PRIVACY AND CIVIC TRENDS, HEALTH CARE, THE NEW ECONOMY

Dialogue on Diversity’s leadership enters its 2024 schedule (Its 35th Year), with a valued core of notably active and resourceful friends, in Washington and nation-wide, all busy during these final, productive weeks of a waning year, all of us laying, we hope, productive plans for the seasons ahead. It is a continuing purpose of the Dialogue to design — and, year by year — to re-produce and improve the basic purposes of our labors. This is the rationale of our organization, and indeed of similar groups: to bring into focus a path toward the reasoned and optimal use of the community’s resources, those tools that, in a clearly plentiful society, are confronted by ever more rigorous and plentiful demands — all of them worthy, only some to be satisfied.

February 20th, 2024  The closely linked concerns of PRIVACY AND THE MACHINERY OF SURVEILLANCE. The news on both the Privacy front and on the surrounding network of Surveillance-Control-and-Activity-Prohibition fronts is fraught with novelties, no less alarming than what has for long gone before. The new player in the swift moving federal regulation of AI, the quasi human “professorial” essays, the work of seconds. New: a swiftly-crafted statute limiting use of a newly arriving voice-duplication faculty of such sensitivity, and indeed peril, that it might veritably place heresy on the lips of a Pope.

APRIL 16th, 2024  The realm of HEALTH CARE in its broadest impacts displays what not long ago would have been astonishing by way of intricacy in medical-science observation and remedy, and at once rendering within reach a growingly comprehensive access to cures. Thus afresh the painful concerns of practical availability. Medical and academic and nursing experts hold forth on the rationing of (well lubricated and more massively financed) human- and capital-intensive elements in a more sophisticated arsenal of curing modalities.

JULY 10th, 2024  WOMEN’S HISTORY, A WORK IN PROGRESS: THE NEXT STEPS. The latest phase of enrichment and broadening of the lot and the prospects of Women in American and World societies dates from the early 21st Century decades. It continues today with the extension of key developments — the spectacular heightening of Women’s role in the professional worlds of Law and Medicine, the beginnings of a meaningful force in corporate governance. Report and Prospects: the Shape of the Future.

OCTOBER 16th, 2024  It is ENTREPRENEURSHIP, in a very pertinent sense the economic genius of resource organization, that is equipped with power to furnish comfort and self-satisfaction to an eager populace. It is the source of relief for the dilemmas in the crux of the dual (health-care) challenges just mentioned above. And at once it works as the cutting edge in the choices of more and other (also valuable) resources in the choices: the often painful shorting, for diverse purposes of pleasure and consumption, of precious medical resources that might have served a basic, and alternate, human utility.

DECEMBER 7th, 2024  The present year concludes with the annual HOLIDAY FAIR. Our Dialogue is delighted to host children of the Latino and other communities in the Capital region with a picnic lunch, songs, dances, and gifts from the hands of His Jolliness, Santa himself!