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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.

Dress Code

Jackets are the required dress code during El Niño season

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Dale Charpentier & Bill Irvine
Invocation: Dan Herlinger
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Jack Petterson & Orlando Ramirez
Sergeant-at-Arms: Walter Clapp
Punchbowl Host: Jim Gravitt
Photographer: Ron White

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



NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2016

Santa Barbara Opera Presentation



Fred Sidon will introduce the Moshers Studio Artists for a musical program. These artists will perform previews of coming opera performances and other significant arias. The Moshers Studio Artists have been selected as up-and-coming opera singers to take part in Opera Santa Barbara productions, community events, and masterclasses with top industry directors and conductors. Alumni of this program have gone on to perform roles with companies around the world including the Metropolitan and the Washington National.

April 7, 2016

Ladies Day

Speaker: Dr. Denise Montell

Near Death Experiences at the Cellular Level



Jim Davis will introduce Dr. Montell, the Duggan Professor of Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology at UCSB. Dr. Montell earned a B.S. degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology at the University of California, San Diego and her Ph.D. in Neuroscience at Stanford University. She was a post doctoral fellow at Carnegie Institution where she developed a new model for studying cell motility inter vivo using a powerful combination of cell biology and molecular genetic approaches. She has served on the faculty of John Hopkins School of Medicine where she served as Director of the Graduate Program in Biological Chemistry and was found director of the Center for Cell Dynamics. She joined UCSB in 2013 to pursue her interests in research, teaching and program building. She will discuss a process she has discovered which can reverse the process of cell death,

apoptosis, with a process rising to life, anastasis, which has implications for cancer, degenerative disease, and regenerative medicine.

Notice. As in Ladies' Day in previous years we will take your cash or check at the meetings leading up to the event. That means March 3 and 17. We do not take your money the day of the event. At the two March meetings Program Committee men will be set up to take your paid reservation – or you may mail a check to the club treasurer, indicating "Ladies Day." It's \$44 for a couple, \$22 single. Make your checks payable to SB Cosmopolitan Club.

April 21, 2016

Speaker: Professor Irwin Appel

Teaching and Producing Drama at UCSB



Irwin Appel is Professor of Theater and Director of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Actor Training Program at UCSB. He is a graduate of Princeton University and The Juilliard School. An accomplished Shakespearean Actor, Director and Producer, Appel has appeared at many renowned Shakespearean festivals throughout the United States playing, among other roles, Prospero, Shylock, Falstaff and King Lear. Appel has lectured and conducted acting workshops abroad in Zurich, Warsaw and Gdansk. He is also a composer and sound designer.

This winter, Appel directed "The Death of Kings," a two-part production, presented at UCSB's Hatlen Theater. "Kings" is a magnificent condensation of Shakespeare's history plays. Starting in 1398 with Richard II's reign, continuing through the reigns of Henrys IV, V and VI and the 30 year War of the Roses. "Death of Kings" concludes with the rise and fall of Richard III, killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, resulting in the crowning of Henry Tudor as Henry VII.

Using Shakespeare's own text, Appel assembled and led a huge cast of talented UCSB students who portrayed the nonstop rivalries for the English Crown throughout a tumultuous 87-year era. (Bloodlessly - so far - reenacted today by the rivals for the US presidency next fall.)

Professor Appel will discuss his achievements at UCSB. Don O'Dowd will introduce him.

WINE DRAWING:

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. The first winner was Kent Cullen; his reward was a 2013 sauvignon blanc from the Trione Vineyard. The second winner was Dan Cross, who received a 2010 pinot noir from the Forty Seven Friends winery.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Warner Owens introduced our three guests:

John Carter, who was hosted by Bill Stancer, is a retired building contractor. He noted that he was a former bicycle rider that now enjoys world travel and his three wonderful daughters.

Gerard Kuiken, hosted by Harry Stroud, is a retired professor from Delft University who enjoys philosophy physics and golf.

Fred Marsh, hosted by Stafford Kelly, retired from Exxon Mobil and currently is enjoying golf and travel.

Proposed for Membership

Joe Burns, another enthusiastic golfer, moved to Santa Barbara in 2015. Joe is a retired Partner of the Deloitte CPA firm and has been an officer in the California CPA society. He holds a BS and a MBA degree. Joe enjoys golf and looks forward to helping the Golf Committee. He also noted that he has an interest in the War of 1812 and the origin of the Star-Spangled Banner. Joe stated that as a member of the Cosmopolitan Club he hopes to broaden his acquaintances in Santa Barbara and learn from a variety of our outstanding speakers. He is sponsored by Dwight Coffin.

Welcome New Member

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Our new member has resided in Santa Barbara since 2001 with his wife Sharon. He was introduced by Ron Singer, who had fun highlighting Gene's New York roots, where he was born, raised and educated. Ron said that if you had any doubt of his roots to just ask Gene to pronounce NEW YORK.

Gene holds BS, JD, and MBA degrees and spent the majority of his career in the investment business working with entrepreneurs. More recently, he held a position at the University of Southern California in Clinical Entrepreneurship. He indicated that he enjoys reading, photography, hiking and golf.

In his introduction, Ron stated that although Gene was highly educated he did hold a PhD. This is notable, since his wife and both of his daughters do in fact hold PhD's. Ron asked us to welcome Gene Miller, no PhD.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017

President Bill Stancer announced that the Nominating Committee had recommended and the Board had approved a list of individuals to be proposed as officers and directors for the Cosmopolitan Club for 2016–2017. At the March 17 the floor will be open for further nominations, which will be followed by a voice vote.

The following have been nominated:

- President: Jim Davis
- Vice President: Harv Turner
- Secretary: Chuck Curtis
- Treasurer: Mike Cribbs
- Member at large: Dennis Gaon
- Member at large: Manny Espig
- Immediate past President: Bill Stancer

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Club will provide a free lunch for a first-time guest. If he submits a new member application within one week of his first guest visit, his sponsor will receive a free lunch. If he is ultimately inducted into membership, both he and his sponsor will receive a free lunch at the meeting when he is inducted. The sponsor must present a free lunch voucher, signed by the President, to the ticket sellers. Vouchers can be obtained either from the President or the Sergeant-at-Arms, and membership applications can be downloaded from the Club's website.

The incentive program will continue through our regular meeting on May 17, 2016.

WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO TRIP

On February 23 forty Cosmo members and guests enjoyed a three hour tram tour of Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank. We toured several sound stages for a look at how and where movie magic is made. There were special exhibits including the Batman automobiles and costumes as well as those used in the Harry Potter movies. Our tour ended with lunch at the studio cafeteria.

The host of the event, Harry Stroud, has advised that a small yellow pillow and a golf hat were left on the bus. Please contact him for their return.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting.

For the March 17 meeting Jim has prepared the following topic for discussion:

“Is There a Scientific Method?” History and Status

For a future meeting the topic will be “Social Movements and Belief Systems”

Jim asks those interested to suggest other topics for future meetings.

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 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

Golf Chairman Ron Singer reported the website cosmogolfclubs.com is up and running and encouraged new members to use it to register and for additional news. Go to the “Events” page and take the one-question survey we are using to gauge interest in the proposed overnight outing. If you haven't renewed your 2016 club membership, go to the “Home” page for information.



Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times range between 9:30 am and 11:00 am, 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, Stephen Stonefield and Stan Clothier select the floating golf game sites.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 24, Opera Luncheon and Performance

Interested members will attend a Noon lunch at La Cumbre Country Club followed by a 2:30 Santa Barbara presentation of two one act Operas, "Suor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini at the Granada Theater for a cost of \$91.00 per person for lunch and tickets. Contact Fred Sidon. Make checks out to Cosmopolitan Club and send them to Fred at 551` Las Palmas Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

LAST MEETING

Brooks Firestone

Direction of Country and Politics



Dr. Charles Greene introduced Brooks Firestone, who is well known to the Cosmopolitan Club membership as a business and political leader. Brooks's business career started in the tire industry. He was the son of Leonard Firestone and Grandson of Harvey Firestone, founder of the Firestone Tire Company, and he spent the first twelve years of his business career working for the tire company. After leaving his first job Brooks moved to Santa Ynez and founded the Firestone Vineyard. This was the first winery in the area and it is considered to have been an inspiration for the now world renowned wine region.

While working in the wine industry, Brooke also started his political career. He served two terms (1994-1998) as a member of the California Assembly representing the 35th District, which stretches from the northern end of the Santa Ynez Valley (Los Alamos) to include all of the cities of Ventura, Ojai and Santa Paula in Ventura County. In addition, he served one term (2002-2004) as a Santa Barbara County Supervisor.

Although the Cosmopolitan Club membership knew of Brooks role in business and politics, they were less aware of his most recent endeavor.

After retiring from careers in business and politics, Brooks and his wife Catherine have pursued a serious choral singing career that has given them many interesting singing opportunities around the world. He started his presentation by giving the members a free copy of his recent book entitled "Evensong" and discussing the value of having a activity in which you are "passionately engaged" during retirement.

The remainder of his presentation dealt with the "Direction of Country and Politics". Although retired from politics, Brooks does follow public affairs and participates by writing editorials and helping good candidates. To say "he is not happy with the current situation" would be an understatement.

He started by stating that he is clearly an establishment Republican and highlighted that he had been involved, as a Republican, in all of the elections since leaving college. He positions himself as a moderate. In support of this, he commented that as a politician he was opposed by the right wing of the Republican Party and that Harry Truman was one of his heroes.

He sees and senses what the popular press has been calling the "anger" of the voters. He believes that is not anger as such as "anxiety". He believes that voters see or sense that the big, real issues are not being addressed by the politicians and that this results in apprehension, worry and foreboding. He forcefully commented on a number of the big, real issues that he saw: government finance (debt); money in politics; the economy; terrorism; racial divides; medical costs; and emigration.

My paraphrasing of some of his comments is: I am flabbergasted by the frontrunners on both sides of the aisle (Trump, Clinton and Sanders); Mitt Romney nailed Donald Trump in his speech this morning; \$500,000 for a Clinton speech is offensive; public employee unions's political contributions are unfair; Puerto Rico illustrates the debt crisis issue; and racial relations are going backwards as politicians use them to divide.

Brooks's political comments were heartfelt and forceful. I believe the membership walked away from the presentation with a number of important issues to thoughtfully consider.

