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Annual Dues Notice

Annual dues of \$60 were due in July, the start of fiscal year 2009-2010. Your check, payable to Cosmopolitan Club, may be hand delivered to David Kain, the Treasurer, or mailed to Cosmo Club, PO Box 3993, S.B. CA 93130.

Next Program:

August 20 Steve Cushman "The Santa Barbara Economy"

Steve Cushman will discuss the current status of the Santa Barbara economy.

For the last 20 years, Steve has served as President of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce. He earned his BA from UCSB and has completed graduate course work in Public Administration at San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego. Steve has worked in private enterprise, government, universities, museums, and the non-profit sector. Steve's past positions include: Professional Baseball Player, California Angels Director of Athletics, City of San Diego Director, San Diego Marathon Development Director, San Diego Heart Association Executive Director, San Diego State Athletic Foundation Associate Director, Southwest Museum Executive Director, and Santa Barbara Downtown Organization Executive Director. He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife Sheila, who is leading the effort to create a Children's Museum in Santa Barbara.

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Future Programs

September 3

Dr. Robert Reid "Healthcare Reform: They're Shooting with Real Bullets This Time"

Dr. Reid has held the position of Director of Medical Affairs of the Cottage Health System, which consists of the Santa Barbara, Goleta Valley and Santa Ynez Cottage Hospitals, for 14 years.. Prior to joining the Cottage hospital system, he practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in Santa Barbara for 24 years, delivering over 5,000 babies. In 1998 he served as the president of the California Medical Association, representing over 35,000 physicians in the State. He has served as president of the County Medical Society and served as Chief of Staff of Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in 1991-92. He is in the process of retiring from the Cottage Health System. Dr. Reid is currently a member of the Regional Policy Board for District 9 of the American Hospital Association and a former member of the Board of Directors of the California Hospital Association.

Dr. Reid received his BA in English Literature at the University of Colorado in 1961 and his Medical Degree and post-graduate training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the same institution. He served as a captain in the medical corps at Vandenberg Air Force Base from 1966 to 68.

September 17

Alan Heeger "Solar Cell Production"

October 1

Ted Tedesco "Aspen Institute in Santa Barbara?"

October 15

Dan O'Dowd "Computer Security"

Salute to the new 2009-2010 Cosmopolitan Club Leadership

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Crackers	Jim Munroe
Dance	Al Mercado
Door Prize	Sid Ackert
Guest Introduction	Harry Brown & Dick Grossgold
Invocation	Chuck Curtis
Lunch Tickets	Manny Espig
Membership	Hank Pfister
Memorial/Visitation	Don Terrell
Picnic	Bill Schultz
Program	Chuck Curtis
Punch Bowl	Paul Coyne
Roster	Robin Durkee
Special Events	Thore Edgren

Congratulations, Gentlemen! We look forward to your leadership to a successful Cosmo Club year.



Welcome Our Guests

Steven Little brought his grandson Jason Beardsley from Los Angeles.
John Gould was hosted by Dan Cross.
Steven Morgan was sponsored by Ron Singer.
Bill Clothier was a guest of Ron Singer.
Keith Perkins was hosted by William Kucera.

Wine Drawing

The wine drawing, a 2007 bottle of Sid's Chardonnay, was awarded to Bill Sheehan, with Bob Zimels doing the honors.



Regular Events

Bridge

Bridge winners on August 6

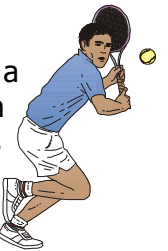
1st	Howard Glenn	4190
2nd	David Kain	3090
3rd	Dick Phillips	2870



Join us for FUN bridge...We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play Party bridge until 3:30. Contact: Pres Gould at 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net

Tennis

The COSMO tennis group play doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited to join us. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 AM Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Bruce Long, 692-4072, bruce93103@cox.net, or Walter Mead, 682-3045.



COSMO Computer Society

Our next meeting, on August 18, features Bob Gerity, who will speak on a special topic. In addition, we are trying to get a representative of the new Mac Users Store to come to the meeting and speak on what's new with MacIntosh.



The Computer Society meets regularly upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM. The feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome.

Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity:
Program Co-Chairs;
Howard Glenn: Chair, 967-2633 or hbglen@cox.net.

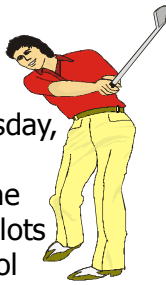
S. A. G. E. Investment Group

We meet at 10 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club on the 2nd floor, then enjoy a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. We do not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967-6930 or dickevans@mac.com.



Golf

Congratulations to Mike Rodrique and Stan Clothier for sponsoring our golf tournament at Marshallia Ranch at Vandenberg on Thursday, July 23. It was a Great Job Well Done. There were a few last minute changes on the players, but there was a full turnout. It was lots of fun but the weather was a little on the cool side for us Santa Barbara types. A great excuse for not playing better.



1st place winners: Bob Grebil, Jim Shaw, Karl Kassity and Bill Spangler

2nd place winners: Steve Stonefield, Hank Macchio, Lynn Garten and Jim Munroe

Next Golf Tournaments

Glen Annie Golf Course: Tuesday, September 15th
This event will include a sit down lunch with choice of 4 entrees at the Frog Bar and Grill, soft beverages; then the golf. We have not decided on a format but it probably will be some sort of scramble. Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m., followed immediately by the golf with tee-off about 12:45. Ropes will be down so the course will be easily accessed by us flatlanders. All this and a prize fund for the price of \$55. Suggest everyone sign up as soon as possible. Golf tournaments fill fast. Coordinators for this event are Bill Montag and Harv Turner.

Montecito Country Club: November 11, (probably our final opportunity for at least some time) – Details will follow.

Weekly Golf Events

Please note that weekly golf at Twin Lakes and Ocean Meadows has recently been reinstated, to complement weekly golf at Muni.

Monday at Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni).
Tee times from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Regular senior rate is \$20 for 18 holes, not including cart. If you would like to play, contact Ron Singer by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time. Golf Chair - Ron Singer, 684-1355, rsinger916@aol.com

Monday at Twin Lakes par 29
For those who wish to get their golfing in more quickly, or just work on their short game, each Monday at 9:00 a.m. members gather at the Twin Lakes Nine for a good walk spoiled.

Wednesday at Ocean Meadows par 36
For those who want to work on their long-ball skills, and appreciate a nice walk on the flat grass, the Ocean Meadows group tees off for an easy nine holes on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Friday at a variety of nearby courses
Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail list and you will be notified of the location of the next "Floating Golf

Game". This format offers golf for those who cannot seem to get enough golf on the Monday/Wednesday games. Recent venues have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. There are usually three start times for this "new" tradition.

SPECIAL EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Special Events Committee wants the membership to help with this year's events agenda. The Committee has put together some very fine events over the past few years. There must be something that you would participate in if it were offered; it could be a repeat of an event that you missed out on before or something that the club has yet to try.

The Committee would appreciate hearing from the membership what special events you would be interested in attending in 2009-2010.

Thore Edgren said that the first event of the year will probably be the local opera. Others being considered now are the Magic Castle, Solvang Theaterfest with perhaps an overnight at the Petersen Inn, Las Vegas, Disney Hall to hear the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Getty Villa, and the Palm Springs Follies.

Share your ideas!

Please notify Thore Edgren, Ch. at theman3@cox.net or 805 9674001 with your suggestions.

Last Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by our almost new President, Ron White.

Sherm Starr played the piano for our rendering of the Star Spangled Banner, and that was followed by an invocation given by Elwood Wissman.

Punchbowl duty was performed by Bill Sheehan; tickets for lunch were handled by Steve Little and new member Ken Jewesson.

Committee announcements consisted of David Kain reminding us that our annual dues are a little past due and that members are responding well, with over 50% having paid their dues. He also noted that Cosmo Club rosters are being printed, and will be available at the next meeting.

Ron Singer provided the status of the increasing variety of golfing opportunities.

Speaker

Karen Giuffre

(intro by Col. Ben Walsh)

Karen Giuffre gave us an interesting presentation on a reunion of Saudi Arabian oil project workers and their families in March of this year, and in the process gave us a historical perspective on oil development in Saudi Arabia, particularly a recent development of the Shaybah oil field in a remote part of Saudi Arabia.

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Ms Giuffre, who currently teaches English as a second language at Santa Barbara City College, resided in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia from 1984 to 1990, as her former husband was hired by ARAMCO, Arabian American Oil Company, as an emergency room doctor for the hospital in Dhahran. In March, Saudi ARAMCO invited 500 retirees to see their "home" again for the spectacular "2009 Reunion". There they toured the Shaybah project facilities and had a number of demonstrations. Ms. Giuffre felt especially privileged because Shaybah is a men only camp. She said that Saudi Arabia is a closed country – it is not banking on tourism. She said her family left Saudi Arabia when Kuwait was invaded by Saddam Hussein. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil producer. Oil was discovered in 1930 with the first well being drilled in 1935. In 1937, the American geologist Max Steineke of Standard Oil mapped the oil deposits in Saudi Arabia. Well #7 exploded into production in 1938 and it put Saudi Arabia on the map oil wise, and started oil production in the Middle East. Saudi well #7 is memorialized by a monument that refers to it as the "Prosperity Well."

The Shaybah Oil Field Project was brought on-stream in 1998, and is located in the area known as the "Empty Quarter" of Saudi Arabia, which is the largest sand desert in the world, occupying about 250,000 square miles. Shaybah is in this desert in an inhospitable and unbelievably desolate area.

When established, the Shaybah oilfield had estimated reserves of over 19 billion barrels of crude oil and 25 trillion cubic feet of gas. The oil is Arabian extra light sweet crude, a high-quality crude grade, which is about as fine as you can get. Shaybah is located in a remote area - 500 miles of pipeline to the gas oil separation plants at Aqaiq.

Shaybah's weather is extreme, with the temperature dropping to 10 degrees Celsius (50F) on winter nights, rising to around 50 degrees Celsius (122F) in the summer daytime. Dust storms are a regular occurrence. Some of the sand dunes in the Saudi desert are 1,000 feet high, and the sands are forever shifting.

Ms. Giuffre tried to show us a short video on the Shaybah oil field project, but the equipment didn't cooperate. She suggested that those interested should "google" the Shaybah Oil Project and play the You Tube video, the Magic Shaybah Oil Field.

Ms. Giuffre commented how surprised she was coming into the Cosmo meeting that several people indicated that they also had visited or worked in Saudi Arabia.