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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.

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**SPRING
DINNER
DANCE**
April 5 2011

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Next Meeting:

March 17 Ladies Day Celebration. - Nir Kabaretti "Santa Barbara Symphony"

Luncheon tickets are \$17 each for you and your guest, and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be on sale through March 3. For Ladies Day, we accept checks by mail, and they must be received prior to the event. Make check out to "Cosmopolitan Club" and mail to



Jim Shaw, 4650 Sierra Madre Rd, Santa Barbara 93105. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Guest speaker for Ladies Day is Nir Kabaretti, Music Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony. Art Kvass will introduce.

Future Meetings

April 7 Jean-Michel Cousteau "A Life for the Water Planet"

Explorer. Environmentalist. Educator. Emmy Award Film Producer. For more than four decades, Jean-Michel Cousteau has dedicated himself to communicate to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for our water planet. Since first being "thrown overboard" by his father at the age of seven with newly invented SCUBA gear on his back, Jean-Michel has been exploring the ocean realm. The son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel has investigated the world's oceans aboard *Calypso* and *Alcyone*. Honoring his heritage, Jean-Michel founded Ocean Futures Society in 1999 to carry on this pioneering work. Ocean Futures Society, a Santa Barbara-based non-profit marine conservation and education organization, serves as a "Voice for the Ocean" by communicating the critical bond between people and the sea and the importance of wise environmental policy. Jean-Michel also has a long history of innovative design in the field of architecture and the ocean. Acting on a childhood dream to build cities under the sea, he pursued a degree in architecture from the Paris School of Architecture. Artificial floating islands, schools, and an advanced marine studies center in Marseilles, France, are among his projects.



April 21 Glenn Holden "Serving as U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica"

May 5 Rod Camp "Effect of Drug Cartels on Contemporary Mexico"

May 19 Barbara Levi "Fraud in Physics"

June 2 Bruce McPherson "CA Forward: California's Fiscal Problems"

June 16 Walter Kohn "Prospects for a World Powered Predominantly by Solar and Wind Energy"

July 7 Annual Picnic

Cosmopolitan Club Spring Dinner Dance, Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Tuesday, April 5, 2011. (See Page 5 for details.)

Cosmo Authors! - - HAVE YOU WRITTEN A BOOK?

The Cosmo program committee is exploring a suggestion to celebrate Cosmo Authors at a future meeting. Program chair Chuck Curtis will soon ask the membership two questions: 1. How many of you have written books? 2. Does the idea of each author bringing one or more book(s) to a future meeting appeal to the membership? We believe there are many authors whose publications cover diverse and interesting subjects, and that a display of such books, with their authors present, could be an unusual and edifying event. The books could be displayed in the outer room before the meeting, and if there is sufficient interest, perhaps each author could speak briefly about his book subject(s). Please call Chuck Curtis at 708-0588 on his cell phone or e-mail him at rcurtissog@cox.net with your comments, or contact him at the next meeting.

Wine Drawing with quick-draw Bob Zimels
Dale Charpentier scored the Summerland 2008 Pinot Gris
Walt Clapp won the Margerum 2009 Pinot Gris
Kent Cullen will enjoy the Summerland 2008 Syrah



Welcome Our Guests

Presented by Harry Brown
Dwight Carlson – host Fred Marsic
Jim Dow – host Bob Williams
David McKee – host anonymous
Warner Owens – host Jim McKillip
Chuck Sheldon – host Ron White
Jim Subject – host Ron White

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Dale Charpentier & Bob Thompson
Punch Bowl: Jim Gravitt
Invocation: Roy Rosecrans

Regular Events

Bridge:

Top scorers on March 3
Howard Glenn - 3050
Ed Loper - 2150
Herb Friedman - 1990



Join us for fun Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Contact Herb Friedman, 687-6228, or email at maryherbfriedman@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.



Cosmo Computer Society -

Cosmo Computer Society meets monthly on the third Tuesday upstairs at the Elks Club. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM, and a feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair, Howard Glenn (805) 967-2633 hbglennc@cox.net, and Frank Katch 964-2734, fkatch@mac.com: Co Chairmen.



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. At S.A.G.E. we discuss past and possible future trends in the economy and the stock market. We would welcome your participation.
Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967- 6930 or dickevans@mac.com.



Golf:

Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes.
Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by prior Friday 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.

Additional play at various courses. - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Mondays are usually at Muni, Wednesdays are often at Glen Annie, Fridays' locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clarke and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

Special Events

Richard Kennelly reports on the February 22nd outing to Descanso Gardens in LaCanada-Flintridge:

Thirty-seven of us, including 16 Cosmo and Men's Garden Club members, ventured 100 miles south to this beautiful setting. The 150 acres that form Descanso Gardens today had never been developed when E. Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News, purchased them in 1937. Boddy cleared the land and built an elegant two-story mansion of 22 rooms, designed by architect J. E. Dolena of Beverly Hills. This mansion overlooks 25 acres of live oak forest and a camellia-lined driveway. Boddy named his estate "Rancho del Descanso," which means "ranch of rest" in Spanish. He also purchased an additional 440 acres north of the original property, whose mountain streams provide fresh spring water for the Gardens today. Our day was sunny and brisk. Conversation flowed and abundant snacks of dubious nutritional value were consumed. Thanks to Harry Stroud and Thore Edgren for their assistance.

Tue-Wed, March 22-23 Palm Springs Follies and Living Desert Trip

This event is sold out, but if you want to get on the waiting list, please call Harry Stroud at 653-5117.

Saturday, April 23 Private Car Rail Trip - Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara

Wait list sign-up. See prior issues of Crackers for details. 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. If enough interest is shown, an attempt will be made to secure the car for a second trip later this year. To be placed on the list, please contact Don Chalfant by email, dchalfant@cox.net or by phone, 687-3478.

Saturday, May 7 L. A. Philharmonic and Dinner at the Granada Theatre

Join other Cosmo members for this unusual opportunity to see the L. A. Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, who is acclaimed worldwide as one of the most exciting and compelling conductors of our time. The program will consist of the following:

Johannes Brahms: Academic Festival Overture
Osvaldo Golijov: Violin Concerto (World Premiere) performed by Violinist Leonidas Kavakos

Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Opus 68

We will all meet for dinner at 6:00 PM at Jane Restaurant at 1311 State St., one block north of the Granada Theatre. Price per person is \$38 for the L. A. Phil performance. Tickets are limited. The cost of dinner is not included. We will be able to order from the menu (entrees are \$10 to \$26.)

Make checks out to the Cosmopolitan Club for the performance. Make reservations by contacting Thore Edgren at 967-4001, or signing up at a Club meeting.

Friday, May 13 SBCC Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner

Always a sellout, this culinary extravaganza at Santa Barbara City College is a unique dining experience. Cost and details will follow in subsequent Crackers, but reservations will be taken now by Harry Stroud, 653-5117.

Last Meeting:

Jim Davis reported that the National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore successfully produced a test thermonuclear burn. NIF is the world's largest and most powerful laser system for inertial confinement fusion (ICF), and for studying high-energy-density (HED) science. The purpose of the facility is to demonstrate ignition & thermonuclear burn, to validate the scientific feasibility of ICF, and focus worldwide attention on laser fusion as a viable energy option. A laser fusion-based energy concept that builds on NIF, known as LIFE (Laser Inertial Fusion Energy), is inherently safe and can provide global carbon-free energy generation in the 21st century.

Jim Shaw introduced Fred Clough, an avid cyclist, who offered a delightful photo narrative of his bicycle trip from Carpinteria to Yorktown, VA. Fred received a BA from Stanford and a law degree from UCLA. He served 2 years in the Army, followed by 10 years as the City Attorney of Santa Barbara and then 19 years as a member of two prestigious Santa Barbara law firms. From 2001 until his retirement last year he was the Executive Vice

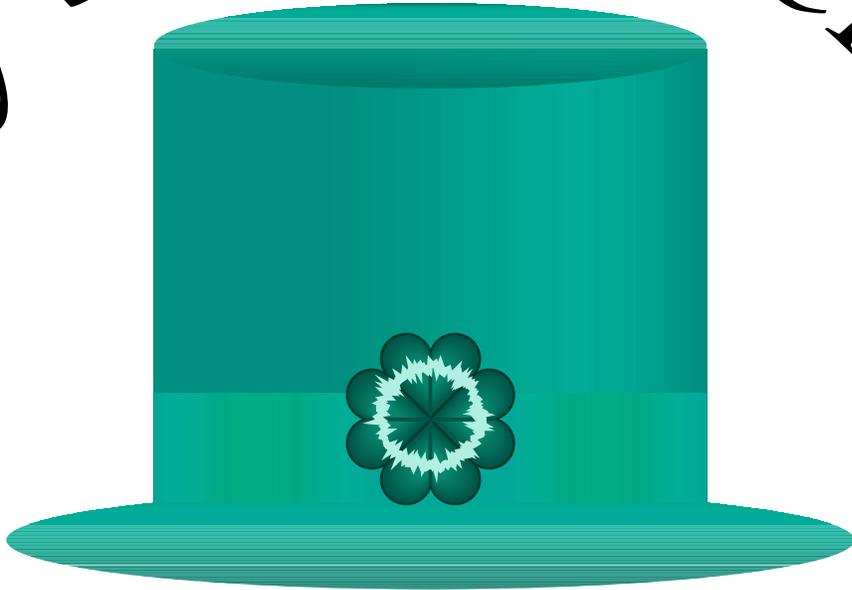
President and General Counsel for Pacific Capital Bancorp. Among his many cycling accomplishments are the 129-mile Death Ride, the Triple Bypass Ride in Colorado to heights of 12,000', and the Race Across America Ride where his relay team set a new record for their age (over 60) of 7 days and 7 hours.



Starting in Carpinteria, Fred and a companion averaged 60 miles per day, burning 3,000-4,000 calories/day on their 66-day adventure across the United States. Along the way he experienced 8 flat tires, 9 broken spokes (difficult and time-consuming to repair), and a scary lack of bike lanes on roads buzzing with huge coal-hauling trucks. In those 66 summer days, they encountered only one hour of rain, a number of days of high temperatures and humidity. Their highest ascent was a 10% grade climb over 11,312' Monarch Pass in the Rocky Mountains of south-central Colorado. Fred's pictures captured the glorious variety and character of our country - a thoroughly entertaining presentation.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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Cosmopolitan Club Spring Dinner-Dance

Tuesday, April 5, 2011



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**

\$85.00 per person



RESERVATION Form

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

Please enclose check payable to Cosmopolitan Club
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