

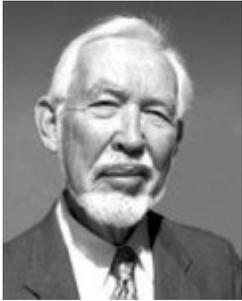


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Notice: Revision of Free Lunch Practice

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 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.

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.

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?

"He who believes in nothing still needs a girl who believes in him."

—Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy



NEXT MEETING

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.

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.



June 7, 2018

UCSB Women's Basketball

Gary Cunningham will introduce Bonnie Henrickson, who just completed her third season at the helm of the UCSB women's basketball program and has been a key part of the Gauchos historic turnaround and success in the past few years. In her first year at UCSB, Bonnie led



the Gauchos to more wins than the team had in the previous two years combined. Hendricks helped the team make a return to the Big West Tournament after a year-long absence, capturing its first postseason win in three years. This season, the Gauchos made it back to a third straight conference tournament under Henrickson, and have improved in nearly every offensive category. Over the course of her career, Bonnie has amassed 384 career wins with UCSB, Kansas and Virginia Tech while advancing to seven NCAA Tournaments, include three Sweet 16 appearances.

For her talk, Hendricks will provide updates on the team and how she is looking to grow and develop these young women.

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**

July 19, Gordon Bjork: **Challenges in Managing International Trade**

August 16, Jim Davis: **Doing the Right Thing in a Period of Major Social Disruptions**

September 20, Sandy Jones: **The Popular Narrative: How It Changes, and Changes Us**

October 18, Jim Hemmer: **10 Key Turning Points in the History of Western Civilization**

November 15, Jim Davis: **The Law of Unintended Consequences**



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.



the Audubon Society will join us for the event. The participants will have the choice of a bird walk or sitting and watching at two fixed locations. Following the birding there will be wine, cheese and a light lunch at the Surmeier barn.

The cost is \$20 per person. The event is limited to 20 members and guests. If you have an interest, please contact George Surmeier at 805-896-5140 (cell phone) or by email at georgesurmeier@gmail.com.

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.



Mullin Automotive Museum

June 23, 2018, 10am—3pm

1421 Emerson Road, Oxnard, Ca.

The Mullin Automobile Museum is an 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 are a limited number of tickets. The museum is only open to the public two Saturdays a month. Prior to the museum opening at 10:00 a.m., car clubs have been invited to display interesting autos at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot. We recommend that members arrive prior to 9:30 a.m.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Birding at El Capitan Ranch with the Audubon Society Followed by Wine, Cheese, and a Light Lunch

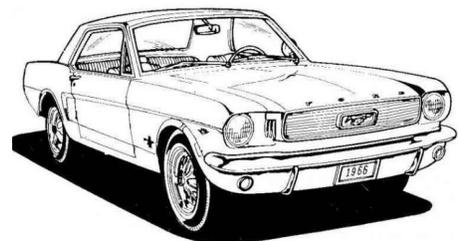


MAY 23, 2018

Are you a fully engaged birder? Or do you simply have a general interest in birds and nature ... and enjoy wine, cheese and good conversation? If you fall anywhere on this spectrum, this event is for you.

The event will be at the Surmeier property at El Capitan Ranch. The property is on the side of a coastal canyon and is frequently visited by a large number of local and migratory birds. In anticipation of the event, the Audubon Society did a "scouting" visit to the property on 5/2/18, sighting 41 bird species!

Birding will start at 10 o'clock in the morning and run until noon. Two enthusiastic, experienced birders from



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.

Please fill out the flyer on Page 5 of this issue!



LAST MEETING: May 3, 2018

Ticket sellers were Paul Coyne and David Hughes. The punchbowl host was Paul Hartloff. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber. Ken Wolf was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Pete Kruse.

Welcome Our Guests

It was wonderful having a large number of guests for our annual Special Guests Day.

LAST MEETING

May 3, 2018

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

Kevin Ryan introduced Professional Appraiser Dr. Elizabeth Stewart. Dr. Stewart summarized her book, which provided a guide for parents of millennials, offering sage advice on what to do with those objects “saved” but not welcomed by the next generation. She stated that a house is a total



minefield, with all those objects that we've accumulated over the years or were passed down to us. She listed the ten items not wanted: fine china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware, linens, Persian rugs, heavy dark antique furniture, silver plated objects, porcelain figurines, steamer trunks, family photos, and books.

Dr. Stewart said that if you are thinking of downsizing, start first with things that are most valuable. She suggested that we all should learn how to research the most valuable things, and if something is worth \$500 or more, it is worth selling. If something worth less than \$500, give it away to a charity, or just get rid of it. She said that tax laws have changed; charitable contributions are limited. She strongly urged folks to make a video or still camera shot of everything in the house. Provide a video, and talk through a narrative of the object. This task may be very valuable in case of a disaster. She also noted that, in considering downsizing, it is important to realize that objects don't define your worth. In a new place, the quality of life changes.

In describing her appraising services, Dr. Stewart said her first visit would be free. She also said text a picture of the object and there is no charge for a valuation. She suggested it is best to donate to the 2nd Story Associates, an affiliate of Santa Barbara City's Housing Authority.

Special thanks to Dr. Stewart for providing valuable information to us all.



2018 COSMO PICNIC

THURSDAY, JULY 5th
LOWER MANNING PARK

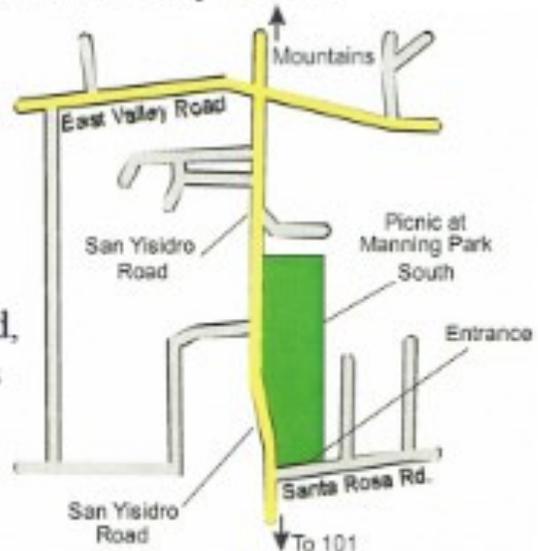
\$20 per person

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