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Dues for 2008-2009 are now payable.
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Stancer at a Cosmo luncheon meeting.

December 4

Fife Symington will tell us "What We Can Expect from the 2008 Elections." Introduction by David Kain.

December 18

Our traditional Christmas program by the San Marcos High School Madrigal singers, introduced by the equally traditional Bill Spangler.

Jan 15, 2009

Jan Kenneth Kosik, M. D. "Advances in Understanding Alzheimer's." Introduction by Jim Shaw.

February 5, 2009

Professor Richard Applebaum "Impact of Nano-technology on Society (particularly China)." Introduction by Ben Walsh.

February 19, 2009

Ladies Day, Nancy Bell Coe. The topic TBD. Introduction by Mead Northrop.

Wine Drawing

A bottle of Sid's 2006 Chardonnay was won by Herb Friedman.



Welcome Our Guests

Paul Barrett was hosted by Henry Levy.

Next Program, October 16

Robert Eringer will present "Investigative Journalism by an FBI Undercover Agent." Mr. Eringer has enjoyed a wide-ranging career in the information collection and reporting field as a journalist, novelist, private intelligence consultant, undercover FBI operative and, most recently, director of an intelligence service for Prince Albert II of Monaco. As an investigative reporter for British large circulation Sunday newspapers, Mr. Eringer's specialty was infiltrating extremist groups, including violent anarchists, before embarking on a ten year stint operating undercover in Moscow and Havana for FBT counterintelligence. Some of his missions are included in his book "Ruse" on sale at all book stores. He will be introduced by Ben Walsh.



November 6

Gordon Bjork will talk on "Economic Problems Facing the New Administration." Introduction by Ben Walsh.

November 20

Nir Kabaretti will give us his perspective about the Santa Barbara Symphony in his inaugural season as Conductor. Introduction by Arthur Kvass.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Robert Hall Jenkins

1115 Senda Verde, Santa Barbara 93105

Phone: 682-1494, e-mail rpjenkins@cox.net

Bob Jenkins was born November 27th in Chicago, and served in the U. S. Navy in World War II. He came to California many years ago. He is a graduate of MIT in engineering and business administration. He was President of Superior Concrete Accessories in San Diego, a manufacturing company specializing in wire products.

Bob and his wife Pat have one son and a daughter, and have lived in Santa Barbara for 6 years.

He notes that he is a former golf lover.

Bob's sponsors are Robert Williams, Bill Kucera and Bill Spangler.

Fashion Heads Up

The second annual Hawaiian Shirt contest will be held this year on October 16. This will give you all ample opportunity to do your Hawaiian haberdashering.

This also will serve to remind us all that October is the last month of the Club's no tie – no jacket policy for this year.

Bridge

And after all of the tallys were certified . . . the bridge victors turned out to be . . .

Mac McMillin	4080 Pts
Jim Belden	3330 Pts
Paul Nefstead	2700 Pts



Join us for fun bridge: We meet upstairs after all regular meetings and play until 3:30. Contact Pres Gould 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net

Special Events.

Nethercutt Museum . . . November 14 (not Nov. 4 as shown in the last Crackers)

Sign up and mark your calendars for this most unusual trip to the Nethercutt Museum in the San Fernando Valley. There you will see dozens of elegant antique vintage black iron & classic automobiles. Also of interest is the world's finest collection of mechanical musical instruments, all in working order. They have added the 1912 Pullman private car owned by the daughter of the famous "Lucky Baldwin" and a 1937 Canadian Pacific Hudson locomotive.



We will stop beforehand for lunch at your personal expense. The cost of \$35/person is for the bus, driver's tip and onboard refreshments.

This trip will probably be sold out. Checks should be made payable to the Cosmopolitan Club and mailed to Harry Stroud, 3778 W. Pacific Coast Hwy, Ventura 93001,. Phone 653-5117 for reservations or questions.

Christmas Dinner Dance

December 9, 2008

Our Christmas Dinner-Dance will be held at the La Cumbre Country Club the evening of Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 6 p.m. for cocktails and social hour, and 7 p.m. for dinner.

You and your best girl will not want to miss this superb holiday party. Dancing to the great sounds of the "City Lights" orchestra is sure to put some spring back into your step. The ladies really appreciate this opportunity to put on some glamour and enjoy this very special event at our City's best country club.

Cost of this wonderful event is \$80 per person.

Please sign up at the table at each Cosmo luncheon, or mail in the flyer to Hal Dunham that will be available at the next meeting with seating arrangements and choice of meal.

Jim Pattillo, Chairman, 969-2796

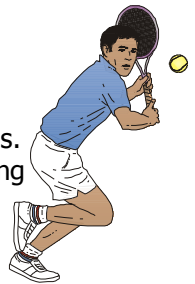


Tennis:

The Cosmo tennis group play doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited to join us.

We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Call Bruce Long, 692-4072, or Walter Mead, 682-3045.



Crackers Covets Cosmo Crafters

The talented gentlemen who quietly bring you the ever timely issues of Crackers seek a few good men to augment our ranks. The pay is modest, but you do enjoy a solo byline about 4-5 times each year.

A Crackers gent should have a functional acquaintance with MS Word and email. You do not need to deal with photos, graphics, formatting, clip art or any esoteric publishing minutiae. You may bring your own comfort level of creativity to your editorial efforts.

If you'd like more specific information and/or just chat about the process, contact Jim Munroe, jmspin@cox.net or 563-2972.

Cosmo Computer Society:

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 21.

Bob Gerity has arranged for Murray Kalisher to be our speaker. Murray teaches computers at Adult Ed. The exact topic is still under discussion.

The November 18 meeting speaker will be Zacharias Hunt, County GIS manager. He will discuss the County's Geographic Information System.

We meet upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Open discussion starts at 10 a.m. The feature presen-



tation starts at 10:30, concluding with a no-host luncheon. All Cosmo members are welcome.

Jim Stubchaer and Bob Gerity, Program Chairmen. Chair, Howard Glenn, 967-2633.

S. A. G. E. Investment Group:

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

We welcome all Cosmo members to come and discuss economic trends and current issues. We meet at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club, 2nd floor, followed by a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Grill downstairs. We do not select or buy any stocks. Chair Dick Evans, 967-6930, dickevans1@cox.net



Golf:

Special Cosmo Golf Event, Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

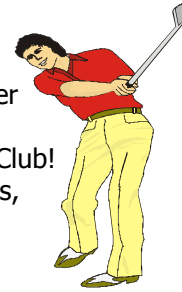
Another great bargain at the Montecito Country Club! This fabulous event will include lunch, green fees, carts, prize \$, and hot hors d'oeuvres after the round for the bargain price of only \$Forty Five Dollars!

The number of golfers will be limited to eighteen (18) plus sponsors. So, please sign up early for this great event. You are invited to sign up beyond the 18 slots, and you will be accommodated if possible through cancellations, if there are any.

Special attention: The format will NOT be our usual scramble. It will be a surprise format which will be the same as the regular MCC members will be playing that day.

Sign up table will be available at the lunches starting Thursday, October 16, 2008. Any questions about this event, please contact Marty Tucker, 969-0760, or the Golf Committee Chairman Ron Singer, 684-1355.

Ron Singer, the new chairman of golf, is looking for more golfers. He and his golf committee are working on new ideas for weekly golf on Mondays, and that information will be announced as soon as it develops. If you are interested, contact Ron at RSinger916@aol.com, or at 684-1355.



Last Meeting

Ensemble Theatre Company

Our speaker for the day was Jonathan Fox, new Executive Artistic Director at the Ensemble Theatre Company, which performs at the Alhecama Theatre here in Santa Barbara. Mr. Fox has been in Santa Barbara for 1 ½ years. He was introduced by Warren Elliott.

He is a graduate of Columbia University. He came into theatre direction after a business career.

Jonathan Fox was a founder and director for 12 years of the Two River Theater Company, a regional theatre in New Jersey. He has directed plays all over the United States, and abroad in Frankfurt, Vienna, Basil, Cologne, and others. He is interested in serious theatre and good entertainment and, according to Warren Elliott, inspired all of us who work with him. Founded in 1979, Ensemble Theatre Company is Santa Barbara's leading professional resident theatre company,



housed presently at the Alhecama Theatre located in the historic Presidio District in downtown Santa Barbara. It is Santa Barbara's longest running, most award-winning professional theatre.

Mr. Fox gave a summary of each of the Ensemble Theatre Company plays for the current season. He talked about the current play, "Take Me Out", which is about a star baseball player who announces he is gay. It was winner of the Tony award for best play in 2003, and the next year it was the most produced play in the country. Besides homophobic and racial aspects, the play also has some explicit male nudity. Jonathan Fox said he thought it was integral to the play. A woman in Albany, New York called after a performance and said she was so thrilled with the male nudity - that she never gets to see that anymore.

Mr. Fox would like to develop the Ensemble Theatre Company into a nationally recognized theatre such as the La Jolla Playhouse and the South Coast Repertory Theatre in Orange County. He said Santa Barbara is a great cultural town, with many musical groups performing, and he believes that theatre is a vital part of the community.

Mr. Fox was asked if the Ensemble Theatre competed with other local theaters. He said the more theater the better. He said his competition is restaurants, and other events.

He said he chooses plays that are interesting to him. He said he sees a lot of plays, and actors and directors propose plays, sometimes proposing ones that they are interested in participating in.

Mr. Fox said the staff at Ensemble Theatre is fairly small, with 5 full time employees and one regular part timer, and they job in such things as carpentry and electrical.

He indicated that Ensemble pays union wages to everyone – union and non-union. He noted that a small theatre pays \$200 – \$250 per week, a venue such as the La Jolla Playhouse would pay \$700 – 800 per week, and Broadway pays a minimum of \$1,600 per week. The Ensemble pays somewhat above the small theatre amount.

Jonathan Fox said that Ensemble's operating budget is \$1.2 million. He said that funding for the Ensemble Theatre is from ticket sales and from donations, with the majority from individuals. He said that Ensemble receives 40% of its income from tickets, and 60% from donations. If there weren't donations, the cost per ticket would be more than \$100. They are trying to keep ticket prices affordable. He said they also give free tickets to colleges.

Mr. Fox was asked if there would be any impact on the Ensemble season if there is a Screen Actors Guild strike – the contract has been in negotiations for several months. He said it might actually benefit the Ensemble - the writers' guild strike last June helped the Company; it brought in some good actors. But he thought that there would not be an actors' strike after the devastating strike of the writers' guild.

Mr. Fox said the biggest obstacle other than finances is the Alhecama Theatre facility, which is smaller than serves their purposes. He said they need to develop a better facility. There was some comment that patrons are turned off by the Ensemble Theatre's small and antiquated facility at the Alhecama – that there is just one little men's room, and parking is a problem. Mr. Fox said they have been making some improvements to the 140 seat theatre, but that the building is an historical building, and so there can't be significant changes. He said they are trying to secure another location for the Ensemble Theatre Company, and that a recent land deal for a new location fell through. He said there is street parking at the

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Alhecama, and that two office buildings across the street allow their lots to be used for theatre parking.

Mr. Fox said he had initiated the ETC book club, wherein 30 copies of plays are made available for loan at the Santa Barbara Public Library, and then he leads a lively discussion of each play at the Library. He said 20-30 people regularly participate, and that the number is maxed out, and there is a waiting list for participation.

Mr. Fox also noted that Ensemble's Storybook Theatre, attended by thousands of school children every year, presents original plays for young audiences, focusing on cultural perspectives and current issues.

Among many questions of Mr. Fox, a questioner from the audience asked why there needs to be so much profanity and vulgarity and objectionable themes in the Ensemble Theatre's regular plays. Mr. Fox said that it was usually an integral part of the play, and he honored artistic license.

Check out www.ensembletheatre.com for further information about Ensemble Theatre plays.

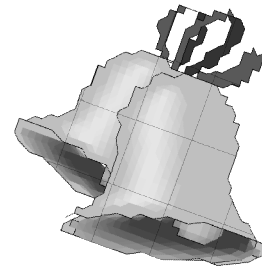
As much as we all enjoy a free lunch, a reminder that the only people who receive a free Cosmo lunch are the speaker and new member inductees - everyone else is responsible for paying his own way.



Columbus Day

Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
Tuesday, December 9th, 2008



LA CUMBRE COUNTRY CLUB

6:00 PM COCKTAILS, SOCIAL HOUR
No Host Bar

7:00 pm DINNER WITH WINE

DANCING (7:00 - 10:00) TO MUSIC OF: 'CITY LIGHTS' COMBO

MENU

*Melange of seasonal greens tossed in basil vinaigrette
Topped with sliced pears, walnuts, crumbled goat cheese*

Choice of:

Grilled Halibut with lemon-butter sauce

or

*Sliced Tenderloin of Beef with Morel mushroom sauce
with*

Au gratin potatoes and Asparagus

Fresh Apple Pie a la Mode

Price: \$80 per person.

Dress: Formal or cocktail dress

RESERVATION

Name _____

HALIBUT

BEEF

Spouse or Guest _____

Seating Preference, if any:

Near dance floor

Quiet spot

I wish to be seated with: _____ and _____

and _____ and _____ and _____

Mail Reservation Form and check payable to "Cosmopolitan Club" to: Harold A. Dunham, 3775 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Remember, 'Jingle, Jingle!'