

LSDM Speakers

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January 2025

Melanie Monestere, Candidate for Utah House 4 Special Election, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoom, 06 January 2025.

She highlighted the need for property tax relief for seniors, as many have seen their taxes double in the past five years, and the importance of keeping seniors in their homes.

Ari Ioannedes, candidate for Utah House District 4 special election, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 07 January 2025 via zoom.

Additionally, he expresses support for proposed legislation to crack down on illegal immigration in Utah and send a clear message that the state is not a sanctuary destination.

Rob Lea, Extreme Athlete, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 08 January 2024, via Zoom.

Rob emphasized the importance of putting oneself in uncomfortable situations to learn more about oneself and to experience life fully.

LSDM Friday Colloquium - Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. 10 January 2025. Guests: Melanie Monestere, Tiara Auxier, and Ryan Trease, all candidates in special 11 Jan 2025 election, precinct delegates only to vote, to replace retiring Kera Birkeland, Utah House District 4.

Heber Wayman, Candidate for Utah House District 4 Special Election, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoom. 15 January 2025.

Heber discussed his dissatisfaction with the current state of government, particularly at the state level, and his desire to see more responsible governance.

Joseph A. Boystack, Founder Balboa Geolocation Inc., speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 16 January 2025 via Zoom.

Joe discussed the Pointer technology, a novel wave that can penetrate indoors, underground, and underwater, offering extraordinary precision and accuracy. Unlike GPS, it has no multipath signal bouncing, operates in non-line of sight, has no drift, and can be deployed on the fly or permanently.

Tana Toly, Member Park City City Council, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 21 January 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Main Street. Renderings that have been shown are not final. Concepts only. This plan does not risk us losing our historic designation on the national registry.

Michelle Deininger, Freelance Reporter, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 22 January 2024 via Zoom.

Michelle discussed her investigation into the alleged frequent absence from Park City of Mike Tanner, the Chief Operating Officer of the Park City School District, who reportedly spends a significant amount of time in Chicago.

Romina Boccia, Cato Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 23 January 2025, in person at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Fiscal Commission for Debt Crisis Romina discussed the challenges of fiscal policy and the need for a fiscal commission to tackle the country's debt crisis. She drew inspiration from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, which was established after the Cold War to close unnecessary military bases

Lt. General Philip D. Shutler, USMC (Ret.) speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 29 January 2025, via Zoom.

General Shutler discussed the urgency and challenges faced during a series of nighttime operations. He detailed the difficulties encountered during beach surveys and landings, including the loss of some personnel.

Bill Quapp, Property Tax Equity Advocate, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 30 January 2025. Via Zoom.

He presented an analysis of the tax rolls for 21 and 22, which showed that the assessor had broken the law and under assessed properties.

Benjamin Seevers, Author, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 04 February 2025, via Zoom.

Jack and Benjamin discussed the concept of property rights and the impact of government ownership and regulation on natural resources. They touched on the overgrazing and under grazing effects, with Benjamin providing examples of pollution and environmental degradation due to lack of property rights.

February 2025

John (JK) Kenworthy, owner of Flanagan's Restaurant, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 05 February 2025, via zoom.

JK, a former planning commission member and Historic Preservation Board chair, discusses the importance of Main Street as Park City's economic driver.

Canice Harte, County Counselor, Summit County, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 06 February 2025 via zoom.

Canice and Jack Rubin discussed the importance of representation and the challenges of balancing different interests. Canice emphasized the need to protect the community and way of life and expressed concerns about the influence of developers in the state government. He also shared his fears about the potential unintended consequences of a referendum and the impact on property rights.

LSDM Friday Colloquium 07 February 2025, via Zoom.

Bill Jensen, co-owner, Sundance, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 11 February 2025 - via Zoom.

Bill Jensen discussed the significant changes in the ski industry over the past 5 to 10 years, particularly the shift towards a season pass model. He noted that this change has led to increased certainty in revenue for ski resorts, but also resulted in a peak in visitor numbers, often referred to as "Easter Sunday" days.

Brendan Weinstein (in wingsuit), Dakota Pacific petition sponsor, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 12 February 2025, via Zoom.

Brendan expressed his frustration with the perceived powerlessness of the community in the face of legislative threats and the influence of developers like Dakota Pacific.

Dana Williams, former Park City mayor and community activist, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 09 January 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Council and staff are not as unified as purported re downtown revitalization project.

Bob Wheaton, former General Manager Deer Valley Ski Resort, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) in person at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT, 18 February 2025.

LSDM: Do you believe that climate change threatens the viability of the ski industry? BW: It's a long term concern, but not a long term threat. Are you guys up to date on the remarkable improvements in snow making technology? An outdoor ski area using new snow making technology is in the planning stages for Dubai! That's right, I said, outdoor, not indoor.

David Bier, Director Immigration Studies, Cato Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 19 February 2025, via Zoom

Trump's policies endanger the rights of Americans by undermining due process and focusing on mass deportation rather than public safety. Nearly six million US citizens have US citizenship by birthright but also have parents without legal status. Millions more, including former Vice President Kamala Harris, were born to parents with temporary legal statuses. Mass deportation could also separate threequarters of a million US citizens from their spouses.

Lift lines 2024/5 Vail, CO. Taylor Schmidt, Principal, Late Apex Partners, speaks about his Vail Corporation to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via zoom, 20 February 2025, via zoom.

Taylor discussed the decline of Vail's return on assets and investor confidence due to poor management and investment decisions. The company has been propped up by a growing dividend and stock buybacks funded by debt. Taylor also highlighted the durability of the ski resort business and Vail's leading position in mountain ownership. Despite the challenges, Taylor believes Vail has great potential for growth and can regain its former glory.

Mark Stanworth, CEO, Dakota Pacific Real Estate, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 25 February 2025, via Zoom.

The project now includes 47% deed-restricted affordable housing units, with about 2/3 targeting 44-60% of Area Median Income (AMI). The remaining 1/3 will be 80-144% AMI. Marc emphasizes that this location is ideal for affordable housing due to its proximity to transit. The project's progress is tied to milestones for improvements to SR-224, ensuring that infrastructure upgrades happen alongside development.

Don Rogers, Editor and Publisher, The Park Record, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 27 February 2025, via Zoom.

Don discussed the challenges and opportunities of transitioning the Park Record to a free model and expanding its online presence. He highlighted the need to improve operational fundamentals and the importance of posting news quickly. Don also mentioned the need to change their website and newsletter providers to achieve design independence.

March 2025

Preston Cooper - Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots, 04 March 2025 via Zoom

Cooper presents his ROI calculation method, which estimates lifetime earnings with and without a degree, subtracts college costs, and adjusts for non-completion risk. He shares examples of ROI for different degrees and majors, highlighting significant variations even within the same university. Cooper also notes that some technical trade certificates can offer better ROI than typical bachelor's degrees, while many master's degrees may not justify their costs.

Professor Ann Lipton, Michael M. Fleishman Associate Professor in Business Law and Entrepreneurship, Tulane University Law School speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 05 March 2025, via Zoom.

This meeting focused on Delaware's unique position in corporate governance, discussing its flexible laws, specialized court system, and recent proposed reforms.

Jeannie Rosenthal, Founder, Let's Get Ready, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 25 March 2025, via Zoom.

Jeannie Rosenthal discussed the background and evolution of Let's Get Ready, a program that provides free SAT prep and college support to underserved students. The organization's growth, impact, and future plans were highlighted, including its success in improving college enrollment and graduation rates for participants. The discussion also touched on the program's virtual mentoring capabilities, potential partnerships, and its commitment to serving diverse communities across the United States.

Dennis Lockhart, former head of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta at LSDM Cocktails and Crudites. 07 March 2025.

Discussed uncertain economic environment in wake of the new jobs report and Trump tariffs.

Myles Rademan, City Planner, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 11 March 2025 - Via Zoom

He emphasized the need to question one's beliefs and consider alternative viewpoints, drawing parallels with historical figures and his own experiences.

Matt Dias, City Manager, Park City, UT speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 March 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT

Matt discussed the potential financial impact of federal funding cuts on Park City, particularly in the transportation and fire preparedness sectors. He highlighted that 80% of the city's bus program is federally funded.

Kerry Rupp, General Partner, True Wealth Ventures, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 18 March 2025, via Zoom.

Investing in Gender Matters. We see value in the impact of women. True Wealth Ventures invests in early-stage, women led companies that are explicitly improving human and/or environmental health. Women-led companies have proven they deliver higher returns. It's time to invest in new perspectives.

Jeff Brower, Deer Valley Lodging, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 19 March 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

He mentioned the current and future hotel developments, including the Grand Hyatt, Four Seasons, and a Hilton Canopy Hotel.

Howard Husock, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, 20 March 2025 - via Zoom.

Howard suggested exploring the possibility of building workforce housing on city-owned land, such as the 5-acre site purchased by the town for 19 million dollars. He proposed that the land could be developed to compete economically with luxury condos by increasing density.

Jeffery Miron, Senior Lecturer, economist, Harvard University, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 26 March 2025 via Zoom

Jeffrey presents an argument against prohibitions on drugs, immigration, and trade. He contends that prohibitions create violence by driving markets underground, where disputes cannot be resolved through legal means.

Benjamin Zycher, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 27 March 2025 via Zoom.

Benjamin presented a comprehensive analysis of climate change, discussing the costs of conventional and unconventional electricity, the adverse environmental effects of "clean" electricity, and the problems with the IPCC climate models.

April 2025

Maya Sulkin, Reporter, The Free Press, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoom; 01 April 2025.

Maya shared her experiences at Columbia University, where she was bullied and ostracized for her opinions on Zionism and Western values.

Caroline Rodriguez, Executive Director High Valley Transit, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 03 April 2025 via Zoom.

Caroline discussed the operations of High Valley Transit, which provides 1.5 million public transit trips annually.

Matthew Lindon, Hydrologist, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots, 09 April 2025, via Zoom

Matt discussed the increasing temperatures over the past 125 years, with a noticeable rise in the past 25 years. He explained that the data showed a one-to-three-degree Fahrenheit rise in temperature...

Angela Moschetta, Park City businesswoman and community activist, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 10 April 2025, in person at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Park City Mountain lift lawsuit moves to Utah Court of Appeals

Professor Walter Block, Loyola University New Orleans, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 15 April 2025 via Zoom.

He emphasized the importance of trade, stating that every trade is mutually beneficial and that reducing trade through tariffs would lead to reduced prosperity and poverty.

Sara Sergent, Alpine Distilling, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoom. 16 April 2025.

She has created over 3,427 different gins, making her the world's most prolific distiller.

William F. Shughart II, Senior Fellow, Independent Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 22 April 2025 - via Zoom.

William also expressed his belief in the inefficiency of FEMA and advocated for its dissolution...

Beth Armstrong, Managing Director, Marcella Club, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 23 April 2025 - via Zoom.

Beth shared her career journey and introduced Marcella Club, a new project by Reef Capital, which includes golf courses, resorts, and residential developments. She discussed the success of their golf membership sales, the demographics of their clientele, and the company's properties in Wasatch County and Summit County.

Ari Ioannides (top) and Tory Welch (bottom), Summit County UT Republican Party operatives, speak to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) on HB 356, Summit County redistricting bill. 29 April 2025 via Zoom.

[SDT] asked Tory to provide examples of situations where East Side people felt they were being overlooked due to the At-large representation. Tory responded by discussing the budget and how it could be managed differently. He mentioned the Health Department's spending on mental health issues related to climate change and the potential for reducing this budget.

Lindsay Huntsman, Superintendent, Park City, UT Schools, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 30 April 2025 via Zoom.

Lyndsay discussed the district's preschool program, which is heavily subsidized and has seen a significant increase in enrollment. She mentioned that the program aims to provide native Spanish speakers with the opportunity to develop their oral language and interact with peers at a younger age.

May 2025

Douglas Carswell, President and CEO, Mississippi Institute for Public Policy, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 01 May 2025, via Zoom.

Douglas then details Mississippi's recent economic reforms, focusing on the state's plan to eliminate income tax by 2037.

Bryan Callen, entertainer, podcaster and polymath, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 06 May 2025, via Zoom.

Bryan emphasized that the Me-Too movement has both helped and harmed individuals, with some women telling the truth and others lying for financial gain.

Kelleen Potter, Executive Director of Utah Ranked Choice Voting, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 07 May 2025, via Zoom.

She explained that the system requires a candidate to receive more than 50% of the votes to win, and if not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and second choice votes are redistributed.

LSDM Friday Colloquium. 09 May 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. LSDM Scions Update - Meeting Nick Wenker

Nick is one of the leading US players of Warhammer 40,000.

Olivier Zunz, James Madison Professor Emeritus, University of Virginia, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 13 May 2025, via Zoom.

[Tocqueville] also discussed the new meaning of equality discovered in America, which could generate liberty and promote equality of opportunity.

Ernest Oriente and Tommy Tanzer, Bright Futures founders/advocates, speak to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. 14 May 2025.

Do not replace a program that has so effectively served the students of the Park City School District with a new, unproven structure, just to force it into PCEF's fundraising/grant-making model.

Michael Pack, President and CEO Palladium Pictures, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 15 May 2025 via Zoom.

Trump has a way of distilling issues to 3-word slogans (e.g, Drill, baby drill). Clever slogans resonate in people's minds.

Jeramy Bristol (and Mrs. Bristol) Executive Head, Kamas Valley Preservation Association (KVPA) speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 20 May 2025, via Zoom.

Jeramy discussed concerns about the proposed incorporation, including financial risks to residents and involuntary inclusion of properties.

Dr. Mike Kennedy (R) US Congressman, Utah 3, chats with LSDM Romeos. 23 May 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Today we pay to make Americans sick (sugar et al) and then we pay to make them well (big Pharma). RFK Jr. 's airing a debate on health care is a good thing and I'm hopeful for some positive changes in US health outcomes.

Mark Mazzetti, Reporter, New York Times, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 27 May 2025, via Zoom.

Mark discussed the impact of the October 7th attacks on American politics and Israel's long-term support, noting that the Israeli response is shaping American politics in ways that are not yet fully understood. He suggested that Biden's unflinching support for Israel after the attacks hurt him within his own party and may affect future U.S. policy towards Israel. Mark also mentioned a generational shift among American Jews, with younger generations being less comfortable with Israel's actions.

Dan Mitchell, American Libertarian Economist, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 28 May 2025, via Zoom.

I then wrote in 2011 that eliminating subsidies for this statist bureaucracy [OECD] was a "minimal test of GOP fiscal responsibility."

Brent Skorup, Cato Institution, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 29 May 2025 via Zoom.

Brent discussed concerns about government surveillance and financial privacy, highlighting how the government collects vast amounts of personal and financial data without opt-out options, which he believes violates constitutional rights.

June 2025

Elizabeth Rasmussen, Executive Director of Better Boundaries, Utah speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 03 June 2025.

She explained that Better Boundaries was formed in 2017 to stop gerrymandering through citizen led reform, and after the passage of a ballot initiative, the Utah State Legislature stripped the independent redistricting commission of its authority. Despite legal challenges and a significant victory in the Utah Supreme Court in July 2024, the outcome of the case is still pending.

Sarah Ervin (left), Development Director at KPCW, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 04 June 2025. Juliana Allely (right), GM, KPCW joined for the discussion.

Sarah explained that KPCW, a community radio station serving Summit and Wasatch County, relies on federal funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) for a portion of its annual operating budget. She highlighted that the White House has requested the repeal of \$1.1 billion in funding for public broadcasting, which would impact KPCW's ability to provide services such as local news, music rights, and emergency alert systems.

Glenn Wright speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 11 June 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. Topic: DJT's Big Beautiful Bill.

This bill [BBB] is reckless, regressive, and short-sighted."

Gabe Kaminski, Reporter Free Press, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 June 2025, via Zoom.

Musk Pledged to Cut \$1 Trillion at DOGE. Republicans Say It Was Always a Pipe Dream.

Romina Boccia, Cato Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 17 June 2025 via Zoom.

Romina referred to BBB as the "big bloated blunder" tax and spending bill, highlighting its fiscal recklessness and the dangers of adding \$25 trillion dollars in new debt over the next ten years.

Harriet Hageman, US Congresswoman, Wyoming (R), speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 19 June 2025 via Zoom.

Harriet Hageman discussed the importance of affordable and reliable energy for controlling AI, predicting an increase in nuclear and coal power plants in the coming decades.

Adam Wright, Assistant Professor of Physics, Milwaukee School of Engineering, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), on origins of the universe. 24 June 2025. Via Zoom.

He also shared his observation that young people, despite growing up in a less stable world, are increasingly open to faith, which he attributes to their lack of faith in traditional institutions.

Adam Michel, Director of Tax Policy Studies, Cato Institute, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 25 June 2025. Via Zoom.

Adam discussed the subsidies for fossil fuels and renewable energy, noting that renewable technologies receive 30 times more subsidies than fossil fuels per unit of energy produced. He explained that most of these subsidies are distributed through the tax code, with 94% going to renewable and green technologies.

Yan Ross, Editor-in-Chief, Cyber Defense Magazine, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) on "Getting Started on AI." 26 June 2025. Via Zoom.

The group discussed concerns about AI's impact on human intelligence and trust, with Craig and Yan sharing observations about how reliance on AI for basic tasks like calculations and phone numbers is leading to a decline in human cognitive abilities.

July 2025

Jesse Gould, Founder, Heroic Hearts Project, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 09 July 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

He discussed his work with the Heroic Hearts Project and Pro CARTS Project, which aim to provide veterans with access to psychedelic therapies and wellness programs as an alternative to traditional treatments for PTSD and other mental health issues.

Alex Iorg, Co-Founder, WholesomeCO Cannabis, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM). 10 July 2025, via Zoom.

He highlighted Utah's challenging initiative process and its origins in the early 1900s Populist movement, noting that initiatives often address controversial issues that legislatures are reluctant to tackle.

Wade Carpenter, Police Chief, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. 15 August 2025.

Among current initiatives, the department is considering the development of a K9 unit, recently receiving approval from City Council to hire its first K9 handler who will be focused on explosive detection. He emphasized that community support would be key to moving that project forward.

Craig Dennis - Executive Director Prospector Square, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 16 July 2025 via Zoom.

He provided an overview of the association's financial status, including operating income of \$49,000 and revenue of \$693,000, with parking revenue increasing by 25% last year.

Danny Glasser, Candidate for Park City Council, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 17 July 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Danny Glasser expressed frustration with the lack of progress and alignment on the City Council, highlighting tensions and poor decision-making processes.

Jeremy Rubell, City Councilman Park City, UT and candidate for City Council, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM). 22 July 2025 via Zoom. LSDM City Council speaker organizer, Pat McConnell, appears in image with Jeremy.

The speaker also stressed the importance of the Council setting strategic directions and outcomes, rather than deferring responsibility to staff or the community.

Joel Zarrow, PhD, President and CEO, Park City Community Foundation, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 23 July 2025. Wasatch Bagel. Park City, UT. Also in image, Jack Rubin, LSDM meeting moderator and candidate for mayor of Park City, UT.

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Beth Armstrong, candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 29 July 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Additionally, Beth highlighted the importance of community engagement and efficient management in city projects, advocating for a strong leadership role in city council meetings.

John (JK) Kenworthy, candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 30 July 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. Also in image, Pat (Princeton Pat) O'Connell, LSDM organizer and moderator for LSDM City Council candidate speaker series.

• Emphasizes "first principles" - what's best for the community. • Wants to digitize all city reports and studies for public access. • Supports zero-based budgeting. • Believes AI can help reduce city workforce while improving efficiency. • Advocates for Jack Rubin for mayor as the "most critical vote." • Optimistic about fixing the city's problems, viewing current failures as opportunities.

Diego Zegarra, candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 31 July 2025. Via Zoom

The candidate emphasized his experience in nonprofits, connection to the Latino community, and understanding of local issues, while also discussing his approach to decision-making and the importance of community input.

August 2025

Tana Tolly, incumbent candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 05 August 2025, Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT, via Zoom.

Bring Main Street's future into focus, balancing vibrancy, access and heritage.

Ian Hartley, candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. 06 August 2025.

As a parent raising two boys in Park City, I feel compelled to run for council, as I see threats to our community and the way of life we cherish.

Molly Miller, candidate for City Council, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 07 August 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

I am a longtime Park City resident and volunteer. I'm a mom and a member of the workforce. I listen hard and work harder - all while treating others with respect. If entrusted to serve on the Park City Council, I promise to build bridges, collaborate, and move things forward in ways that preserve the magic of our wonderful town.

Ryan Rogers, author, "The Woke Mind," speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 12 August 2025, via Zoom.

He explored the evolution of Marxist thought and its influence on contemporary social justice movements, criticizing how these movements often prioritize changing societal narratives over factual accuracy and can lead to unhealthy psychological states.

Marcos Falcone, Research Fellow, Fundacion Libertad, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 13 August 2025, via Zoom.

He highlighted Milei's lack of prior political experience and his appeal as a genuine, relatable figure, contrasting him with professional politicians.

Laura Sexton (center), Manager, Slope Maintenance Department, Deer Valley, Park City, UT, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT 19 August 2025.

"My leadership experience in the military has helped me here at Deer Valley," she explains. "I push my people outside their comfort zone. I encourage them to take on more responsibility and develop their capabilities."

Catherine Austin Fitts, Founder of the Solari Report, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 20 August 2025 via Zoom.

She concluded by noting that Secretary Bessant expects stable coins could create a significant demand for US Treasuries in the short term.

Tom Clyde, a Park City eminence grise and columnist for the Park Record, "More Dogs on Main Street," speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 21 August 2025, via Zoom.

He [Tom Clyde] emphasized that Park City no longer has full control over its destiny, as it is now part of a larger, interconnected urban area. Both Tom and Daggett agreed that the city has struggled to make decisions about the 5-acre parcel, with Tom suggesting that selling it to the private sector might be the best option.

Casimir Yost, Professor Georgetown University, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) on Trump's foreign policy direction, 26 August 2025, via Zoom

Cas discussed three major known challenges facing the world: demographics, climate change, and governance.

Ken Fisher (left), Park City Recreation Head, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 27 August 2025, Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. At right, Jack Rubin, LSDM Host.

Capital Projects: PC MARC Pools. Community Center, City Park Field Lights.

Jerry Rao, Indian businessman, tech entrepreneur, and pundit, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 28 August 2025, via Zoom (from Mumbai).

Jerry expressed concern about India's economic challenges and growing geopolitical tensions.

September 2025

Marlo Oaks, Treasurer State of Utah, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 03 September 2025 via Zoom.

Marlo discussed the concept of natural asset companies, which aim to financialize positive externalities services.

Professor Paul Peterson, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), 04 September 2025, via Zoom.

Professor Peterson discussed the benefits of small class sizes and one-on-one teaching, particularly in subjects like piano and tennis. He noted that homeschooling has grown significantly in the United States, from 3% before the pandemic to over 6% today...

Don Stanger, Principal, The Transnational Group, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 09 September 2025, via Zoom.

Don also touched on the implications of microchip production for global conflicts, particularly with China, and concluded with a brief look at the future of chip technology and its applications in artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things.

Mike Fox, Legal Fellow in the Cato Institute's Project on Legal Justice, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 10 September 2025, via Zoom.

Mike Fox, a legal fellow at Cato's project on criminal justice, provided background on his experience and the project's focus areas, which include overcriminalization, self-defeating policing, lack of accountability for officials, and the elimination of citizen jury trials.

Donald Felsing, retired CEO Sempra Energy, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 16 September 2025, via Zoom.

Donald Felsing discussed the lack of a cohesive national energy policy in the United States, highlighting how each state has developed its own approach, with California being an example of restrictive fossil fuel policies. He reflected on the country's haphazard development of nuclear energy and suggested that a more strategic approach, focusing on advanced nuclear and natural gas, could better meet future energy needs.

John (Frugal) Dougall, former Utah State Auditor, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM). Wasatch Bagel. 17 September 2025.

As State Auditor it was my team's job to point the finger at the other side and say "you can do better." I'm concerned that in today's political climate we all have to look for ways where we can do better. Sometimes, doing better means working harder to reach common ground with the other side.

Thane Rosenbaum, Distinguished Professor, Touro University, and writer, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 18 September 2025, via Zoom.

Thane Rosenbaum discussed the growing unrest in Europe due to mass migration, highlighting protests in the UK, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, and France over rising crime and lack of assimilation of Muslim migrants. He emphasized the existence of Sharia courts in the UK and no-go zones in France, criticizing the use of "Islamophobia" to silence criticism of Islam. Thane also pointed out the exodus of Jews from France, the rise of grooming gangs in Europe, and the media's lack of coverage on these issues.

Bob Theobald, Park City, UT realtor, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 23 September 2025, via Zoom. (And, LSDM field trip to Richardson Flats, 24 September 2025.

Bob emphasized the need for candidates who will commit to real traffic and housing mitigation measures, rather than maintaining the current "moat" around Park City.

Canice Harte, Summit County Search and Rescue, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 25 September 2025.

He described how search and rescue operations are triggered through 911 calls and are mandated but unfunded by the state, leading to a volunteer-based system similar to other Western regions.

Matt Pottinger, distinguished visiting fellow, Hoover Institution, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM). Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT. 29 September 2025.

Matt postulated that a China blockade of Taiwan would crush the Mag 7 stocks and trigger a massive recession.

Dr. Richard Pohl, Child Psychiatrist, The Newport School, Oakley, UT speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 30 September 2025. Via Zoom.

Dr. Richard Pohl discussed the challenges of treating acute psychotic episodes and emphasized the importance of creating a safe and caring environment for patients, noting an 84% approval rating from families and alumni of The Newport School.

October 2025

Gerry and Sarah Hall, business owners and Park City, UT home owners (Sarah former Park City Planning Commission Head) speak to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) via Zoon. 08 October 2025.

Gerry Hall emphasized that the legal battles involving numerous government resources and taxpayer money set a concerning precedent for property rights in Park City.

Brett (Bear) Hawksford, Deer Valley Snow Making Manager, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), Wasatch Bagel, 10 October 2025.

Water in snowmaking is 80% recycled.

Tage Flint, Executive Director, Utah Water Ways, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 14 October 2025 via Zoom.

Tage discussed the challenges facing Utah's water supply, highlighting the need for better public education on water sources and the aging infrastructure that requires billions of dollars in repairs and replacements over the next 50 years.

John Johnson, Utah State Senator, District 3, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 21 October 2025, via Zoom.

The senator talked about Utah's redistricting saga, highlighting the constitutional conflict between legislative authority and the peoples' initiative power. He explained that while

Proposition 4 aimed to create fair maps, the Utah Supreme Court's ruling effectively made it a "super law" immune from legislative amendment, contrary to decades of precedent.

Josh Christenson, Washington DC Bureau Chief, New York Post, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM), via Zoom. 28 October 2025.

Josh highlighted the Post's efforts to balance tabloid sensibilities with serious news, evident in its coverage and front-page storytelling, and mentioned its plans to launch the California Post next year to expand its presence on the West Coast.

November 2025

Tim Stevens, Bishop (ret.) Church of England, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 05 November 2025, via Zoom.

Tim Stevens discussed the preservation of Western Civilization in a country (UK) with increasing Muslim influence, noting King Charles III's efforts to support all faiths and his recent visit to a Manchester synagogue after a terrorist attack.

Peter Yeung, Wine business consultant, Podcaster, Wente Vineyards CEO (1 Jan 2026) speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 18 November 2025, via Zoom.

Peter also touched on the impact of health messaging and weight loss drugs on alcohol consumption, suggesting these factors contribute to a low single digit percentage decline in total beverage alcohol volume.

Joe Hunter, Public Affairs Strategist, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 26 November 2025 -Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Joe joined a meeting with Wyoming Senator Alan Simpson. Joe had come in from out of the rain. Simpson told him, "Joe, you're carrying an umbrella. We westerners don't do that. That's for the Brits. Joe, get a hat."

December 2025

Dr. Matthew J. Memmott, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering, Brigham Young University speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 03 December 2025 via Zoom.

- The four primary challenges for nuclear energy— safety/radiation, waste, weapons proliferation, and economics—were discussed.
- Matthew presented the molten salt microreactor as a promising solution. This compact design could provide 12 megawatts of emissions-free power and addresses all four key challenges simultaneously, offering enhanced safety, improved waste management, and cost benefits.

Samuel Mason, PhD. candidate, Astrophysics, University of Miami, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 09 December 2025 via Zoom.

He explained key cosmological concepts, including cosmological redshift, which is caused by the expansion of the universe and allows astronomers to determine the age of light by measuring its wavelength.

Brian Modena, Owner TownLift, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 11 December 2025 at Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

Key Concerns MIDA:

- Brian expressed significant concern about an appointed (not elected) governing body with extensive taxation and zoning control;
- Community homogenization: Worried about loss of unique voices and cultural outliers as AI-generated content becomes more prevalent;
- Accountability: Need for informed, engaged community to shape Park City's future through shared values

Roger Burrows, Mathematician, author, THINK series of books, speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 17 December 2025, via Zoom.

He emphasized the importance of integrating technology and programming into education to prepare students for the future, expressing frustration with outdated curricula and administrative resistance.

Dennis Lockhart, retired President of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) - 18 December 2025 - via Zoom

Lockhart addressed the potential implications of President Trump's attacks on Fed Chair Jay Powell and the ongoing succession drama at the Fed, emphasizing the importance of the new chair earning respect from committee members.

Michael O'Malley, Author "Attitude at Altitude" speaks to La Societe Deux Magots (LSDM) 19 December 2025. Wasatch Bagel, Park City, UT.

The book is packed with historical, cultural, economic, and natural insights, as well as practical tips, making it suitable for first-time visitors, repeat travelers, or long-time residents.