

LSDM Speakers

January 2023

Stephanie Thomas, Executive Director of Teton County Search and Rescue Foundation, Jackson, WY. 10 January 2023.

The number of rescues is a function of the weather with harsher weather precipitating more missions. Rescues typically number 80-100 per season, but 2022 set a record with 136.

February 2023

John Andrews, American conservative activist and Republican politician in Colorado speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 07 February 2023 via Zoom.

These are perilous times for America and the West. False ideas have not only gained a powerful hold over the minds of millions. Such ideas are now attempting to silence dissent and forbid open debate. They seek a total monopoly over free thought.

Jimmy May, Regional Chair, Summit County Utah Republican Party, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) on Summit County electoral analysis and GOP strategy. 15 February 2023, Via Zoom.

Our job: Win the hearts & minds of all our voters— especially Republicans & also Unaffiliated—and yes, maybe even Democrats.

Timothy Higdon, CEO, Hearing Health Foundation, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 28 February 2023, via Zoom

1. Protect what hearing you have.
2. Get a baseline hearing test.
3. If it seems too loud, it is.
4. Use hearing protection.
5. Get the word out, word of mouth, about hearing protection.
6. HHF welcomes financial support.

March 2023

Canice Harte, Summit County (UT) Council, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 08 March 2023 - via Zoom.

Developers have a right to build. But developers can't change a development agreement without other participating parties' consent.

Bill Ciraco, Park City Transportation Solutions Advocate, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 09 March 2023 - Via Zoom.

You don't get to Zermatt by car.

Brian Muir, City Administrator, Kemmer, Wyoming, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 15 March 2023 via Zoom.

TerraPower will become part of Rocky Mountain Power's decarbonization plan.

Patty Jenkins and Sam Sheridan, Hollywood Producers/Writers/Directors, speak to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM). 20 March 2023.

LSDM Zoom goes regaled with inside Hollywood scoops waaaaay too hot for publication!!

April 2023

Miners Day. Donald Roll and Sandy Brumley, of The Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History, spoke to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 04 April 2023.

Our mission is to preserve the edifices. If they fall down, they're gone.

May 2023

Marlo M. Oaks, Treasurer State of Utah, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoom, 02 May 2023.

We need to reduce the size of government before government reduces us.

Pete Egoscue, Founder Egoscue Method and Meta Haley, MD. CEO Egoscue Method speak to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 10 May 2023 via Zoom.

Stay active. Sleep well. Stay hydrated. Life meant to be enjoyed. Trust your instincts.

Gary Hoogeveen, CEO Rocky Mountain Power, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 24 May 2023, via Zoom.

Yes, we must comply with the rules, but we will not sit quietly if the rules and our capacity to deliver low cost and reliable power come into conflict.

Bill Loughlin and Matt Lindon, Loughlin Water Associates, LLC, speak to La Société Deux Magots, 26 May 2023, at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

We're going to need to be more efficient in our water use as the population grows and as water grows more scarce.

June 2023

Peter Stern, Founder NIMI, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 01 June 2023, via Zoom.

I am a registered libertarian. This is who I am. One of the reasons I left Adobe was the crazy DEI related nonsense. I've seen the dark side. I live the values I am promoting.

James Bacon, Executive Director, The Jefferson Council, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 13 June 2023 Via Zoom.

All elements of the university have been taken over by DEI thinking. It's a generational battle to turn this around.

Barbara Keady, Director of Marketing, Ceres Partners speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 14 June 2023, via Zoom.

If you own land, you have an array of opportunities today. Solar. Development. Food production. There is always a solid demand for land. Ceres is in a very good position today.

Betsy Wallace, Candidate City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 15 June 2023 via Zoom.

I love this community. I believe my background in multifaceted management roles and twenty year long, deep experience in Park City positions me well to manage and maintain control over our destiny in this complex, pivotal period.

Matthew Nagie, candidate for Park City, UT City Council, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 29 June 2023 via Zoom.

I'm not interested in making enemies. I have high hopes for Park City working well. I have seen so much passion in the other candidates. It's been great to meet people as I go through the campaign process. You can count on me to work hard if I am elected. I would appreciate your vote, but vote your hearts... I'm happy either way.

July 2023

Jody Whitesides, Candidate for Park City Council seat, speaks to La Société Deux Magots, 10 July 2023. via Zoom

City needs to rebrand away from winter sports center to recreation in general. Tone down aggressive development. Upgrade internet with fiber optic installation.

Dennis Dodd, Senior College Football Sportswriter, CBS Sports, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 11 July 2023 - Via Zoom.

Big changes in college football. Conference realignments, transfer portal, paying players. Where is it going? Up in the air for now.

John Greenfield, candidate for Park City Councilman, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 July 2023, via Zoom.

Regional authorities are often better positioned to get federal dollars. A coordinated approach is better than infighting between rival jurisdictions. I'm all for collaboration.

Azim Kakaie speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 14 July 2023 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

The stories about America were completely unbelievable to me. When I was in Afghanistan, people would tell me, but it was so foreign to how I grew up. The opportunities here are better than I ever imagined. You can have an opportunity here. This is not a caste system.

Ed Parigian, candidate for Park City Councilman, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 18 July 2023, via Zoom.

The city has reached a tipping point, between preserving its identity as a community and transforming into a corporate resort town.

Jeremy Rubel, 3 Kings Water Treatment Plant Tour, 19 July 2023.

20 LSDM ROMEOs tour new Park City water treatment plant.

Bob Sertner, Candidate Park City Councilman, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 20 August 2023 via Zoom.

Park City needs a long-range plan and a regional planning focus.

Bill Ciraco, candidate for Park City, UT City Council speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 25 July 2023, via Zoom.

I have talked about transportation a lot. I don't want to bring more people into town. I want to ensure that our comfortable carrying capacity (CCC) is reached most efficiently. I want more collaboration around ideas and less collaboration about identities. I think my background positions me well to deal with issues of increasing complexity as Park City transitions into a fast-growing Wasatch Back.

Dan Treasure, Chief Technology Officer, Higa AI, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 27 July 2023 via Zoom

Large companies like Google and OpenAI feel the need to prevent their oracular language models from saying the wrong thing. The best solution to this form of censorship is to have an open-source market where the ability to create a powerful foundation model is ubiquitous, and not restricted to companies with billions of dollars to spend on R&D.

August 2023

Jennifer McGrath, Deputy City Manager and Rebecca Ward, Acting Planning Director, speak to La Société Deux Magots on Bonanza Park and The Toronto Trip.

The advisory group represents a broad spectrum of Park City residents, advocates, employers, institutional partners, landowners and other key stakeholders.

Jack Rubin and Roger Goldman speak to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) on election strategy, 10 August 2023 - Via Zoom.

The Lemon Strategy: Used in recent gubernatorial races; Opposition party supports weaker candidates who are "likely" to lose in the next round.

David Dobkin, candidate for Park City Council, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 17 August 2023. Via Zoom.

With Park City's robust non-profit organizations doing great work on the social front, the city needs to focus on the job at hand... city hall, parks, roads, sewer, transportation, housing etc. If we have too much money, we should be refunding it to the taxpayers.

Michael Smith, "Unlicensed Punditry" columnist, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 18 August 2023 - Via Zoom.

I spoke [to LSDM] about the absolute and critical importance of maintaining our First Amendment rights to freedom of expression (i.e., speech), and in that conversation, I mentioned two things: 1) that in the world of speech, we have had some great advances through the internet and social media, but on the other hand, as we have seen, we also have opened the opportunity for our government to pressure private companies to censor us at the flip of a switch and 2) I quoted Frederic Bastiat's definition of government in my closing remarks.

Jeff Carter, former liquor broker bent on changing Utah liquor laws, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 23 August 2023, via Zoom.

Initiative proposes a comprehensive overhaul of the current system. If passed, existing state-run liquor stores would be auctioned off to private operators. Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services (DABS) would retain its role as the central wholesaler and distributor.

Neville Teagarden, Co-Founder and General Partner, AI Capital, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 24 August 2023, via Zoom.

This data is hugely valuable when aggregated. Verified, current and anonymous healthcare records are worth about \$200 each

Kevin Williams, Founder/Owner MadBrains AI, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 29 August 2023 - Via Zoom.

AI won't replace you...someone that understands AI will...

Angel Kast, Philanthropy Officer, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM). 30 August 2023. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. Second appearance at LSDM. Angel's first appearance at LSDM was 28 September 2022.

We're nonpartisan and we mean it! Our staff is nonpartisan. We deal with free speech violations both on the right and the left.

September 2023

David Levine, Executive Director, Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 13 September 2023, via Zoom.

Mountainlands is 30 years old. It is a non-profit developer of affordable housing. Current portfolio consists of 350 rental units and 330 affordable homes. Active in Park City, Summit County, Francis, Oakley, Kamas and Heber City.

Tao Zhang and Harrison Leonard, co-founders, Caktus AI, speak to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 19 September 2023 - Via Zoom.

You could make the case that non recorded data is diminishing rapidly. Soon, some say, it will be impossible to not plagiarize.

Mitch Angove, co-founder, Feanix Biotechnologies speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 20 September 2023 via zoom.

Feanix Biotechnologies focuses on utilizing DNA to create a new generation of efficient and healthy agriculture. They leverage proprietary genetic testing advancements to provide genetics and breeding as a service. Their goal is to help farmers minimize wasted pregnancies, create healthy and productive cows, and focus on running their business.

October 2023

Dr. Michael G. Vickers, former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 03 October 2023, via Zoom.

LSDM: Why is Russia an enemy? MV: They export corruption. They are a nuclear threat... though not as big a threat as the Soviets once were... Russia wants to restore itself as a great power. They know they don't have the means to compete, so their strategy is to weaken the US.

Wesley R. Smith speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 04 October 2023 - Via Zoom

Psychedelics are wasted on hippies!

Betsy McCaughey, Chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths (RID) speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 October 2023 via Zoom.

LSDM: How many die from hospital infection? Betsy: One hundred thousand deaths a year. Fourth largest cause of death in the United State. Hospital infection hasn't been such a big deal in the US. In the UK it is front page news.

Bob Theobald speaks on the origin of Freestyle Skiing to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 26 October 2023 - Via Zoom. (Note: Image from Bob's heyday in the '70's).

There are good skiers out there, but the sport does not have the spontaneity nor is it as exciting as it was in our day. Also, I'm worried about the extremes that freestyle skiing now embraces. For example, aerials ski jumps are very high and injury prone. Practice for aerial skiing on trampolines is a cause of injuries.

November 2023

Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director and Senior Historian at Plimoth Patuxet Museums, speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM), 08 November 2023. Via Zoom.

The minister encouraged his listeners to exercise forbearance and forgiveness as they undertook the new responsibilities of "civil government" and said, "let your wisdom and godliness appear ... in choosing such persons as do entirely love, and will diligently promote the common good..."

December 2023

John Kenworthy aka "JK" speaks to La Société Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 Dec 2023, via Zoom.

I believe whole heartedly that at the end of some... painful construction days... the loop properties will be served by: • lower traffic numbers, • fantastic new base amenities and, • higher property values.