

# Crackers

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## Next Meeting

**January 3:** Charles P. Aaron, Photographing Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat with Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Jim Irwin.



Aaron, a NASA helicopter pilot made five helicopter missions over Mt. Ararat photographing what is believed to be Noah's Ark. Astronaut Jim Irwin assisted in navigating to the site which is now closed for further exploration. Introduction by Ben Walsh

## Future Programs:

**January 17:** Lou Cannon will speak about Reagan's Disciple, which is also the title of his new book (co-authored with his son, Carl), to be released in February, 2008. Both Lou and Carl are authors of numerous books and former (Lou, San Jose Mercury News and the Washington Post) or active reporters on the presidency and the national scene. Lou's talk will highlight



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Ronald Reagan's agenda and legacy in the G. W. Bush era and look as well at other recent presidencies. This is Lou's fifth book on Ronald Reagan, considered by many to have been an extraordinary leader. Introduction by Charles Chester

## Wine Drawing:

A bottle of 2005 Summerland Cabernet Sauvignon was won by Bob Thompson. Bill Isabel won a bottle of 2005 Summerland Sauvignon Blanc.



**Christmas Tie Contest:** Ron White cited a number of our members for memorable ties, and awarded the winning tie worn by Don Terrell.



## Welcome Our Guests

Bob Kvaas – brought by his father, Art Kvass.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome a New Member: No new members this meeting. Watch for introductions at the January 2008 meeting, and please bring guests!!

## Announcements

Vice President Robin Durkee announced that, beginning with the January 4, 2008, meeting, the meal charges will be increased from \$13 per meal to \$15. Carlos, the Elks Club Manager said he had been able to keep the price the same for two years, and Veep Durkee indicated it would be a reasonable goal to keep the same price for the next two years.

**Newcomers Tables** will be reserved in the dining room for newly-inducted members to meet officers and members and to learn more about the Club, per Hank Macchio, Newcomer Coordinator. Members of the committee are assigned to welcome and maintain contact with newcomers during their first six months.

### Memorial and Visitation Committee:

Don Terrell 687-8481, [wtd84@cox.net](mailto:wtd84@cox.net)  
Jim Pattillo 969-2796, [jlpattillo@cox.net](mailto:jlpattillo@cox.net), and  
Thore Edgren 967-4001, [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net)  
Please notify any member of this committee with pertinent information about members that should be announced at Club meetings or published in Crackers.

### Regular Events:

#### Bridge

##### Bridge Winners:

Warren Raiter 3880  
Ed Loper 3510  
Howard Glenn 3310



Join us for "Fun" Contract Bridge" January 3, after the meeting, from 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Contact Pres Gould@ 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net)

### S.A.G.E. Investment Group: (No meeting in January 2008)

Welcome to all Cosmo members to discuss economic trends and current issues. We meet at 10 A.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club, 2nd floor, followed by a no-host luncheon. We do not select or buy any stocks. Chair Mac McMillin, 969-4064, [macstech@cox.net](mailto:macstech@cox.net)

### Golf:

Weekly on Mondays: At Twin Lakes, 9:00 A.M. (Tues. on Monday holidays). \$9.00 for 9 holes (par 29); have fun improving your short game. Easy walking, flat course, open to all Cosmo members.

Weekly on Wednesdays: At Ocean Meadows, 8:30 A.M. \$14.00 for 9 holes (par 36) with play card. Improve your long shots. Open to all Cosmo members. Chair Lynn Garten, 969-2466, [garten\\_sba@msn.com](mailto:garten_sba@msn.com)

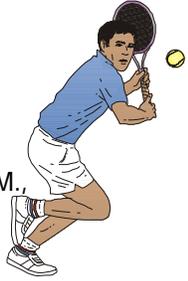


La Purisima, January 9<sup>th</sup> at noon, shotgun start, maximum of 32 players. Fee of \$50 includes greens fee, cart and warm up range balls. Contact Hank Macchio, 963-5802, [h.macchio@verizon.net](mailto:h.macchio@verizon.net)

Rancho San Marcos, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 A.M shotgun start, maximum of 24 players. Fee of \$60 includes greens fee, cart, warm up range balls and Box Lunch. Contact Golf Chairman, Lynn Garten, 969-2466

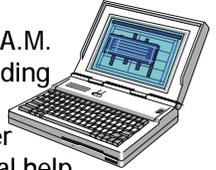
### Tennis:

The Cosmo Tennis Group plays doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 A.M., Mondays and Thursdays. Bruce Long, 692-4072 or Walter Mead, 682-3045.



### Cosmo Computer Society: Next meeting: January 15, 2008

We meet upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 10 A.M. for discussions. Presentations at 10:30, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon. All members are welcome. For personal computer help needs, call ahead to schedule an individual help session at 9:30 A.M. Chair, Howard Glenn, 967-2633, [hbglen@cox.net](mailto:hbglen@cox.net)



### Special Events:

**LA-Disney Concert Hall:** Jan. 20, 2008 (note corrected date) – Cost \$109 per person. **SOLD OUT**

You may get on the **Stand By List**. Travel is by chartered bus leaving the Elks Club at 10:15 A.M. The fee includes transportation and concert ticket, but not lunch. The concert is an all-Beethoven program. Contact Thore Edgren, 967-4001. Note change of departure time.

### Lobero Theater: Dinner + Operas: March 8, 2008:

Cost: \$113 per person. As of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, there were two seats left. This gala night in March, features an elegant dinner followed by two operas at the Lobero Theatre. Package includes, dinner, wine, the opera ticket and all tips and taxes. Following dinner, we will receive a 15-minute introduction to the evening's operas: Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana and Leoncavallo's Pagliacci. This extremely popular double bill, often referred to colloquially as "Cav and Peg", totals three acts. Contact Frank Umanzio, 969-1933, [franksboat1@verizon.net](mailto:franksboat1@verizon.net), or Angelo Crippa, 962-0843, [janda2@juno.com](mailto:janda2@juno.com). For those signed up, please send check payable to Cosmo Club to Frank Umanzio.

### Trip to Getty Villa: Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, arrangements have been made for a bus trip to the lovely Getty Villa in Malibu. The bus will depart from the Elks Club at 9 A.M., and will return at approximately 5 P.M. Members, spouses and friends are invited. We have room for 45 intrepid "culture vultures". Cost for the excursion is \$27 per person, and includes the cost of the bus and copious refreshments.

Checks should be made payable to the Cosmopolitan Club. There are a number of restaurants and food stands at the Villa. Sign ups started at the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting,



and will continue in January. Checks may be mailed to Bob Zimels, 21 S. Alisos St (Unit #2), Santa Barbara, 93103-3466.

Carter and Life Chronicles, please call her at 966-3411, or e-mail her at [www.lifechronicles.org](http://www.lifechronicles.org).

**Last Meeting:** Thursday, December 20, 2007 – Life Chronicles, presented by Kate Carter, introduction by Charles Chester. In turn, the speaker was introduced by our own Jim Karls, who has recently completed a Life Chronicles recording. In 1998, Kate Carter founded Life Chronicles, a non-profit based in Santa Barbara. She gave an informative and very inspiring talk about “Life Chronicles”. Life Chronicles produces videos of people who wish to share their life stories for future generations. Their goal is to provide comfort to people during critical periods of their lives by providing an opportunity to share through video recordings important messages about their life experiences, to express their love for those they are leaving behind, and to provide useful and valuable personal information for others. The people and families they serve have found their taping experiences to be very therapeutic and empowering by giving them the ability to share their life stories with their families and/or the community.

Life Chronicles makes videos of: families in serious health crises, support for current or veteran military families, those in early stages of progressive diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and ALS; to comfort children who are isolated by hospitalization and for mothers who have decided to place their baby for adoption, and at senior facilities, of community members, and for other nonprofit organizations.

It has prepared videos of over 400 families, and has engaged the assistance of more than 200 student volunteers. Kate noted that almost all schools have video equipment, and that it is great public relations for the schools to assist in the videos. Life Chronicles often partners with schools in producing the video recordings.

Kate noted that the program was featured 2 1/2 years ago on CBS evening news Eye on America with Bob Schieffer.

Kate related several local video experiences.

She said you probably all will remember Tom Rogers, County Supervisor, who contracted ALS. He wanted to record a video for his daughters. He used his letter board and volunteers read the words that he spelled. Volunteers for Tom were from the Life Chronicles group at Yale University, from which school Tom had graduated.

The local chapter of Hospice, which was the second Hospice in the United States, wanted to video tape its founder, Alice Heath, and did so.

Father Virgil Cordero, who now is 89, has been Life Chronicles videoed, and there are community members who are hoping to create a Life Chronicles scholarship in his name so it can be available to those who couldn’t otherwise afford it.

Kate told us about one student who used his volunteer service with Life Chronicles for his application essay for college, got accepted at Harvard and Stanford, and chose Harvard.

Kate shared portions of several Life Chronicles videos.

Kate indicated that it costs about \$3,500 to make a Life Chronicles video, using student volunteers as much as possible to keep costs low and to give the students a wonderful and memorable experience. She indicated that if a person can donate that amount, they do so. If they cannot, they are not turned away from participating in the program.

Kate noted that everybody has a story, and I’m sure that many of us in the Cosmo Club do. If you would like to contact Kate



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Happy New Year!