

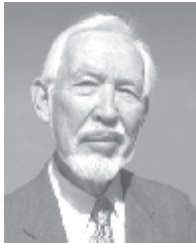


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Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers.

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.

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.

We are sad to announce the passing of Walter Mead, reported to us on October 12th. Walter had been an active member since 1993.

Dress Code

During our prolonged summer, the dress code remains relaxed and jackets are not necessary.

NEXT MEETING

October 20, 2016

Vern Bengtson

Families and Faith

Introduced by Mead Northrop



Vern L. Bengtson is Research Professor of Social Work and Senior Scientist in the Roybal Institute on Aging of the University of Southern California. A Past President of

the Gerontological Society of America, he is the author of 17 books and over 250 research articles on families, the life course, and theories of aging. His most recent book, *Families and Faith: How Religion Is (and isn't) Passed Down across Generations* (with Norella Putney and Susan C. Harris), has won book-of-the-year awards from the Gerontological Society of America and the American Sociological Association's Section on Religion, and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and on National Public Radio.

Vern Bengtson has been honored with Distinguished Scholar awards from the Gerontological Society of America, the American Sociological Association, and the National Council on Family Relations, and has also been elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He twice has been granted a MERIT award for research from the National Institute on Aging, and he has received a number of awards for teaching. Among his books are *How Families Still Matter: A Longitudinal Study of Youth in Two Generations* and *The Handbook of Theories of Aging*, the fourth edition of which will be published in 2016 (with Richard Settersten). He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife, Hannah, who is assisting him in his current research project funded by the Templeton Foundation: "Spiritual Development in the Later Years."

FUTURE MEETINGS

November 3 – Thomas Tighe discussing Direct Relief International

Introduced by Dwight Coffin

November 17th – Ray Smith – Topic is Ecological Studies in the Antarctic

Introduced by Charles Greene

December 1 – Rick Boller – Topic is The Santa Barbara County Bowl

Introduced by Karl Hutterer

December 17 – San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation

Mead Northrup will introduce

January 5 – Paul Casey – Managing our City

Introduced by Dwight Coffin

January 19 – Richard Lindekens – Topic is Eagle Hunting in Mongolia

Introducer is TBD

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. A Roth Estate '12 Sauvignon Blanc went to Jon Standlee,



Art Kvaas picked up a '12 Cru Monplaisir Grand Vin Bordeaux

And the free lunch at the October 20th meeting went to Faiz Faruki..

This drawing is added regularly as a door prize as approved by our Board of Directors.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP - Change of Schedule

The video lectures on THE GREAT DEBATE between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists that led to the U.S. Constitution are suspended for the discussion on the Role of **CO₂ in Life on Earth** during the month of October and will be resumed in November.

Jim Davis, October 20: **Role of CO₂ in Life on Earth, Consideration of Climate Change and the role of CO₂ in the creation and sustenance of life itself.**

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. If you would like to play you are asked to call Ed Loper to sign up. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court off Patterson Avenue starting at 7:45 am Thursdays and Fridays. 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 other area 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

Sunday November 6th, 2016

At The Granada – CARMEN.



Fred Sidon has arranged for our members to get in on the opera and luncheon deal on Sunday November 6th. Lunch will be at the LaCumbre CC and will be followed by the matinee performance of the ever-popular Carmen at the Granada. Fred tells me that they have a wonderful group of voices for this offering. The exact time for this event will be announced soon, but, it is lunch and a matinee. Cost for this combo is \$96 pp in section C and \$70 pp in section D. Call Fred Sidon for further information and to sign up for this event. Fred Sidon, 967-6757, frsidon@impulse.net. This is not an official Cosmo event but we did get the invitation and it is a wonderful event with a great price.

Sunday November 20th, 2016

The Santa Barbara Symphony presents:



FAVORITE PIANO MASTERPIECES conducted by Nir Kabaretti and featuring solo pianists Natasha Kisienko and Markus Groh and backed by the wonderful SB Symphony Orchestra. Relive some of your favorite piano works with this popular program which will bring pianists together for Mozart's fabulous Concerto for Two Pianos and Tchaikovsky's famed Piano Concerto No. 1. You will recognize themes from these works as the inspiration for

several popular songs of the 90's.

Art Kvass has arranged tickets for us Cosmos at \$47 pp (this is Half-Price). This performance is the 3:00 pm matinee at the Granada. This event is open to your non-Cosmo guests. Those of us who prefer not to drive at night will like this schedule. Lunch and/or dinner is not arranged nor included at this time. Check with Art for further details and/or to sign up at 965-6636.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER-DANCE

Tuesday December 6th, 2016



Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6:00, La Cumbre Club – food, drink, merriment and dancing Ron White will be taking the reservations. Use the handy Color printed flyer included in your Crackers to sign up. You may mail the form or turn it in at a Cosmo luncheon to either Al Mercado or to Ron White, 6139 Manzanillo Dr. Goleta, CA 93117; 805-964-9742.

Your non-member friends are welcome to join us for this great holiday party. Sign up early and remember to choose your seating preferences on the sign-up sheet. The cost is currently \$90 pp but a possible reduction is in negotiation at this time. The final cost will be announced at the October 20th meeting. So, go ahead and sign up now and you can wait on your payment pending final price resolution.

LAST MEETING

September 15, 2016

Ticket sellers were Fred Marsh and Harvey Stancer, Punchbowl was ably handled by Don Archer. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Jack Patterson, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting was Walt Clapp. Following our rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Ken Working provided the invocation. Committee report by Thore Edgren provided an update on a near-term event.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

No guests were reported for this meeting.

PROGRAM

October 6, 2016

Ken Oplinger, President/CEO, SB Chamber of Commerce

Thoughts on the Business Environment in the Santa Barbara Region

Introduced by Karl Hutterer



Our speaker, Ken Oplinger, President/CEO of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, was introduced by Karl Hutterer. Ken has led the SB Chamber since 2013 and has led chambers in in the Western U.S. for 24 years. He holds degrees from Willamette University and the Institute for Organizational Management at UCLA and is an accredited Chamber Executive. He has led the Chamber Executives of Northern California and the Western Association of Chamber Executives and has been a leader in a bi-national coalition of business and industry to implement travel initiatives on the U.S./Canada border. Ken started his presentation by putting the function of chambers into their historical context and focusing on their basic objectives. In a few words, chambers attempt to be the voice of their business communities and work to forge consensus on issues such as regional transportation, community development, and capital projects. Founded in 1878 and incorporated in 1899, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce has been around for a long time! It has 900 members, representing 250,000 residents and 50,000 jobs. It is one of the largest business organizations between Los Angeles and San Jose. Currently it has a 21 member Board, a full time staff of 8 and 12 part time employees. The SB Chamber identified the need for five "core competencies" in their organization. These competencies are: 1. Creating a Strong Local Economy, 2. Promoting the Region, 3. Providing Networking Opportunities, 4. Representing the Interests of Business with Government, 5. Political Action – Including getting candidates elected to office. Ken's presentation provided detail on on each of these "core competencies". The Chamber's role in representing the interests of business, the fourth item noted above, was of particular interest to the membership. The key issues in this regard were: 101 widening, homelessness, affordable housing, infrastructure and advocating for the fishing industry. Although the issues certainly were not new and "magical" solutions were not presented, the focus and perspective of the Chamber was thought provoking. Ken briefly covered the financing of the Chamber: 40% dues; 40% events and sponsorships; and 20% government contracts. The government contracts include running the Chamber visitors centers at Cabrillo and Garden Street, the SB Airport, and at the Sea Landing for cruise ships. The presentation was concluded with a run down of items on the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce's current agenda. Consistent with the theme of the presentation, Ken highlighted that the most important item on this current agenda was the Chamber's ongoing role in being local business's voice in City Hall, County Administration and Sacramento.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA



Christmas Dinner Dance!

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

La Cumbre Country Club

6:00 pm Cocktails, social hour

No host bar

7:00 pm DINNER with wine



Dancing to the music of: Pier 101 Band

Your non-member friends will be welcome!

MENU

Caesar Salad

Choice of:

Sea bass with lemon butter sauce

Or

Sliced tenderloin of beef with morel mushroom sauce

With

Au gratin potatoes

Asparagus

Peach Pie A-la-Mode

Price: \$90/person

Dress: Formal or cocktail attire



RESERVATION FORM

Name_(print)_____ **SEA BASS** **BEEF**
0 **0**

Spouse or Guest_(print)_____ **0** **0**

Seating Preference (if any) near Dance Floor quiet location

I wish to be seated with: _____ and _____
and _____ and _____ and _____

**Mail form and check payable to Cosmopolitan Club of SB to:
Ron White, 6139 Manzanillo Dr., Goleta, CA 93117 (805-964-9742)**