

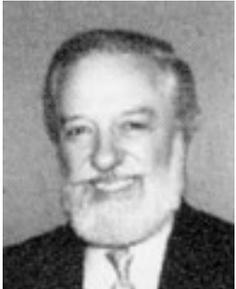


# Crackers

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## NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS FOR YEAR 2018-2019

In accordance with our bylaws, the nominating committee has obtained board approval for the following slate of nominees for board positions for the upcoming year of July 2018 through June 2019, and it is published in this issue of Crackers. The election of officers will be held at our second March meeting.

At our March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the list of nominees will be read aloud and additional nominees may be made by the members in attendance. Should you wish to make such a nomination be sure to have the nominee's permission in advance.

For President:	Albert Mercado
For Vice-President:	Ted Ross
For Secretary:	Bob Weber
For Treasurer:	George Surmeier
For Member-at Large -1:	Paul Coyne
For Member-at Large -2:	Ed Bookin

As provided in our bylaws, the current President, Harvey Turner, will assume the Board position of Past President.



## Notice: Revision of Free Lunch Practice

In an effort to streamline the issuance of the free guest luncheon, tickets the following procedure will be introduced.

The president will pre-approve a number of luncheon chits and give these to the guest-intro desk manager. In order for a qualified guest to receive this chit, he/she will fill out the guest form with their sponsor. The guest desk manager will then make a determination regarding the guest's general qualifications for eligibility to become a member and, if favorable, provide the guest with the chit with their name on it and the name of their host/sponsor. Also, at this time, the guest desk manager should provide each of the qualified guests with a brochure and an application for membership.

As the practice states, if the guest attends the following scheduled luncheon meeting and hands in a completed application, they are entitled to a second lunch chit for that meeting. This lunch pass will also be issued in the same manner as the first.

As in the past, a new member is provided with a lunch chit at his/her new member introduction and will be seated at the president's table with their primary sponsor. This ticket will be provided by the President. In all cases, the ticket sellers must understand that no lunch tickets will be provided without cash, check or signed lunch chit.

## Cosmo Members Ailing

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

### Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CosmoClubSB/>. You can also find a link to it on our homepage.

All posts will be public, so that even members who have not yet joined Facebook can see our posts; however, if you have already joined Facebook, be sure to “like” our page and “share” our posts.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Editorial Assistant Cora Danielson at [cora.danielson@gmail.com](mailto:cora.danielson@gmail.com).

### 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

The dress code going forward will be California Casual. Jackets and ties are always welcome, let the weather be your guide.

### Who Said That?

“Whoever named it necking is a poor judge of anatomy.”

—Groucho Marx



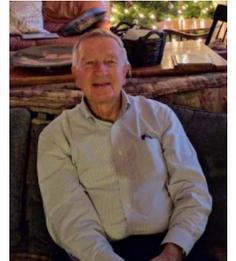
### NEXT MEETING

March 1, 2018

### “Healthcare and the Economy”

Kevin Ryan will introduce Gordon Bjork, PhD, and Daniel N. Ovadia, MD, MPH. Each will offer his perspective and research on issues facing American healthcare policy today.

Bjork has been a member of Cosmo since 2005. Prior to retirement he was the Jonathon B. Lovelace Professor of Economics at Claremont McKenna College. He has been a consultant to many private and public organizations. His last book is, “The Way It Worked and Why It Won’t: Structural Change and the Slowdown of U.S. Economic Growth,” Praeger, 1999.



Ovadia has been a sole practicing orthopedic surgeon in Santa Barbara since 1985. He has had an interest in healthcare policy for many years, having developed a relationship with Stanford’s renowned healthcare economist Alain Enthoven. In 2016, Ovadia completed a Master of Public Health program at UCLA.



For his portion of the talk, Bjork will present an overview of the Health Services Sector of the American economy. He will talk about its increase in relative size as a function of demographics, technology, and rising incomes. He will draw some contrasts with the systems of other advanced economies. He will outline possible changes, including a major expansion in Health Savings Accounts, expansion of Medicare coverage, shifting of Medicaid administration to the states, and changes in the organization of employer offered plans.

Ovadia will focus on the basic underlying principles of the ACA (Affordable Care Act or Obamacare) and how Republican opposition has attempted to undermine these. He will discuss the breakdown of healthcare spending in the US, particularly in light of the anticipated nearly doubling of Medicare recipients by 2030. He will also review a recent NYT article that compares the best healthcare systems in the world. Finally, he will offer his own solutions to America’s healthcare ills.

**March 15, 2018**

**“Understanding (A Few) Climate Change Basics”**

Kevin Ryan will introduce Chris Whan. Mr. Whan provides environmental consulting services and is an adjunct faculty member at UCSB Extension.



He received his bachelor and masters degrees from the Department of Atmosphere Sciences at U.C. California, Davis. As a young atmospheric scientist, he spent 13 months at the Geographic South Pole Station in Antarctica. Mr. Whan has spent much of his career focusing on wind and solar energy development, air quality, environmental compliance, and greenhouse gas assessment. Mr. Whan recently visited China as corporate lead in a UCSB exchange program with Nanjing University in sustainable community-scale energy solutions.

Mr. Whan will discuss some of the key elements for understanding climate change, along with possible solutions for creating a sustainable future.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**DISCUSSION GROUP**

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

March 15, Dan Creasy: **The Limitations of Quality Assurance in Healthcare**

April. 19, Gerard Kuiken: **The Philosophy of Oneness**

May 17, Jim Davis: **A True Faustian Bargain: Controlling Evolution**

June 21, Gordon Bjork: **Intergenerational Transfer**

**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.

**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, [jsubject@aol.com](mailto:jsubject@aol.com).



**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Lunch at LCC & Opera**

**Sunday, March 4**

Opera Santa Barbara presents “Il Barbiere di Seviglia” (The Barber of Seville) by Rossini on Sunday March 4th at 2:30 p.m. Fred Sidon is forming a group of Cosmo members, along with the Italian Cultural Heritage Foundation and the French, so that group rates can be obtained. There will be a lunch at the La Cumbre Country Club at noon, Sunday, March 4th, followed by the opera. Lunch including opera tickets is at \$70 in Section D and \$98 in Section C of the Granada. Please let Fred know your choice as soon as possible. E-mail: [frsidon@impulse.net](mailto:frsidon@impulse.net)



**LAST MEETING: February 15, 2018**

Bob Thompson and David Hughes were ticket sellers. The punchbowl host was Ken Jewesson. Vern Kemp performed the sergeant-at-arms duties. Bill Alexander, Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez did the audio-visual duties. Bill Alexander gave the invocation.

# Welcome Our Guests

Jim Davis introduced six guests

Ed Dewey is a retired Army Colonel and executive. His host was Bill Stancer

Charlie Radaz, hosted by Fred Sidon, is a retired member of Vandenberg flight test operations

Stan Schlosser, a retired engineer, was hosted by Joe Abram.

Bruce McKaig is a retired member of the Santa Barbara emergency force. Bruce's host was Albert Mercado.

Pete and Molly Deverett, a physician and aerobics instructor, were hosted by Steve Little.



tion of these planets and how reflex motion—the “wobbling” of a star caused by the gravitational pull of its planet-- indicates the presence of a planet. This measurement is most effective where the mass of the planet relative to the star is enough to cause measurable motion of the star.

From detection, the next steps are confirmation and characterization. A method known as transits can, under the right conditions, provide information regarding the planet's orbital characteristics. A transit is the change of the host star's brightness as the planet passes in front of it. Related to this measurement is the modulation of the star's velocity caused by the planet's gravitational pull which can be measured by the spectral shift caused by the star's radial velocity. Orbital characteristics, atmosphere and mass are important parameters in the characterization of an exoplanet.

The Kepler spacecraft, because its instrumentation and its ability to be accurately pointed at a portion of the universe, has produced a major increase in the number of exoplanet detections. Currently, over 3000 detections have been reported. Dr. Street's lecture concluded with highlighting the enthusiasm in the astrophysics community for these discoveries of new worlds.

## LAST MEETING

**February 15, 2018**

### “Searching for New Worlds”

Sandra Seale introduced Dr. Rachel Street, Project Scientist at the La Cumbre Observatory in Santa Barbara. A native of the UK, Dr Street



received her Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. She then performed post-doctoral work at the Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland where she was awarded the PPARC Post-doctoral Fellowship for work on the Super Wasp Project. In 2007, she joined the staff of La Cumbre Observatory where she is involved in the research of exoplanetary systems.

Dr. Street's lecture described research to discover and characterize planets of stars outside of our solar system. This subject enjoys world-wide interest because of the possibility of discovering planets like our earth that could support life as we know it. She described planet formation theory as applied to our solar system and its application to exoplanets. She then described the detec-