

A LOOK AT HEALTH CARE AROUND THE WORLD

Thursday, March 4, 2010 - 2 to 4 pm

Valle Verde Social Room

900 Calle de los Amigos

You are invited to a free informational meeting to help set the stage for a Small Discussion Seminar*, (probably in April) on the history and practice of health care in other countries. In recent months we have been bombarded with information and disinformation about U.S. health care reform. If we learn more about health care in other countries, we might get a better perspective for judging what may or may not work here.

At this meeting, we will view T. R. Reid's PBS video "**Sick Around the World**" as an introduction to the issues. We will follow that with reactions to the video and general discussion. Then we will move on to your suggestions on the structure, time frame, how many sessions, when and where the seminar should meet, etc.

Small Discussion Seminars limit enrollment to 12 to 18; everyone is expected to do advance preparation (research, reading, etc.) before the seminar begins; all enrollees will participate as discussion leaders. Not everyone enjoys this kind of active participation: it is challenging and intensive, but it is also very rewarding. Those who have attended previous Small Discussion Seminars are very enthusiastic about this format.

The book *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care* by T. R. Reid which expands on the video is recommended reading.

By attending this meeting, you do not commit yourself to participating in the seminar but we hope at least some of you will. In any case we need your ideas and comments and you will learn a lot about health care in other countries, so **please come**.

If you would like to attend, **please return the enrollment form** so we can plan for adequate seating and refreshments.

ENROLLMENT FORM: A LOOK AT HEALTH CARE AROUND THE WORLD **Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 to 4 pm** **Valle Verde Social Room**

I will attend this free program with the understanding that I do not have to make a commitment to attend the subsequent Small Discussion Seminar.

Name(s) _____

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or call the VISTAS Office at 967-6030 to enroll.