking Obesity / Dr. Fima Lifshitz	Tues. Oct. 3	9:30 am	Valle Verde
Money in America's Political System / Ted Anagnoson	Mon. Oct. 16, 23, 30	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Nature of Time / Jim Hemmer	Wed. Oct. 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Pirates! / Peter Beuret	Thur. Oct. 26	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
History and Development of the Bible / Norm Cohen	Fri. Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	<i>Venue TBD</i>
The US in the World: A Top-10 Summary / D. Stowell	Tues. Oct. 31	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Thirty-Six Years in the CIA / Heidi August	Mon. Nov. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sitting Bull: In His Own Words</i> / J. Ferry & G. DeSoto	Wed. Nov. 8	9:30 am	Valle Verde Theater
Church Music in the 16th Century / Henry Michaels	Mon. Nov. 13, 20, 27	10:00 am	Via Zoom
"The Opulent Summer" Mural / C. Garfinkle	Wed. Nov. 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Combating Human Trafficking / Florrie Burke	Fri. Dec. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Women Architects of S.B. / Rose Thomas	Mon. Dec. 4, 11	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Science Behind the Botanic Garden / S. Windhager	Wed. Dec. 6	1:00 pm	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden