



PI Math Club is proud to present

Dr. Allen Schwenk
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as he presents a talk titled

What Does Mean Mean?

The Lake Wobegon Effect, Old Faithful, Et Cetera

Welcome to Lake Wobegon, where the women are strong, the men are good looking, and all the children are above average.

Of course that is supposed to sound silly, after all it is impossible for everyone to be above average, right? Well, that depends upon what we mean by average, and how we compute it. There are many averages, and different averages suit different purposes. What do we mean when we report average class size? How do we compute the average waiting time at Old Faithful? How can we estimate the average speed of cars on the highway as we drive along?

Simple questions may have unexpected answers.

Thursday, Sept. 23 at 4:30 in KT G41

Free pizza and pop following the talk!

Open to all interested students.