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Dress Code

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

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.

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.

The Board of Directors approved an incentive program to urge current members to help recruit new Club Members:

If a current member brings a guest who is a potential new member, the guest will get a free lunch.

If by the next meeting the guest applies for membership, the guest gets another free lunch.

If applicant is approved by the Membership Committee, the inductee gets another free lunch.

The sponsor of the guests should contact the Club President upon arrival and he will provide the lunch voucher for the guest.

NEXT MEETING

December 1, 2016

Rick Boller

The Santa Barbara County Bowl

Introduced by Karl Hutterer



Executive Director Rick Boller has worked at the Bowl since 1992. Rick has seen the Bowl Foundation through all phases of major renovations and organizational evolution since the Foundation took over operations of the venue in 1994 from the County of Santa Barbara. Rick was appointed Executive Director in 2009. In his early years with the Bowl he also served as the Manager of the Lobero Theatre.

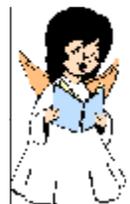
Our Santa Barbara County Bowl is a unique treasure, indeed. For such a small venue, it attracts many "high demand" performing artists. Much of this, of course, is encouraged by the deserved Santa Barbara reputation as a great venue to de-compress for a few days.

Mr. Boller will discuss the history of the Bowl from its construction in 1936 as a venue for Old Spanish Days Fiesta pageants to the modern day venue we are all familiar with and what it has taken to get here.

FUTURE MEETINGS

December 15, 2016

San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation



Mead Northrup will introduce this national quality choir of young voices. Don't miss this wonderful program that will

definitely put you in the holiday mood.

As in the past, wives and friends are invited to and are welcome at this luncheon. Normal menu and salad bar choices will be offered.

January 5, 2017

Paul Casey

Managing our City

Introduced by Dwight Coffin



Mr. Casey has 19 years of experience with the City of Santa Barbara, serving as the Assistant City Administrator for four years before becoming the City Administrator in 2015. In this role, he provides leadership and guidance on the development of the annual budget and many citywide projects and policy issues. He also provides oversight to the Community Development, Finance, Parks and Recreation, Library, and Airport Departments.

Mr. Casey served as the Community Development Director for eight years where he was responsible for planning and development services, building and safety, and housing and human services. Under his leadership, he directed the City's multi-year effort to update its General Plan and guided the City's former redevelopment agency activities. He oversaw a \$25 million budget and 70 employees in the Community Development Department. In an interim capacity, he also managed the Public Works Department that includes the City's water and wastewater utilities, capital project design and construction, street maintenance, fleet services, downtown parking and maintenance of City facilities. The Public Works Department is the largest department in the City with almost 300 employees and an \$83 million operating budget.

Prior to joining Santa Barbara, he worked with the City of Santa Monica as the Assistant to the Director of Planning and Community Development, Senior Planner and Transportation Planner.

Mr. Casey received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of California at Irvine and a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

January 19, 2017

Richard Lindekens

Topic is Eagle Hunting in Mongolia

Introducer is TBD

Proposed for Membership

Thomas (Tom) K Boehme

6511 Camino Venteroso, Goleta, CA 93111

Sponsors are Joe Szwervo and Bob Zimels.

Tom has retired from a career as a Mathematics Professor at UCSB spanning some forty years following his Ph.D. in Math and his B.S. in Physics. Tom and his wife Gail have a son, Steve. His interests include Numismatics, history, and travel. Activities include golf and tennis. Tom served in the US Air Force from 1953 to 1955 as an Atomic Weapons Officer at SAC.

Peter W Tredick

761 El Rodeo Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Sponsors are David Hughes and Thomas Dent.

Peter and his wife Sydney have resided in Santa Barbara since 1999 having lived in the Washington D.C. previously. They have two daughters: Ashley and Heather.

Peter has retired from private law practice in 2004, having served on presidential appointments to Presidential Emergency Board, and chairing Foreign Service Impasse Dispute Panel. He served, also in the Congressional Subcommittee on Labor. He belongs to various Bar Associations. His education at Princeton provided A.B. and JD degrees where he won the Princeton Class of 1962 Public Service award. Peter has served as president of the Santa Barbara Newcomers Club and the Lincoln Club of Santa Barbara. His interests include History, Biographies, travel and grandkids. His activities include golf and physical fitness.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group will meet twice a month excepting December 15 until the series is complete. These sessions are held in the upstairs room immediately following our regular luncheon programs. The 2016 Presidential election involved some major constitutional issues, ranging from separation of powers to proposed amendments. The arguments for and against federal power persist today, and The Great Debate illuminates the foundation of American government. The remaining topics to be discussed are as follows:

December 1st, Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 1

January 5th, Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 2

January 19th, The Supreme Court and Judicial Review

February 2nd, The Bill of Rights

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 four times a week on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue, behind the office buildings, starting at 7:45 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117, stroud@hotmail.com, or Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, jsubject@aol.com.

**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 cosmogolfclubs.com is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.

**CRACKERS**

Your editor hopes that Cox and Google have got over their relationship problem so folks with "cox.net" email addresses can receive their Crackers. The only emails with delivery problems appear to be the cox.net variety. Meanwhile, your Crackers committee will investigate other potential solutions to this problem.

Remember too, the Cosmo website posts the current Crackers edition soon after it is issued; you may always access it there. Several years of past editions are also on-site in the Crackers Archives section.

CRUISE TO SAN DIEGO, BAJA PENINSULA, SEA OF CORTEZ AND PUERTO VALLARTA ON A PRINCESS SHIP.

March 28 to April 7, 2017

This trip is for Golfers and NonGolfer's alike. It will depart from Los Angeles; transportation from Santa Barbara will be available.

For golfers, there will be opportunities in San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, Loretto, and Puerto Vallarta. For non golfers, there are fishing, tours and loafing available. The price is exceptionally economical due to the membership of Ron Singer as an Online Vacation Shareholder which he is sharing. Price check available at

<http://www.princess.com/find/cruiseDetails.do?voyageCode=9709>

Contact Ron Singer, Chairman, Golf Committee, Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara, at rsinger916@aol.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday November 20th

The Santa Barbara Symphony

FAVORITE PIANO MASTERPIECES conducted by Nir Kabaretti and featuring solo pianists Natasha Kisienko and Markus Groh were backed by the wonderful SB Symphony Orchestra. Symphony attendees enjoyed the performance of favorite piano works with this popular program which brought these two remarkable pianists together for Mozart's fabulous Concerto for Two Pianos and Markus' solo piece was Tchaikovsky's famed Piano Concerto No. 1. We recognized the familiar themes from these works as the inspiration for several popular songs of the 90's. Thank you Art Kvaas and Thore Edgren for getting us these wonderful seats to this performance at such a great price!

CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER-DANCE

Tuesday December 6th

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. Please note that the price has been reduced to \$75 per person, a bargain! Time is short; Sign up now.

PREVIOUS MEETING

November 17, 2016

Ticket sellers were Pete Schenk and Kent Cullen; Willard Thompson managed the punchbowl. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Following our rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Dan Herlinger offered the invocation.

Vern Kemp, standing in for Curt Whiteman, updated us on Curt's health. Curt is recovering following his surgery. Best wishes, Curt, for a speedy recovery.

John Johnson was our Sargeant-at-Arms.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawings. The free lunch was won by Dr. Steve Morgan



Fred Sidon took home a '13 Cathedral Ridge Columbia Valley Riesling and Ken Wolf scored a '13 Mammoth Crest Pinot Noir, made by our very own Bob Hassler.



Jim Dow introduced two guests for this meeting; both were the guests of Charles Greene.

John Chere who resides at Val Verde is retired from the U.S. Foreign service. He is interested in current affairs, sports, reading and is active in tennis and pickle ball.

Craig Whan, also a local resident is retired from his career as a UCSB Instructor in Project Management. His interests include Tennis, golf and dancing.

November 17th, 2016 PROGRAM

Ray Smith



Ecological Studies in the Antarctic

Raymond C. Smith, Department of Geography, U. Calif. @ Santa Barbara (Chairman from 1988-91), Lead Principle Investigator, Palmer LTER

Ecological Studies in the Antarctic

Dr. Smith was introduced by Charles Greene classmate of the speaker at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and fellow Antarctic Researcher.

The Country's National Science Foundation established the Long Term Ecology Research (LTER) program in 1980 with the knowledge that long term (years to decades) and broad scale (complete ecosystems) research was needed to completely comprehend environmental phenomena. It is believed that long term ecological knowledge contributes to the advancement of the nations health, productivity and welfare of the global environment.

The mission of LTER is to provide the scientific community, policy makers and society with the knowledge and predictive understanding necessary to conserve, protect and manage the nation's ecosystems, their biodiversity and benefits they provide. It's research produces long term data and information needed for informed decision making

from a broad range of contributing ecosystems. LTER's network of study includes diverse ecosystems in the United States, Alaska, Antarctica and islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific, There are more than 26 LTER research sites with each one focused on a specific ecosystem that together constitute the LTER Network.

The Palmer LTER, established in the Fall of 1990, studies the pelagic marine ecosystem along the western Antarctic Peninsula and the ecological processes linking the amount of annual sea ice to the local biological dynamics. Palmer Station is one of three American Research stations in Antarctica. 75 scientists work at the Palmer LTER during the busy warmer months of December through March.

The Western Antarctic Peninsula is one of the fastest changing regions on earth with an annual warming 4 times the global rate since the 1950's. This climate change and the effect on seabirds (penguins), planktons, krill and whales are currently being studies.

Increasing greenhouse gas concentrations (CO2 and Methane) has been known to impact atmospheric circulation, sea surface temperature and sea ice. The Western Antarctic Peninsula region is showing the fastest atmospheric winter warming on Earth and 87 % of the peninsula's glaciers are diminishing.

Observations of the Antarctic marine food web indicates the emergence of a more complicated food chain involving new types of grazers and increased microbial activity. Krill populations (small shrimp-like animals eaten by penguins, seals and whales) are in decline. Gelatinous salps appear to be replacing krill in the warming waters which will have important repercussions for the diet of larger predators. These changes that scientists are seeing will presage equally larger changes closer to home. Scientists have documented an 85 % reduction in Adelie penguin population along the Western Antarctic Peninsula since 1974. They are dependent on sea ice as a platform from which they forage for food. Sea ice disappearance is also causing more water evaporation into the atmosphere, increased cloud and snow production. Increased snow melt in the spring at the height of the Adelie breeding season floods their nesting sites and has devastating effects on egg and chick mortality. A new maritime sub-polar climate is replacing the present polar regime. This has allowed new species of penguin to migrate in and has shifted Palmer researchers to focus on the Gentoo species due to the decline of the Adelie penguin.

After the amply illustrated lecture on the changing Antarctic marine biology, Dr. Smith answered questions and lead a discussion on ecology and the planet's warming environment.

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: **\$75pp**

Dress: Formal or cocktail attire



RESERVATION FORM



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

Spouse or Guest_(print)_____

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)