# AGE OF AQUINAS

*a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+*

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***Next Transitions meeting, Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 pm***
***Next Shoreline hike: Saturday, May 8, 9:00 am***
***Cantor Museum Tour: Sunday, May 9, 2:00 pm***

***Hike Report - Shoreline:***
Where have all the goslings gone? Where have all the coots gone? For that matter where have almost *all* the shore birds gone who normally crowd Shoreline Park, the lake, and the sloughs??? On the way to our "benchmark" turn-around place, we had some theories. The first one on everybody's lips was... earthquake? Is there an earthquake coming? Then we thought maybe they were all rounded up and hauled off somewhere. It was a mystery.

We didn't learn the real truth until we got back to the café. The café manager said that the City had brought in dogs and the geese and goslings, and 99% of all the other birds were scared off to other, remoter parts of the Baylands. We breathed a sigh of relief. There was no impending earthquake and the birds had not been hunted or poisoned or trapped and carted off somewhere. No doubt many will be back next week. We hope so.... although we could all prob'ly do without the ubiquitous goose poop for awhile!

***Coming up:*** Wednesday is the next Transitions support group meeting. Saturday is the next regular hike at Shoreline. And next Sunday is Mother's Day. If your mom likes museums bring her with you to Ron's Cantor Museum Tour. See details below. ALSO....

*There are still many opportunities to contribute your time and talents to Age of Aquinas activities*. You can take on as much or as little as you want. If you're interested in finding out more about this important ministry, email Randy at *age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org* or call: 408.739.2881. Thank you!

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**Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 7:30 pm: *Transitions Support Group* - Palo Alto**
*Transitions* is a *drop-in* support group for those who are undergoing the transition from couple-hood to single-hood. If you or someone you know has suffered the breakup of a marriage or significant relationship, this group may be helpful. The meetings are informal and unstructured, confidential and safe. We have a small lending library of helpful books you may borrow, keep, or pass on to others. There are no age boundaries and there is no charge.
**Location:** St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, 94306. If it's not too cold, we might meet in the Garden behind the building...
**Map:**
*http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?&addr=3290+Middlefield+Rd&csz=Palo+Alto+CA+94306*
**More information*:*** http://paloaltocatholic.org/AofA.html or contact Randy Jones, 408.739.2881, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org.
***** Meetings are 1st & 3rd Wednesdays *****

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**Saturday, May 8, 2010 @ 9 am: *Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee* - Mountain View**

Meet at *Lakeside Cafe* in Mountain View's Shoreline Park at 9 am. We'll start off from there and walk for about a half hour, then turn around and walk a half hour back to the café for coffee and/or brunch about 10:00 or 10:15 am. You don't have to make the hike to come to coffee! The hikes go on regardless of temperature, sky condition, or precipitation state!

**Directions to Lakeside Café:**

***From northbound 101,*** take the Shoreline Blvd exit (*CAUTION!* Slow down! Tight off-ramp curve!) and turn right at the light (NOTE: *No* right on red).

***From southbound 101,*** take the Shoreline Blvd exit and turn left at the light.

Once on Shoreline Blvd, follow it about 2 miles to the Lakeside Cafe parking lot. We will gather near the breezeway between the cafe and the aquatic center.

**Map:**
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=3160+n+shoreline+blvd&csz=mountain+view+ca++94043

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***** These hikes are every Saturday *****

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**Sunday, May 9, 2010 @ 2:00 pm: *Cantor Museum Tour* - Palo Alto**

The Cantor Arts Center's diverse collections span continents, cultures, and 4,000 years of art history. And they include the largest gathering of Rodin bronzes outside Paris. Current exhibitions are *Tracing the Past, Drawing the Future*
*Master Ink Painters in 20th-Century China,* and *The Eye of the Beholder: Honoring Ruth and Robert Halperin.* Visit the Bookshop for art books and gifts. Pause for refreshments at the Cool Café.

**Time:** Meet in front of the museum at 2:00 pm.

**Admission:** FREE!

**Directions to the museum:**

***From US-101:*** Take the Embarcadero Exit west, cross El Camino, stay left. Turn right on Campus Dr, left on Palm Dr, right on Museum Way.

***From I-280:*** Take the Alpine Rd Exit east, turn right on Junipero Serra then left on Campus Dr. Turn right on Palm Dr, right on Museum Way.

**Map:** http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result.php?q1=328+lomita+dr&csz=palo+alto+ ca+94305

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