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### Nominations for Officers

The appointed Nominations Committee, Ron White, Pete Kruse, Dick Evans, Bruce Long and Robin Durkee, Chairman, have proposed the following slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year:

President John MacKenzie  
Vice President Arlie Skov  
Secretary Mead Northrop  
Treasurer Don Chalfant  
Director Hank Pfister  
Director Ron Singer

Elections will be held at the March 18, 2009 meeting.

### Future Programs

#### March 18

Dr. Robert Failing, "Climbing the World's Highest Mountains"  
Dr. Failing received his medical degree from Duke University and surgical and forensic pathology training at the USC/Los Angeles County Medical Center. From 1961 until his retirement in 1996 he was a surgical pathologist at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and the forensic pathologist and coroner for Santa Barbara County. Since his move to Santa Barbara in 1961, he has been an avid hiker, backpacker, and river rafter and since 1977 (at the age of 49) an avid mountaineer. Among his mountain climbing accomplishments: six of the seven continental high points (Everest never attempted); reached the high points of thirty-seven countries; the high points in all 50 states including the Colorado 14ers; many sacred mountains (Olympus, Sinai, etc); the Alps (Mt Blanc, Matterhorn, etc); the oldest climber to summit (Vinson Massif) and the first to summit (Mt Vaughan) both in the Antarctic.

#### April 1

Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider

#### April 15

Dr. Minxin Pei, "China's Challenges in the Next Decade"

#### May 6

John Burgee (architecture) (Ladies Day)

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### Wine Drawing

Summerland Winery: 2006 Merlot, was won by Chuck Curtis. Syd Eckert's 2007 Chardonnay was drawn by Dr. Brett Becker.

### Welcome Our Guests

Five guests were introduced by Harry Brown: Dr. Brett Becker, Presbyterian pastor, hosted by Harold Englund, Dick McCook, retired banker, hosted by Bob Hankins, Dan Herlinger, retired healthcare administrator, John Shute, retired from the S.B. Fire Dept. and Mike Smith, retired Mobil Oil executive, hosted by Ron Singer, who won kudos from Hank Pfister for hosting three guests.



## PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Keith S. Perkins

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Boston-born Keith Perkins earned his B.S. in Economics and an MBA in Finance and Accounting. Following service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Keith established his career in the securities business. He and his wife, Maria, settled in S.B. in 1981. A member of Vietnam Vets and the Mayflower Society, his interests include bridge, genealogy and running. Keith's sponsors are: Bill Kucera, Howard Glenn and Pete Schenck.

### Robert Hassler

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A Taurus born in the Great Lake State, Bob Hassler earned his B.S. in chemistry at Cal Berkeley, and his career in electronics via training in the U.S. Navy. A serial entrepreneur, Bob retired from his own electronics manufacturing firm in 1995, and settled in S.B. in 2004 with his wife, Sue. His interests

include travel, photography and wine making. Bob's sponsors are Robin Durkee, Bob Sorich and Bill Montag.

**Daniel Herlinger**

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Dan was born in Czechoslovakia. He and his wife, Susy, have lived in S.B. since 1998 and have three daughters. Dan holds BS and MBA degrees in Healthcare Administration and a Certificate in Mediation. He served in the U.S.A.R., 1968-75. Dan retired in 2001 as Regional C.E.O. of Catholic Healthcare West after 30 years in healthcare administration. Dan's interests are computers and golf. His sponsors are Ron Singer, Jim Shaw and Albert Mercado.

**Richard S. Tenold**

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Dick was born in S.B. and was a professional firefighter for 32 years. He retired in 1998 as a Captain in the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Dept. He served in the US Marine Corps and the California Firefighters Assn. as a Fire Prevention Officer. His major courses of study were Emergency Services, Fire Science and Public Safety. Dick and his wife, Sheila, have two sons. Dick is Past Master of the Hiram Award - Masonic Fraternity and a member of the Carpinteria Masonic lodge, the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite and the Los Angeles Shrine. Dick volunteers with the Boy Scouts and Carpinteria Seniors. Dick's sponsors are Ron Singer, Bill Montag and Harry Stroud.

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Our newest member, Dick Weist, was introduced by Bruce Long and inducted by President Ron White. After their home was lost in the T fire, Dick and his wife, Ruth, have lived at Shadow Hills on a temporary basis. Dick holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physical Education from the University of Idaho. He was a Professor of Physical Education at S.B.C.C. since 1960. Dick's daughter, Eileen, and grandson, Carlos, live in Santa Barbara. Welcome Dick!



President Ron White announced that the club is giving two free lunch tickets to members who recommend and get new members to join. It appears that Ron Singer is leading the competition for first prize in this category.

**Regular Events**

**Bridge**

Winners on March 4th:

Keith Perkins	4030
Ralph Edebo	3700
Hugh Vos	3510



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](mailto: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](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net)



**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 [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@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](mailto:dickevans@mac.com).



**Golf**

**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](mailto: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 9am.

**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.

**Cosmo Golf Tournament on February 25** was held on a delightfully sunny Santa Barbara day at the Glen Annie Golf Course. Garnering first prize with a scramble score of 64 was Team no. 4 (six foursomes competing), captained by Gary Georges and supported by Ron Singer, Tony Pytinski and Mike Rodrigue; in second, team no.2, led by A.B. Clarke with Bill Clothier, Bill Montague and Mike Shierloh; and taking third place, team no. 5, guided by Hank Macchio with Paul Melancon, Bob Hankins and Chuck Cunningham. Congratulations to the winning teams and commiseration to the other three. A wonderful luncheon, golf and comradery was enjoyed by all participants.

**Special Events**

**Tuesday, April 6 - Cosmopolitan Club Spring Dinner-Dance**

Treat your spouse to an elegant evening of wining, dining and dancing at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Our annual Spring dinner-dance starts at 6 pm with no-host cocktails, followed by dinner at 7pm. Dancing to the music of The City Lights Combo. \$80.00 per person. Details and menu selections are presented on the enclosed reservation flyer (Page 5 of eCrackers).

**April 19-22, (Monday-Thursday) - LAS VEGAS.**

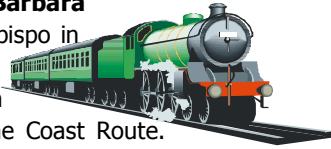
Celebrate the new decade with a trip to Las Vegas. Our junket departs by bus on Monday, April 19th and returns Thursday, April 22nd. The cost is \$460 per couple for bus transport, baggage handling, refreshments, gratuities and three nights lodging at Treasure Island. Golf chair Ron Singer is arranging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

**Saturday, May 22 - A Private Car Rail Trip: Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara**

Enjoy a day's trip to/from San Luis Obispo in a lovingly restored 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 complimentary food service like chips and dip or cheese and crackers. Red (Merlot?), White (Chardonnay?) will also be provided. 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. Total time for the roundtrip will be 6-7 hours. The Private Rail Car trip to/from San Luis Obispo on April 24 has been fully subscribed. We are still taking reservations for wait list status. If placed on wait list status you will automatically be placed on the list for the trip on May 22.

There are still several openings for this trip. As we had no additional sign-ups at the last meeting, we are allowing members to include additional guests up to a total of three guests per member. In order to confirm the reservation for the rail car we must have the reservations no later than the next meeting on March 4. Please contact Don Chalfant, 687-3478, email [dchalfant@cox.net](mailto:dchalfant@cox.net) to find out more details about the trip or to make your reservation. Space is limited to 36 passengers. The per person cost is \$50.

**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](mailto: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.



**Anacapa Island Trip**

Cosmo member Bob Gerity is arranging a trip to Anacapa Island on May 21st. This is a time when thousands of Western Gulls are nesting there. Their nests are built right on the ground in short grass making them easy to see. The parents fiercely guard the nests and visitors should expect to get dive bombed. The nests will contain chicks in many stages of development; from eggs to fairly large birds that are not yet able to fly. Nearly every gull you see here along the south coast will have been born on Anacapa.



This is a wonderful trip but visitors must be able to disembark by climbing a vertical ladder several steps depending upon the tide and then climbing 154 steps to reach the main trail. Bring lunch and water. Dress in layers so as to be prepared for weather changes.

We will be using Island Packers boat service from Ventura.

Cost will be \$45.

More details will be provided later as things firm up.

Please call Bob Gerity at 963-9413 if interested. We will have a limit of 20 persons.

**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](mailto:wtd84@cox.net). Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

**Overview of 2010 Special Events:**

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| 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 4    | 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 |

**Last Meeting – February 18<sup>th</sup> Looking at the War on Terror in Afghanistan and Iraq**



George Handler introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Robert Rauchhaus, Assistant Professor of Political Science at UCSB. Dr. Rauchhaus' research focuses on the formulation and implementation of strategy under conditions of uncertainty, risk and strategic interaction. He is completing a book on international conflict management. 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 of UCSB in 2003, Dr. Rauchhaus was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company.

Dr Rauchhaus' premise is that it is too soon to tell how anything will fall out, whether we are looking at the Obama administration or the War on Terror. He states we are too close to September 11, 2001; all of these events are ongoing. Our religious and belief systems test our views of events. How fair we can be in assessment is indicated by several factors such as cognitive dissonance and group think. Cognitive dissonance means we don't like judgments which differ from ours and cause us discomfort. Group think means that basically a group has a distorted way of looking at the world as a result of isolation, homogeneity of ideas or directive leadership. Whether the war

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on terror is going well or poorly will be greatly influenced by whether we were for or against the war and Obama in the first place.

The successes of the War on Terror are as follow:

- We have made it for 9 years without an attack on the U.S.
- We have thoroughly decimated Al Qaeda
- The U.S. provides no open safe havens
- Preemption is opposed as a doctrine, but the U.S. has not waited for a permission slip from the U.N.; the President reserves the right of preemption.

Failures in Iraq and Afghanistan can be seen as:

- We knew there were no weapons of mass destruction
- Our overall effort to combat extremist ideology has failed
- We cannot track bombers like the Christmas bomber of Detroit
- We have not informed the American public of the expectation that they have to live with these threats, i.e. we do not practice expectation management.

Dr. Rauchhaus stated that Iraq is headed toward stabilization and success, as legitimate domestic authority has been established, borders are secured and there is proper security within the country. By contrast, he stated that Afghanistan's borders are not secured, there is a hostile government and nation building is not possible.

Dr. Rauchhaus gave his assessment of the Obama administration during their first 13 months as overseas contingency operations, i.e. the closing of Guantanamo Bay, the shift from this as a war to a police action, no mention of Islamic fascists. Most of what the Obama administration has done is symbolic and in sync with what the Bush administration

did. Obama kept Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates. Obama told the Marines that the combat mission in Iraq will be ended according to the time tables set by the Bush administration. Obama has done more than expected with the excellent appointment of General McCrystal. And Obama has expanded the war into Pakistan to chase the terrorists.

In conclusion, Dr. Rauchhaus sees continuity in foreign policy and military policy; neither is affected by symbolism and syntax. President Obama is closer to the Bush administration on domestic policies and means of prosecution. Obama uses the term, War on Terror, rather than Islamic fascists or Islamic terrorists. Rauchhaus pointed out that there are no nation states with a global reach supporting the terrorists. The Saudi regime is an old ally of the U.S. and a problem because they actively fund projects that promote hatred of the U.S. and Israel and spread influence by giving a lot of money to American universities. We all see things in a flawed, parochial way. Our psychology is such that we distort things, especially religion. And our government has not been honest in influencing the expectations of citizens. Rauchhaus says this is a long war—of very long duration. This counter-insurgency will be global and will go on for decades.

# Cosmopolitan Club Spring Dinner-Dance

Tuesday, April 6, 2010



## Santa Barbara Yacht Club

130 Harbor Way, at the Breakwater

6:00 PM Cocktails (no host)

7:00 PM Wine/Dinner

Dancing to the music of *The City Lights Combo*

### Menu (with wines)

- **SBYC Salad** (greens, nuts, Feta Cheese, Orange Zest)
  - **Entre**
- **Alaskan Halibut** (caper-dill butter, Calico rice, veggies)
  - OR
- **Sautéed Tournedos** (mustard/wine sauce, Florentine scalloped potatoes, baby veggies)
  - **Desert**
- **Chocolate-Caramel Pyramid**

\$80.00 per person



### RESERVATION Form

	Beef	Fish
NAME (print) .....	-----	-----
GUEST (print) .....	-----	-----
Seat me with (print) .....		

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