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Cosmo Member Ailing

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

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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

The nominating committee consisting of Don Chalfant, Arlie Skov, John MacKenzie, Ron White and Mead Northrop, as chair puts forth the following slate for '14-'15

President: Ron Singer
Vice President: Bill Stancer
Secretary: Chuck Curtis
Treasurer: Fred Marsh
Director (2yrs.) Steve Hicks
Director (1 yr.) A. B. Clarke

The names must appear in the first "Crackers" of March. Members will vote at the March 20 luncheon meeting at which time nominations may also be made from the floor.

Next Meeting

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.

Future Meetings

March 20, 2014

Craig Springer



“The Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts”

Dr. Craig Springer, Chrisman Executive Director at the Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts (SBCPA) will take us behind the curtains at our Granada, Lobero and New Vic Theaters, including his oversight of all programming, operational, marketing, fund-raising and financial aspects of the SBCPA's operation.

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. Gil Ashor won a bottle of 2012 Whitehall Lane Sauvignon Blanc. Charlie Greene won a bottle of 2011 Madrona Barbera.



Welcome New Members

Bob Blackman

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Bob, born in Los Angeles, graduated with a BS in Accounting. He traveled extensively through the U.S., Mexico, South America, and China doing missionary work for some seven years. His primary business consisted of buying and selling computer businesses. He enjoys skiing and Golf. He located in our area with his wife Cindy just last year. They have two sons and one daughter. Bob's sponsors were Ron Singer, Paul Fink and A B Clarke.

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Kevin and his wife, Sue, recently moved to Valle Verde in Santa Barbara from Port Ludlow, WA They have two sons, Chris of Spokane and Eric in Montecito with two grandchildren in each family. Kevin practiced radiology and nuclear medicine including 30 years in Woodland in Yolo county. Brought up in Saddle River, NJ he is a 1956 graduate of Dartmouth College and 1959 graduate of Harvard Medical School. Retiring in 2000, Kevin and his wife Sue located in our city just two years ago. Kev was born in New York. He served in the Air Force at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan for three years. His interests include boating, travel and the game of Pickleball. He is sponsored by Don Chalfont, George Scott and Henry Levy

Regular Events

Bridge



February 20th Winners:

1 st place:	Steve Morgan	2170
2 nd place:	Ed Loper	1860
3 rd place:	Ralph Edebo	1460

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

Cosmo Computer Society



At the last meeting of the “Our Digital World” group we decided to revert to our original name, “The Cosmo Computer Society”. Bob Gerity agreed to continue as chairman for six months. We meet on the second Thursday of the month starting at 10 A.M. upstairs at the Elks Club. Ring the bell at the front door for admission. All members and guests are welcome. Please bring your gadget such as smart phones, tablets, notebooks, or any other digital device. You can show us what it does or ask for advice. We have wi-fi available.

At our next meeting on March 13th there will be a program and discussion regarding the good and the bad elements of social networks such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, StumbleU and others. What they are, how to use them and some of the dangers involved. We enjoy lunch and camaraderie at the Elks Club Grill after the meetings. Chairman Bob Gerity, 963-9413 or 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

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.

Wednesday, March 12 2014
Cosmo Tourney at Montecito Country Club

Attention golfers – time is running short to take advantage of playing the challenging MCC golf course. Reportedly the course and clubhouse will close in September for a near two-year renovation. Contact Marty Tucker, 969-0760, tuckmet@aol.com, to sign up for our March 12 tournament. Scramble format spares all of us some embarrassment. \$61 fee includes pre-game lunch at noon, golf, cart and cash prizes to the top three teams. Tee off at 1 PM.



Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 9 2014

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.

April 11, 2014

SBCC Gourmet Dinner



We will meet at the City College dining room, on the campus, overlooking the Santa Barbara waterfront for an outstanding dinner an annual tribute to Ben Walsh, a past president and major force in the development of our Club. It's always a sellout. Call Harry Stroud for early reservations: 805-653-5117.

Last Meeting:



Prof. Edward Haley

Gordon Bjork introduced our speaker, a colleague of his: Prof. Edward Haley (Stanford B.A. ,M.A. & Johns Hopkins Ph.D.), now chair of International Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College. Dr. Haley addressed the Club two years ago on the Arab Spring. This talk was an update on 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" in 2006, and "Strategic Foreign Assistance: Civil Society in International Security". In 2012, Prof. Haley did an opinion piece in the Christian Science Monitor entitled, "Three Reasons Not to Attack Iran".

Recently Dr. Haley as Director of the Center for Human Rights Leadership, put on a Conference on Crisis of Democracy at Claremont McKenna College. On the subject of the Arab Spring, Dr. Haley, noted that since 2011, ¼ of the Syrian population are now refugees. The dead number 4,000 per month in the last two years. In Lebanon. 1/5 of the population are Syrians.

The United Nations Responsibility to Protect (R2P) policy favors intervention to stop the killing, as does Iran. Models for intervention are the Sykes-Picot agreement reached during World War I, that created Syria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Afghanistan after the war. Secretary of State John Kerry favors a Public Overt Approach, that has more freedom to act than the Human Rights Committee, but he's trying hard to deal with all organizations to stop the killing in Syria.

In the Question/Answers period Dr. Haley had particular praise of President GHW Bush and his Secretary of State James Baker in the way they handled the war against Kuwait.

It was not clear what Dr. Haley thought about U.S. intervention in the Syrian Spring, but it seemed that he favored the type of intervention we used in Bosnia could be used as a model for international action.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!