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Free Lunches



President Arlie Skov reports that the Club has a surplus of funds which the Board has decided will be used for free lunches for all members attending 2 – 3 meetings this year. The free lunches will not be announced until the day of each meeting.

Annual Dues Notice

Annual \$60 dues are due by July 1 2012, There will be a box at the Luncheon Ticket Table so you can drop your dues off at a meeting, payable to Cosmopolitan Club, or mail it to P.O. Box 3993, Santa Barbara 93130



COSMO JULY 4TH PICNIC
Thursday July 5th
Manning Park
Keep the Date
(Details on Page 5)

Next Meeting

June 21, 2012

Steven D. Zelko, MD, Ophthalmology
"Cataracts, Retinal Detachment, & Macular Degeneration"

Armed with an undergraduate degree in Biology from UCSB, Dr. Zelko attended the University of Hawaii' John A. Burns School of Medicine. He took his Ophthalmology Residency at the Nassau County Medical Center, East Meadow, NY from 1987-1990. He worked at Kuakini and St. Francis Hospitals in Honolulu before settling in Santa Barbara. From 1998-2000, Dr. Zelko served as Chairman, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, and Cottage Eye and Laser Institute Medical Director. Harry Brown will introduce.

July 19, 2012

Topic - Colonel John Chere, Senior US Defense Official, Tunisia.

Colonel Chere is currently Defense Attache at the U.S. embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. His prior assignments in the Middle East include US Army Attache at Tel Aviv, Israel, Defense and Army Attache at Rabat, Morocco, Army Attache at Algiers, Algeria; and was the US Army representative on Weapons of Mass Destruction Survey team in Iraq, and Staff Officer at US Central Command. Introduction by John MacKenzie

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. Bob Logan won the bottle of Mammoth Crest, John Bracken won the bottle of Carin Cellers, Pete Schenck won the bottle of Esta Port, and Bob Sorich won the bottle of Margerum M-5.



In Memoriam

Warren Elliott, a Cosmo member since 2002, passed away May 29, 2012. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Law (JD 1952) and had an impressive legal career. He is survived by his wife Polly and by his many children and grandchildren. We extend sincere condolences to his family. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Church, 1500 State St,

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 smmpha@cox.net.



1st place Robin Durkee	2480
2nd Howard Glenn	2430
3rd David Kain	2390

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, Chair. 967-2633, hbglenn@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.

July 11th - Cosmo Golf Outing at the Montecito Country Club, 920 Summit Rd. [969-0800]. Cost: \$57 including green fees, cart, lunch, prize money and food in the bar after golf. Come at 11:30, buffet lunch starts at noon, shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in the patio/bistro area. Let's enjoy this special Wednesday together. Ron Singer, Chairman Golf Committee.

July 27th - Cosmo Golf Tournament will be held at the Buenaventura Golf Course on Wednesday June 27. The First tee time is scheduled for 9:40 am. The cost is \$36 and includes the round with cart. This can be paid directly to the Pro Shop by credit card, check or cash. A \$5 team buy-in will be collected by Steve Morgan or Stan Clothier at the next Cosmo meeting or at the course. The course is located off the 101 Vineyard exit and Olivos Park road in Ventura. There is an excellent snack shop on site and a well- stocked drink cart is available. Format will be a modified scramble using every team member's talents. The course is very attractive and has 10 newly sodded fairways ready for play. It's the perfect venue for our club members and is only 45 minutes away.

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, and Friday 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.

COSMO Member Ailing?
If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Arlie Skov 805-965-5101 or askov@earthlink.net

Presidential Announcement A Call to Service

President-elect Mead Northrop advised members he was in the process of filling committees for work next year and asked for volunteers to serve the Club as members and chairs of all committees, particularly in the area of Audio/Visual and Projection, Special Events and the Picnic Committee. Please contact Mead or the respective chairs indicated in the Roster to find out more and offer your services. New members are particularly encouraged to step forward to get to become more an active part of the Club.

Upcoming Special Events

July 5, 2012

Cosmo Picnic "Alert"

The next meeting [June 21] is the last chance to pay Art Kvaas for tickets to our Fourth-of-July Picnic. There will be a Picnic Table at the meeting to take your money and give you directions. You don't want to miss this fun Picnic. Bring your friends for this casual event at Manning Park in Montecito. The price is \$16 per person [BYOB], the same as last year for a great Barbecue and fun. See you there on the 5th. (See page 5)

July 22, 2012

Solvang Theater Fest /Dinner and Overnight

This is an overnight adventure to see the satirical play "The Rivals" based on the wit and wisdom of 18th Century Bath, England. We will stay at the Petersen Village Inn.

The event package cost per couple is \$250 which includes: Dbl. Room (Queen), 2 Wine Tasting Tickets, 2 Gourmet Dinners, 2 Theater Tickets and 2 European Buffet Breakfasts.

Contact Thore Edgren for reservations: theman3@cox.net; 967 4001.

There are a limited number of package tickets available.

August (date TBD)

Circle Bar B Ranch Dinner/Matinee

September 10-20

Trip to Ireland

October (date TBD)

Piper's Winery, Dixieland Jass/Dinner. Hwy 150 above Carpinteria

November (date TBD)

Santa Barbara Symphony and Lunch

Last Meeting

June 7, 2012

Kathleen Baushke

"Perceptions of Homelessness in Santa Barbara"



Kathleen Baushke

John MacKenzie introduced our speaker as a leader in dealing with the homeless problem in Santa Barbara. Indeed she is. In 2003 Kathleen Baushke, became Executive Director of Transition House. In 2011, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce gave her a "Business Star Award" citing that "She has built Transition House into one of the finest non-profits in Santa Barbara. Transition House's history of community support continues with over 40 service or faith-based organizations and 1,200 volunteers donating their time and talents each year."

Kathleen said that most of the homeless in Santa Barbara are families with children, about 85%, with only about 15% single, mostly men, many with drug problems and/or mental health problems. Of these there were 32 deaths of homeless in Santa Barbara last year in Santa Barbara. When a homeless person falls down and can't get up, the police are called, an ambulance takes them to the emergency room, where they are treated and then, if they survive, are sent to Cottage Hospital for the night [\$750 each]. Baushke said that after housing the most vulnerable homeless, we should also look to provide social or mental services to the other homeless. There should not be homeless individuals dying on our streets.

She said "When families come to Transition House, we provide them with case management, we help them find work, learn to manage their money and provide child care and activities for their kids. The family unit gets strengthened when they come here. Today Transition House serves over 400 people a year in its shelter and housing programs, and 250 people annually in its homelessness prevention program. But many more are not served, and the homeless problem is bound to get worse.

Nearly half of the jobs in Santa Barbara pay only minimum wage. She asked the audience if they could guess what the Santa Barbara minimum wage was in 1975? Actually it was \$2.50/hour. And now it is \$8.00/ hour. Up by a factor of 3.2. Then she asked the audience if they could guess what the median house cost in Santa Barbara was in 1975? Actually it was about \$90,000. And now it is \$500,000. Up by a factor of 5.6. This widening gap between minimum wage and the cost of housing in Santa Barbara shows why the homeless population is increasing. The fact that rents are increasing with respect to house prices also adds to the homeless population. Also both political parties are now pressing to reduce government spending for programs for the very poor, such as the Section 8 federal program that pays the difference between affordable housing rents and the most these families can afford.

Transition House screens homeless families with children to select those with the greatest need and the potential to recover and get into affordable housing or can be helped to move to another city with much lower housing costs. Few want to move to another city. Many are turned away or put on a waiting list. Funding for Transition House comes from a large group of Santa Barbara donors and foundations.

Once a family moves in, it usually takes 3-4 months to stabilize them, and have an appointed person help them budget their money. Most of the families have a wage earner, but even with good budgeting they can't save enough for first & last month rent, and they don't know much about budgeting. Transition House also appoints volunteers to counsel the children. When the family is felt to be stabilized, they can move into an apartment building owned by Transition House [such as the one in the San Roque area] where they live with other graduates of the program. Today Transition House serves over 400 people a year in its shelter and housing programs, and 250 people annually in its homelessness prevention program.

Housing and Urban Development's Point-In-Time count of the homeless in 2011 was the start of something uniquely positive in the history of homelessness here. They found that the single homeless person constitutes about 15% of the total in Santa Barbara and number about 200-300 people. They are served by other organizations such as Casa Esperanza. Many of the homeless in this category have substance abuse and/or mental health issues.

Transition House agency's programmatic offerings have expanded to include the development of 14 new units of affordable housing, and a new department dedicated to homelessness prevention for families and individuals who are threatened with eviction from their housing as a result of poverty. Transition House's effectiveness is due largely to its successful partnerships with other social service agencies and affordable housing providers.





2012 COSMO PICNIC

THURSDAY, JULY 5
LOWER MANNING PARK

(Across Santa Rosa Road from Montecito YMCA,
same as last year)

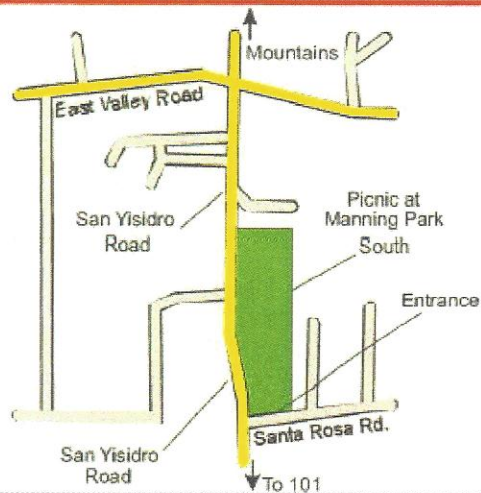
\$16.00 per person

Note: This invitation is inserted as page 5 in the e-version of the Crackers Newsletter



11:00 am Social Hour
12:15 pm Pledge & Invocation
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Barbeque (*Cavalli's-the best!*)

Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club
Leave your reservation and payment at
the "Picnic Table" before a meeting
or mail to:
Mr. Arthur Kvaas
933 Roble Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
Note: Cut off date is June 28th!



COSMOPOLITAN CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July, 5 2011 32nd Annual Picnic \$16.00 per person
Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to the Cosmopolitan Club for _____ persons

Cosmopolitan Club Members and Wives

Guests

Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Name Tags