



# Crackers

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA INC.

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The independent members of the Committee will make a verbal report of their annual review findings to the Board.

We are enthusiastic about the new structure. First and foremost it meets the basic objective of ensuring that the Club's books and controls are being followed. In addition it provides the Treasurer with a forum to discuss issues and it helps with the recruitment of future Treasurers.

## Passing of Clayton H. Klakeg, M.D.

Julie Klakeg Crandall, Dr. Klakeg's daughter, notified the Cracker's Staff of his death in January. A retired Sansum Clinic cardiologist, Clayton Klakeg has been an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club for many years.

## The Board of Directors approved an incentive program 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.

## Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

## New Finance Committee

The Cosmo Board has replaced the Club's Auditor position with a new three member Finance Committee. The initial members of the Committee are **Joe Burns, Fred Marsh and George Surmeier**. The Committee has three responsibilities:

1. to provide the Treasurer with a forum to review the Club financial activities and issues;
2. to recommend candidates for the position of Treasurer to the Board;
3. to perform an annual review of the Club's records and controls.

## Website and Online Membership Roster

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.

### Dress Code

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

### NEXT MEETING

April 20, 2017

### THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA

**Candace Winkler** will be introduced by Charles Greene. Candace moved to Santa Barbara a year and a half ago to become the President and CEO of the **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara**. Prior to that she lived in Alaska and served for 5 years as the President and CEO of the Alaska Community Foundation. She has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Art History from Vanderbilt University and completed her graduate work at Columbia University, where she received an MPA from the School of International and Public Affairs and an MSW from the School of Social Work. Candace will be talking about the rising cost of attending college and the Scholarship Foundation's work to support local students pursuing higher education. She may also share a few fun facts about her 19 years living in Alaska.



May 4, 2017

### CONNECTING CHILDREN WITH GREAT MUSIC

Art Kvaas will introduce **Dr. Amy Williams**. In July of 2011, Amy joined the **Santa Barbara Symphony Association** as the Director of Education and Community Engagement. Amy received her Doctoral of Music Arts degree in 2007 from Ohio State University. Prior to moving to Santa Barbara, she was the Production and Education Manager with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra for four years, programming concerts and directing education and community outreach activities. For her talk, Amy will describe the different programs she oversees for the Santa Barbara Symphony's Music Educa-



tion Center. Using a sequential set of programs, students are guided from their first effort experimenting with an instrument through performing at a high level in the Youth Symphony. The Music Education Center is part of the Symphony's mission to teach children the connections between themselves, great music, and the world around them. Amy will also talk about how music education can teach children the skills they need to be successful in the 21st century.

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### DISCUSSION GROUP

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

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

May 18 Bob Weber: **What To Do About The Growing 'Useless 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](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, [jrsuject@aol.com](mailto:jrsuject@aol.com).



## GOLF

### April Tournament

**Monday, April 24 at the Santa Barbara Golf Club**



"The Muni." Time 10:15 first tee off. Putting contest starts at 9:15. Format is a four man scramble. Prizes: Lowest net score, first, second and third. Closest to the pin on two holes. Long drive contest on one hole. Putting contest. Entry fee is \$20 for prize money payable by cash to Bill Costello, Bill Veigele or make check payable to Cosmopolitan Golf Club of Santa Barbara. Regular green fees and cart pay at the course.

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 [rsiner916@aol.com](mailto:rsiner916@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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Ladies Day

**Thursday, April 20**

**(next meeting)**

Registration table will be at the April 20 Cosmo meeting.

Cost of the lunch:

Single: \$22

Couples: \$44

You may also register by mail. Address your check to Elks Club, memo line: Ladies Day, and mail to the club at:

P.O. Box 3993

Santa Barbara, CA 93130

Waiting until the day of the event is strongly discouraged.



## SBCC Gourmet Dinner

**Friday, April 21**

Harry Stroud has announced our annual dinner in memory of Ben Walsh and remaining WWII veterans.



We will convene at the John Dunn Dining Room the evening of April 21 to enjoy a meal prepared by the Culinary Arts students. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. The price is \$45 per person (including tax and tip), the same as last year. The entries will be salmon or braised short ribs.

Tickets are still available. Contact Harry Stroud (805) 653-5157.

## Lunch at LCC & Opera

**Sunday, April 30**

Event will start at 12:00pm at the LA CUMBRE COUNTRY CLUB with a buffet champagne brunch, followed by a 2:30 matinee at the Granada performance of Puccini's "La Rondine" (The Swallow).



Cost, all inclusive: Sect. C \$97.00 Sect. D \$74. Please make check payable to Frederick R. Sidon. Those interested can hand their check to Frederick at the April 20 meeting or mail it to:

P.O. Box 3983

Santa Barbara, CA 93130

## Cosmos goes to the Economic Summit!

**Tuesday, May 9**

Following the very popular presentation on March 16th by Prof. Peter Rupert about the Economic Forecast Project, we have been offered a very special opportunity for members of the Cosmopolitan Club to attend the Economic Summit on May 9th. **Rather than the \$200 per ticket, Cosmo members will be able to buy tickets at a mere \$35!**



**The Economic Summit** will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 8:30 - 11:30am at the Granada Theater. A breakfast reception will be available from 7:30 to 8:30am. Besides an economic update by Peter Rupert, the event will feature Esther George, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, as keynote speaker, a panel discussion by prominent economists, and a presentation by the celebrate futurist and inventor Pablo Holman.

To purchase tickets, write a check payable to UC Regents and mail it to:

UCSB Economic Forecast Project  
1119 North Hall  
UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3195

Also include with your check:

- A note indicating the number of tickets you desire, as well as your name, address, and email address.
- A stamped, self-addressed envelope that your tickets (actually a unique wrist band) can be sent back to you, thus avoiding a visit to the will call office.

**\*Note: This event is expected to sell out; therefore, you are encouraged to mail your check and reserve your tickets as soon as possible.**

### **Wine Tasting and Picnic – Gainey Winery**

**Tuesday, May 16**

We will gather at the Gainey Winery, Santa Ynez, at 11 a.m. for wine tasting and a picnic lunch on tables in the vineyard garden. Please bring a salad, entree or dessert to share. Reservations have been made for 20 participants. Guests are welcome. Cost of wine tasting and use of the venue is \$30 per person.

The winery is located at 3950 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez, near the airport. Carpooling is encouraged. To make reservations, send checks drawn to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, Ca. 93117. Thore's phone is 967-4001 and email is [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net).



### **Save The Date: Annual Picnic**

**Thursday, July 6**

This year's picnic will be at Manning Park, Area 9, starting at 11am. Cost: \$18/pp. Bring your own snacks and libations – great BBQ lunch at noon. Sign up at the next meetings or send your check, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B., to: Ron White with names of attendees as you wish them to appear on the name tags. Guests are welcome, the more the merrier!

### **PREVIOUS EVENTS**

#### **National Champion Tree Tour**

On Sunday, April 9, 13 Cosmo members, their families and friends joined 45 non-members on a Santa Barbara Airbus tour of 15 National Champion Tree sites in Santa Barbara County. The sojourn began in the courtyard of the Goleta Valley Community Center under the champion Australian Willow tree planted in 1927. Our next champion tree was in the future site of a Goleta park near Old Town where we viewed the huge Sycamore "Sister Witness Tree" 94 ft. tall and 52 ft. in circumference planted in the 1970's. Our next stop was the 125 ft. tall Torrey Pine in Carpinteria. A Montecito estate then sported a 39 ft. tall Dragon Tree in its courtyard planted in 1929.

The journey continued to five additional Santa Barbara tree sites and then to the San Marcos Wholesale Nursery on Hollister Avenue where we viewed a giant Strawberry Tree. Our tour ended on a farm in Gaviota, the site of an old Eucalyptus Grove planted in the late 19th century. The only remaining specimen was a Lemon-Scented Gum. Arborist Ken Knight conducted the tour which was a benefit for the charitable organizations Your Children's Tress and Your Children's Trees at UCSB.



## Cosmos at Sea!

On March 28, seven Cosmos, along with wives and guests, sailed for a ten-day cruise along the Baja Peninsula into the Sea of Cortez and down to Puerto Vallarta. Organized by Ron Singer, the stops included great golf courses as well as whale watching, historical tours and, of course, shopping.



Cosmo Jay Berger, guests James Alexander and Bart Kramer, along with Cosmo Franz Meier pause at La Paz. Players agreed that this Costa Baja Golf Club was the most challenging of the five great courses on the cruise. Others were Riverwalk at San Diego, Cabo Real at Cabo San Lucas, Loreto Bay at Loreto and Nicklaus Vidanta Nuevo at Puerto Vallarta.



Sundowner at sea for cruisers (from left) Sandy Jones, Jay Berger, guest Bart Kramer, Bev Singer, Ron Singer, guest James Alexander, Joni Berger, Franz Meier and Shari Meier.

## LAST MEETING: April 6, 2017

Ticket sellers were Manning Espig, Gerhart Hoffmeister and David Hughes. The punchbowl was manned by Dan Archer. Bob Weber, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez were the audio-visual crew. Ken Wolf was the Sergeant-at-Arms. Invocation was offered by Bill Alexander.

## Wine Drawing

The winners at this meeting were:

Faiz Ferzand won a 2015 Sauvignon Blanc from Starmont Vineyards in Napa.

Our guest speaker, Ron Skinner, took home a Vavasour 2011 Pinot Noir from New Zealand.



## Welcome Our Guests

**Henning Jensen**, hosted by Ron White, is a retired Corporate President and CEO. He moved to the United States in 1985 from Denmark to manage Worldwide Engineered Products. His interests are Bridge, Spanish literature and biking.

## Induction of New Member

**Allan Wolinski**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
Ph: (780) 908-4151  
Email: [allanwolinsky@gmail.com](mailto:allanwolinsky@gmail.com)

Allan was sponsored by Ron Singer and Mike Nutik. He and his wife Dalia relocated in Santa Barbara upon his retirement from his position as legal counsel for the government of Alberta, Canada in 1998. He enjoyed a career in law for 25 years following his formal studies in Political Science, Philosophy and Law. Allan has served as Chairman of YMHA and vice-president of the Jewish Community Centre as well as President of the Canadian Zionist Organization of Western Canada. His avocations include travel and reading and he is active in the sport of golf.



## **SPEAKER AT LAST MEETING**

### **Ron Skinner**

#### **Education Director of the Wolf Museum of Exploration and Innovation (MOXI)**



Dwight Coffin introduced the presenter, Ron Skinner, who discussed the new facility on lower State Street in Santa Barbara. The Wolf Museum of Exploration and Innovation (a.k.a. MOXI) features 25,000 square feet of space with interactive exhibits designed to help children learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

After obtaining a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering Physics, Skinner also earned a Master's of Science in Physics at University of California, Irvine. His research endeavors have included marine science fieldwork along the California Coast, theoretical plasma physics, and sustainable agriculture research on his own organic farm.

MOXI opened February 25th after 25 years of planning. Initially envisioned as a "hands on" children's museum, it projects will challenge students of all ages. Located in the Funk Zone between the Amtrak Station and Hotel Indigo, it towers three stories with a large turret topped by a glass pavilion. The museum has sought to remove all physical and cultural barriers to learning from the science dominated projects within.

The learning center began after a 25-million-dollar capital campaign and more than 25 years of planning from professionals, volunteers and a progressive board of directors. Dick Wolf, creator of the Television program, Law and Order, saw the potential of MOXI being a model for other cities to copy and modify to their needs. His multi-million-dollar donation was the largest gift to the center's capital campaign.

The museum guides – called Sparks – seek to ignite learning by sparking curiosity and creativity. They challenge guests to observe, explore, design, experiment and innovate.

To enable an evolving set of exhibits, MOXI is developing partnerships with businesses, schools and non-

profits with world changing ideas to be able to tell their story. Examples include: Dos Pueblos's Engineering Academy, 29th Century Fox, Cottage Hospital and Cox Communications.

There are three floors full of interactive experiences. Floor One features areas devoted to Sound, Fantastic Forces and Innovation. Light, Speed and Interactive Media occupies the second floor. On the top Third Floor are the Sky Garden and displays featuring natural elements plus views of the harbor, Stearns Wharf and the mountains. Five different scopes are mounted there to explore the environment of the Central California Coast.

Forty employees make up the museum's staff, plus over 90 volunteers. All are trained in particular fields to accommodate the learning needs of each Visiting Learner. MOXI is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Tickets start at \$14 for those over 13 years while children 12 and under may explore for \$10. Yearly memberships are available for dedicated students for weekly or more frequent exploratory visits.