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Cover. “Summer Chocolate Show-piece” – unique artwork created by Club’s staff from chocolate. Photo by Darwin Sison. (Page 31)

Town Hall – Club Finances

Tuesday, October 22, 5 pm

President Nordlinger and Finance Committee chair Michael Pocalyko ('11) will lead a town hall meeting devoted to a conversation about Club finances. This is an opportunity for members to interact with the Club's financial leadership, who can address questions about any of the following topics:

- The Club's overall excellent financial health.
- Ways and means of obtaining financial resources.
- How revenues and costs are accounted for.
- The annual budget process and the Finance Committee's oversight of the Club's operational performance as compared to the budget.
- The Financial Snapshot located in the members' section of the Club's website and the information it provides to Club members.
- The underlying assumptions of the budget and the Club's long-range financial plan.
- How membership demographics and new member additions affect the rate of increase in annual dues.
- The recent Board approval of an increase in the initiation fee effective on January 1, 2020.
- The forthcoming liquidation of the Club's debt.
- Managing cash reserves in the event of economic downturn.

Because this discussion is likely to involve confidential financial matters, attendance will be limited to Cosmos Club members and associates only. Reserve with Member Services or online. No charge.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Return of the Airship

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 pm

Prior to the crash of the Hindenburg, over 50 million passenger miles had been logged, and airships, the first intercontinental air service, traveled at 130 mph. Today, there is a global movement to again use the airship

as a major means of transportation. Engineering advances and the use of helium, an alternative noncombustible gas, for inflation make airships a viable means to transport some types of freight over long distances.



Don Hartsell

Don Hartsell, commissioner of the World Air League, will discuss the history of airships and describe the environmentally friendly nature of them in contrast to polluting cargo freighter jets.

As an agent of change, a “World Sky Race” is planned for September 2022 to May 2023, in which more than thirty-five airships are proposed to circumnavigate the planet, starting at the Greenwich Meridian and fin-

ishing at the Palace of Versailles. The race has raised a \$1 million prize to modernize sustainable green lighter-than-air technology, which needs little or no new infrastructure. Airships require no roads, harbors, railroads or runways. Starting with proven 1930s engineering and with updated materials and safety, airships are expected to be a viable economical sustainable means of transporting cargo.

Hartsell, a Houston attorney, led the largest book restoration in history for the Los Angeles Public Library, using vacuum-induced sublimation and dehydration of paper and coating emulsions. He also developed an ultraviolet sterilization chamber to provide non-toxic mold conservation for the Houston Baptist University’s rare American Bible collection.

Marcel I. Horowitz ('05)

Program Committee

Cocktails at 6:30 pm; dinner at 7. Reserve with Member Services or online. Price: \$45.

CYBER GROUP

How Fast, Cheap Digital Manipulation Works

Thursday, October 24, noon

Deep fakes are realistic digital manipulations of images and videos designed to change who an image depicts or what they are saying or doing. Recent well known subjects of deep fakes include Donald Trump, Nancy Pelosi and Scarlett Johansson. The technol-

ogy to create this medium is particularly relevant now because these fakes are easy to generate, are widely shared and have the potential to affect the public trust in image- and audio-based media.

Robert Pless will present an acces-

The online Club Calendar has ALL the latest information.

(L) denotes lunch event; (D) denotes dinner event

Sundays: 11 am-2 pm, Brunch; 5:30-9 pm, food service in Garden Bar

Tuesdays and Fridays: 1 pm, Members Bridge

Wednesdays through Fridays: 5:30-9 pm, fresh shucked oysters in Garden Bar

Thursdays: 5-7 pm, Oysters & Brew

Saturdays: 10 am, Chess; 10 & 11 am, Dance Instruction

Watch newsletter for date new Mansion elevator will be in service.

Tue	1	12:30 pm	Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Table (L), Tee Guidotti ('18) & Christine Berg ('18) (p. 4)
		6 pm	Cosmotographers (D), Chuck Hyman ('98) (p. 3)
Wed	2	11:30 am	Program Committee & Economics Group (L), Harriet Torry (p. 4)
		noon	Photography Table (L) (p. 5)
Thur	3	noon	Education Group (L), Arthur E. Wise ('95) (p. 4)
		6:30 pm	Library Committee (D), Norman Eisen (p. 4)
Fri	4	noon	Shakespeare Authorship (L), Alexa Alice Joubin (p. 4)
		2 to 4 pm	Afternoon Tea (p. 6)
		5:30 pm	Lobster Night
Sat	5	11:15 am	On the Move Group (p. 15)
		1 pm	Play Reading Group (p. 6)
Mon	7	11:45 am	Wellness Group (L), Abigail Wiebenson & Wendy Zenker (p. 7)
		noon	Science Group (L), Matt Mountain ('16) (p. 7)
		5:30 to 7:30 pm	First-Monday Buffet (p. 8)
		6 pm	Welcome to the Club Gathering
		7:30 pm	Movie Night (p. 8)
Tue	8	noon	New Member Table (L)
		5 pm	1878 Wine Tasting (p. 6)
Wed	9	noon	Investment Group (L)
Thur	10	noon	Associates (L) (p. 10)
		noon	Music Committee (L), Leo Sushansky & Carlos Cesar Rodriguez (p. 9)
		6:30 pm	Wine Dinner (p. 10)
Fri	11	noon	Garden Committee and Geography & Land Use Group (L), Mark Wallace (p. 11)

Reservations

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- To avoid charges, cancel at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Note: Tax will be added to prices shown in the *Bulletin*.

		5:30 pm	Washington Month in Review (WMIR) (p. 13) – date change
		6:30 pm	International Affairs Committee (D), Dan Porterfield (p. 12)
Sat	12	5:30 pm	Garden Dinner Dance
Mon	14	5:45 pm	Short Fiction Discussion Group (p. 8)
Tue	15	12:30 pm	LGBT & Allies (L) (p. 11)
		12:30 pm	Italian Conversation (L)
		4:30 pm	Backgammon
		5:30 pm	Cruising with the Club, Nick Glakas ('09) (p. 13)
		7:30 pm	Poetry Group
Wed	16	noon	Legal Affairs Group (L), Brad Snyder (p. 15)
		noon	Natural Resources Group (L), Scott Fulton (p. 14)
		5:30 pm	Prime Rib Buffet
		8 pm	Warne Ballroom Concert, Paul Huang & Helen Huang (p. 16)
Thur	17	noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch with Leadership (p. 18)
		3:30 pm	Ancient Leadership Reading Seminar (ALRS)
		5 pm	Admissions Committee Workshop (p. 21)
		6:15 pm	Wine Appreciation Tasting (D) (p. 17)
Fri	18	noon	German Conversation (L)
		noon	Civil War Group (L), Ron Soodalter (p. 18)
		noon	Shakespeare Group (L), Drew Lichtenberg (p. 19)
Sat	19	noon	Cosmos Theatre Play (L) by Anthony Gallo ('93) (p. 21)
		12:30 pm	Clubhouse Tour (p. 20)
Mon	21	noon	American History Study Group & Program Committee (L), Lynn Pasquerella ('18) & Frederick M. Lawrence ('17) (p. 22)
		noon	French Group (L), Catherine Proust-Sandifer (p. 23)
		6:30 pm	Bourbon Tasting (D) (p. 24)
Tue	22	noon	Birding Table (L)
		5 pm	Town Hall (p. 25)
Wed	23	noon	Human Values Table (L)
		6:30 pm	Program Committee (D), Don Hartsell (p. 25)
		7:30 pm	Duplicate Bridge
Thur	24	noon	Cyber Group (L), Robert Pless (p. 26)
Fri	25	12:30 pm	Ancient Leadership in the Modern World (ALMW) Table (L)
Sat	26	11 am	Book Discussion Group (p. 24)
		11:30 am to 2 pm	Lunch Buffet
Mon	28	11:30 am	Program Committee (L), Michael Sharnoff (p. 27)
		noon	CosmoWriters (L)
Tue	29	6:30 pm	International Affairs Committee (D), Earl Anthony Wayne (p. 28)

Sundays
 Sunday Brunch: 11 am-2 pm
 Food service in Garden Bar: 5:30-9 pm

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Consult the online Club Calendar for updates



CLUB EVENTS

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Watch newsletter for availability of Mansion Elevator

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(L) = lunch program (D) = dinner program	•Climate (L) 1 <i>Guidotti ('18) & Berg ('18)</i> 12:30 pm •Bridge 1 pm •Cosmotographers (D) <i>Hyman ('98)</i> 6 pm	•Program (L) <i>Torry</i> 11:30 am •Photography (L) noon	•Education (L) 3 <i>Wise ('95)</i> noon •Oysters & Brew 5 pm •Library (D) <i>Eisen</i> 6:30 pm	•Authorship (L) <i>Joubin</i> 4 noon •Bridge 1 pm •Tea 2-4 pm •Lobster 5:30 pm	•Chess 10 am 5 •Dance 10 & 11 am •On the Move 11:15 am •Play Reading 1 pm
•Wellness (L) <i>Wiebenson</i> 7 & <i>Zenker</i> 11:45 am •Science (L) <i>Mountain ('16)</i> noon •Buffet 5:30-7:30 pm •Club Welcome 6 pm •Movie 7:30 pm	•New Member (L) noon 8 •Bridge 1 pm •1878 Wine 5 pm	•Investment (L) noon 9	•Associates (L) noon 10 •Music (L) <i>Sushansky & Rodriguez</i> noon •Oysters & Brew 5 pm •Wine Dinner 6:30 pm	•Garden (L) <i>Wallace</i> 11 noon •Bridge 1 pm •WMIR 5:30 pm •International (D) <i>Porterfield</i> 6:30 pm	•Chess 10 am 12 •Dance 10 & 11 am •Dinner Dance 5:30 pm
•Short Fiction 5:45 pm 14	•Italian (L) 12:30 pm 15 •LGBT & Allies (L) 12:30 pm •Bridge 1 pm •Backgammon 4:30 pm •Cruising <i>Glakas ('09)</i> 5:30 pm •Poetry 7:30 pm	•Legal (L) <i>Snyder</i> 16 noon •Natural Res. (L) <i>Fulton</i> noon •Prime Rib 5:30 pm •Concert <i>Huang & Huang</i> 8 pm	•Leadership Lunch 17 noon •ALRS 3:30 pm •Admissions Workshop 5 pm •Oysters & Brew 5 pm •Wine Appreciation (D) 6:15 pm	•German (L) noon 18 •Civil War (L) <i>Soodalter</i> noon •Shakespeare (L) <i>Lichtenberg</i> noon •Bridge 1 pm	•Chess 10 am 19 •Dance 10 & 11 am •Play (L) by <i>Gallo ('93)</i> noon •Clubhouse Tour 12:30 pm
•French (L) 21 <i>Proust-Sandifer</i> noon •Am. Hist. (L) <i>Pasquerella</i> ('18) & <i>Lawrence ('17)</i> noon •Bourbon Tasting (D) 6:30 pm	•Birding (L) noon 22 •Bridge 1 pm •Town Hall 5 pm	•Human Values (L) 23 noon •Program (D) <i>Hartsell</i> 6:30 pm •Duplicate Bridge 7:30 pm	•Cyber (L) <i>Pless</i> noon 24 •Oysters & Brew 5 pm	•ALMW (L) 12:30 pm 25 •Bridge 1 pm	•Chess 10 am 26 •Book Discussion 11 am •Dance 10 & 11 am •Buffet 11:30 am-2 pm
•Program (L) <i>Sharnoff</i> 11:30 am 28 •CosmoWriters (L) noon	•Bridge 1 pm 29 •International (D) <i>Wayne</i> 6:30 pm	•Oysters & Brew 5 pm 30	•Oysters & Brew 5 pm 31	Reservations • Call Member Services, 9 am – 5 pm, Monday-Saturday (202)797-6443; email memberservices@cosmosclub.org ; use online reservation system. • Include member number in phone or email messages. • To avoid charges, cancel at least 48 hours prior to the event. <i>Note:</i> Tax will be added to prices shown in the <i>Bulletin</i> .	