



# Crackers

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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.

### 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.

### Who Said That?

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."

- Mark Twain

### Cosmo Members Ailing

Gil Ashor continues his convalescence now at home with nutritional support from the Health Center at Valle Verde. He is hoping to begin attending the club's meetings by the end of September.

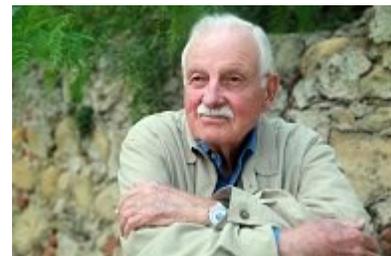
If you learn that one our members is ill or injured, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

### NEXT MEETING

**August 17, 2017**

### "Narrative: How it Works For and On Us."

Sandy Jones will discuss how we create stories to help us make sense of events, but how our narratives also shape the ways we experience our lives. Sandy is a long-time Cosmo member and Managing Editor of Crackers.



### 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.

**September 7, 2017**

**“The Future of Human Rights:  
Now More Than Ever”**

Dr. Alison Brysk, the Department Chairperson for the University of California, Santa Barbara Global Studies Program, will discuss the need for human rights in the 21st century. She will be introduced by Chuck Curtis.



People from Amazonian villages to Iranian prisons use human rights to gain recognition, seek justice and prevent mortality. In these challenging times, Dr. Brysk will explore how to reconstruct human rights in modern times.

Alison Brysk is the Mellichamp Professor of Global Governance at the UCSB. She has authored or edited eleven books on human rights, including "From Tribal Village to Global Village, Human Rights and Private Wrongs" and "Speaking Rights to Power". Brysk has lectured or been a visiting professor in Europe, Latin America, South Asia, South Africa and Australia.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**DISCUSSION GROUP**

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

August 17, Kevin Ryan: **Toward An Humane and Economically Feasible Healthcare System**

**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 at 967-8630 or email him at [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 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, [jrssubject@aol.com](mailto:jrssubject@aol.com).



**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. New members can use the website [cosmogolfclubsb.com](http://cosmogolfclubsb.com) to register and sign up for additional news.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT—SEPT. 11**

The next Cosmopolitan Club golf tournament will be held at the Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni) on Monday, September 11.

First Tee Off: 10:15 a.m.

Format: Scramble

All players will have a shot following the drive from the white tees. Each player must have at least three drives to be counted. Following the drive, each player will hit within one club length, but may not improve the lie, e.g. from the rough to the fairway. All will putt, first ball in cup hole is over.

There will be a prize for closets to the pin on Hole #2 or Hole #13.

After completing the round, all to gather at the usual meeting spot for the awards ceremony.

Fees: All golfers will pay their green fees at the pro shop.

\$10 Tournament Fee for Prize Money—give to Tournament Coordinators: John MacKenzie and Paul Fink.

For additional details, please contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsiner916@aol.com](mailto:rsiner916@aol.com).

Deadline to register: September 7

## COSMO GOES TO THE SYMPHONY

Granada Theater

November 19, 2017

By popular demand, classical guitarist virtuoso Pablo Sainz Villegas returns as the Santa Barbara Symphony's first ever Artist-in-Residence at the Granada Theater on November 18, 2017. He will perform Rodrigo's sensuous Concerto Aranjuez in addition to a concerto composed expressly for Mr. Villegas by fellow Spaniard Lorenzo Palomo. Other pieces on the program are:

Bizet: L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2

De Falla: El Amor Brujo Suite.

Art Kvaas has reserved a block of tickets down front in the Orchestra Section at half price (\$45). Tickets must be purchased by November 1st's Cosmopolitan's Club meeting from Mr. Kvaas.



## PAST EVENTS

### Musical Theatre in Solvang

On July 23rd, Bob Zimels and Thore Edgren arranged a trip to Solvang to see "Lend Me a Tenor," a musical that was a smash hit on Broadway several years ago. The trip included an overnight stay at a local hotel. Below is a picture of Cosmo members and their spouses at Cecco's Ristorante before the show. Special thanks to Bob and Thore for organizing this event!



From left to right: Bob Zimels, Bill Berry, Monica Berry, Shirley Baird, Thore Edgren, Grace Yoon, Ed Yoon, Harv Turner and Liz Turner.

## LAST MEETING: August 3, 2017

Ken Jewesson and Tom Boehme handled the ticket sales while the punchbowl host was Ed Booken. The audio-visual team was Bob Weber. Walt Clapp returned as Sergeant-in-arms. The invocation was provided by Pete Kruse.

### Cosmopolitan Club Recognition Award

Cosmo President Harv Turner called Crackers Managing Editor, Sandy Jones, to the podium. Sandy recognized Pete Kruse as our longest serving issues editor and presented him a framed caricature of himself at the keyboard, pounding out copy for Crackers. Pete was surprised and, remarkably, almost at a loss for words.

### Wine Drawing

Harv Turner won a bottle of '14 Klinker Brick Cabernet Sauvignon.



A bottle of Dutton Ranch "The Calling" '13 Russian River Chardonnay was taken home by Dr. Ed Yoon.

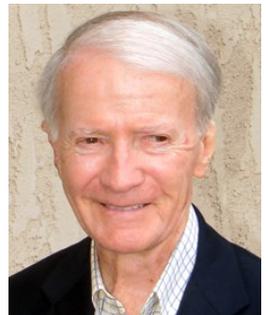
## Induction of New Member

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Sandy Jones introduced Cosmo's newest member, Jerry Jensen. Mr. Jensen was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He served as an engineer in the United States Army and had a 27-year career as a Rand Corporation consultant. He plays golf, serves as a docent for the Santa Barbara Art Museum and is writing a memoir of his life.

## LAST MEETING

August 3, 2017

### “The Great American Total Solar Eclipse of 2017”



Prior to the lecture, Sandy Seale provided the Cosmos Club members solar view safety glasses with the compliments of the Las Cumbres Observatory. She was then introduced by Charles Greene. Ms. Seale stressed the importance of using proper eclipse glasses to protect one's sight. Locally, the moon will block 63 percent of the sun at 10:18 a.m. on Monday, August 21st. Lake Cachuma and Santa Ynez are expected to be the best sites, without early morning coastal fog layer.

She introduced Andrew Howell, Ph.D., adjunct professor in the Department of Physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Howell is the principal investigator of the Supernova Project, a multinational collaboration to intensely observe over 1000 supernova.

This August 21st, people across the United States will view the sun disappear behind the moon. This will turn daylight into twilight, dropping the temperature rapidly and revealing streamers of light streaking through the sky around the moon's edges. However, only parts of America will fall under the path of the total solar eclipse, which will darken skies from Oregon to South Carolina along a band 70 miles wide. Those viewing along the path of totality will share an unforgettable experience last seen in this country in 1776.

The moon orbits an average of 239,000 miles from the Earth, which is the right distance to appear the same size in the sky as the much larger sun. During a total sun eclipse, the moon blocks the last beam of the sun's light allowing the sun's outer atmosphere, or corona, to become visible. This is seen as great jets and ribbons of light, twisting and curling out into the darkened sky. At most, the moon will completely cover the sun for two minutes and 40 seconds. Because the moon's shadow moves from west to east, totality will occur later in the day the farther east you travel on that date.

If you aren't able to view the eclipse this month, take heart. A total eclipse in 2024 will darken the skies above Mexico and Texas following a path through the Midwest and Northeastern United States. After the lecture, Dr. Howell led a lively question and answer session on the Total Solar Eclipse.