

Thank you, Dr. Elsley!

After 11 years, and an astounding 55 speakers, Dr. Dick Elsley is stepping down as the leader and driving force behind the Science Speaker Series. Dr. Elsley, and his wife Carmela, have spent countless hours seeking out scientists doing cutting-edge research so that they might share their work and insights with our local community. As Dr. Elsley says, the motto is “Science Everyone Can Understand.”

A solid-state physicist by education, Dr. Elsley worked for many years as a research scientist at Rockwell Corporation. He started getting involved with his children’s schools – setting up the first computer lab at his daughter’s school, for example. That led to the creation of Dr. Discovery – a program and persona Dr. Elsley created in which he presented interactive, hands-on lectures to adults and kids, giving them a firsthand understanding of scientific method and a more expansive way of observing the world around them every day. Dr. Discovery/Elsley brought science to auditoriums, classrooms, summer camps, and community events for 15 years.

Now, Dr. Elsley is taking his talents, energies, and drive to the fight against climate change. He is a dedicated member of the Citizens Climate Lobby, a grassroots movement that is lobbying Congress for bipartisan legislative solutions to climate change. We thank Dick and Carmela for their many years of hard work and commitment to the Science Speaker Series and congratulate them on their new chapter with the Citizens Climate Lobby.