

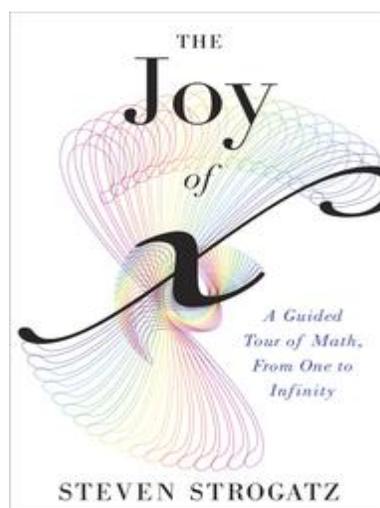
LHMA 2015 Summer Dessert Social and Book Discussion

The Laurel Highlands Mathematics Alliance with support from the [Saint Francis University Science Outreach Center](#) will host its 2nd Annual Summer Dessert Social and Book Discussion on Thursday August 6, 2015 from 7-9pm at the John F. Kennedy Student Center on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA ([campus map and directions](#)). The 2015 book selection is *The Joy of x* (2012) by Steven Strogatz. The evening will begin with small-group book discussion followed by dessert and conversation. Participants are responsible for obtaining a copy of the book ([amazon.com](#), [half.com](#), [barnesandnoble.com](#).) There will be a \$5 charge to cover the Dessert Bar and beverages. Payment and Registration Form must be postmarked by Monday July 27, 2015. Come join the fun!

Synopsis

In 2010, award-winning professor Steven Strogatz wrote a series for the *New York Times* online called "The Elements of Math." It was hugely popular: Each piece climbed the most emailed list and elicited hundreds of comments. Readers begged for more, and Strogatz has now delivered. In this fun, fast-paced book, he offers us all a second chance at math.

Each short chapter of *The Joy of x* provides an "Aha!" moment, starting with why numbers are helpful, and moving on to such topics as shapes, calculus, fat tails, and infinity. Strogatz explains the ideas of math gently and clearly, with wit, insight, and brilliant illustrations. Assuming no knowledge, only curiosity, he shows how math connects to literature, philosophy, law, medicine, art, business, even pop culture and current events. For example, did O.J. do it? How should you flip your mattress to get the maximum wear out of it? How does Google search the Internet? How many people should you date before settling down? Strogatz is the math teacher you wish you'd had, and *The Joy of x* is the book you'll want to give to all your smart and curious friends.



Laurel Highlands Math Alliance (LHMA)

2015 Summer Dessert Social

Thursday August 6, 2015

RSVP and LHMA Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

School District & Building or University Enrolled _____

Preferred Phone Number _____ The number is:

(Circle One): Cell number Home number Work number

Preferred Mailing Address _____

Teaching/Professional Responsibilities: *(check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K/Early Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Algebra
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary (grades _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (grades _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle (grades _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Coach	<input type="checkbox"/> Trigonometry
<input type="checkbox"/> High School (grades _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Remediation/Tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistics
<input type="checkbox"/> College/University Professor	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Calculus
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Service Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated/Consumer

Summer Social RSVP and Membership

_____ \$5 **Summer Social Only:** Dessert Bar and Beverages

_____ \$10 **Summer Social and Membership:** Summer Social (Dessert Bar and Beverage) and
Membership (Good through August 2016)

_____ Renew Membership _____ New Membership

With my LHMA membership, I am interested in serving on following LHMA committees:

Membership Nominations/Elections Conference Planning Try-Math-a-Lot

Check all that apply: I am currently a member of _____ PCTM _____ NCTM

Check made payable to **LHMA** and **must be postmarked by July 27, 2015**. Please send RSVP form and
payment to: Kate Remillard

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