

## Community Events & Campus Socials Spring 2012

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - Drake Men's Basketball vs. the University of Northern Iowa (7:05 pm), Drake University, Knapp Center - Dinner at 5:30 pm**  
Join us in supporting the Drake Bulldog men as they take on the UNI Panthers. We will meet in the Knapp Center Racquetball Courts at 5:30 pm for a pre-game dinner of lasagna, tossed salad, bread sticks, brownies, lemon bars, iced tea and lemonade. Arrangements for a guest speaker are "in the works". Tip-off time is 7:05 pm. Game tickets have been generously provided by Drake Athletics. The cost of dinner is \$12.00 per person, payable in advance to the RaySociety office. Please RSVP by calling Rena Wilson at 271-2120 or by e-mailing Rena at [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu).

**Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - Drake Women's Basketball vs. Illinois State Redbirds (2:05 pm), Drake University, Knapp Center - Lunch at 12:30 pm**  
Plan to meet for a tasty lunch at 12:30 pm in the Knapp Center racquetball courts before heading to the stands to support the Drake Women's basketball team as they take on the Illinois State Redbirds at 2:05 pm. The lunch menu will include quiche, tossed salad, assorted breakfast breads, fresh fruit tray, coffee, tea, juice and water. We look forward to having a guest speaker join our group for a short presentation - details will be provided in the event confirmation. Game tickets have been generously provided by Drake Athletics. Brunch will cost \$10 per person, payable in advance to the RaySociety office. Please RSVP to Rena by calling her at 271-2120 or by sending an e-mail to [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu).

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Drake University Bucksbaum Lecture - An Evening with Vicente Fox Quesada - 7:00 pm, Knapp Center**  
Vicente Fox Quesada is a businessman and politician who served as President of Mexico from December 1st, 2000 to November 30th, 2006. His platform for presidency focused on ending government corruption and improving the Mexican economy. Fox worked on improving trade relations with the United States, calming civil unrest, and reducing corruption, crime, and drug trafficking. But his efforts were met with fierce resistance in the Mexican legislature. After serving as president of Mexico for six years, President Fox returned to his home state of Guanajuato, where he resides with his wife and family. Join us as we hear his thoughtful reflections on his experiences in office and beyond. The RaySociety hopes to secure special seating on the floor. Please RSVP to Rena Wilson (271-2120 or [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu)) if you plan to attend this free event so that we can ensure adequate seating for our group.

**Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 10:00 am "Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science" at the Des Moines Science Center,**

Our Egypt experience begins at 10:15 am with the IMAX movie, "Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs". Afterwards, we will walk through the "Lost Egypt" exhibit filled with artifacts, current science and hands-on discovery from the ancient civilization of Egypt. A viewing of "Annie", a mummy who lies in a dimly lit room of the exhibition, is sure to be a highlight. The cost of the IMAX and exhibit is \$16.00 per person (does not include audio), payable in advance to the RaySociety office. A limit of 30 participants has been set. Please RSVP to Rena Wilson by calling 271-2120 or by e-mailing her at [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu).

**Friday May 4, 2012, 7:30 pm Drake University Jazz Piano Series - featuring Per Danielsson, Patty and Fred Turner Jazz Center**

Join us for a very special performance by accomplished travelling artist, Per Danielsson. Meet this extraordinary pianist, composer, arranger, writer and educator, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and hear him perform in an intimate, state-of-the-art venue. Danielsson's concert is sponsored by the Yamaha Performing Artist in Education program. Due to limited seating, please RSVP to Rena Wilson on or before April 20<sup>th</sup> by calling 271-2120 if you'd like to attend. Or, you can e-mail your RSVP to [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu).

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012 - RaySociety Annual Meeting & Year End Celebration, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.** Please join us for our Annual Meeting as we reflect back on a wonderful year, recognize those who contributed to its success, and look forward to what is ahead. We will gather in Sheslow Auditorium (Old Main) at 3:00 pm and then move upstairs to Levitt Hall (Old Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) for a reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres. All RaySociety members, guests, instructors and prospective members are welcome! This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Rena Wilson at 271-2120 or by e-mail at [rena.wilson@drake.edu](mailto:rena.wilson@drake.edu)

**Other possibilities "in the works" for future Events and Socials...**

**World Food Prize Tour**

Tours to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>, scheduling has not started yet - we will let you know as soon as we know.

**Meredith Test Garden Tour**

We'd like to schedule a picnic lunch and garden tour for late May or early June. Again, details will be forthcoming later this spring.

**Jon Anderson White Riverboat Cruise**

Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Des Moines River with light snacks and banjo music while experiencing a one-of-a-kind view of the city on board Des Moines authentic stern wheel paddle wheeler, the Jon Anderson White. Details yet to come...