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NEXT MEETINGS

October 6, 2016

Ken Oplinger, President/CEO, SB Chamber of Commerce



Thoughts on the Business Environment in the Santa Barbara Region

Introduced by Karl Hutterer

Ken Oplinger has led the SB Chamber since 2013 and has led chambers in in the Western U.S. for 24 years. He holds degrees from Willamette University and the Institute for Organizational Management at UCLA and is an accredited Chamber Executive. He has led the Chamber Executives of Northern California and the Western Association of Chamber Executives and has been a leader in a bi-national coalition of business and industry to implement travel initiatives on the U.S./Canada border. The SB Chamber has 900 members, representing 250,000 residents and 50,000 jobs. The chamber's mission is to create a strong local economy, promote the community, provide networking opportunities and represent the interests of business with government. Ken works to forge consensus on regional transportation spending, community development, and capital projects for school districts.

October 20, 2016

Vern Bengtson

Families and Faith

Introduced by Mead Northrop



Vern L. Bengtson is Research Professor of Social Work and Senior Scientist in the Roybal Institute on Aging of the University of Southern California. A Past President of

the Gerontological Society of America, he is the author of 17 books and over 250 research articles on families, the life course, and theories of aging. His most recent

Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers. Don Chalfant and Jim Stubchaer have updated our online system. We now have a "public" and a "private" website. The "private" website is intended for use by Cosmopolitan Club members and includes an online membership roster that can be accessed with a password. The password will only be available to the membership and will be periodically revised to insure privacy.

CHECKS FOR LUNCH AT ELK'S CLUB

Our hardworking ticket sellers would like to remind the membership that checks for the \$22 lunch are to be made payable to the Elks Club. In addition, to minimize long lines, they encourage people to have their checks prepared before reaching the ticket table

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 reported at the meeting that he had surgery August 31, and will need follow up surgery. He also reported on Bruce Long and noted that his condition will keep him out for a while longer.

book, *Families and Faith: How Religion Is (and isn't) Passed Down across Generations* (with Norella Putney and Susan C. Harris), has won book-of-the-year awards from the Gerontological Society of America and the American Sociological Association's Section on Religion, and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and on National Public Radio.

Vern Bengtson has been honored with Distinguished Scholar awards from the Gerontological Society of America, the American Sociological Association, and the National Council on Family Relations, and has also been elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He twice has been granted a MERIT award for research from the National Institute on Aging, and he has received a number of awards for teaching. Among his books are *How Families Still Matter: A Longitudinal Study of Youth in Two Generations* and *The Handbook of Theories of Aging*, the fourth edition of which will be published in 2016 (with Richard Settersten). He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife, Hannah, who is assisting him in his current research project funded by the Templeton Foundation: "Spiritual Development in the Later Years."

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. Tom Bruice won a bottle of 2014 Harney Lane Albarino from Lodi.



John Carter received a bottle of Santa Ynez Valley 2011 Firestone Syrah.

Merle Blasjo was a recipient of a free lunch at the next Cosmo meeting. This drawing is added regularly as a door prize as suggested by our Board of Directors.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS

Bill Berry introduced our guest: John Traller, CPA and UCSB professor from Los Alamos, hosted by Jim Gravitt. His interests are classic cars and history.

Proposed for Membership

George H. Minch

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George Minch originally hails from Jamaica, New York, a neighborhood in Queens. His college studies were in electronics. He and his wife Clara have two sons, Steven and Robert, and daughter Karen.

He has worked as an engineer at Grumman Aerospace in Bethpage, New York and for Raytheon for 32 years and became Southeast Regional Manager.

George served in the U. S. Air Force from 1946 to 1949, and in his aerospace career was Grumman's Employee of the Month. He hopes to become more involved in the community. George has outside interests in tennis and bridge.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP - Change of Schedule

The video lectures on THE GREAT DEBATE between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists that led to the U.S. Constitution will be cancelled during the month of October and resumed in November. A video lecture on Debating the Meaning of "Federalism" was held on September 15.

In the month of October, there will be two topics and the discussions will be led by Gordon Bjork and Jim Davis:

Gordon Bjork, October 6th: **Financial Instability**, *Consideration of famous ideas having to do with economic booms and busts and methods for managing through them.*

Jim Davis, October 20th: **Role of CO₂ in Life on Earth**, *Consideration of Climate Change and the role of CO₂ in the creation and sustenance of life itself.*

From Jim: Please join the discussions. I think you will enjoy them.

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. If you would like to play you are asked to call Ed Loper to sign up. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court off Patterson Avenue starting at 7:45 am Thursdays and Fridays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117, stroud@hotmail.com, or Peter Kruse.



GOLF

Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 am. 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 games on Wednesdays and Fridays at other area courses.



October 12, 2016

Buena Ventura Golf Course at 5882 Olivas Park Drive is the site of the next Cosmo's Golf Tournament. There will be four man teams with the team member's best score per hole being the team's score. Coordinators of the Tournament are Bill Clothier and Nic Martinovich. Fees of \$65 include cart, green fees, food and prize money. Send your check (\$65) made out to the Cosmopolitan Club c/o Ron Singer, 3375 Foothill #916, Carpinteria, CA. 93013. Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. The website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 11, PIPERS WINERY DIXIELAND JASS AND DINNER

Do not miss this opportunity to hear and dance to live traditional dixieland jass (yes "jass" not "jazz") and enjoy a BBQ dinner. The winery is located at the top of Rincon Mountain located 5 miles northeast of Carpinteria. Music commences at 1 pm for your listening pleasure and continues to 4 pm. A chicken and pulled pork dinner and dessert will be served at 4 pm. Your admission includes wine and beer tasting; sodas and water will be furnished throughout the afternoon.

The dress is casual and attendees provide their own transportation. Members' guests are encouraged to attend. Carpooling is recommended. A map is available at our luncheons to guide to the Winery located at 6500 Casitas Pass Road. The cost is \$60/person with a limit of 35, so make your reservations early. Send your check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, Ca. 93117, or pay at the Club meeting.

LAST MEETING

September 15, 2016

Ticket sellers were John Calvert and Ray Stauffer, Punchbowl was ably handled by Ed Bookin. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Jack Patterson, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting was Ken Wolf. Following our rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Bill Alexander provided the invocation. Committee report by Thore Edgren provided an update on a near-term event.

Dress Code

For Summer, the dress code is relaxed and jackets are not necessary.

PROGRAM

Geology of Southern California Art Sylvester

Introduced by Charles Greene



Arthur Sylvester, retired Professor of Geology at UCSB, gave an outstanding talk about something near to all of us – roadside geology of southern California. Who among us hasn't driven the local freeways or roads and marveled at certain geologic formations. (Editor's note: I think of the view when you turn inland on Highway 101 just before entering the Gaviota Tunnel.). Art Sylvester talked about many of the features of the southern California landscape, and discussed how they were formed, and when. He referenced a recent book that he has written, "Roadside Geology of Southern California, which he indicates is a practical touring guide to the rocks and geologic history of southern California. He lauded Libby Gans, who created the illustrations of the book. He said this was one of a series of roadside geology books of 36 states from Mountain Press Publishing Company. It is wonderfully illustrated, and has any great photographs.

He suggested this book brings science to the people, but with less science and more informational. Dr. Sylvester said southern California is one of the most geologically diverse places on the planet, with much of it exposed. By motoring along southern California's vast network of highways with this new book, one will learn that southern California has every type of rock, from rare plutonic and volcanic rocks to common sandstone and limestone, and from precious gemstones to giant quarries of sand and gravel. You can find every age of rock from 2.5 billion year old gneiss to moving sand dunes, and you can view the results of almost every geologic process from desert erosion to glaciation, ancient to recent volcanism, and giant prehistoric landslides to active earthquake faults.

He talked about much of southern California's geologic landscape is due to the crunching together of the major North American and Pacific plates of the earth's crust and the subduction of the ancient undersea Farallon Plate underneath the North American Plate. He also talked about

the other forces of geologic creation, including glaciation, sedimentation and erosion. He talked about the Pacific Plate, which moves west, and has torn away a slab of California. It has kidnapped a portion of the North American Plate. He has been asked when will San Francisco be a suburb of Los Angeles – he said in 10 to 14 million years!

He indicated that the origin of this book for him was when, on the way to Las Vegas on I-15 east of Baker, he observed a hanging sand dune known as the Cronise Cat, and wondered how many people know about that. It drove

him to write this book about southern California geologic features, and which explains the complex geology and geologic history of the San Andreas fault, Joshua Tree National Park, the Channel Islands, the Salton Sea, the Mojave Desert, and the Transverse Ranges.

Dr. Sylvester showed several slides of geologic features, and

asked if anyone recognized them – some were identified, many not.

He was asked what were his primary instruments used in his work. He said hammer and compass, but he also brought along the camera drone used to capture the magnificent photographs. He said it could take photographs from above into a 500-foot high volcano. He also said he could not have written the same book 20 years ago when he first was asked to write it because of the availability now of radioactive dating of rocks and soil.

Art Sylvester brought a few signed copies of the book for sale, which were snatched up quickly.

I believe this book will be used extensively in identifying and learning more about many local geologic features that we are familiar with, and encouraging discovery of others.

