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## NEXT PROGRAM

### January 7 Cosmo Member Don Margerum - "Reexamining Nuclear Power"

Don will present his evaluation of the negative and positive factors surrounding nuclear power based on his extensive research for a VISTAS class. The presentation will use these factors to compare nuclear power to other forms of energy. His analysis includes his view of which of the factors are supported by fact and which are politically motivated. His conclusions are surprising, and point the way to an intelligent debate on the future of nuclear power in the United States and the world. Introduction by Pete Kruse.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### January 21 Dr. Bruce Phillips, PhD University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine "How is the Swine Flu like a Terrorist in a Black Raincoat?"

Dr. Bruce Phillips, PhD, from the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and UCSB as a visiting professor, a virologist working in the area of Molecular Cell and Genetic Development, will offer a highly informative presentation on the pandemic of the Swine Flu. For example: The mutation of the influenza virus is more frequent than the mutation of other viruses and cells because the genetic code for virus is contained in RNA, rather than DNA as in other viruses and cells. The mutation in RNA occurs once every 10,000 times it is copied as opposed to once every 1,000,000,000/10,000,000,000 times for DNA. Introduction by Gordon Bjork.

### February 4 Russell McGlothlin (water)

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### February 18 Hillary Hauser, Executive Director, Heal the Ocean

Heal the Ocean is committed to ending ocean pollution. Hillary Hauser has been a writer/journalist/news reporter since 1968, with published books about the sea and underwater exploration, and magazine articles including National Geographic, Geo, Islands, The Surfer's Journal, Reader's Digest and the Los Angeles Times. From 1969 through 1977 she was West Coast stringer for Ocean Science News, Washington D.C., and from 1981-1986 was ocean/marine reporter for the Santa Barbara News-Press. She also was the former music critic for the Santa Barbara News-Press and is a long-time classical pianist.



### March 4 Robert Rauchhaus, Asst. Professor of Political Science, UCSB

Dr. Rauchhaus' research focuses on the formulation and implementation of strategy under conditions of uncertainty, risk, and strategic interaction. His recent publications and courses apply strategic choice theory to military strategy, national security policy, and conflict management. His expertise in national security policy stems from his academic training, as well as practical experience gained from military service, law enforcement and work in the defense industry. Prior to joining the faculty at UCSB in 2003, Dr. Rauchhaus was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company.

### March 18

Robert Failing (Mountain Climbing)

### April 1

Mayor-elect Helene Schneider (Santa Barbara)

### April 15

Dr. Minxin Pei, "China's Challenges in the Next Decade"

## May 6

John Burgee (architecture) (Ladies Day)

### Wine Drawing

Fred Marsic will enjoy a bottle of Summerland Winery Chardonnay and Erin England, Harold's wife, won a bottle of Summerland Cabernet Sauvignon.



## Welcome Our Guests

There were numerous lady guests enjoying the Madrigals performance.

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Hank Pfister said President Ron told the membership committee to get crackin' on getting some new members, and so he presented four that are proposed for membership.

### **Gary A. Georges**

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Gary Georges was born in El Paso, Texas. He has been employed as a Carpenter for 30 years, retiring in August 2009. He has been a resident of Santa Barbara since 1962. His interests are music and the arts, and he participates in golf and tennis. Gary was President of the Glen Annie Men's Club for 7 years, and he lists a minor occupation as a karaoke DJ! Gary's sponsors are: Bill Montag, Ron Singer, and John MacKenzie.

### **Don L. Truex**

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Don Truex was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He originally got degrees in chemical and metallurgical engineering from the University of Michigan, and then obtained a doctorate in dentistry from the University of California at San Francisco. He has been a practicing dentist in Goleta for 43 years until his retirement in 2008. He also was a gentleman farmer for many years in raising avocados. He has 2 sons. His interests are photography, travel, hiking and backpacking, and he participates in running, biking, skiing and diving. Don has been a Fellow and Master of the Academy of General Dentistry and a Fellow in the International Academy of Dentistry. Don's sponsors are Jim Shaw, Mead Northrop and Ron Singer.

### **Frank I. Katch**

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Frank Katch was originally from Los Angeles. He and his wife Kerry have sons Daniel and Kevin, and daughter Ellen. They

have been residents of Santa Barbara since his retirement in 2002. Frank was professor at the University of Massachusetts for 32 years, where he was chair and graduate program director of Exercise Science. His interests are golf, writing, reading, hiking, and computers, and he participates in golf and fitness workouts. Frank earned a PhD in physical education/physiology. He has written about 20 books. He has been a consultant to the NBA, MLB, NFL, Olympic Committee, and many others on fitness. He has written columns in many popular health and fitness magazines, including Mademoiselle, Vogue, Women's Day, Self, Muscle and Fitness. His books have been translated into Portuguese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, and Greek. Frank's sponsors are: Ron Singer, Pete Kruse, and Thore Edgren.

### **Curtis W. Whiteman**

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Curtis Whiteman was born in Corry, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Erylne have one son and one daughter. He has a PhD in historical theology from Saint Louis University. He has been a professor at Westmont College since 1973, and retired in May 2007. Curtis was twice named teacher of the year at Westmont by the senior class. His interests are college football and polo, and he rides horseback for therapy. Curtis and his family spend July of each year at Lake Chautauqua in

## Regular COSMO Events

### **Bridge**

There was no bridge played on Dec 17. However, please join us for FUN Bridge. We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play until 3:30 PM. Contact Pres Gould at 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net)



### **Tennis**

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited to participate. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Bruce Long, (805) 692-4072, or [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net), or Walter Mead at (805) 682-3045.



### **Computer Society**

Meets monthly upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday. 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.



Our next meeting is on January 19. All COSMO members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn: Chair (805) 967-2633 or [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net).

## S. A. G. E. Investment Group

Join us Tuesday, January 5 for discussion on "Cap and Trade", a hot issue before Congress with strong feelings on both sides. The bill before the Senate has a number of alternatives, with possibly quite different effects on important industries, including utilities, solar power, wind power, as well as possibly being expensive for the public. S.A.G.E. meets at 10 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club on the 2nd floor, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. S. A. G. E. does not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967-6930 or [dickevans@mac.com](mailto:dickevans@mac.com).



## Golf

**Tournament** - The next Cosmo Club golf tourney is scheduled on Wednesday, January 20 at Santa Barbara Golf Club (aka Muni) with the first tee time at 10:30. Course construction and renovations are expected to be finished. Muni's standard green fee is \$33, not including cart. Many of our players carry the resident card and senior discount which offer significant savings. For this event each participant will pay his own green fee, so eligible discounts will be available. Separately, tournament coordinators Paul Fink and John MacKenzie will collect \$5 from each player to fund the buffet of prizes. Contact Paul Fink, 566-6671, or John Mac Kenzie, 964-9339 or [jbmac007@cox.net](mailto:jbmac007@cox.net) to register for this event.



**Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times from 9:30 AM. to 11:00 AM. Regular senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes, not including cart. Contact Ron Singer 684-1355, [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time.**

**Mondays** - Twin Lakes (Par 29) – Work on your short game, each Monday at 9:00 AM.

**Wednesdays** at Ocean Meadows (Par 36) - Work on your long-ball skills, each Wednesday at 8:30 AM.

**Fridays** at a variety of nearby courses - Contact Ron Singer to get on his e-mail list to be notified of the next "Floating Golf Game". Locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**January 16, (Saturday) - BUS TRIP TO THE FAMED MAGIC CASTLE IN HOLLYWOOD.**

Enjoy a fabulous Buffet Brunch in the unique atmosphere of this 100-year old Victorian mansion, and be amazed by the illusions of the talented magicians. Bus will depart the Elks Club at 8:45 AM, stop at IHOP in Carpinteria at 9:05 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM. Cost is \$90 per person. A few seats are still available. If you are interested, contact Thore Edgren, 967-4001, [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net).



**Wednesday, February 17 - VANDENBERG AFB.**

A tour of Vandenberg AFB has been arranged for a total cost of \$30/person including bus transportation to/from the Elks Club. No host lunch will be available at the Officers Club. Wives and girl friends are invited. Call Ben Walsh 969-1960 to reserve your spot.



**April 19-22, (Monday-Thursday) - LAS VEGAS.**

Celebrate the new decade with a trip to Las Vegas. Our junket departs by bus on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and returns Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$460 per couple for bus transport, baggage handling, refreshments, gratuities and three nights lodging at Treasure Island. Golf chair Ron Singer is arranging a golf tournament for attending golfers. Optional show tickets will be offered at a later date. Call Harry Stroud, 653-5117, to book your reservation. For those with reservations, please send your check made out to the Cosmopolitan Club to Harry Stroud, 3778 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, CA 93001.



**May 29, (Saturday) - LA PHILHARMONIC Performance** in the acoustically superb Disney Concert Hall at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$120/person. A deposit of \$25 is required now to reserve your ticket. The balance of \$95 is not due until April 1. Our bus departs the Elks Club at 11:00 AM with a stop at IHOP in Carpinteria, and returns at 6:00 PM. Lunch is not included but is available at the Disney Hall Cafe. The concert consists of Dutilleux's Metaboles, Scriabin's The Poem of Ecstasy and Violinist Julian Rachlin performing Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Lionel Bringuier is guest conductor. Contact Thore Edgren at 967-4001 or [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net) to make reservations. Tickets are limited. Please contact Thore promptly so that he can finalize our reservation. Tickets will be allocated to those who have made the \$25 deposit.



### Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Don Terrell, 687-8481 or [wtd84@cox.net](mailto:wtd84@cox.net). Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

### Last Meeting: December 17, 2009

Harold England accompanied our National Anthem vocals; Bill Alexander provided the invocation.

The San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers again entertained us at our traditional Cosmopolitan Club Christmas Carol Program. The Madrigals are an outstanding group of 21 young voices, and they have a very professional sound. Their voices sounded just like bells on some of the carols.

The Madrigal Singers performed this year at the Orange County Performing Arts Center Festival, where they placed first.

Jake Elliot, Madrigal president, said he brought the varsity choir, and that they will perform at Disneyland in a choral group of 600 in 2010. They also plan to compete in a festival



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of choral groups in Seattle in the new year. Those in the choir will present the musical Grease in late April or May, and several performed this past fall in the play Dracula.

In addition to the \$500 contributed to the San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers from Cosmo Club funds, Club members donated an additional \$375 at the end of the program. The \$875 will go towards financing the group's trip to Seattle in 2010.

Again thanks to Bill Spangler for arranging this enjoyable presentation.

#### Overview of 2010 Special Events

Jan.16	Magic Castle, Hollywood, brunch and show
Feb.17	Vandenberg Air Base Tour
Mar.12	SBCC Gourmet Dinner
Apr.6	Spring Dinner Dance
Apr.19-22	Las Vegas, Treasure Island
May 6	Ladies Day Luncheon
May 29	LA Philharmonic at Disney Hall, LA.
June (?)	Norton Simon Museum and Garden Cafe
July 1	July 4th Picnic Manning Park
July (?)	Circle Bar B Ranch dinner and show
Aug (?)	Solvang Theaterfest, West Side Story, dinner and lodging at Petersen Village Inn



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