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Next Meeting

November 6 2014

Richard Salas

"Blue Vision" Richard Salas brings us awe-inspiring images and thrilling adventures from the making of his second book of underwater photography, "Blue Visions."

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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

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Walter Clapp & Harvey Stancer

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Blue Visions Lecture



Richard Salas brings us awe inspiring images and thrilling adventures from the making of his second book of underwater photography, "Blue Visions".

Journey with Richard through the underwater majesty of the islands that dot the Pacific from the border of Mexico to the Equator. Meet the creatures he has met on his dives, as he shares his knowledge and art. He will introduce you to animals of all kinds and sizes, and he brings a unique sense of family to these endangered species, as they look back at him through the lens of his camera.

In addition to enjoying his gorgeous photos, and authentic speaking style, you can expect to be tickled by Richard's humor. His mission as an artist is to bring people a new appreciation of the ocean and marine life through his underwater images, which he shares with passion.

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Dress Code Update

President Singer announced that since there is a "nip in the air" the dress code will once again require jackets, with ties optional.

Time of Meetings 11:30 am - 1:30 pm



Future Meetings

November 20 2014

This just in at press time! Cosmo's own Sandy Jones will speak to our group on the fascinating topic of writing mystery novels. Sandy's latest mystery has just been released. More information will follow in our next issue.

December 4 2014

Henry Dubroff

Perspectives On The Regional Economy



Henry Dubroff is the Chairman and Editor of the Pacific Coast Business Times, which he founded in 1999. The Business Times is a weekly business journal for Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Henry and the Business Times have won many awards for excellence in reporting.

Henry is a past President of the Society of Business Editors and Writers and serves on the board of a number of organizations, including the UCSB Economic Project. He received his undergraduate degree from Lafayette Collage and has a master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS

Bob Carlson was a guest of Warren Wentink. Before retirement Bob was involved in manufacturing; currently he enjoys skiing and cycling.

Joe Schomer was a guest of Bob Zimels. Joe had worked as a Thermodynamics Engineer and is currently is actively involved as a docent with a number of local organizations.

Hugh Smart was a guest of Vern Kemp. Hugh, who worked as an architectural designer, currently has a number of interests, including foreign cars.

Wine drawing by Bob Zimels

Bob Thompson won a bottle of Bob Hassler's Mammoth Crest Winery's 2010 Pinot Noir. Robin Durkee won a bottle of 2010 Nebbiolo also from Mammoth Crest Winery.



Welcome New Members

Jim Baxter

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Jim retired from Northrop Grumman as a Program Manager. He had a varied career which started as a volunteer with the Peace Corp in India (1964-66). He earned a BA in philosophy and a MBA in management and spent much of his career in the system integration and business planning arenas. He enjoys history and volunteering in retirement.

Don Montgomery

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Don is a retired physician, holding BA and MD degrees. Before retirement he was a Senior Partner in the St. Jude Heritage Medical Group in Fullerton, California. In retirement he continues to enjoy NCAA basketball, which is hardly a surprise since he was born in Indiana! He also likes to follow NCAA and NBA football and enjoys bible study.

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



S.A.G.E. Investment Group

We meet 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 we usually meet at the 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. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.



We also have additional games at various courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Wandering Wednesday and Floating Friday locations 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.

Golf – Special Events

Our golf committee has just announced a return to Montecito Country Club Tournament. On December 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. the traditional buffet lunch will be followed by a shotgun start Golf tournament. The format will be announced later but it will be team play and there will be cash prizes for the top three teams. Marty Tucker and Tom Dent are the coordinators for this event. Please sign up giving your index to Marty at tuckmet@aol.com or call him at 805/565-5302. You may give your check for \$61, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara, to Marty at either of the November meetings or mail it to him with your reservation at P.O. Box 1192, Summerland, CA 93067.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Operatic Opportunities

Once more Cosmopolitan Club members will be offered an opportunity to join others in Sunday lunch at La Cumbre Country Club followed by the following operas at the Granada Theater:

November 9 "Rigoletto" by G. Verdi

March 8 "L'Italiana in Algeri" (The Italian girl in Algiers) by G. Rossini

April 26 "A Streetcar Named Desire" by A. Previn

All performances start at 2:30 PM, and lunch at noon, allowing for ample time to get to the Granada Theater. The price of \$90.00 per person includes lunch and opera tickets.

If interested, please contact Fred Sidon at frsidon@impulse.net

Vintage Airplanes Camarillo Airport

November 18 2014



We will carpool from the Goleta Elks Hall at 9am to tour the Aviation Museum and view a number of vintage airplanes. This is a part of the Southern California Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. You will view the history of flight and see former pilots and mechanics working on these old airplanes. This is a no cost trip with each of us paying for lunch at the museum's Way Point Café. The Museum will arrange for docent tours and asks for a \$10 voluntary contribution. Please let Harry Stroud (805)653-5117 know if you are planning to go with us. Wives and friends are welcome of course.

Save the Date

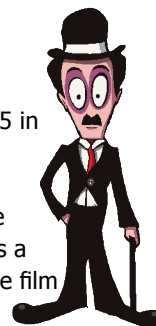
**Cosmo Christmas
Dinner Dance**

**Tuesday
Dec 9, 2014**

See Page 5 for details & reservation form

January 17, 2015

Annual Santa Barbara Symphony Dinner and Performance will be held on January 17, 2015 in the afternoon reported by Art Kvass. This popular event will feature the Symphony playing the music from the soundtrack of the Charlie Chaplin film, City Lights. Chaplin was a cellist and composed the score. Although the film had an embedded soundtrack, the quality was not good and it will be a joy to hear the in person performance by the Symphony which will accompany a screening of the film. The event will include a tour of the theater backstage.



LAST MEETING

October 16 2014

Dr. Lori Gaston, Superintendent/President, Santa Barbara City College

"Santa Barbara City College Today: The Treasure in Our Backyard"



Dr. Lori Gaston

Dr. Lori Gaston's presentation was a great "refresher course" on Santa Barbara City College, which she rightly calls "The Treasure in Our Backyard". Dr. Gaskin joined SBCC in July 2012 as Superintendent and President. She has a strong track record in higher education and has become very active in the Santa Barbara community. She holds a B.A. and M.A in Geography from UCLA and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from University of Nevada, Reno.

The subject of her presentation, SBCC's role in higher public education in California, is a very familiar topic for our membership. Based on a show of hands, a substantial percentage of our members received a portion of their higher in the California public school system: University of California ("UC"), California State University ("CSU") or California Community Colleges ("CCC"). In addition, Measure S on the November ballot, which would authorize the sale of bonds to finance SBCC facilities, has further focused our attention on the subject.

Dr. Gaskin's presentation was on the structure of higher public education in California and SBCC's role and accomplishments in this structure. The presentation and the questions by the membership did not directly address the issues in Measure S that might be viewed as "controversial".

As noted above, it was a great "refresher course" on SBCC, an institution that many of know (or at least thought we "knew").

Higher public education in California has three tiers: UC, CSU and CCC. The UC tier is targeted to accept the top 12.5% of high school graduates and has some 240,000 students at its 10 campuses. The CSU tier targets the top 33.3% of graduates and has 447,000 students at its 23 campuses. The final tier, which includes SBCC, accepts 100% of high school graduates and many individuals that have not graduated from high school. This CCC tier has 112 campuses and some 2.1 million students.

The three main missions of the CCC tier are: transfer preparation, career and technical education and foundation skills. Many students in the CCC tier in fact transfer to UC or CSU schools. Some 30% of UC graduates and 51% of CSU graduates are CCC transfers.

SBCC has some 23,000 credit and non-credit students. Some interesting statistics on this student population are: 63% part-time (37% fulltime); 60% typical college age (25 or younger); 42% are white and 39% are Hispanic.

SBCC has transfer preparation leading to some 93 degrees. It ranks 5th out of the 112 CCC schools in transfers to the UC tier. City Collage's offerings of career and technical education classes are exceptional. Looking at a few names gives one an idea of the scope of the offerings: nursing, marine diving, culinary arts, accounting, radiography and fire technology; just to name a few.

The presentation clearly was a thoughtful "refresher course" on the roll of the CCC tier of California public higher education and SBCC. Although there may be legitimate controversy about Measure S on the November ballot, there is no controversy about the statement that SBCC is the "Treasure in Our Backyard".

In conclusion it should be noted that SBCC is very proud of the fact that it was recognized as the number one Community College by the Aspin Institute in 2013. Of course the Cosmopolitan Club members have always known the exceptional quality of the institution since a number of our illustrious members were once on the faculty of Santa Barbara City College!

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA



Christmas Dinner Dance!

Tuesday, December 9th, 2014

La Cumbre Country Club

6:00 pm Cocktails, social hour

No host bar

7:00 pm DINNER with wine



Dancing to the music of: Pier 101 Band

Your non-member friends will be welcome!

MENU

Citrus Salad

Choice of:

Grilled Salmon with lemon-butter sauce

Or

Sliced tenderloin of beef with morel mushroom sauce

With

Au gratin potatoes

Asparagus

Peach Pie A-la-Mode

Price: \$90/person

Dress: formal or cocktail dress



RESERVATION FORM

Name_(print)_____ **SALMON** **BEEF**

Spouse or Guest _(print)_____

Seating Preference (if any) near Dance Floor quiet location

I wish to be seated with: _____ and _____
and _____ and _____ and _____

Mail form and check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to:

Bruce Long, 4477-K Shadow Hills, Santa Barbara 93105, telephone 805-692-4072