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Website and Online Membership Roster

Don Chalfant and Jim Stubchaer have updated our online system. We now have a "public" and a "private" website. The "private" website is intended for use by Cosmopolitan Club members and includes an online membership roster that can be accessed with a password. The password will only be available to the membership and will be periodically revised to insure privacy.

An invitation to access the "private" website has been sent to all members with email addresses. It was followed with a separate email with the password. The "private" website is: http://www.sbcosmo.com/index_2.htm. Members are encouraged to bookmark this website.

Our thanks and kudos to Don and Jim for a job well done.

Dress Code

For Summer, the dress code is relaxed and jackets are not necessary. Please dress tastefully and with an emphasis on comfort

Annual Dues

Your annual club dues of \$60 are now due and payable. 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

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

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.

CHECKS FOR LUNCH AT ELK'S CLUB

Our hardworking ticket sellers would like to remind the membership that checks for the \$22 lunch are to be made payable to the Elks Club. In addition, to minimize long lines, they encourage people to have their checks prepared before reaching the ticket table

Bob Lawson

We have been notified that Bob Lawson passed away this month. Bob, who joined the Cosmopolitan Club in 2001, was a retired CPA Partner that had worked at Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf in Santa Barbara.

NEXT MEETING

August 4, 2016

Gordon Bjork

Debt: How Big a Problem?



Gordon Bjork is the J.B. Lovelace Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Claremont McKenna College. After 42 years of university teaching, he retired in 2003 and joined the Cosmopolitan Club in 2005. He is the sole author of 4 books and a contributing author to 10. His last book, "The Way It Worked and Why It Won't: Structural Change and the Slowdown of U.S. Economic Growth" was published by Praeger in 2000. It is currently available on Kindle; members can download the first chapter which summarizes the arguments and conclusions of the book without charge.

Gordon will discuss the debt problem. Chuck Curtis will handle the introduction.

August 18, 2016

Brian Kelly

The Air National Guard



Col. Brian Kelly has many years of expertise as a computer scientist, technology consultant, aviation consultant and vintner. He has been an active member on the Board of SEE International for over 13 years. Brian is married with four children and is actively involved in multiple non-profit organizations. Brian received his Bachelor's degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in History and Political Science. He holds a Master of Business Administration with a specialization in aviation and a Master of Aeronautical Science with a specialization in operations from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College.

Harry Brown will introduce Brian, who will make a presentation to the membership on aerial fire fighting.

September 1, 2016

Jefferson Litten

Pathway To Clean Energy



Jefferson Litten is Director of Energy and Climate Programs at the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara. He administers CEC's initiatives in renewable energy, sustainable transportation and energy efficiency. Jefferson leads CEC's effort to bring community choice energy to Santa Barbara and sits on the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP), a collaboration of government energy managers and local utilities. He holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Science and Management from the Bren School at UCSB and a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University.

Karl Hutteuer will introduce Jefferson.

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. The first winner was Don Archer who took home a bottle of 2013 Riverbench chardonnay. The other winner was Duncan Craven who received a 2010 pinot noir from Forty Seven Friends Winery in Sonoma.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Bill Berry introduced our two guests:

Bill Schwennicke, hosted by Don Chalfant, is a retired engineer. Bill lives in Cambria.

Peter Delevett, who was hosted by Steve Little, is a retired physician. He enjoys marine sports and barbershop singing. He currently lives in Bloomington , Indiana and Pensacola, Florida.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

- August 4th: The Anti-Federalists' Republican Vision
- August 18th: The Argument over National Security

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting. Jim advises that until the video lectures on The Great Debate by Professor Pangle are finished the Group will meet twice a month as noted above.

Jim suggests that while we are engaged in videos, it is a good time to develop other topics for presentation. He urges members of the discussion group to think about topics they would like to discuss and would like to lead a group discussion on that topic. He suggests the following topics for a future time:

- The Law of Unintended consequences
- The Role of CO2 in Life on Earth

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 7:45 am Mondays and Wednesdays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117 stroud@hotmail.com or Peter Kruse.



GOLF

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 games on Wednesdays and Fridays at various courses.

Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. The website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news

SPECIAL EVENTS**RECAP OF OUR VISIT TO THE MUSIC ACADEMY OF THE WEST**

On Monday June 20 twenty four members, spouses and friends went to the Music Academy of The West to attend a Piano Master Class. The outing started with an enjoyable picnic lunch at the Academy's picnic area near the lovely reflecting pond.

The group then proceeded to nearby Hahn Hall to hear the piano masterclass. In the Master Class four extremely talented piano students preformed. The students performances were then critiqued by Jerome Denk a highly regarded classical pianist and teacher. All of the participants appeared to agree that it was a very successful event.

OCTOBER 11, PIPERS WINERY DIXIELAND JASS AND DINNER

Do not miss this opportunity to hear and dance to live traditional dixieland jass (yes "jass" not "jazz") and enjoy a BBQ dinner. The winery is located at the top of Rincon Mountain located 5 miles northeast of Carpenteria. Music commences at 1pm for your listening pleasure and continues to 4pm. A chicken and pulled pork dinner and dessert will be served at 4pm. Free wine and beer tasting, sodas and water will be furnished throughout the afternoon.

The dress is casual and attendees provide their own transportation. Car pooling is recommended. The cost is \$60/ person with a limit of 35 person, so make your reservations early. Send your check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, Ca. 93117 or pay at club meeting.

PETERSON AUTO MUSEUM

We are planning a trip to the Petersen Automotive Museum in L.A. on Wednesday, Aug. 24. This is reputed to be one of the most fabulous car museums in the world. The museum

has just completed a \$90 million restoration, and Thore said it is spectacular.

The cost of the trip is \$50, which includes the entrance fee, the bus costs and some refreshments. The bus will leave the Elks Club in Goleta at 8:00 AM, and stop in Santa Barbara and Carpenteria; its will return around 5:30.

Note that there are two additional options available: A highlights tour (includes a docent) for \$10 more and a vault tour which includes an additional 100+ cars for an additional \$20. The highlights tour must be booked 3 weeks in advance.

Please let Bob Zimels know if you want to join us (962-3211 or zsloth@cox.net). Checks should be made out to Cosmo Club.

LAST MEETING**Fred Sidon**

The Seven Weeks' War a.k.a. The Third War of Italian Independence



Charles Greene introduced Cosmopolitan Club member Fred Sidon. Charles noted that in addition to his other many interests Fred is a student of history. As a result, when the initially planned program for the meeting ran into scheduling problems Fred generously offered to fill in with his lecture on the Seven Weeks War.

This war is known by many names: Seven Weeks War, Austro-Prussian War, Unification War, Prussian-German War, German Civil War, War of 1866, Brothers War or Fraternal War. It is also known, as Fred points in the title of his presentation, as "The Third War of Italian Independence". The belligerents and their relative strength were: Austria - Germans (600,000) vs Prussian - Germans (500,000) and Italians (300,000).

The short, but violent, Seven Weeks War of 1866 resulted in a shift in power in central Europe from Austria to Prussia at a cost of some 108,000 lives. It can be viewed as one of the most significant realignments in Europe between

Waterloo and World War I. From Waterloo to the Seven Week War Austria was dominant. After the war Prussia became the leader of the Germanic states; a role it continued to play during the remainder of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth century.

The other major result of the war was the further unification of Italy. The Kingdom of Italy had allied with Prussia because Austria held Venetia. The Italian second front was essential to the Prussian/Italian victory and the defeated Austria was forced to surrender the province of Venetia (first to France, who in a prearranged secret agreement, in turn, handed it to Italy).

Fred put the war in its historical context, noting that the other major European powers were not drawn into this conflict. France and England were primarily focused on their non-European empires and Russia had its hands full with Crimea and the Balkans. He also noted that by this time the Spanish empire had disappeared and that the United States was involved with the aftermath of its Civil War. Given the war's short duration and decisive conclusion it was over before the other major Western powers had a chance to be pulled into the conflict.

With the number of German entities involved it would be easy to lose the story line. To avoid this the presentation

incorporated a number of maps of the territory involved and images of the leaders (both drawings and photographs) to help the audience understand the setting of the conflict and the major players. The presentation focused on three main personalities: Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria; Wilhelm I, King of Prussia; and Otto von Bismarck, Minister President of Prussia.

Two quotes by Bismarck, a German Nationalist and a man of action, capture the Prussian perspective: "Europe is but a geographic expression" and "Great questions of the day will not be settled by speeches and majority decisions but by iron and blood". Both of these quotes are thought provoking, especially in their historical context.

At the start of the presentation Fred made a light hearted comment that his analysis of the membership roster indicated that the Cosmopolitan Club had a total of seven members that enjoyed history. As luck would have it, all of these "history lovers" must have been at my table! We certainly enjoyed the presentation and I believe that the members at all of the other tables also found the lecture informative and entertaining. The presentation left the membership with a better understanding of 19th century history and an additional perspective that can be helpful in understanding today's geopolitical environment.