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## NEW APPLICATION FORM

Please be sure to use the new Application for Membership when you invite your friends to apply to become a Cosmo. The old form has been phased out and the new one is available at the Cosmo website. <http://sbcosmo.com>

Access the COSMO website at <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of CRACKERS

## Cosmo Members Ailing

Curt Whiteman reported on hospitalized members Robin Durkee and Arlie Skov.

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, [whiteman@westmont.edu](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

## Dress Code

We're into fall but the dress code is still relaxed. Jackets are not necessary, but do dress tastefully, and with an emphasis on comfort.

## Dues Notice

Gentlemen, Cosmo annual \$60 dues were due and payable July 1. If they haven't been paid by now they're over 60 days late. Please deposit your checks in a box near the entry to the Elks' Club or mail them to Cosmopolitan Club, PO Box 3993, SB 93130-3993.

## Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Ray Stauffer & John Calvert  
Punchbowl: Kent Cullen  
Invocation: Peter Kruse  
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jack Patterson Jim Belden  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Wolf  
Photographers: Ron White and Don Truex

## NEXT MEETING

**September 17, 2015**

**Dr. Sameer Pandya**

**Department of Asian-American Studies, UCSB**

**A Brief History of Creativity**



Dr. Pandya will discuss the general idea of creativity, and the particular creative influences that have shaped him both as a literary scholar and fiction writer. He was born in India and came to California when he was eight. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and a PhD from Stanford University. His fiction has appeared, among other places, in Narrative, Other Voices, and Faultline, and his non-fiction has appeared in the Atlantic, ESPN, Salon and Sports Illustrated. His first collection, The Blind Writer: Stories and a Novella, follows the lives of first- and second-generation Indian Americans living in contemporary America. The characters share a similar sensibility: a sense that immigration is a distant memory, yet an experience that continues to shape the decisions they make in subtle and surprising ways as they go about the complicated business of everyday living. Pandya currently teaches literature and creative writing in the Department of Asian-American Studies at UC Santa Barbara. He will be introduced by Dwight Coffin

## Future Meetings

**October 1 2015**

**Lynda Tanner**

**President and CEO of Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care**

Lynda Tanner manages an organization of more than 370 employees providing hospice, home health, palliative and personal care service programs to more than 15,000 people across Santa Barbara County.

After successfully pressing for legislation to increase end-of-life inpatient beds, in 2011 Ms. Tanner oversaw VNHC's opening of a new state-of-the-art inpatient hospice facility, Serenity House. She also directed the acquisition of Community Home Health which increased VNHC's delivery of home health services by 35%, and successfully obtained branch status for a satellite location in Santa Ynez. In 2012, Ms. Tanner oversaw a move to a new location in downtown Santa Barbara with more space to house the growing organization. In 2014, Ms. Tanner helped organize the first annual PHorum Perspectives on Healthcare panel providing leadership on key healthcare priorities in Santa Barbara.

Ms. Tanner received her bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing administration from the University of Idaho. She has more than 30 years of experience working in homecare, including working as a consultant and a surveyor for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and as Chief Clinical Executive at Sutter VNA and Hospice.

Ms. Tanner is also active in many professional, service, business and community organizations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA), California Association for Health Services at Home (CAHSAH), CenCal Health, the Alliance for Living and Dying Well, and Casa Dorinda. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, quilting, and spending time with family.

Ms. Tanner will be introduced by Harry Brown

**October 15 2015**

**David Pratt**

**Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony.**



Art Kvass will introduce David Pratt, who became Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony in March of this year. A native of Australia, Mr. Pratt has more than 15 years of management experience in leadership roles across the performing arts, film and entertainment sectors in the United States and Australia. Prior to joining the Santa Barbara Symphony, he was executive director for the Savannah Philharmonic. Previously, he was senior event Manager of the G'Day USA

Festival, where he created and managed a series of arts, cultural and music events across several cities in the United States.

Before that, he was commercial enterprises manager of Australia's largest and most successful orchestra — the Sydney Symphony—and general manager of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music in Australia's North East tropical region. He has worked with US film studios, served as the Australian Film Commissioner in the United States and general manager of the Melbourne Film Office of the State of Victoria.

**November 5, 2015**

**AUTHORS DAY**

CALLING ALL AUTHORS

The program committee is planning an opportunity for Cosmo authors to display and perhaps discuss their work. Initially, we need to know how many authors we have in the club, and who they are. We intend to include desk-top and other self-published authors as well as those with traditional publishers. We welcome memoir, fact and fiction writers -- whatever form you have chosen. Please email Sandy Jones, [sjones5524@aol.com](mailto:sjones5524@aol.com); include your titles and a few words of description.

**November 19 2015**

**Hugh Voss "The China of Xi Jinping."**

Born in Paris, Hugh graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris before being awarded a graduate fellowship to attend the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, from which he obtained a master's degree in 1956. The following year he was hired by International Packers Limited of Chicago, which over the next seven years stationed him in Brazil, Argentina, Australia, and the United Kingdom, the latter as financial director. He went on to work for the Monsanto Company in St. Louis as international controller, for Smith Kline & French Laboratories of Philadelphia as vice president for planning and finance, for Commercial Credit Company in Baltimore as senior vice president for finance, and for Norton Simon Inc. in New York as senior vice president for finance and administration.

From 1979 to 1984, he served as senior vice president, chief financial officer, and a board director for Becton, Dickinson & Co. He was also an independent board director for mutual funds at T. Rowe Price Associates of Baltimore for 25 years.

He moved to Santa Barbara in 1985. A past president of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and a former chairman of the board for Surgical Eye Expeditions International, he is a trustee of the Santa Barbara Museum

of Art and the Music Academy of the West. His is also chairman of the Kavli Foundation investment committee, and is a member of the investment committees for Cottage Hospital and the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara.

### WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing without a single joke, to applause..



Bill Van Horn won a McCay Petite Sirah 2012, and Don Chalfant won a Lucas & Lewellen Pinot Noir 2013

## Proposed for Membership

Stan Ostern and Bob Lawson are sponsoring neurologist Paul Gertler for membership. Dr. Gertler was born and raised in Hungary. As a major in the U.S. Air Force, he served as head of neurology at the USAF Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany from 1968 to 1971, when he came to Santa Barbara. Here he has practiced as a neurologist at the Sansum Clinic. He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology and the Santa Barbara Medical Society. Widely traveled, he also plays tennis and is interested in history and the stock market

## Welcome New Member

Ron Singer sponsored new member Bill Dial, who was inducted into the club by President Bill Stancer.

Bill was a partner of the law firms Lawler, Felix and Hall and then Pillsbury, Marsburg and Sutro. He retired in 2004 and moved to Carpenteria in 2008 with his partner, Mavern Murdock. He has two daughters in their 40s: Kirsten and Karina.



Born in Cincinnati, he graduated from Yale College and UC Berkley Law School. He served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Germany from 1961 through 1964. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the L.A. County Bar Association, where he was chairman of the environmental law committee. He belongs to the Rotary Club of Montecito and the Alternatives to Violence Project. He plays golf and is interested in history, his college major, and drawing.

## WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Monte Ward introduced this meeting's guests:

H. Douglas Roberts, hosted by Robert Reid,

Hugh Smart, hosted by Vern Kemp, and

Buffalo Joe, hosted by Bob Zimels

## REGULAR EVENTS

### DISCUSSION GROUP

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, several members of Cosmo have agreed to meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after Cosmo meetings once a month. The topics have included "The Goldilocks principle", Economics, Immigration, Medical Care and Cosmology. The last discussion explored the Iran nuclear agreement.

### 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 of about 15 players began playing together 24 years ago at Oak Park. They then moved to Jim McCone's home court and have been playing at Shadow Hills for the past decade, hosted by Bruce Long. The original players were Wyche Caldwell, Bob Carlson, Frank Griscom, Earl McCuish and Harry Stroud.



The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on 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

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**November 14 2015**

### Santa Barbara Symphony

Cosmo Club has 40 tickets for the Saturday evening performance of the Santa Barbara Symphony, Nov. 14, at the Granada theatre. A pre-concert dinner at Anderson is also included in the ticket price.

The concert, titled *The Shakespeare Experience*, which the Symphony is presenting in partnership with the Ensemble Theatre Company, includes Mendelssohn's Suite from *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Walton's suite from *As You Like It*, and Prokofiev's Suite from *Romeo and Juliet*. Call Art Kvaas at 965-6636 for tickets.

### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Special Events Committee has suggested or is investigating the following events for the coming year. They would welcome any feedback – pro or con – from Cosmo members. Send any comments to Thore Edgren, [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net).

Oct. 2015: Palmina Winery 1520 E. Chestnut Rd. Lompoc.

Nov. 14, 2015: Santa Barbara Symphony and Dinner.

Dec. 2015: Winter Dinner Dance at La Cumbre CC.

Jan. 2016: Warner Bros. Back Lot Tour, Burbank.

Feb. 2016: Open date

Mar. 6, 2016: Santa Barbara Opera and Lunch.

Mar. 18, 2016: SBCC Garvin Theater and Dinner.

Apr. 24, 2016: Santa Barbara Opera and Lunch.

May 2016: Open date. (The Annual Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner at SBCC will probably have to be cancelled due to remodeling.)

June 2016: Music Academy of the West, Lunch and Musical Performance.

July 2016: July 4th Picnic.

July 2016: Solvang Theaterfest, Dinner and Overnight.

Additionally, the following outings will be studied:

Polo Match and Lunch.

Amtrac Vintage Club Car trip to SLO and return.

A trip to Vandenberg.

A future trip to Magic Castle still a possibility.

A trip to the renovated Petersen Auto Museum

## HELP WANTED

Seeking motivated Cosmo members to fill these important positions:

The Audio-Visual committee is looking for a member who will attend most meetings and has had, or would like to gain, some training in the operation of the A-V equipment at our meetings. Please contact **Bob Weber**, [wwwwebersb@gmail.com](mailto:wwwwebersb@gmail.com), 696-6941 for additional information about this important job.

The Board is seeking a member to take on the job of Historian/Archivist. Interested parties should contact President **Bill Stancer**, [wstancer@cox.net](mailto:wstancer@cox.net), 682-8939 or any board member for details. The successful candidate will have the ability to organize photos, documents and memorabilia, and work with our webmaster to make these available to our members.

Club Assistant Treasurer – Fred Marsh, our current Treasurer is seeking a member who has, or would like to have, a background in accounting and/or bookkeeping. This job includes the usual income/expenses recording, A/R and A/P. You know, accounting. Please let Fred Marsh [fmarsh2@cox.net](mailto:fmarsh2@cox.net), 884-0534 know of any interest.

## LAST MEETING

**Cosmopolitan Kevin Ryan, M. D.**

**discussed**

**"Changing Ethics in Medicine".**



*Dr. Kevin Ryan, M. D.*

Kevin first explored this topic in the discussion group, which urged him to present it at a general meeting of the club. He opened with the Hippocratic Oath, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC Greece, when medicine was practiced by a secretive guild. The oath, which includes ideas such as "I will not use a knife", has been replaced by modern versions that are often composed anew by med school graduating classes.

He identified some common misconceptions:

- All physicians subscribe to the oath and accepted it at med school.
- "First, do no harm" is the basis of the oath. He pointed out that surgery, psychiatry and many contemporary medical procedures involve controlled harm. Today's ethic is based on cost-benefit analysis.

Kevin identified the various spokesmen for medical ethics today:

- Medical schools
- Medical associations such as AMA, which publishes "opinions" but has weak enforcement powers and to which only 15-30% of physicians belong.
- State and county medical associations
- State and federal legislation
- State medical boards, which issue licenses and enforce ethical standards.

He then discussed the societal changes that have affected medical ethics:

- Third-party payment, which began with medical insurance in the 1930s, increased after World War II and culminated in Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. This puts the doctor's professional standards in conflict with business interests. Also, patient-doctor confidentiality is sacrificed to the requirements of insurance claim review.
- Informed consent replaced the idea that the physician should be optimistic and use euphemisms to avoid the word "cancer" and other scary ideas. State laws now require informed consent and empowered patients are partners in treatment.

Kevin asked if there is an "ultimate guide to ethical standards." He endorsed Jim Davis's suggestion that some "golden rule of reciprocity" is a valid standard, stating that the physician is always an advocate of the patient.

He mentioned some of the ethical challenges created by technology;

- Genotyping: What do you want to know? Who else do you want to know it?
- Human cloning: How should we regulate it? Should there be an ethical proscription?
- High-tech medicine has come at the cost of medical art

Finally, Kevin looked at projected life expectancy. By 2050, most serious diseases may have been overcome, with life expectancy reaching 100 years. This will create a population explosion and dramatic demographic changes involving the transfer of wealth from young to old.