

# theChannelCityClub

SANTA BARBARA'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD

FALL 2013

## More Windows on the World

**H**ave you noticed recently the correlation of world news to our Channel City Club speakers? It could be the result of new cooperation between the CCC and the Santa Barbara Committee on Foreign Relations. We hear about events happening all over the world by television, radio or newspaper which have a definite bearing on our own country and the next day we get a notice of a CCC/CFR speaker who has been there, served there and can report to us in person the "inside story."

For a long time I have been curious about the Santa Barbara Committee on Foreign Relations. I've known about the organization; that it was founded by the same man who founded the Channel City Club years before. Louis Lancaster saw a need for a smaller group who wanted a more intimate "off the record" session with their speakers and could hold the meetings in the homes of the members, thus the SBCFR.

I was of the impression that the Foreign Relations



Committee was open to special people connected by educational degrees or their past work in the State Department or Political leadership. Wrong! I recently sat down with Brian Robertson, Chairman of the CFR and our own leader, Judith Hill and was set straight!

The Committee on Foreign Relations is open to people who have a special interest in world affairs and like the intimacy of meeting in member homes and participation in "off the record" information from speakers who have been personally involved in present day happenings. Questions and discussions are encouraged.

This is a new opportunity to add to your curiosity and enjoyment another level of Windows on the World! Annual dues are \$200 plus \$20 for each additional member of your household. We would encourage you to add on the Committee of Foreign Relations.

*Betty Rosness, Editor*



Welcome New Members Social Event at the Carriage and Western Art Museum of Santa Barbara, September 17, 2013



*(Above) Melissa Henny and Derick Lloyd*



*(Left) Si Jenkins, CCC member and Carriage Museum exhibitor, greets new members Mareva and Herb Barthels*

# Speakers from October 2012 to September 2013

## Snapshots from the Channel City Club Programs

**Joe Louis Barrow Jr.**, CEO of The First Tee with CCC's Pendleton Tudor *"The First Tee's Impact on Today's Youth"*



**Elizabeth Overton Colton, Ph.D.**  
International journalist and former diplomatic/war correspondent Program Advisor for American Committees on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C. *"Global Foreign Policy Challenges Confronting the Next Administration"*



**Shashank Bengali**  
National Security Correspondent in Washington, D.C. for LA Times and veteran International Reporter *"Covering Foreign Policy and National Security from Kabul to the Capitol"*

**The Honorable Michael H. Corbin**  
United States Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates *"UAE: Global Crossroads in a Changing Middle East"*



**Max Boot**

Author and a Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, *"The History and Future of Guerrilla Warfare"*



**Richard K. Davis,**  
Chairman, President & CEO, U.S. Bank *"Sustaining Momentum: Delivering Consistent, Predictable and Repeatable Performance"*



**In Partnership with the US-China National Committee in New York:** China Town Hall Live Webcast featuring, **The Honorable Gary Locke**, US Ambassador to China. Followed by on-site speaker **Daniel Lynch, Ph.D.**, School of International Relations, USC Topic: China's Regional Politics



**Philip C. French**  
U.S. Foreign Service, Senior career diplomat Ret., Executive Director American Committees on Foreign Relations. *"Implications of post-Chavez Venezuela"*



**A Symposium on "70 Years...Celebrating the "Bomber Boys" of World War II"** in Partnership with the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum and Library. John Blankenship, Director PCVM; Panel: Colonel James Patillo, Lieutenant Larry Crandell, Lieutenant Bob Scott, Staff Sargent Jack Patterson with Moderator Colonel Philip Conran, President of PCVM Board and Air Force Cross recipient.

*Photo Credit: Richard Carter Photography*



**Blaine C. Harden**  
National and international journalist and best-selling author. Author *"Escape from Camp 14: Beyond the Electric Fence: One Man's Odyssey from North Korea to the West"*



**Alex Hitz**  
Restaurateur, television personality, Author *"My Beverley Hills Kitchen: Classic Southern Cooking with a French Twist"*

**The Honorable Vicki Huddleston**  
U.S. Ambassador, Senior U.S. Career  
Diplomat, Ret.  
*“The Growing Al-Qaeda Threat in  
Africa: From Mali to Djibouti”*



**Annual Holiday Luncheon Program with  
Montecito Union School Choir**

**Jim Newton**  
Editor-at-Large of the Los Angeles  
Times with CCC’s Edward Birch.  
*“Eisenhower’s Lessons for Modern  
America”*



**Chuck McFadden**, Veteran AP Re-  
porter and Author, *“Trailblazer: A  
Biography of Jerry Brown”* *“Jerry  
Brown: Our Enigma”*



Piano entertain-  
ment by **Gil Rosas** Santa Barbara’s  
iconic pianist with his wife Susan

**Stuart S. Taylor, Jr.**  
Author and freelance jour-  
nalist focusing on legal and  
policy issues, a Brookings  
Institution nonresident senior  
fellow. *“How Affirmative Ac-  
tion Hurts Students It’s Intend-  
ed to Help – and Some Propos-  
als for Reform”*



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Ronald Reagan Presidential excursion to view *“An  
American Christmas.”* A tour through the winter  
wonderland featuring 25 trees decorated to celebrate  
the defining moments of America’s road to great-  
ness, from the Revolutionary Era to today. Each tree  
reflected the life and times of American society and  
culture during each decade between 1700 and 2010  
and beyond, thus tracing the evolution of America.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ON  
FOREIGN RELATIONS EVENTS



**Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd**,  
Chief of Navy Chaplains, US  
Navy  
*“Navy Chaplain Corps: Inspir-  
ing Hope and Resiliency”*

**Pamela Constable**  
Foreign Correspondent and Deputy Foreign Editor at  
the Washington Post  
Author: *“Playing with Fire: Pakistan at War with  
Itself”*

**John Ledlie**, British Lawyer, Officer of the Order of  
the British Empire & Companion of the Order of the  
Bath. Career with the Ministry of Defence, worked in  
Brussels, Northern Ireland and the USA  
*“Northern Ireland: Peace at Last”*

Coffee and Conversation with **Roger Whalen** who  
shared his recent memorable experience at American  
University of Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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and Robby Barthelmess*



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## Welcome New Directors

### ROGER S. ACEVES

Mayor of Goleta



Mr. Aceves worked in law enforcement for 32 years, retiring in May of 2007. He began his career in the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and finished his career at the Police Department for the City of

Santa Barbara. Aceves is a graduate of the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

Roger was first elected to the Goleta City Council in 2006 and was reelected in 2010. He was appointed Mayor in 2010 and again on December 4th in 2012. He presently serves on the following City committees: Energy Green Issues Standing Committee, Public Safety and Preparedness Committee, and CDBG Funding Review Ad Hoc Committee. He serves on the following Regional Committees: the Air Pollution Control District Board, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Santa Barbara Airport Commission as Liason, Santa Barbara Association of Governments as Vice Chairman, South Coast Gang Task Force Leadership Council, and Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District as Vice Chairman.

Aceves served as El Presidente for Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara in 2001, and is an appointee to the 19th Agricultural District that runs Earl Warren Showgrounds. He served as President of the Board for four years. He also has been active in many non-profit organizations and is currently serving on the board of the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation.

He and his wife, Debby, have been married for over 36 years and have been Goleta residents since 1982.



**LORI GASKIN** is President of Santa Barbara City College in Santa Barbara, California. The college serves a diverse population of approximately 20,000 credit students and 12,000 non-credit (continuing education) students in south Santa Barbara County. In 2013, SBCC was named the co-winner of the Aspen (Institute) Prize for Community College Excellence, achieving the rank of #1 community college in the nation. The college was recognized for the quality and focus in four areas facilitating

underrepresented and minority student success, student learning outcomes, degree completion and transfer rates, and labor market success in securing good jobs after college.

Prior to her appointment as SBCC president in July 2012, Dr. Gaskin served as president of West Valley College in Saratoga, California for three years. Previously she served in a number of academic leadership positions at Lake Tahoe Community College including Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Services and Dean of Instruction.

Dr. Gaskin began her career in the California Community Colleges 30 years ago as a part-time faculty member at Barstow College. Academically trained as a fluvial geomorphologist, she discovered her true calling very quickly as a community college earth science teacher. As a tenured faculty member at Barstow College, Dr. Gaskin taught in the fields of geography, geology and mathematics and served in faculty leadership roles at the college before migrating north in 1992 to Lake Tahoe Community College. Her career has included state and regional activities. She served two terms as the statewide president of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers and also has served on seven comprehensive Association of Schools and Colleges. Dr. Gaskin holds a B.A. and M.A. in Geography from UCLA and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada in Reno.

In Santa Barbara, Dr. Gaskin is active in the community. She serves on the Board of Directors for College Health System, United Way of Santa Barbara County, Partners in Education, and on the Advisory Councils for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and the YMCA. She also serves as an Ex-Officio Director of the Channel City Club and member of the Steering Committee of the Santa Barbara County Re-Entry Project, Fighting Back, South Coast Executives, and the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce.

The Mesa paper recently called Dr. Gaskin the "No. 1 Cheerleader of the Nation's No. 1 Community College!" Welcome to Santa Barbara, Lori!

## News to Note

**On Saturday, May 18th at the South Quad, Lou Cannon was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree** by CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA. The noted Presidential Biographer and White House Correspondent received the honor, conferred jointly by the California State University Board of Trustees. This is the highest honor the University can bestow. In acceptance of the degree, Mr. Cannon stated, "This honorary doctorate is important to me because it's my first higher-education degree of any kind. I was drafted into the Army during the Korean War while attending what was then San Francisco State College and is now CSU San Francisco. A doctorate of humane letters is especially meaningful since I've spent my life as a journalist, biographer and historian." Cannon has been a board member of the Channel City Club for a number of years and is a favorite speaker of the forum.



### **Congratulations SANTA BARBARA AIRBUS on more than 30 Years as a Thriving Enterprise.**

It all began in 1981 and reads like a leading movie attraction! The story includes a UCSB college graduate with a Bachelor's in Business Economics on vacation in Cozumel, Mexico, where he met the beautiful flight attendant and woman of his dreams, Kelly. Within six months they were married and living in Goleta. Their problem was getting her to LAX several times a month to her hub in Winnipeg, Canada...and, she didn't drive! A visit to her parents in London Ontario, Canada, give him the idea. He had to return to Goleta early from Canada on one trip, so his father-in-law drove him to a local bus stop to take him to the Toronto Airport about 2 hours away. His father-in-law commented, "you need a service like this in Goleta." On the way to the airport, the van stopped several times and Eric began counting the passengers who got on. By the time he landed at LAX, he had a general plan for a Santa Barbara AirBus. He had found the need and now must make the opportunity! If he could only get a clear picture financially. Enter, Mark Klopstein who worked with Eric at the Country Meat Market. They became partners with each putting in \$10,000. After only one year they were turning a profit! The business just kept growing...with a larger area, new offices, more and bigger buses, side trips and more and more employees. Some spectators have called their success a string of "historical accidents." Others speculate they were simply "in the right place at the right time." Eric has stated, "Mark and I have similar goals both in business and our personal lives. We've always believed in what we are doing and are willing to see our decisions through."

Congratulations! Goleta and UCSB have turned out some good men, (but don't forget Kelly who was the inspiration for it all!) Eric is both a CCC board member and business sponsor.

### **From Our Mailbox:**

Dear Judith:

As a returning member to the Channel City Club, I received the packet with the history book in the mail. It arrived just as I was to sit down for my lunch, and I began to thumb through it. It brings back memories of so many speakers and programs I had attended through the years at the old Miramar, and then at various sites after we were displaced. I enjoyed the pictures and the comments. Just want you to know that it was appreciated and worth all those stamps it took for you to mail it to me. It is a lovely remembrance and dedication to those who have worked so hard to give us these opportunities to meet and hear important people on a regular basis. I'm so glad I am back as a member!

Warmly, Evelyne Houdek

AS OF OCTOBER 2012

TO SEPTEMBER 2013

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