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## Next Meeting:

**February 17**

**Dennis Clegg, PhD**

**"Treating Macular Degeneration Using Stem Cells"**

Dr. Clegg will discuss the latest advances in stem cell research in the treatment of macular degeneration (age related central visual loss due to retina degeneration). Dr. Clegg earned his BS degree in biochemistry at UC Davis and his PhD in biochemistry at UC Berkley. As a postdoctoral scholar at UCSF, he studied neural development and regeneration. He has continued this avenue of research since joining the UCSB faculty, with a current interest in stem cell research. Dr. Clegg is the recipient of the UCSB Distinguished Teaching Award, has served as Chair of the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, is a member of the Neuroscience Research Institute, and is Co-Director for the UCSB Center for Stem Cell Biology and Engineering. Jim Shaw will introduce.

## Future Meetings

**March 3**

**Fred Clough**

**"Bicycling Coast to Coast"**



Mr. Clough received a BA from Stanford in 1965 and a law degree from UCLA in 1968. He subsequently spent 2 yrs as a Captain in the Army, including a year in Vietnam. Following this he spent 10 yrs as the City Attorney of Santa Barbara and then 19 years as a member or 2 prestigious Santa Barbara law firms. From 2001 until his retirement last year he was the Executive Vice President and General Council of Pacific Capitol Bancorp. Mr. Clough has also always been an avid cyclist. Among his many accomplishments are the Death Ride, The Triple Bypass Ride, and the Race Across America Ride where his relay team set a new record for their age (over 60) of 7 days and 7 hours. His talk will describe his latest coast to

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Next Meeting: **Feburay 17, 2011**

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coast ride (Santa Barbara to Norfolk) which he did last year after his retirement. This was a solo unsupported ride that took 9 weeks and covered 3,500 miles and 120,000 feet of climbing.

He will be introduced by Jim Shaw.

**March 17**

**Ladies Day Celebration. - Nir Kabaretti**  
**"Santa Barbara Symphony"**



Luncheon tickets are \$17 each for you and your guest, and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be on sale through March 3. No tickets will be available at the door. Guest speaker for Ladies Day is Nir Kabaretti, Music Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony. Art Kvass will introduce

**April 7**

**Cosmo Member Don Chalfant**

**"Santa Cruz Island Acoustic Range"**

**April 21**

**Glenn Holden**

**"Serving as U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica"**

Ron Singer will introduce



**TBD ?Cosmo Authors? - - HAVE YOU WRITTEN A BOOK?**

The Cosmo program committee is exploring a suggestion to celebrate COSMO AUTHORS at a future meeting. Program chair Chuck Curtis will soon ask the membership two questions: 1. How many of you have written books? 2. Does the idea of each author bringing one or more book(s) to a future meeting appeal to the membership? We believe there are many authors whose publications cover diverse and

interesting subjects, and that a display of such books, with their authors present, could be an unusual and edifying event. The books could be displayed in the outer room before the meeting, and if there is sufficient interest, perhaps each author could speak briefly about his book subject(s). Members who cannot attend the next meeting can respond to this idea by emailing Chuck: [crcurtissog@cox.net](mailto:crcurtissog@cox.net)

**Wine Drawing:**

Howard Glenn conducted the drawing.

Three bottles were in the drawing:

Herb Friedman scored a 2008 Summerland Savignon Blanc

Dick Grossgold won the Summerland Merlot

Henry Levy got the 2008 Margerum M5



**Welcome Our Guests**

Dick Grossgold introduced one member hosting his guest Harry brown hosted Len Berman.

**In Memoriam**

A Cosmo member since 1987, Dr. Gerald Freund passed away in January. We extend sincere condolences to his wife Susan and family.

**Meeting Staff:**

**Ticket Sellers: Many Espig and Bill Irvine**

**Punch Bowl: Jerry Floyd**

**Regular Events**

**Bridge** – Herb Friedman is the new chairman of the Cosmopolitan Club Bridge Group. Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Contact Herb Friedman, 687-6228, or email at [maryherbfriedman@cox.net](mailto:maryherbfriedman@cox.net). The top three scores at the February 3 meeting:



Ralph Edebo	4160
Jim Beldon	3120
Hal Thompson	2720

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



**Cosmo Computer Society -**

Cosmo Computer Society meets monthly on the third Tuesday, upstairs at the Elks Club. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM, and a feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair, Howard Glenn (805) 967-2633 [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net), & Frank Katch 964-2734, [fkatch@mac.com](mailto:fkatch@mac.com): Co Chairmen.



**S.A.G.E. Investment Group** – Meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. At S.A.G.E. we discuss past and possible future trends in the economy and the stock market. We would welcome your participation.



Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967- 6930 or [dickevans@mac.com](mailto:dickevans@mac.com).

**Golf — Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni).** Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes.

Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by prior Friday for your tee time.



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

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

**Additional play at various courses.** - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Mondays are usually at Muni, Wednesdays are often at Glen Annie, Fridays' locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clark and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).

**Special Events**

**Tuesday, February 22 Descanso Gardens**

Spend the day on these beautiful grounds, with acres of oaks and thousands of blooms—camellias, daffodils, cherry trees and magnolias. \$42.00 per person includes bus trip, admission and our own narrated tram tour of this spectacular property located just north of Glendale/Pasadena in La Canada-Flintridge. Bus arrives Elks Lodge 8:30, departs 8:45. Additional pick up at Casitas Pass IHOP in Carpenteria. Wear comfortable walking shoes! Contact Richard Kennelly at 565-3455 with questions.



**Saturday, February 26 Institute on World Affairs**

The Santa Barbara Institute on World Affairs will be hosting a Forum on World Affairs scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9:00a - 1:00p at the Lobero theatre. There will be several keynote speakers that will focus on some of the defining issues of the day. Cosmo members are invited to attend this forum at no charge. If you are interested in attending this forum, please inform John Mackenzie via email or at our next

meeting on feb. 17 so that tickets can be reserved for you.

### **Sunday, March 6 Opera and Lunch at the Granada Theatre.**

Join your Cosmo mates for a Sunday Matinee performance of Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata. The third most-performed opera in the USA, Verdi tells the story of a courtesan, a Marquis, unrequited love, misunderstandings and, of course, the usual tragic conclusion.



We will meet at Noon in the "Victoria Room" 1221 State Street, Suite 3 (directly in front of the Granada Theater) where lunch will be served.

Our menu choices are:

- A) Cauliflower, leek & potato potage  
Roasted wild salmon with Beurre Rouge  
Warm Apple Tart Tatin w/fresh whipped cream
- B) Gorgonzola Walnut Salad  
Chicken Breast Provencal  
Chocolate pecan Tart w/fresh whipped cream

In all cases there will be a glass of red or white wine, coffee or tea. We will cross the street to the Granada for the 2:30 performance of "La Traviata". Price per person, all inclusive: \$95.00 Please select your menu choice and specify who is having what (so name tags may be prepared), and send your check made out to Cosmopolitan Club, POB 3983, S.B. 93130. Fred Sidon, 967-6757, [frsidon@impulse.net](mailto:frsidon@impulse.net).

### **Tue-Wed, March 22-23 Palm Springs Follies and Living Desert Trip**

This event is sold out, but if you want to get on the waiting list, please call Harry Stroud at 653-5117.

### **Saturday, April 23 Private Car Rail Trip - Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara**

We have a reprise of the very popular private rail car trips taken last year. You can enjoy a day's trip to/from San Luis Obispo in a lovingly restored 1949 Club Lounge Railway Car. The car will pass through some of the most scenic areas on the Coast Route. Much of



this can be seen only from the train, as there are no public roads from Gaviota to the northern end of Vandenberg Air Force Base. Don Chalfant, an experienced Trails & Rails Guide, will be on the trip to enhance your tour. There will be complimentary food service including a relish tray and chips and dip. Red and White wines will also be provided. There will be a short (about 1-hour, 15 minutes) layover in San Luis Obispo. The trip will depart from both the Santa Barbara Station and the Goleta Station on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Total time for the roundtrip will be 6-7 hours. All 36 spaces for the trip were reserved on the first day. We will now take reservations for a "Wait List". No payment is required to be on this list. If enough interest is shown, an attempt will be made to secure the car for a second trip later this year. To be placed on the list, please contact Don Chalfant by email, [dchalfant@cox.net](mailto:dchalfant@cox.net) or by phone, 687-3478

### **Last Meeting:**

### **"A History of Dixieland Jass"**



Harry Brown introduced Randolph E. Siple, aka Rooster Siple, as an Historian, musician, attorney, vintner, organic farmer, educator, body surfer, automobile restorer, political activist, radio and TV commentator – Randolph Siple has created. Educated at Stanford with a JD from USC Law School, he private practiced real estate and business litigation law in Ventura until 1995. In 1996, Mr. Siple founded Organic Certifiers, licensed by the state of CA and US Dept. of Agriculture to certify organic operations nationally and internationally. He currently hosts the 1290 AM radio show "The Rooster Crows". His music talents lead with the Trombone, plus an additional twelve instruments in his quiver. Mr. Siple has formed several Swing and New Orleans-style Jass bands...the focus of his Cosmo presentation.

Rooster started his presentation extolling the virtues of hat racks. As a life long skin cancer sufferer, he demonstrated several of his favorites and explained that he had received several nice compliments from ladies in elevators regarding his head ware. He continued with his appreciation of politically incorrect nick names (disapproved by the language police) used and loved by many of his friends and musical greats. Both of these comments set the tone for what followed.

More than one sharp eyed Cosmo member had noticed the spelling of Jass and wondered whether the editorial staff of Crackers had made an error. Rooster quickly answered the question by reciting the history of the term, starting with appropriation of Jass from the common phrase in Chicago clubs when the musicians would fool around with the music and "all that jass". Some in the local community we not thrilled with the type of music and began defacing the local posters by striking of the "J" in the description of the music. In order to counter this trend, the spelling of the word moved to "jasz" or Jazs" and finally landed on "JAZZ". But Rooster liked the earliest form of the description for his presentation, notwithstanding the error made by Ken Burns in his DVD presentation on JAZZ to the contrary.

New Orleans was the birthplace of the genre. Music normally available to folks consisted of classical, folk or martial music. The melting pot of New Orleans, the heat and commercial center, the reputation for loose morals and the strong development of fraternal clubs provided the venue to accept the innovations brought by the "raggie" piano. This was available in both white and black clubs, segregated but equal

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in this regard. The development of this music was accelerated by Prohibition and the speakeasy syndrome. The quality of the music of the fraternal clubs was peopled by musicians who all read music. As this moved along, particular players would not attend every event, the ensembles got smaller and the music became less useful because of the absence of all the notated instruments.

Other factors mentioned by Rooster as significant in the spreading of Jazz were the world wide inflation in 1918, World War I and the impact of STD on the troops and culture, and the Depression of 1933. By World War II, the development of Dixieland Jazz was eclipsed by Swing music, ala Benny Goodman, which was in turn facilitated by electric microphones.

Rooster and his wife have free organic wine tasting and Jazz on Sunday afternoons at his home and the site of his winery, The Piper's Winery in Carpentaria. The presentation was fascinating and enjoyed by all.

### Upcoming Events

April 2011	Annual Spring Dance
April 23, 2011	Private Rail Car trip to SLO
May 7, 2010	LA Philharmonic at the Granada Theatre
May 13, 2011	Ben Walsh Memorial Gourmet Dinner, SBCC
June 2011	PCPA Theatrefest, Petersen Valley Inn, Solvang
July 2011	Polo Club Buffet and Match, SB Polo Grounds
August 2011	Circle Bar B Ranch Dinner and Show, Gaviota

#### 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.