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Cosmo Members Ailing

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

Guest Incentive Program

Members are encouraged to bring guests to our meetings, especially potential future members. The club will pay the guest's lunch on the guest's first visit. When a new member is inducted, the club will host lunch for the primary sponsor and the new member.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Bob Miller & Paul Coyne
Punchbowl: Ed Bookin
Invocation: Ken Working
Audio-Visual: Jack Patterson, Bob Weber ,
Bill Alexander, Orlando Ramirez, Jim Belden
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Wolf
Photographers: Ron White and Dan Truex

Increase in Cost of Lunch

Members are reminded that the lunch costs are now \$22 per person and the exact change is always appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the Elks Club. To facilitate ticket selling, checks should be prepared in advance.

NEXT MEETING

May 21, 2015



History and Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Dr. Jim Davis served as an Associate Director at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He received B.S. and Ph.D. in physics; did laser and weapons R&D in private industry and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he was Associate Director for Lasers; published widely, testified at congressional hearings; lectured at university; received Hughes and NSF Fellowships; and is a member of the American Physical Society.

His talk will focus on the funding and evolution of the Lab and will discuss some nuclear weapons controversies and compare nuclear weapons and natural energy releases. He will explain the connections among nuclear weapons, lasers and the Strategic Defense Initiative, sometimes referred to as "Star Wars." The conclusion of his presentation will review some ongoing programs at Livermore, and will show the relevance of these programs to maintaining nuclear weapons capability.

He will be introduced by Chuck Curtis

FUTURE MEETINGS

June 4, 2015

Scott Reed

Expanding the Concept of Classical Music A Summer Festival for Everyone

Scott Reed became the fourth president of the Music Academy of the West in August 2010. Under his leadership the renowned classical music institution has forged an unprecedented partnership with the New York Philharmonic, opened the Luria Education Center, and launched the Mosher Guest Artist Residency Program, which brings classical music luminaries to the Music Academy each summer. Participants have included Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Midori, Jeremy Denk, Deborah Voigt, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet. Mr. Reed will



present the Music Academy's program.

Mr. Reed previously served as vice president for Institutional Advancement at the Music Academy. He dramatically increased the Academy's fundraising capabilities and spearheaded a succession of multimillion-dollar campaigns for campus renovations. He came to the latter position via the San Francisco Opera, where he worked as associate director of development and led the nationally renowned Bravo! Club for nearly two years.

Mr. Reed served the Music Academy in many capacities, and was instrumental in the development of several signal initiatives, including the Academy's innovative Compeer Program, which pairs Fellows with donors and other Santa Barbara community members for informal socializing throughout the summer season.

Mr. Reed earned his bachelor's degree in vocal performance at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he performed in opera productions, vocal ensembles, and solo recitals, and was awarded a music affiliate scholarship.

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David Dwelley

My Trip to Iran. Archaeology amd More

July 02, 2015

Independence Day Picnic

Manning Park, Montecito

Our annual Picnic for all members and guests starts at 11 am at Manning Park in Montecito. BYOB as the caterer does not have a license to serve alcoholic beverages. Delicious barbequed lunch with punch and lemonade will be provided. Please purchase tickets in advance at the May and June meetings so that we can give the caterer an accurate head-count. Only \$15.00/person, paid in advance to 'Cosmo Club' c/o Bruce Long, 4477-K Shadow Hills 93105 (692-4072). Please include names of attendees so that the nametags may be prepared in advance. A flyer is included with this edition.



Jim Dow introduced our guests:

Ron Singer was the host of Cam Camerena

Alain Bullock was the host of Whitney Noonan

Welcome New Member

Joe Abram

781B Senda Verde, CA 93105

Pediatrician

Phone: 845-8579

Email: jabrammd@gmail.com

Birthday: July 29

Interests: history, music, literature, ping pong, tennis and billiards

Introduced by George Campbell

WINE DRAWING:

Bob Zimels drew the lucky ticket of Don Truex, who won a Bello Oliver Sauvignon Blanc 2002. Joe Szerwo won a J&J Cellars Petit Syrah 2008.



Committee recruitment:

Vice President Bill Stancer announced that the following committees would welcome new members:

Crackers, Chairman Harv Turner

Invocation, Chairman Bill Alexander

Sergeant-at-arms, Chairman Ken Wolf

Door Prize, Chairman Bob Zimels

Proposed Constitution revision:

Vice President Stancer reported that the Board is recommending some relatively minor revisions to Article III, the Membership, Section 1 of our Constitution. The proposed new language follows:

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1.

Membership shall consist of men who:

- a. Have a bona fide willingness and ability to participate in the activities of the club.
- b. Are substantially retired from a profession or business.
- c. Subscribe to this Constitution.
- d. Are elected to membership by the affirmative vote of the Membership Committee; provided however,

that no one shall be elected to membership until after seven (7) days' notice has been given to members of the club by the Membership Committee, and the further consideration of any objections to membership that may be received by the Membership Committee during the seven (7) day waiting period.

The board of Directors has recommended that Article III Membership, Section 2, of the Club's Constitution be eliminated.

The existing wording of Article III, Sections 1 and 2, are shown below for comparison.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1.

Membership shall consist of men who:

- a. Are bona fide residents of the Santa Barbara area.
- b. Have retired from a profession or business and who are not fully engaged in a materially gainful occupation.
- c. Subscribe to this Constitution.
- d. Are elected to membership by the Board of Directors on recommendation of the Membership Committee; provided however, that no one shall be elected to membership until at least two weeks after notice of his application has been given to the members of the club by the Membership Committee.

Section 2.

Members fully re-engaging in a materially gainful occupation are required to resign. On subsequent retirement, such individuals, upon request, may be reinstated to membership upon approval by the Board of Directors.

The club will vote on the recommended changes at our next meeting on May 21.

If you have questions or comments, please send them by email to Vice President Bill Stancer, (wstancer@cox.net). We will address them at the next meeting before the vote.

If you wish to speak to the issue before the club at the next meeting, please make this request by email to President Ron Singer, (rsinger916@aol.com), or Vice President Bill Stancer, (wstancer@cox.net).

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of every month in the upstairs room at roughly 1:45 pm, after the regular meeting adjourns. It is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 pm. The presentation generally takes some 30-45 minutes with the balance of the time available for discussion.

The group is open to individuals interested in engaging in fun discussions on important topics. All members are welcome and encouraged to offer comments and/or give a presentation. The next meeting of the COSMO DISCUSSION GROUP will be on May 21, and the topic is **Immigration Reform**. Albert Mercado will lead the discussion.

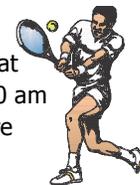
BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



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, but seem to be most often beginning at 10:15. 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.

The next Cosmo Golf Club Tournament will be held at Glen Annie Golf Course on Thursday May 28th. The format, start time and price will be announced soon. Save the date. Contact A. B. Clarke for more information and to sign up. Abckarke3@cox.net, 805/698-0954.

LAST MEETING

Thor Edgren organized, managed and introduced the second Cosmopolitan Club Hobby Day. Seventeen members exhibited the work of their retirement, ranging from designer jewelry to glowing watercolors, a collection of Indonesian aboriginal weapons and art, walnut furniture and other products of our members' eclectic interests and expertise.



Fred Sidon discussed the headhunter culture of the Indonesian jungle where he collected weapons, carvings and photographs.



Bob Zimels entertained members with witty and bawdy songs.



Jim Shaw displayed a clean-lined walnut desk with examples of the dowels he uses in assembly.



Merle Basio operates a railroad system in his back yard.



Organizer Thor Edgren displayed one of his provocative abstract paintings.



Mike Smith exhibited paintings in dramatically different styles.

LAST MEETING



Willard Thompson illustrates his interest in California history with a collection of rare post cards.



Bill Stancer demonstrated one of his collection of stringed instruments, all of which he plays.



Harv Turner exhibited the jewelry he designs and creates—a big man with precise fingers.



Jim Gravitt showed a collection of stringed and percussion musical instruments.

Cosmopolitan Club 4th July Picnic Celebration Thursday July 2nd 2015



Thursday July 2nd

2015 BBQ by "Cavelli's" with "all the fix in's"

Only \$15.00 per person, mailed with check payable to Cosmo Club c/o Bruce Long 4477 Shadow Hills Blvd. S Santa Barbara 93105 tel 805-692-4072

FURNISH Bruce with spelling of names of Guests for Nametags

All Friends and relatives and Guests of members welcome.!! Musical entertainment will be provided.

To be held upon arriving at 11:00 AM Area 9 Lower Manning Park. Picnic served after a BYOB social hour starting at 100 o'clock *Directions:* From Freeway drive to Montecito on W 101 ND EXIT Onto San Ysidro Rd, go North 1 mile then exit to Lower Manning Park at Santa Rosa Lane.