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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.

Curt Whiteman reported that Bruce Long is in Canada to attend the university graduation of his grandson. His status is about the same. Bruce will be back home in about two weeks.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Peter Klein & Vern Hanna
Invocation: Curt Whiteman
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez
Bill Alexander & Jack Patterson
Sergeant-at-Arms: Vern Kemp
Punchbowl Host: Willard Thomson
Photographer: Don Truex

RIDE SHARING PROGRAM

A ride-share project is underway and, while details are scarce at the moment, you are invited to advise Curt Whiteman if you or someone you know would appreciate having assistance with a ride to-from our lunch meetings. Curt may be reached at 220-6833 or by email at whiteman@westmont.edu.

Dress Code

Jackets are the required dress code during the current season.

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

President Bill Stancer announced with regret the passing of member Roger Thompson.

NEXT MEETING

June 16, 2016

Erin Graffy



The Secret Life Behind Fiesta's History

Viva La Fiesta!

Willard Thompson will introduce Erin Graffy, an award-winning copywriter, author, historian and biographer. Her books, articles and monographs cover topics from business marketing to psychology to medical research and from social commentary to humor and history.

August 4, 2016

Gordon Bjork

Debt: How big a problem?

Active Cosmopolitan Club member, Gordon Bjork, returns to our dais at the request of the Program Committee. The J.B. Lovelace Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Claremont McKenna College, Gordon has published books and academic papers on the U.S. economy, land use, the economics of water and other environmental issues. He was the only economist on the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency.

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels gave a Four Graces Pinot Gris 2014 to winner Mike Rodrigue and an El Dorado Cabernet Franc 2011 to Dennis Gaon



President Bill Stancer introduced John Kelley, an architect with a degree in economics who has taught adult education courses in green building.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Your annual club dues of \$60 are payable by July 1, 2015. Payments should be made by personal check payable to the Cosmopolitan Club. Checks may be deposited in the box on the luncheon ticket seller's table or sent by mail to:

Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara
PO Box 3993
Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3993

NEW COSMO ROSTER

Members should review their listings in the current club register and report any changes or corrections that need to be made in the new Roster to Jim Stubchaer or Don Chalfant. The new roster for 2016-2017 will be available at the start of the new Cosmo year in July.

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 Discussion Group will have the first in a new series of meetings, beginning on June 16th, focused on the history and current role of the U.S. Constitution. The meetings will be based on 12 video lectures by Prof. Thomas Pangle with the overall title **Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution**. Each video is 30 minutes and more detailed info can be found online at *The Great Courses* website.

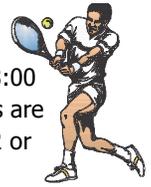
The group will watch a 30-minute video at the beginning of each meeting and then discuss the content of the presentation and its relevance to current events, the ongoing national debate.

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net. Call Ed prior to the meeting to get on the list.

TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Bruce Long at (805) 692-4072 or bruce93103@cox.net. Note: Bruce is currently under some medical stress and the tennis group needs someone to step up and coordinate this long-standing and successful group.



GOLF

Golf Chairman Ron Singer announced a new tournament to be held August 3 at the Ojai Valley Inn and Country Club. Instead of the regular fee of \$160, we will pay \$70 each that includes golf, prizes cart, snacks and a libation after the round. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger@aol.com



Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 am. 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 list.

The website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.

FUTURE EVENTS

June 20: Music Academy of the West – Masterclass and Picnic Lunch

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for a picnic lunch with spouses and friends at the Music Academy of the West's lovely reserved picnic area south of Hahn Hall. Members will furnish their own food and beverages. Wine is allowed. After lunch we will proceed to

Hahn Hall for a 1:00 p.m. Pianist Masterclass. The Masterclass will be conducted by visiting artist Jeremy Denk, who is an American Classical Pianist. The ticket cost is \$15 per person. The event is sold out. Members who have signed up should send checks made out to the Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso Goleta, Ca. 93117.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our Fourth of July Picnic will be Thursday, July 7, at Manning Park, Area 9, starting at 11am. We'll have a BBQ lunch at 12 noon, cost \$16. Bring your own snacks and libations. Sign up at the next meeting or send your check, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B., to Ron White with names of attendees. Guests are welcome – the more the merrier! Questions? Call 964-9742

PIPERS WINERY

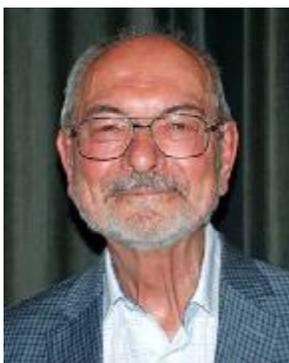
Thore Edgren is planning an outing into the hills above Carpinteria at the Pipers Winery for Dixieland music and southern BBQ, probably in mid-October. He will announce more information as the plan takes shape.

LAST MEETING

June 2, 2016

Karl Hutterer, PhD

Climate Change – a Personal Perspective



Long-time Cosmopolitan Karl Hutterer needed no introduction, but he received one from John Warnock. John reminded us that Karl was born in Austria and received his college and graduate education in the classics, theology, anthropology, archeology and ecology in Austria, Germany, the Philippines and the University of Hawaii, receiving his PhD in 1973. He served as tenured professor at the University of Michigan and the University of Washington. Archeological field research took him to Hawaii, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos and southern China. In 2000 Karl left academia to become Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, retiring in 2013. Karl dismissed the skeptics of climate change with the fact that 24 thousand scholarly articles have been published on the subject, with 99.9% agreeing that change is occurring and we are contributing to it.

He acknowledged a passionate concern about climate change, based on the hope that his grandchildren will inherit a livable world. He cited his generation's question about the Holocaust: "How could you permit it?"

Climate drives the biosphere. Sunlight—the source of life—is mediated by the atmosphere. More important even than the rain forests as the lungs of the earth are the oceans, which are becoming increasingly inhospitable to the life forms that create 70% of our oxygen.

Geologic history shows regular climate variation caused by earth's orbital wobbles, but since 1860 the change has been dramatic and continuous as a result of the sudden increase in the use of fossil fuels caused by the Industrial Revolution. Today we are seeing more severe storms, flooding and droughts—even in Indonesia's "permanent humid zone." Glaciers are retreating so fast that a 5,000 year-old mummy has been uncovered. Sea-level rise threatens coastal cities, industries and agriculture. Hunger creates riots and war, with the resulting flood of refugees such those occurring today.

The changes are much more rapid and are occurring sooner than predictions only a few years ago. They are creating their own feed-back systems: glacier melt reduces surface reflection and increases the melt, and frozen methane released into the air accelerates greenhouse gas accumulation.

What to do? Reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Fossil fuels are more highly subsidized than renewables and so we should price carbon with fees, cap-and-trade and other legislation.

The good news: At the Paris climate-change meeting, for the first time in history, 195 nations agreed to do something about the problem.



2016 COSMO PICNIC

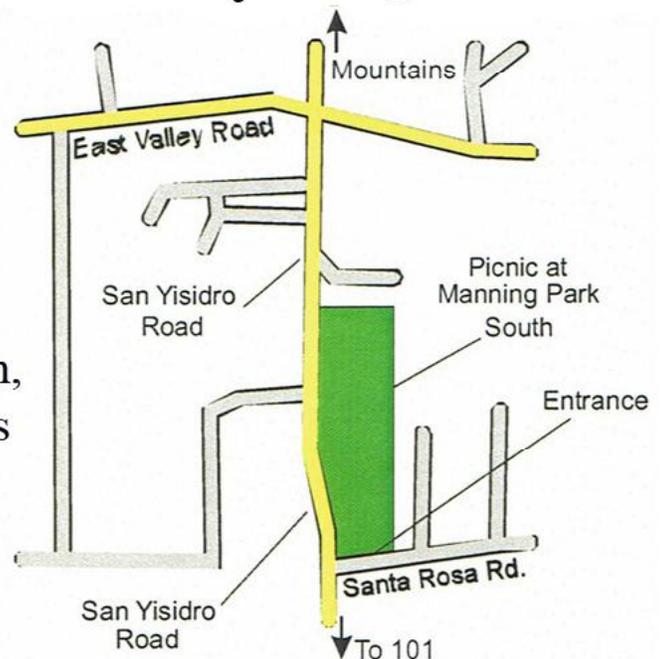
THURSDAY, JULY 7th
LOWER MANNING PARK
Same as last year

\$16 per person

1100 am - Social Hour

**1200 Noon - Pledge and Invocation
followed by BBQ**

** BYOB
and Appetizers!
We furnish
the Rest*



Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club of S. B.
Bring friends and family, no cut-off date, but
if you don't make your reservation by July 4th,
the price jumps to \$20! Mail your reservations
to: Ron White, 6139 Manzanillo Dr,
Goleta, CA 93117 or pay at the next meeting.

COSMO CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July 7, 2016

35th Annual Picnic

\$16.00 per person

Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to Cosmpolitan Club for _____ persons

Cosmopolitan Club Members and Wives

Guests

(Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Nametags)