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

Dues Notice

Annual dues are due and payable July 1 2015 at \$60.00 per member. Checks may be deposited in a box near the entry to the Elks' Club or mailed to Cosmopolitan Club, P.O. Box 3993, Santa Barbara 93130-3993

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Ken Jewesson and Julio Veyna
Punchbowl: Paul Hartioff
Invocation: Joe O'Brien
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jim Belden
Sergeant-at-Arms: Vern Kemp
Photographers: Ron White and Dan Truex

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

NEXT MEETING

July 2, 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. A delicious barbeque lunch with punch and lemonade will be provided.

As was noted at the June 18 meeting, we needed to give the caterer an accurate head-count and, as a result, required the purchase of tickets in advance. If for whatever reason you have been unable to purchase tickets, please contact Bruce Long at 692-4072 or bruce93103@cox.net to see if attending is still an option.

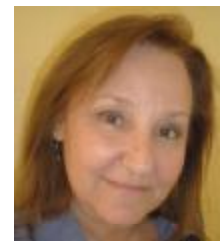
See the attached flier for additional detail.

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 16, 2015

Sandi Miller

A Report on the 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury



Sandi Miller is a native of Santa Barbara County and has been a Real Estate Appraiser for 32 years. When the opportunity to serve on the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury presented itself in 2014, she promptly mailed in her application. As a newcomer to the Grand Jury, Ms. Miller was appointed as foreperson for the 2014-2015 Grand Jury. While most of the activities of the Grand Jury are confidential, the purpose, history and impact that the Grand Jury has had within our community are significant.

Her talk will cover the numerous studies completed by the Jury and will focus on the key findings and recommendations proposed to the responsible government agencies. Insofar as they are available, she will review the responses from those agencies. She will indicate subjects where future investigations might be beneficial. Finally,

she will offer some personal views on the value of the Grand Jury and what actions might be taken to improve effectiveness.

Jim Davis will introduce Ms. Miller

WINE DRAWING

The lucky winners of the wine drawing were Charlie Green and Ron White. Charlie went home with a bottle of Lincourt 2011 Chardonnay while Ron walked away with a Lucas and Lewellen 2013 Pinot Noir.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS 

Ron Singer introduced seven guests:

Whitney Newland hosted by Alan Bullock

Michael Pedregoso hosted by Stan Ostern

Vern Hanna hosted by Richard Kinnely

Welcome New Member

Farzand Ali Faruki

"Faiz"
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685-1291
E-mail: rollies23@verizon.net
Birthday: December 19
Elected: 2015
Wife: Barbara
Interests: reading, cooking/B.B.Q.
Introduced by Ron White



Proposed for Membership

Whitney Harry Newland

1924 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Whitney Newland is a long time resident of Santa Barbara, having arrived in the city in 1933 at the age of three! He graduated from Santa Barbara High School and spent his business career with two local banks. He retired in 1989 from Santa Barbara Bank and Trust as a Vice President and Trust Officer.

Whitney and his wife Judy have two daughters and enjoy

travel and antique collecting. He also has an interest in investing. Whitney has served as a board member of the Botanic Gardens and Humane Society.

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 subject for the July 16 meeting will be the Economic Growth; discussion leader will be Gordon Bjork.

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. Results for June 18, 2015:



1 st place:	Ralph Edebo	3240 pnts
2 nd place:	Harv Turner	2740 pnts
3 rd place:	Ed loper	2330 pnts

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 at (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.



July 23rd, Montecito Country Club Shotgun Golf Tourney.

Sign up for this always popular luncheon event and, yes, there will be some golf after. This scramble event is sponsored by Tom Dent and Marty Tucker. Send your \$57- to Ron Singer with your current index. Teams will be constructed to make the event as competitive as possible. Lunch will be available at noon and golf will begin at 1:00, sometimes a little earlier.

Ron Singer, 3375 Foothill Road #916, Carpinteria, CA 93013

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAGIC CASTLE HOLLYWOOD

August 16

Magic Castle is an exclusive private club built in 1908 in an authentic Victorian mansion, which has been converted into The Academy of Magical Arts. This is an experience you will never forget.



Cost per person: \$112.00 includes entrance fee for non-members, a delicious and extensive brunch, lots of magic, and bus transportation to and from with snacks and beverages. The bus will depart the Elks Club at 8:45 am and return at approximately 5:00 pm.

Contact Ron White to get on the list (964-9742).

AUTHORS DAY

In Planning for this Fall

Chuck Curtis gave the membership a "heads-up" that an author's day is in the planning stage for this fall. The last author's day, which showcased our many talented writers, was some three years ago.

LAST MEETING

DAVID DWELLEY

MY TRIP TO IRAN, ARCHEOLOGY AND MORE



Dave Dwelley

Dave Dwelley gave the membership a presentation on his 2014 trip to Iran. Dave, who was introduced by Bob Logan, received a degree in mechanical engineering from MIT and an MBA from Harvard. Thereafter, he enjoyed a 36 year career with the Raytheon Company. He was in Santa Barbara as Assistant Manager of the Goleta operation in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Subsequently, he managed several Raytheon operations in Kansas, Massachusetts and Europe. He became a Vice President in 1989 and retired in 2000, returning to Santa Barbara.

Over time, Dave and his wife Ann developed an interest in archeology. They have taken some twenty trips in pursuit of this interest. Last year they took a trip to Iran with a primary focus on archeology. Dave shared some of the highlights of the sites they visited in Iran and gave us his "man on the street" perspective of the modern Iran he saw. His trip was cultural in nature and he had no reason to address the «headline» issues that are seen daily in today's news related to US and Iran. Although he briefly touched on the impact of sanctions, there was no reference to nuclear weapons or political tensions in the area. In effect he gave the membership a view of Iran from the perspective of a «cultural tourist».

His trip highlights started with their visit to Persepolis. At this site the focus was on the ruins related to Darius I, also known as «Darius the Great» (550 - 486 BCE). Darius I ruled the Persian/Achaemenid Empire at its peak from this capital city. Dave had many photographs of the buildings and artifacts of Persepolis. The city had been fabulously wealthy. Even today the grandeur of the site can be seen and felt in Dave's presentation. Dave noted that Persepolis

remained the capital of the Persian/Achaemenid Empire until 330 BCE when Alexander the Great sacked the city.

The next phase of the presentation jumped forward in time and covered the multitude of fantastic mosques that are to be found in Iran. The earliest mosques he visited dated from the eight century. He also included pictures and comments on some relatively new sixteenth and seventeenth century mosques. He noted that although over time new mosques continued to be built old mosques are not destroyed. As a result, the absolute number of mosques and their related maintenance issues continued to grow.

His pictures and related observations covered many buildings and other structures in Iran. Dave often commented on the building materials, noting the varying uses of stone and mud bricks.

He highlighted a large number of elaborate stone bridges they visited. The bridges were impressive. Also featured were pictures and illustrations of wells and cisterns, showing how the Persians/Iranians dealt with water in their arid environment.

As a cultural tourist, Dave had the opportunity to meet and talk with many people in a non-confrontational setting. His observation was that the Iranians he met generally had a positive attitude to what might be called "things American". He also commented on the use of English as a second language and the use of English in signs. Since our Cosmopolitan Club members frequently see "flag burning, anti-American" Iranians on television and in the news, Dave's observations provide an interesting counterpoint. We thank Dave for taking the time to share his observations on "Iran - Archeology and More".