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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.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Walter Clapp & Harvey Stancer
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Dress Code

For the November 5 meeting the dress code will remain relaxed with Jackets optional. At the following November 17 meeting we will return to our "non-summer" jackets required dress code.

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

NEXT MEETING

November 5, 2015

AUTHORS DAY

Sandy Jones has coordinated a program to highlight the many talented writers that we have in our Cosmopolitan Club. Several years ago we had a very successful and enjoyable "Authors Day". The November 5th program will provide us with an update on some of the prior contributors and a chance to become acquainted with the work of a number of our newer members. As always we look forward to seeing the many and diverse talents that are found in our club.

November 19:

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. Hank Pfister picked up a bottle of Priest Ranch 2013 Sauvignon Blanc. The other winner was Dwight Coffin, who received a truly excellent bottle of Companeros 2012 Pinot Noir, made by our own Sid Ackerman and his partners.



Proposed for Membership

Vern Kemp and Ken Wolf are sponsoring John Earl Johnson for membership. John and his wife Jane recently moved to Santa Barbara. He was born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada and holds a BA in Business Administration. He retired in 2013 after a long career in marketing, advertising and consulting. He enjoys swimming, walking, reading, church and endless education.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 19th and will discuss **David Hume and the Transition to Modernity** by Professor Jay L. Garfield of Smith College. The professor is an excellent speaker with a deep understanding of history and philosophy, ranging from ancient to modern times. Jim has two half hour video segments of the lecture. The format for the viewing and discussion will be based on the group's interest.

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

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.

November 14, 2015

GOLF – LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!

Congratulations!!! to Steve "Dr. Smoothie" Morgan, who scored an ace (his third lifetime) on no. 10 at Soule Park Golf Club in Ojai today (10/16), witnessed by A. B. "O. B." Clarke and Paul "Sneaky Good" Fink. Steve's magnificent shot covered the pin the whole way, and his magnificent credit card covered beverages for all of today's players at the 19th hole.

Hearty congratulations and best wishes for many more!

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 Andersons is also included in the ticket price.

Members holding tickets to this event but would like to be included in the dinner at Andersons should call Art Kvass to be added to that reservation. He will advise you of the details. 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.

December 8, 2015

Annual Christmas Dance

Albert Mercado has 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 assist Albert and his committee with the arrangements. Contact Albert at 805-967-2233 or alnmmercado@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](mailto:BobWeber@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.

LAST MEETING

October 15, 2015

David Pratt,

Executive Director of Santa Barbara Symphony



David Pratt

Art Kvass introduced David Pratt, who became Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony in March of this year. A native of Australia, David has more than 15 years of management experience in leadership roles across the performing arts, film and entertainment sectors in Australia and the United States. Prior to joining the Santa Barbara Symphony, he was executive director for the Savannah Philharmonic. His eclectic career has also included work with the Sidney Symphony, the Sidney Opera House and the Australian Film Commission in Los Angeles.

David has the exciting and challenging opportunity of working with one of Santa Barbara's treasures, the 63 year old Symphony. The majority of symphonies across the U.S. are being faced with complex financial difficulties. These problems have been caused by many factors, especially the aging season-ticket and donor base and competition from other entertainment sources. The Santa Barbara

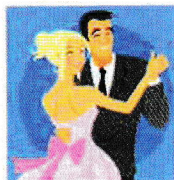
Symphony has recognized that "business as usual" is not an option and intends to meet these challenges head-on. This is clearly a team effort. The Symphony Board, the Music and Artistic Director Nir Kabaretti and David Pratt are the leaders of this effort. David's focus, enthusiasm and passion are reasons to be optimistic.

It is hard to convey David's "focus, enthusiasm and passion" in words. If you were not at the meeting, you might want to take a look at the following recent Vimeo interview of David Pratt by Daniel Kepl: <https://vimeo.com/141875120>. The clip covers some of the material from our meeting and will give you a "flavor" of David's approach to "breathing new life" into our treasured Symphony.

The presentation was timely, since the Symphony is opening its 63rd season this week with its performance of Carmina Burana. This production is a collaborative enterprise with the State Street Ballet, the Santa Barbara Coral Society and guest vocal soloists. It was also timely since the second program, "The Shakespeare Experience" will be a Cosmopolitan Club special event on November 14, 2015.

David did a great job of presenting the mission of our Symphony which is: "To be a highly respected symphony orchestra, performing great works with passion and excellence. To be an indispensable partner to our community, providing enrichment through inspiring concerts, music education programs and access for all." It appears that our wonderful Symphony is in good hands that will continue to assess and deal with the future.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA



Christmas Dinner Dance!

Tuesday, December 8th, 2015

La Cumbre Country Club

6:00 pm Cocktails, social hour

No host bar

7:00 pm DINNER with wine



Dancing to the music of: Pier 101 Band

Your non-member friends will be welcome!

MENU

Citrus Salad

Choice of:

Grilled Salmon with lemon-butter sauce

Or

Sliced tenderloin of beef with morel mushroom sauce

With

Au gratin potatoes

Asparagus

Peach Pie A-la-Mode

Price: \$90/person

Dress: formal or cocktail dress



RESERVATION FORM

Name_(print)_____ **SALMON** **BEEF**

Spouse or Guest_(print)_____

Seating Preference (if any) near Dance Floor quiet location

I wish to be seated with: _____ and _____
and _____ and _____ and _____

Mail form and check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to:

Bruce Long, 4477-K Shadow Hills, Santa Barbara 93105, telephone 805-692-4072