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Cosmo extends sincere appreciation as President Don Chalfant completes his term

It is hard to believe my year as Cosmopolitan Club President is winding down. I am humbled and proud to be counted among the distinguished leaders of this fine 65-year old organization. Thank you for this opportunity. I am deeply grateful to the legions of committee chairs, meeting functionaries and active members whose commitment and energy keep Cosmo humming, and made my job this past year almost effortless. I am especially appreciative of the very talented Board of Directors with whom it was such a pleasure to guide our club.

The Club's financial status remains strong. Membership numbers remain stable. Our members continue to find ways to attract recent retirees to join, which is essential to perpetuating the Club's 65-year legacy. Your incoming President, Ron Singer, is fully prepared to take charge, having served in virtually all director capacities over the past several years. He has been a powerful advocate in attracting new members. Ron will serve us well and be an excellent leader.

Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara salutes its incoming 2014-2015 President Ron Singer

(see page ? for Ron's profile)

Cosmo Member Ailing? If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Arlie Skov, 965-5101, askov@earthlink.net.

Thanks to Our Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Pete Klein & Manny Espig

Punch Bowl: Marv Norman & Bob Weber

Invocation: Bill Alexander

A/V System: Jim Belden

Photographer: Ron White

Notices:

ROSTER PHOTOS

New roster pictures will be taken at both meetings in June for those who want to replace their present pictures and for any new member who has not had his roster picture taken.

DUES FOR 2014-2015

Dues for 2014-2015 are now due and payable at \$60/member. Checks may be deposited in a box near the entry to the Elks' Club or mailed to Cosmopolitan Club, PO Box 3993, SB 93130-3993. Exemptions from dues were announced for Sid Ackert, Bob

Crawford, Dick Loomis, Doug Van Sicklen, Bob Sorich, and Bob Talley. Dues exemptions apply for those who have been members for over 15 years or are over 90 years of age.

IN MEMORIAM

Chaplain Bill Alexander called for a moment of silence in honor of the recent deaths of our comrades Bill Skelly and John Gould.

Wine Drawing with Bob Zimels

Today's winners were: Al Mercado got a bottle of Villa San Juliette '12 Albarino and Jon Standlee took home a '10 Miraflores Estate Zinfandel, rated 91 points by Wine Spectator Magazine.

Next Meeting

July 3 Cosmopolitan Club Independence Day Member-Guest Picnic 11:00 AM, Lower Manning Park, Montecito

Join us for a long-standing Cosmo tradition in celebration of our Nation's independence. Manning Park is the perfect outdoor setting to share in tribute to our country's birth. Covered picnic benches provide ample shade in which to enjoy BBQ by Cavalli. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverage of choice to augment the BBQ spread. Socializing starts at 11:00; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation at 12:15. Buffet BBQ service opens at 12:30. Exit 101 Fwy onto San Ysidro Rd.; head toward the mountains for about 1 mile; turn right onto Santa Rosa Lane, then left into the park's parking area. Bruce Long, 692-4072, bruce93103@cox.net.

Future Meetings

July 17: James Hurley, Jr., Esq. "The Huguette Clark Estate"

Former partner with Price, Postel & Parma, Retired, Of Counsel Jim Hurley received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley in 1962, and his J.D. from Hastings College of Law, University of California in 1965. Other than a stint in the U.S. Army, Jim's career with PPP was linear from 1966 until his retirement. He practiced primarily in the areas of the sale and leasing of real property, ranches and oil and gas matters. He also dealt in land use matters relating to ranches, commercial and industrial property. Mr. Hurley is the past president of the Community Arts Music Association (1990-1995); the past president of the Lobero Theater Foundation (1990-1995); a member of the Board of Directors of Wood Glen Hall, Inc.; and the Endowment Chairman of the Community Arts Music Association. He will share with us his experience with Huguette Clark and the Clark Estate. Introduction by Fred Clough.

August 7: John Woodward, Esq. "Views of Santa Barbara and Vicinity: The Earliest Photographs of Santa Barbara, 1872-1879"

John Woodward has practiced law in Santa Barbara for many years, but his passion has always been the study of local history, about which he has written and edited several books and articles. He has served on the boards of almost every historical group in town, including the Santa Barbara Historical Museum, both Santa Barbara City and County Historical Landmarks Commissions (which he chaired), the Pearl Chase Society, the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Santa

Barbara Mission Archive-Library. Over the years John has assembled an extensive collection of photographs depicting Santa Barbara's past. Among them are stereographs taken in the 1870s by Edwin Hayward and Henry Muzzall, Santa Barbara's first resident photographers. John has been working to catalog all of their images surviving in both institutional and private collections and has so far located almost 400 different views. He will share with us some of these fascinating photographs, many of which have rarely been seen in the past 140 years. Introduction by Mead Northrop.

Guest Introductions by Monte Ward & Ron Singer

Paul Chia was hosted by Chuck Curtis

Larry Kugler was hosted by Gordon Bjork

Jim Davis, a highly esteemed member who moved out of Santa Barbara to Austin Texas a year or so ago, and has returned to live in Santa Barbara. He was greeted by the Cosmo Club as a guest. We all look forward to having Jim as a member again.

Welcome New Members

Dan Cameron

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Dan was born and raised in Illinois; earned his BS in physics and engineering and did post-graduate studies there and recently, completed his career as a Senior Engineer at Information International. He also enjoyed employment At Autologic and AGEA to complete his 53 years primarily in the printing industry. Dan and his wife Ann relocated just last year to Santa Barbara; they have two sons and a daughter. Dan loves woodworking, bridge and fishing. Dan's membership is sponsored by Mead Northrup, George Campbell and Russell Tyler.

John Venable III

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John has resided in Santa Barbara since 1971. He and his wife Christie have two sons. John has a B.A. in Business Management specializing in finance and advertising. His career spanned several decades as a certified financial planner, recently at Sage Point Financial where he served as branch manager. Retiring in January of this year, he keeps busy with hiking, golf, birding and fishing. This is in addition to his community involvement with Montecito Trail Foundation and the Montecito Community Foundation Association. John is sponsored by Ron Singer, John MacKenzie and Harv Turner.

Regular Events:

Bridge

Results for June 5th

1st place:	Steve Morgan	2320 points
2nd place:	Ralph Edebo	2180 points
3rd place:	Ed Loper	2130 points

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 smmhd@cox.net; Co-chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net

Cosmo Computer Society

We meet on the second Thursday of the month starting at 10 A.M. upstairs at the Elks Club. Ring the bell at the front door for admission. All members and guests are welcome. Please bring your gadget such as smart phones, tablets, notebooks, or any other digital device. You can show us what it does or ask for advice. We have Wi-Fi available. We enjoy lunch and camaraderie at the Elks Club after our meetings. Chairman Bob Gerity, 963-9413, robtgerity@cox.net.

S.A.G.E. Investment Group

We meet monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club. 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.

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.

Golf

Mondays we usually meet at the 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 the prior Friday for your tee time. 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. Wandering Wednesday and Floating Friday locations will include courses throughout the tri-county area. 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.

Wednesday, July 9 Montecito CC Cosmo Golf Tourney

This is most likely the last opportunity to play MCC before it closes in September for major renovations. Your \$61 fee includes buffet lunch, green fee, cart, prize money and post-game snacks. Sign up at the next Cosmo meeting or contact event organizers Marty Tucker, 969-0760, tuckmet@aol.com or Tom Dent, 695-8643, tldent@cox.net. Advise Marty or Tom if you are an MCC member and provide your Index or Handicap with your registration. Your check payable to Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara may be mailed to POB 3993, SB 93130-3993 (advise Marty or Tom you have mailed your check). Plan to arrive about 11:30; lunch will open at noon; 4-man teams will tee off at 1 PM in shotgun format. Cash prizes to top 3 teams awarded on patio after the tournament.

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, August 3 “Carmen” – A Tribute to Marilyn Horn

Enjoy a gourmet lunch at the La Cumbre Country Club, followed by a Music Academy of the West produced matinee presentation of the opera Carmen honoring Marilyn Horn’s 80th birthday. The cost for lunch and opera ticket is \$85.00 per person. Time is of the essence for this price package. Contact Fred Sidon, 967-6757, frsidon@impulse.net.

Thursday, August 7 Ronald Reagan Library Big Band Dinner and Dancing, A tribute to the Big Band Era of the 20’s, 30’s and 40’s.

Dine under the wings of Air Force One and dance the night away to the sounds of classic big band hits, featuring the Pat Longo Orchestra with female vocalist. Get ready for the best in flashback entertainment! Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and an incredible American classic buffet dinner. Cocktail attire is suggested. Fee is \$95/ person which includes dinner, dancing and SB Airbus transportation to Simi Valley. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy Big Band music in an appropriate setting. As this is a Cosmo Club lunch meeting date, we will probably leave from the Elks Club with spouses or significant others at about 2 pm for the 1 hr. 20 min. ride. Please make your reservations early as event is limited to 40 persons and it will also be a popular public event. Contact Thore Edgren for reservations and information at 967 4001 or theman3@cox.net. Make your checks payable to the Cosmopolitan Club. As this is a Cosmo Club lunch meeting date, members and their spouses and friends may purchase lunch at the Elks Club. The bus to the Reagan Library will board at 1:45pm and depart at 2:00pm.

CANCELED The event originally scheduled for May 22, a trip to the Estrella Warbird Museum, Woodland Auto Display & Estrella Winery in Paso Robles (which was to be re-scheduled), has been CANCELED, due to low sign-ups. Bob Sorich, 967-6785, bobsorich@cox.net

Last Meeting: June 5, 2014

Gordon Bjork introduced our speaker, **Bruce P. Luyendyk, Ph.d**, currently Professor Emeritus of Marine Geophysics and Research Professor at UCSB. He came to UCSB in 1973 from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute where he was a staff scientist, having earned his Ph.D from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. He was past chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at UCSB, and founding Director of Earth Research Institute. He has been active in Antarctic research since 1989.

The Title of Dr. Luyendyk’s talk was “**Antarctica**”. Specifically, it was about the stability of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS). “Stability” meaning that the Ice Sheet melting is **slower** than it is **forming** (and not causing global sea level rise). “Unstability” is where the melting is **faster** than it is **forming** and this is a “Point of No Return” (PNR), with no way to stop it.

Dr. Luyendyk prefaced his remarks by saying “I’m not getting into global warming”, but of course everything in the talk was based on Global Warming data from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, The National Climate Assessment, the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Nature Magazine peer-reviewed articles, etc. He noted that in the last few weeks, two separate scientific

investigations have been published confirming that the West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS) is now unstable, melting at a rate beyond the rate it can be replaced. Since neither the melting nor the replacement can be slowed or stopped, the PNR has been reached and there’s no going back.

Dr. Luyendyk’s talk contained a gusher of information that I, your editor, could not capture in my notes, however the professor responded to my appeal for something in writing to allow me to write up his presentation. That afternoon he emailed 6 pages of notes to me, from which I have fashioned this report on his excellent talk. The following information is from his notes:

One of the new studies used **satellite radar** observations over 20 years and detected many kilometers of shoreline retreat in a major outlet area of West Antarctica bordering on the Pacific Ocean. The other new study used observations of the ocean **under one of the glaciers**, and found a melt rate that indicates early stage retreat of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. The authors calculate that the collapse rate could reach a maximum in as soon as 200 years. The drainage area under WAIS is capable of raising sea level by about 4 feet should it be empty of ice.

Still another study of the East Antarctic Ice Sheet (EAIS) along the coast facing Australia, found that the geometry of the ice sheet there and the bed it rests upon is similar to that in West Antarctica. An ice dam holds back a large portion of the EAIS from entering the sea. This means parts of the EAIS are also susceptible to similar factors causing retreat of the WAIS. What is the culprit? It’s global warming of course, but not the warming of the air around Antarctica. Rather it is the warming of the ocean that is melting the ice sheets from below and removing ice mass that holds large portions of them in place.

Along with these new findings for Antarctica the story for the Greenland Ice Sheet is equally troubling. New research, just published, found that here too, the ice sheet is sensitive to warming by the ocean from below – just like in portions of Antarctica. As a result, the rate of melting of the ice sheets and their contribution to global sea level rise will be larger than previously thought.

What does this all mean? Short answer, that the Earth’s large ice sheets are more fragile than we thought. Increased amounts of melting will contribute to sea level rise this century and beyond. Other contributors to sea level rise have been studied fairly well - the expansion of the ocean due to heating from the warmer atmosphere, and melting of mountain glaciers. Now more is known about the contributions and risks of ice sheets melting.

The IPCC estimates about 1½ feet of sea level rise by 2050. Imagine a permanent high tide about 1½ feet higher than now. The sea will encroach up the beach anywhere from 30 to 100 feet farther depending on the slope. In regions of the world where the coastal plains have almost no slope, vast areas of land will be inundated and the inhabitants displaced. Antarctica has been losing ice steadily over past few decades. New discoveries point to rapid collapse of large part of West Antarctic Ice Sheet. Sea level projected to increase by 1 to 4 feet by 2100. New Antarctic collapse discovery will increase these estimates substantially.

Welcome, President Ron Singer!

While studying in a pre-med program at University of Illinois and Drake University, which required enrollment in ROTC, an opportunity arose to join the Platoon Leadership program of the United States Marine Corps. It was in the USMC where Ron developed discipline, leadership, and a life-long passion for physical fitness. Post Marine Corps, Ron returned to Chicago where he joined a fur manufacturing company. In 1969, Ron purchased the company, renaming it R J Singer International. Annual sales in 1969 were \$700,000. In 1976, he moved the company headquarters to Westlake Village, CA, having increased annual sales to \$3 million. That same year Ron established residency in Carpinteria. Ron then purchased and piloted a corporate jet, and flew around the country developing new business in all 50 states, as well as internationally. Ron sold the company in 1986, by which time annual sales topped \$30 million. Ron and his family spent the year following the sale of the business taking his private jet around the country, socializing with former clients & associates in semi-retirement. But with his passion for flying, Ron started to contract with various businesses as corporate pilot, growing this into a charter business. Developing a business relationship with one of his charter customers, AGIA hired Ron as Executive VP of Business Development. This was a newly-created position for Ron; as well as creating Blue Jay Manufacturing, a new division within the company. Ron developed many new large accounts while growing a Chinese manufacturing partnership. When that division was spun off 5 years later, Ron went on to serve as a consultant to various businesses, including commercial real estate development. An international polo player for 40 years, and long-time member of Santa Barbara Polo Club, Ron taught polo as well, developing polo programs at UCSB, Santa Barbara City College and Westmont College. In 1980, in one of the most prestigious polo games in the world at that time, The Coronation Cup, Ron played on the same team with Prince Charles at Windsor in England. He now enjoys golf (best score ever 78) and swimming. Ron has raised thoroughbred horses and operated a 160-acre farm in Lockwood, CA. He enjoys traveling all over the world with wife Beverly, an extremely compassionate and loving woman who puts up with his foibles while keeping him grounded. Ron has a large 18-member family including 7 grandchildren, but suffered the horrific loss of his 29-year old son several years ago to brain cancer.