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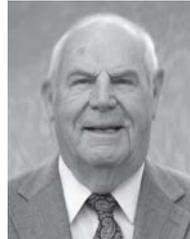
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Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Arlie Skov, 965-5101, askov@earthlink.net.

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Next Meeting

January 5, 2012

John Barletta, "Riding with Reagan" (published in 2005)

John Barletta will discuss his experiences serving as a Secret Service agent under President Ronald Reagan. John served his country as a member of the U. S. Army 1st Calvary Division before joining the Secret Service in 1974 as a Special Agent. He was transferred to the Presidential Protection Division at the White House in 1978 during the Carter Administration. After President Reagan took office, John Barletta was placed in charge of the equestrian team because of his love of horses and superior riding skills that made him the perfect choice to protect President Reagan on horseback. In 1987, he was assigned to the Western Protective Division, in charge of the Reagan Ranch detail. When the Reagans left the White House, he was transferred to the Reagan Protective Division in Los Angeles. John retired from the Secret Service in 1997 – and though retired, he continued to see the Reagans regularly.



Future Meetings

January 19

Judge Tom Anderle will speak on Santa Barbara Superior Courts. He will be introduced by Fred Clough.

February 16

Gary Cunningham, former Coach and former Athletic Director, will speak on College Athletics. He will be introduced by Bob Hankins.

Cliff Sponsel: 2011 Man of the Year



Cliff & Juliette Sponsel

President Arlie indicated that December 15, 2011 was designated as "Cliff Sponsel Day" to honor Cliff and his wife for Cliff's selection as "Man of the Year" by the Santa Barbara Foundation and the Santa Barbara News-Press. He noted that Cliff is 101 years old and his endeavors have included 60 years of active participation in the Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties communities and non-profit organizations, and that he attends Cosmo meetings regularly.

Cliff thanked Cosmo for this great honor. Cliff's wife Juliette spoke of Cliff's involvement in the community. She said he gave of his time rather than money. He was a volunteer or director of many organizations, including the Santa Barbara Foundation, Planned Parenthood, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, and the Goleta Chamber of Commerce. He founded several organizations in Santa Barbara, including the Sister City organization and the Concours d'Elegance which benefits charities.

Juliette said Cliff had a number of innovations, including group medical insurance.

In 1932, while working for General Motors, he invented the automobile thermostat. He received no money for the invention, and then 78 years later in 2011 he was finally acknowledged by GM for that invention.

Juliette suggested that the members get involved in the community as Cliff had. She also suggested to the ladies in the audience to better appreciate their spouses, and to tip their hats to Cliff when they went out to start their cars.

Wine Drawing

Howard Glenn substituted for Bob Zimels in conducting the wine drawing.

John Tevenan won a bottle of 2009 Donovan Parks pinot noir.
Jon Stanlee won a bottle of 2009 DeLoach chardonnay.



Welcome Our Guests

President Arlie indicated there would be no introduction of guests because so many of us were bringing our favorite guest – our spouses or other. So we welcomed all guests.

Thanks to our Staff

Ray Rosecrans on the Punch Bowl
Mike Smith and Dan Herlinger on Tickets
Chuck Curtis gave the Invocation

Regular Events

Bridge – There was no bridge played on December 15th because of Ladies Day.

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.



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; Chair Howard Glenn, 967-2633, hbglen@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 and Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.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. 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.

Last Meeting:

Bill Alexander led the group in singing our National Anthem. He said that he hoped that all would start on the same note. The San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers once again entertained Cosmo Club members and their spouses at our traditional Christmas Carol Program. The Madrigals are an outstanding group of 51 voices.



Caroline Teraoka-Brady

Led by Caroline Teraoka-Brady, this award winning group again infected us with the holiday spirit. They performed on both sides of the Cosmo luncheon room, so that it was an even more magnificent sound. The Madrigal Singers had a very busy year in 2011. They performed at the Southern California Festival, where they

placed first. They also sang at a chapel across the street from the World Trade Center, and performed at the largest cathedral in North America – St James Cathedral. They performed at the Veterans Day 10th anniversary of 9/11, and also sang at Disneyland’s Candlelight Winter Concert. They performed at Carnegie Hall in March.

David Childs, Madrigals president, said the choir has recently been giving many caroling performances.

The group will perform in an 8-hour Broadway musical fundraiser from 12 to 8 p.m. on March 9 at San Marcos. Last year they performed for 10 cents a song each, and then proceeded to sing 130 songs!

Many in the choir will present the musical Kiss Me Kate in early May at San Marcos.

Mead Northrop presented the Madrigals with a check for \$500 from the Club. In addition, Club members very generously donated an additional \$886 at the end of the program. The \$1,386 will go towards financing the Madrigals many trips in 2012.

Thanks to Mead Northrop for coordinating this most enjoyable presentation.



