



# Crackers

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## Special Guest Day—May 3, 2018

Cosmo will be hosting Special Guest Day on May 3rd. This event replaces the annual Ladies Day; gender is no longer a condition for attending. Members are encouraged to invite their spouses, family members, or friends to this meeting. Guests will enjoy a nice lunch and attend a talk given by Elizabeth Stewart. (Ms. Stewart is a professional appraiser and local radio host — see more details about her talk in this issue.)

Please sign up at the April 19th luncheon meeting, indicating the name(s) of guests you will be bringing. As we are a bit tardy with this invitation, we will extend the sign-ups to May 1st. If you are not able to come to the next meeting, please phone John Warnock at (805) 965-4235 to pre-register.

Payment is due no later than May 3rd. Checks are to be made payable to SB Elks, \$22- for one and \$44- for two. We hope to see you there.



## 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).

## 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.

### 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 our members is ill or injured, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833, [whiteman@westmont.edu](mailto: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?

"It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love."

—Stephen Hawking



### NEXT MEETING

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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 California 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

### May 3, 2018—Special Guest Day

### "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



**May 17, 2018**

### **The International Space Station**

Chuck Curtis will introduce Albert Mercado. During the 1980s, Albert was involved in the initial studies for the configuration and communication for the International Space Station (ISS). Orbiting around the earth, the ISS is the most complex international scientific and engineering project in history and the largest structure (size of a football field) humans ever put into space. This high-flying satellite is a laboratory for new technology and an observatory platform for astronomical environmental and geological research.

Permanently occupied by astronauts, the station serves as a stepping stone for further space explorations, including future trips to Mars. ISS orbits at an average altitude of 248 miles above earth at the speed of 17,500 mph circling the globe every 90 min.

Albert's presentation will include the development, design and assembly of ISS, the different types of modules which comprise the structure, as well as the self-sustaining qualities of the station. Among the modules which make up the structure we will learn about the laboratories, as well as the living quarters for the astronauts, which include the eating, sleeping and bathroom facilities. Extended space and weightlessness effects on humans will be discussed as well as emergency evacuation procedures. Other topics to be covered include the voice and audio communication, with the ground, space transportation as well as astronauts performing space walks or External Vehicular Activity (EVA).

Albert Mercado has a BSEE, MSEE and completed his PhD course work at UCLA. He spent 40 years on different government space and satellite projects. Albert has been a member of Cosmo since 2007.

### **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](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**

Because of painful arthritis in his hands, Harry Stroud has resigned from playing and leading our tennis group. They play doubles four times a week on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue behind the office buildings. The Cosmo Group starts rallying at 7:45 AM. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All Club tennis players are invited. Contact Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, [jsubject@aol.com](mailto:jsubject@aol.com) or Joe Abram at (805) 845-8579, [jabrammd@gmail.com](mailto:jabrammd@gmail.com) for additional information.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **SBCC Gourmet Dinner**

**May 4, 2018**

For over 20 years, the Santa Barbara City College has had an annual dinner in memory of Ben Walsh and other military veterans. This year's dinner will take place in the John Dunn Room of SBCC, Friday evening, May 4th. Doors open at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6 PM.

Entrees are top sirloin or salmon with the cost set at \$45 per person. These special dinners are prepared by the Culinary Arts students. Please contact Harrison Stroud at 805-653-5117 for further details.



## LAST MEETING: April 5, 2018

Don Simon and Julio Veyna sold the tickets while Gerhart Hoffmeister manned the punchbowl. Sergeant-at-Arms was Walter Clapp. Bob Weber, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramiriez shared the Audio-Visual duties. Invocation was given by Bill Alexander.

## Welcome Our Guests

Gerard Kuiken introduced a new guest attending the April 5th meeting, Bryan Bahman, the former general manager of the La Cumbre Country Club. His interests are dancing, golf and tennis.

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April 5, 2018

### "Saving Santa Barbara's Unique Landscapes: Strategic Conservation, Not Accidental Preservation"

Chet Work, an environmentalist and natural history specialist, was introduced by Sandy Seale and spoke to the club regarding the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, detailing its 30-plus years of local conservation. Work earned a master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University and did postgraduate studies in environmental education at the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming.



Prior to joining the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County as the executive director in 2014, Chet was involved with a leading regional land trust ensuring that family ranches in Wyoming and Idaho continued to thrive despite developmental pressures.

A private, non-profit agency, The Land Trust is funded by individual donations, foundations and grants. They work with willing landowners desiring to preserve their family lands for those who value open space, preserving nature and agriculture with access for recreation. Over 9,000 acres of Santa Barbara County has been set aside for hiking, biking, dog walking and horseback riding. In addition, over 16,000 additional acres have been permanently saved from commercial use. School children are encouraged to participate in their free Arroyo

Honds Preserve Environmental Education Program.

Local conservation sites include: The Carpenteria Bluffs, Puresima Hills easement, Midland School, Hibbits and Las Cruces Ranches and the Franklin Trail. One of over 1700 Land Trusts in the United States, the Santa Barbara Trust has 12 employees and a budget of one million dollars.

Mr. Work's presentation was well illustrated by many colorful photos of the properties covered by the local Land Trust. After the stimulating lecture, a question and answer session followed as members demonstrated their concern to preserve some of nature's bounty.