



Crackers

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA INC.

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Reminder: Dues Are Past Due!

The membership dues for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were due June 30, 2017. If you have not done so already, as soon as possible, please mail a \$60 check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to our PO box 3993, Santa Barbara, CA 93130. You may also give your check to George Surmeier at the next meeting.

Independence Day Picnic 2017

Approximately 100 Cosmo members and guests gathered at Manning Park in Montecito for the annual Cosmo picnic. Highlights and pictures of this event can be found on page 3 (under LAST MEETING).

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; a "tab" will lead to the password-protected roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers.

Dress Code

Dress code is revised for the warm weather months to casual attire—no ties, jackets, or hats required.

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.

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.

NEXT MEETING

July 20, 2017

The Ensemble Theatre Company – An Expose (Now that I have your attention...)



Dwight Coffin will introduce Jill Seltzer, the current manager of the Ensemble Theatre Company in Santa Barbara. Over the course of her career, Jill has been in multiple high-level management positions in the entertainment, non-profit, and broadcasting industries. Highlights from her resume include Director of Marketing for the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, VP of Advancement for WBEZ Chicago Public Radio, and Executive Director of the SAG-AFTR Foundation in Los Angeles. Jill will discuss the past glories of the Ensemble Theater Company (this past season had the three largest-selling productions in the history of the ETC), as well as the upcoming season, beginning with securing the rights to re-work Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives" for the stage.

August 3, 2017

The Great American Total Solar Eclipse of 2017

Charles Greene will introduce Dr. Andrew Howell, who leads the supernova group at the Las Cumbres Observatory and is adjunct professor in the Department of Physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is the principal investigator of the Global Supernova Project, a worldwide collaboration to observe 1000 supernovae more intensely than has ever been achieved. He is a co-author of more than 180 scientific papers, and has been instrumental in the discovery of several new classes of supernovae, as well as the development of measurements for the properties of dark energy. Andy was previously involved with the Supernova Cosmology Project, whose leader, Saul Perlmutter, was awarded the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics for the co-discovery of the acceleration of the Universe.



Andy both appears on and hosts radio, television, and web shows about science for outlets such as National Geographic, The History Channel, and the BBC. He's co-creator, writer, and host of the show Science Vs. Cinema, whose episodes have been seen more than a million times online. For his talk Andy will explain the great American eclipse of August 21, 2017, including where it will be visible, what observers will see, and what is going on astronomically. Along the way he'll discuss great moments in eclipse history: times when eclipses have led to political or scientific shakeups, changing lives, and our understanding of the world.

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 pluribus 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, oliveloper@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 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. New members can use the website cosmogolfclubsb.com to register and sign up for additional news.



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 or Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, jsubject@aol.com.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Musical Theater in Solvang—July 23

Bob Zimels and Thore Edgren have arranged a trip to see "Lend Me A Tenor" on 23 July (Sunday) at 8 p.m. In addition to the show they have a dinner planned at a popular Italian restaurant and an overnight stay at a Solvang hotel. They have two extra tickets for the show (\$30 each), and room at the dinner table for two. If you would like to join them, get in touch with Bob Zimels ASAP (962-3211).

"Lend Me A Tenor" is a funny musical about the travails of a Cleveland opera company, where everyone is in love with someone else. It was a big hit on Broadway, several years ago.



LAST MEETING: INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC, JULY 6

President Harv Turner called the meeting to order with a patriotic reading and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Working offered the Invocation.



President Turner thanked the following persons:

- Faiz Faruki for the setup effort
- Bob Weber the use of his bull horn
- Ron White for serving as chairman of the event
- Our caterer Mike Cavelli
- Cora Danielson, who has accepted the role of Crackers Staff Editor



The catered meal featured barbecued tri-tip and chicken, rice and beans, macaroni, green salad and garlic bread. This feast was topped off with a generous serving of cake with topping.

The good food, balmy warm weather and the camaraderie were reminders to us that this event is one not to be missed.



Words to remember from President Turner's Call to Order:

As we are enjoying this day of celebration it is a good time to reflect on what Independence Day represents. The founders of our nation offered their reputations, their homes, their fortunes and, indeed their very lives, in the intrepid activity of rebellion against a tyrannical ruler. In their firm belief these men risked all that they owned and loved in sacrifice for their unalienable right to have a say in their lives and enjoy the blessings earned by their hard work and devotion to their families and their country.



Help us to be grateful for these liberties granted through divine providence and by the deeds of these faithful warriors and all of our valiant warriors who followed. Let us not be separated from our brothers by petty differences in how best to accomplish the goals of this great country, rather let us be drawn together in the knowledge that in our democracy, we may not always agree on what is best for our country but we owe it to those who protected our freedom to share our views with the respect for others as we would want them to respect ours.

