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NEXT PROGRAM

January 21

Dr. Bruce Phillips, PhD University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

"How is the Swine Flu like a Terrorist in a Black Raincoat?"

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.



February 4

Russell McGlothlin

"Flowing in a New Direction - Emerging Trends in California's Water Supply".

Mr. McGlothlin received his law degree from the University of Michigan and has been a partner in the Santa Barbara law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP for the past decade. His career is focused on water, energy, and other natural resources and he has represented numerous companies, municipalities, special districts, and individual landowners regarding these issues. He is also the author of several chapters on ground water management in the California Groundwater Management Handbook, and speaks regularly on topics regarding water resources.



February 18

Hillary Hauser, Executive Director, Heal the Ocean

Heal the Ocean is committed to ending ocean pollution. Hillary Hauser has been a writer/journalist/news reporter since 1968, with published books about the sea and underwater exploration, and magazine articles including National Geographic, Geo, Islands, The Surfer's Journal, Reader's Digest and the Los Angeles Times. From 1969 through 1977 she was West Coast stringer for Ocean Science News, Washington D.C., and from 1981-1986 was ocean/marine reporter for the Santa Barbara News-Press. She also was the former music critic for the Santa Barbara News-Press and is a long-time classical pianist.



March 4

Robert Rauchhaus, Asst. Professor of Political Science, UCSB

Dr. Rauchhaus' research focuses on the formulation and implementation of strategy under conditions of uncertainty, risk, and strategic interaction. His recent publications and courses apply strategic choice theory to military strategy, national security policy, and conflict management. His expertise in national security policy stems from his academic training, as well as practical experience gained from military service, law enforcement and work in the defense industry. Prior to joining the faculty at UCSB in 2003, Dr. Rauchhaus was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company.

- March 18** Robert Failing (Mountain Climbing)
- April 1** Mayor-elect Helene Schneider (Santa Barbara)
- April 15** Dr. Minxin Pei, "China's Challenges in the Next Decade"
- May 6** John Burgee (architecture) (Ladies Day)

Wine Drawing.

A Summerland Winery 2006 was won by Gordon Bjork, and a Summerland 2007 Pinot Noir went to Howard Glenn.



Welcome Our Guests

- Harry Brown hosted George Welik and John Coggi
- Gordon Bjork hosted Rick Voit
- Hank Pfister hosted Bill Freudenstein
- Don Chalfant hosted Dick Pennycook
- Bob Sorich hosted Bob Hassler
- Dennis Gaon hosted Frank Rierson
- Steve Little hosted Bob Rockwell
- Don Margerum hosted Ron St. John

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

John F. Gould

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A Pisces from the town of Oakes in The Peace Garden State of North Dakota, John Gould and wife Marjorie are newcomers to Santa Barbara. He secured his B.A. in Business Administration, and pulled duty in Korea in the early 1950s as a Medical Service Corps 1Lt. John retired in 1983 as Corporate Controller for McKesson Corp. A member of the Masonic Lodge, John enjoys football and tennis in a non-participating manner. John's sponsors are: Dan Cross, Fred Marsh and Art Kvaas

Regular COSMO Events

Bridge .

Winners on January 7:

- Howard Glenn 3720
- Jim Belden 3440
- Herb Friedman 3030



Please 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 meeting is on January 19. All COSMO members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn: Chair (805) 967-2633 or hbglennc@cox.net.



S. A. G. E. Investment Group

S.A.G.E. 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

Stop Press for a Hole in One



Gary Georges presented a hole-in-one trophy to John MacKenzie

Tournament - The next Cosmo Club golf tourney is scheduled on Wednesday, January 20 at Santa Barbara Golf Club (aka Muni) with the first tee time at 10:30. Course construction and renovations are expected to be finished. Muni's standard green fee is \$33, not including cart. Many of our players carry the resident card and senior discount which offer significant savings. For this event each participant will pay his own green fee, so eligible discounts will be available. Separately, tournament coordinators Paul Fink and John MacKenzie will collect \$5 from each player to fund the buffet of prizes. Contact Paul Fink, 566-6671, or John Mac Kenzie, 964-9339 or jbmac007@cox.net to register for this event.

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 his e-mail list to be notified of the next "Floating Golf Game". Locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 16, (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. Bus will depart the Elks Club at 8:45 AM, stop at IHOP in Carpinteria at 9:05 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM. Cost is \$90 per person. A few seats are still available. If you are interested, contact Thore Edgren, 967-4001, theman3@cox.net.



Wednesday, February 17 - VANDENBERG AFB There is still some room on the bus for **an 8:15! departure.** Returniong ca. 4 pm. A tour of Vandenberg AFB has been arranged for a total cost of \$30/person including bus transportation to/from the Elks Club. No host lunch will be available at the Officers Club. Wives and girl friends are invited. Call Ben Walsh 969-1960 to reserve your spot. Call Harry Stroud for sign-up or questions: 653 5117



April 19-22, (Monday-Thursday) - LAS VEGAS. Celebrate the new decade with a trip to Las Vegas. Our junket departs by bus on Monday, April 19 and returns Thursday, April 22. 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. Call Harry Stroud, 653-5117, to book your reservation. For those with reservations, please send your check made out to the Cosmopolitan Club to Harry Stroud, 3778 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, CA 93001.



May 29, (Saturday) - LA PHILHARMONIC Performance in the acoustically superb Disney Concert Hall at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$120/person. A deposit of \$25 is required now to reserve your ticket. The balance of \$95 is not due until April 1. Our bus departs the Elks Club at 11:00 AM with a stop at IHOP in Carpinteria, 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 Ecstasy 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. Tickets are limited. Please contact Thore promptly so that he can finalize our reservation. Tickets will be allocated to those who have made the \$25 deposit.



April 24 A Private Car Rail Trip Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara Enjoy a day's trip to and from San Luis Obispo in a 1949 Club Lounge Railway Car. The car will pass through some of the most scenic areas on the Coast Route. Much of this can be seen only from the train, as there are no public roads from Gaviota to the northern end of Vandenberg Air Force Base. Experienced Guide/Interpreters will be on the trip to enhance your tour. There will be very limited complimentary food/ beverage service like chips and dip or cheese and crackers, plus an assortment of sodas. There will be a short (about 1-hour, 15 minutes) layover in San Luis Obispo. The trip will depart from both the Santa Barbara Station and the Goleta Station. The date is Saturday, April 24 departing SBA at 10:15 AM and returning at 4:30 PM. Space is limited to 36 people. For this reason, we must limit participation to one guest per member. The cost is estimated to be in the range of \$40-\$50/ person. A second trip is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22. Reservations will be on the basis of first come-first served. So sign up early! Full payment will be required one month in advance of the trip.

Call Don Chalfant with questions: 687 3478

Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Don Terrell, 687-8481 or wtd84@cox.net. Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

In Memoriam

Long time member John Van Aken passed away January 9. Cosmo extends its deepest sympathies to his wife Doris and family.

Last Meeting: January 7

Speaker:

Peter Kruse introduced Cosmo member Don Margerum for his stimulating talk, "Re-Examining Nuclear Power," noting that while Don was a distinguished engineer at several companies including Raytheon, he was not a nuclear engineer. Don's presentation distilled a much longer one given earlier for Vista.



Of the 440 nuclear reactors worldwide, the vast majority is in the US or on our Naval vessels. The Big Question is: Why have there been no new US nuclear power plants since 1973? A domino effect within the energy industry, ending in the 70s and 80s with cancellations of 138 reactor projects, is partly responsible. Also there have been concerns about at least 9 negative issues (which Don explored), including reactor design shortcomings, large nuclear accidents such as Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, difficulties with the spills, leaks, transport and disposal of nuclear materials, possible

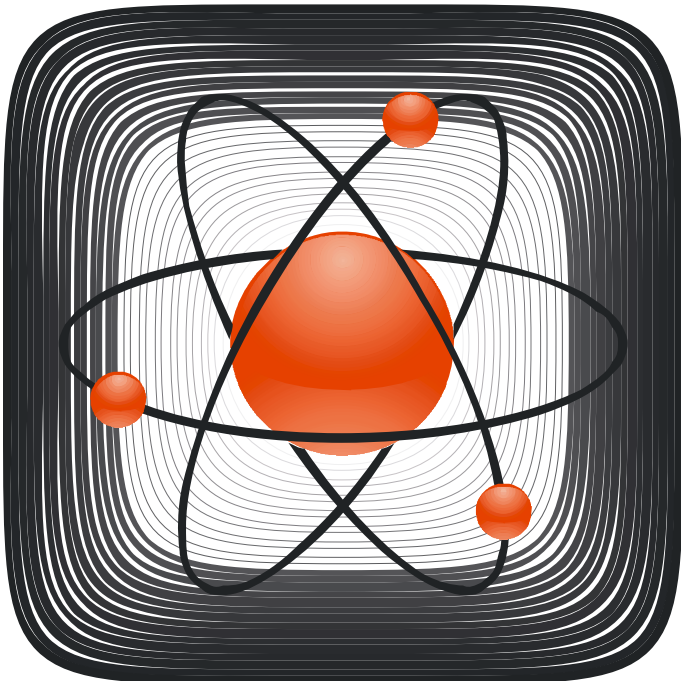
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terrorism, and the threats of unwanted proliferation of uranium and plutonium. Don compared the virtues and drawbacks of nuclear power with other energy sources and power systems (coal, oil, natural gas, bio-fuels, solar, and wind) concluding that the evidence supports Nuclear Power being added to the mix of alternatives for replacing oil imports.

Don offered to send his more detailed study to any interested members, who can contact him via email.



PLANNED COSMO EVENTS 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.19-22	Las Vegas, Treasure Island
Apr 24	Private Rail Car to SLO
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