

for the Shop Talk get-together at Aurora Country Club coming up on the 23rd of this month. This informal meeting will be a great way for you to exchange ideas, discuss current issues, talk shop and bitch about your superintendent overlords. Call **John Ekstrom** or Keith Krause to reserve your spot. Contrary to its name, the event will not be held in the shop, but in the actual CLUBHOUSE where members go. How can you resist? However, please bring your own bathroom.

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The January MAGCS monthly meeting was held at Prairie Landing Golf Club, with the always affable **Tony Kalina** serving as our host. This meeting's education presentation was a departure from the norm, featuring Dr. Harvey Drucker of Argonne National Laboratories and the University of Chicago with his discussion of "Bioterrorism—Risks, Threats, and Cures." I will chime in at this point to mention that Dr. Drucker, if given a scatter gun, an orange vest, and a guy bleeding from like 92 little holes laying next to him would be a dead ringer for our own Vice President Dick Cheney.



Dr. Harvey Drucker.

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After getting past the Cheney thing, the actual content of Dr. Drucker's presentation was quite enlightening, albeit a little unsettling. Focusing mainly on infectious diseases, their spread, and their use as terror agents, the good doctor warned us that, in his own words, "any idiot can make a bio-weapon." The nuts and bolts of his talk got down to the nitty gritty of those little viruses and bugs that can travel at the speed of an airplane, infecting huge numbers of people in a short

time, and causing all kinds of mayhem. Yuck! Then we ate lunch. From a buffet line. With no sneeze shields. And then **Ed Braunsky** broke out a pair of those medical inspection gloves during his Dead Poets Society....um, Past Presidents Committee report, keeping everything on subject. When it was all said and done, however, the day was a very nice diversion from our typical meeting subject matter, and all in attendance left with a new appreciation for what really goes into keeping our homeland safe from the threat of bioterrorism. Thanks go to Tony, Dr. Drucker, and the staff at Prairie Landing for a really great day!

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On January 24th at 9:11 AM—while many of us were at Prairie Landing for the MAGCS meeting—a very happy event took place. Ethan Derek Florian, the son of Jennifer and Derek, came into the world. It is difficult to imagine any upside to tragedies such as Derek's death, but the birth of this beautiful, healthy, 7 pound, 10 ounce bundle of joy is surely proof that, without sounding too cliché, every dark cloud truly has a silver lining.

Mom and sister Madeline are doing wonderfully and little Ethan has been nothing short of perfect—heck, he didn't even cry when the doctor slapped him. Congratulations, Jennifer, and nothing but our warmest wishes with your new little miracle.



Jennifer and Ethan Florian.



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