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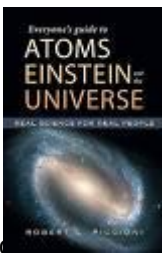
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NEXT PROGRAM

December 3rd

Robert Piccioni - "How Big is our Universe? 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 education program at Cal. State Channel Islands.



Ben Walsh will introduce Dr. Piccioni

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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?" Gordon Bjork will introduce.

Dr. Bruce Phillips, PhD, from the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and UCSB as a visiting professor, a virologist working in the area of Molecular Cell and Genetic Development, will offer a highly informative presentation on the pandemic of the Swine Flu. For example: The mutation of the influenza virus is more frequent than the mutation of other viruses and cells because the genetic code for virus is contained in RNA, rather than DNA as in other viruses and cells. The mutation in RNA occurs once every 10,000 times it is copied as opposed to once every 1,000,000,000/10,000,000,000 times for DNA. Introduction by Gordon Bjork.

Feb 4th Russell McGlothlin (water)

Feb 18th Hillary Hauser

March 4th Prof. Rauschlau (Iraq)

March 18th Robert Failing (Mountain Climbing)

April 1st Mayor-elect Helene Schneider (Santa Barbara)

May 6th John Burgee (architecture) (Ladies Day)

Wine Drawing

Addison Smith – won a bottle of Sid’s Santa Rita Hills Chardonnay
 Ray Rosecrans – scored a bottle of Pinot Grigio from Italy



Welcome Our Guests

Frank Katch, retired professor of exercise physiotherapy and Dr. Curtis Whiteman, retired professor of Historical Theology at Westmont College were the guests of Ron Singer. Frank is into exercise and golf and Curtis loves horse riding and polo. Gary Georges a retired carpenter was the guest of Bill Montag. George loves golf and tennis. Don Truex, a retired dentist, was hosted by Jim Shaw. Don’s interests include running, biking, skiing, diving and raising avocados.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Douglas McCartney

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Doug was born in New York City, has an AB & MBA cum laude from Harvard in economics and finance. He served in the U.S. Navy as LTJG for 3 years and then for the last 35 yrs was a private banker. He retired from Brown Brothers Harriman & Co on Wall Street as Managing Director in 1999. He and his wife Sandra have lived in Santa Barbara since 2007, and have 2 sons and 1 daughter. He has served as Endowment Chairman for the Santa Barbara Symphony, and on the investment committee of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. He is interested in economics, investments, and finance. He enjoys skiing and swimming. His sponsors are: Ben Walsh, Dwight Coffin, and Ken Jewesson.

In Memorium

A member of Cosmo since 1998, George Potter passed away on October 31. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Laurie and family.

Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Don Terrell, 687-8481 or wtdt84@cox.net. Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound

Regular COSMO Events

Bridge - Bridge Winners Nov. 19th

Harv Turner	4880
Jim Belden	4050
Dick Phillips	2900



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 15 December, 2009. All COSMO members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn: Chair (805) 967-2633 or hbglenn@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

Veterans Day Golf Event at Montecito Country Club: A great lunch was followed with six teams of Cosmo players teeing it up. A special Veterans Day "local rule" allowed a Veterans to use the forward tees. The format was one best ball "gross" and "net". The winners were:



1st place "net" Art Williams, Gus Polasek, Pete Kruse and Frank Katch

2nd place "net" Ed Yoon, Steven Morgan, Hank Macchio and Ed Loper

3rd place "net" Lynn Garten, Ron Singer, John MacKenzie and Bob Hankins

A special prize for 1st and 2nd place "gross" was a "non member" pass to the Tydes restaurant at the Coral Casino. Winners were Art. Williams and Ed Yoon.

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 24th saw a few hardy souls joining President Ron for a walk on the beach. For pictures please visit our website and check the Special Events tab.

December 8th Christmas Dance at La Cumbre Country Club

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 Carpentaria at 9:05 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM. Contact Thore Edgren, 967-4001, theman3@cox.net. After the Dec. 3 meeting, we will open this trip up to friends and neighbors, so please sign up ASAP.

Wednesday 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 2:00 PM. 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 Carpentaria 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.

Last Meeting:

Bill Spangler accompanied our singing of the nation anthem and, following our pledge of allegiance, Chuck Curtis gave the invocation.

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. Addison Cook introduced Dr. Beebe.

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.

Dr Beebe delivered an interesting perspective of the unique liberal arts educational program that is exemplified by Westmont College. Concentrating on Christian values and how they apply to the arts, Westmont students study with world-class professors and pursue interaction and integration of important ideas along with the Christian faith. A unique feature of Westmont is that students may choose to graduate with a degree in physics, engineering physics, chemistry, or other "hard-science) studies. Also unique on a liberal arts campus, is the recent installation of the central coasts' most powerful astronomical telescope. Of course all of the traditional liberal arts programs in language, the arts, psychology, sociology, music, and so forth are offered and most include a semester of studies in other countries. Students are encouraged to spend substantial time working to benefit people in depressed areas of the globe through team efforts that include teaching and just good old-fashioned hard work. Limited to 1200 students on campus at any one time, growth at the campus centers around continual improvement in the facilities and enhancing their outreach programs.

Rebuilding following the recent Tea Fire has been a high-priority effort during the past several months. Dr Beebe reported that most of the construction has been completed and that very few changes were made in the building footprints on the campus. About one-half of the faculty lives on campus as the college wants to maintain an easy access of faculty advisors to the students. Some new construction has been put on hold pending additional funding.

Dr. Beebe told of the desire of Westmont to be an asset to our community and, indeed, a review of the website

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www.westmont.edu reveals a fine assortment of events open to the public that will likely be of interest to our readers.

Coming Events – Summary - Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- Nov.24 Walk on Goleta Beach to see oil flows with Pres. Ron White.
- Dec.8 Christmas Dinner Dance, La Cumbre Country Club

and in 2010:

- Jan.16 Magic Castle, Hollywood, brunch and show
- Feb.17 Vandenberg Air Base Tour
- Mar.12 SBCC Gourmet Dinner
- Apr.6 Spring Dinner Dance
- Apr.19-21 Las Vegas, Treasure Island
- May 6 Ladies Day Luncheon
- May 29 LA Philharmonic at Disney Hall, LA.
- June (?) Norton Simon Museum and Garden Cafe
- July 1 July 4th Picnic Manning Park
- July (?) Circle Bar B Ranch dinner and show
- Aug (?) Solvang Theaterfest, West Side Story, dinner and lodging at Petersen Village Inn

Interesting tidbit picked up at lunch at our previous meeting: Don Chalfant provides this...

Heavens-Above.com* provides real-time information relating to the exact times and paths where interesting space objects can be seen.. All you have to do is register with your zip code so they the site knows where to look for you. Don advises that at certain times the space station and service vehicles can be seen parting from one another, all visible to the naked eye. Of course, if an astronomical telescope is available, the sighting will be somewhat improved.

*(This is not to be confused with the movie with Peter Sellers from the 60's.)

