



# Crackers

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Club meetings are held 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Elks Lodge, 150 N Kellogg Ave, Goleta.

Meeting start time: 12 p.m. prompt

(Please arrive 11:30-11:45 a.m.)

## Important Announcement by Harv Turner, Nominating Committee Chair

In accordance with Club By-Laws the nominating committee announces the following list of nominees for our Club's Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2019-2020:

**President: Ted Ross**

**Vice-President: Bob Weber**

**Treasurer: Paul Coyne**

**Secretary: Ed Bookin**

**Director (1-year): Steve Peterson**

**Director (2-year): Sandy Seale**

**Past President: Albert Mercado**

Nominations from the floor for these offices (except that of Past President) will be open at our **April 4th** meeting. Prior to placing a member's name in consideration and voting, please check with that member and obtain their acceptance of the nomination.

*The vote will take place at our next meeting on **April 4th**. The new board will assume office on the first day of July, 2019.*

## Free Lunch Guidelines for New Members

Upon a prospective member's first visit to a regular lunch meeting, he/she will be entitled to receive a free lunch, courtesy of the club. To arrange for this, the guest's sponsor will introduce the guest to the assigned "Guest Introduction" member stationed at the welcome desk. *The Guest Introduction member will provide a "chit" which may be exchanged for a meal ticket at the "Ticket Taker's" desk near the entry to the hall.*

A second set of chits will be given to a new member and his/her sponsor at the meeting where they are seated at the president's table and the sponsor introduces the new member to the membership at that meeting. *If the chits are not already at the Ticket Taker's table, check with the president to obtain these so that they may be exchanged for meal tickets.*

## Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website [sbcosmo.com](http://sbcosmo.com) for current and archived issues of Crackers. A link will lead to the password-protected Roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers. If you find any errors in your listing in the Roster, please contact Editorial Assistant Eric Torbet at [torbet@do-right-solar.com](mailto:torbet@do-right-solar.com).

## Dress Code

For our regularly scheduled luncheon meetings, California Casual dress will be the preferred style year round. Let the weather be your guide.

## Cosmo Members Ailing

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

### Cosmo Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee is encouraging all current members to recruit additional members. Please go to [sbcosmo.com](http://sbcosmo.com) and click on one of the four links at the bottom of the homepage, which include: a recording of a radio program interview with current members; a link to the Club email where prospects can request information about applying; a link to a downloadable Membership Application; and a link to review the Club's Constitution. We hope all of these tools will help in our recruiting efforts.

### Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: [facebook.com/CosmoClubSB](https://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 Eric Torbet at [torbet@do-right-solar.com](mailto:torbet@do-right-solar.com).

## Upcoming Meetings

April 4, 2019

Special Guests Day

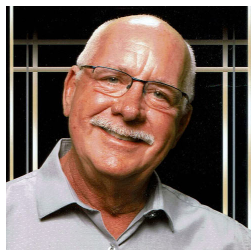
Annual Election

### "How Magicians Fool You"

This is our annual "Special Guests Day" when members invite their spouses and friends. *We will also be holding our annual election (see notice above).*

Our speaker will be **Gene Urban**. Gene will talk about the neuroscience magicians employ to fool their guests.

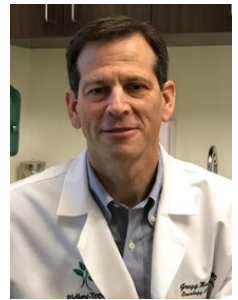
Gene Urban has performed magic for nearly 40 years in 22 countries. He is a performing member of the Magic Castle in Hollywood and the new local Magic Castle Cabaret and a student of psychology as it applies to his craft.



April 18, 2019

### "21st Century Oncology Treatments: Today's Medicine + Tomorrow's Hope"

Kevin Ryan will introduce **Gregg Newman, M.D.** who is chairman of the Medical Oncology and Hematology Department at the Ridley-Tree Cancer Center. His talk will deal with recent technical advances and techniques in cancer therapy. In addition, he will discuss concepts of compassionate care and philosophical aspects of patient care in his specialty.



Dr. Newman graduated from Mt. Sinai Medical School in New York in 1993. This was followed by a residency in Internal Medicine at U.C. Davis School of Medicine. He returned to New York for sub-specialty training in Hematology/Oncology at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center. He has over 26 years of diverse medical experience. Interestingly, his undergraduate major was philosophy of religion and he remains active in that field of study.

Dr. Newman has a high school senior daughter and tries to "stay in shape" by bicycle riding approximately 4-10 hours per week.

May 2, 2019

### "A Saturnian Farewell: Thirteen Years of Cassini"

Sandy Seale will introduce **Dr. Joey Chatelain** for a journey through the Saturnian System as seen through the eyes of the Cassini spacecraft. We will witness a few of the hundreds of stunning images sent back during the 13 years that Cassini explored Saturn, its rings, and its moons, while discussing some of the major discoveries and insights gathered along the way. Every image in this talk is real and captured by Cassini; no artists' renditions required.

Dr. Chatelain is a postdoctoral researcher and Astronomer at Las Cumbres Observatory. He studies minor bodies in the Solar System with particular focus on Near Earth Objects and Jupiter Trojan Asteroids. He obtained a bachelor's degree in physics from Louisiana State University, and a Masters in Physics and a PhD in Astronomy from Georgia State University in affiliation with Northern Arizona University.



## Special Events

April 5, 2019

### SBCC Gourmet Dinner

For over 20 years, the Santa Barbara City College and the Cosmo Club of SB have held an annual dinner in memory of Col. Ben Walsh and other military veterans. These special dinners are prepared by the Culinary Arts students for Cosmo members.



This year's dinner will be held at City College on Friday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. This is always a sellout. Cost is \$45/person, which includes tax, tip, and wine. Please call Harry Stroud at (805) 653-5117 to see if places are still available.

## 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 18** (Gerard Kuiken): *The Class-Caste system in India and the USA*

**May 16** (Jim Hemmer): *Periods of Climate Change and their Consequences for Western Civilization*

**June 20** (Bill Veigle): *Thanks for Nothing – Imagination in Physics*

### 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](mailto:jsubject@aol.com) or Joe Abram at (805) 845-8579, [jabrammd@gmail.com](mailto:jabrammd@gmail.com) for additional information.



### 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 at (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@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 [sites.google.com/view/cosmosb/home](http://sites.google.com/view/cosmosb/home) to register and sign up for additional news.



Recently, Club members attended a 3-day golf tournament at Morro Bay. Here are a couple of photos from this event. You can view more photos, and with higher resolution, on our [Facebook page](#).



## Proposed For Membership

**Debra "Debbie" Lee Weaver**  
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Sponsors: Lynn Cederquist & Ron Singer

Debbie Weaver, sponsored by Lynn Cederquist, was Airline Manager with USAir at SB Airport for 10 years. As well, she maintains a real estate brokerage license in



## Proposed For Membership, cont'd...

the state of Florida. She's a member of both Rotary (Goleta) and Elks, and assists non-typical children in sports ("Dos Pueblos Challengers"). She holds an A.S. degree in Special Education.

Debbie has recently picked up golf again after a long hiatus, and keeps fit by going to the gym and walking on the beach. She has travelled through India on a motorcycle, and has made 6000 "Pay it forward" bracelets that she distributed worldwide. By joining Cosmo, she looks forward to participating in social, educational and athletic activities.

## Last Meeting

March 21, 2019

The ticket sellers were Pete Schenck and Bryan Bahman. The punchbowl host was Mike Smith. Audio-visual team consisted of Bob Weber, Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez. Judy Fontana was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Pete Kruse.

### Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded a 2017 Brander sauvignon blanc to Ron Singer. Jim Hemmer took home a 2015 Coppola Red Label zinfandel.



### Welcome Our Guests

Pete Kruse introduced the following two guests:

**Michael N. Bruce**, sponsored by Al Anglin, is a retired architect whose body of work includes various hotels and bars. He earned a B.A. in Architecture from Cal Poly. He enjoys golf, hiking, sailing, tennis, snow skiing, and world travel.

**Joyce Kelley**, sponsored by Lynn Cederquist, had a career in bank loans and attended Ventura College. She is a widow with two children and one stepchild. She prides herself in being a dedicated friend, and enjoys activities such as pickleball, walking, and attending Polo Club events.

## Program Synopsis

### "A Marine Industrial Revolution - Visioning a Future for our Oceans"

Jim Hemmer introduced Professor **Douglas J. McCauley**, Director of the Benioff Ocean Initiative, Marine Science Institute at UCSB since 2016. The topic was the "future of our oceans".



We were taken back to relatively recent history and shown the evolutionary extinction of certain species on our planet. We are in what is called the 6th mass extinction period wherein mammals, birds and vertebrates are disappearing forever. At least for now, this is not happening in our Oceans. He showed us what has happened in the last 500 years and if the currently "endangered ocean species" were to be allowed to become extinct, the curve of disappearing species would catch up with the loss of land animals. The current rate of extinctions in the last half millennium is 500 land species to only 15 in the seas but he fears this may easily change.

Several hypotheses were cited, from over fishing to ecologic reasons, potentially even the Industrial Revolution, the population growth as well as marine (floor) mining, wind energy in oceans, increased sea traffic and fish farming. This last, farmed fish, appears to have overtaken wild fishing in 2014 and we are devouring more of the former than the latter. The basic premise behind the research is to avoid what has been taking place to land animals from replicating it to the ocean dwellers. With hindsight, he suggests, we might have been able to prevent some land creatures from extinction had we known causes.

The findings by Dr. McCauley, which were featured at the "World Economic Forum" in Davos, Switzerland and other prestigious National and International conclaves, is fundamentally: "Can we, through research and understanding, prevent or at least decelerate our Ocean species from extinction". By the wise use of technology and intelligent applications, the desire is to attempt to shape the future of endangered species as well as all ocean life for a bright and long-lasting existence. The vision was warmly applauded and we all wish Dr. McCauley well-deserved success.