



PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning



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Welcome to PILLAR Institute, the Pikes Peak region's only institute for lifelong learning for the past 26 years! Each year over 150 lifelong learning opportunities are created, for and by adults, with no homework, no tests, no papers.

Just learning for the fun of it!

PILLAR offers lifelong learning in a variety of subjects including history, science, philosophy, literature, art history, music appreciation, global affairs, and more.

**Lifelong Learning Opportunities for
January to April 2025**

NEW! - All Inclusive PILLAR Membership

\$75 per trimester or \$175 per year with All FREE classes.
(Day trips and special classes may have associated costs.)
Nonmember class fee - \$25

Class Registration Information

- **Registration starts January 6.**
- Pre-registration is required for all classes and tours as all classes have maximums.
- Register for classes online yourself at <https://www.PillarInstitute.org/learn>, call the office at 719.633.4991, mail in a registration, or come in when the office is open.
- The most current class schedule is on the website and in weekly emails. Make sure you are on the PILLAR email list.
- A mailed print catalog is \$5.
- **If you cannot make a class, please contact the office so someone on the waiting list can attend.**
- PILLAR follows School District 11 closures. If D-11 is closed due to weather, then PILLAR is closed. Closing notifications will be made by email.
- **Where is PILLAR located?** PILLAR is located on the New Altitude floor of The Resource Exchange (TRE) Building across from Furniture Row. Park on the north side of the building to enter directly into the New Altitude floor. The PILLAR office is located by the Pinon conference room.



PILLAR's Mission: To provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults in the Pikes Peak region.

PILLAR's Vision: To be an institute of excellence in lifelong learning.

New PILLAR office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

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Locations

- ZOOM:** A link will be sent with your registration.
- IGP:** Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle.
- NG: Natural Grocers,** 7298 N Academy Blvd.

Mah Jongg Wednesdays

10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

No signup needed. Play Mah Jongg in the New Altitude lobby. **PILLAR Member-FREE Not-Yet-Member-\$2.00**



#1000 TASTE OF PILLAR—4 Mini Classes (1/2 hour each)

Thursday, January 9, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

1. Crime Stoppers by Don Addy
2. Libraries Are Our Treasures by Norm Renaud
3. The History of Spoons by Bill Wright
4. Fibonacci Sequence by Sandy Halby

PILLAR Member and Not-Yet-Member—FREE

#1001 “*Finding God Beyond Religion*”

Tuesday, January 14, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Do you describe yourself as "spiritual but not religious"? Whether young or old, church connected or not, are you spiritually restless for an authentic faith life but do not find conventional religious teachings pertinent to you? This presentation will be a guide for skeptics, agnostics and unorthodox believers inside & outside the church.

Tom Stella: Tom is the cofounder and director of Soul Link, Inc., a nonprofit for spiritual seekers. He is also a spiritual director, & an associate visiting professor of religion at Colorado College. He is formerly a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross.
PILLAR Member-FREE Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1014 Railroad Chapel Cars

Wednesday, January 15, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Railroad Chapel Cars once ran on the rails of the Old West, bringing spirituality and morality to an untamed world from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and everything in between were held on Chapel Cars as they moved from town to town.

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

PILLAR Member-FREE Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1016 Why Are Navajo Weavings So Valuable?

Thursday, January 16, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am **(Time Change)**

Navajo weavings are *beautiful* and can be very valuable! This class will give us a hands-on interactive demonstration of why these weavings are so expensive, as well as some ideas of how to evaluate the value of specific types and patterns.

Jeff Oram-Smith is the owner of Table Rock Trading Company, a charitable business buying and selling Navajo rugs.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1017 Beginning Mah Jongg Lessons: 2 Extended Lessons

Sunday afternoons: January 19 and 26 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

This series of classes is Beginning Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League card (2024 version) and NMJL rules. You must attend both of the sessions. **Maximum: 4**

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. She is a military vet and current president of a local MENSA group. Sandy plays in Mah Jongg tournaments.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$100.00



ZOOM: #1032 Modern Social History Holidays of January

Tuesday, January 21, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

This class will focus on the modern social history holidays of January including Martin Luther King Day. We will see how a modern, tragic event in April 1968 led to memorialization of one man and the movement he inspired.

Katherine Sturdevant: MA, BA in History from San Francisco State University. She is Pikes Peak State College's Senior History Professor.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

1035 ENERGY! Welcome to the Sacred Sites.

Wednesday, January 22, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

What is energy? Where does it come from? Where is it found? How can we detect it? It is in the earth, the celestials, the trees and rocks. It is enhanced by animals and humans, strengthened by location and ceremonies. The Indigenous cultures feel it and embrace it.

Heidi Wigand-Nicely: BA in Elementary Education from Western State College of Colorado. She is a volunteer for Native American Sacred Trees and Places by leading Tree Tours.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00



#1038 U.S. Foreign Policy Issues 1960-69

Thursday, January 23, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

This class will address the major foreign policy issues of the sixties. Although dominated by the expanding Vietnam war, this presentation will also include many other issues in the 1960s.

Dr. William Berry: PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian Politics from Cornell University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

IGP #1038 WAACS, WACS, and Women of the Army

Friday, January 24, from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm (note time)

In the early days of WWII, with the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs), over 35,000 women from all over the country applied for less than 1000 anticipated positions. Eventually, over 150,000 American women served in the Women's Army Corps (WAS) during WWII.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle

Sandy Halby, BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. She is a military vet and current president of a local MENSA group. Sandy plays in Mah Jongg tournaments.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1053 Getting Old Changes Us

Tuesday, January 28, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

The first part of life is all about acquiring stuff and doing things. The end of life is about "letting go" and learning how to just "be." It's a process of discovering who we are while letting go of doing things. We will set the foundational basics for understanding and learning how to "live with dying."

Kent Mathews: MSW from Arizona State University and a **BSED** from Concordia Teachers College.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1056 History of American Flags

Wednesday, January 29, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

For several generations, we have come to think of our flag as fairly static because it hasn't changed much. But, for the first 150 years of the USA, we had many, many varieties of the flag.

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1059 Dust Bowl Migration of the 1930s

Thursday, January 30, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Between 1935 and 1940 roughly 2.5 million people migrated leading to high rates of poverty and unemployment as well as widespread monetary failures of banks and businesses. The Dust Bowl of the 1930s in the western United States was caused by a combination of severe drought, excessive plowing of the topsoil, and strong persistent winds that resulted in massive dust storms across the Dust Bowl states.

Dr. Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, & as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1074 Medicine and Mortality

Tuesday, February 4, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

We have become victims of our medical machines and technology. Too often “can do” becomes “must do.” Today’s medicine often produces a living death. This class will explore medicine’s distorted impact on aging and mortality issues. We will learn about death wisdom and the role of palliative care in reclaiming death.

Kent Mathews: MSW from Arizona State University and a BSED from Concordia Teachers College.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1075 Geopolitics of China

February 5 from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

The relationship between nations is not so much about politics as much as it is about geopolitics. This talk will go over the basics of the geography, history, culture, and economics of China, so we can better understand the current issues facing China and how they may react

Dr. Jim Poole, PhD in Applied Statistics from University of Northern Colorado, MS in Economics, MS in Geology.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1080 Hoagy Carmichael and Johnny Mercer: Lives and Music

Thursday, February 6 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am (Time Change)

Carmichael, a composer, and Mercer, a lyricist, collaborated on nearly three dozen songs, including their 1951 Academy Award winner for best song: "In the Cool, Cool, Cool, of the Evening." In this class we'll cover the highlights of their lives and you will hear some of their great music.

Dr. Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

1095 What is a Good Death?

Tuesday, February 11, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Death is an aspect of life. It gives life its deepest meaning. But to accomplish that meaning we must be aware of our beliefs and attitudes about death that develop from our life experiences.

Kent Mathews : MSW from Arizona State University and a BSED from Concordia Teachers College.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1098 The Strategic Relationship Between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea: How Might the Second Trump Administration Influence This Relationship?

Wednesday, February 12, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

With the recent and continuing domestic political turmoil in South Korea, we will explore the effects this might have on the Trump team once in office. What are their possible initiatives toward North Korea?

Dr. William Berry: PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian Politics from Cornell University. He was a career Air Force Officer, retiring with the rank of colonel.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1101 Trump Administration II and Russia

Thursday, February 13, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

We will explore the evolving dynamics of Russia-U.S. relations in 2025 and Russia's broader foreign policy objectives. By the end of class, you will have a deeper understanding of the factors shaping this vital relationship and what the future might hold.

Dr. David Sacko: PhD in International Relations, American Politics, and Methodology from Pennsylvania State University.
PILLAR Member-FREE **Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00**

#1116 Hospice: It's Not What You Think

Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

There are many myths and misunderstandings about what hospice care is, what it does, and its role in a good death. In this class, you will learn about what hospice is and how the care is delivered.

Kent Mathews: MSW from Arizona State University and a **BSED** from Concordia Teachers College. **Nita Mathews: MDiv** from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She is currently working with Heartful Caregiving from her home.
PILLAR Member-FREE **Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00**

#1119 The Future of NATO

Wednesday, February 19, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (note time)

Security and stability in Europe have deteriorated since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. NATO's potential adversaries are working on new attack vectors, in cyber, space, and even nuclear domains, to chip away at the Alliance. How will the Trump administration respond?

Dr. Damon Coletta: PhD and Professor of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy.
PILLAR Member-FREE **Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00**

Brown Bag Lunch, Wednesday, February 19, from 12-1 pm.
Bring your lunch and a dessert to share for great conversation.

#1120 Early Days in Colorado Courts & Justice, Part I

Wednesday, February 19, from 1:10 pm to 2:30 pm (note time)

The year 1859 opened the gold rush era in Colorado, and with it came a host of new problems for a state still governed by the Kansas Territorial Government. The law was either new or non-existent. The courts organized by the government were few, and what could go wrong often did go wrong.

E. David Griffith: JD in Law from Denver University College. He worked as a trial lawyer and a Deputy Public Defender.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1137 Immune Support 101

Tuesday, February 25, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am (note time)

Keeping your immune system fed with the right stuff will ensure that your body is ready to handle whatever comes its way during the winter months.

Location: Natural Grocers, 7298 N Academy Blvd

Dawn Franz: BS in Nutritional Science with a minor in Biochemistry from the University of Arizona.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1141 Early Days in Colorado Courts, Part II (see #1120)

Wednesday, February 26, from 1:10 pm to 2:30 pm (note time)

E. David Griffith: JD in Law from Denver University College. He worked as a trial lawyer and a Deputy Public Defender.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1142 Philosophical Café Discussion Group: What is Minimalism?

Thursday, February 27, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Dr. Jim Poole: PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado, **MS** in Economics and Geology. **Max: 10**

PILLAR Members-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$15.00

#1146 Weather!

Friday, February 28, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

And in today's weather report...rain, snow, sunny, unsettled? We'll learn all about Colorado Springs' unique weather and why it can be so hard to predict. And...anatomy of a thunderstorm from one of KRDO's finest.

Chevy Chevalier: MS in environmental sustainability and a BS degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Ohio State University.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

1158 Don't Get Taken By The Undertaker

Tuesday, March 4, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

In this class, we will learn how to deal with funeral homes, the decisions that must be made with regards to a memorial service, non-traditional service options, organ donation, donating ones body to science, and more. You will be given a checklist to use for your own funeral planning and a list of additional information the funeral home will require. Don't wait until the last minute to think about these things. *We simply don't make good decisions during stressful times.*

Nita Mathews: MDiv from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She is currently working with Heartful Caregiving from her home.

PILLAR Members-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

IGP #1164 Gen. Albert Clark: The True Story of the Great Escape

Thursday, March 6, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am *(note time)*

Gen. Albert Clark was a former superintendent of the Air Force Academy in the 1970s. As a fighter pilot in WWII, he was shot down over France and spent 3 years in Stalag Luft III, the infamous prison camp where "The Great Escape" occurred.

Location: Inn at Garden Plaza, 2520 International Circle

Steven Antonuccio: MLS from Emporia State. Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of Colorado.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1179 The Gaza War: Impacts on Middle East Security and Its Effects on Global Antisemitism

Tuesday, March 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 am (note time)

Today's Gaza War is the fifth war of the Gaza-Israel conflict since 2008 and the most significant military engagement in the region since the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Do Israel's actions today in Gaza qualify as genocide? How has this war changed the Middle East? Why has this war increased antisemitism globally? Specific country case-studies will be addressed.

Dr. Brent Talbot: PhD in International and Comparative Politics from the University of Denver with a concentration in International Security. Brent is a Professor of Military and Strategic Studies at the Air Force Academy.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

We love welcoming new instructors to PILLAR, from those who have taught in a university or other school setting, to presenters with no formal training, except their desire to share a particular interest. Many instructors have reported that our classes have been the richest teaching experiences of their lives.

Contact the office at 633-4991 for further information on how YOU can make a difference.

#1182 Cosmology

Wednesday, March 12, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

In this class, we will discuss the beginning of the universe starting with the Big Bang. Along the way, we will discuss inflation and the Cosmic Microwave Background and the significance of these events. Then on to star and galaxy formation and an overview of neutron stars and black holes. Finally, we will discuss the most likely ending to the universe.

Carl Reese: MS in Computer Science from Colorado Technical University and a **BS** in Computer Science from University of Pittsburgh.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

ZOOM: #1185 Geology in the Pikes Peak Area

Thursday, March 13, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

The Pikes Peak region is well known for its mineral and fossil treasures. Clusters of blue-green amazonite and smoky quartz crystals, found in cavities within the Precambrian Pikes Peak Granite, are considered the finest in the world.

The Cripple Creek mining district is one of the most important gold districts in the United States. Nearby, exquisitely detailed plant and insect fossils occur within the Eocene Florissant Formation. These fossils represent a time in Earth's history much warmer than today's climate.

Steven Veatch: MS in Earth Science from Emporia State University in Kansas.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

ZOOM: #1200 Modern Social History: Holidays of March

Tuesday, March 18, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

This class will focus first on an ancient ethnic and religious holiday in March that made an ethnic group more popular. How and why the month of March later became a designated commemoration of women's history.

Katherine Sturdevant: MA, BA in History from San Francisco State University, **PhD Candidate** in Public History at UC Santa Barbara. She is Pikes Peak State College's Senior History Professor.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00



To keep our organization in a healthy, growth-oriented mode, we are always looking for new volunteers, and we invite you to step forward to offer your skills, time and efforts. Fresh eyes and fresh ideas can make a great contribution to PILLAR. Contact the office.

#1203 The Fascinating Story of the Neutrino

Wednesday, March 19, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Neutrinos are the most abundant subatomic particle in the universe. One hundred trillion of them careen through your body every second! Yet, they are very difficult to detect. Without them the stars would not shine. Let's learn about them.

Dr. Henry Gertzman: PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Rochester and a **BS** in Physics from MIT. He is retired from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

Zoom: #1206 Top 10 Lists: Ranking the U.S. 2025!

Thursday, March 20, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Where does the U.S. rank in meeting the challenges that exist in 2025? We will examine taxes, economy, environment, education, energy, healthcare, climate change, immigration, safety, prosperity, music, and personal happiness.

Doug Stowell: MBA in Market Research from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1221 Big History, Part II

Tuesday, March 25, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

More and more schools and universities are teaching Big History that shows how our world developed from a simple early universe, to the emergence of stars and new chemical elements, and on to the cosmos where life itself could emerge. In this class you will be introduced to the strange role played by our own species, humans, in the last 8 million years of the universe's evolution.

Drs. Randy Stiles, PhD; Carol Bach, MD; and Jim Young, MD.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1227 Tour of Fountain Valley School: Art, Architecture and History

Thursday, March 27, from 10:00 to 12:00

FVS, an independent secondary school of students from all around the world, is a hidden treasure of Santa Fe-style architecture, art masterpieces, and fascinating history tied in with names such as Spencer and Julie Penrose, Frank and Laura Gilpin, plus Aldous Huxley, Sam Goldwyn, Dominick Dunne, and Bob Weir from the Grateful Dead. Visit the beautiful campus and view its unique art and architecture. **Max: 20**

Jake Emery is retired after 30 years as a history teacher, Interim Director, and Dean of Faculty at Fountain Valley School

Location: 6155 Fountain Valley School Rd. Meet in parking lot next to the gate.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1255 Maker Space Tour

Monday, March 31, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Join us as we explore the East Library Maker Space. Max: 20
Location: PPLD East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.

Shannon Heffner: MLS in Library Science. Shannon is the Adult Services Librarian at PPLD's East Library.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1256 Mah Jongg Strategy: 2 Lessons

Tuesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Let's learn how to play strategically in American Mah Jongg.

Sandy Halby: BS in Mathematics from the University of Alaska. She is a military vet and current president of a local MENSA group. Sandy plays in Mah Jongg tournaments.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$50.00

#1260 Philosophical Café Discussion Group: The History of the US 2025 - 2035.

Wednesday, April 2, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Dr. Jim Poole: PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado, **MS** in Economics and Geology. **Max: 10**
PILLAR Member-FREE **Not-Yet-Member \$15.00**

Brown Bag Lunch, Wednesday, April 2 at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.
Bring your lunch and a dessert to share and enjoy great conversation.

#1263 Moving the Mountain: Inside The Afghan Airlift

Tuesday, April 8, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

An inside view of the last month of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Colonel Joseph Dietz: PhD in US History, Policy Strategy from University of North Texas. Colonel Dietz is the head of the History Department at the US Air Force Academy.
PILLAR Members-FREE **Not-Yet-Member \$25.00**

#1269 Second Trump Administration and Taiwan

Thursday, April 10, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

We will discuss Trump's second administration and his nominations of Rubio as Secretary of State and Waltz as National Security Advisor. Both are known as "China Hawks" and could possibly influence Trump's policies involving China and Taiwan.

Dr. William Berry: PhD in International Relations with a focus on East Asian Politics from Cornell University. He was a career Air Force Officer, retiring with the rank of colonel.
PILLAR Member-FREE **Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00**

#1284 Chicos Fashion Show

Tuesday, April 15, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (note time)

Sophie Hansen, manager at Chico's, will talk with us about what is trending in fashion and how we can update our closets with a new piece or two. Ladies, please join PILLAR for a light lunch followed by a Spring Fashion Show from Chicos! **We need 10 volunteers to be models.** You do NOT have to be model skinny. In reality, we are all sizes, so we want all sizes of models. And, yes, there will be wine. Call the office at 719-633-4991 to be a model! **Max: 25**

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member \$25.00

#1287 History and Geopolitics of the Middle East—Update

Wednesday, April 16, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

In this class we will cover the History and Geopolitics of the Middle East (the Levant). Is Iran still the king-pin in the region? How should the Houthis be handled? What about Hamas and Hezbollah? What is going to happen in Syria?

Dr. Jim Poole: PhD in Applied Statistics from the University of Northern Colorado, **MS** in Economics and Geology.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1290 History of Musical Anthems and Protest Songs: 1860 - 1996

Thursday, April 17, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

This class will cover some ways music has been used in the United States and internationally to advance and deter political agendas during war and peace.

Dr. Dick Fairley: PhD in Computer Science and Systems Engineering from UCLA. He worked as an engineer, university professor, consultant, and as a jazz disk jockey at KRCC.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1305 COVID: What Do We Know Now and How Do We Prepare for the Next Pandemic?

Tuesday, April 22, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

As a physician in public health for over 30 years, I have been wading through all the scientific information so you don't have to. How *did* COVID originate? How effective *were* the early policies against it? How effective and safe *are* the vaccines?

Deborah G. Johnson: MD from CU School of Medicine, Denver, Colorado, and an **MS** and **BS** in Chemistry from CU Boulder and Texas Tech.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1308 Hubble and Webb Telescope Findings

Wednesday, April 23, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

Learn what the space-based Hubble and Webb Telescopes have seen and what they've taught us.

Jamie Foster: BA in Geology from Carleton College. Jamie has been a primary and secondary school teacher.

PILLAR Member-FREE

Not-Yet-Member-\$25.00

#1311 History of Patty Jewett Neighborhood

Thursday, April 24, from 10:10 am to 12:00 pm

We will learn about the historic associations with the Patty Jewett Memorial Field (now known as Patty Jewett golf course) and the large number of greenhouses (in an area now known as Casa Verde Co-Housing), the various subdivisions and the changing tastes of homebuilding over the years. Dominant architectural styles and types will be identified and notable individuals, such as former mayor Charles Thomas, will be highlighted. *Tim's walking tour of the neighborhood will be Friday, May 9.*

Tim Scanlon: BS in History from the University of Tulsa. He spent 25 years as a Senior Planner in the Colorado Springs Comprehensive Planning Division.

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**Preregistration is required for all classes and tours.
Register on the PILLAR website.**

What is Grouper?

Grouper supports eligible *PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning* participants age 65+ with a participating Medicare Advantage or Supplemental health plan by paying them each year with a **\$50 initial annual payment, then \$20 for every 3 months of ongoing activity.**



You could pay for part of your membership or even take classes with the money that you are paid. The more you attend classes, the more money you will receive.

Check your eligibility here: <http://groupergroups.com/pillar>



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