



The World of Yesterday

Presented by: **David Bisno, M.D.**

Eight Tuesdays

February 3 - March 24, 2015

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - presentation

1:00 - 3:00 pm - movie

Maritime Museum

113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara

Please carpool - there will be valet parking available

During this eight week romp we will become acquainted with poignant stories of how fragile the standards of civilized conduct prove to be in moments of national panic and why this matters today.

While everything seemed to glitter along the Danube and the Seine, the glow in Vienna proved to be that of a sunset, and in Paris what seemed to sparkle were the ideas which would lead to suicide and destruction. We begin in fin de siècle Vienna where this exquisite multi-national and multi-cultural city was silently fraying away between vineyard and Danube. We will come to know two of its illustrious thinkers and writers, the impossible exile, Stefan Zweig and the father of an improbable dream, Theodor Herzl.

The former leads us through stories of the human condition, while the latter takes us to Paris where on the banks of the Seine we come face to face with high drama and treachery, pitting the revelation of truth against the most heinous of crimes by a government. The Dreyfus Affair is the sordid tale of judicial corruption, how top French officials, eager to enhance their own political status, framed Alfred Dreyfus with forgery as a traitor and in so doing raised anti-Semitism to a national passion. Hiding behind the church, they offered "national security" as their reason for covering up their crime. The seeds for the Vichy regime and Hitler's holocaust were carefully cultivated.

With a nod to the escapades at the Ritz Hotel at Place Vendome, more beautiful but no more innocent than the French courts, the Dreyfus affair will remind us of parallel miscarriages of justice in a pencil factory in Atlanta and on a back street in Boston. While Zweig leaves us in Brazil we will follow Theodor Herzl from Vienna to Paris to Palestine and look back from the Gaza Strip.

Tuesday mornings will be full of spirited discussion, an hour for lunch at one or another harbor restaurant with friends, and then each afternoon, 1 - 3 p.m., a fine movie reflecting the morning's discussion.

A list of suggested readings will be sent to you upon receipt of registration.

ENROLLMENT FORM: *Yesterday* - Feb 3 - Mar 24, 2015

VISTAS Members \$80 per person - Non-members \$120.00 per person

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail check & registration form to:

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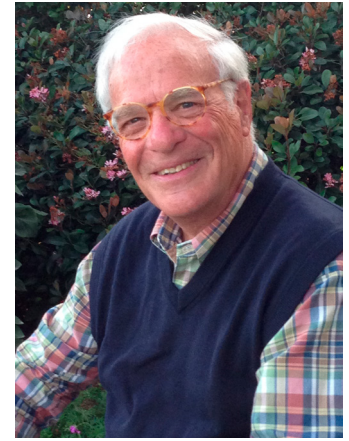
Deadline for registration: January 25th

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BIOGRAPHY: *Dr. David Bisno*, retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth and the Washington University School of Medicine, has been leading discussion groups on a myriad of topics within institutes for lifelong learning in this country and overseas for 22 years.

With his wife, Fay, in 1998, he was a founder of Santa Barbara's VISTAS Institute for Lifelong Learning. Returning to Santa Barbara from New England each year, David continues to capture our attention.



VISTAS CALENDAR

Seminar/Event	Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	10:00 am	Valle Verde Theater
Trails That Opened West	January 5, 12, 19, 26	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Uncertain Justice	January 23	9:30 am	Santa Barbara Courthouse
Winter Social	January 25	2:00 pm	Music Academy of the West
VISTAS Course Design	January 28	1:30 pm	Maravilla Valencia
World of Yesterday	Feb 3rd- Mar 24	9:30 am	Maritime Museum
Cornography	February 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Rm



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