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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](mailto: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: Steve Sheaffer & Peter Schenck  
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## Dress Code

For summer the dress code is relaxed and jackets are not necessary. Do dress tastefully and with an emphasis on comfort.

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

## NEXT MEETING

**August 6, 2015**

**Patsy Hicks**

**Making Thinking Visible: What Happens When Museums and Schools Partner**



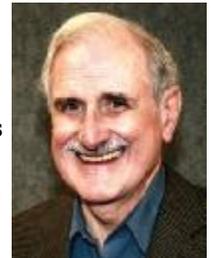
Patsy Hicks, Director of Education at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, will talk about the latest trends in Arts Education, why the new common core standards place visual arts at the center of learning, and how Museums and schools can partner for student success across the curriculum. It's all about looking closely and thinking deeply. Ms. Hicks will be introduced by Dwight Coffin.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

**August 20**

**Duncan Mellichamp**

**Isla Vista: the Place Everyone Loves (To Take Something Out, Put Nothing Back; or to Disregard; or to Hate; or ....)**



Isla Vista has been through a series of identities over the years--a week-end community (the source of its long/narrow lots), a major oil production site, a sleepy oceanside surfing town, and in recent years ... an overdeveloped, underfunded, and almost ungovernable college town. Will Das Williams' legislation finally be the solution and provide special district status for IV so its inhabitants can help administer the town themselves? Or will it remain in its present form, with "a natural tendency to revert to anarchy whenever the SB County and UCSB administration lift their weekend 'occupation force'?" Dr. Mellichamp will talk also about the outcome of a special committee of UCSB Trustees that took on the task of developing a roadmap--one the campus could follow to develop a real asset out of a longstanding liability.

Duncan Mellichamp is an Emeritus Professor at UCSB. He

continues to guest lecture, pro bono, and to research on profitability measures for chemical processing plant designs. He began his 60-year professional career in 1955 as a co-op engineer with DuPont Textile Fibers in NC. He joined UCSB in 1966 as one of the founding faculty of the new Chemical Engineering department. At UCSB he was elected chair of the UCSB Academic Senate, then elected chair of the UC-wide Academic Senate, He also served on the UC Board of Regents and on the UC Retirement System Board. On his return to campus, he served as Chancellor's Special Assistant taking the lead on off-campus projects including Isla Vista, the Ellwood-Devereux coastal preservation project, etc. He more recently served on the board of Opera Santa Barbara and on the Advisory Board of the CA Trust for Public Land. Dr. Mellichamp will be introduced by Don Chalfant.

**September 3**

**Kevin Ryan, M. D.**

**Changing Ethics in Medicine**

Kevin Ryan, and others, have participated in and observed the medical field for more than 50 years during which we have seen many major changes. Some of these developments have required evolution in ethical standards forming the framework for modern professional conduct. Whereas medicine was for many years a paternalistic relationship typified by the adages, "The doctor knows best" and, "Always follow doctor's orders", it is evolving into a democratized system wherein patients participate actively in their own care. The interjection of third party payers between doctor and patient, changing attitudes on informed consent, and conflict between professional goals and corporate goals all have an effect on codes of conduct. Some future, around-the-corner, ethical issues will be discussed. Dr. Ryan had his medical education at Dartmouth and Harvard Medical Schools followed by internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and residency in radiology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He practiced for 30 years at the Woodland Clinic with a clinical teaching position at U.C. Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Ryan will be introduced by Jim Davis.



**WINE DRAWING**

Bob Zimel conducted the wine drawing.

Bob Thompson won a bottle of 2011 Lincourt Chardonnay.

Don Truex won a bottle of 2013 Lucas & Lewellen Pinot Noir.

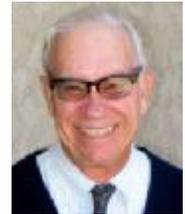


**Welcome New Member**

**William "Bill" Gohlke**

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Bill originally hails from Long Beach, CA. He holds a BA and MBA and MLIS. He worked as a logistics planner and scheduler in project management for 25 years, then went back to school for a Masters of Library Science, and served as a reference librarian in the Oxnard Public Library for 6 years. He retired in March 2008. Bill resides with his wife Debbie in Port Hueneme. His avocational interests are reading, investments and travel. He participates in golf, fitness and skiing.

Bill is sponsored by Ron Singer and Paul Fink.

**WELCOME OUR GUESTS**



Kent Cullen welcomed our guests:

Dr. Peter Delevett was hosted by Steve Little. He is a retired anesthesiologist.

John Johnson was brought by Ben Chambers. He has been an engineer in aircraft design, and heavy load movement (10,000 tons).

Peter Searl was hosted by Gordon Bjork. He is a retired lawyer.

Kent Cullen also introduced three guests going through the membership process:

David Bohn hosted by Don Chalfant,

Geoff Appeler hosted by George Surmeier

Whitney Newland hosted by Alan Bullock.

**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, until 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.

**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](mailto: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 at (805) 692-4072 or [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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, 3375 Foothill Road #916, Carpinteria, CA 93013

**Montecito Country Club Cosmo Golf Tournament  
July 23rd**

Thirty-six golfers, Cosmos and friends, enjoyed some friendly competition today at the beautiful Montecito Country Club. Lunch, al fresco, was followed by a well-contested scramble format contest. The winning teams were:

<b>First place</b>	<b>Second place</b>	<b>Third place</b>
B. Dial	M. Tucker	R. Robertson
J. Bonham	K. Cullen	B. Moessle
D. Herlinger	M. McGinnis	B. Sorich
& J. Berger	& R. Singer	& B. Wilson

Winning low net score was an impressive 52, 19 strokes below par! Congratulations to all.



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MAGIC CASTLE TRIP CANCELLED**

Due to lack of participation, the August 16 trip to the Magic Castle in Hollywood has been cancelled. Ron White will return checks to those of you who have paid. We may try to schedule another trip in 2016.

**AUTHORS DAY**

**In Planning for this Fall**

Chuck Curtis has given 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**

**July 16, 2015**

**Sandi Miller (and Mary Frink)**

**Report on the 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury**



Sandi Miller gave a very informative and challenging talk introducing us to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury. She reviewed the work of the 2014-15 Grand Jury, discussed the Grand Jury process, and challenged Cosmo members to sign up for the Grand Jury for next year 2016-17 (the current year Grand Jury has already been seated and is at work). Sandi served as the Foreperson of the 2014-15 Grand Jury. She also introduced Mary Frink, who is a holdover on the 2015-16 Grand Jury, and who also participated in the presentation.

Sandi Miller said the Civil Grand Jury is a unique institution – only a couple of states other than California have it. The Jury has an important civil responsibility for overseeing public agencies in the County (serving as a “watchdog”). It does not have a criminal responsibility. The Grand Jury may review all aspects of county and city government and special districts. Some agencies, namely jail and detention centers, are required by law to be reviewed by the Grand Jury, while reviews for other agencies are made after the filing of a “complaint”, or request for investigation, about

that agency received from any citizen of the County. The County Civil Grand Jury is seated July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for a one year period following interviews by a committee of the Superior Court. The Jury consists of 19 persons, and the Presiding Judge appoints the Foreperson. The Grand Jurors are a diverse citizen volunteer group from the 5 supervisorial districts. Persons selected for the Grand Jury must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age, of sound judgment, and make a commitment to serve at least 20 hours per week, with a remuneration of \$25 per day plus mileage.

Of the 19 members of the current Grand Jury, 6 are held over for a second year of service – there is a special provision of law to provide continuity and institutional memory. Sandi indicated that applications for the Grand Jury have fallen off – 32 filed applications last year and only 20 this year. Six members were reseeded this year, and the remainder became alternates in case the need arises. Jury members can serve two consecutive one-year terms, then must sit out a year before reapplying.

Sandi Miller emphasized that the Grand Jury operates as a collaborative mind-set, and as a collegial body, and are required by law to maintain confidentiality. Twelve members are required for a quorum, and public and official actions require a minimum of 12 affirmative votes. Sandi said the Grand Jury can give agencies recommendations, but can’t require them to do anything, except respond to the recommendations in a certain amount of time. The Grand Jury prepares reports as it deems necessary – if the matter is resolved, no report is issued. Mary Frink indicated that reports and responses are maintained on the Grand Jury website.

One example of the 2014-15 Grand Jury Report had to do with ongoing financial issues of the City of Guadalupe. Three other Grand Juries have reviewed Guadalupe in recent years. The Grand Jury concluded that Guadalupe should end its financial shell game of moving money from City enterprise funds to the General Fund, and borrowing money each year to pay that year’s expenses. The Grand Jury also concluded that Guadalupe should disincorporate as a City. Guadalupe responded that it would not do so, but indicated that finances would be better this year.

Sandi Miller urged all Cosmo members to consider serving on the County Grand Jury. She distributed an application form to all, and asked that it be filled out and turned in, or passed along to someone else who may be interested in applying. She said applications are available at [www.sbcgj.org](http://www.sbcgj.org), or at (805) 882-4530.



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