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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu. Cosmo members are saddened by the loss of two active members who recently crossed their final horizons. Past president Robin Durkee died on September 16 and Jim Belden died on September 29. Their memories will remain in our hearts. A memorial service for Jim Belden will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church on October 17th at 1 p.m.

Dues Are Due

Gentlemen, Cosmo annual \$60 dues were due and payable July 1. If they haven't been paid by now they're over 3 months 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: Walter Clapp & Harvey Stancer
Punchbowl: A. B. Clarke
Invocation: Chuck Curtis
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jack Patterson, Bill Alexander
Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Shaeffer
Photographers: Ron White and Don Truex

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

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>

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.

NEXT MEETING

October 15:

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.

AUTHORS DAY

November 5, 2015

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; include your titles and a few words of description.

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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 and awarded a bottle of Eberley 2014 Viognier to John Jezek and a bottle of Dourthe (France) 2010 Bordeaux to Manny Espig.



Welcome New Members

C. Vernon "Vern" Hanna
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Vern Hanna, who hails from West Virginia, earned BS and MBA degrees and served in the US Navy, attaining the rank of Commander. He served another 21 years in the Naval Reserve while pursuing a system engineering career at IBM. He and his wife Frances and two sons moved to Santa Barbara in 1976, where he retired in 2002. His outside pursuits include tennis. Vern's sponsors are Richard Kennelly and Bruce Long.



Whitney Newland
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Whitney Newland, essentially a native Barbarino, had a long career in banking. He retired in 1989 as Vice President and Trust officer of Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. His community service activities included serving on the board of Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens and as treasurer of the Santa Barbara Humane Society. His interests include travel, investing and antique collection. Whitney was sponsored by Alan Bullock and Julio Veyna.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Bill Berry introduced this meeting's guest,
Peter Delevett hosted by Steve Little

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.



TENNIS

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.

**GOLF**

ATTENTION GOLFERS! Sign up right away for our Fall Cosmopolitan Golf Club Tournament. This is a great way to meet some golfers with whom you do not usually play and to have more fun with those you do. Friendly competition, "whack and giggle" style, along with snacks and drinks is always a good idea. Call Bob Blackman at 881-2014 or Don Davis at (707)443-9417 and sign up right away. They will need your index and your email address.



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, 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.

October 18, 2015**Palmina Winery**

Fred Sidon announced a trip to the Palmina Winery 1529 Chestnut Ct. Lompoc, which specializes in Italian style wines. Provide own transportation, preferable carpool. Tour and lunch are \$38 per head. Contact Fred at 805-967-6757 or fsidon@impulse.net

December 8, 2015**Annual Christmas Dance**

Albert Mercado announced the date of the social event of the season to be held in the beautiful La Cumbre Country Club. **See the flyer and registration form in this issue.** Please make your reservations as early as possible to best assist Albert and his committee with the arrangements. Contact Albert at 805-967-2233 or alnmercado@aol.com.

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, 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, 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.

LAST MEETING

October 1, 2015

Lynda Tanner

CEO, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care



Dr. Harry Brown introduced Ms. Tanner and summarized her background which includes a 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. She became CEO of Santa Barbara Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care (VNHC) in January, 2010. In addition to this position, she is active in many professional, service and community organizations.

Ms. Tanner began her presentation by asking for a show of hands of those who have family members or close friends who received either visiting nurse or hospice care. A large response showed the importance of these compassionate services to our members. She told of the founding of visiting nurses in 1907 which steadily grew to where 13,500 persons received care from this non-profit organization in 2014. A major service of VNHC is home health care. Ms. Tanner explained that this service covers a variety of

recovery situations and chronic diseases where the patient is home bound. Current findings, she stated, show that under these conditions, “home is the best place to be.” This service requires a doctor’s orders and makes skilled nursing services available around the clock.

Hospice care serves people with life-limiting illnesses where life prognosis is less than six months. The emphasis here is comfort and preserving the quality of life that remains. Skilled nursing, counseling and therapy services are provided and are available at home or in care facilities

VNHC recently opened the new Serenity House, a comfortable and attractive living facility for end of life situations which cannot be met at home. Located in a serene hillside area, it provides comfort, relief of pain and symptoms and provides emotional and spiritual support to patients. Ms. Tanner invited members to visit this facility (individually, not as a group).

Another service that VNHC personnel provide is palliative care for patients with life-threatening illness. This care may be provided in a home or in a hospital or similar facility and includes pain and symptom management and emotional, social and spiritual support.

Other services include a loan closet where medical equipment can be borrowed on a short term basis, and remote facilities at Solvang and Lompoc.

Ms. Tanner’s comprehensive presentation went smoothly in spite of recurring glitches in the AV system.



