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Survey for Seniors

Senior Services Chair Marty Tucker urges Cosmo members to support SB County's Area Agency on Aging. This agency is conducting a survey to help determine the needs of seniors and caregivers. Your feedback will help this agency develop plans to better serve our senior community. Your input is valuable, your identity anonymous, and your time but a few minutes. You may complete the survey online at: www.centralcoastseniors.org. Look for "Needs Assessment Survey" just below the title headings. Marty thanks you.

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.

Updates from President Mead

President Mead reports that Bob Weber will join the Audio Visual Team immediately and, after appropriate orientation, he will assume that Team's leadership. Bob Thompson, CPA, has been appointed auditor to succeed the late Russ Roberts.

Next Meeting

February 7, 2013

Stephen Kaminski, MD

"Hospital Trauma Services"



Dr. Kaminski is Medical Director, Trauma Services and SICU for Cottage Health System. Pennsylvania native and one of Cottage Health's four 2012 Physicians of the Year, Dr. Kaminski graduated from Boston College and Drexel University Medical School. He served his internship and residency at Stanford University Hospital followed by a trauma/critical care fellowship at the University of Maryland. Trauma is the leading cause of death in the first four decades of life and the 3rd leading cause of death overall. Not only does it cause death, but it is frequently associated with significant disability and burden of care for patients and family. Dr. Kaminski will describe our local center, how we act regionally (think the recent helicopter controversies) and tell some patient stories – good and bad. Knowing there are more than a few engineers in Cosmo, he also will touch on some computational research in collaboration with UCSB and sneak a preview of some exciting projects. George Scott will introduce.

Future Meetings

February 21, 2013

Lanny Ebenstein

"Oil and Gas Development in Santa Barbara County"



Dr. Ebenstein has lived in Santa Barbara since childhood and is a graduate of Santa Barbara High School and UCSB where he earned a BA in political science and economics and subsequently a PhD from LSE. He currently teaches economics at UCSB and is the author of many books on political science and economics. He also served on the Santa Barbara Board of Education for many years and writes frequent guest opinions for the Santa Barbara News-Press. Dr. Ebenstein's topic will focus on oil and gas development in Santa Barbara County. He will trace the history of oil and gas in the county, and the economic benefits of increased oil and gas production. He will be introduced by Jim Shaw.

Wine Drawing

It took 3 tickets to give away 2 bottles with Bob Zimels doing the honors. Both winners are ex-presidents: The Italian 2009 Masi Bianco was scooped up by Bruce Long; Harry Stroud scored the Paso Robles 2009 Sextant Zinfandel.



Jim Barbabella introduced our visitors:

- Nick Vincent, courtesy of Mead Northrop Brock Brower & Jon Greenleaf, hosted by Gordon Bjork
- Ed Bookin, invited by Jim Schelling
- Richard Lim, hosted by Kent Cullen
- George Burtness, courtesy of Bob Logan
- Donald Dick, invited by John MacKenzie

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.



The winners for the January 17 game were:

Ed Loper	3300 pnts.
Mac McMillin	2820 pnts.
Bruce Long	2760 pnts.

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, 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 welcome your participation. Chair: Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.com.



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 chairs Cosmo golf's new Handicap Committee. For more information or to join, contact Ron Singer, RSinger916@aol.com or 805-684-4044; Bill Costello, um2thdoc@aim.com or 517-295-8691.



Monday, February 11, 11:00 AM Rancho San Marcos Golf Tournament

Cosmo's first 2013 tournament, a scramble, plays out on one of our county's most beautiful and fun courses. The \$69.00 fee covers green fee, range balls, gourmet box lunch and prizes. Contact tourney chair Bill Costello for info or to register; 517-285-8691, um2thdoc@aim.com.

Upcoming 2013 Golf Tourneys at Montecito Country Club

Available dates are March 13th, May 8th, July 10th, Sept. 11th and Nov. 13th. Please let Marty Tucker know which date(s) you might be interested in playing. Marty Tucker, tuckmet@aol.com.

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, March 17, 2013

Santa Barbara Symphony Luncheon & Concert

We will enjoy lunch at Andersen's Danish Bakery & Restaurant (one block from the Granada - park once for both venues) in a private dining room, and then adjourn to the Granada where we will be seated as one group in the upfront Orchestra Section for an exceptional concert.



With a world premiere, a rising piano virtuoso, and iconic West Side Story melodies, this concert promises to be unforgettable. A pianist with superb musicianship and riveting technical brilliance, Xiayin Wang presents Gershman's Concerto in F, inspired by jazz, blues, and ragtime. Jonathan Leshnoff, one of America's most gifted composers, has written Concerto Grosso, highlighting the principal players of our orchestra – a world premiere not to be missed.

The price is \$70/person. Event Chair: Art Kvaas, 965-6636, or akvaas@verizon.net.

Friday-Saturday, April 12-13, 2013

Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake

Cosmo member Steve Little served as Branch Head & Program Manager at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake. On this 2-day bus outing, Steve and a cadre of China Lake associates will



introduce us to the inner workings of this vast complex, as well as offer guided tours of Maturango Museum and the remarkable profusion of petroglyphs discovered along the Coso Range. The Naval Ordnance Test Station was established in 1943 by executive order by F.D.R. and comprises over 750 square miles of territory in Eastern Kern County; it is bigger than the State of Rhode Island. Unlike other DOD agencies, China Lake is operated by about 4000 civilian engineers, scientists, and technicians, and supporting personnel. The 100 plus military are there to advise and test the defense equipment and to provide liaison to sister organizations. From WWII through Vietnam to the deserts of Iraq, China Lake has provided our war fighters with the most reliable and effective weapon systems ever built. This event is limited to 40 stout Cosmo members & guests who are able to hike over rough terrain. We will stay at the Carriage Inn which offers an evening bar and restaurant. Costs are being finalized and should be confirmed by our February 7 meeting at which time we will begin taking reservations. Bring a check to secure your reservation. Attendees must provide the last 5 digits of their Social Security number for security purposes. Activity Chair Steve Little, 965-3811, steveleah@cox.net.

Tentative -- March 21, 2013

Members' Special Interests Exhibit

All members who have special interests such as Woodworking, Art painting, Winemaking, Photography, Sculpturing, Gardening, Pottery, Jewelry Making, Ceramics, Collections, etc. are welcome to participate in this special meeting. All items will be displayed on tables, freestanding panels or the floor. Details to follow. Thore Edgren, 967-4001, theman3@cox.net.

Hearing Aids Missing!

A/V Chair Jim Belden reports 5 hearing aids are AWOL. These hearing assist devices are tuned to a special Elks-based frequency and are of no use off these premises. If you have used a Cosmo hearing aid, please check around your home to see if you may have inadvertently neglected to turn it in after a Cosmo meeting. Many thanks.

Tie Optional Attire

President Mead announced that after detailed research of the Cosmo bylaws, drawing on the deep pool of legal talent imbedded in our membership, the club's Board of Directors has determined there is no documented requirement that members must wear ties to designated meetings. Therefore the Cosmo Board of Directors approved for immediate implementation the Winter Dress Code policy making a tie optional. Collared shirt or turtleneck and jacket are still required during the designated winter dress season.

Spring Dinner-Dance: Yes or No?

The Board is concerned about the viability of the Spring Dance. Traditionally held at the Yacht Club in May, this event has experienced serious declining attendance over the past two years. The Board plans to cancel the event in 2013 unless there is substantial renewed interest. Therefore, in order for the dance planning to go forward, we need to hear from members who are willing at this time to make a strong commitment to attend the event this spring. That may be done by emailing mfnsb@cox.net or calling President Mead at 964-9786 to state that you definitely plan to attend a spring dance.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Paul Fink and Ted Ross
Punch Bowl: Joe O'Brian
Invocation: Ray Rosecrans
Sgt.-at-Arms: Bill Montag

Last Meeting

January 17, 2013

Hugh Vos

“Views of Chinese Leadership”

President Mead introduced Cosmo member Hugh Vos who offered a very interesting and informative A/V presentation on China and its leadership past and present. As prologue, Hugh described how his personal connection to China evolved. His grandfather Hubert Vos (1855-1935) was an accomplished Dutch painter who spent two years in China painting portraits of historically significant leaders including, in 1905, the Empress shortly before her death. Unbeknownst to any, Vos made a personal copy of those paintings which he especially admired. Vos' original paintings disappeared for 92 years, some of which were discovered in distressed condition during a 2007 restoration of a government building. The Dutch sent a restoration team to China to help salvage this artwork.



In this same timeframe, Cosmo Hugh inherited six of his grandfather's personal copy Chinese portraits. In 2010, the Chinese government gratefully accepted Hugh's offer to donate his six portrait copies. During several visits to China to work out details, Hugh developed a warm and ongoing friendship with the museum's director. Knowing of Hugh's international background, the director arranged for Hugh to meet informally with high echelon officials. It is through the context and content of these meetings that Hugh shared the following in his presentation.

Mao Tse Tung (1893-1976) is revered for reuniting China following many years of segmented warlord domination. However Mao is not recognized as the leader of China, and is privately reviled for his Great Leap Forward (1958-1961 during which an estimated 30 million peasants died), as well as for his Cultural Revolution (1961-1966).

From 1978 to 1992, Deng Xiaoping, a top Mao aide and reformist leader of the Communist Party of China, led China towards a market economy. While Deng never held office as the head of state, he nonetheless served as the

“paramount leader” of the People's Republic of China for 14 years. During his tenure he implemented 4 transitional phases that repositioned China to grow into the economic powerhouse it is today. In Phase I, class warfare was discouraged, free enterprise was encouraged, the 1-child policy was established, and China was divided into 2 zones where the interior was dedicated to agriculture while the coastal regions were opened to free enterprise.

During Phase II in the early 1980s, China opened its borders to foreign industrialization to accumulate hard currencies. Targeted were labor intensive manufacturers where China could undercut competitive markets and create a strong export product stream. Rigorous savers in government-run banks, the Chinese populous provided ample funding for infrastructure development. Phase III followed in the mid-1980s emphasizing expanding industrialization, licensing technology from Western companies and inviting foreign manufacturers to set up plants in China (albeit with a local partner and requirement to share research).

Phase IV is ongoing with a growing emphasis shift from exporting (estimated at a current 60% of GDP) to private consumption (generally reported at 70% GDP in America). This objective is challenged by the Chinese historic propensity to save. Western consumer product companies are being invited to participate in this consumer-orientation shift. Rural residents are being encouraged to move to cities, 10 of which are planned to a population of 5m each. And, the government is starting to create a safety net of social protections.

Since the 1989 Tiananmen Square debacle, a much more stabilizing process of government transition has evolved. Deng retired in 1992. China's leadership now includes a President, Premier and Politburo Standing Committee. Current goals are to reduce air pollution (but manufacturing still enjoys priority), to liberalize political participation (in distinctly Chinese manner – the slugfest inertia of American politics is far too slow and unproductive for China's leaders), and to elevate China into the top tier in science and technology. To this end, some 300,000 Chinese attend American schools every year.

In closing Hugh noted that all of the initiatives cited above are government led. Even with significant economic bumps internally as well as internationally, China will grow at 6-8%. The purge of high profile Bao Zilai (whose wife was accused of murder) eliminates one of the last disciples of Mao and puts a public face on reining in graft and nepotism. Income disparities are worrisome and drawing attention. And the legal system is being expanded and codified, albeit within a dictatorial structure. In Q&A, Hugh noted that China's 1-child policy does not prevent having additional children, but precludes additional children from receiving government-funded education or medical services.