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NEXT MEETING

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. Jim Stubchaer will introduce Mr. Fayram.

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Cosmo Members Ailing

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 reminded members of the **incentive program to bring guests**, especially future members. 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. He also announced that the Sergeants-at-arms and Invocations Committees are recruiting new members

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Bob Thompson & Ben Chambers

Punchbowl: Joe O'Brien

Invocation: Peter Kruse

Audio-Visual: Jack Patterson, Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Jim Belden, Orlando Ramasis

Sergeant-at-Arms: Walter Clapp

Photographers: Ron White and Dan Truex

INCREASE IN COST OF LUNCH

\$22.00 as of April 2015

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 5, 2015

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS



Vern Kemp will introduce his son, Jim, Executive Director of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) since 2002. SBCAG is a regional government agency responsible for planning, prioritizing and implementing transportation improvement projects in the county. SBCAG is governed by a thirteen member board of directors consisting of the five county supervisors and a city council member from each of the eight incorporated cities in Santa Barbara County.

Jim will provide an update on SBCAG's progress on widening Highway 101 and other efforts to reduce traffic congestion in this important freeway corridor. He will also discuss how transportation projects are financed and the mounting problems caused by current underinvestment in transportation infrastructure.

March 19, 2015

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF GPS

Alberto Mercado

April 2, 2015

LADIES DAY

WOMEN IN AMERICAN ART

Judy Larson

Tickets will go on sale MARCH 5, 2015

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels drew the number of Bruce Long who won a Paco & Lola, Rias Baixas, and of Sandy Jones who won an Eberle 2010 Cote de Rhone . In addition, Bob drew the number of Dennis Gaon for two passes to the Maritime Museum, but since Dennis is a docent there, another number was drawn and Ron White was the winner.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS

Bill Barry introduced Dan Creasey, retired, the guest of Walt Clapp; John Warnock, attorney, interested in sailing, reading, are music and choral singing, the guest of Don Margerum; and Franz Meier, real estate broker, interested in golf, travel, reading and family, the guest of Ron Singer.

Welcome New Members

SILVIO DI LORETO

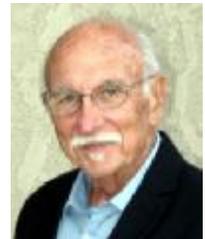
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Bill Stancer introduced Silvio, a well known owner of the former Sunset Realty for 42 years, estate owner growing avocados, lemons, figs and honey bees for the past 25 year and World War II navigator. A resident of Santa Barbara since 1956, and father of three sons and one daughter. His interests include cooking, SCUBA diving, skiing, farming and aircraft piloting. He is the only living member of the original SBCC Foundation and has won numerous community service awards. His sponsors were Dan Cross, Harvey Turner and Bob Thompson.

JOHN T. FODOR

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Bruce Long introduced John, a fellow tennis player and former Professor of Health Science at Cal State University Northridge where he was the director of School and Community Health Education. He is father of one son, James and three daughters, Julie, Jenny and Nina. His interests include tennis, golf and flying radio controlled airplanes (Drones?). He has extensive connections in the world wide health community and has developed programs with the Ministry of Health in Nepal, and programs with the Peace Corps, The International Labor Organization, USAID, UNICEF and the College of Education. His sponsors are Bruce Long, Harrison Stroud and Ferenc Pavlics.

Proposed for Membership

JOHN W. WARNOCK

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John has resided Santa Barbara since 1967 with his wife, Dorothy and their two children, Matt and Julie. He received a BA in Political Science from Stanford in 1961 and graduated by Hastings College of Law with a JD degree in 1967 where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. He acted as trial counsel for 40 years and retired to Of Counsel status in 2005. He served as a member of the Army Judge Advocate corps, and has been on the board of the Santa Barbara Symphony where he has served as General Counsel. He is a member of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and is interested in classical music, choral singing, reading films art, and plays and participates in sailing, walking and exercise programs at the YMCA. His sponsors are Don Margerum, Arthur Kvaas and Mead Northrop, MD.

FRANZ OTTO MEIER

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Currently residing at 1530 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 awaiting completion of remodel to permanent residence at 1160 Mesa Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 with expected completion of September 2015.

Franz retired from 32 years as a Real Estate Broker and Brokerage Owner in Portland Oregon in November 2010 where he resided with his wife Sheri two sons, Tom and Greg, and daughter Jill. He was born in Rye, Denmark and has served in the US Army, Real Estate Broker Council President and Colwood Men's Club President. His interests include reading, investing, cooking and travel. He participates in Golf and studied Engineering. His sponsors are Ron Singer, Bill Costello and Pay Fink.

DAVID K. HUGHES

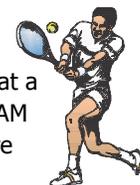
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David has resided in Santa Barbara since 1983 with his wife Linda. He has been a trial lawyer from which he retired in 2005. He served in the US Navy and has been a member of the US Navy Reserve for 25 years. He received his undergraduate degree, BSBA from University of Denver and JD from University of Virginia. He is interested in reading and numerous volunteer activities in Santa Barbara. He enjoys golf, skiing and hiking. His sponsors are Ron Singer, Harv Turner and Bill Veigele.

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

Pebble Beach and Spyglass – A Cosmo Golf Adventure, March 2, 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 this time, 24 golf club members have signed-up; thus, the event is fully booked.



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.

Marty Tucker announced the next scramble Golf tournament at Montecito Country Club on March 26 at noon--\$56 for green fees, carts, prizes, lunch and hors d'oeuvres at the 19th hole.

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

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Dinner and 'Intimate Apparel' at New Vic Theater (Home of Ensemble Theater)

Thore Edgren and Patty Brown, Harry Stroud and Barbara Walsh, Jim and Roberta Davis, Ron and Bev Singer, Don and Kathy Chalfant, Alan and Janet Bullock, Bill and Karen Stancer, Jim and Pat Dow, Bruce and Jennifer Long, Pete and Pat Kruse, and Mead and Betsy Northrop visited the beautifully renovated Victoria Theater, and saw the outstanding play "Intimate Apparel". Prior to the play we meet for delicious dinner at the Arlington Tavern restaurant, conveniently located next to the theater. Kudos to Thore Edgren.

(see Photographs on Following page)



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

Cosmopolitan Discussion Group

Following the January 15 meeting, Dan O'Dowd led the Cosmopolitan Discussion Group in an exploration of Crises in Higher Education. Following the next meeting Bob Weber will lead a discussion of Survival in 21st Century Requires Understanding of Complex Systems. The Group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 1:45 PM, after our regular meeting. It 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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

		<u>Beginning Funds</u>	<u>Current Year to Date</u>
Check Book Balance	6/30/2014	\$ 20,614.97	
<u>Income</u>			
Dues			\$11,805.00
Initiation Fees			\$450.00
Interest			\$0.00
Other Income			\$60.97
Total Income			\$12,315.97
<u>Expenses</u>			
Insurance			\$2,051.00
Crackers			\$1,999.11
Roster			\$1,325.69
Complementary Lunches			\$298.20
A/V Tech. Support			\$180.00
Badges			\$85.18
Memorials			\$0.00
Equipment			\$1,437.63
Gratuities			\$1,500.00
Other			\$479.92
Total Expense			\$9,356.73
Income Less Expense			\$2,959.24
Ending Balance	12/31/2014		\$23,574.21

LAST MEETING**FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

FIRST-TERM REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

JOYCE E. DUDLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Mead Northrup, MD, introduced our newly reelected District Attorney, Joyce E. Dudley, Esq., after he called for a 30-second blackout to permit those Cosmo members and guests with outstanding warrants to discretely leave the meeting.

Ms. Dudley is a 1975 graduate of UCSB; pursued an active career regarding Children's issues and Child abuse prior to her 1990 graduation from the Santa Barbara College of Law. She was then appointed by recently deceased Cosmo member, District Attorney Tom Sneddon, as a Deputy DA where she worked primarily on sexual abuse and children's issues, until her election as District Attorney in 2010.

Ms. Dudley made a passionate and articulate presentation of her experiences as the District Attorney of Santa Barbara. After designing her new seal of office (depicting the Court House, the ocean, and our agricultural landscape), she set out her goals in a mission statement to ensure that her staff of 125 members plus volunteers, interns and externs, and the community, would understand her priorities. These included to "pursue Truth and Justice by employing the highest ethical standards, in vigorously prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent and preventing crime" and her duty to "diligently and vigilantly pursue those believed to have violated the law and to protect the rights of crime victims." Her report to The People made clear her commitment to that mission statement and is a partial public accounting of how she deployed her three offices and \$20 million annual budget.

Informed by her years of community work prior to her "legal" career, Ms. Dudley has employed soft power to implement the goal of protecting the innocent. Of particular interest to Cosmo members, she discussed activities to educate seniors, outreach to the community and supply of advocacy services to help prevent Elder Abuse from happening, including full use of media, telephone hot lines and the distribution of "neck purses" to avoid purse snatching. One of her semi-retired staff members, Vicki Johnson, is active in sharing her experience of being "abused" despite her legal training and years of practice.

Another example of her use of "soft power" is her active support for a variety of Task Forces in the areas of human trafficking, environmental issues, anti-animal abuse

activities (because of the correlation of those activities to crimes against vulnerable humans) and arson.

Other activities include a Victim Witness Assistance program, including a Sexual Assault Response Team, whose members provide emergency funds for witnesses in part through the State Street Mile program and a unique Canine Assistance program supervised by volunteer attorney, Donna Crawford. Donna's goal is to provide unconditional love and support with D.A. Dudley's "favorite" employee, Malvern.

Recent changes to the Three Strikes Law present a challenge to protecting the community from the early release of potentially dangerous inmates. Adoption by California voters of Proposition 47 presents a similar issue because of the possible reclassification of crimes for individuals already incarcerated who will be released to the community as a result of this new law.

Another relatively new addition to our criminal justice system, which is not required by the law but is supported by the District Attorney, includes the use of Treatment Courts—taking a low level offender and placing them in a rehabilitation program instead of jail. The Veterans Treatment Court deals with unique problems experienced by veterans. Additionally, the Misdemeanor Diversion program helps new offenders avoid the full impact of the criminal law by undertaking appropriate education, restitution, and payments of a fine. The District Attorney's Truancy Program focuses on efforts to reduce Truancy based on the belief that keeping kids in school will result in less crime.

Because of her high profile office and prosecutorial power, Ms. Dudley has been able to exercise leadership in several areas, which she believes will help to prevent crime in the future. The first and most immediately important to Cosmo members is her chairmanship of Isla Vista Safe, a coalition of governmental stakeholders which was convened to prevent the chaos of Halloween weekend celebrations (but prior to the recent mass murder) to share what they see as the problems and offer possible solutions. Some of the incidents mentioned included actions by a Professor to forcefully stop a free speech demonstration, a fight at a basketball game, a gang rape, and the Deltopia riot. (Note the emphasis on action each agency can take internally without actions by some other agency.) The District Attorney has also sought funding to provide neighborhood prosecutors and community courts.

Other areas for reform include participation in what she characterizes as an Advancements Toward Justice program focusing on Restorative Justice for youth offenders, use of Technology to reduce cost and increase efficiency and Legislative initiative by her to eliminate an error in the Rape by Fraud statute which now includes unmarried

victims. She has also been active in using the office Bureau of Investigation to pursue welfare fraud, internet crimes against children, workers' compensation fraud, the unauthorized purchase of firearms.

Budget restraints have been a challenge because of its direct effect on staffing. The negative impact of budget cuts have been somewhat mitigated by her use of a Volunteer Extern Program that provides new lawyers with hands-on training. At the moment, there are five active participants in this effort and 17 graduates.

Ms. Dudley has not been reluctant to prosecute those who are believed to have violated the law. **Some people never learn, despite efforts to the contrary.** Office successes include the following:

- a. **Real Estate Fraud:** despite efforts at Education, outreach and prevention, Prosecution \$25.4 million loss for the period from 2010-2013, including People v. Mike Wilson—who perpetrated a 52 victim Ponzi scheme and received 20 years in prison and was required to pay \$15 million in restitution.
- b. **Criminal Prosecutions:** People v. Lanie Tyrone Richardson who drove a car with person on the hood, which resulted one death; he received 14 years in prison.
- c. **Gangs Unit:** People v. Adrian Robles who stabbed to death a person at Hendry's Beach; he received Life in prison.
- d. **Vulnerable Victims Unit:** People v. Jose Raya-Hernandez committed hundred's of child molestation against three victims; he received 158 years in prison.
- e. **Civil Prosecution:** Consumer fraud and environmental crimes \$450k
- f. **Financial Crimes Unit:** People v. Penny Art Estes—\$4.8 million scam on fire victims; she received 12 years in prison.
- g. **Supreme Court Review:** People v. Tibor Karsai—a sexually violent predator whose release was significantly delayed by the filing of multiple appeals but who now lives in a recreational vehicle as a transient over objection by the DA.

Ms. Dudley has support staff involvement in various community outreach activities, including Summit for Danny, Special Olympics, Traffic, Safety and Awareness Memorial Walks and United Way Lunch Bunch

The following questions were asked during the Q&A session:

1. What financial leverage can be applied to UCSB to clean up its act? Multi jurisdictional problem, need to work with stakeholders to recognize problem and contribute what each can to improve it. It is in process, but takes time and commitment from each stakeholder.
2. A member was not impressed with lawyer ethics, however what is being done to encourage teaching and implementing of ethics in community? Defended lawyer ethics, duty to not prosecute if determine case violates fairness to defendant; agrees more work to educate the community is important and part of her outreach.
3. Grand Jury has interviewed members of Hispanic community who feel actions of community youth will be most influenced by strong actions of parents—what is DA doing to assist this effort? Agree that getting parents involved is important; truancy problem is example of 7000 cases but only three to court based on counseling of students and parents resulting in children returning to school. Follow up question—what about financial responsibility of parents for actions of their children? Hard to prosecute parents under our present laws.
4. Member's office was vandalized and juvenile offender was ordered to make restitution; none has been forthcoming? Order should be enforced to send the right signal.
5. Comments on community efforts to combat recidivism? Supports efforts to prevent further crime by providing jobs and community support for those released from incarceration after completing their sentences; particularly efforts of Rick Roney and his Reentry group.
6. How should campus sexual abuse cases be handled? Refer to Law Enforcement first because only with facts and evidence can a determination be made of probable cause, a precondition to prosecution. On campus efforts will be less effective and may compromise law enforcement efforts; however, they may be appropriate if DA determines that the case cannot be proven to the criminal standard of beyond a reasonable doubt.

[Editor's note: A pdf version of the presentation slide used by Ms. Dudley is available upon request to sbpete8@gmail.com]



HAPPY NEW YEAR

YEAR OF THE GOAT