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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Cosmo Members Ailing

Curt Whiteman provided a substantive update on Dick Lim, undergoing therapy to counteract stroke-induced speech impairment; on Bob Hankins who is now home working on mobility PT; on Bill Montag who will be home by Christmas following heart surgery; and on George Handler who recently suffered a stroke.

If you know of a COSMO member ailing, please notify Curt Whiteman, newly appointed Memorial & Visitation Chair, 684-1034, whiteman@westmont.edu.

GUEST INCENTIVE PROGRAM RETURNS

President Ron Singer announced that the **incentive program for our members to bring guests**, especially future members, will be reinstated starting January 15, 2015 - our first meeting of the New Year. The guest's lunch will be paid by the club on his **first** visit. On a New Member's induction day, the club will host lunch for the primary sponsor and the new member.

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Steve Shaeffer & David Medina
Punchbowl: Paul Coyne
Invocation: Bill Alexander
Audio-Visual: Jack Patterson, Bob Weber,
Bill Alexander, Jim Belden and Orlando Ramirez
Sergeant-at-Arms: John Rasmussen
Photographers: Ron White

Next Meeting

January 15, 2015

Dr. Harris Gelberg, M.D.

"Update on Cardiovascular Disease Treatment"



Dr. Harris Gelberg graduated from New York Medical College in 1973. He subsequently took a 3 year internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan followed by a 2 year fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the UC San Francisco Cardiovascular Research Institute. He is board certified in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine and has been practicing in Santa Barbara since 1978. His special interests are cardiovascular screening, exercise echocardiography, and advanced congestive heart failure. From 1994 to 1995 he served as Chief of the Medical Staff at Cottage Hospital. Introduction by Jim Shaw.

Future Meetings

February 5, 2015

Joyce Dudley, SB County District Attorney

"First Term Report Card"



Ms. Dudley will describe changes that she has implemented including Truancy, Misdemeanor Diversion, and the Attorney Volunteer Program. She will highlight some of the most notable cases and the work of the Isla Vista Safe

Committee. Finally, Ms. Dudley will describe some of the recent changes to our criminal justice system, and how she feels they will affect public safety in Santa Barbara County.

District Attorney Dudley began her legal career in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office in 1990. She has prosecuted well over one thousand cases including murder, arson, robbery, burglary, crimes involving sexual offenses, crimes against children and hate crimes. Involvement in community activities has been a priority for District Attorney Dudley during her career as a prosecutor. She has received numerous awards from law enforcement agencies as well as community organizations, honoring her outstanding performance and volunteer activities. She will be introduced by Mead Northrop.

February 19, 2015

Tom Fayram, County Water Resources Deputy Director

"Managing Santa Barbara's Water Future"



Water in California is an issue of irony. At times it is dreaded for its over abundance, and yet at other times, it is cherished due to its scarcity. Santa Barbara County has suffered through both flood and drought, often within close proximity. Not that long ago, Santa Barbara County was wading out of some of the worse flood events in modern times. 1995 brought the single highest daily rainfall totals, and 1998 brought the record annual rainfall accumulation. However, few recall that just before the flood years of 1995 and 1998, we were in a dire drought emergency. In fact, at less than 7 inches of total annual rainfall, only one other year had a lower annual rainfall total than 1990 water year. Interestingly, Santa Barbara received more rainfall on January 10, 1995, than in the entire 1990 rain year. With Gibraltar Reservoir empty, and Cachuma Lake so low that pumps were needed to supply water to the Tecolote Tunnel, mandatory conservation practices were implemented. It was not until the 1991 "Miracle March" that the water crunch was eased. Yet few at the time realized that "Miracle March" was setting the stage for the wettest decade on record. Knowing that our climate provides us with an array of extremes, our charge is to plan for droughts while Cachuma is full, and prepare for floods in the heat of summer. As we enter the next century, our challenge is to provide our community with flood protection and plan for a stable water supply.

President Ron asks....Need a Ride?

President Ron reports Board concern over members being unable to arrange transportation to Cosmo meetings. He asks transportation-challenged members to please contact him. The Club may need to establish a Transportation Coordinator.

Wine Drawing

Even in the absence of impresario Bob Zimels' deft delivery, two bottles of wine found new homes. Julio Veyna scored the 2010 Fair Play Farms' Attitude 2401 zinfandel. The 2012 Bello Family Farms sauvignon blanc rode home with anonymous.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Our meeting was blessed with the grace and warmth of the many wives who joined in our yearend holiday meeting.

Proposed for Membership

John T. Fodor

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A native Angeleno, John and his now deceased wife settled in Santa Barbara in 1979. In the course of earning BS, MS and EdD degrees, he majored in Public Health, Education, Physiology and Psychology. While parenting four children, John enjoyed a lengthy career in the educational arena, capped by a 30-year run culminating as full Professor of Health Sciences at California State University – Northridge. John enjoys golf and tennis when he's not flying drones. His sponsors are Bruce Long, Harry Stroud and Ferenc Pavlics.

NEW!!

Cosmopolitan Discussion Group

January 15

Crises in Higher Education by Don O'Dowd

The *Cosmopolitan Discussion Group* was successfully launched during the last quarter of 2014 with three different presentations: **Healthcare in America** by Kevin Ryan, **The Goldilocks Dilemma** by Jim Davis, and **Income Inequality** by Gordon Bjork. To kick off 2015, the January talk will be on **Crises in Higher Education** by Don O'Dowd, and the February talk will be on **Survival in 21st Century Requires Understanding of Complex Systems** by Bob Weber. The Group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 1:45 PM, after our regular meeting. This group discussion is open to anybody interested in participating in fun discussions on important topics, and perhaps in giving a presentation on such an issue in the future.

Dress Code

Dress code will once again require jackets, with ties optional.

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

Montecito Country Club Lives On!

December 11, 2014 Tournament Results

Despite continuing rumors to the contrary, MCC continues to offer one of the more challenging golf course plays in greater Santa Barbara. Attesting to such were the intrepid Cosmo link loungers who participated in a slightly drizzly tournament on December 11. Marty Tucker and Tom Dent coordinated this event for Cosmo.

Closest to the Pin awards were garnered by A.B. Clarke on # 8, Nic Martinovich on # 14, Paul Fink on # 17 and Bill Clothier on # 5.

4th place team: Tom Dent, Paul Fink, Rob Robertson and Bernd Moessele

3rd place team: Spencer Vaughn, Cam Camarena, Ron Singer and Frank Katch

2nd place team: Marty Tucker, Mike McGinnes, Jim Shaw and Bob Swider

1st place team: Nic Martinovich, Bill Clothier, Joel Altschul and Bill Costello

Pebble Beach and Spyglass A Cosmo Golf Adventure, March 2015

Ron Singer has coordinated a trip to Pebble Beach, Spanish Bay and Spyglass Hill courses on March 2, 2015. It includes 3 days of golf and 2 nights lodging at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Please contact Ron Singer, rsinger916@aol.com for more information. At press time, 23 golf club members have signed-up; one more slot is open.

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, Steven Stonefield and Bill Clothier select the floating golf game sites. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SOLD OUT Saturday, January 17, 2015

Santa Barbara Symphony,

Granada Tour and Performance of *City Lights*

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

'Intimate Apparel' and Dinner

New Vic Theater (Home of Ensemble Theater)

If you have not visited the beautifully renovated Victoria Theater, this will be an opportunity to experience its intimacy (285 seats) and an outstanding play "Intimate Apparel". The theater is located on the corner of Chapala and Victoria St. Prior to the play we will meet for dinner at the Arlington Tavern restaurant, conveniently located next to the theater. Theater ticket and dinner is \$80/person. Sign up early as there are a limited number of reservations. To make reservations contact Thore Edgren at 9674001 or theman3@cox.net.

Operatic Opportunities 2015

Cosmopolitan Club members will join others in Sunday lunch at La Cumbre Country Club followed by the following operas at the Granada Theater:

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

Hobby Day

This proposed follow-up event to last year's highly-acclaimed inaugural experiment is tentatively scheduled for May, 2015. Please let Thore Edgren hear from you if you are interested in sharing your hobbies with fellow Cosmo members. 967-4001, theman3@cox.net.

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

December 18, 2014

Music of Christmas, San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers



Ushered in by Mead Northrop, the elite singing ensemble from San Marcos High School -- The Madrigal Singers – closed our 2014 Cosmo year with a beautiful selection of fun and classic holiday songs. A solo rendition of Silent Night with group backing was an especially delightful offering. Our festive audience was beautifully complemented by many wives whose voices clearly improved our group vocals. This award-winning choral group, led by Caroline Teraoka-Brady, has toured nationally and abroad. Cosmo is privileged to offer this annual program, and is proud to help sponsor the Madrigals’ ambitious schedule.

Memorial Tribute to Tom Sneddon



Cosmo’s Golf Club members and friends have created a memorial at the city’s ‘Muni’ course, including a plaque and benches overlooking the first tee and fairway which expands its vista out to the ocean and Channel Islands on a clear day. Inaugurated with the passing of Bill Skelly several months ago, this new memorial station is a fitting tribute to our golfing chums, and is a special way to help us remember them in one of their favorite settings. On December 15, Tom Sneddon’s son and A. B. Clarke memorialized Tom with touching tribute and installation of a plaque in his memory. Following the dedication attendees retired to the indoor area at Mulligan’s to enjoy light bites and a few drinks for toasting purposes.

*Dear Ron,
I want to tell you personally how much the family and I appreciated the Cosmopolitan Club’s thoughtful and generous contribution in honor of Tom. I remember that Tom came home after attending a previous dedication and was very moved by it, so I know that this is probably one of the most meaningful ways to remember him that someone could do. It was wonderful as well that, in spite of glowering skies and a chilly wind, so many came out for the ceremony. All the family enjoyed meeting Tom’s golf buddies and sharing the delicious food (great sliders!) and conversation. Thank you for organizing this very special event. We will treasure it.
Sincerely, Pam Sneddon*