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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.

Dress Code

At the following November 17 meeting we will return to our "non-summer" jackets required dress code. Some of us chose to start wearing jackets at the previous meeting.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Steve Halstead & Kent Cullen
Punchbowl: Ed Bookin
Invocation: Ken Working
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jack Patterson, Bill Alexander
Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Shaeffer
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NEXT MEETING

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. Hugh will be introduced by Dwight Coffin.



December 3 2015

Lori Jensen Nelson: Supervisory Special Agent

Office of Public and Congressional Affairs FBI Los Angeles Field Office

Topic: Identity Theft

Lori Jensen Nelson, an expert in Identity Theft, will discuss the latest developments in this crime which has become much more menacing and widespread. ID Theft has now crossed federal and international borders. Ms. Nelson will explain the many ways in which your personal information can be obtained as well as "Skimming," a manner in which thieves steal credit and debit card numbers, as well as "Phishing," which involves spam or pop-up messages that ask for personal information. Identity theft affects everyone and Ms. Nelson will be giving us advice on how best to protect ourselves against this insidious crime.

Lori J. Nelson has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and a Juris Doctorate degree. Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Lori Nelson has worked with the FBI for 17 1/2 years and is presently assigned to the FBI Los Angeles Field Office. SSA Nelson has supervised various investigative and operational programs and was an Acting Unit Chief at the International Operations Division at FBI Headquarters. SSA Nelson has a strong background investigating the following matters: Counterintelligence, Security Investment Fraud, Cyber Intrusions, Internet Fraud, Identity Theft, and Undercover work. Harry Brown will introduce.

December 17 2015

San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers

This marvelous chorale group has brought much joy to us members over the years and has become a holiday tradition for our club. This, the school's most advanced singing group, does a superb job of inspiring us with, not only their beautiful voices but, also with their outstanding academic achievements. Wives and significant others will also be especially welcome at this event.

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels being absent, Fred Sidon ably pronounced the names of the two French varietals that were awarded to our lucky winners:



The 2011 "Eberle" Viognier was won by Merle Blasjo, and the 2010 "Le Jas des Papes" Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape was won by Vern Kemp

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.



Cosmopolitan Club or Santa Barbara is having its annual Out of Town Golf Trip

March 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2016.

The Westin Lake Las Vegas Hotel is a 5 star property. Rooms are spectacular. 2 golfers per suite.(Double Occupancy) Includes three nights lodging, Regular Breakfast each morning and Complimentary Shuttle service to Las Vegas Strip.

3 Golf Games: Dragon Ridge Country Club, Reflection Bay Golf Club, South Shore Golf Club. Regular guest prices for these three courses would be nearly \$900--. Ron Singer has negotiated a price of \$548.60 per golfer double occupancy. To share the room with a non-golfing friend add only another \$157--. There will be several wives/sweethearts

making this trip.

Sign up soon, this one is booking quickly.

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. It may still be possible to sneak in for the package or just for the dinner.

Call Art Kvaas at 965-6636.

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. Hurry, hurry please.** This is really a wonderful night and a great opportunity for especially our newer members' wives and sweethearts to get acquainted and for all to get into the holiday spirit. Please make your reservations as early as possible to 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](mailto:BobWeber@wwwwebersb@gmail.com), 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](mailto:wstancer@cox.net), 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

November 5 2015

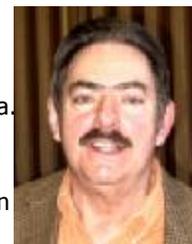
AUTHORS DAY

Sandy Jones presented a program to highlight several of the many talented writers that we have in our Cosmopolitan Club. A similar program several years ago introduced us to a few other authors in our midst and this one was equally interesting. With insightful introductions for each of our three featured authors, we were treated to a most interesting program featuring a few of our very talented members. Their ten-minute presentations gave lie to the old saw that writers cannot speak, so they write. These gentlemen seemed to do a rather good job of both. It is good to be reminded of the talents and accomplishments of our fellow members from time to time.



Our authors, in order of their appearance:

Willard Thompson writes historical fiction and his most recent three books are sited in and around old Santa Barbara. He researches thoroughly, studying old manuscripts, plats, diaries, logs, and pretty much any data source that you can imagine. He then creates stories that include real people with personalities and individual lives within the milieu of historical events of the time. Historical fiction brings history to life with characters we can associate with long-ago events. Characters we will never forget such as Scarlett, Rhett, Atticus Finch, and Tom Joad are a few who conjure up a few of these historical events for us. For Willard, character is all important, history provides the stage.



Willard tells us that we all have stories and have since earliest "recorded" history. Cave painting gave way, perhaps, to oral legends, and then writing which enabled more lasting records of these stories.

Bill Veigle's publications fall into three categories, and they are quite separate categories at that. Having published some 60 technical papers, 35 magazine articles and 14 books, Bill is hard to identify by genre. Writing on nuclear physics, magnetic resonance, quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, and even air pollution would place him into the identifiable role of an accomplished technical professional. These folks have an obligation to publish their findings so that other scientists in this field may spend their time researching an already solved mystery. Bill advises that there is also a little joy from making a scientific discovery that passes muster with your



peers.

His seven non-fiction works range from a golf-advice book to a history of Naval Patrol Craft of WWII. Bill could not find a book discussing life and duty on the small ships of this war so decided to remedy that situation. He spent two years researching and interviewing and another year to write the book. Seventeen years later Bill still receives orders for this work, some as recent as this week.

His forays into fiction have relied on his technical background and his scientific curiosity delving into mysteries such as accelerating evolution. The novel he described for us would best be classified as science-fiction and is based upon a discovery announced by Scripps Research Institute that claimed to have done just that. Writing under the nom-de-plume Dan Sanders, Bill went with this thesis and created characters and a "what could possibly go wrong with this idea?" approach. We will have to read the book to discover how this turned out.

GEOFF AGGELER'S first novel, **CONFESSIONS OF JOHNNY RINGO**, is a fictional memoir of a famous outlaw. It was hailed as "a masterpiece" by Anthony Burgess, author of "Clockwork Orange". Researching it, Geoff camped in the Dragoon Mountains of Arizona and read the memoirs of guerrillas who rode with



Quantrill's raiders in Missouri and Kansas. His second, **THE FIREWATCHER** is based partly on his five seasons of experience as a firefighter and seasonal ranger with the Forest Service.

Geoff also drew from his experience teaching in medium security at the Utah state prison, home of the Flame-in-Go's, an elite hotshot fire crew. **THE FIREWATCHER** is set in an inaccessible part of the Sespe Wilderness east of Ojai and deals with the abduction of a female lookout by an inmate firefighter. The other main characters are a mountain lion and a marijuana grower. Geoff has a new novel forthcoming, **HORSES OF THE NIGHT**, based on the career of Christopher Marlowe, Shakespeare's great contemporary, who was a spy for the Elizabethan government before he became a dramatist. Researching it, Geoff traveled to London, Canterbury, Cambridge, and Rheims, France, where he met with an antiquarian who provided him with maps of the city in the sixteenth century.

JOHNNY RINGO was published by Dutton and is available through Abebooks. **THE FIREWATCHER** is available as an e-book and a print on demand hardback. **HORSES OF THE NIGHT** will be available both as an e-book and a print on demand paperback from Endeavour Press in London.



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

	SALMON	BEEF
Name_(print)_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spouse or Guest_(print)_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seating Preference (if any)	<input type="radio"/> near Dance Floor	<input type="radio"/> quiet location

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

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