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Gentlemen Your Assistance Please

Our efforts to regain new member momentum are showing good results. Well done to all of you!

A related challenge in this effort is the submission of legible proposed member applications. A number of club entities extract data from each application. Illegible content delays processing, adds workload and increases errors.

New member sponsors, seconders and applicants are urged to thoroughly review an application for clarity before submitting it to the Membership Committee.

Many thanks – Dennis Gaon, Membership Chair

Next Meeting

February 20, 2014

Ed Haley

"Thoughts on the Middle East"

Prof. Edward Haley, chair of International Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College, addressed the Club two years ago on the Arab Spring. This year he will again be talking about the conflicts and issues in the Middle East, which has been an area of focus for Professor Haley for the last two decades. His recent books about the Middle East include, "Strategies of Dominance: The Misdirection of U.S. Foreign Policy", 2006, and "Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security" 2006. In 2012, Prof. Haley did an opinion piece in the Christian Science Monitor entitled, "Three Reasons Not to Attack Iran". He will be introduced by Gordon Bjork.

Future Meetings

March 6, 2014

Willard Thompson

"The Point Conception Lighthouse"



Willard Thompson will talk to us about the history of the Point Conception Lighthouse and the keepers who tended the light there. It is based on his recently published book, "Keepers of the Light: The History of the Point Conception Lighthouse". Willard Thompson is an award-winning writer, lecturer and historian. He has written two novels of historical fiction "Dream Helpers", which was selected for a 2009 Publishers Book Award as Western/Pacific Region best fiction, and "Delfina's Gold", part of his *Chronicles of California* trilogy. He has also written several other non-fiction works.

Willard Thompson is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. He is a native of Manhasset, New York and a graduate of Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. He will be introduced by Chuck Curtis.

March 20, 2014

Craig Springer

"The Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts"



A thirty year veteran of the professional performing arts community, Dr. Craig Springer became Executive Director at the Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts (SBCPA) in 2010. The SBCPA owns and operates the historic Granada Theatre, but it also is working to provide support service functions for, in addition to the Granada Theatre's eight resident companies, the Lobero Theater and the New Vic Theater. Its goal is to help develop a robust regional audience for all Santa Barbara performing arts presentations.

Dr. Springer was previously Executive Director at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, Assistant Dean of Cultural Arts & Activities at the University of Southern California and Director of Concert Operations for Northwestern University's School of Music. He earned his bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees from the Northwestern University School of Communications, where his course of study focused on the development and marketing of popular cultural products. Dr. Springer will be introduced by David McKee.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing.



Spence Vaughn won a bottle of 2012 Whitehall Lane Sauvignon Blanc and Sandy Jones won a bottle of 2009 Salice Salentino Reserve Cantele.



Our guests were introduced by Richard Grossgold.

- Bob Miller was hosted by George Scott
- Julio Juan Veyna was the guest of Dale Charpentier
- Gerry De Santillana was hosted by Don Vogt
- John Delaney was the guest of Martin Tucker
- Bob Blackband was hosted by Ron Singer

Welcome New Members

John Delaney

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John Delaney retired last year from a 9-year stint in teaching at San Marcos High following a 30-year career in mortgage banking. He holds a business degree in finance and taxation. John has heard from many former business class students who thanked him for helping their paths in life.

John is a native of Washington, D. C., and has been a resident of Santa Barbara for the past 16 years. He served as an infantry officer in the U. S. Army. He has two children - son Brian and daughter Allison. John's interests are music, photography and computers, and he enjoys walking and hiking.

John is sponsored by Marty Tucker, Ron Singer and Bill Montag.

Willard Thompson

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Willard Thompson hails originally from Jamaica, New York. He has served as owner and publisher of Rincon Publishing. He and wife Jo have been residents of Santa Barbara since 1969, and they have son Andrew and daughter Ginny. His avocation interests are hiking and fly fishing.

Willard has a BA in English Literature. He has worked in many capacities - as media director, marketing and sales manager, and as a freelance journalist, and as a publisher of historical fiction and non-fiction. Sponsor Pete Kruse has referred to Willard as truly a renaissance man. Willard is also President of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

Willard's sponsors are Pete Kruse, Dennis Gaon, and Fred Sidon.

Vernon Earl Kemp

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Vern Kemp retired from a long career in aerospace development as a Booster Performance Manager in El Segundo, CA in 1994, and immediately relocated to Santa Barbara. He originally hails from Banner County, Nevada, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Vern and his wife Judith have two sons Roy and James.

He has a special interest in astronomy and he likes to bowl and to hike.

Vern is sponsored by Ken Wolf, Don Chalfant, and Stephen White.

Proposed for Membership

Alan Bullock

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Alan originally hails from Coventry, England. He has been a hotel operator for 45 years, and is owner of the Eagle Inn in Santa Barbara.

Alan and his wife, Janet, have been residents of Santa Barbara since 1981. They have son Paul and daughter Louise. His interests are computer and electronics – he has also worked as an electronics technician. He loves golf, and has been a member of the Santa Barbara Lions Club for many years.

Alan is sponsored by Dean Clement, Dennis Gaon, and Dale Charpentier.

Karl Hutterer

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Karl Hutterer was born in Austria. He holds a PhD in anthropology, and has been a Professor and Natural History Museum Director at the Universities of Michigan and Washington. He served as the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History from 2000 until last year.

Karl and his wife Nancy have been residents of Santa Barbara since 2000, together with their daughters Katarina and Maile.

We have heard wonderful talks to the Club from Karl, and now know him well.

His interests are gardening, building and beekeeping.

Karl is sponsored by Steve Hicks, Don Chalfant and William Stanch.

Robert (Bob) Edward Miller

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Bob Miller first arrived on the scene in San Francisco, CA. He degreed in Business Administration, and has worked as a financial accountant, particularly in the petroleum field for Chevron USA. Bob served in the Air Force in the early 1950's.

Bob and his wife Lois have lived in Santa Barbara since 2002. They have son David and daughter Linda. His interests are investing, computers, travel, church and sports. (He indicated he used to play golf).

Bob is sponsored by George Scott, Richard Evans, and Don Chalfant.

Julio Juan Veyna

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A Californian by birth, Julio Veyna hails from Anaheim. He has a B. S. in Landscape Architecture, and has worked as a landscape architect, but also as a Senior Medical Technician. He is owner of a landscape firm in Santa Barbara. Juan and his wife Mary have lived in Santa Barbara since 1961, and have sons Kurt and Keith and daughter Karen. His interests are books, gardens, travel, plays, and movies.

Julio's sponsors are Dale Charpentier, Ron White and John Patterson.

Regular Events

Bridge

1 st place:	Ralph Edebo	4560
2 nd place:	John Calvert	3350
3 rd place:	Steve Morgan	2970



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; Co-chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.

"OUR DIGITAL WORLD"

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM upstairs at the club Ring bell button at the front door if not open. All members and special guests are welcome. Please bring your gadgets such as smart phones, notebooks, tablets, or any other digital device. You can show us how it works or ask other members how they think it works.



We enjoy lunch and camaraderie at the Elks Club Grill after our meetings. Bob Gerity, Chairman, 963-9413, robtgerity@cox.net

S.A.G.E. Investment Group

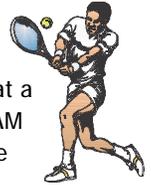
S.A.G.E. meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club. At S.A.G.E. we discuss past and possible future trends in the economy and the stock market. We would welcome your participation. Chair: Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.com.



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.



Golf

Ron Singer noted that our Club has become an official club of the Southern California Golf Association, and said that we would probably have a tournament sanctioned by the Golf Association next year.



Cosmo Muni Tournament

Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times range between 9:30 AM to 11:00

AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$26 for 18 holes. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355

or rsinger916@aol.com by the 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.

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 wandering, often at Glen Annie, and the Friday locations are more varied and will include courses throughout the tri-county area. A. B. Clarke and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

Report on Cosmo Muni Tournament

On February 5, a perfect weather golf day, 24 Cosmo members and guests assembled at Santa Barbara's municipal golf course to show off skills of greater and lesser talent. Event organizers John MacKenzie and Paul Fink magically divined 6 competitive teams which generated ample trash talk and a few side wagers well before the first ball sailed into the rough. Three groups of ladies preempted our scheduled start time, but wisely accelerated play when they saw what trailed them. Our scramble format ensured all members played every hole: All golfers hit their drive shot; 3 of 4 team members hit selected 2nd shot (and again, until one ball happened on the green); first putt holed secured their score on that hole. Teams played both red and white tee locations to a maximum of 9 drives per player per red.

And the winners were: Bill Costello garnered \$20 for closest to the pin on #2. Second Place team captained by Steve Morgan with Ed Loper, Bob Swider and Franz Meier came in a net 3 under par, picking up \$10 each in prize money. First place, at 4 under par, led by golf maestro Ron Singer with Dan Herlinger, Bob Blackman and Nic Martinovich scored \$20 apiece. Great outing – let's do it again.

The next Golf Tourney is set for March 12 at Montecito Country Club, and will include lunch. The price is not yet set, but it will likely be about \$50, as it was all of last year. It will include lunch, golf, cart green fees, and libation. Individual prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.

Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, March 9, 2014

**Verdi's "Falstaff"
Opera Santa Barbara at the
Granada**



This is Verdi's last opera and the only comedic one he composed. It will be preceded by a luncheon at La Cumbre Country Club at noon; the show starts at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$90.00 per person, all included, for improved tickets. We again have group discounts and need to hear soon. For reservations call Fred Sidon 967-6757 or e-mail frsidon@impulse.net.

March 25-26, 2014

Palm Springs Follies and Living Desert Gardens & Zoo



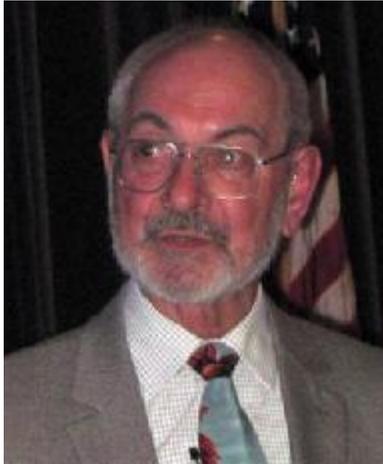
This is the final season for the Palm Springs Follies after 23 years. We will depart early on Tuesday, March 25, lunch and attend the Follies matinee. Our lodging will again be at the Pine Mountain Resort, easy walking distance from downtown and the show. We should be able to accommodate those on walkers or wheelchairs.

On Wednesday, March 26, we will tour by tram the beautiful Living Desert Gardens and Zoo. After lunch we will return to Santa Barbara by early evening. The good news is the cost remains \$375 per couple, including lodging, baggage handling, bus, driver's tip, refreshments and admission to the Follies and the botanical gardens.

Harry Stroud announced that the trip is already a sell-out, but he is taking names to be on the standby list. Payment is due upon acceptance. Please contact Harry Stroud, 805-653-5117.

Last Meeting

Karl Hutterer, "What is Nature? Part II"



Karl Hutterer

Steve Hicks again introduced Karl Hutterer, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History from 2000 to 2012. Karl previously gave a talk "What is Nature" in October 2013, when he discussed the impacts of humans on nature, particularly highlighting his studies in Southeast Asia and the Philippines.

Prior to his work at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum, Dr. Karl Hutterer was Curator of the Museum of Anthropology, Asian Division, at the University of Michigan, followed by being Director of the Brooke Natural History Museum at the University of Washington. He said that at the Asian Division at the Michigan museum there is a whole array of museums, an exceptional collection of artifacts, but that over the years, nobody studied the collections until he was appointed. It was an academic research museum, with no public displays. He said that he has been associated with museums almost all his life, and the concept of nature has changed over his lifetime.

He said that the Brooke Museum was a completely different type of museum, and that it was the State Museum of Washington.

Perhaps the first use of Natural History was the writings by that name in about 79 AD by the Roman Pliny of 37 volumes – everything known about nature. In the early Renaissance, there was intellectual freedom after the Middle Ages, and they studied a lot of things, including the scholarship of the Romans and Greeks. Cabinets of Curiosity were created as private collections. Aristocrats and theologians created the beginning of museums, what we now know as Academy of Sciences to study the whole natural world.

The Natural History Society was established in Philadelphia about the 1830's and, in Santa Barbara, it was the 1880's where the job was to gather and preserve. The National Academies of Scientists grew out of amateur endeavors – people from any walk of life. In the mid 19th century, universities started creating natural history museums. Louis Agassiz, a Swiss biologist, determined for the first time in about 1800 that Earth had gone through an ice age. The Yale natural scientist Dr. Peabody said "go to nature, take it in your own hands, look and see for yourselves".

In the 1950's, ecology developed – to determine the relationship of things in the living world – not just nature in the abstract, instead how nature works, and what are the issues in nature that are important. In the 1960's, science centers were established to teach, particularly children, to learn by doing things. They became very popular very quickly. They were interactive, and there were no collections.

Dr. Hutterer concluded that we now have a new perspective, how we as humans are part of nature and have an impact on it.

