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Book Exchange

Under the auspices of Mead Northrop, 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 simultaneous. Mead asked volunteers to contact him for “an easy job.”



Cosmo Paparazzi?

One or two volunteers are needed to take Cosmo members' pictures for the Roster. See Ron White.

NEXT PROGRAM

November 19th Gayle Beebe - “Westmont College Today”

Dr. 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.

Dr. 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, Dr. Beebe served as dean of the graduate school of theology at Azusa Pacific University.

Addison Cook will introduce Dr. Beebe.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 3rd Robert Piccioni - “Our Universe: The known and the unknown.” Intro by Ben Walsh

Dr. Piccioni is a nationally recognized scientist with several patents in medical, smart energy, and semiconductor technologies. He has recently published Everyone's Guide to Atoms, Einstein, and the Universe which is available at all local book stores. Dr. Piccioni holds a BS degree from Caltech, a PhD from Stanford, and was a member of the Research Faculty at Harvard. Since his retirement, Dr. Piccioni has been teaching an adult education program at Cal. State Channel Islands.

Ben Walsh will introduce Dr. Piccioni

December 17th San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers Holiday Concert

Intro by Bill Spangler. Wives and girl friends are invited to attend (but not together).



January 7th Member Don Margerum - “Reexamining Nuclear Power”

Don will present his evaluation of the Negative and Positive factors surrounding nuclear power based on his extensive research for a VISTAS class. The presentation will use these factors to compare nuclear power to other forms of energy. His analysis includes his view of which of the factors are supported by fact and which are politically motivated. His conclusions are surprising, and point the way to an intelligent debate on the future of nuclear power in the United States and the world.

Introduction by Pete Kruse.

January 21st Dr. Bruce Phillips, PhD University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine - "How is the Swine Flu like a Terrorist in a Black Raincoat?"

Discussion of the H1N1 virus, the pandemic which is in the process of occurring, and the steps which can, or should, be taken to deal with it.

Introduction by Mead Northrop

Wine Drawing

Chuck Evans – won a bottle of Los Cincos Locos
Bill Irvine – scored a bottle of Pinot Grigio



Regular COSMO Events

Bridge - Bridge Winners Nov. 5th

Pres Gould	4220
Ed Loper	4190
Ralph Edebo	3860



Join us for FUN Bridge. We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play until 3:30 PM. Contact Pres Gould at 964-6568 or pwgould@cox.net

Tennis - The 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 8:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays.

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



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. Our next Computer Society meeting, on 17 Nov. 2009, features Karen Stubkjaer, who will speak about the use of computers in the San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. Sergeant Stubkjaer has been active in computerizing some Sheriff Dept. functions. Karen will be introduced by her father, Jim Stubchaer, our Co-Program Chairman. 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 -

Winners of the Glen Annie Golf tournament Thursday October 22nd:

First Place: Steve Stonefield, Jerry Smith, Ken Reyburn and Paul Fink

Second Place: Featured a PROTEST, elegantly handled by Chairman Ron Singer

Third Place: Too awful to mention.



Mondays - 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 684-1355, rsinger916@aol.com by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time.

Mondays - Twin Lakes (Par 29) – Work on your short game, each Monday at 9:00 AM.

Wednesdays at Ocean Meadows (Par 36) - Work on your long-ball skills, each Wednesday at 8:30 AM

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 ¾ mile each way - it's level but you will be walking on soft sand. It will be low tide, but you'll get your feet wet crossing the outflow from the Goleta Slough. 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!

December 8th Christmas Dance at La Cumbre Country Club - Join COSMO members and their special guests us for a delightfully festive holiday extravaganza. Great location, fine dining, live music — our club's premiere social event for members and their wives or girl friends. Dinner, wine, music and dance for only \$85 per person. Those interested should contact Albert Mercado (805) 967-2233 as soon as possible, since table seating and other final arrangements are being made.



See Page 5 of e-Crackers for details and reservation form.

January 16, 2010 (Saturday) - bus trip to the famed MAGIC CASTLE in Hollywood. Enjoy a fabulous Buffet Brunch in the unique atmosphere of this 100 year old Victorian mansion, and be amazed by the illusions of the talented magicians. Cost will be \$90 per person and only 39 lucky people can go, so reserve early when sign-up sheets become available. Bus will depart the Elks Club at 8:45 AM, stop at IHOP in Carpenteria at 9:05 AM, and return at approximately 5:00 PM. Contact Thore Edgren, 967-4001, theman3@cox.net



February 17, 2010 - VANDENBERG AFB. A tour of Vandenberg AFB has been arranged for a total cost of \$30/person including bus transportation to/from the Elks Club. A no host lunch will be served at the Officers Club. Wives and girl friends are invited. Call Ben Walsh 969-1960 to get on the list.



April 19-22, 2010 - (Monday-Thursday) - LAS VEGAS. Celebrate the new decade with a trip to Las Vegas. Our junket departs by bus on Monday, April 19th and returns Thursday, April 22nd. The cost is \$460 per couple for bus transport, baggage handling, refreshments, gratuities and three nights lodging at Treasure Island. Golf chair Ron Singer is arranging a golf tournament for attending golfers. 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.



May 29, 2010 (Saturday) - LA PHILHARMONIC - Performance in the acoustically superb Disney Concert Hall at 2:00PM. Cost is \$120/person. A deposit of \$25 per ticket is required to reserve tickets and is urgent as tickets are limited. The balance of \$95 is not due until Apr.1st. Bus leaves from the Elks Club at 11:00 AM with a stop at IHOP in Carpenteria and returns at 6:00 PM. Lunch is not included but is available at the Disney Hall Cafe. The concert consists of Dutilleux's Metaboles, Scriabin's The Poem of Estasy and Violinist Julian Rachlin performing Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Lionel Bringuier is guest conductor. Contact Thore Edgren at 967-4001 or theman3@cox.net to make reservations. Please contact Thore promptly so that he can determine the number to be included in this fabulous event.



In Memorium

Julian M Smith passed away on October 30th 2009. Cosmo extends its deepest sympathies to his wife Judy and family

Last Meeting:

November 5 Dr. John Coie

"Hope for Our Public Schools: The Waterford Initiative"

David Kain introduced Dr. John Coie, Professor Emeritus at Duke University. Dr. Coie discussed the preliminary results of a local initiative designed to improve the English language skills of preschool Hispanic children who have limited, if any, knowledge of English.

The Mobile Waterford Project, endorsed by the Santa Barbara School Board and funded by local foundations and concerned individuals, uses a computer-equipped van as a learning center for preschool children in targeted neighborhoods. Major sponsors of the project include the James S. Bower Foundation, All Saints Episcopal Church, Edward Baker Foundation, Mission Linen Supply, and Californian Concern. The Mobile Waterford Project is conducted in partnership with the Santa Barbara School Districts. About \$850k has been spent so far on the Waterford Project to get the system into five schools and local neighborhoods.

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.

The Mobile Waterford Project began operation in November 2007, when the van headed out to local neighborhoods, to provide English language and learning readiness to Spanish-speaking four-year-old children. The van is equipped with eight state-of-the-art computer stations that provide a highly interactive computer-based program designed to engage and educate young learners.

The Waterford Early Reading Program is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that teaches children how to read, write, and keyboard. Each child has twenty minutes per day at the computer. The Software uses a teaching technique known as "scaffolding" – measuring individual proficiency at each task level, and then ratcheting up the difficulties of the tasks in accordance with the individual student's learning progress.



Mobile Waterford Van is a Classroom on Wheels for Pre-K Youngsters

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Non-English-speaking parents are urged to listen along with their four-year-olds as they take the sounds and alphabet into English. Parental English speaking reinforcement is essential for the children's growth in English proficiency. As such, the mobile van is equipped with four "listening" stations for parents, so they can be more comfortable with English, their non-native language. The initial results show great promise. Mean readiness scores – a measure of a child's ability to master the skills necessary to speak English – are 3X higher than an equivalent set of children who have not had the Waterford experience. However, since the program is only two years old, no long-term cohort tracking studies are possible to determine the true effectiveness of the Waterford Project.



Nonetheless, Dr. Coie is "bullish" on the results to date, and as he puts it: "Helping to solve the English fluency and literacy problems with our Hispanic population is a pressing problem that the Waterford Project addresses".



The Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara



Christmas Dinner Dance

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

La Cumbre Country Club

6:00 pm Cocktails, social hour

No host bar

7:00 pm DINNER with wine

Dancing to the music of: *CITY LIGHTS COMBO*

MENU

Salad with Goat Cheese

Choice of:

Grilled Halibut with lemon-butter sauce

Or

Sliced tenderloin of beef with morel mushroom sauce

With

Qu gratin potatoes

Asparagus

Apple Pie A-la-Mode

Price: \$85/person

Dress: *formal or cocktail dress*

RESERVATION FORM



Name _____ **HALIBUT** **BEEF**

Spouse or Guest _____ **HALIBUT** **BEEF**

Seating Preference (if any) near Dance Floor quiet location

I wish to be seated with: _____ and _____

and _____ and _____ and _____

Mail form and check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to:

Albert N. Mercado, Dance Chair, 4590 Camino Molinero, Santa Barbara CA 93110