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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

Curt gave an update on ailing members - Robin Durkee, Bob Thompson and Arley Skov. They are all welcoming visitors, but if you plan to visit please call ahead for permission and directions.

Joe Genna, Cosmo member since 1990, died July 30. Joe was a pioneer computer designer with an aerospace career spanning 40 years. He is survived by his wife Patsy.

Dues Notice

Gentlemen, Cosmo annual \$60 dues were due and payable July 1. If they haven't been paid by now they're 60 days late. Please deposit your checks in a box near the entry to the Elks' Club or mail them to Cosmopolitan Club, PO Box 3993, SB 93130-3993.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Ken Jewessen & Steve Little

Punchbowl: Jerry Floyd

Invocation: Ken Working

Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jack Patterson Jim Belden

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Wolf

Photographers: Ron White and Don Truex

Time of Meetings 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

NEW APPLICATION FORM

Please be sure to use the new Application for Membership when you invite your friends to apply to become a Cosmo. The old form has been phased out and the new one is available at the Cosmo website. <http://sbcosmo.com>

Dress Code

Summer is a-dwindling, but the dress code is still relaxed. Jackets are not necessary, but do dress tastefully, and with an emphasis on comfort.

NEXT MEETING

September 3, 2015

Kevin Ryan, M. D.

Changing Ethics in Medicine

Kevin, and others, have participated in and observed the medical field for more than 50 years during which we have seen many major changes. Some of these developments have required evolution in ethical standards forming the framework for modern professional conduct. Whereas medicine was for many years a paternalistic relationship typified by the adages, "The doctor knows best" and, "Always follow doctor's orders", it is evolving into a democratized system wherein patients participate actively in their own care. The interjection of third party payers between doctor and patient, changing attitudes on informed consent, and conflict between professional goals and corporate goals all have an effect on codes of conduct. Some future, around-the-corner, ethical issues will be discussed.

Dr. Ryan had his medical education at Dartmouth and Harvard Medical Schools followed by internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and residency in radiology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He practiced for 30 years at the Woodland Clinic with a clinical teaching position at U.C. Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Ryan will be introduced by Jim Davis.



Future Meetings

September 17, 2015

Dr. Sameer Pandya

A Brief History of Creativity

Dr. Pandya will discuss the general idea of creativity, and the particular creative influences that have shaped him both as a literary scholar and fiction writer. He was born in India and came to California when he was eight. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and a PhD from Stanford University. His fiction has appeared, among other places, in Narrative, Other Voices, and Faultline, and his non-fiction has appeared in the Atlantic, ESPN, Salon and Sports Illustrated. His first collection, The Blind Writer: Stories and a Novella, follows the lives of first- and second-generation Indian Americans living in contemporary America. The characters share a similar sensibility: a sense that immigration is a distant memory, yet an experience that continues to shape the decisions they make in subtle and surprising ways as they go about the complicated business of everyday living. Pandya currently teaches literature and creative writing in the Department of Asian-American Studies at UC Santa Barbara. Dr. Pandya will be introduced by Dwight Coffin.



AUTHORS DAY

November 5, 2015

CALLING ALL AUTHORS

The program committee is planning an opportunity for Cosmo authors to display and perhaps discuss their work. Initially, we need to know how many authors we have in the club, and who they are. We intend to include desk-top and other self-published authors as well as those with traditional publishers. We welcome memoir, fact and fiction writers -- whatever form you have chosen. Please email Sandy Jones, sjones5524@aol.com; include your titles and a few words of description.

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimel conducted the wine drawing:

Steve Starr won a bottle of 2012 McCay Petit Syrah.

Ted Ross won a bottle of 2012 Bello Sauvignon Blanc



Welcome New Members

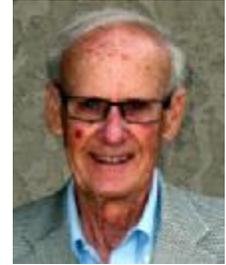
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Before retiring, David served in the U.S. Army Dental Corp and then, for 36 years, was an orthodontist in Santa Barbara. He holds BS, MS, and DDS degrees.

He is both a golfer and a hiker and enjoys reading and traveling. A member of La Cumbre Country Club, David is also an elder and deacon at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. David and his wife, Joan, have a grown son, Jeff.

Don Chalfant introduced David, and he is sponsored by George Campbell and Vern Kemp.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Herb Freidman welcomed our guests:

Vern Kemp introduced John E. Johnson. He is a retired management consultant in strategic planning. John and his wife live at Valle Verde.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, several members of Cosmo have agreed to periodically meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after Cosmo meetings once per month. The topics have included "The Goldilocks principle", Economics, Immigration, Medical Care and Cosmology. Peter Kruse provided the following summary of the group's latest meeting. On August 20, the topic was The Iran Nuclear Deal. The stated purpose of the meeting was to see if we could agree on the facts surrounding the proposed agreement. Various members of the group were asked to prepare briefing materials: Kev Ryan in favor of ratification, Fred Sidon against ratification and increase of sanctions, Gordon Bjork and Jim Davis on what the consequences of non approval might be, and Peter Kruse against ratification and what other steps might be required to achieve the stated goal. Sixteen members joined the discussion.

Reasons expressed in favor included the benefits of delaying nuclear weapon acquisition by Iran; the prospect for a new strategic relationship between Iran and the US; that the deal is better than the alternative; and that rejection of the deal would be a blow to US political and economic leadership.

Reason expressed against included the assertion Iran will not comply with its obligations and will cheat; the deal is not verifiable and does not contain real sanctions if a violation is discovered; the deal will not change the behavior of Iran as a principal supporter of terrorism in the region; serious US sanctions and other actions can be effective if zealously pursued; and the real question is whether we have to be prepared for a conventional war now if Iran cheats, or a nuclear war in the future if we are threatened by a nuclear armed Iran.

Several participants felt the proposed agreement was not important because Iran will get the bomb anyway; it is best to let the local regional powers fight out their differences without US engagement; even if Iran gets a bomb it will not use it because of the threat of nuclear retaliation by Israel and perhaps the US (a local variation of Mutual Assured Destruction from the Cold War); and the demographic changes which are occurring in Iran will solve the problem as the old guard dies off the new, younger Iranians take over.

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



TENNIS

The tennis group of about 15 players began playing together 24 years ago at Oak Park. They then moved to Jim McCone's home court and have been playing at Shadow Hills for the past decade, hosted by Bruce Long. The original players were Wyche Caldwell, Bob Carlson, Frank Griscom, Earl McCuish and Harry Stroud.



The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 am Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate. Contact Bruce Long at (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, but seem to be most often beginning at 10:15. 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. We also have additional games 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, Steven Stonefield and Bill Clothier select the floating golf game sites.

Ron Singer, 3375 Foothill Road #916, Carpinteria, CA 93013

SPECIAL EVENTS

Santa Barbara Symphony

November 14, 2015

Cosmo Club has 40 tickets for the Saturday evening performance of the Santa Barbara Symphony, Nov. 14, at the Granada theatre. A pre-concert dinner at Anderson is also included in the ticket price.

The concert, titled *The Shakespeare Experience*, which the Symphony is presenting in partnership with the Ensemble Theatre Company, includes Mendelssohn's Suite from *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Walton's suite from *As You Like It*, and Prokofiev's Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*. Call Art Kvaas at 965-6636 for tickets.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Special Events Committee has suggested or is investigating the following events for the coming year. They would welcome any feedback – pro or con – from Cosmo members. Send any comments to Thore Edgren, theman3@cox.net.

Oct. 2015: Palmina Winery 1520 E. Chestnut Rd. Lompoc.

Nov. 14, 2015: Santa Barbara Symphony and Dinner.

Dec. 2015: Winter Dinner Dance at La Cumbre CC.

Jan. 2016: Warner Bros. Back Lot Tour, Burbank.

Feb. 2016: Open date

Mar. 6, 2016: Santa Barbara Opera and Lunch.

Mar. 18, 2016: SBCC Garvin Theater and Dinner.

Apr. 24, 2016: Santa Barbara Opera and Lunch.

May 2016: Open date. (The Annual Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner at SBCC will probably have to be cancelled due to remodeling.)

June 2016: Music Academy of the West, Lunch and Musical Performance.

July 2016: July 4th Picnic.

July 2016: Solvang Theaterfest, Dinner and Overnight.

Additionally, the following outings will be studied:

Polo Match and Lunch.

Amtrac Vintage Club Car trip to SLO and return.

A trip to Vandenberg.

A future trip to Magic Castle still a possibility.

A trip to the renovated Petersen Auto Museum

HELP WANTED

Seeking motivated Cosmo members to fill these important positions:

The Audio-Visual committee is looking for a member who will attend most meetings and has had, or would like to gain, some training in the operation of the A-V equipment at our meetings. Please contact **Bob Weber**, wwwwebersb@gmail.com, 696-6941 for additional information about this important job.

The Board is seeking a member to take on the job of Historian/Archivist. Interested parties should contact President **Bill Stancer**, wstancer@cox.net, 682-8939 or any board member for details. The successful candidate will have the ability to organize photos, documents and memorabilia, and work with our webmaster to make these available to our members.

Club Assistant Treasurer – Fred Marsh, our current Treasurer is seeking a member who has, or would like to have, a background in accounting and/or bookkeeping. This job includes the usual income/expenses recording, A/R and A/P. You know, accounting. Please let Fred Marsh fmarsh2@cox.net, 884-0534 know of any interest.

LAST MEETING

Isla Vista: the Place Everyone Loves (To Take Something Out, Put Nothing Back; or to Disregard; or to Hate; or)

Who's In Charge? – The Isla Vista Conundrum that has plagued UCSB, Local communities, Santa Barbara county governments and the more than 15,000 residents of the community along the ocean bluffs west of the Gauchos' campus for decades, was the subject of Dr. Duncan Mellichamp's talk. Dr. Mellichamp is a UCSB Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering, and a long-time advocate for change in I.V.

He provided a history of the half-square-mile adjacent to the campus known as Isla Vista, from its transition in the 1920s as a rural farming area, then oil exploration site and vacation destination, through the subsequent founding of the UCSB campus in 1954.

I.V. has grown alongside the University and now is home to approximately 15,255 residents. Within "the box" as Dr. Mellichamp describes it, I.V.'s population includes almost 9,000 UCSB students, and 3,000-4,000 Santa Barbara City College students. Of the total population, 86% are between

the ages of 18-24, many of whom, along with a horde of visitors on weekends according to Dr. Mellichamp, are dealing with what he calls "Hormonal issues" that manifest themselves most at Halloween and Deltopia bacchanals, requiring an extensive law enforcement presence. 5,000 of Isla Vista's households are rentals and of just 113 households are owner occupied.-

Isla Vista has been troubled by too many stakeholders and too little government for a long time. Early on commercial interests entered the scene and were joined in the 1950s as the University campus grew to the east, and more recently to the west. Today, more than 90% of property owners are absentee landlords who claim the students they rent to destroy property and "raise hell." (Of 922 total parcels in Isla Vista, only 50 have home-owner exemptions.) The renters, mostly UCSB and City College students who make up 85% of the population, think the landlords gouge them on rents and never give their rental deposits back.

The University, Dr. Mellichamp says, historically has considered Isla Vista a gigantic bother, and the community college doesn't give any support to I.V., but doesn't want student housing near its own campus either. The permanent residents of I.V. say the County doesn't care about them, does little to improve the infrastructure, and allows the area to stay in an unsafe condition, all accurate criticisms, Dr. Mellichamp says. They also charge that some students want to form a local government and raise taxes, but move away after four years, leaving the taxes to others. Other stakeholders in Isla Vista include predominantly low-cost housing families, the homeless, and drifters and long-term visitors. Everyone puts much of the blame for wild parties and riots on youthful out-of-towners who arrive on weekends.

And then there's the government, or more accurately the lack of government in I.V. The half-square-mile community has a population density about the same as New York City's, and more than San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, but accounts for just 3.5% of Santa Barbara County's voting population and 17% of the Third Supervisorial District in which it exists. That district, which spreads into the Santa Ynez Valley and North County, is so politically diverse consensus on any subject is all but impossible. Both Santa Barbara and Goleta have declined to annex I.V. and the promising I.V. Redevelopment Agency, formed in 1998, disappeared in 2012 when the state abolished all redevelopment agencies.

So what's the future outlook for Isla Vista? "Still somewhat promising" according to Dr. Mellichamp, and he might be one of the more optimistic participants in the on-going discussions. He thinks AB3, authored by State Assemblyman Das Williams has the best promise for creating a special district in I.V. to provide some form of self-governance. He also thinks the UCSB administration

is finally developing a plan to integrate I.V. better with the university campus. "The campus has to deal with I.V. as a key part of its-program," he says.

To that end, Dr. Mellichamp came out of 2003 retirement to chair a special committee of UCSB Foundation Trustees that took on the task of developing a roadmap the campus could follow to help make a real asset out of a longstanding liability. The "Roadmap for UCSB Campus Action", the trustees issued one-half year after the Elliot Rodger rampage cites as its number one goal: "Develop a form of self-governance for Isla Vista that will provide the necessary infrastructure and services, and promote the safety and well-being of its residents." If only it were that easy.