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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.

ELECTED BOARD OFFICIALS FOR 2018-2019

The following slate of new officers was unanimously selected by members at the March 15 meeting:

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

To streamline the issuance of the free guest luncheon tickets, the president will pre-approve a number of luncheon chits and give these to the guest-intro desk manager. A qualified guest will fill out the guest form with the sponsor. The guest desk manager will determine the guest's eligibility and provide the chit with his/her name on it and the name of the host/sponsor. Also, at this time, the guest desk manager will provide each guest with a brochure and an application for membership.

If the guest attends the following scheduled luncheon meeting and hands in a completed application, he/she is entitled to a lunch chit for that meeting.

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

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;

Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers. A tab will lead to the password-protected roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers.

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

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?

“The mere title of lawyer is sufficient to deprive a man of public confidence.”

—John Adams, 1787



NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2018

“Saving Santa Barbara’s Unique Landscapes: Strategic Conservation, Not Accidental Preservation”



Chet Work will introduce us to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County and its 30-year history of local conservation. The Land Trust has conserved more than 27,000 acres across the county and has recently worked with other organizations to complete a strategic community conservation plan. For his talk, Chet will describe the incredible natural resources in our county and the efforts to conserve them.

Chet has been with the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County since 2014. Prior to moving here, Chet spent ten years working with the Nature Conservancy and a

leading regional land trust to ensure that family farms and ranches in Wyoming and Idaho continued to thrive in a landscape that has been under significant development pressure. He holds a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University and conducted post-graduate study in natural history and environmental education at the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming. Chet received a prestigious Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship. He is a graduate of the rigorous Executive Leadership Program through the Land Trust Alliance, the umbrella organization for the 1,700 land trusts through-out the country.

Chet was raised in Colorado and moved several times in his youth. He claims the one consistent thing he had across all the locations where he lived was the outdoors.

His passion for fishing, hiking and exploring the world around him built a land ethic and an understanding of the importance of open spaces and habitat. He is an avid fly-fisherman and birdwatcher, but he enjoys spending the majority of his free time exploring the local mountains and tide pools with his wife Leigh and three young children. “My passion for conservation is fueled by a desire to see my children enjoy the same wildlife, open space, and scenic views I have enjoyed throughout my life.”

April 19, 2018

Ocean Acidification: A Challenge to Marine Organisms and to People

Karl Hutterer will introduce Dr. Gretchen Hofmann, a marine biology professor at UCSB. Dr. Hofmann will discuss how the increasing absorption of CO₂



from the atmosphere causes a rise in the acidity of ocean waters. This phenomenon, together with the warming of oceans as part of global warming, represents a significant challenge to marine organisms, which are finely tuned to specific ranges of pH levels and temperature. Understanding these challenges and responding to them is important for us, since the health of the ocean is of vital interest to humans.

Dr. Hofmann’s research focuses on diverse marine organisms, from kelp to fishes, as they face increasing acidity in the oceans. She and her students have conducted extensive research in the coastal waters of Cali-

fornia and Antarctica. Dr. Hofmann is considered one of the top world experts on ocean acidification. She has made a name for herself through her commitment to communicating her research to broad audiences and sharing her results with groups that make decisions about ocean change in California.

May 3, 2018

“No Thanks, Mom...The Top Ten Objects Your Kids Do Not Want (And What To Do With Them) ”

Professional appraiser, Elizabeth Stewart, will speak on the subject of her recent book entitled *No Thanks, Mom...The Top Ten Objects Your Kids Do Not Want (And What To Do With Them)*. Dr. Stewart has been an appraiser for 30 years, and she enjoys hosting the Arts and Antiques Radio show on KZSB AM 1290 Santa Barbara every Friday at 10:00 a.m.



A concise guide for parents of millennials, *No Thanks, Mom...* offers sage advice on what to do with those objects ‘saved’ but not welcomed by the next generation.

Dr. Stewart had undergraduate education in Architectural history at Tufts University followed by a Master’s degree in Historic Preservation from University of San Diego and doctorate in Mythological Studies from Pacifica Graduate Institute. She is certified member of the Appraisers’ Association

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

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 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, jrsubject@aol.com.



Induction of New Members

Judith Fontana & Phillip Holland
259 Moreton Bay Lane, #2
Goleta, CA 93117

Judith and Philip are a husband and wife couple who were officially inducted as new members at the March 15 meeting. Their co-sponsors were John Warnock and Jim Stubchaer.

Judith Fontana is a retired registered nurse. She worked in her profession for 30 years before finally retiring as the Director of Nursing at Goleta Valley Hospital. She enjoys sailing, hiking, RV travel, choral singing, music, drama, film, and book clubs. She is also currently a member of the Santa Barbara Humanist Society. Through Cosmo Judith hopes to learn from educational speakers, meet new and interesting people, and encourage female participation.



Induction of New Members cont'd...

Philip Holland is a retired civil engineer who also worked in his professional field for 30 years. His last position involved working as a civil engineer/hydrologist for the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District. He has been a member of the American Public Works Association (APWA). He enjoys sailing, hiking, and RV travel. By joining Cosmo, Philip looks forward to hearing stimulating speakers and socializing with current members. He is also interested in giving his own talk, describing his experiences with offshore sailing in the Pacific.



LAST MEETING

March 15, 2018

“Understanding (A Few) Basics of Climate Change”

Kevin Ryan introduced Craig S. Whan, who gave members an overview of the atmospheric conditions and changes taking place on and around our planet. Mr. Whan explained how we can be comforted by the fact that Mars and Venus have a CO₂ atmosphere of 95% and 96% respectively, compared to the only 0.04% in Earth's atmosphere. This low percentage, however, is mitigated by the fact that the Earth's protective veil, which is designed to keep us warm but is also ultra thin, is regularly attacked by solar rays, emissions/reflections from Earth, evaporation, and the absorption of greenhouse gasses (e.g. methane). In the late 19th century, Swedish Nobel Prize winning scientist, Svante Arrhenius, predicted that increases of CO₂ in the atmosphere could well increase temperatures on the planet. American scientist Charles David Keeling doubled up on that and came up with the “greenhouse effect” and “global warming”. The combination of increased methane and CO₂ has a deleterious effect on the earth's atmosphere, as confirmed by the 10,000 year old chart Mr. Whan produced for his talk.



What to expect and what to do? Mr. Whan suggested there would be more weather extremes, warming, sea level rises and acidification, extinction of species (not humans) political and social unrest. On the “what can we do about it all” side, mitigation, or reducing the impact, is unrealistic, so the alternative is “adaptation” which translates to “grin and bear it”, possibly buy an electric car. Many charts corroborated the speaker's findings and suggestions.

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David Hughes and Manny Espig were the ticket sellers and the punchbowl host was Kent Cullen. Walt Clapp performed the sergeant-at-arms duties. Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez did the audio-visual duties. Pete Kruse gave the invocation.

Special Events Committee

Members of the Special Events Committee also met on March 15th and planned the following events for the upcoming year:

1. May 4th (Fri.) 2018, Ben Walsh and Veterans Memorial Dinner, SBCC. Harry Stroud, Chair.
2. June 2018, Wine Tasting. Small Bus Tour and Lunch, Los Olivas. Thore Edgren, Chair.
3. Nov. 2018, SB Symphony. Art Kvaas, Chair.

More events are currently being researched by members of the committee, but if you have any suggestions please contact Thore Edgren at theman3@cox.net.

Welcome Our Guests

Bob Logan introduced the following guests:

John Kelley, hosted by Bill Stancer, is an architect, UCSB graduate, California native, father, grandfather, and active member of the Citizens Climate Lobby

Octavio Moreno, hosted by Edward Yoon, is a nursery student with an interest in caregiving.