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SANTA BARBARA'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD

FALL 2012

Speakers Remembered

Sometimes we hear a speaker whose message stays in our heads. I was especially impressed to learn of an American University in Afghanistan with more than 780 men and women enrolled.

On June 7th, Dr. C. Michael Smith, President of the American University of Afghanistan spoke to us of the years it took this remarkable undertaking to reality. Dr. Smith described the University as “an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit educational university modeled on the great American Universities in Beirut, Cairo, and elsewhere in the Middle East and Europe.” “It values free expression, tolerance, mutual respect, critical inquiry, and academic rigor within the protections afforded by the Constitution of Afghanistan. Its curriculum follows the American Liberal Arts Tradition, with professional study in fields especially needed in Afghanistan.”

I was especially interested in AUAF's charge for women students. According to Dr. Bahar Jalali, Assistant Professor of History, “Western style education has installed self-confidence and a strong sense of self-worth in our female students which they state is not available anywhere else in the country. The experience of attending AUAF can help Afghan females to have an opportunity to cultivate them and in turn acquire

the skills to elevate the status of women in society.”

A timeline of AUAF shows: In March 2006, its first group of 53 students were admitted to its Foundation Studies Program. In September, the first credit-bearing Undergraduate Program courses were offered, along with the first Professional Development Institution courses. In June of 2008 U.S. First Lady Laura Bush announced \$42 million in funding from USAID over five years. By the end of that year enrollment reached almost 350 students.

In August 2009 Dr. C. Michael Smith was named President. AUAF installed a state-of-the-art e-learning facility so students could benefit from collaborations with other universities.

In 2010 enrollment increased to 550 students. The Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration were approved by the Board of Trustees. The design of a new campus was completed with support from USAID.

In 2011 the University opened the spring semester in January with its first convocation. Enrollment rose to 789 students, including 21 percent women!

Betty Rosness, Editor

65th Anniversary Ends in Three Months!

Let's Strive to Thrive Beyond 65

Don't be left out of being a contributor to the Channel City Club's future. Our Executive Committee has sent out letters to all members to join our Board in making sure we see CCC thrive beyond 65. Look for your letter and give generously so we can avoid raising membership prices as our costs go up. May I suggest a gift of \$65, \$650 or \$6500 (all tax-deductible). The dividends are high...top world speakers, delicious food and the company of Santa Barbara's Best! Let's strive to thrive beyond 65!

Speakers from September 2011 to September 2012

Snapshots from the Channel City Club Programs

Brian & Angela Aggeler, U. S. Foreign Service Officers serving in Macedonia. He is Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Skopje, Macedonia. She is Counselor for Public Affairs. *View from Macedonia*



China Town Hall Live Web-cast with **Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski**, Former National Security Advisor, followed by on-site Speaker: **Amy Patricia Celico**, Senior Vice-President, Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm.

Benjamin Jerry Cohen, PhD.

Louis G. Lancaster Professor of International Political Economy at the University of California, Santa Barbara (Louis G. Lancaster was Founder of the Channel City Club) *The World Economy Today: Would Louis Lancaster be Surprised?*



Rachel Ehrenfeld, PhD.

Consultant to State and Defense Departments, Director of the American Center for Democracy and the Center for the Study of Corruption and the Rule of Law. *Funding Evil: How Terrorism is Financed and How to Stop It*

Daniel Ellsberg, PhD.

Former National Security Advisor – released Pentagon Papers. *A Middle east Nuclear Weapons Free Zone & Global Security*

Jeff Greenfield

Veteran political, media and culture reporter. *Twists of Fate*— How a very different American history almost happened, based on his book *THEN EVERYTHING CHANGED*



Edward Handler and Laura Dugan, M.D.

Chairman /CEO of the Bronx Project and Scientific Consultant and advisor to Bronx Project. *The Bronx Project, Finding Effective Treatments for Critical Central Nervous System Diseases* (Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Schizophrenia and ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Barbara J. Natterson-Horowitz, M.D. and

Kathryn Bowers Cardiologist and Director of Imaging for UCLA's Cardiac Arrhythmia Center and Professor of Medicine—consultant to LA Zoo. Kathryn Bowers: Science Journalist and co-author *Zoobiq-uity: What Animals Can Teach Us About Health and the Science of Healing*



Shamim Jawad

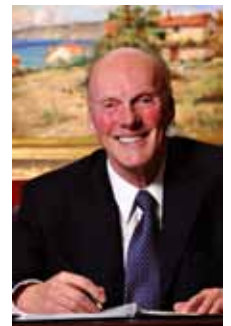
Founder and President Ayenda Foundation



Fred Kavli

Physicist, entrepreneur, business leader, innovator and philanthropist.

My Journey from Entrepreneur to Philanthropy



The Honorable John F. Maisto

U.S. Ambassador, Retired. *Transitions to Democracy and U.S. Policy-Never Easy!*

(Left) Thanh-Liem Huynh-Tran holding CCC's Certificate of Excellence for winning the 2011 International Brain Bee Championship & demonstrating superior knowledge in the field of neuroscience.



Margaret Sands Orchowski, PhD.



Credentialed Congressional Correspondent for the Hispanic Outlook on Higher Education magazine in Washington, D.C. *The New Immigration Battleground: Educated Migrants*

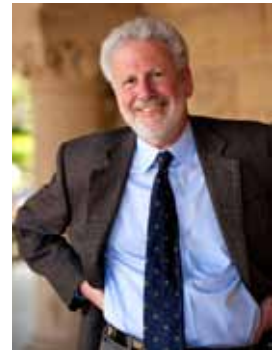
Barry A. Sanders

International business lawyer and adjunct professor at UCLA. *American Avatar: The United States in the Global Imagination*



Phillip Taubman

Stanford University *The Partnership: Five Cold Warriors and Their Quest to Ban the Bomb!*



Mark K. Updegrove

Director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum *Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency*



C. Michael Smith, PhD.

President American University of Afghanistan *Transitions in Afghanistan and the American University of Afghanistan*



Sally Bedell Smith

Author, Biographer *Elizabeth the Queen*



D. Kenneth Richardson Retired

(1991) President & COO of Hughes Aircraft Company and Author. *Hughes After Howard - The Story of Hughes Aircraft Company*



General Michael Rogers, Colonel Hugh "Rowdy" Dow and Lt. William Davis.

A Tribute to Three of Santa Barbara's Most Highly Decorated Fighter Pilots 1942-1945 Moderator: Colonel Noel Zamot, Commandant, U.S. Air Force



Rod Smolla President, Furman University *Freedom of Speech in Modern America*



Samuel Tadros Research Fellow with the Hudson Institute – Professional Lecturer at John Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. *Understanding Egyptian Politics Today*



DONOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Lecture of Ronald Reagan Presidential Library with Chris Matthews, CNBC

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Welcome New Directors

Steven Ainsley is President and Publisher of Miller-McCune Magazine, a 100,000 circulation bimonthly magazine with a national and international circulation based in Santa Barbara, California. He was named to



this position in 2011. Prior to assuming this role Ainsley had worked for The New York Times Company for 31 years, publishing newspapers throughout the United States owned by the Company before retiring in early 2010.

He served as publisher of the Santa Barbara News-Press from 1992–1999 before moving to Tampa, Florida to become President and COO of The New York Times Regional Media Group, at that time a group of 21 newspapers located primarily in the southeast United States and California. Prior to retirement Ainsley was serving as president and publisher of The Boston Globe and Boston.com, the Globe's web site, also owned by The New York Times Company. At the time, The Globe was the 15th largest newspaper in the country and Boston.com the sixth largest newspaper web site. During his time at The Globe, the newspaper won two Pulitzer Prizes.

In his spare time he enjoys reading history, outdoor cooking and photography and is an avid runner and cyclist and a reluctant swimmer. He has a passionate interest in visiting the battlefields of The Civil War.

He attended The University of Virginia and graduated from New York University. He and his wife Ann have two adult daughters, both living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ronald V. Gallo, Ed.D., is commencing the fourth year as President and CEO of the Santa Barbara Foundation. Ron came to Santa Barbara after completing a fifteen year tenure as President & CEO of the Rhode



Island Foundation, one of the nation's larger community foundations. Prior to his coming to Providence, he was executive director of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund at Jacksonville, Florida and consultant to the Arthur D. Little Foundation at Cambridge, MA.

During his more than three decades in philanthropy and nonprofit leadership he has had a particular interest in sustaining equitable community development, identifying and supporting community based leadership, improving health outcomes for communities, strengthening the arts, fostering creative partnerships between the private and public sectors, and identifying new models of philanthropy..

Rob holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and Asian studies from Connecticut College, a Master of Science degree in social work from Columbia University, a Master of Education degree in administration and planning from Harvard University, where he completed a dissertation on the connection between language preservation and economic development among the indigenous peoples of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Steen Hudson, President of Hudson Consulting, has accepted his recent appointment to the Board of the Channel City Club. His more than 20 years experience with non-profits at the local, national and international level, have allowed him to connect with donors, executive directors, board members and staffers of diverse missions and goals.



Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Steen received his B.A. from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington in 1979; his Secondary Teaching Credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Ca. in 1982 and a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Ca. in 1991. His expertise in consulting and hands-on advice for non-profits has been developed, in part, through his experience as Resident Director at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA., Special Assistant to the President of World Relief, Baltimore, Md., President of Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, and Executive Director of Elings Park, Santa Barbara, CA.

Steen is an Ordained Minister, serving as a church elder and home group leader at Santa Barbara Community Church, his church home for over 30 years. He is also a faculty member of the Perspectives Study Program of the U.S. Center for world mission in Pasadena, CA., where he speaks on global experiences in transformation and development.

Steen lives in Santa Barbara with his wife, Trina and three sons.

Eric Onnen has been a resident

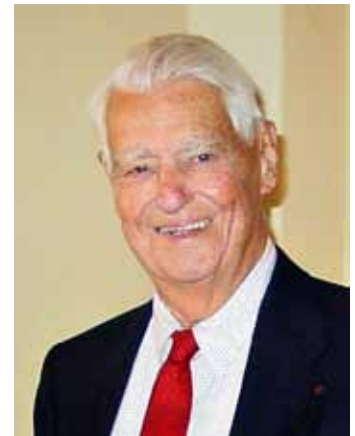
of Goleta since 1978. Graduate of UCSB 1981 Business Economics. Founder, co-owner and CEO of Santa Barbara Airbus



since 1983. Sb Airbus is a passenger transportation company operating daily schedule service to/from Los Angeles Int Airport, provides charter bus service and tours and excursions. Married to Kelly Onnen, current board Chair of a local non profit Food From The Heart. Together they raised their 2 daughters Emily and Samantha, who are pursuing their work careers and college education. Eric is currently involved with several non profit and community organizations. currently active member in the Goleta Rotary Club, Goleta Chamber of Commerce as board member and executive committee. Recently became a Board Director of Community West bank. He also served as an elected official on the Goleta City Council from 2006 to 2010 and Mayor of Goleta 2010. Past service included the SB Conference and Visitors Bureau on the Board and as Chair. Other past non profits include the Page Youth Center, Goleta Boys and Girls Club, New Directions Travel and Goleta Historical Society Capitol Campaign.



Judy Hill with Ed Birch (prior Chairman of the Board), and Carol Kallman (new Chairman of the Board)



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