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New Stoa News

200+

For the first time in its history, the Stoic community is now more than 200-strong. It took eleven years to get the first 100 and less than three years for the next. We have arrived.

First Annual Marcus Aurelius Conference, April 24-26, 2010

To celebrate Marcus Aurelius's birthday (April 26), a conference of Stoics, that's you and me, will take place in San Diego, California, on April 24-26, 2010. That's only four months from now, so mark your calendar and come together with us.

Pacific Beach in San Diego is the place, and there are those who believe the most fun place to stay in PB is at the Crystal Pier Hotel—on the pier above the surf. (See pier behind Erik in photo at right.)

<http://www.crystalpier.com/>



Erik at Pacific beach

A great bargain, the backpacker's hostel, Banana Bungalow, just a couple of blocks south – also directly on the beach. The lowest priced accommodation in San Diego, on or off the beach.

<http://bananabungalowsandiego.com/index.html>

RSVP stoic1975@gmail.com as soon as possible. We need to start making plans and reservations this month. We can accommodate as many as arrive, but only if we know you are coming.

Looking for presenters. Those planning to attend who wish to make a presentation on a Stoic subject of compelling interest to you, please email cyberstoic@aol.com asap.

More details will follow as they evolve. Watch this space.

Stoics in Business. Do you find the rigors of the business world bracing? Do you enjoy directing the flow of money? If you can say 'yes' to these two questions and still believe altruism is humanity's highest ethical ideal, then **we need you.**

The Stoic community needs a chief Financial Officer (CFO) to build a financial foundation for its future. This is a difficult and profoundly important position. And, it pays nothing. Contact Erik

Wiegardt cyberstoic@aol.com for details.

Happy Anniversary! The Stoic Council is 2 years old this month. To see the members of the Council go to <http://www.newstoa.com/council.php> scroll down to the bottom of that page and click on the names listed there. If you would like to be a member of the Council and a leader of the Stoic community, read that page and contact us at the email address listed.

New Members

Anthony Callan (1975-) is an optometrist in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Of his interest in Stoicism, he writes, "I have been a practicing Stoic for a little over 2 years. I could tell almost immediately that this philosophy was perfect for my temperament. Stoicism, as a philosophy of life, is amazing for its ability to promote *ataraxia*. I prefer the modified/modernized versions of Stoicism based on the writings of William B. Irvine and Lawrence C. Becker. I have studied Philosophy (both Western and Eastern) for about 20 years now. I look forward to learning as much as possible from the many noble characters in the New Stoa."

Michele Flori (1981-) is from Italy and has worked in the pharmaceutical business as well as achieving a degree in Philosophy. He writes: "I met Stoicism in a funny circumstance, more than one year ago...But those ideas stole in my mind, and I could not forget them."

Mauricio Gomes (1984-) is a Brazilian software developer currently residing in Michigan. Mauricio states that, "I'm glad to see others share my interest for this philosophy."

Ian Haigler (1961-) is a University Lecturer and editor in China. He writes of his interest in Stoicism: "I first became interested in Stoicism while young and have since expanded this interest through further readings of Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus. I attempt to live according to nature."

David Jett (1980-) is a brick layer in Columbia, Tennessee. Of his interest in Stoicism, he writes, "I am a high school dropout and I'm trying to get my G.E.D. so I can go to college. I started studying atheism and philosophy about a year ago [and] I just learned about stoicism recently while watching a video on YouTube called "Stoicism in 5 minutes," which got me interested in learning more."

John H. Laerum (1946-) is a retired engineer living in Pusan, Korea. He says of himself: "I have studied Stoicism for some 10 years but it took me quite long time to become a practitioner. Perhaps my personality type was difficult material to work with and shape into something that may now start to look like a stoic philosopher. Seneca said that sometimes a lot of groundwork must be done before the edifice can be erected. I now hope to exchange experiences with other practitioners."

Jordan Langelier (1962-) is a Software Engineer in Denver, Colorado. He has been studying philosophy and comparative religion for over thirty years. He is a practicing Stoic.

Maria Servitá AKA Mariale (1988-) is a Student of Social Communications in Maracaibo, Venezuela. She states, "Over the last couple of years, on December 2007 to be exact, I went to look for Stoicism. It just happened to appear while I was in an extreme and deep emotional crisis and I was seeking for help and hope, so I read some of it but didn't get too deeply into it." She goes on to say that, "Now, after some time away from this I come back, and I'm willing to start my journey to become a Stoic. I sincerely would love to be part of this, learn a whole lot more and practice it and make it a way of living."

Spotlight

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Thomas Daley, Council Moderator

It is honor to introduce the next Moderator of the Stoic Council. Tom is an exceptional leader with a proven ability to both think and act with discipline. We will have more on Tom's unusual past and present in a special issue later this month.

Thomas Daley is the son of a rocket scientist who worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Tom says, "Despite all the benefits of a middle-class upbringing, I elected to enlist in the Marine Corps in 1978 at the ripe old age of 17. I attended MCRD, San Diego, and was transformed from a thinking, feeling human being into an unthinking unfeeling robot. More than anything else in my life, being a Marine for the next 30 years provided me with self-discipline, independence, self-esteem, motivation, and education for life."

It was in his lower level undergraduate work in Philosophy that he first learned about Socrates and Stoicism. He later received a BA degree in Political Science, *cum laude*, in 1986 from Stephen F. Austin State University. He then went on to graduate school, and received a Master's Degree in Western European History and Literature in 1988 from the University of Houston at Clear Lake. It was in a graduate course in Existentialism that he first discovered the works of Marcus Aurelius.



Tom Daley

Tom is an Academic Mentor at the College of Stoic Philosophers and a new member of the *Registry Report* staff. He currently lives near Dallas, Texas, but travels a great deal on national security matters. He will assume his duties as Moderator early next month.

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Thank you for reading,

Erik