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## Cosmo Member Ailing

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Mead Northrop, 964-9786, [mfnsb@cox.net](mailto:mfnsb@cox.net). President Mead reports Hal Thompson is recovering well.

## Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Mike Smith and Pete Schenk  
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## Guest Free Lunch during January-February

The Directors have designated January & February 2013 as "New Member Recruitment Months." Any member's guest will receive a free lunch in the four meetings of the first two months of 2013. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help your Club grow. Limit one guest per member per meeting.

## Successful Dinner Dance

President Mead spoke of the successful dinner dance at La Cumbre Country Club on December 11 and thanked Albert Mercado for doing such a good job.

## Next Meeting

January 3, 2013

Gregory Couch

"China's Wings: War, Romance, Intrigue and Adventure in the Middle Kingdom During the Golden Age of Flight"



Author Greg Couch will discuss the incredible real-life saga of the flying band of brothers who opened the skies over China in the years leading up to World War II—and boldly safeguarded them during that conflict. Greg grew up in Goleta (Mountain View, Goleta Valley Jr. HS, DPHS 1984), and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He later left the Army to pursue other interests, most notably mountaineering. Greg developed a particular obsession with the storm-swept peaks of Patagonia, and has made seven expeditions to those remote mountains. Along the way he became a writer, and his work has appeared in The Atlantic, National Geographic, Outside, National Geographic Adventure, American History, Islands, Popular Mechanics, Climbing, Rock & Ice, and many others. His book, Enduring Patagonia (Random House, 2001), was chosen for the Barnes & Noble "Discover Great New Writers" program. Don Chalfant will introduce.

## Future Meetings

January 17, 2013

Cosmo Member Hugh Vos

"View of Chinese Leadership"



February 7, 2013

Steve Kaminski, MD

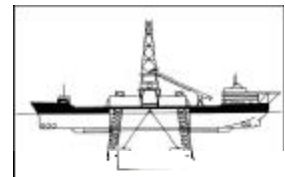
"Hospital Trauma Services"



February 21, 2013

Larry Mason

"Glomar Explorer"



## Wine Drawing

Howard Glenn picked the lucky winners. Curt Whiteman scored Soledad's Cycles Winery 2010 Gladiator. The Petite Syrah was won by one of the lady guests.



## Regular Events

### Bridge

Cosmo bridge players did not play at the last meeting, and will not play at the December 20 meeting.



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



## S.A.G.E. Investment Group

Thanks to retiring Co-Chair Dick Evans for helping lead S.A.G.E. the last three years. Walter Naumann continues as committee chair. 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 welcome your participation. Chair: Walter Naumann, 448-5061, [wjnaumann@aol.com](mailto:wjnaumann@aol.com).



### Hearing Aids are Missing!

President Mead announced news given him by Jim Belden that six of the club's ten hearing aids are missing! They will not work anywhere but the Elks Club because of the unique frequency to which they are tuned in that room. Hopewfully they will find their way back to Jim Belden

## Golf

Golf Chair Ron Singer reports Cosmo Golf has affiliated with the SCGA (SoCal Golf Assn.). This enables a Cosmo member to register with SCGA for the low annual cost of \$40 and to maintain a sanctioned handicap and index. Bill Costello has agreed to chair Cosmo golf's new Handicap Committee. For more information or to join, contact Ron Singer, [RSinger916@aol.com](mailto:RSinger916@aol.com) or 805-684-4044; Bill Costello, [um2thdoc@aim.com](mailto:um2thdoc@aim.com) or 517-295-8691.



**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, 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](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).

## Upcoming Special Events

### Rescheduled

Sunday, March 17, 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](mailto:akvaas@verizon.net).

# Holiday Dinner Dance 2012



## Last Meeting: December 20, 2012

Carrying out an annual tradition, the San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers entertained us at our second December meeting, a meeting that welcomed the wives and other guests who attended. This very distinguished ensemble, directed by Caroline Teraoka-Brady, treated us to eight musical pieces, almost all of them traditional Christmas carols, all of them sung a *cappella*.



"Caroling, Caroling, Christmas Bells..." was the first number, followed by the French carol, "Now is Born the Divine Christ Child," and by "Deck the Halls." At that point Madrigals' president, Emily Libera, a San Marcos senior, was introduced. Emily spoke of her experience in the group and the many awards they have received, the many competitions won. Several members plan to pursue music or musical theater as they move on to college and career.

Following "Ding Dong Merrily..." Ms. Teraoka-Brady spoke. She gave us glimpses of the choral program at San Marcos High, telling us how music rehearsal and performance develops leaders. It was clear to everyone in the room that the ensemble is highly disciplined. Teamwork and community formation are essential features. For example, each of the four voices has a group leader. The director reminded us that the arts are a marvelous way to prepare future leaders, pointing to her Madrigals as examples.

The singers then fanned out in a long "L" formation, facing out from two of the room's four walls. This gave their music a wonderful spatial quality. They sang "Fum, Fum, Fum," followed by "Joy to the World."



As Ms. Teraoka-Brady went down the list of high school activities, most of the students' hands went up at one point or another. Advanced placement classes, various sports, theater, community service, and "Kids Helping Kids" were some of the activities she called out. Several hands went up multiple times. We were told that in 2012 the group stayed within the State of California, getting First Place honors in the competitions they entered. In the spring of 2013 they are scheduled to perform in Washington's Kennedy Center. Their director requested any Cosmo member with contacts in Washington to get in touch with either the San Marcos Choral Department or President Mead. This might lead to additional appearances (and photo opportunities?) for the group.

This very impressive ensemble finished their appearance with "Carol of the Bells" and "Auld Lang Syne." The Cosmo club presented a check for \$500 to President Emily, and members were encouraged to individually contribute as they approached the basket next to the exit door.