

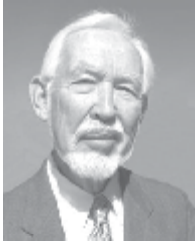


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## Website and Online Membership Roster

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

Curt Whiteman announced that Steve Little is recovering slowly from two strokes and will not soon be back in attendance. Curt has been unable to learn the condition of Harry Brown, who is recuperating from a severe reaction to chemotherapy. Curt would appreciate hearing from any member who has information about Harry, or about any other member who may be suffering from illness or injury. Notify Curt Whiteman, 220-6833, [whiteman@westmont.edu](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

## PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

President Jim Davis announced that our membership is declining, with a resulting decline in income. One proposed response is to include in our membership women who have retired from business or professional careers. The idea was tested in a telephone poll that reached 137 of our 184 members, and 84% expressed approval.

The formal process to initiate such a change requires amending the club's by-laws. The board agreed to call for a vote of the members present at the next meeting, on March 2. According to the by-laws, a two-thirds vote of the members present is sufficient to change the by-laws. If the amendment to allow admitting women is approved by at least two-thirds of the members present, Article III Section 1 shall be changed from "Membership shall consist of men who . . ." to "Membership shall consist of individuals who. . ."

## VALLE VERDE BUS

John Ackerman is arranging bus transportation for Valle Verde residents to our meetings. Details will be announced at the March 2 meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

New officers and directors will be elected at the March 16 meeting. Candidates will be nominated at the next meeting, on March 2. The slate recommended by the committee and approved by the current Board, is:

- President: Harv Turner
- Vice President: Albert Mercado
- Secretary: Chuck Curtis
- Treasurer: George Surmeier
- (Past-president: Jim Davis)
- At large: Dan Creasey
- At large: Bob Weber

Nominations will be invited from the floor. To avoid possible embarrassment, members should not offer a nomination without the candidate's approval in advance.

**NEXT MEETING**

**March 2**

**PLUTO, THE KUIPER BELT AND A POSSIBLE NEW PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM**



Sarah Greenstreet will be introduced by Charles Greene. She is a joint postdoctoral fellow with Las Cumbres Observatory and the University of California, Santa Barbara. She received her PhD in astronomy at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, studying orbital dynamics of near-earth and Kuiper belt objects. She computed an updated orbital distribution model for near earth objects, discovering that asteroids can orbit the Sun on retrograde (backwards around the Sun), exploring source regions for objects temporarily trapped with the giant planets, and determining the impact and cratering rates onto Pluto and its binary companion Charon.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**March 16, 2017**

**ANNUAL ECONOMIC REVIEW**



Karl Hutterer will introduce Dr. Peter Rupert, the Executive Director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and Professor of Economics in the UCSB Economics Department. With Nobel Laureate Finn Kydland, he is also the Associate Director of the UCSB Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance. Before joining UCSB in 2010, he served as Senior Research Advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland for 13 years. Established in 1981, the UCSB Economic Forecast Project collects

and analyzes economic, business, and demographic data and provides information through publications and events.

**May 4, 2017**

**Ladies Day**

Amy Williams, director of education programs of the Santa Barbara Symphony, will be introduced by Art Kvaas.

**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:

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. Call Ed Loper to sign up. 967-8630, [oliveloper@cox.net](mailto:oliveloper@cox.net).



**TENNIS**

We play doubles, starting at 7:45 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue, behind the office buildings. 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 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. 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](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Champion Trees Visit

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 \$39 per person**

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 on 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, make reservations early by calling SB Airbus 964 7759.

Upon making reservations notify Thore Edgren at 9674001 or [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net). If enough participating members are interested we can plan on dinner at 5:30pm in a Goleta restaurant.

## OPERA LOVERS

**Sunday, March 5**

### Lunch at LCCC & Opera

We will gather at noon at the La Cumbre Country Club for lunch, and from there will drive to the Granada Theater for a performance of The Cunning Little Vixen by Janacek at 2:30 pm. Humans and animals bump into one another in a moonlit Czech forest in this humorous and tender allegory about the circle of life. Filled with dancing dragonflies, talking frogs, a litter of fox cubs and some endearingly tipsy humans, this beautiful new production will warm the hearts and light up the faces of adults and children alike. Lunch & opera, \$92.00 in Section C, \$70.00 in Section D. Contact Fred Sidon for further information and send checks to him.

## GOURMET DINNER SBCC SAVE THE DATE

Our annual dinner prepared by the students of the Culinary Arts program as SBCC will be held on Friday evening, April 21. This event always sells out. Contact Harry Stroud for questions or early sign-up. (805) 653-5117

## LAST MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Ticket sellers were Bob Thompson and Steve Ebbin; Manny Espig managed the punchbowl. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Bill Alexander. Jack Patterson and Orlando Ramirez took care of the audio-visual electronics.. Curt Whitehead offered the invocation.

## WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimmels awarded a 2014 Page Mill Winery Sauvignon Blanc to Pete Kruse, and Ron Singer won a Henry Estate Winery 2014 Pinot Gris. Kevin Ryan drew the winning ticket for a free lunch.



## SPEAKER AT LAST MEETING



### Pierpont Morgan Hamilton and Operation Torch

Don Chalfant introduced Tim Metzinger, a partner in Santa Barbara's oldest law firm, Price, Postel and Pharma. He handles a wide range of civil litigation, including business, real estate and employment, as well as probate and estate disputes. An avid student of Santa Barbara history, he has served as Sheriff of the Santa Barbara Westerners and Historian of the Santa Barbara Club.

Tim Metzinger told the gripping story of Santa Barbara's Pierpont Morgan Hamilton, a descendant of Alexander Hamilton and John Pierpont Morgan, who earned the Medal of Honor in World War II.

The Nazi blitzkrieg had overwhelmed western Europe and driven the British back across the Channel from Dunkirk. But then the RAF denied air superiority to the Nazis and frustrated their invasion plans. The USSR attacked Germany and Hitler recoiled, attacking the USSR. Pearl Harbor brought America into the war.

The American strategy was to mount a direct assault on the continent. The British believed the allied forces were not yet strong enough. With a history of naval warfare and peripheral attack, they favored an initial campaign in French North Africa to protect the Middle Eastern oil fields, the

Suez Canal and the Mediterranean supply routes. That strategic choice prevailed.

Operation Torch, under the command of Eisenhower, had three parts: British attacks on Algiers and Oran, and an American attack on Casablanca. America's role recognized the French distrust of the British, the American recognition of the Vichy and our traditional friendship with France dating from the Revolution. The planners hoped that an American could persuade Vichy troops not to resist.

Hamilton, accompanied by the British Colonel Craw, was assigned to land with the first wave, find the French commander and negotiate a cease-fire. As the troop ships assembled for the landing, a passing French freighter radioed a warning. The shore batteries opened fire.

As the jeep carrying Hamilton and Craw rolled out of their landing craft it became stuck in the sand. The American ships began answering the French fire. Hamilton and Craw were being shelled from both sides.

Eventually, with some help they pushed the jeep onto a road. Without opposition, they drove past the Casbah, now a French fort, and between two columns of French troops—they waved, and one soldier waved back. When they came to a battery of French 75's Hamilton asked the officer in charge where he could find the commanding officer. The officer gave him directions.

En route a machine gunner killed Craw and the jeep crashed. Hamilton protested to the gunners that they had been travelling under a white flag. He was driven to the local commander where he was held pending orders from the general, sixty miles away.

In the meantime, the Americans were fighting their way inland. They captured the colonel who was holding Hamilton and told him to surrender to Hamilton. Hamilton then contacted the general and told him that American strength was overwhelming and Germany was the common enemy. The general tried to negotiate but Hamilton refused. Eventually, the general ordered a cease-fire and, the next day, surrendered.

The other Allied campaigns went more smoothly. The British drove across Africa and eventually captured 275,000 German troops.

General Carl Spaatz presented the Medal of Honor to Hamilton, who finished the war as a colonel. In 1948 he was promoted to brigadier general in the new U.S. Air Force and then to major general in the USAF Reserve. He became an executive of the Electronics Products Corporation in Santa Barbara and then the Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. He always told reporters that Craw was the hero of their story.