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The HopMonk 'Abbey'

230 Petaluma Ave. Sebastopol, CA

History Buzz Cafe # 548

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Talking America: Part 2

An 'Open Mic' West County–Wide Conversation

How much knowledge do you have about the founding and ideals of your own country – USA?

Share Your Ideas and Concerns in an Open Conversation – after a Short History Lesson!

Three Century Prelude to **America & France**: 1500's, 1600's, and 1700's

In a 20 to 30-minute presentation, the host will provide the historical context preceding the founding of America, that also provided the soil and impulse to create an independent 'res publica' (the public matter). A few key biographies, significant events, wars, and treaties will be described for developing a 'sense of the times' and create the set and setting for igniting a conversation about the ideal of America and its future. What is the ideal?

The ability to sustain the Ideal of America is dependent upon an educated and engaged citizenry alongside principled leaders. The current crisis of citizenship and lack of economic and financial awareness, especially critical for high school students, can be overcome by integrating the essence of various disciplines into a coherent story that gives orientation to life. Students can learn to research, self-educate while they educate each other with assistance from 'guides on the side'. Examining the ideas, aspirations, and happenings around the founding of the United States can inform as well as inspire students and the rest of us to thoughtful and appropriate actions.

The NEW American civics education will be interdisciplinary: including the history of money and trade, civics, economics, and entrepreneurship. This, alongside learning through biographies the ideas and deeds of the key individuals and personalities, the remarkable men and women from all over the world, that created a place for the ideal of a republic for the attainment of the 'universally-human'.

Homework:

America the Beautiful - 1893

Katharine Lee Bates (Singer, Ray Charles)

"CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA"

America as a World Economic Experiment

The Federalist Principle

Sister Federal Republics: America (1776) & Switzerland (1291)

Rome (509 BCE) & Greece (508 BCE)

"Developing in the West of Europe is that which tends toward the emancipation of the personality, that which seeks to overcome nationality and attain to the universally-human." Rudolf Steiner 1918