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### SUMMER DRESS CODE

– WILL BE IN EFFECT  
AS OF THE NEXT (MAY  
21<sup>ST</sup>) MEETING.

### Notice

PICNIC Committee meets at 11:00  
AM prior to the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.  
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### Next Program May 21<sup>st</sup>- Sheriff Bill Brown - "Santa Barbara

County Law Enforcement"

Bill Brown was elected as Santa Barbara County's Sheriff/Coroner on November 7, 2006. He began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Pacifica Police Department. In 1980 he transferred to the Inglewood Police Department, and served until 1992, when he was selected to be Chief of Police of Moscow, Idaho. In 1995, Brown was selected to be Chief of Police of Lompoc, where he, led the Lompoc Police Department until being elected to his present office.



Sheriff Brown is active in the community, serving as a board member for the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, an honorary board member for Santa Barbara Domestic Violence Solutions, an advisory board member of the Anti-Defamation League, a steering committee member for both the Santa Barbara County Reentry Project and Santa Barbara's "Fighting Back" (Against Alcohol & Drug Abuse). He also sits on the District Board of Trustees of Lompoc Hospital. Sheriff Brown is deeply committed to the philosophy of community policing and corrections, where peace officers and citizens work together to identify and seek long term solutions to problems relating to crime, fear of crime, neighborhood decay and quality of life.

Sheriff Brown earned a bachelor's degree in management from

the University of Redlands in 1987, and received a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California in 1995. He and his wife, Donna, have been married for 27 years and have three children.

Intro by Dwight Coffin

### Future Programs

#### June 4th Larry Feinberg

"Santa Barbara Museum of Art Today

Larry Feinberg is the current President, Director, and Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA. He comes to this position after a 29 year career with increasing responsibility at some of the most prestigious Art institutes in America. Larry's *curricula vita* includes named positions and curator responsibility at the Art Institute of Chicago; the Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College; and The Frick Collection, New York City. Larry began his career as Research Assistant, Lecturer and Curatorial Assistant at The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

In 2004 – 2005 while on sabbatical from the Art Institute of Chicago, Larry served as Special Assistant (Acting Chief of Staff) to Olara Otunnu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict.

Dr. Feinberg's educational credentials include a BA from Northwestern University, both an MA and PhD from Harvard University and an MBA from Northwestern University. He has taught and lectured extensively in, among other positions, as a Teaching fellow at Harvard University. Dr. Feinberg's Publications and the Exhibitions he has directed are too numerous to list.

Intro by Dwight Coffin

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** Rebecca Bjork

" Santa Barbara Water: Past, Present and Future "

Intro by Mead Northrop

**Wine Drawing** - Sid Ackert's 2007 Chardonnay, Santa Rita Hills, scored by Dave Kain



**New Member - Steve Stonefield**

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Introduced and co-sponsored by AB Clarke, COSMO is pleased to welcome Stephen (Steve) Stonefield as a new member.

Steve and AB are friends for more than thirty years, meeting each other in Japan at the start of their respective international careers. New to Santa Barbara, Steve is a retired investment banker, most recently as the Managing Director/Chairman, Asia/Pacific Region for Credit Suisse, based in Singapore. He claims NO RESPONSIBILITY for the current financial mess in America, and has, at least, plausible deniability given his ex-patriot locations for the last thirty years. Born in Rockford, IL, Steve attended Dartmouth and earned his Harvard MA in History, Chinese and East Asian Studies. Steve and wife Elizabeth temporarily reside in Summerland while their permanent home in Montecito is undergoing renovations. He and Elizabeth have two daughters and a son. Steve is an outdoor sports enthusiast, with both golf and tennis as his interests.

Steve is sponsored by A.B. Clarke, John MacKenzie and Ron Singer.

**BRIDGE Winners on May 7**

Pres Gould	3740 pts
Rob Henny	3420 pts
Hal Thompson	2240 pts



Join us for fun bridge...We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play Party bridge until 3:30. Contact: Pres Gould at 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net)

**Special Events**

**Trip to the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens: May 28**

The cost for the bus ride, admission, bus driver's tip, and on-board refreshments is \$50 per person. Lunch is not included in this figure. Buffet reservations for The Rose Garden at the Huntington are closed, but there are other dining options at the Library. There are a few more openings for the bus trip and admission to the Library. Call Thore Edgren (967-4001), if interested. Checks should be made out to the Cosmopolitan Club and mailed to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta 93117.



The bus will leave the Elks Club at 8:30 AM on May 28<sup>th</sup> and will make a stop enroute at the iHop in Carpinteria.

**Regular Events**

**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 AM Mondays and Thursdays.

Call Bruce Long, (805) 692-4072 [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net), or Walter Mead, (805) 682-3045.



Shadow Hills residents were evacuated during the Jesusita Fire, and could not return until Sunday afternoon—the fire having burned to within 100 yards of the property. Yet, Monday morning (May 11<sup>th</sup>), the COSMO players turned out for tennis. Although the courts were covered with a thick coat of fly-ash, the players 'manned the brooms', swept up the ash, and played as usual.

**COSMO Computer Society**

Meets regularly upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM. The feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn: Chair, 967-2633 or [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net).



**S. A. G. E. Investment Group**

Meets at 10 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. We do not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967-6930 or [dickevans1@cox.net](mailto:dickevans1@cox.net).



**Golf**

Golf Tournament on April 30<sup>th</sup> at La Purisima, played under fair skies with a moderate breeze, was won by Team #4 – AB Clarke, Bob Grebil (Guest), Steve Stonefield and Joe Bouzek. Closest- to-the-Pin on Holes #3 and #13 won by Arnie Rakawski (Guest) and Steve Stonefield respectively.



**Next Tournament – May 26<sup>th</sup> – Soule Park in Ojai – Scramble format, \$55 includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prize money. SIGN UP NOW by calling AB Clarke at 563-2460, [abclarke3@cox.net](mailto:abclarke3@cox.net), or sign up at May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.**

June Tournament, Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Montecito CC. Scramble format; shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Greens Fee, Cart, lunch and prize money for \$45. Contact Marty Tucker at 969-0760 or [tuckmet@aol.com](mailto:tuckmet@aol.com).

*Weekly: All COSMO members are welcome:*

**Twin Lakes** - Mondays at 9:00 AM (Tuesday on Monday holidays). \$9.00 for 9 holes (par 29); have fun improving your short game on an easy walking, flat course.

**Ocean Meadows** - Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. \$14.00 for 9 holes (par 36) with a play card. Improve your long shots.

Regular Golf every Monday at Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni).

**Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular senior rate is \$20 for 18 holes, not including cart. If you would like to play, contact Ron Singer by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time.** Golf Chair - Ron Singer (805) 684-1355, [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com)

### **Last Meeting: May 7 th**

The Jesusita Fire had different plans for our last meeting than what COSMO had intended. Our featured speaker Dr. John Coie, who was to speak on "Hope for our Public Schools: the Waterford Initiative", was evacuated because of the fire and had to cancel. Perhaps we can reschedule Dr. Coie for a future meeting. Attendance at the meeting was down by 50%, also due to the fire.

Undaunted by the lack of a speaker, the COSMO Program Committee pulled a rabbit out of the hat and was able to substitute a new speaker with less than 24 hours notice. Betsy Kain gave a remarkable and memorable presentation based on her recent work in Rwanda. Betsy was introduced by her husband Dave Kain.

Betsy Kain received her Master of Science in Social Work in 1966. She has had extensive experience in both individual and group psychotherapy, and her career included appointments at the University of Michigan Hospital, psychiatry unit, and the University of Pittsburgh Child Guidance Clinic. Later, she formed a private practice specializing in psychotherapy with adults and adolescents.

Betsy has volunteered in Rwanda to organize groups of professionals and to teach them methods to deal with the Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome psychological aftermath of the genocide. The objectives of her efforts are not only to teach techniques to professionals to help themselves, but also to train the professionals to teach these methods to larger communities.

On her first trip, generously supported by the Tinsley Foundation, Betsy and other volunteers trained widows and the staff of Solace Ministries. On her second trip in September, 2007, the group worked with more than 90 orphan Heads of Households – i.e. orphans who are providing for, and raising, their younger siblings. The second trip also included training three groups of church leaders and the staff of Solace Ministries. Inspired by the many requests for more training, she has returned to Rwanda twice more and is planning a fifth trip soon.

Rwanda, about the size of Maryland, is 3<sup>o</sup> below the Equator in East Central Africa, is the most densely populated country in Africa with more than 10 million inhabitants, and is the "poorest country on Earth". "Discovered" by white settlers in 1894, Rwanda-Urundi (later day Burundi), was claimed by Germany as part of German East Africa. After WW I, Belgium accepted the League of Nations Mandate of 1923 to govern Rwanda-Urundi along with the Congo. After World War II Rwanda-Urundi became a United Nations (UN) "trust territory" administered by Belgium.

An ethnically non-homogeneous country, Rwanda-Urundi, had a numerically smaller Tutsi tribe heavily favored by Belgium over the Hutu tribe. The Belgian government, with UN urging, decided in 1960 to divide Rwanda-Urundi into two separate countries, Rwanda and Burundi. Belgium granted Rwanda independence in 1962. For the next 30+ years, the region was rife with tribal-based civil war, multiple cross-border armed invasions involving Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and Congo, and multiple incidences of genocide involving thousands of either Tutsis or Hutus.

Hate radio warned for years that the Tutsis were trying to re-enslave the Hutus, and when the Hutu presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were jointly assassinated in April 1994, a wave of genocide with Hutus killing Tutsis erupted. The April 1994 genocide of the Tutsi by the Hutu resulted in almost 1M deaths in the next three months – over 9,000 Tutsi were killed DAILY. Equally horrifying is that almost 800,000 Hutus took part in the killings. Once order was restored, only those Hutus who killed more than 100 Tutsis were jailed. Today, Rwanda is essentially a single-party military-backed autocracy with the Tutsis in control.

With the extraordinary mega trauma of genocide in its recent history, Rwanda today is a nation of survivors who live and function in extreme poverty. Since the majority of the teachers and professionals before the genocide were Tutsi, the ranks of teachers, doctors and other professionals are virtually nonexistent today. In a country without a single ophthalmologist, for example, mental health social workers are a luxury that the country could not have hoped for prior to Betsy's involvement. It is not an understatement to say that in Betsy's case: "A single person has made a huge difference".

Her efforts have not been limited to mental health training. Family, friends and her church in Santa Barbara have donated cash for Fresian (Holstein) cows and young goats. These animals have immediately helped to transform lives. Donated scarves and jewelry have lifted the spirits of women who possess virtually nothing. And, solar powered flashlights are enabling people to function better in rural communities without electricity.

There is some help for Rwanda from Belgium, the most recent colonial ruler of Rwanda, from other countries in the EU, and from

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USAID. However, Rwanda is off the radar screen of most of the world and easy to ignore. Betsy Kain, and others volunteers like her, have stepped in to help on a personal basis. Although volunteers live very simply once they are in Rwanda, airfares are expensive (A return fare from London to Kigali usually costs about \$1,500).

Betsy closed her presentation by asking the COSMO members present to examine their hearts to see if they could somehow help Rwanda, this forgotten outpost of humanity.



*"Elegantly clad Cosmo members and wives enjoyed a delightful evening of dining, dancing and camaraderie at the club's Spring Dinner-Dance held at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club on April 28. Kudos to Dance Chair Jim Pattillo and his committee for this wonderful event. Photos courtesy Howard Glenn".*