

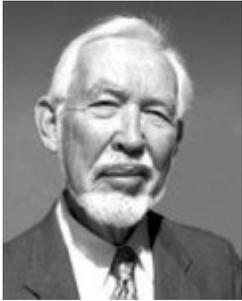


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Special Guest Day—May 3, 2018

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. (See more details about her talk in this issue — we have it on good authority that she is a marvelous storyteller and a wealth of information on inherited articles.)

Update: your board has negotiated with the Elk's kitchen to enjoy the usual non-event hot meal or salad bar combination rather than the prepared salad plates that we had traditionally been serving at this annual event. Also, we have removed the requirement for advance reservations for our members and guests — it will be the usual pay-at-the-door \$22- per person. Cosmo punch will be provided as well, just as we always enjoy it. 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.

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.

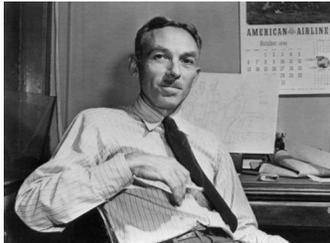
Dress Code

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

Who Said That?

“Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.”

—E.B. White



NEXT MEETING

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.

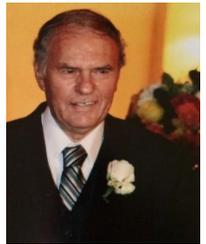
A concise guide for parents of millennials, *No Thanks, Mom...* offers sage advice on what to do with those objects ‘saved’ but not welcomed by the next generation.

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).

May 17, The International Space Station cont'd...

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:

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

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 or Joe Abram at (805) 845-8579, 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 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

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



Mullin Automotive Museum

June 23, 2018, 10am—3pm

1421 Emerson Road, Oxnard, Ca.

The Mullin Automobile Museum is a homage to the art deco and the machine age eras that produced exquisite art and magnificent automobiles. The present exhibit features the finest Historical French automobiles from Bugatti, Delage, Delahaye, Hispano Suiza, Talbot-Lago and Voisin.

Admission is \$15 for adults. Reservations are required. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Make reservations early as there is a limited number of tickets. The museum is only open to the public two Saturdays a month.

For tickets contact mullinautomotivemuseum.com or call 805-385-5400. It is important to order the tickets for the 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. time slot. We recommend car pooling to the event.

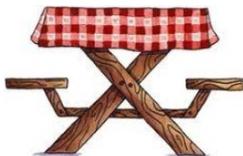
Please notify Thore Edgren when you have made reservations, theman3@cox.net or 967-4001.

A late lunch will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Yard House Restaurant in the Collection at Riverpark Mall, 501 Collection Blvd. Ste. 4130, Oxnard, Ca.



Cosmo's Annual Picnic — Save the Date

The annual Cosmo July Picnic will be on Thursday, July 5, at Manning Park, Area 9, starting at 11:00 a.m. – BBQ lunch at 12 noon – cost \$20 pp. Bring your own snacks and libations. Sign up at the next meeting with names of attendees or send your check, made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B., to Jim Gravitt, P.O. Box 924, Los Alamos, CA 93440. Guests are welcome – the more the merrier! Questions? – call Faiz Faruki: 685-1291.



Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels presided over the raffle for two bottles: Past President Jim Davis won a 2016 bottle of Klinker Brick Albarino, and Sergeant at Arms Walt Clapp won a 2013 bottle of Teresa Cerasuoco di Vittoria Classico.



Summary of Hawaii Golf Trip

Ron Singer waxed eloquent on the Golf Club's fantastic recent trip to the Big Island. It makes you want to attend at such reasonable pricing. Next year's trip will be to Scottsdale, AZ.



Proposed for Membership

Bryan Bahman

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Sponsors: Fred Sidon & Walt Clapp

Bryan recently joined the ranks of the retired after serving as the General Manager for the La Cumbre Country Club for the last 24 years. He and his family have been residing in Santa Barbara since 1993. His interests include traveling and experiencing new places; hiking; cooking; reading; walking; and gardening. He also enjoys playing golf and tennis.

Bryan sees joining Cosmo as a great opportunity to participate in the educational program that the club provides through our guest speakers. He also hopes to get involved in the club's social activities, including golf and tennis.

LAST MEETING: April 19, 2018

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

Welcome Our Guests

Gerard Kuikin introduced two guests:

Past president Bill Stancer hosted guest Ed Dewey who has applied for membership and is interested in golf and history. He has served as a colonel in the US army and as an executive vice president with Fidelity National Financial.

Fred Sidon again hosted guest Bryan Bahman who has also applied for membership. Find out more about him under "Proposed for Membership."

LAST MEETING

April 19, 2018

"Ocean Acidification: A Challenge to Marine Organisms and to People"

Dr. Gretchen Hofmann, Professor of Ecological Physiology at UCSB and Chair of the Ecological Evolution and Marine Biology, was introduced by Karl Hutterer.

Despite her impressive academic credentials, the presentation was humorous, informative and reflected a sincere desire to communicate her love for the material and how to communicate that best to interested laymen. There were three themes: ocean acidification, natural mitigation, and who's your mom, sea urchin.



Dr. Hofmann explained ocean acidification by describing how the ocean absorbs 28-30% of CO₂ in the atmosphere, as illustrated by the Keeling Curve. As CO₂ content goes up, so does absorption. The favorable impact of CO₂ absorption in the form of carbonic acid is offset by the creation of higher PH and changes in carbonate, which decreases the building blocks necessary for shell creating, endangering coral reefs and mollusk shell formation.

A MacGyver type measuring device was developed and is used to record PH levels of water at 11 Southern California locations. Natural mitigation by eelgrass and kelp forests was discovered by use of these records and connected to photosynthesis of the naturally occurring plants. A positive result for the management of negative effects of CO₂ absorption.

“Who’s your mom, sea urchin?” was a study to see the tolerance of sea urchins to changes in PH and whether they would naturally be able to change the expression of DNA to offset the increase in PH level. To date, the study indicates that female sea urchin mothers can change the ability of their offspring to tolerate changes in the PH of sea water. Another positive result for the management of negative effects of CO₂ absorption.

An outstanding presentation by a delightful and informed speaker. BRAVO!



2018 COSMO PICNIC

THURSDAY, JULY 5th
LOWER MANNING PARK

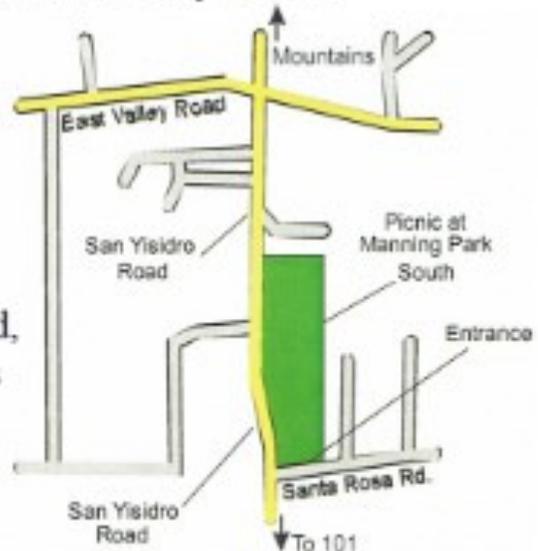
\$20 per person

1100 am - Social Hour

**1200 Noon - Pledge and Invocation
followed by BBQ**

*** BYOB
and Appetizers!
We furnish
the Rest**

Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club of S. B.
Bring friends and family, no cut-off date, but
if you don't make your reservation by July 2nd,
the price jumps to \$22! Mail your reservations
to: Jim Gravitt, PO Box 924, Los Alamos, CA
93440 or pay at the next meeting.



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COSMO CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July 5, 2018 37th Annual Picnic \$20.00 per person

Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to Cosmpolitan Club for _____ persons

Cosmopolitan Club Members and Wives

Guests

(Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Nametags)

Send to: Jim Gravitt, PO Box 924, Los Alamos, CA 93440