



Sigma Xi Spring Banquet

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Good day everyone!

The DC and FDA chapters are pleased to announce our Annual Spring Sigma Xi Banquet. If you missed our winter meeting at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitors Center featuring Dr. Paul Fofonoff's lecture on Invasive Species of the Chesapeake Bay you missed a very informative lecture at a fantastic facility. I would like to be able to use the location again but need other "environmentally-linked" speakers in order to do so. If you have any ideas, speakers, and or topics you would like to listen to that fall into this category please drop me an email mdcitrus@att.net or send me a note 670 Swan Dr. Deale, MD 20705. The option of a Sunday afternoon lecture also brought us one of the largest seasonal meetings in recent memory; I thank the almost 60 people who came.

Now on to our next event; Our Annual Banquet will be Friday May 14th 6:30pm at Maggiano's (upscale Italian) in Tyson's corner, at Tyson's Galleria. Yes, I know a bit of a haul for all of us in Maryland... The speaker will be Dr. Bill Hook, Senior Policy Fellow and Director of the Atmospheric Policy Program. He was formerly the Deputy Chief and acting chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). His current policy research includes natural disaster reduction, historical precedents as they illuminate present-day policy and the nature and implications of changing national requirements for weather and climate science services. The working topic of his lecture at this early date will be "Natural Disasters and our sociological and technological responses over time".

We will have present student poster winners from the FDA chapter's poster competition, as well as be presenting newly nominated members with their certificates of membership.

We will have a cash bar open at 6:30, Family style dinner to include stuffed mushrooms, Spinach and artichoke al Forno, Caesar and chopped salads, Chicken Milanese (chicken breasts topped with sautéed peppers and onions, Salmon with Lemon and Herbs, Chocolate Zuccotto Cake and Warm Apple Crostada. Due to the location and catering contracts not to mention speaker fees, newsletter mailing costs etc. we have had to raise our normal banquet price to \$35. Yes this is a bit high but, I've eaten at this restaurant and the food was impeccable as well as the service. The room is well appointed and accessible, there is ample parking as the restaurant is in the Mall with its own entrance. We hope you will be able to join us. We have decided to open the meeting to all area Sigma Xi chapters in hopes of filling all 120 seats available, so please get your RSVP's back to me ASAP.

Directions: Take the Beltway to exit 46A Rt. 123 East. Take a right at the second light (International Dr.) and enter the Tyson's Galleria parking lot at your second right. Maggiano's is near the south end of the mall adjacent to Neiman Marcus. Access to our room is through the bar area and up a flight of stairs. There is a service elevator within the building and by May 14th there should be an escalator entrance to the second floor from within the mall.

Please RSVP as soon as possible or by May 7.

Member name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Guest name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Price \$35 per person

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