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2012 Prosperitas membership launches with a backstage pass to the Mojave Air & Spaceport



Mary Patrick with UCI's Greg Autry, CEO's of XCOR and Virgin Galactic, and GM of Mojave Air & Spaceport.

DECEMBER 1, 2011 | 8:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Backstage Pass to Mojave Spaceport: Innovators of Private Space Travel

Prosperitas members joining now will be included in a private tour of the **Mojave Air & Spaceport** to meet visionary general manager Stuart Witt, a leader in incubating the private space travel industry. Members will meet the passionate founders of start-ups and leaders in the industry, including a presentation from Virgin Galactic and lunch with **Voyager Aviator Dick Rutan**. Day concludes with private chef-arranged wine tasting and heavy appetizers on the ride back. Travel "edutainment" includes history of the space industry with UC Irvine Merage School author Greg Autry, plus insights on astronomy from UC Irvine Professor James Bullock.

What is Prosperitas?

Under the leadership of Co-Chairs Frank Kavanaugh & Renee Pepys Lowe and Executive Director Mary Patrick, the **Prosperitas Group** at The Paul Merage School of Business connects successful community leaders to transformative work happening across the UC Irvine campus.

Members enjoy a "back stage pass" to the ideas, innovators, and organizations that are changing the world for good. In turn, they serve as University ambassadors by sharing the information and excitement with their own extended communities for the long-term benefit of UC Irvine.

Members meet once each month, September through June, alternating formats to accommodate most schedules:

- Morning UC Irvine "Backstage Pass" tours highlight an exciting new discovery followed by discussion at lunch, plus one or two "field trip" formats that may be day-long visits to related venues. You'll meet the scholars and business leaders who are advancing science, technology, business, politics, social movements, community and the arts in unique and startling ways.
- Members Salons are social gatherings hosted at the homes of Prosperitas members for lively discussion and debate on the topic at hand, often facilitated by a UC Irvine thought-leader who helps to reinforce knowledge gained during tours and outline ways you can share this information with your spheres of influence.

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How Do I Join?

- Exclusive, limited membership is ideal for successful individuals interested in thought leadership, active learning at the University level, and lively debate on the topics of our time.
- Annual membership fee of \$5,000 is tax deductible (includes events, most lunches; excludes parking, high-end meals, or any long distance travel to events).
- Donation primarily provides funding for educational programs at UC Irvine's Paul Merage School of Business, plus you can designate up to \$1,000 of your membership fee for the UC Irvine School or program of your choice at the end of the academic year.
- For membership consideration, contact Merage School Partner Diane Sagey at dsagey@uci.edu or 949-824-7823.

More Upcoming Events

JANUARY 12, 2012

Members Salon: Crime and Punishment in California

Hosted at the home of Prosperitas co-chair Renee Pepys Lowe. School of Social Ecology Dean Val Jenness and Professor in the Department of Law & Criminology Susan Turner will offer context and overview about the state of our criminal justice system and the mounting social movement to eliminate the death penalty in California and even internationally. This discussion is meant to prepare members for the visit to San Quentin in February.

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Backstage Pass to San Quentin: Changemakers in the System

Following a tour of the prison, former warden and current Executive Director of Death Penalty Focus Jeanne Woodford will discuss the movement to eliminate the death penalty in California. Group will also meet prison leaders who are using alternative practices to manage the prison population through meditation, art, and continuing education. The event will conclude with a meal at Delancy Street, the country's leading residential self-help organization that has transformed the lives of substance abusers, ex-convicts, homeless and others who have hit bottom through a successful work program.

Meetings continue the first Thursday of each month through June 2012.



Learn more at merage.uci.edu/go/Prosperitas or contact Executive Director Mary Patrick (patrickm@uci.edu) or Merage School Partner Diane Sagey (dsagey@uci.edu or 949.824.7823).