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SCIENCE AFTER DARK LECTURE SERIES

Annual Valentine's Dinner and Lecture

“The Science and Romance of Diamonds” OR “From Heat and Pressure Comes True Love”

San Luis Obispo, CA – (immediate release) The Central Coast STEM Collaborative (CCSTEM), will continue its ongoing informal, educational lecture series “Science After Dark” with a dinner/lecture at 6:30pm, February 11, 2015 at Scotty's Bar and Grill in Pismo Beach. The series is scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month through June, 2015. Visit www.ccstem.org for details of future topics and locations.

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a celebration of diamonds, featuring gemologist Jamie Foster. Ask any bride, well, practically any bride, the wedding story better begin with something that actually comes from a great deal of heat and pressure - a diamond, just like a long-lasting marriage. Let's go to great depths to find out where diamonds come from, open our eyes to all the colors of the rainbow, look up to out-of-this-world diamond beauties. We'll include a dash of history and lore. It will be an ode to diamonds and all things pure, pure science, that is. You'll have to provide the romance on your own time.

Jamie Foster holds a B.A. in geology from Carleton College in Minnesota and a California teaching credential. His career periods have included software engineering, real estate development, gemology, the (outer) space business, two years teaching at SLO Classical Academy, and now railroading. Interests include website development and photography for nonprofits, choral music, astronomy, coaching DI teams, and wine. Oh, and he was in a play once with his granddaughter at SLO Little Theatre.

Where: Hosted by Scotty's Bar & Grill, 750 Price Street, Pismo Beach
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Time: 6:30pm no host bar, 7:00pm dinner served, 7:30pm lecture begins
Cost: \$30.00, all inclusive, choice of entrée: prime rib, salmon, or chicken fettuccini (may be made vegetarian). Dinner includes Caesar salad, bread, choice of coffee, tea or soda, and red velvet cake for dessert.

In order to reserve your place at the event, you must pay in advance prior to February 4 as follows:

Make your check in the amount of \$30 per person payable to “SLOCOE”. Please include names of attendees. Mail your check with choice of entrée indicated to: CCSTEM, 360 Platino Lane, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

CCSTEM is a regional affiliate of the California STEM Learning Network (CSLNet). The statewide network was created in 2011 to advance STEM teaching and learning in local communities. All of tomorrow's workers will need the analytical, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) impart. CCSTEM is committed to enhancing and promoting STEM learning and developing career readiness in San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara Counties.