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Dues for 2013-2014

Dues for 2013-2014 are now Past due and payable at \$60/member. Checks can be deposited in a box near the entry to the Elks' Club or mailed to Cosmopolitan Club PO Box 3993 Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3993

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Next Meeting

August 15, 2013

Stanley Ostern, MD

"World War II Experience as a Polish Jew"

Dr. James Shaw will introduce Dr. Ostern, a man with two lives. His second life started after he emigrated from Poland to the U.S. after WWII. He subsequently received a medical degree from New York Medical College, completed a residency in internal medicine, served as captain in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps, and subsequently practiced Internal Medicine in Santa Barbara for 33 years. Since his retirement in 2000, he has been very active as a lecturer on the WWII Holocaust.

Dr. Ostern's first life began with his birth as a Jew in Stryj Poland in 1935. In 1941 this area was taken over by the Germans when they invaded Eastern Poland and Russia. Most of the Jews were transferred to ghettos, where they were subsequently killed or died of disease or starvation. Stan Ostern and his mother managed to escape the Nazi persecution by escaping from the ghetto and hiding in an underground bunker for the remainder of the war. Dr. Ostern is going to talk about his lost childhood hiding in the bunker, finding a lost half-brother and the role of Nazi physicians in the Holocaust.

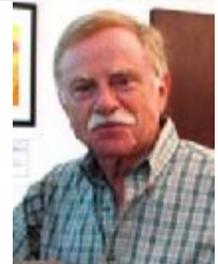
Future Meetings

September 5, 2013

Tim Metzinger, Esq.

"The Owens Valley Water War"

At the turn of the last century, the expansive Owens Valley, east of the High Sierra, was a pastoral paradise of ranches, green fields and orchards, supplied by a maze of canals brimming with water. The wellspring for this bounty was the Owens River, which flowed the length of the Valley fed by snow melt from countless mountain streams. But while Valley farmers



blessed the river that nourished their crops, the adolescent City of Los Angeles, rapidly outgrowing its own water resources, also came to realize the value of that river. This is the story of how Los Angeles took the Owens River for itself, changing a garden into a desert and touching off the most explosive conflict ever experienced in a state renowned for its water wars.

Tim Metzinger is a partner in the local law firm of Price, Postel & Parma, which last year celebrated its 160th anniversary. Tim is an active participant in the Santa Barbara Corral of the Westerners, an organization devoted to the history of the Old West, and he has given numerous lectures on local history topics. While growing up in Ojai, Tim and his family vacationed every summer in the Eastern Sierras, and he has traveled and backpacked extensively throughout the Owens Valley.

September 19 2013

Dr. Matteo Cantiello

Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB



“Hundreds of Billions: The Quest to Understand Stars and Planets”

During the last 100 years, humankind made a giant leap in understanding the fundamental laws of nature. For example, while it was already clear that the universe is not completely dark because stars like the Sun are shining, it was not until the advent of quantum physics that it became clear what their energy source is. Just in our Galaxy, 100 billions of stars shine thanks to the immense energy provided by nuclear fusion in their dense, hot cores. All in all, our understanding of the evolution of stars, from an early phase to their possibly explosive death, requires an impressive amount of physics and certainly represents one of the greatest successes of modern science.

At the same time an impressive series of technological developments led to the ability to observe the Universe with unprecedented details. Thanks to space telescopes like Kepler, our place in the universe changed dramatically in the last decades. For example we now know that planetary systems are not a lucky exception, but the norm. Hundreds of billions of planets, just in our Galaxy. Planets of size and, possibly, surface condition similar to the Earth seem to exist in abundance. Mead Northrop will introduce.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. Jim Stubchaer scored the 2011 Rock Wall Zinfandel and Hank Pfister will enjoy the 2008 Santa Ynez Zaca Mesa Roussanne.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Herb Friedman introduced our guest Spencer Vaughn hosted by Harv Turner.

Proposed for Membership

John Spencer ‘Spence’ Vaughn

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LA-born Spence Vaughn settled in Santa Barbara in 1989 after a multi-faceted career including vocations as restaurateur, inventor, business consultant, management trainer and sales & marketing executive. In SB, prior to retiring in 2012, Spence was President & CEO of Brandy Enterprises. He and wife Gloria have six children, one of whom is a daughter. A Rotarian in SoCal, Spence enjoys golf, fly fishing, banjo playing, baking and travel. He wants to pick up the game of bocce ball. His sponsors are Bill Skelly, Harv Turner and Ron Singer.

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Ken Jewesson and Fred Marsh

Punchbowl: Jerry Floyd

Invocation: Curt Whiteman

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Montag

In Memoriam

A member since 2010, Jim McIntyre passed away last week. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Amanda and family.



Regular Events

Bridge

Cosmo bridge players took a day off on 8/1. Friendly competition resumes 8/15.

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Chairman Steve Morgan, 637-1332, or smmpha@cox.net; Co-chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



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.

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. Cosmo members, spouses and guests are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair, Howard Glenn, Chair. 967-2633, hbglenn@cox.net.



S.A.G.E. Investment Group

S.A.G.E. 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. Chair: Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.com.



Golf

Wednesday, September 11

**Cosmo Golf Tournament
Montecito Country Club**

Join us for another tantalizing challenge presented by the MCC course. Buffet lunch is available starting at noon, followed by a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Fee per player is \$60.00 which includes cart, greens fee, lunch and prize money awarded to the top three teams immediately after the round is completed. Competition format TBA. Contact Marty Tucker, 969-0760, tuckmet@aol.com to make your reservation. You may send your check, payable to Cosmo Club, to Marty, POB 1192, Summerland 93067. Please include your handicap.



Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times range between 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$26 for 18 holes. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by prior Friday for your tee time. Twin Lakes (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.

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, and Friday locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clarke and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Golf Tournament at Ojai's Soule Park. Glorious weather, great course and some sharp golf.

Closest to pin honors won by Stephen Stonefield (#10) and Bill Wilson (#3).

Winning team	Second place	Third place
A. B. Clarke	Nicola Martinovich	Paul Fink
Stephen Stonefield	Bill Wilson	Bob Swider
Harv Turner	Bob Hankins	Ed Loper
Roy Gandy	Dave Philips	Richard Adam



Golf Tournament at Ojai's Soule

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Circle Bar B Dinner-Theatre

"The Fox on the Fairway"

Join us for this hilarious golf tale farce. Cosmo has reserved 18 tickets for this Sunday matinee performance. Cost is \$42 per person which includes lunch and the performance. Please make reservations ASAP with Bob Zimels (zsloth@cox.net or 962-3211). Your payment must be received no later than September 4.

Last Meeting

August 1, 2013

Neal Graffy "Street Names of Santa Barbara"



Neal Graffy

Don Chalfant introduced lecturer, historian and author Neal Graffy who asked for audience patience as this was his maiden voyage in transitioning from a slide-based to PowerPoint presentation. He pulled it off smoothly. In preamble, Neal delighted in the fact that residents and visitors alike are confounded by having the sun rise and set over the ocean due to Santa Barbara's south-facing coastline. He noted, further, that Santa Barbara and environs are home to the only east-west mountain range west of the Mississippi River.

Not quite a Santa Barbara native (he was born in Kansas), Neal is among the city's most renowned devotees of its unique and arcane history. He has published three books which capture and share in its characters and history, past and present. Neal has served as a Board Member of the Historical Museum, member (and chairman) of the Santa Barbara County Landmarks Commission, board member of the Mission Canyon Association, and president of the Santa Barbara Corral of Westerners.

"In 1851 the Town Council of Santa Barbara appointed a committee to apply names to the fifty-two new streets being created from "the front of the Mission Gardens to the sea and from hill to hill on each side" as a result of the survey of Salisbury Haley. Unlike other towns whose streets bore the unimaginative A - Z, numbers, trees or names of presidents, they gave names to our streets that portrayed the geography and botany of our town, honored the Chumash, early settlers, governors, and showed a distinct sense of humor and in some cases, delightful sarcasm." NealGraffy.com

Surveyor Haley took certain liberties in laying out the town grid, shrinking and expanding the default 450 foot square block configuration to accommodate streams, gardens and other already established land features. Thus were created the misaligned intersections and torturous road circuits that today's drivers find a bit disconcerting.

"Many of the streets were named after former governors, Arrellaga, Sola, Victoria, Figueroa, to name a few. Some, like Chino, San Andres, Gillespie, and San Pascual refer to combatants who played a role in the Mexican-American War. Valerio Street is named after a Chumash variant of Robin Hood who - gifted with the power of invisibility by the skunk spirit - stole from the rich and gave to the poor. When Valerio killed another Chumash, however, his spirit guide stripped him of his special powers. As a result he was soon executed by the authorities and the Chumash alike. Valerio Street remains popular with skunks to this day. Many street names owe their origin to the Chumash language. Anacapa means "mirage" or "ever changing." Anapamu means "the rising place." *Santa Barbara Independent, December 18, 2008*

Landmarks provided key street name designations: Laguna translates to small lake, then adjacent; de la Vina passed through a vineyard; Salinas refers to a nearby salt pond, now the site of the bird refuge. Indio Muerto St. was named after an unidentified dead Indian whose remains were found during the survey. Canon Perdido refers to a shipwrecked canon that was stolen and then lost. You will find many more anecdotal street names in his book "*Street Names of Santa Barbara*".

