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Treasurer David Kain, or mail it to Cosmo
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NEXT PROGRAM

October 1
Ted Tedesco "Aspen Institute in Santa Barbara?"

Mr. Tedesco will share with us his project to establish a World Institute for Santa Barbara, similar to the Aspen Institute in Colorado. He envisions bringing world-class speakers to Santa Barbara to lead discussions and seminars on pressing international, national and local issues.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

October 15



Dan O'Dowd "Computer Security"
Dan O'Dowd is founder, CEO and owner of Green Hills Software, Inc. of Santa Barbara. Green Hills, a 27-year old company, provides software for embedded computer systems. It offers the most reliable and secure operating system available on the world market as certified by various U.S. agencies. For the aviation crowd, Green Hills software is used in the F15, F16, F18, F22, F35, B1, B2, Boeing 787 and Airbus 380 among other aircraft. He will talk about cyber insecurity as it affects all communication, utility, financial, military and intelligence systems. Green Hills sells over \$100M of software annually and employs about 350 people. Don O'Dowd will introduce his son.

Coat and Tie

In anticipation of a scorching Indian Summer, our summer dress code is herewith terminated, as heralded by our annual Hawaiian shirt contest results reported below. Effective October 1 we resume our coat & tie policy...which means you should be wearing them.

Fighting off a flock of pretenders, Peter Kruse and Ray Rosecrans attained their sartorial destiny in a dead heat finish for top Hawaiian shirt honors. Flummoxed President Ron acknowledged he had only one prize which he peremptorily awarded to Ray.



Cosmo Book Exchange

Under the studious auspices of Mead Northrup, Cosmo has initiated a book exchange program for our membership. A cart of available books will be prominently displayed at each meeting. You are encouraged to add to the cart and borrow from the cart – it need not be simultaneously.



November 5

Dr. John Coie "Hope for Our Public Schools:
The Waterford Initiative"

Dr. John Coie, Professor Emeritus at Duke University, will discuss the preliminary results of a local initiative designed to improve the language skills of preschool immigrants. The Mobile Waterford Project, endorsed by the Santa Barbara School Board and funded by local foundations and concerned individuals, uses a refurbished van as a learning center for preschool children in targeted neighborhoods. The van contains eight computer work stations. Each child has twenty minutes per day at the computer. The initial results show great promise. Dr. Coie brings vast experience to this project. He has worked for more than thirty years with school systems and communities in developing violence prevention programs. He has published more than 100 journal articles and papers on child development and antisocial problems. He has also served on a number of national panels and task forces on violence and its prevention. David Kain will introduce.

November 19

Gayle Beebe "circa Westmont College Today"
Mr. Beebe served as president of Spring Arbor University in Michigan for seven years prior to assuming the presidency of Montecito-based Westmont College July 1, 2007.

Beebe attended Westmont for a semester in 1980 while earning his bachelor's degree at George Fox University in Oregon. He received master's degrees in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, in philosophy of religion and theology from Claremont Graduate University, and in business administration in strategic management from the Drucker School at Claremont Graduate University. He completed his doctorate in philosophy of religion and theology from Claremont Graduate University in 1997. Prior to leading Spring Arbor, Beebe served as dean of the graduate school of theology at Azusa Pacific University. Addison Cook will introduce.

Wine Drawing

Ted Ross scored the Foxglove Chardonnay and Jack Patterson will joyfully imbibe a bottle of Los Cinco Locos Syrah.



Welcome Our Guests

Harv Turner hosted Torg Bruice
Ben Walsh squired Doug McCartney
Pete Kruse guested Rod Valenta
Harry Brown invited George Welik
Charles Greene hosted Keith Berry
Gordon Bjork brought Bob Henry

Salute to Sid Ackert



In recognition of his vintner generosity sadly decimated by the recent fire that destroyed both his home and vineyard, President Ron presented Sid Ackert with a gift certificate for a 1/2 barrel of French Oak to help re-establish his winery operation. An appreciative Sid said "I will be back!"

Regular Events

Bridge

Where the rubber meets the table...September 17 winners:

Rob Henny	3340
David Kain	3310
Ralph Edebo	3200



Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs after all regular meetings, and play party bridge until 3:30 PM. Contact Pres Gould at (805) 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net.

Tennis

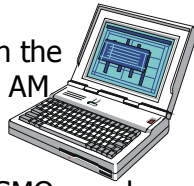
The COSMO tennis group plays doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited to participate. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 AM Mondays and Thursdays.

Contact Bruce Long, (805) 692-4072, or bruce93103@cox.net, or Walter Mead at (805) 682-3045.



COSMO Computer Society

Meets monthly upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday. 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, (805) 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. S. A. G. E. does not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967-6930 or dickevans@mac.com.



Golf

Glen Annie Tournament Results – Bill Montag & Harv Turner Co-Chairs
In 1st place at 6-under Bill Montag, Glenn Montag and Dick Weinberg; in 2nd at 5-under Hank Macchio, Bob Hankins and Gary Georges; and in 3rd at 4-under was the team of Lynn Garten, Russ Hagen, Steve Morgan and Ken Collins. Creative rules variations produced these lower than normal scores. Even the three teams that did not win were tied at 2-under. Closest to the pin contests were won by Glenn Montag, Peter Kruse and Kent Cullen. One of these prizes was a free round of golf at Glen Annie.



Next Golf Tournament:

Thursday, October 22 at Glen Annie. Tee off at 10:08 AM. \$55 per person includes golf, cart, box lunch and prizes. Contact Ron Singer, 684-1355, rsinger916@aol.com to sign up.

Montecito Country Club: Wednesday November 11th, (probably our final opportunity for some time since this course is scheduled for reconstruction) – Details will follow.

Weekly

Mondays at Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times from 9:30 AM. to 11:00 AM. Regular senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes, not including cart. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355, rsinger916@aol.com by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time.

Mondays at Twin Lakes (Par 29) - For those who want to work on their short game, each Monday at 9:00 AM.

Wednesdays at Ocean Meadows (Par 36) - For those who want to work on their long-ball skills. Tee off for an easy nine holes on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM

Fridays at a variety of nearby courses - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail list and you will be notified of the location of the next "Floating Golf Game". Recent venues have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Opera Santa Barbara – Last call

Friday October 2nd – World Premiere of Séance on a Wet Afternoon at the Granada at 7:30 PM. Pre-opera dinner at Café Buenos Aires at 5:45 PM. Contact Fred Sidon at (805) 967-6757 or frsidon@impulse.net.

COSMO Christmas Dance

Tuesday, December 8, at La Cumbre Country Club. Details to follow.

COSMO TO LAS VEGAS

Monday-Thursday, April 19-22, 2010
What plays in Vegas, stays in Vegas...even for Cosmo members. Celebrate the new decade with a trip to Las Vegas. Our junket departs by bus on Monday, April 21 and returns Thursday, April 22. The cost is \$460 per couple for three nights lodging at Treasure Island, bus transport, baggage handling, refreshments and gratuities. Golf chair Ron Singer is arranging a special golf tourney for attending duffers, and optional show tickets will be offered at a later date. Payment is not due until early January. Call Harry Stroud, 653-5117, to book your reservation.

Last Meeting: September 17

Warren Elliott introduced Professor Alan Heeger who considers himself a physicist, but in 2000 was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his seminal work in the field of semiconducting and metallic polymers (think flat panel TVs). The author of 800+ publications and registrant of 50 patents, Prof. Heeger holds the Presidential Chair at UCSB where he serves as Professor of Physics and Professor of Materials.

Prof. Heeger has been awarded numerous prizes, fellowships, medals, and other honors, including ten honorary degrees from universities in the US, Asia, and Europe. A native Nebraskan, he earned his BS from the University of Nebraska with a major in Physics and Mathematics, and completed his PhD in Physics in 1961 at UC Berkeley.

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Prof. Heeger's remarks focused on the interlocking aspects of human creativity, discovery and risk. He posited that the consummate scientific aspiration begins with an abstract idea that is then subjected to myriad experimentation that ultimately validates, in fact, nature behaves as the abstract idea proposes. Einstein's theory of curved space-time was a radical hypothesis that was proven valid by a solar eclipse in 1919, establishing Einstein as one of the giants of scientific thinking.

Prof. Heeger also is Chief Scientist and Co-Founder of Lowell, MA-based Konarka Technologies which focuses on developing low-cost plastic solar cells comprising semiconducting polymers. Showing a foot-square thin panel, Prof Heeger noted its current efficiency (converting solar energy into electric power) is about 3%. Sixty percent efficiency is the perceived outer limit with efficiencies in controlled situations pushing 45%. He estimates that Konarka needs to reach at least 15% efficiency to attain commercial production cost effectiveness. He feels certain such improvement is doable.

Prof. Heeger's message was to cherish creativity, taking bold steps on the road to new discoveries. Risk is inherent in pursuing the unknown, but is integral to the blend of human creativity and discovery...and amplifies the thrill and satisfaction of making the effort and attaining validation.

**November walk on the beach
with President Ron**



On November 24, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we'll take a short walk on Goleta Beach to see the Goleta Oil Flows. These are solid oil protrusions which come out of the cliff onto the beach.

The walk is slightly strenuous, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile each way - it's level but you will be walking on soft sand. We'll start at 10 a.m. and return to the parking lot by noon. Lunch on your own will be available at the Beachside Restaurant.

Please call Ron White (964-9742) to sign up for this walk - it's free!