



# Crackers

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## Dress Code

It appears that Winter has arrived so the dress code will return to jackets suggested. For the moment ties are not required but will be the norm. The Board will make the determination at the next meeting and your Crackers will advise the decision. During our prolonged summer, the dress code remains relaxed and jackets are not necessary.

## 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](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

Curt Whiteman said he was happy to be back following surgery and recuperation. Curt said Sam Little had two minor strokes and is home He said that Larry Brown is in the hospital with bladder cancer, and is undergoing chemotherapy.

## 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

**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.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### January 19 – Role of Carbon Dioxide in Life on Earth

**Jim Davis, PhD.**

**Introducer is TBD.**

Doctor Davis received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in theoretical physics from Cal Tech and UCLA. Jim has published widely on subjects from basic science to public policy, testified at numerous congressional hearings, and has been an invited speaker at numerous international conferences.



Davis reports carbon dioxide is essential to the development of life on earth and must be maintained at a sufficient level to sustain life on the planet Earth and in the seas. Some major contributors to climate changes will be discussed and compared to the role of carbon dioxide in such changes.

Key facts about the importance of CO2 will be given a historical context. The question of whether or not ocean acidification is a likely problem will be discussed. Examples of the influence of carbon dioxide on plant growth and sea life will also be reviewed. A final summary

of the key points and other factors will be provided to sum up a possible favorable outcome.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group will meet twice a month 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:

January 5th, Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 2

January 19th, The Supreme Court and Judicial Review

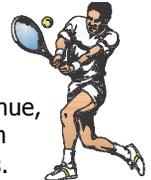
February 2nd, The Bill of Rights

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stroud@hotmail.com), or Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, [jsubject@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://cosmogolfclubsb.com) is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.

### 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 Non Golfers 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](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com)

## PREVIOUS MEETING

### December 15, 2016

Ticket sellers were Gary Gulbransen and Dave Medina. Paul Coyne managed the punchbowl. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Vern Kemp was Sergeant-at-Arms.

Following the rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Curt Whiteman offered the invocation.

### WINE DRAWING

Fred Sidon conducted the wine drawing. Alan Bullock received a 2015 Sauvignon Blanc from Andis Winery from Amador County. A 2012 Lange Twins Chardonnay Reserve from Clarksberg was taken home by Elizabeth Smith, wife of Mike.



John Rasmussen won the free luncheon for the January 5th meeting.

## WELCOME OUR GUESTS



There were no guest introductions. The meeting was graced by the presence of all the lovely Ladies in attendance.

## December 15, 2016 PROGRAM

### San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation

#### “Christmas Spirit”

Mead Northup introduced this nationally famous choir of talented adolescent voices.

The San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers once again entertained Cosmo Club members and their spouses at our traditional Christmas Carol Program. The Madrigals' presentation was an outstanding group of 22 voices.

Led by Caroline Teraoka-Brady, this award winning choral group again infected us with the holiday spirit.

The Madrigal Singers had a very busy year in 2016. Earlier this month they sang at Disneyland's Candlelight Winter Concert. Eighty choirs tried out, and 13 got selected to perform, including the Madrigals. In the past, they have sung at the largest cathedral in North America – St James Cathedral. They have performed at Carnegie Hall and at the Vatican. Ms. Teraoka-Brady indicated that the Madrigals' Festival presentation this year will be in Honolulu.

Mead Northrop presented the Madrigals with a check for \$750 from the Club. In addition, Club members very generously donated an additional \$607 at the end of the program. The

\$1,357 will go towards financing the Madrigals many trips in 2017.

Thanks to Mead Northrop for coordinating this most enjoyable presentation.



