



Crackers

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President's Announcements

At the September 7th meeting the members present approved two changes to the Club's Constitution by greater than a 2/3 vote. These changes include the following:

ARTICLE II, Section 2, was amended by adding "Any form of solicitation is strictly prohibited."

ARTICLE III, Section 1. b., was amended by removing "Are substantially retired from a profession or business" and adding in lieu thereof "Have had a long career in a profession or business and is possibly retired or continues to work."

In Memoriam

In recent weeks, Cosmo has unfortunately experienced the loss of four members:

Dwight Coffin

Dwight passed away on September 1st and his memorial service was held on September 3rd. Dwight retired to Santa Barbara in 2001 and became a member of Cosmo in 2007. He was very active in the community, serving as board member for multiple organizations. A frequent volunteer to serve as a



Member Editor for Crackers, Dwight was good to Cosmo and his absence will be felt.

Bill Montag

Bill Montag passed away on August 23rd and his memorial service was held on August 26th. Bill had been a Cosmo since 1997. His service as Sgt-at-Arms for many years defined the position. Bill was a good friend with a great heart and he will be missed.



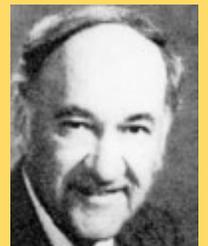
Dan Cross

Dan Cross passed away on August 20th at Cottage Hospital. Dan joined Cosmo in 1992 and served as Club President from 1999-2000. As of this publication, there is no word on the date planned for Dan's memorial service, but it is expected to be within the next few months at First Presbyterian Church. An email will notify members. Dan was a Cosmo leader and we mourn his loss.



Bob Talley

Bob Talley passed away on September 11th. His funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 11:00am on Monday, September 18th. Like Bill Montag, Bob had been a 20-year member of Cosmo, joining in 1997. Skipper of a minesweeper during the war, Bob had a distinguished career as a scientist and research center executive, and was an avid fly fisherman. His many Cosmo friends will miss him.



Cosmo Members Ailing

Gil Ashor continues his convalescence at home, but unfortunately his condition seems to be deteriorating.

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

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.

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?

“Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company.”
—Mark Twain

NEXT MEETING

September 21, 2017

“Leaving Plato’s Cave: A Constructive Relationship with Rising China”



Kevin Ryan will introduce his son, Eric, who is the founder and president of Ryan Security Technologies. His company has offices in Santa Barbara, Beijing and five other cities in China. Eric has been doing business in China for over 25 years, speaks Mandarin fluently and meets head-to-head with Chinese businessmen, government bureaucrats and government officials in the course of his business.

Eric has witnessed remarkable evolution in China, and will try to shed light on issues of U.S.-China trade, areas of tension between our two countries and each side’s perceptions of the other.

October 5, 2017

The speaker for October 5th is currently pending.

October 19, 2017

“The Mental Health of Seniors”

Thore Edgen will introduce J.T. Turner and Katerina Zamyatina. Both speakers will present their unique perspectives on the topic of mental health and aging.

Originally from Britain, J.T. Turner came to the US in the 1970s, earning his Master’s in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate University. He ran a residential and day treatment program in Los Angeles before moving to Santa Barbara in the mid 1990s to become the Executive Director of Phoenix of Santa Barbara (now Crescend Health), a non-profit mental health agency. J.T. is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.



Katerina Zamyatina is originally from Siberia, Russia and moved to the US at age 19. After earning her bachelor’s degree at UCSB, she then went on to earn her Masters in Organizational Management from Antioch University



“The Mental Health of Seniors” cont’d...

and completed the Healthy Aging program at SBCC. Katerina then went on to become a licensed administrator of residential care facilities for the elderly. She became the owner of Casa San Miguel in 2008 and has since opened 3 more care homes (Casa St. James, Casa Los Padres, and Casa Cambria) all in Santa Barbara.

Katerina and J.T.’s talk will focus on the mental health symptoms that often accompany aging, and how to cope with and overcome those symptoms, as well as on the resources and ways to age in a healthy way.

November 2, 2017

“Three Severe Electromagnetic Threats to the Electric Power System”

Charles Greene will introduce Dr. William A. Radasky, Ph.D., P.E. Dr. Radasky is the President and Managing Engineer for Metatech Corporation. He began his career in 1968 as an officer in the US Air Force, performing research that helped establish the threat level of high altitude electromagnetic pulse (HEMP). Later in his career, Dr. Radasky became the Program Manager for Metatech, during which time the company led the research in determining the threat to the US power system from HEMP. Dr. Radasky also served on the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in Geneva, Switzerland, to develop international standards in protecting commercial systems from electromagnetic threats. For his contributions to the field, the IEC awarded Dr. Radasky with the Lord Kelvin Medal in Seoul, South Korea.

Dr. Radasky’s presentation will focus on three severe electromagnetic threats to the US power grid, which include: a HEMP attack produced by the detonation of nuclear device in space; intentional electromagnetic interference (IEMI) produced by a nearby attack using new-technology electromagnetic weapons; and the exposure of the power grid from solar activity producing a severe geomagnetic storm on the Earth. His presentation will review the characteristics of each threat, a summary of how these electromagnetic fields can create upsets and damage to power grid components, and finally, how the power grid can be protected from each of these threats.



REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Sept. 21, Bob Weber: **What To Do About The Growing ‘Useless Class’? (Part 2)**

Oct. 19, Gordon Bjork: **Healthcare**

Nov. 16, Jim Davis: **Predicting Laws and Limits to Growth**

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.



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.



SPECIAL EVENTS

COSMOS GOES TO HAWAII

The Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara invites you and your friends to Hawaii: A trip you can't pass up! It's for golfers and non-golfers alike and will take place on the exciting the Kohala Coast, just off The Big Island!



COSMOS GOES TO HAWAII cont'd...

Dates: April 4—April 11, 2018 (7 Nights)

Cost: \$1,895 Per Person Guaranteed Deluxe Ocean View Rooms

Note: Airfare is not included with this package

This is what you get at this incredible price:

LODGING MAUNA LANI BAY HOTEL at the Mauna Lani Resort

Seven nights in one of Hawaii's most iconic beach-front hotels in guaranteed deluxe ocean-view rooms. Includes: complimentary parking, complimentary Internet, mini-fridge in every room, fitness center access and all applicable taxes.

COMPLIMENTARY ACTIVITIES : • Hula lessons • Bicycles to explore the resort • Jogger's amenity station • Historic tours of petroglyphs • Educational fish and turtle feeding tours • Twilight at Kalahuipua'a • Hawaiian weaving classes • Ukulele lessons • Floral lei making classes • Sand volleyball

CAR: ALAMO VEHICLES - Each double occupancy accommodation will select a 7-Day Alamo full-size or standard vehicle. Four persons may share one Alamo minivan. Also includes: unlimited miles, all applicable taxes/fees/surcharges and one additional driver at no additional charge.

GOLF: Four rounds of golf with shared cart, all applicable taxes, range balls and unlimited use of the practice facilities. Course selection: Mauna Lani South GC, Hapuna GC at Mauna Kea, Mauna Lani North GC, Mauna Kea GC GOLF HAWAII CARD included for additional discounted golf and the "Spirit of Golf" Academy, as well as spa & dining benefits.

NON-GOLFER BENEFITS: Non-golfers will receive a special three-day spa package at the sensational Mauna Lani Spa, and the Grand Circle Island bus tour.

FOOD & BEVERAGE: This group package includes a four-course dinner at one of Hawaii's finest restaurants—Red Water Café. Taxes and basic gratuities are included, but not alcoholic beverages.

PRICING (confirmed as of Sep. 2017): Prices are per-person/double-occupancy: 7-Nights: \$1,895 [air additional] guaranteed deluxe ocean view room.

Suggested flight to book:

April 4, 2018 Leave

Hawaiian Air Lines: Flight 61 Los Angeles to Kona Non-Stop Leave 11 AM Arrive 2:05 PM.

April 11, 2018 Return

Hawaiian Air Lines: Flight 62 Kona Hawaii to Los Angeles Leave 3:35 PM Arrive 11:55 PM

Package for Singles: Singles will be lodged in Premium 2- or 3-bedroom condo/villa units on or near the Mauna Lani Resort at a price commensurate with the double-occupancy price for those lodging in the hotel. Each single will have a spacious private bedroom with bath.

Deposit of \$295 pp required to hold space • Balance \$1,600 due Feb. 1, 2018 • Cancellation penalties will apply thereafter.

Not included: Air, vehicle insurance and fuel, room and golf gratuities, golf beyond four scheduled rounds, and food and beverage beyond one dinner

Need your commitment by December 1, 2017. We have minimums that we must meet for this incredible price!

To reserve your spot:

1. Make a \$295 deposit check to the Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara.
2. Mail your check to Ron Singer at 3375 Foothill Rd, #916, Carpinteria, CA 93103.
3. Include the following information with your check:
 - First and last name
 - Address
 - Email
 - Designating whether you are a golfer/non-golfer

For more information, please contact RON SINGER at 805-455-4942 or email him at Rsinger916@aol.com.

We hope you can join us for this amazing experience!



AIR BUS SPECIALS

The Santa Barbara Airbus has many 1 day events to interesting venues in So. Cal. In the past many Cosmo members have taken advantage of Airbus events. If you are interested in any of the following events check out sbairbus.com for details. To reserve by phone, call 964-7759.

Thurs. Oct. 19, 2017 Santa Anita Race Track (lunch included) \$77

Thurs. Dec. 7, 2017 Hearst Castle and Morro Bay (buffet dinner included) \$117

Mon. Jan. 1, 2018 The 128th Annual Rose Parade (breakfast and grandstand seating included) \$179

If you are interesting in the charging LA Dodgers, there are many day trips. Check out the Airbus website for information.



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.



Proposed for Membership

Donald Simons

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Ph. 805.770.8535

Sponsors: Joe Abram and Vern Kemp

Donald is a retired lawyer who moved to Santa Barbara in 2017. Before his retirement in 2010, Donald was a partner and managing partner for the law firm Tyre Kamins in Beverley Hills and Century City. He has been a member of the American Bar Association and served as President of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation. In recognition of his service to his profession, he has been the recipient of numerous leadership awards.

An alumnus of both USC and UCLA, Donald continues to have an interest in academic subjects such as literature and foreign policy. His other hobbies include gardening, hiking, running, golf, yoga and tai-chi.

Donald hopes to become a contributing member to Cosmo. He has served on numerous committees and organizations, from Town Hall Los Angeles to the SAGE society, a learning-in-retirement organization.

Michael "Mike" McGinnis

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Santa Barbara, CA 93110

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Sponsors: Jim Davis and Albert Mercado

Mike lives in Santa Barbara with his wife and four daughters and currently serves as an Associate Vice President and Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley. He enjoys reading, running, and golfing. While not yet retired, Mike is interested in joining Cosmo for the camaradery and hopefully the chance participate in the Club's Golf Committee.

LAST MEETING: September 7, 2017

President Harv recognized the contribution of Cosmo members is preparing for and staffing the meeting to the applause of the membership: including ticket sellers Walt Clapp and Kent Cullen; Punchbowl host Ken Jewesson; Sergeant-at-Arms Vern Kemp; and audiovisual team Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Jack Patterson and Orlando Ramirez.

LAST MEETING: September 7, 2017 cont'd...

Ken Working presented the invocation which included a reference to Dwight Coffin as a good scout who left the campsite in better shape than he found it. Curt Whiteman reported on the deteriorating condition of Gil Asher, and the deaths of Dwight Coffin, Dan Cross, and Bill Montag.

Wine Drawing

Ex Pres. Jim Davis won a bottle of '14 Babcock Sauvignon Blanc. Bill Van Horn took home a bottle of '11 Buttonwood Santa Ynez Valley Merlot.



Welcome Our Guests

Manny Espig presented the three guests:

Don Simons (see: Proposed for Membership section) was the guest of Joe Abrams.

Doug Burbank, a Geology professor at UCSB, was the guest of Gordon Bjork.

Betty Oberacher, pianist and USC Professor, was the guest of Bill Berry.

LAST MEETING

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, discussed the need for human rights in the 21st century, after she was introduced by Chuck Curtis.



Dr. Brysk described how the concept of human rights is one with which the United States has been intimately involved since the US Declaration of Independence, which states in part **“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”** Recently, these rights have been discussed in the context of “war crimes”, and “crimes against humanity” in order to provide a broader

base than just US Political philosophy as the basis for rights of all humanity. Brysk asserts that other sources for such rights include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International covenants regarding Civil and Political matters, Treaties, Regional Institutions such as the EU or OAS, National Constitutions or Charters, International tribunals, Diplomacy, Sanctions and aid and social movements and campaigns.

The problem with all of the above is that not every government or political power has adopted or is willing to enforce rights and that the exact definition of such rights is not universally agreed upon. The questions to be considered include exactly **who is a human with such rights** (does this include an unborn child, a refugee/and or foreigner, or member of a hated minority or cult), **what is the exact nature of the rights** (is an action of enhanced interrogation a legitimate self defense measure or does it constitute torture, is a protestor a “freedom fighter” or a “terrorist”) and **who is responsible if a particular right is not recognized and how can any such right be vindicated if the local government or political power is not willing to do so** (governments or political powers are not generally amenable to interference in their affairs (sovereignty) by outside powers). This is particularly difficult if that government/power is the entity that is abusing such right or not recognizing it.

Brysk suggests the following should be considered as a way to move forward towards recognition and implementation of human rights world wide; consider four hands. The first hand is to recognize the gaps in human rights caused by sovereignty, citizenship and security that presently exist. The second hand is to seek expansion of human rights by mobilization of opinions, adoption of norms and implement of enlightened mechanisms. The third hand is to contest the status quo with actions to create solidarity, enact favorable laws and implement constructive pathways. The fourth hand is to recognize activities where human rights are declining, including declining democracy (Turkey), actions which are counter cosmopolitan or pursue illiberal hegemony (Russia).

In the end Brysk suggests the tools to use to overcome resistance to human rights, namely include words of empathy and interdependence, to follow the money, to use the right tools for the job, to stick together and form coalitions and to keep moving.