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SUMMER DRESS CODE – IS NOW IN EFFECT

Next Program

June 4th Larry Feinberg "The Future of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art"

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.

Dr. Feinberg will talk about art museums in general and the challenges facing them, and then specifically about what SBMA is doing and their upcoming programming and exhibitions. Intro by Dwight Coffin

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Future Programs

June 18th

Rebecca Bjork "Santa Barbara Water: Past, Present and Future"
Intro by Mead Northrop

July 16th

Jim Armstrong, City Administrator, "Managing the City of Santa Barbara in Difficult Economic Times." Intro by Dwight Coffin

Wine Drawing

Howard Glenn drew his own name to win a bottle of Sid Ackert's 2007 Chardonnay, Santa Rita Hills. Howard announced that Syd Ackert's home, vineyard and 30 barrels of wine were destroyed in the Jesusita fire. Syd and Harriet have our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.



Welcome Our Guests

Ray Rosecrans introduced the following guests:

Joe Ignatius, Surgeon, Editor and tennis player, hosted by Marty Tucker

Bob Svoboda, Banker who lent money and is still solvent, hosted by Ben Walsh

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING OUR ROSTER PHOTOGRAPH

If you like your Roster photo, do nothing. If you'd like to replace it, a photographer will be available at our June 4 and June 18 meetings, out on the patio. There is no cost. Please wear a coat and tie. Please have your picture taken at one of those June meetings or call Ron White (964-9742) and he will arrange to take your picture.

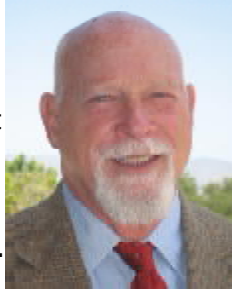
The following members do not have a photo on file:

Dennis Gaon Russell Twedt
Sey Kinsell Ed Vance
Stephen Stonefield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members, who were inducted on May 21:

Ken Jewesson has known Ben Walsh since 1971 when he was President of the Santa Barbara Art Institute. From 1975 to 1989, Ken was Director of the Glassel School of Art in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX. In 1989 Ken returned to Santa Barbara as an Art Educator on the Hancock College faculty where he served until his retirement in 2002. Ken has exhibited his art at many national galleries and museums and is closely associated with the Arts Council at Westmont College. Ken is a very active board member and past president of Community Kitchen and serves on the board of the Friendship Center. Ken and his wife, Francie, live at 4546 Carriage Hill Drive, S.B., 93110, Tel. 687-1683, email kfjewesson@cox.net



Jim McKillip was introduced by his neighbor, Fred Marsh. Jim was born in St. Joseph, Mo. and served in the U.S. Navy. He holds a degree in Physical Therapy and retired after 42 years in that profession. Jim moved to Santa Barbara in 1975 and was the founder and CEO of Therapeutic Associates, Inc. He was Treasurer of APTA and President of the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Jim's interests are reading, computers, wine and food. Jim and his wife, Ardis, have four daughters and reside at 154 Eucalyptus Hill Circle, S.B. 93103, Tel 965-7933, Fax 962-5047, Email: jbmckillip@cox.net



Hugh Vos was introduced by Meade Northrop. Hugh is an internationalist, born and educated in Paris, and holds a Masters degree in International Affairs from Princeton. Hugh retired in 1984 as C.F.O. of Becton Dickinson. His previous affiliations were with Norton Simon, Smith Kline and French and he served as a Director of T. Rowe Price. Locally, Hugh serves on the boards of the Scholarship Foundation, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Cottage Hospital and the Music Academy of the West. Hugh will join the Investment Committee. He and his wife, Susie, live at 800 Via Hierba, S.B, Ca. 93110, Tel. 569-3657, Fax 569-3658, email HV@HUGHVOS.com



Wanted: a Few Good Men To round out our Sgt.-at-Arms cadre, we are looking for two or three more men who are interested in this vital and important position on the Club President's staff. If you are willing and capable, please contact Bill Montag or Robin Durkee at our next meeting.

New Senior Services Directories are available from Marty Tucker.

BRIDGE

Winners on May 17

David Kain	3280 pts
Ernie Bivans	3200 pts
Joe Bouzek	1940 pts

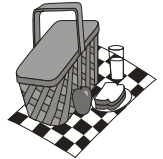


Join us for fun bridge...We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play Party bridge until 3:30. Contact: Pres Gould at 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net
Special Events

Picnic Thursday, July 2, 11:00 a.m.,

Picnic Information Reservation Form is appended as page 5 of your e-Crackers

Manning Park, Montecito
Cosmos Annual Picnic is being planned by Richard Kennelly and the committee. The cost is \$15 per person. BYOB and snacks for the social hour which begins at 11:00 am.



Complete BBQ lunch and dessert will be served. Contact Richard Kennelly, 969-7358 or 565-3455

Directions:

101 Freeway to San Ysidro Rd. exit; follow San Ysidro Rd. toward the mountains
Turn Right on Santa Rosa Lane (across from Montecito Union School)
Lower Manning Park is on the left, across the street from the Montecito YMCA

Las Vegas???

For many years the Cosmos Club made an annual trip to Las Vegas, staying for three nights and seeing several shows. Several members have expressed interest in again making a trip to Las Vegas. Please call Harry Stroud, 805-653-5117, if you have serious interest.



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, or
Walter Mead, (805) 682-3045.



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 hbglen@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 2nd 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.



Golf

June Tournament, Wednesday June 10th at Montecito CC. Scramble format; shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Greens Fee, Cart, lunch and prize money for \$45. To sign up contact Marty Tucker at 969-0760 or tuckmet@aol.com.



Due to lack of participation, regularly scheduled Cosmo golf at Twin Lakes and Ocean Meadows has been cancelled.

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



Victims of the Rwandan Genocide

Need Our Help: At the May 7th meeting, Betsy Kain spoke passionately about the mega trauma of genocide and the extreme poverty of those survivors in Rwanda, one of the poorest countries on earth. You may give a single goat (cost of \$40) which will provide milk for a family of four. If you would like to help poorest of Rwanda, you may send a contribution to: Network4Africa, c/o Kent Englert, CPA, 1206 Coast Village Circle, S.B., Ca. 93108 Log on to www.goatsforgifts.org for more information.



Last Meeting: May 21:

Law Enforcement Challenges During Difficult Economic Times" was the subject of our speaker, Bill Brown, Santa Barbara County Sheriff. He gave an overview of the Sheriff's department, the fire, and the challenges he faces.

The Sheriff's Department serves the unincorporated area of S.B. County and provides police services to Carpinteria, Goleta, Buellton and Solvang, including patrols, investigations and forensic services. The Sheriff manages the County Jail of 1000 inmates in Goleta and a medium security facility in Santa Maria for North County. Brown is also the Coroner, investigating around

1200 suspicious deaths and overseeing 450 autopsies per year. The Civil Bureau of the department delivers subpoenas and provides protective services to the courts. The Sheriff also provides specialized services including: SWAT, Dive, Aviation, Hostage, Bomb Squad, Mounted and Canine units. The Department has 700 employees: 300 - Law Enforcement, 200 - Custody Services, and 200 - Civilian Support.

Sheriff Brown administers a \$100 mil. budget. Cutbacks in '08-'09 were \$2.6 mil. that forced elimination of 23 positions. Cutbacks in '09-'10 were \$1.8 mil. when 18 positions were lost, including 14 sworn deputies. So far all personnel cuts have been through attrition, with no lay-offs. There is uncertainty as to how the Tuesday, 5/19 vote will impact public safety. The biggest impact will come from the previous Prop 1-A, whereby the State can take \$2 bil. from Ca. local governments,



to be paid back with interest within three years. This could mean a \$14 mil. hit to the S.B. County General Fund, of which \$5 mil. will hit the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Brown will push to use some of the County's strategic reserves to backstop such a loss.

Property and sales taxes are the two sources of county revenue. Sales are down 20%, particularly big ticket items such as cars and appliances. Home sales and foreclosures are very impactful. For example, if a \$500,000 home is sold for \$300,000, Prop 13 impacts a 20+ year loss of tax revenue through lower valuation of the property sold at a reduced sales price.

"Public safety is the fundamental duty of government," stated Sheriff Brown. He encouraged Cosmos members to tell city and county officials that public safety must be their top priority. Funding cuts are always painful; education, health, social services and public safety compete for funding. But public safety must be adequately staffed and trained.

The Jesusita fire was the most serious emergency S.B. County has ever experienced, according to Sheriff Brown. Had the wind conditions been right, we could have seen much more destruction of property and loss of life. "We dodged a huge bullet; we were very lucky with the weather conditions," stated Brown. The fire reached the San Antonio Creek area which burned 10 years ago in the Painted Cave fire. Sheriff Brown said the valor of the firefighters was incredible, fighting the fires under very dangerous circumstances. He is proud of the law enforcement response, which called for mutual aid from San Luis Obispo, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. There were 250 law enforcement officers on the streets facilitating the evacuation of 30,000 persons. Tremendous credit goes to the citizenry and roving patrols; there was no crime or looting in the fire areas. The Sheriff's Deputies and Search and Rescue personnel accomplished the evacuation under very difficult circumstances.

Sheriff Brown stated that the sources of the Jesusita fire are still unknown and he does not know if there was criminal activity

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involved. We can minimize fires in the future by creating defensible space against the initial attack; this means we must clear the brush back 50 feet from all buildings. The County has two helicopters with water dropping capability, but ground support is always needed. We must be prepared, create defensible space and have good evacuation plans.

Brown said that the homeless and gangs are both significant problems. The city deals more with the homeless, but gang problems are county-wide. Both problems impact the jail system. The Sheriff created a Blue Ribbon Commission two years ago to study the county jail situation. The Commission concluded that the homeless are 16% of the jail population and that gang members are 36% of the jail population. Both groups are a very tough population to manage. The county contracts with Prison Health Services (PHS) to provide mental health services, evaluation and discharge planning for those incarcerated. Illegal residents are 12% of the jail population, predominantly from the North County. After illegal residents serve their time, they are deported through Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), an arm of the federal government.

Jail overcrowding is a serious problem in S.B. County. The Blue Ribbon Commission, led by Rick Roney, studied the need for a facility to meet jail overcrowding and to serve the northern population. The Commission recommended:

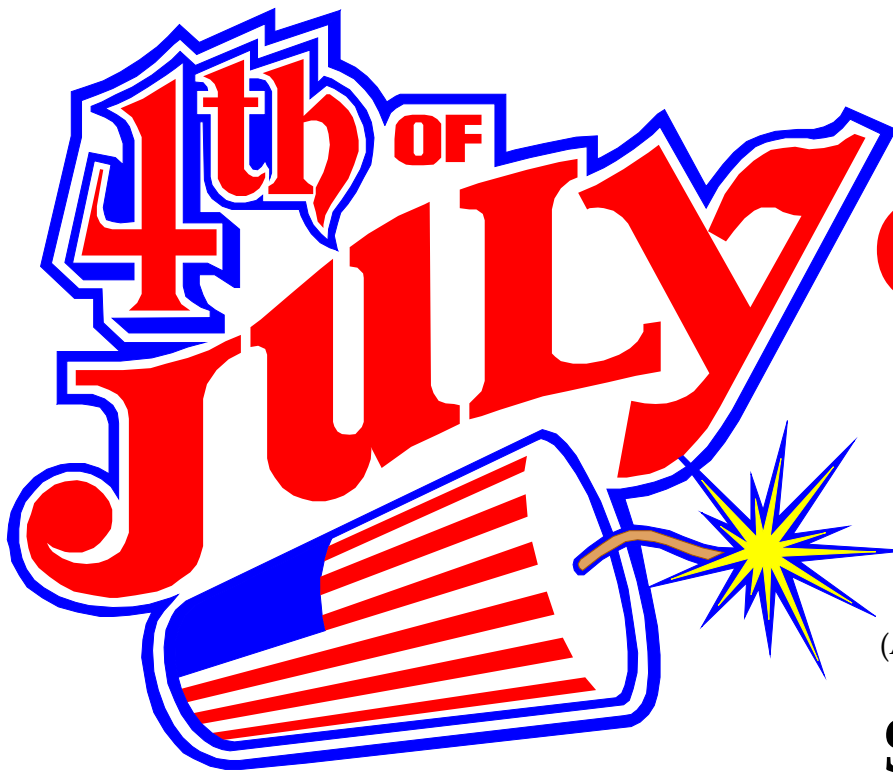
- Build a new jail, a 308 bed facility in North County
- Invest in prevention and rehabilitation for substance abusers and addicts

- Provide vocational planning so people don't recycle through the jails.

Sheriff Brown is optimistic that jail time can be used to help inmates conquer addictions and plan vocations. We may read the Blue Ribbon Commissions' recommendations on the website: sbsheriff.org. The County has purchased a 50 acre site to build a new jail and has \$53 mil. toward the \$80 mil. cost of the new jail.

Sheriff Brown stated that graffiti breeds gang activities. The consequences for graffiti are a misdemeanor if causing less than \$400 property damage. Juvenile probation and community service are the usual sentences. Even if an offender is sentenced to jail, he cannot be kept in jail for 60 days; the sentence is usually reduced to 12 days by work in jail and early release because of overcrowding. Graffiti suppression and graffiti abatement are high priorities for the sheriff. He cited faith based groups in Lompoc who provide labor to eradicate graffiti- an important community project. Sheriff Brown would like to use more volunteer programs and expand them to assist law enforcement in the County.

In closing, Sheriff Brown said that he is very proud of the men and women in his department who are getting the job done with fewer resources. He is proud and humbled to have been elected Sheriff and to be able to meet with many circles of wonderful citizens like Cosmos members who make Santa Barbara a great community.



2009 COSMO PICNIC

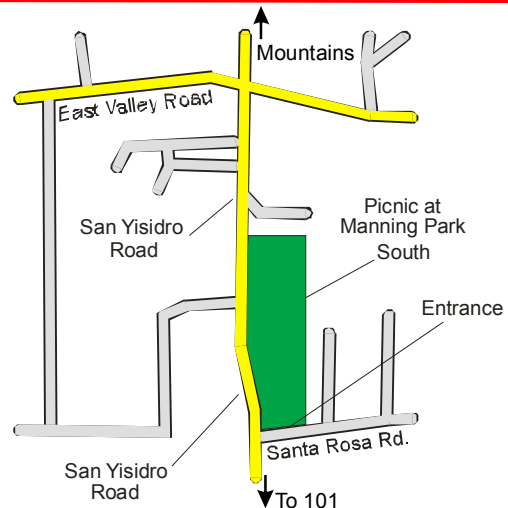
THURSDAY, JULY 2
 LOWER MANNING PARK
 (Across Santa Rosa Road from Montecito YMCA,
 same as last year)

\$15.00 per person



11:00 am Social Hour
 12:15 pm Pledge & Invocation
 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Barbeque (*Cavalli's-the best!*)

Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club
 Leave your reservation and payment at
 the "Picnic Table" before a meeting
 or mail to:
 Mr. William Schultz
 945 Ward Drive, #8
 Santa Barbara, CA 93111
Note: Cut off date is June 26th!



COSMOPOLITAN CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday July 2 2009

28th Annual Picnic

\$15.00 per person

Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to the Cosmopolitan Club for _____ persons

Cosmopolitan Club Members & Wives

Guests

(Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Name Tags)