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NEXT MEETING

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.

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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 & Manny Espig
Punchbowl: Jerry Floyd
Invocation: Kurt Whiteman
Audio-Visual: Jack Patterson, Bob Weber ,
Bill Alexander, Orlando Ramasis
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Wolf
Photographers: Ron White and Dan Truex

INCREASE IN COST OF LUNCH

\$22.00 as of April 2015

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 19, 2015

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF GPS

ALBERT MERCADO

In 1973 the Government decided to build a new all weather system for navigation which could be employed with great accuracy all over the globe for secret military applications. The presentation discusses the original design and implementation of the user segment (receivers) as well as early launches and experiments to prove the concept. Presentation will explain how the three segments (Space, Control and User) work and the accuracy both for Government and commercial applications. Presentation will discuss the details of a most tragic event that prompted the Government to reveal the uses of GPS and release certain bands for commercial applications. Albert Mercado was recruited to design and build first units of user segment

and as a Manager of the Project led the team which built, tested, qualified and launched the first GPS receivers. His college education includes a BSEE, MSEE and completion of the PhD course work at UCLA. Jim Davis will introduce Albert Mercado.

April 2, 2015

LADIES DAY

WOMEN IN AMERICAN ART

Judy Larson



Judy L. Larson holds the R. Anthony Askew Chair in Art at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, where she directs the Westmont Museum of Art (formerly Reynolds Gallery), located in the Adams Center for the Visual Arts, and teaches courses in art history and museum studies as a part of the art faculty. With thirty years of museum and gallery experience, Larson was most recently the director of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, where she is credited with completing a 25 million dollar endowment campaign and enriching the museum's exhibition schedule to include thematic exhibitions and new artistic fields. She was active in the formation of new national and international committees, which advocate for women in the arts.

Larson previously directed the Art Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke, where she coordinated the acquisition of multi-million dollar American art collection. She served as curator of American art at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, where she organized national touring exhibitions on American artists such as John Twachtman and Norman Rockwell. Larson worked at the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art while earning undergraduate and master's degrees in art history at UCLA. She completed a Ph.D. at the Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University, Atlanta, in 1998. Prof Larson will be introduced by Dwight Coffin.

Tickets will be on sale only at the March 5 and March 19 meetings.

WINE DRAWING

After some confusion, Leo Robidoux grabbed a bottle of Rideau Vineyard's '12 Duplantier Blanc (a white wine that is a mix of Rousanne, Granache Blanc and Viognier), and Merle Blasjo got a bottle of J&J Cellars '09 Merlot.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Bill Berry introduced three guests:

David K. Hughes, a retired attorney interested in travel, volunteering, volunteer work, golf and church, hosted by Ron Singer

Charlie Rosenberg, a financial consultant interested in sports and music, hosted by George Surmeier

Burt Bernstein, an attorney interested in travel, golf and bridge, also hosted by George Surmeier

Welcome New Member

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 sponsor is Ron Singer.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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 de 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**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

Tribute to Ben Walsh Saturday May 2

Our annual tribute to Ben Walsh and dinner will be held at the Santa Baarbara City College on Saturday May 2. Further details will be announced. This is always a sell-out. I encourage you to sign up early.

Harry Stroud (805) 653 5117

Hobby Day May 7

All members who have hobbies and special interests such as Woodworking, Art Painting, Winemaking, Photography, Sculpturing, Pottery, Jewelry Making, Ceramics, Collections, etc. are welcome to display their hobbies at this special club meeting. The hobby show will be the program for the meeting. All items will be displayed on tables, easels to be furnished by the participant, or on the floor. A questionnaire titled «Hobby Day Show» is included in this issue. If you are interested complete the questionnaire.

LAST MEETING

February 19, 2015

Tom Fayram, County Water Resources, Deputy Director

"Managing Santa Barbara's Water Future"



Jim Stubchaer introduced Tom Fayram who graduated from Dos Pueblos High School and received a civil engineering degree from San Diego State University.

Water in California is an issue of irony. At times it is dreaded for it's 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.

HOBBY DAY SHOW

SPECIAL INTERESTS EXHIBIT QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE: May 7, 2015

WHERE: ELKS CLUB NORTH ENTRY SPECIAL PURPOSE ROOM

NAME: _____

SPECIAL INTEREST: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE EXHIBITED ON TABLES

SIZE OF EXHIBIT (WXL) _____

TABLES ARE 30"W x 96"L (TABLES MAY BE SHARED)

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE MOUNTED ON FLOOR MOUNTED EASELS FURNISHED BY EXHIBITOR, PANELS (ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC.) NUMBER OF PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS LIMITED TO TWO _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE FLOOR MOUNTED (SCULPTURE, WOODWORK, ETC).

SIZE OF ITEMS (WxL) _____

EMAIL FORM TO THORE EDGREN: theman3@cox.net OR MAIL TO 6545 CAMINO VENTUROSO, GOLETA, CA 93117. CALL 967-4001 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

PLEASE SUBMIT FORMS BY APRIL 3. 2015