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Today's Speaker:

Alex Beavers - Art, Design & Technology



Alex Beavers (BSEE, MSEE, PhDEE, MBA) is a veteran high-technology executive, entrepreneur, and author of 25 papers and 2 books. His board memberships include Ringling College, Chai Energy, and Palma Sola Consulting. His executive and entrepreneurial

experience includes Stanford Research Institute, Schlumberger, GE, Thomson Industries, and 3 high-tech ventures.

Coming Speakers:

October 25: Bob Klosterman – White Oaks Investments

November 1: Mike Kiel -Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

November 8: Philip T.Y. Wang – Taipei Economic & Cultural Council

[Join Us Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!](#)

**Saturday Mornings at 9:00am –
Panera Bread at Bahia Vista**

**And don't forget the Monday Night Happy Hour...this
coming Monday, October 23 at Mattison's – 5pm**

Save the Dates!!!!

October 19th – SHARE THE LIGHT Luncheon honoring our own Lee-En Chung...go online to see page 2 of last week's SMILE for details.

October 20th – Debbi Dannheisser Gallery OPENING NIGHT!
5pm to 9pm, 1911 Morrill St in Towles Court

October 26th – Walters, Levine 20th Anniversary OPEN HOUSE
1819 Main St, Suite 1100 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

October 28th – HALLOWEEN PARTY !!! BYOB and an
appetizer...Heather & Geoff Gillons Home – 7pm

December 8th - HOLIDAY PARTY Sara Bay CC 6:30pm

PREVIOUS MEETING 10 /11/2017) by Dorothy Pratt

Intelligence and national security were all part of the career of **John (Jay) Rixse**, who spoke to us on October 11th. He helped us understand what the CIA is and why it's an important part of our government.

Jay described the intelligence challenges that the CIA deals with, ranging from threats from nations whose interests are in conflict with ours and to concerns such as terrorism, nuclear proliferation, cybersecurity, and to issues such as pandemics, climate change and migration.

Rixse said that intelligence has come a long way since April 1945 when Roosevelt's death threw Harry Truman into the Presidency, not even knowing about the Manhattan Project that produced the atomic bomb. President Truman wanted an independent source of intelligence so as not to be dependent on intelligence from the different departments and agencies. The CIA is the only one of the intelligence agencies today that is not under the purview of a Cabinet officer. The President is its client.

Rixse summarized the CIA's history, making us aware of terms such as overt and covert, espionage (spying and counter-intelligence) and covert action, and the fact that analysis has been a key component throughout, informing the President and key policymakers.

After the Church Committee (1975), direct Congressional oversight was introduced and has been a factor ever since, influencing the Intelligence community and reflected in executive orders.

He noted that after 9/11 the CIA became more involved in covert action (paramilitary) in the War on Terror, but that in the past few years, the directors of the CIA have sought to return to more of a balance between covert action and more traditional espionage.

He described the challenges and opportunities for intelligence because more of the information sought is now in digital form. As Willie Sutton was supposed to have said, he robbed banks because that's where the money is; so too, we find more breaches of systems containing information through hacking, etc. because that's where the information is. Not too long ago, targets were code clerks, secretaries, etc. Today they're smart phones, computer and data bases.

Dining for Women

**The next Dining for Women is Tuesday, November 14th.
Jim and Ellen Marsey's home.
The project will focus on Gambia.**

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