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# Crackers

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## President's Announcements

President Jim Davis, acknowledged the incoming President, Harv Turner, and presented him a new gavel.

Jim acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance, as well as the prior Board. Harv Turner introduced the new officers and directors: Albert Mercado, Vice President; Chuck Curtis as continuing Secretary and George Surmeier as continuing Treasurer; and At Large Directors Dan Creasey and Bob Weber.



Past Presidents from left to right: Bill Stancer, Harry Stroud, Ron Singer, Don Chalfant, Ron White, and Jim Davis

Jim indicated that any updates on personal information for the roster should go to Don Chalfant as soon as possible. He also announced that Dennis Gaon can no longer chair the Marketing Committee, and the Board is looking for a new Chair.

## Membership Dues—June 30, 2017

Membership dues for the 2017-2018 fiscal year are due by June 30, 2017. Please send a \$60 check payable to the Cosmopolitan Club to our PO Box 3993, Santa Barbara, CA.

## In Memoriam of Harry Brown

The Abstract Art Collective is holding a sale of 100 paintings by Harry Brown for \$100 each, the proceeds of which will go to SEE (Surgical Eye Expeditions) International. Please consider supporting this important cause. Harry founded SEE International in 1974, which to date has helped correct cataract blindness for nearly half a million people in developing countries. For more details on how you can purchase these paintings, go to [abstractartcollective.com/see/](http://abstractartcollective.com/see/) or email [kate@seeintl.org](mailto:kate@seeintl.org)

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

## Dress Code

Members are no longer required to wear jackets for the current season.

**The Board of Directors approved an incentive program to help recruit new 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 the 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.

**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.

**NEXT MEETING: Annual July Picnic**

**Thursday, July 6**

This year's picnic will be at Manning Park, Area 9, starting at 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$18/pp. Bring your own snacks and libations – great BBQ lunch at noon. Send your check, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B., to Ron White at 6139 Manzanillo Dr, Goleta, CA 93117, with the names of attendees as you wish them to appear on the name tags. Guests are welcome, the more the merrier!

**If you wish to attend, please print and fill out the form on page 6 of this newsletter. Sign up before July 1st!**



**REGULAR EVENTS**

**DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Discussion Group meets once a month in the upstairs room immediately following regular luncheon programs. The future topic is as follows:

July 20, Jim Davis: **Are Multi-Culturalism and E pluri-bus Unum Reconcilable?**

August 17, Kevin Ryan: **Is Healthcare A Human Right?**

**BRIDGE**

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 p.m. If you would like to play, call Ed Loper 967-8630, [olive-loper@cox.net](mailto:olive-loper@cox.net).



**GOLF**

Mondays we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 a.m. 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.



**Upcoming Tournament**

The Second Half Price Mini Golf Tournament will be held on July 12 at Glen Annie. One member of each pair must have an Access card so all expenses are half priced. Contact Ron to play (see contact info above).

## 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 a.m. 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, [jrsujct@aol.com](mailto:jrsujct@aol.com).



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Musical Theater in Solvang—July 23

Bob Zimels and Thore Edgren have arranged an overnight trip to Solvang to see “Lend Me a Tenor”, a play that was a smash hit on Broadway several years ago. Price (per couple) will be \$300, for a single \$220, and will include a room with breakfast on Monday, theater tickets, and dinner prior to the Sunday night show at a nice, but not too fancy, Italian restaurant. The play is about an opera company where everyone is in love with someone else, and is one of the all-time funniest musical comedies. Please contact Bob Zimels (962-3211) or [zsloth@cox.net](mailto:zsloth@cox.net) if you'd like to join us. We have room for 10 more reservations (or 5 couples).

Note: It can get chilly at night so bring a jacket to the theatre



## LAST MEETING: June 15, 2017

Ticket sellers were Vern Hanna and Pete Klein. The punchbowl host was Gerhart Hoffmeister. The audio-visual team was Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Jack Patterson and Orlando Ramirez. Steve Scheaffer was sergeant-at-arms. A very moving personal invocation prayer was offered by Pete Kruse.

### Wine Drawing

Charlie Greene picked up a bottle of '14 Henry Estate Winery's Pinot Gris

Harry Stroud took home a bottle of Sid Ackert's Companeros '15 Chardonnay.



## Welcome Our Guests

Bill Berry introduced the guests.

Roger Kritz was hosted by Ron Singer. Roger owned and operated a creative stereo and video store on the South Coast. He now raises avocados. His interests are swimming and golf.

Jerry Jensen was hosted by Dwight Coffin.

## Proposed for Membership

**Jerry J. Jensen**

**507 Carriage Hill Court**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93110**

**Ph. 805.569.2575**

Sponsors: Dwight Coffin and Sandy Jones

Jerry Jensen is a retired Director of Administrative Operations for the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. After retiring he moved to Santa Barbara in 1991 and has lived here ever since with his wife Nancy. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army and has an MBA from Harvard. His interests include reading, travel, and art appreciation. He currently serves on the Docent Council at the Santa Barbara Art Museum.

# Induction of New Member

**Anne Marie Webber**

**2661 Tallant Road ME611**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

**Ph. 805-696-6841**



Anne is a retired registered nurse (RN) who has both worked and taught in the field of nursing for 25 years. After earning both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing, she went on to get her Doctor of Education and taught classes at Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington, California. Anne enjoys reading, travel, classical music, and community volunteering.

## **SPEAKER AT LAST MEETING**

**“The ‘New’ Santa Barbara Foundation: Solving Problems, Building Resilience, Unleashing Empathy”**

**Ron Gallo**



Ron Gallo has served the Santa Barbara community and county as President and CEO of the Santa Barbara Foundation since 2008. Prior to this, Ron served 15 years as the president and CEO of The Rhode Island Foundation, one of the nation's larger community foundations.

Dr. Gallo gave a powerful presentation of the mission and accomplishments of this great community foundation. He said its mission is to use every tool at its disposal to facilitate the building of philanthropy, strengthen the nonprofit sector, and identify and strategically address important community opportunities and needs. He indicated that philanthropy is not just the transfer of money, but, from the Greek, is the love of humankind.

Max Fleishman was the founder of the Santa Barbara Foundation in 1928 with a contribution of \$100,000. Now the Foundation's assets total almost \$350 million dollars, and a total of \$800 million has been distributed through the years!

The Foundation has created several initiatives, including two big programs, Caregiving and LEAF. The mission of Community Caregiving Initiative is to create a strong, resilient caregiving community ensuring safety and security for the aging population and those who care for them. He said there are over 70,000 caregivers in the county, and that is not their job title. It is very stressful. The Foundation has been given a grant by AARP of \$500,000 to retool the entire network, and to create a model. Its projects are community caregiving grants, research, and an atlas of caregiving.

The mission of LEAF is to strengthen community resilience by preserving and enhancing the landscapes and systems that sustain nature, human health and our economy. He said that hunger is a big problem in this county. Even UCSB has a food bank to feed students in need. He asked why should Santa Barbara have hunger, with much food produced here. He said 90% of the food we eat is imported, and 90% grown here is exported. It makes more economical sense to distribute locally. A report on this with 16 recommendations has just been published. LEAF projects are small grants, a food action plan, and a conservation blueprint. With the conservation blueprint, the entire county will be mapped, so that if you want to build at a particular location, you will know the opportunities and what to steer away from, such as endangered species.

Ron also said the Foundation works on empowering leaders and promoting nonprofit excellence. Nonprofits play a huge role in the quality of a community. If they went away, Santa Barbara would collapse. He applauded the generosity of the community. He said we need new leadership, and need to concentrate on the Latino population, which will be the majority population in the County.

The Foundation emphasizes responsive grant making including youth development, basic human needs, capital improvements, performing arts, pre-school scholarships, blood research, express grants, and programs for seniors. Part of the Michael Towbes estate will be devoted exclusively for the arts.

The Foundation has developed a series of pro-active programs: college and post-secondary scholarships in collaboration with the Scholarship Foundation, accelerator grants for transformative ideas, bringing excellence

to scale, and iconic capital campaigns, and mission-related investments, namely loans, guarantees and equity investments.

The Foundation is developing a new 5-year strategic plan, because of the shifting marketplace, recognizing the millennials, and also because of community resilience. He said big initiatives attract millennials and that Santa Barbara needs to be more business friendly. Many millennials are leaving for the Silicon Valley because the infrastructure is not here.

The Foundation has created a concierge service to philanthropy, including complicated gifts, resolving tax issues, working nationally to serve donors, supporting organizations, great stewardship, reasonable fees, and community knowledge.

Ron presented his Point of View: Unleashing the power of empathy, civil dialogue, embracing difference and commonality, and seeking solutions.



# 2017 COSMO PICNIC

THURSDAY, JULY 6th  
LOWER MANNING PARK

**\$18 per person**

**1100 am - Social Hour**

**1200 Noon - Pledge and Invocation  
followed by BBQ**

**\* BYOB  
and Appetizers!  
We furnish  
the Rest**

Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club of S. B.  
Bring friends and family, no cut-off date, but  
if you don't make your reservation by July 4th,  
the price jumps to \$20! Mail your reservations  
to: Ron White, 6139 Manzanillo Dr,  
Goleta, CA 93117 or pay at the next meeting.




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## COSMO CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July 6, 2017                      36th Annual Picnic                      \$18.00 per person  
Enclosed are checks totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Cosmpolitan Club for \_\_\_\_\_ persons  
**Cosmopolitan Club Members and Wives**                      **Guests**

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*(Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Nametags)*