



# Crackers

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## Spring Dinner Dance

Santa Barbara Yacht Club  
6:00—10:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 28

- *Splashy Setting*
- *Scintillating Sunset*
- *Liberal Libations*
- *Decked Out Dudes & Dudettes*
- *Totally Tonal Tunes & Tones*
- *Scrumptious Cuisine*
- *Delightful Dancing*

## We Want YOU!

(See P. 5 reservation form for details)



## Special Announcement!

You are reminded that the luncheon price must be increased to \$17— as of our next meeting on April 2. You may pay by cash or by a check made payable to SB Elks Club. If you can have the payment ready to go, preferably correct change, it will help to reduce the queue time

Thanks for your cooperation.

## Next Program

**April 2**  
**Thomas Tighe "Direct Relief International"**



Mr. Tighe will tell us what is happening at our own local Direct Relief International, which since 1948 provides medical assistance to improve the quality of life throughout the world. It is surely one of the most successful and effective organizations. Gil Ashor will introduce.

## Future Programs

**April 16**

**David Stuart "Healthcare Delivery via Remote Presence Robots"**

After studying chemistry and business at the University of Delaware, David Stuart worked in the Massachusetts 128 technology belt for LTX, a leading developer of semiconductor automatic test equipment. David and his wife Katie eventually moved to Silicon Valley where he joined Quantum, a major disk drive business, participating in their growth from \$500Mm to \$5B in annual sales. David eventually discovered the utopia of Santa Barbara, and has been driving robotic solutions into the healthcare industry since moving here 13 years ago. As the VP of International Markets for Intouch Health for the past five years, David has been responsible for delivering remote presence robotic telemedicine solutions all around the globe. David has been working with this same team of local entrepreneurs since 1996 when he joined Computer Motion here in Santa Barbara as VP of Operations, Business Development, and Product Marketing. Computer Motion was a world leader in the design of the first minimally invasive surgical robots, eventually merging with Intuitive Surgical, which is today the dominant and highly successful provider of the da Vinci surgical robot.

David's diverse skills and experience in finance, manufacturing, business development, marketing, and international sales provide a colorful introspective into an emerging healthcare market. Specifically, enabling the delivery of specialized physician expertise instantly;

anytime, ...anywhere,... healthcare delivery via Remote Presence Robots.

Charles Chester will introduce.

## Luck Department

Manny Epic won the bottle of Sid's 2007 Chardonnay!



## New Officers elected for our year 2009-2010!

Currently most recent past President Peter Kruse introduced the nominees and the entire slate was elected by acclaim. These gentlemen will serve as our officers starting July 1, 2009.

**President:** Ron White  
**Vice President:** John Mackenzie  
**Secretary:** Arlie Skov  
**Treasurer:** David Kain  
**Directors at large:** Mead Northrop and Don Chalfant



## Welcome Our Guests

Fred Sidon hosted Hugh Vos, retired Chief Financial Officer

Fred Marsh brought Jim McKillip, retired physical therapist.

Ron Singer brought Jerry Cupit, retired fireman.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

### Joseph O. Bouzek was introduced by Bob Sorich

A native Chicagoan, Joe was reared in Illinois and later graduated from the University of Miami in Ohio with a BSBA. After several years serving in the Navy he joined Amp Inc in industrial sales. His career as a field sales representative spanned some 40 years at Amp Inc, and he retired as Field Sales Manager in 1989.

Deciding that Santa Barbara was more "his kind of town" he and his wife Dorothy moved to Santa Barbara in 1998. Sadly, Joe was widowed in 2001. He has three children and enjoys Bridge, Lawn Bowling and golf. In addition to Bob Sorich, Joe was sponsored by Ang Crippa and Hank Pfister.

### Bridge

Winners on 19 March:

Ed Loper	4260 pts
Ralph Edebo	3920 pts
Ernie Bivans	2850 pts



Join us for fun bridge...We gather upstairs after all regular meetings and play Party bridge until 3:30. Contact Pres Gould at 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net)

## Special Events

### Spring Dinner Dance — Tuesday, April 28

This senior prom is one of Cosmo's two special evening extravaganzas. A grand opportunity for you and your lady to get buffed up, enjoy a private club venue, partake a gourmet meal and soft shoe to live band music. No Host cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by an elegant dinner at 7:00 pm. A reservation form is provided in your E-Crackers. Jim Pattillo, Dance Chair, 969-2796, [jpgattillo@cox.net](mailto:jpgattillo@cox.net).

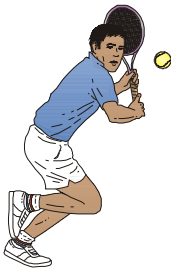
### Trip to the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens: May 28

Sign up now and mark your calendars for a springtime trip to the famous Huntington. Visit the library's collection of rare books and manuscripts of British and American history and literature. See one of the finest collections of European art in the nation. Visit the Rose, Japanese, and Chinese gardens encompassing 120 acres. The library recently opened after a two-year renewal project. We will arrive in time for lunch at the Huntington Café which will be at your own expense (\$8 - \$11 for entrée and beverage). You can, alternatively, opt for the exquisite buffet lunch in the Rose Garden Tea Room where, from a central buffet, guests choose from an array of savory finger sandwiches, imported and domestic cheeses, fresh fruits, chilled seasonal salads and specialty petite desserts. The cost of the buffet is \$30/person and includes the tip. The Rose Garden is popular so sign up for this option early. The cost for the bus ride, admission, bus driver's tip, and on-board refreshments is \$50 pp. (lunch, again, is not included in this figure). Checks should be made out to the Cosmopolitan Club and mailed to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta 93117. ...or you may give the check to Thore at the next Cosmo luncheon. Call Thore to make sure you are signed up at 967-4001, or if you have any questions about this trip.

## Regular Events

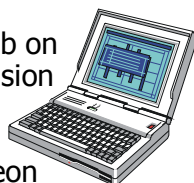
### Tennis

The Cosmo tennis group play doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited to join us. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 AM Mondays and Thursdays. Call Bruce Long, (805) 692-4072 [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net), or Walter Mead, (805) 682-3045.



### Cosmo Computer Society

We meet regularly upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of every month. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM. The feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All Cosmo members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn: Chair, 967-2633 or [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net).



## S. A. G. E. Investment Group

We meet at 10 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. We do not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967-6930 or [dickevans1@cox.net](mailto:dickevans1@cox.net).



## Golf

Golf Tournament – Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at La Purisma: consistently ranked as one of the best 50 golf courses in the U.S. Great value: Greens fee, cart and range balls for \$50. First Tee Off at 10:00 AM, format is four man Scramble. For more details, contact Hank Macchio (805) 693-5802, [h.macchio@verizon.net](mailto:h.macchio@verizon.net).



*Weekly: All Cosmo members are welcome*

**Twin Lakes** - Mondays at 9:00 AM (Tuesday on Monday holidays). \$9.00 for 9 holes (par 29); have fun improving your short game on an easy walking, flat course.

**Ocean Meadows** - Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. \$14.00 for 9 holes (par 36) with a play card. Improve your long shots.

Regular Golf every Monday at Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). **Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.**

**Regular senior rate is \$20 for 18 holes, not including cart. If you would like to play, contact Ron Singer by Friday before the Monday to secure your tee time.**

Golf Chair - Ron Singer (805) 684-1355, [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com)

### Last Meeting: March 19: Amir Abo-Shaer "DPEA - Dos Pueblos HS Engineering Academy"

A.B. Clarke introduced. Mr. Amir Abo-Shaer, a mechanical engineer who turned to teaching after several years in industry. Mr. Shaer is the instructor-mentor for the DPEA program which was founded six years ago as a "school within a school". DPEA is a four-year program and consists of 32 students in each year's class, with more than three times as many applicants as spots available, operating up to now in "spaces available" on the Dos Pueblos High School campus.

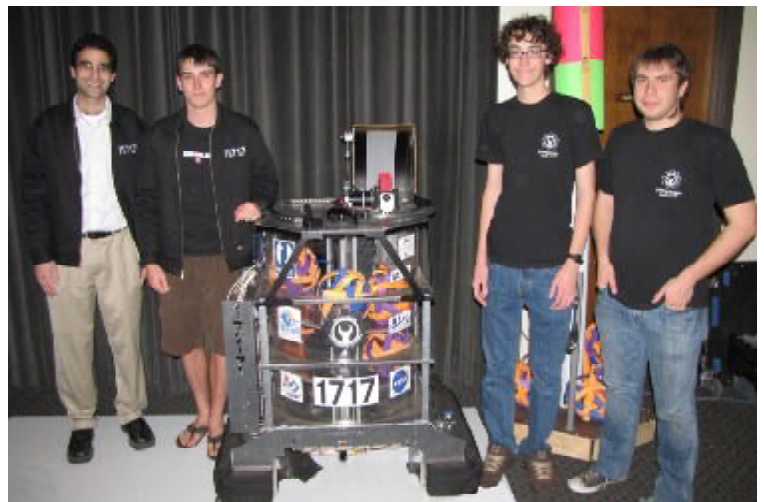
These students have a specific curriculum with 1-2 courses each term that are EA unique. Our "real" presentation was delivered by six student team-leaders: Gabe Rives-Corbett, Kevin Wojcik, Isabelle D'Arcy, Luke Seale, Andrew Hsu, and Daniel Huthsing. Three were available for the photo. Interestingly, the senior class has an equal representation by young men and women. The presentation involved a "pass-the-mike" routine with each of the six student presenters handling their particular field of expertise/responsibility for completing the project. The annual Senior Project was to build and operate a robot conforming to the "performance" of the most prestigious international robotics contest FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and

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Technology). This association provides each school with the problem, or game" in which the competition will be held, a new game every year. The design concept, form and fit; in fact; virtually all of the problem solutions are left to the students. In addition to interviews of the students the competition involves real-time dynamic competition, involving random draw three-vs.-three. Thus, each team had to protect their adversaries during the games. In spring 2008, the Dos Pueblos team, Team 1717, won the regional and state competitions in both San Diego and Los Angeles. It then went on to place second overall in the International Competition in Atlanta, competing against more than 1,000 teams from all over the world! All this was accomplished in six weeks, using one class room and a 7' x 15' machining closet to design, prototype, build and test a 150 lb. robot. In addition to Mr. Abo-Shaeer, and teacher Kevin McKee, two mentors volunteer their time to assist the seniors. We were treated to a live demonstration of the bot's autonomous mode capability, on stage, as well as some great cinema verite movies of the actual international competition in Atlanta. It was obvious from the discussion and the results of their competition that they gained professional-level skills in business, mechanics, computer design, software development, project management, website construction, and public speaking. A recent California state matching-funds grant of \$3,000,000 will really boost this program, and with that same figure from the private sector, a new 12,000 sq. ft. facility will be constructed. Some 400 students will be afforded the opportunity to participate in

this prestigious program by the added facilities. Yearly, China graduates 600,000 engineers, India but 350,000 and the USA a mere 70,000. If the group that performed this feat and made the presentation are representative of our USA students, the playing field could be more level than those numbers would infer. This editor hopes that the grant money will expand this opportunity to more qualified students, as well as providing the base for continued world-class competition.



*Three of the student presenters along with their computer-dynamic-traction drive system, it's articulating ball-stuffer-picker-upper, optics guided steering and shooter-aimer. Please forgive the tech jargon.*

# COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

## 2009 SPRING DINNER DANCE

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

### SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB

6:00 PM COCKTAILS, SOCIAL HOUR

No Host Bar, Tables of eight, each with two bottles of wine

7:00 PM Dinner

DANCING (7:00 - 10:00 PM ) TO MUSIC OF 'CITY LIGHTS' COMBO

#### MENU

*Santa Barbara Yacht Club Salad: Melange of seasonal greens, with Candied Walnuts, Feta Cheese, and Orange Zest.*

Choice of:

*Prime Rib au jus or Broiled Salmon served with Tomato Basil Buerre Blanc and*

*Red Roasted Potatoes and Baby Vegetables*

*Dessert: Tiramisu, i.e. Espresso Soaked Lady Fingers, whipped egg yolks, mascarpone, and sugar, topped with cocoa, andor Marsala wine, making it 'Zabaglione'*

Price: \$80 per person

Dress: Formal or cocktail dress

Cut along this line and return with your check

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**RESERVATION FORM.** The Dance Committee can arrange to seat you with your party and have them served their choices of food only if this form is completed accurately. Please *write legibly (as most of us are unfamiliar with your handwriting)* and use the back of this form to provide names and meal choices of those not shown below. Tables will be reserved only when paid for in-full. We look forward to seeing all of you at the party!

	BEEF	FISH
Your Name _____	0	0
Spouse or Guest _____	0	0

Mail this Reservation Form with check payable to "Cosmopolitan Club" to Jim Pattillo, 1143 Glenview Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108-2001. Remember: The password is "Zabaglione!"

#### *Parking in Yacht Club Parking Lot During the Cosmo Club's Spring 2009 Dance!*

*Cosmopolitan Members and their guests are welcome to park in the Yacht Club Parking Lot during the evening of April 28, 2009, but must realize that the lot will not be locked nor attended, so you park there at your own risk. Lock your car and don't leave any valuables in it.*

***We hope you have a wonderful time.***