

November Science Café

Democratizing Science: Should the Public Have a Voice in Science Research & Development?



Friday, November 21, 2008
5:30–6:30 p.m.
Arizona Science Center
600 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona
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Science Cafes are free, informal discussions that bring together members of the community and university scientists, to discuss how science and technology can change the future.

In the typical cafe, a scientist speaks for 5-10 minutes on a topic, with the rest of the time for the public to ask questions and present concerns.

Teachers now receive 1 hour Professional Development for each Cafe attended.

The classical view of science activity is that it is most appropriately done by highly trained specialists who operate autonomously and isolated from other social influences. What happens when average citizens with no specialized expertise get involved? Hear the experiences of three citizens who recently participated in the National Citizens' Technology Forum on nanotechnologies for human enhancement.

**Darlene Johnson, Santiago Manriquez,
Terry Ryan, and Lynda Zeise**
Arizona Participants in the
2008 National Citizens' Technology Forum

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