

DMA Meeting Notes of October 8, 2014

Attendees: 110

Guests: 4

A moment of silence was observed for long-time member John Rickert who recently passed away.

Activities Highlights: A trip to the Goodspeed Opera House is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. The play is "Holiday Inn" and there are still tickets available.

Bill Barston regaled us with the wanderings of his Wanderers to NYC and the 9/11 Museum and Fraunces Tavern. A good time was had by all but it was a sobering experience. Luckily, the beer stop was after visiting the memorial where seven floors of memorabilia are displayed.

SPEAKER: William Happer, the Cyrus Fogg Bracket Professor of Physics at Princeton University and it was arranged by Phillip Meyer. Mr. Happer is renowned for his research that includes selected dynamics of climate change. He engagingly discussed the roles of natural forces and fossil fuel-generated CO<sub>2</sub> in climate change. His especial interest is in properly quantifying the greenhouse impact of CO<sub>2</sub>. Mr. Happer's talk was entitled "The Myth of Carbon Pollution" but after he finished he could have titled it "The Hoax of Climate Change". For, through his slides and entertaining dissertations often spiced with comic relief at the expense of Al Gore, he acknowledges that he is in the minority who believes that climate change should be debunked for it's simply not true. (No significant change has transpired over the last 20 years despite our government's assertions to the contrary!)

Mr. Happer said that our deserts are shrinking and that crops are flourishing due to CO<sub>2</sub>, two facts debunking climate change. Al Gore's hurricane forming on the equator was the butt of some humor as hurricanes never form on the equator. Mr. Happer dazzled the audience with his charts, graphs and facts. In the Q and A session (Mr. Happer had the good sense to keep his talk short) a number of probing, intelligent questions were posed to him. For example, who do we blame for this propaganda that climate change is the nation's number one priority today? His Response: Politics and Money!

An engaging speaker, it was refreshing to see someone get up and tell it like it is rather than preach and politicize one's "play book." If we had more men of intellectual integrity and courage like Mr. Happer who would profess the unvarnished truth perhaps our nation would be in a better place today.

This date in history:

1928 – Graf Zeppelin made its first transatlantic crossing in 4 days

1937- Boeing's Flying Fortress had its first test flight.

Birthday: Lee Iacocca born in 1924 and the inventor of the Ford Mustang.

Respectfully submitted,

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