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**Gentlemen** – Our meeting dress code will continue with informal attire through October. We will resume coat & tie splendor with our November 3 gathering.

## Cliff Sponsel

Congratulations on your selection as Santa Barbara Foundation's 2011 Man of the Year!

Cliff is 101 years of age and a 30-year Cosmo member



## Next Meeting

**October 6**

**Cosmo Authors Display and Discuss # 2.**

**Gordon Bjork will emcee.**

**Gordon Bjork – joined Cosmo 2005**

Gordon is the Jonathon B. Lovelace Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Claremont McKenna College. He holds degrees from Dartmouth, Oxford, and the Univ. of Washington and has held faculty positions at the Univ. of British Columbia, Carleton Univ., and Columbia Univ. He became president of Linfield College, Oregon, at age 32. Gordon has consulted to a number of private corporations and government agencies. He will discuss his four sole-authored books:

*Private Enterprise and Public Interest: The Development of American Capitalism*, Prentice Hall, 1969; *Life, Liberty, and Property: The Economics and Politics of Land Use Planning and Environmental Controls*, D.C. Heath, 1979; *Stagnation and Growth in the U.S. Economy, 1781-1792*, Garland, 1985; *The Way It Worked and Why It Won't: Structural Change and the Slowdown of US Economic Growth*, Praeger, 1999.



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## George Frakes – joined Cosmo 1995

George is Professor of History, Emeritus, and former Chair of the Dept. of History, and Chair of the Social Sciences Division of Santa Barbara Community College. He holds degrees from Stanford and the UCSB. He served to Major in the US Air Force Reserve and as President of the SBCC Teachers' Association for over 25 years. George will discuss several of his sole or co-authored books:

*Instructors Manual for Patterns in American History*, Belmont, 1969; *Laboratory for Liberty: The Origin and Development of the South Carolina Legislative Committee System, 1715-1765*, Univ. of Kentucky Press, 1971; *Minorities in California History*, Random House, 1971; *Pollution Papers*, Appleton-Century Crofts 1971; *Columbus to Aquarius: An Interpretive History*, Dryden Press, 1976; *A Memoir of a Teacher's Life*, Treebeard Press, 2002.



## Herb Friedman – joined Cosmo in 2001

Herb is an aerospace engineer with a career spanning more than 40 years with Raytheon, GE and Fairchild Camera. He holds BEE and MEE degrees from New York University and has published numerous scientific papers. He was program manager for the MinuteMan/Polaris Missile Reentry Vehicle, several space studies and for all Army electronic warfare programs. Herb was appointed a member of the "off-site" offense/defense study group by President Reagan. And, perhaps most important, he was program manager for the development of the Stinger Missile Seeker that ended the Soviet Union's occupation of Afghanistan. Herb will discuss his 1996 book, *What America Did Right: The Weapon Systems, Events, and Leaders that Brought Us to Victory in the Cold War*.



## Joe Genna – joined Cosmo in 1990

Joe went to work at age 13 to help support his family during the Great Depression. He started college at age 17, and enlisted as an infantryman at the start of WWII. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and helped to liberate the infamous Dachau Concentration Camp. Following the army, he completed his B.S. in Physics and then went on to graduate study at the Univ. of Indiana. Joe had a 40-year career in the aerospace industry designing airborne computer systems and other hardware and software. He was in on the start of the computer industry, and in 1951 obtained a patent for a Parallel Arithmetic Unit which is at the core of every digital computer. Joe's book is entitled, *Rainbow Interlude: A Memoir of a WWII Combat Infantryman*. The 42nd Infantry Division was dubbed "The Rainbow Division" by General Douglas MacArthur because of its diversity.



## Weyman (Sandy) Jones – proposed Cosmo member

Sandy became a successful fiction writer after a career in corporate communications. He graduated with a BA from Harvard, where he wrote his first published story. During the Korean War he enlisted in the Navy and was subsequently commissioned. His corporate career included IBM and Xerox, a public affairs fellowship assignment in the Soviet Union, and fifteen years as VP, Public Affairs, for Grumman. He started his writing career with magazine fiction and then wrote award-winning books for children. Sandy's books include 3 mysteries in the Five Star Series: *Messages* (2010); *The Unexpected* (2007); and *Broken Glass* (2004). Others are: *The Doubloon* (2003), *The Edge of Two Worlds* (1975), *The Talking Leaf* (1965) and a non-fiction book, *Computer: The Mind Stretcher* (1975).

## Steve Morgan – joined Cosmo in 2009

Steve retired from the Santa Barbara Dept. of Mental Health in 2008. He holds both PhD and PSYD degrees. While a doctoral candidate he proposed a community treatment model for spousal abuse that was funded by the Federal Employment Training Commission. That was followed by work at a state hospital with sex offenders. Next came a career in private forensic practice with several contracts with various organizations and institutions. Steve will talk about his book on spousal abuse, *Conjugal Terrorism: A Psychological and Community Treatment Model of Wife Abuse*. Conjugal terrorism suggests that man's need to control his wife's behavior and his outbreaks of violence may be traced to his neurotic pride, a construct proposed by Karen Horney, Ph.D. to explain the formation and defense of a false or idealized self-image.



## Future Meetings

### October 20 Edward Keller

#### Santa Barbara Earthquake Hazards: We do have our faults.

Introduced by Jim Shaw.

Dr. Keller received a BA, MS, and PhD all in Geology at Cal State Univ. at Fresno, Univ. of California at Davis, and Purdue Univ. respectively and since 1976 has been a Professor in the Department of Geology at UCSB. His publications, grants, and awards are too numerous to mention.

His specialty is teaching and research in earth surface processes and tectonics as they relate to earthquakes and landslides in the Santa Barbara area. Recently, in the Santa Barbara News-Press, he wrote a series of very interesting articles on the natural history and geology of Santa Barbara. Also, he has a recently published a book titled: *Santa Barbara, Land of Dynamic Beauty: A Natural History*.

## November 3

### Phil Lubin

Planck Satellite. Introduced by Jim Davis.

### Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. Paul Melancon won a bottle Voss 2008 Savignon Blanc Rob Durkee won a bottle of Query 2009 California Zinfandel



## Welcome Our Guests

The following guests were introduced by Jerry Homan:  
Chris Adams of England was brought by Bob Sorich  
Sandy Jones was invited by Mead Notthrop

### Thanks to our Staff

Jim Gravitt on the Punch Bowl  
Gary Gulbransen and George Campbell on Tickets  
Bill Alexander guide the Invocation

## Regular Events

**Bridge** – Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Chairman Steve Morgan, 637-1332, or [smmphd@cox.net](mailto:smmphd@cox.net).



### Bridge Winners on September 15th

1st place with a score of 5200 goes to Jim Belden.  
2nd place with a score of 3330 points goes to Hal Thompson.  
3rd place with a score of 3220 points goes to Ed Loper.

**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).



**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; Chair Howard Glenn, 967-2633, [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net).



**S.A.G.E. Investment Group** –S.A.G.E. 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. Co-Chairs: Dick Evans, 967- 6930, [dickevans@mac.com](mailto:dickevans@mac.com) and Walter Naumann, 448-5061, [wjnaumann@aol.com](mailto:wjnaumann@aol.com).



## Golf

### Glen Annie Golf Tournament

Monday, October 24. Save the Date.  
Lunch @ 11:30, 12:30 Shotgun Start. Lunch, Golf fees and Cart is \$56.00, payable at the Pro Shop. A team buy-in of \$5.00 will be collected by Steve Morgan at the next meetings and at the course (if you can't make either of the next two meetings). However, you need to provide Steve with your handicap no later than the October 20 meeting so he can arrange pairings. Please contact Steve at 805-637-1332 or email: [smmphd@cox.net](mailto:smmphd@cox.net)



### Montecito CC Golf Tournament

Wednesday, November 9

Montecito Country Club, 920 Summit Rd. (805) 969-0800

Another chance to play this wonderful course. Registration opens at 10:30; lunch buffet starts at 11:00; scramble format with shotgun start at noon. Bring your 'A' game – prizes for first, second and third place teams awarded after the round. The \$48 fee covers lunch, cart, golf and prizes. Sign-up at upcoming Cosmo meetings or contact Marty Tucker, 969-0760, [tuckmet@aol.com](mailto:tuckmet@aol.com); or Lynn Garten, 969-2466, [garten\\_sba@msn.com](mailto:garten_sba@msn.com). Ron Singer, Golf Chair.

**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](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by prior Friday for your tee time. Twin Lakes (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game. These outings are a great way to gain new members so invite your friends.

**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. Clark and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).

### 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](mailto:wtdt84@cox.net). Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

## Upcoming Special Events

**Tuesday , October 25**

**Piper's Winery & Saloon w/Dixieland Jass & BBQ Dinner**

**A FEW SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Do not miss this opportunity to hear and dance to live traditional Dixieland Jass (yes, jass) and enjoy a BBQ dinner. The winery is located at the top of Rincon Mountain 5 miles from Carpinteria off Highway 150. Arrive at noon and enjoy wine tasting. Live traditional Dixieland Jass commences from 1 pm to 5 pm for listening and dancing pleasure. A BBQ tri tip and chicken dinner will be served at 2:30 pm. Beer and wine are available for a \$2 donation. Dress will be casual. Attendees will provide their own transportation, and car pooling is recommended.

The cost is \$45/person, with a limit of 40 persons. Send your check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, 93117. Tickets will be sold at upcoming Cosmo meetings. Event chair is Thore Edgren, 967-4001, the [man3@cox.net](mailto:man3@cox.net).

Directions:

From Santa Barbara or Ventura take Rt. 101 to Carpinteria. Take EXIT 84 (to Ojai and Lake Casitas) to Rte 150. Proceed east 3 miles to gated RINCON MTN. road. Look for the COSMO sign. Turn right on RINCON MTN. road and proceed 1 1/2 miles to the Pipers Winery driveway at top of mtn. Look for the COSMO sign. Drive up to the barn and park around it.

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

**Santa Barbara Symphony Orchestra Concert and Dinner.**

A block of orchestra seats has been reserved for Cosmos for this concert directed by Maestro Nir Kabaretti . Two very familiar and favorite Beethoven compositions will be featured ; Symphony No. 6 in F major op. 68 " Pastoral " and Piano Concerto No.5 in C major , Op. 73 " Emperor "

Prior to the concert , we will have dinner at Andersen's Restaurant and Deli just one block down State St. from the Granada. We will not have to move our cars between dinner and the concert.

Only thirty tickets are available so first come , first served. Event Chair: Art Kvaas, 965 6683.

**Last Meeting: A View of the Middle East.**

Gordon Bjork introduced our speaker for the day, Ed Haley.



Ed Haley.

Professor Edward Haley discussed recent developments in the Middle East. He was Director of the Keck Center for International & Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College and is currently the Keck Foundation Professor at the Institute. He served as a Mellon Fellow in Egypt.

Dr. Haley began with the question: Why are these uprisings in the Tunisia, Egypt, Lybia and now Syria happening? How could a country of the capabilities of Egypt be turned upside down?

Syria is murdering its people in the street. How could the world be so terribly transformed? What followed was his take on the what and why.

Ed also asks why the US did not see it coming. After all, it's not a first for us. We've had two wars, a depression, we've witnessed the collapse of Russia and China and we have had the brutal attack on US soil on 9/11.

These recent events in the Middle East are called the "Arab Spring," a set of events no one anticipated.

The talk today focused on Egypt. It is the largest Arab country, has a sophisticated media, dominates mid-East, and has an enormous cultural footprint. It was at peace since Anwar Sadat signed the agreement with Israel.

The Government under Mubarak was extremely corrupt and oppressive, hence too burdensome for its citizens to stand. Under Mubarak's regime, men without connections were routinely tortured; women were molested.

After Mubarak's resignation, the sight of him behind bars in a courtroom sent waves of thanks through the people.

To give a graphic view of the events in Egypt, he told of the torture and rape of a 13 year old accused of stealing packets of tea. The treatment led to his death in short order.

Dr. Haley cited two books for additional reading. The first was Hannah Arendt's book "On Revolution" wherein she compares the French Revolution (a failure) with the American Revolution (a success). The second by John Bradley, "Inside Egypt: the Land of the Pharaohs on the Brink of a Revolution" gives some insight to Egypt's problems, but does not really address why the people have been so slow to challenge the government.

As an example, the trigger event for rioting in Tunisia was a citizen burning himself to death for government's refusal to allow him to open a shop.

Starting with a chart entitled "Witnessing a revolution" Ed shows us how the Egyptian people created "spaces of freedom" so they could live together without oppression. The next chart "Tahrir Square" showed these "spaces of freedom" to have the aspect of a campout complete with campfire. Another chart showed how free people organized themselves into a large open air community with stages, art, media, places to get water, take care of rubbish in a separate area, and a pharmacy. Dr. Haley went on to describe Aristotle's circle of government with the three styles: governments by one, by a few and by many and in each of the three, examples of good governments and bad governments. A good government is one that works for the common good and provides justice. His feeling is that Egypt will move from a dictatorship to an oligarchy rather than to a republic.

The final slide listed five discussion points: Freedom –in "free space;" Liberation, Social Question (usually how to take care of the poor), Violence and Absolution (limited government).

The concluding thoughts centered on the fact that revolutions often are derailed in the way they treat the poor. One hopes the revolution would lead to a responsible government and the world is watching, thanks to the Arab media which is catching up with us in their ability to give instant, wide spread viewing of what's going on.