

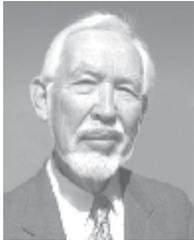


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## Cosmo Members Ailing

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

Curt Whiteman reported that Bruce Long is back from Canada after attending the university graduation of his grandson. He is still catching up on his sleep and is status is about the same. Ralph Edebo has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has returned to Sweden to be with family and friends.

## Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Peter Klein & Vern Hanna

Invocation: Curt Whiteman

Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez

Bill Alexander & Jack Patterson

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Sheaffer

Punchbowl Host: Paul Coyne

Photographer: Ron White

## 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](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

## Dress Code

Jackets are the NOT the required dress code for the current season.

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

## Annual Dues

**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**

## NEXT MEETING

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 (\$20 at the door). Bring your own snacks and libations. Send your check, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B., to Ron White with names of attendees or bring a check to the picnic. Guests are welcome – the more the merrier! Questions? Call 964-9742

### July 21st, 2016

Fred Sidon with a perspective of the seven-weeks war of 1860 and its effect on world history. Intro by Charles Greene.

### 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 Clare-

mont 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**

(6/2/16) whiners were:

Dennis Gaon got a nice bottle of '14 Pinot Gris from the Four Graces Vineyard, rated 912 points by somebody or other]



And a Windwalker Vineyard El Dorado '11 Cabernet Franc was taken home by Mike Rodrigue.

(6/16/16) whiners were:

Dr. Don Truex got a bottle of 4 Graces Willamette Valley '14 Pinot Gris

And Dr. Jim Dow took home a Darcy Kent Vineyard's '09 Madden Ranch Syrah.



Jim Dow introduced Gerhart Hoffmeister, retired Chair of Comparative Literature at UCSB with a degree in European Literature (German, English and Spanish) and a member of the American Philosophical Society and Modern Language Association who is a competitive tennis player, as guest of Pete Kruse.

**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.



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Steve, a native of Staten Island, NY, and his wife Marilyn became residents of Valle Verde in Santa Barbara in December 2015. Steve earned a PhD in Political Science and served as Vice President for Science and Technology at the Institute of International Education in Washington DC. He served in the Foreign Service in and then served as Assistant to the Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of the US Sen-

ate and on various staff positions in areas of science and technology for the Executive Branch and Director of Nuclear Safety for the White House. He retired in August 1997 and has continued his interest in tennis and classical music.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Any member interested in joining should contact Jim Davis.

**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](mailto: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 Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117 or [stroud@hotmail.com](mailto:stroud@hotmail.com).



**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, which includes prize money and refreshments. To enter, contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger@aol.com](mailto: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](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 games on Wednesdays and Fridays at various courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. The website [cosmogolfclubs.com](http://cosmogolfclubs.com) is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.



## FUTURE EVENTS

### 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.

### PETERSON AUTO MUSEUM

Bob Zimels inquired as to the interest of members in a trip to one of the premier Auto Museums in the County located in Los Angeles on August 24th. Response was positive and planning will proceed.

Special Event organizers and attendees are encouraged to submit photographs and event recaps to the lead editor for inclusion in an upcoming Crackers.

### RECOGNITION OF FORMER COSMO PRESIDENTS

At the invitation of the President, 9 former presidents attend the lunch as guest of the Club, including Harrison Stroud 1997-98, Dan Cross 1999-2000, William Spangler 2001-02, Peter Kruse 2007-08, Ron White 2009-10, John Mac Kenzie 2010-11, Mead Northrup 2012-13, Donovan Chalfant 2012-14 and Ronald Singer 2014-15. Bruce Long was invited but unable to attend for health reasons. Harry Stroud gave a brief retrospective recalling the move 25 years ago to the Elks Club, the wine drawing, lauding the high quality and accomplishment of the past and present members and recalling the fellowship surrounding the trips to Las Vegas, the Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner, the active tennis club and wonderful Special Events.

## LAST MEETING

June 16, 2016

Erin Graffy,

**Viva La Fiesta!**

### The Secret Life Behind Fiesta's History

Willard Thompson introduced 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.



Erin started her talk with a graphic showing the cover of her recent book, *Old Spanish Days Santa Barbara History through Public Art*, and proceeded to share many insights on the history of Old Spanish Days which are on public dis-

play in Santa Barbara if you know the back story.

Old Spanish Days did not refer to the era when the Spanish crown was in charge, rather referred to the Rancho period which occurred mainly during the Mexican and early America eras when Spanish was the lingua franca. The era consisted of numerous ranchos that were geographically isolated and no very large central town. Each Rancho had its inhabitants, the owner and his family and the workers. The only real industry was cattle ranching and the only products of significant value were the hides and tallow from the cattle. In fact, if you were hungry, it was permissible to kill one of the cattle and eat your fill, so long as you left the hides and tallow for the owner.

Because of the widespread geographic location of the various ranchos, an essential for communication and working was the horse. All Californios were expert riders and practically spent their entire day in the saddle. Visitors were amazed at the grace and skill of the local horseback populations. Fencing was impractical, so brands were used to identify the owner of the cattle, which ran freely most of the year. At roundup, the *vaqueros* and their horses used the skills now seen in rodeos to gather the herd and then separate the individual cattle by brand, and brand new members.

Visitors to the area often commented on the hospitality Santa Barbara residents. A stranger would be welcomed, fed and given a room and then be the subject of a several day party for the community. The visitor became a source for new information about the outside world for the isolated. *Mi casa est su casa*.

Another little know fact was how the custom of the *vaqueros* to rope bears and bring them to town for combat with bulls is the origin of the metaphor of the bears and bulls as applied to the stock market, courtesy of a comment by Horace Greeley after witnessing one of the events on a trip to Santa Barbara.

Of course, the wedding at Casa de la Guerra was written about by Dana in *Two Years Before the Mast*. It was wildly popular when published in the East and lead to many years of eastern visitors want to speak with members of the family and to actually see the venue for that famous event. The fiesta, which followed, lasted for days and highlighted the love of Santa Barbara for the dance. Their favorite at the time was La Jota and was generally selected by the Master of Ceremonies for the Dance by instructing the musicians and then selecting one of the eligible sonorities to join him. A final note on the costume for Santa Barbara, which often features the high comb in the hair and the highly decorative shawl; This traditional Spanish costume in Santa Barbara was based on combs and shawls obtained from trade with the Filipinos and their source of these materials in China.



# 2016 COSMO PICNIC

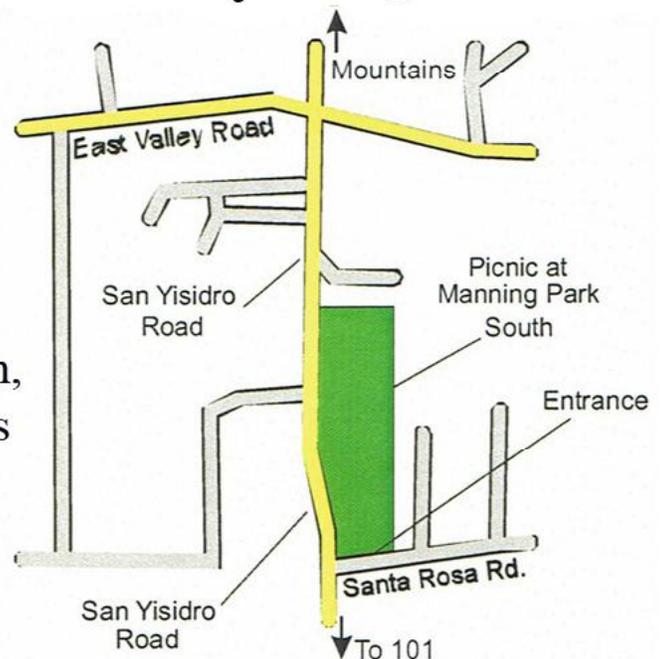
THURSDAY, JULY 7<sup>th</sup>  
LOWER MANNING PARK  
Same as last year

**\$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.

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## 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**

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