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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. Members will now be able to access the roster via the normal club website; there will be a "TAB" that will lead to the password protected roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers.

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.

Dress Code

The dress code is updated for the cooler months. Jackets and ties are suggested attire

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.

COSMO AUDITOR

Bob Thompson has indicated that he will no longer be able to perform the duties of Cosmo Auditor. He has performed this job for many years and we would like to express the Club's appreciation for this voluntary professional service.

The annual audit is important and helps to insure that Cosmo's books and procedures have been properly maintained. The Club has a number of professionals with financial backgrounds that have had experience with audits, either as auditors or the financial manager of the entity being audited. This is a great position for someone to get more involved with Cosmo without a large commitment of time (roughly ten hours per year). Please contact George Surmeier if you would like to volunteer for this important position.

MEMBERSHIP POLL

" Heads up", expect call from Cosmo member taking a poll on how to increase membership. Your participation is appreciated.

NEXT MEETING

February 2 – Professor Ahmad Atif Ahmad

Muslims in America

Introduced by John MacKenzie



Ahmad Atif Ahmad is Professor of Religious Studies at the University of California in Santa Barbara. He is the author of 'Islamic Law: Cases, Authorities, and Worldview,' 'Pitfalls of Scholarship: Lessons from Islamic Studies,' 'The Fatigue of the Shari'a,' and a number of other publications. His

research is in the area of medieval Islamic legal reasoning and its modern applications in national laws in the Muslim world and outside of it, Islamic financial jurisprudence, cyber religious law, and research and fatwa councils. At UCSB, he teaches introductory and advanced classes on Islamic law. Professor Ahmad will talk about Muslims in America, their sense of inclusion and exclusion, and the future of Muslim immigrants in North America.

Feb 16, 2017

Tim Metzinger

Santa Barbara's Early History

Introduction by Harry Brown



Tim Metzinger is a partner in the law firm of Price, Postel and Pharma. He handles a wide range of civil litigation matters, including business litigation, real estate litigation, employment litigation and probate and estate disputes.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Champion Trees Visit

This is the annual SB Airbus tour which features a tour of 15 national champion trees in SB County recognized by American Forests as the largest of their species in the entire USA. The tour starts at 12 noon at the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta, followed by a bus tour from Goleta to Carpinteria. The bus will return to Goleta at 5pm. The tour includes private sites available only thorough this tour. There will be ample opportunities to touch and connect with our remarkable living natural wonders. The tour guide is Arborist Ken Knight.

As this is not an exclusive Cosmo event .I recommend you make reservations early by calling SB Airbus 964 7759. Upon making reservations notify Thore Edgren at 9674001 or theman3@cox.net.

If enough participating members are interested we can plan on dinner at 5:30pm in a Goleta restaurant.

Thore

LAST MEETING JANUARY 19, 2017

Ticket sellers were Ted Ross and Paul Fink; Ken Jewesson managed the punchbowl. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Bill Alexander. Jack Patterson and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Walt Clapp was Sergeant-at-Arms. Dan Montgomery offered the invocation.

Wine Drawing

Dr. Duncan Craven took home a '11 Firestone Syrah, Prof. Gordon Bjork picked up a bottle of Bob Hassler's delightful Mammoth Crest '13 Syrah and Pete Kruse, Esq. won a free lunch at our next meeting.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Putt Mills announced that there were no guests today

Proposed for Membership

Stephen Petersen is a retired CFO and president of a tile distribution company in Santa Barbara. He is a past president of Rotary and earned the award of Rotarian of the Year. He has served as chairman of the golf committee at the Montecito Country Club, tournament chairman and YMCA youth coach. His interests include volleyball, softball, golf and basketball. He lives at 1084 Camino del Rio, Santa Barbara 93110 and his phone number is 967-7979. Sponsoring Steve are Ron Singer and Franz Meier.

Joseph Schomer, a.k.a Buffalo Joe, is a retired engineer with a BSME and studies in thermodynamics and physics. His employment spanned several technology companies terminating with his retirement in 2008. He is a docent for the Santa Barbara Carriage Museum, the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and the Presidio. He is a member of Kiwanis, the Westerners Club and the Santa Barbara Science and Engineering Council. His participation interests in Cosmo are program speaker, Crackers and Bridge. He and his wife Suzi live at 3860 Sterrett Ave, Santa Barbara. His phone number is 682-0065. Joe's sponsors are Bob Zimels and Bob Sorich.

Welcome New Member

Our newest member, Peter W. Tredick, is a retired law partner whose career was spent in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. He is sponsored by David Hughes and Thomas Dent. He earned A.B. and J.D. degrees. In addition to his law practice he has received Presidential appointments to Presidential Emergency Boards, Chair of Foreign Service Impasse Dispute Panel and Congressional Subcommittee on Labor.



His interests are History, biography, travel, his grandchildren, golf and fitness. He indicated interest in club participation in Golf, the Discussion Group and possibly being a noon speaker.

Peter and his wife Sydney make their home at 761 El Rodeo Road, Santa Barbara, 93110. His phone number is 692-2256.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets once a month in the upstairs room immediately following our regular luncheon programs. Future topics to be discussed are as follows:

February 16, Jim Davis: Philosophy, Physics, and The Great Mystery

March 16, Gordon Bjork: Money and The Moral Limits of Markets

April 20, Gerard Kuiken: Limitations of Physics or Is A Theory of Everything Possible?

May 18, Bob Weber: What to Do about The Growing "Use-less Class."

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.



COSMO GOLF TOURNAMNET

MONEYBALL RETURNS!

The essence of the ever-popular Moneyball format will remain, though with some tweaking of the rules for last year's tournament, based on observation and feedback. As always, each player will have opportunity to contribute to their team's performance, and handicaps will be used. By the way, has anyone heard from Team #7 in last year's tournament? They were last seen packing into the back country in search of their last moneyball...

Time: 10:00
Place: Glen Annie Golf Club
Date: Thursday February 23
Cost: \$50 includes cart and prizes

Signup: at Cosmopolitan Club Meetings
or
by email to abclarke3@hotmail.com

(please include full name, GHINnumber, and a contact phone number) or sestonefield@gmail.com - same info

EVERYBODY WELCOME!! MEMBERS AND GUESTS!!

THE WEATHER WILL BE SPECTACULAR!!

Your faithful conveners,

A..B. Clarke and Stephen Stonefield (aka The Brothers Gimme)

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 NonGolfers 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/cruise/Details.do?voyageCode=9709>

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

January 19, 2017 SPEAKER

Dr. Jim Davis



The Role of Carbon Dioxide in Life on Earth

Pete Kruse introduced Jim Davis, Cosmo president, for his talk on this topic of interest in the scientific community and in politics. Dr. Davis received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in theoretical physics from CalTech and UCLA. He has published widely on subjects from basic science to public policy, testified at numerous congressional hearings, and has been an invited speaker at international conferences.

Dr. Davis introduced his presentation with a slide which emphasized that complex life on earth is impossible without CO2 and explained the common perception of carbon diox-

ide (CO2) as the primary source of global warming. He acknowledged the presence of global temperature increase in this century, but showed a complexity of factors that contribute to warming, only one of which is burning of fossil fuel and the resultant emission of CO2. Computer models used to predict climate change suffer from a process that is not closed and therefore cannot be validated by a closed model. He cited that water vapor is the primary factor but it is so variable that it is difficult to associate with long term affects.

Carbon dioxide is a "greenhouse effect" that retards re-radiation of radiant energy from the sun and affects earth's temperature. If CO2 were to disappear, the earth would become frozen and lifeless. But CO2 is abundant in the earth; trees and other vegetation contain large amounts as does the earth itself and the seas. The earth's supply of CO2 has declined as shown on a chart tracing the levels at 7500 parts per million (ppm) 4.6 billion years ago to 400 ppm today. The earlier levels are attributed primarily to volcanic activity. The decline over time is largely a result of forestation and the reduction in volcanic activity, but even today the carbon cycle on earth is not fully closed.

In the study of CO2 there are other things to note. Plants thrive at a level higher than that of our current atmosphere—around 1000 ppm. Also, humans can survive a level much higher than our present environment. NASA predicts a safety hazard at 1000 ppm for missions exceeding 3 years; and U.S. Navy predicts a hazard at 5000 ppm for a period of exceeding 90 days.

The lecture concluded with Dr. Davis's statement that teaching about CO2 should be divided into two parts—(A) the benefits and (B) the liabilities.

SEMIANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Jan 19, 2017
Cash Basis

Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara
Income and Expenses
July 1 through December 30, 2016

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income	
Dues	\$ 6,620.00
Initiation Fees	\$ 300.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 6,920.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 6,920.00</u>
Expense	
AV Technical Support	\$ 390.00
Badges	\$ 202.90
Crackers	\$ 1,648.58
Gratuities	\$ 2,379.77
Insurance	\$ 2,131.00
Lunches	\$ 379.50
Other Expenses	\$ 564.37
Purchase of Assets	\$ 24.83
Roster	\$ 838.02
Total Expense	<u>\$ 8,558.97</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (1,638.97)</u>
 Month End Bank Balances	
Operating Account	\$ 22,517.83
Special Events Account	\$ 7,730.87
Golf Account	\$ 5,455.32