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PO Box 3993, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3393

## Next Meeting

August 19<sup>th</sup>

James E. Alexander

*"Growing Up in Valdosta, Georgia"*

James Edward Alexander was born and grew up in Valdosta, Georgia — the Deep South — during the decades of 1930 and 1940. As a child his prospects for higher achievement were, to say the least, dictated by the color of his skin. James shares stories of his happy childhood, and how his elders, both colored and white, helped him develop his respect for hard work and self-sufficiency that guided him through a 20-year career in the Air Force and a subsequent career in broadcasting. At age 52, he went back to law school, and passed the California Bar Exam — the nation's toughest — at age 56.

Will be introduced by Ron Singer.

## Future Meetings

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Minxin Pei

*"China's Challenges in the Next Decade"*

Minxin Pei is the Tom and Margot Pritzker '72 Professor of Government and the director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College. His research focuses on democratization in developing countries, economic reform and governance in China, and U.S.-China relations. Pei received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. He was on the

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faculty at Princeton University from 1992 to 1998. Pei is a recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships, including the National Fellowship at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the McNamara Fellowship at the World Bank, and the Olin Faculty Fellowship of the Olin Foundation.

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Andreea Serban

*"Santa Barbara City College Today"*

## Wine Drawing:

Bob Zimels selected the winning tickets: Hank Pfister won a 2007 bottle of Meridian chardonnay and Don Truex likewise did so with a Meridian merlot.



**Additional Drawing:** Our speaker Ed Vernon donated a copy of his new book "A Maritime History of Baja California." It was won by Ralph Edebo.



## Welcome Our Guests

Karl Schroeder, hosted by Peter Klein. Karl is retired from IBM. He worked on the first PC that IBM produced.

Jim McIntyre was brought by Peter Kruse. He is the former chairman of Fremont General - workers compensation and mortgage lending.

Dr. Robert Rockwell, hosted by Steve Little. He is retired from the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, and has climbed Mt. Whitney 160 times!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

### Dale Charpentier

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Dale was born in Providence, Rhode Island. He was employed by Bell South and served as Manager of Motor Vehicles and Building Maintenance and as a Segment Manager before retiring in 1984. He moved to Santa Barbara with his wife in 1999. His interests are woodworking, Jaycees, Commissioner of Keep Jacksonville Beautiful and City Council Member.

Dale's sponsors are Peter Klein, Bob Sorich, and Joe Szerwo.

## PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

### Michael B. Nutik

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Michael Nutik was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He has been owner of meat packing plants in Montreal, Toronto, Lethbridge, and Calgary Canada, and retired in 2003. He and his wife Madeline have lived in Santa Barbara since 2001. They have two sons Neil and Lorne, and a daughter Melissa.

Mike is a member of Birnam Wood Golf Club.

Mike lists his sports interests as golf, tennis, and baseball. His sponsors are Ron Singer, Karl Kassity, and John Mackenzie.

### Marvin G. Norman

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Originally hailing from Lead, South Dakota, Marv Norman holds a B. S. degree in Business Administration. He was manager of Quantum Corporation in Milipitas, CA. Most of his career was involved in defense electronics and the computer industry (manufacturing recording heads of disk drives.) Marv and his wife Patricia have lived in Santa Barbara for 26 years – Marv said they moved into Santa Barbara four different times. They have two sons.

Marv's avocational interests are financial investments, and his sports interest is golf.

Marv's sponsors are Mead Northrop, Karl Kassity, and John Rasmussen.

### 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.

## Regular Events

### Bridge – August 5 Top Scorers

3940	Ron White
3230	Jim Belden
2680	Ed Loper



Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Contact Pres Gould at (805) 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net).

**Tennis** - The tennis group plays doubles twice a week at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate.

Contact Bruce Long (805) 692-4072 or [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net).



**Computer Society** - Meets monthly at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM. Feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host luncheon in the Elks Grill.

All Cosmo members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair; Howard Glenn, Chair (805) 967-2633 or [hbglenn@cox.net](mailto:hbglenn@cox.net).



**S.A.G.E. Investment Group** – Meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club, 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).



S.A.G.E. is looking for a Chairman to succeed Dick for the 2010 – 2011 year. All interested, please contact either Dick Evans or John MacKenzie.

## 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 (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by Friday before the Monday for your tee time.



**Mondays – Twin Lakes** (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game.

**Wednesdays – Ocean Meadows** (Par 36) at 8:30 AM. Work on your long-ball skills.

**Fridays** at a variety of courses - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the next "Floating Friday Golf Game". Past locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos.

### Report on July 28 Cosmo Golf Scramble

A. B. Clarke and Ed Loper reported that 19 golfers participated in the Cosmo scramble golf tournament at Soule Park Golf Course in Ojai. First place went to the only threesome team, consisting of Bill Clothier, Paul Fink, and



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Much of Ed's talk focused on the Port of Santa Rosalia, one of Ed's favorite places - it is on the Gulf side about half way down the Baja peninsula. It was not a mission town, but instead became a copper ore mining town.

The Rothschild family completed an engineering survey and determined that it was rich in copper ore. Construction of the town by a French company, El Boleo, occurred in 1885, and a metal church was designed by Gustave Eiffel. A power plant was prefabricated in France by Eiffel. So Santa Rosalia always had a French and German influence. Using copper ore slag, a huge breakwater was constructed in 1910.

Coke and coal were brought from Europe by the Vallejo Company, particularly Germany, for the smelting operations. For a period, the Santa Rosalia copper mine was the largest in the world. Copper would be transported from Santa Rosalia by barge to the mainland of Mexico, carried by train to New Orleans, and then shipped again by boat to Europe.

They needed much labor at the mine, and so brought in many workers from Japan and China.

Heyday of the mine was in the early 1900's, and then World War I came along. Eleven German ships patrolled the waters off Santa Rosalia to protect German mining interests. Nine German captains settled there. There was a ferry once a week to Mazatlan, a tradition which continues today, complete

with orchestra and band. German oom-pah-pah music was featured. Even today Mexican rancho music has an oompah beat.

Ed said the copper smelter closed in 1940, although there continued to be some smelting activity, and there has been some ongoing interest in reactivating it.

Unlike many other mining sites, the industrial facilities located in the middle of town were never dismantled. During the heyday of mining activities, there was much air pollution over Santa Rosalia – a black pall hung over the City. There is black residue even today.

Ed Vernon indicated that Santa Rosalia harbor is today primarily a fish harbor. He was asked if there is much tourism there today. He said there is a great deal of worry about what's going on in Mexico, and he has those same worries. So there isn't much tourism at present.