

Sigma Xi DC and UMD chapter Fall Newsletter

Good Day Sigma Xi members!

Just a few newsworthy items to pass along. I can't believe that it is August already, seems like it was just May. That said its time to start planning for the fall already!

The DC chapter of Sigma Xi has partnered with the Rockville Science Center and Rockville Science Consortium since this spring to sponsor Café Scientifiques in Rockville. These cafés are mostly on the third Tuesday of each month at a location in Rockville. We have been moving around quite a bit as we have grown in number and depending on the topic. To keep abreast of each café please make sure you have sigmaxidc@gmail.com as a contact in your address files so that my messages don't inadvertently get into your spam folder!

Our next café event is September 15th and will be a lecture by John French who manages the Whooping Crane breeding program at the Patuxent Research Refuge. Location TBD.

We are in the process of organizing a nature/geology walk along the C&O canal for either Nov 21 or Dec 5 (Saturdays). The walk will be lead by Philip Justus and go from Great Falls Tavern to Mather Gorge. This will be limited to 20 attendees.

Finally announcing our Fall dinner lecture!

When: September 22, 2009
6:30 pm
Where: Alfio's Restaurant Chevy Chase (<http://www.alfios.com/index.html>)
Who: Dr. Barbara Sorkin
What: **Mysteries and Megabucks, Medicine or Malarkey: Research on Complementary/Alternative Medicine**

Dr. Sorkin received her B.S. and M.S. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University, and her Ph.D. in Developmental Molecular Biology from the Rockefeller University. Her research, published in journals including Science and the Journal of Neuroscience, focused on cell-cell adhesion molecules, including characterization of a unique carbohydrate structure that modulates the role of the neural cell adhesion molecule, N-CAM, during development (published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry), and additional biochemical and molecular biological characterization of both immunoglobulin superfamily and calcium-dependent cell adhesion molecules. Dr. Sorkin's independent research focused on the functions of the calcium-dependent cell adhesion molecule, E-cadherin, in development, carcinogenesis and the immune system.



In addition to cadherin-related publications, Dr. Sorkin has authored articles on antioxidants and cancer, and on CAM supplements commonly used for the "common cold". She has been a program officer at the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary/Alternative Medicine since 2004.

Alfio's Cucina Italiana - 4515 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase

\$25 per person includes:

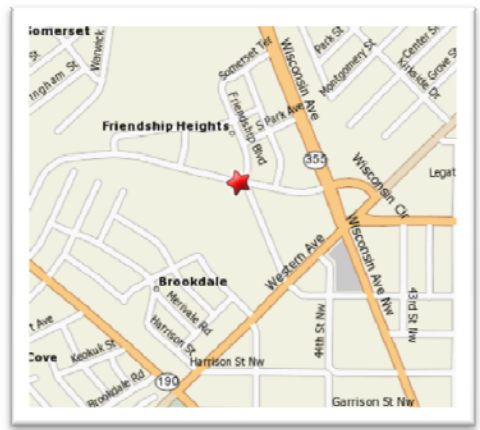
- Fettucini Alfredo
- Chef salad
- Choice of entrée:



1. Veal Parmigiana
2. Veal Piccata
3. Eggplant Parmigiana
4. Chicken Francese
5. Filet of Flounder, Broiled

- Fresh veggies
- Bread/butter
- Spumoni or Cake
- Tea / Coffee

Cash Bar



In other news!

Dues! Your Sigma Xi dues were due July 1. There is no late fee no matter how late and there are no back dues if you would like to rejoin. <http://www.sigmaxi.org/member/dues/index.shtml> you can even pay by credit card and simply have your dues automatically billed to your card. Its easy!

Science in the News! Did you know you can get a daily dose of science sent right to your email? Again very simple just sign up <http://www.americanscientist.org/science/> Free for members!

Know how you can help the society bring in a few more \$\$? Again very easy... Make <http://www.sigmaxi.org> your home page! Each day click on one of the Google Ads! Sigma Xi will receive up to \$0.50 for each click!

Speakers needed! Are you willing to talk about what you do? We are looking for speakers for our Sigma Xi meetings as well as the Caf s that we are co-sponsoring. The Caf  format is more about bringing real science to the public in common language short and to the point and being open to questions and answers. Our dinner/lectures are a 30-45 minute lecture. Please email me if you are interested sigmaxidc@gmail.com. I am looking for speakers in the Rockville/Bethesda area as well as Greenbelt.

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** add extra guests friends and family always welcome!

Dinner choice:	Veal Parmigiana	Veal Piccata
	Eggplant Parmigiana	Chicken Francese
	Filet of Flounder	

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