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Winter Dress Code



You can get out the coat and tie!
The winter dress code,
Jacket and Tie, is now in effect.



Save the Date

Cosmo Christmas Dinner Dance

**Tuesday
Dec 11, 2012**

See Page 5 for details & reservation form

Next Meeting

November 1, 2012

John Brinker

"Investing in Today's Market"



Mr. Brinker received his MBA from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania and also attended the American Bankers Association's National Trust School at Northwestern University. Since then, he has accumulated over 29 years of experience in investment management. Prior to 1993, he was the Vice President and Portfolio Manager in the Investment Management and Trust Division of PNC Bank in Philadelphia where he managed over \$170 million in individual trust and retirement accounts. Since 1993 he has been the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer at Santa Barbara Bank and Trust where he oversees all aspects of investment management and policy for the bank's Wealth Management Division. He has also hosted a radio program exploring a variety of investment topics, been involved in numerous community organizations and educational programs, and is a former officer in the U.S. Navy. Introduction by James Shaw.

Future Meetings

November 15, 2012

Gordon Bjork

"Economic Problems Facing Our
Next President"



Dr. Gordon Bjork is a Lovelace Professor of Economics, Emeritus of Claremont McKenna College. Prior to 2003 he served for 28 years as the Lovelace Professor of Economics at Claremont McKenna College and the Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management. He has a distinguished career in academia, has done consulting for several significant financial institutions and has been a director of several corporations. He has published 4 books and is a contributing author for 9 more.

Gordon received an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College, B.A. from Oxford University and M.A. from Oxon and his PhD from the University of Washington. He is a Phi Beta

Kappa and a Rhodes Scholar and garnered the George Washington Medal for Excellence in Economics.

This is Gordon's third talk to the Cosmopolitan Club over the last decade (he also organized and participated in the Cosmo authors' programs.)

In his first talk (2004) Gordon talked about the reasons for the forthcoming decline in the economic growth rate of the US economy and why Medicare would be a very difficult problem to solve and Social Security wouldn't. In November 2008, he was prevailed upon at short notice by Ben Walsh and the Program Committee to talk about the financial crisis and the problems it was posed. This year he will talk about the dimensions of the deficit/debt crisis and the problems posed by demographics and the declining educational qualifications of the US labor force. He will be introduced by Jim Davis.

December 6, 2012

Bob Weber

"U-2 and Modern Surveillance Programs"



December 20, 2012

San Marcos HS Madrigal Singers

"Christmas Spirit"



Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels drew the winning tickets. Art Kvass won the Haney Lane Albarino and Dan Gross took home the Venteux Vineyard 2008 Estate Petite Syrah.



Jerry Floyd scored two tickets to the Grenada Theater.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Presented by Jim Barbabella
Kitch Wilson hosted by Ralph Edebo
Peter Merkl hosted by Thore Edgren



Dixieland Jass at Pipers Winery
(see Page 4)

Welcome New Members

Nicola Martinovich

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Born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1947, and drafted into the Army in 1967, Nicola served in Vietnam 1968-69, returning home to take a menial job with US Steel Corp. until 1974. That year he decided to pack his life up into a Volkswagen Beetle and move to Los Angeles to pursue an education on the GI Bill. His serious interest in photography as an art form began at Los Angeles Valley College when he first started working with chalk pastel directly on photographs. He went on to California State University Northridge in 1977 to study fine art photography with Jerry McMillan, a Los Angeles Photo Sculptor who greatly influenced the development of his work and in 1980 graduated with a BFA. In 1981 he enrolled in graduate school at Cal State Northridge to study philosophy while he continued to refine his art. Soon after he became a graduate assistant at the Journalism Department's photography lab and in 1984 took a teaching position as an instructor in their Broadcast Television News Studio, setting aside his artwork until 2002 when he retired and moved to Santa Barbara where he continues to live and make his art.

In 1989 he decided to change his name back from "Nick Martch" to "Nicola Martinovich," his immigrant Yugoslavian father's original name.

Nicola's sponsors were Ron Singer, A.B. Clarke and William Clothier.

Montague "Monte" R. Ward, Jr.

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Monte obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from M.I.T, and later a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Cal State Long Beach, where he also received the professional degree of civil engineer. He is a registered civil and mechanical engineer in California and Washington. Monte served 5 years in the Navy during WWII, in the V-12 program, and later in the Korean War. Monte was the principal for 45 years with two engineering consulting companies, primarily in ship design and production, and highway Haz-Mat tank design and construction. Prior to that he spent 18 years in the production of steel structures, wind tunnels and plate fabrication. This was followed by 8 years in shipbuilding

and repair with several us companies, including Litton industries.

He serves on a task group of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to establish the standards for transport tanks for Haz-Mat materials. He considers himself, above all, to be a technologist, and uses these talents to live off the electric grid on Hollister Ranch, where he lives with his wife, Nancy, and raises macadamia nuts and citrus. He has a broad range of interests, including ancient and medieval history, the development of technology, and economics. His hobby is classical music, especially the baroque period. He has a special regard for Adam Smith.

Montes sponsors were Bill Berry, Bob Logan and Ralph Edebo.

Regular Events

Bridge

Top scores for October 18:

1st place: Ralph Edebo 3710

2nd place: David Kain 3370

3rd place: Ed Loper 3150



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, Howard Glenn, Chair. 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, dick-evans@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, 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.

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, November 4, 2012

Opera - "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini at the Granada Theater

We will meet at 12 noon at La Cumbre Country Club for a Champagne brunch, and continue from there to the Granada for a 2:30 curtain on one of Puccini's best known and most beloved operas. Cost is \$90.00 per person, which includes everything -- brunch, Champagne and theater ticket. Please make check payable to Cosmo and hand-deliver or mail it to Fred Sidon, 555 Las Palmas Dr. SB 93110, 967-6757.



Sunday, January 20, 2013

Santa Barbara Symphony Luncheon & Concert



Enjoy lunch at Andersen's Danish Bakery & Restaurant (one block from the Granada - park once for both venues), followed by the concert with soloists featuring Mozart and Mendelssohn. We'll enjoy a private dining room and fine orchestra seating in one group at a very good price. Save the date – details to follow. Event Chair Art Kvaas, 965-6636, or akvaas@verizon.net.

Report from the Event at Piper’s Winery on October 16



Some 30+ Cosmos and guests enjoyed an afternoon at Piper’s Winery high atop Rincon Mountain on Tuesday the 16th. We enjoyed wine tasting, barbeque lunch and Dixieland style “Jass” until almost 5 in the afternoon. Rooster provided us with a seven-piece ensemble of excellent musicians who played many of our favorite New Orleans music, almost non-stop, for nearly 5 hours.

Last Meeting: October 18

October 18 2012

Jerome Garris

“The Decline of Congress”



Jerome Garris is VP and Dean Emeritus of Claremont McKenna College. He was educated in the US and Sweden, and holds a masters degree from the University of Stockholm and a PhD from UCLA, both in Political Science. He served Claremont McKenna for 25 years as a professor of government, as Dean of Students, and as Dean of the Faculty. In addition he was Dean of the Faculty and Provost at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA for 14 years.

He was a Congressional Fellow of the American Political Science Association in 1969, and in 1970, he served as Research Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. He has served several campaigns at the congressional and state legislature levels including managing an unsuccessful Congressional campaign in Los Angeles. He has written on the Electoral College, campaign financing, constituent-legislator relations, and on nuclear weapons policy. He is currently researching Sweden’s foreign and nuclear policies during the Cold War. Jerome will be introduced by Gordon Bjork

Since we have been bombarded with the presidential race, our speaker opted to focus his address on the Congress. Jerry’s first slide tabulated the woeful performance of Congress, e.g., very low approval rating (10-13%), lowest legislative output and the fact that important issues are not being addressed. Thomas Jefferson said, “He who governs less, governs best,” but in the case of the sitting Congress even bare necessities are being treated with great difficulties.

At this point in the presentation, Jerry digressed to explore the cost of running for US Congress and the reasons why one would undertake the challenge. Typical figures for a US Senator’s campaign are \$20 million and for a Representative, \$1 million. Locally, over \$3 million is being spent on a seat in the House. In recent years candidates have spent as much as \$5.5 million to \$50 million of their own personal finances and did not win the election.

The congresspersons with the greatest personal wealth are Darryl Issa (1st), Jane Harmon (3rd) (both from California), John Kerry (4th), and Nancy Pelosi (9th).

It takes significant personal wealth that one is willing to invest. The motivation for running is multifold. The candidate always feels he has a mission to move the nation forward. Further, his chances of serving for a long time are excellent, with an 80-85% chance of re-election.

Jerry segued to his main point: Congressional GRIDLOCK. The discussion opened with the word Admiral Stockdale, VP candidate in 1992 used very often to describe slow government action, and perhaps that word is more pertinent today than it was in 1992.

Our system of government was established with checks and balances so that no one branch of government could gain superiority and therein lies the struggle. Sixty votes are needed for cloture in the Senate and it has been very difficult to get those necessary votes most of the time.

Why is there gridlock in Congress? The long and the short of it is the unwillingness to compromise. In many cases the stances taken by each party are so diametrically opposed that compromise is not possible. Only the capitulation of one party will allow progress to be made and neither side wants to do so.

The battles in Congress today were not as evident earlier. Starting in 1965, the Democrats strongly supported civil rights legislation and therefore lost the South. They became more unified in their precepts and thus put compromise in the “too hard file.”

On the Republican side, Newt Gingrich, in 1994, made a “Contract with America.” It was a brilliant stroke that presented practical and specific ways to change government operations, but it left little room for compromise.

These actions cited above set the stage for today’s gridlock.

Will the election of 2012 jolt us out of gridlock? Probably not, Jerry contends. It appears to him that the House remains Republican, the Senate Democratic, albeit some shuffling of seats, but not enough to alter the makeup of Congress. We will be left with a divided government facing a plethora of important issues and no ready solution a rather dire prospect.

