



Crackers

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA INC.

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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.)

Election Results

At our April 4th meeting, the following members were elected by acclamation to these posts on our 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

The new board will assume office on the first day of July, 2019.

Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website 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.

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.*

Cosmo Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee is encouraging all current members to recruit additional members. Please go to 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.

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 of our members is ill or injured, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833.

Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: 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.

Upcoming Meetings

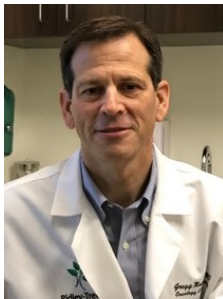
April 18, 2019

"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.

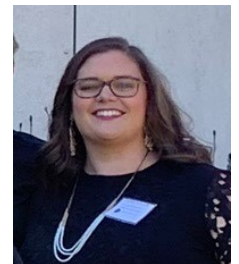


May 16, 2019

Dos Pueblos High School Intermediate Choir

JC Elliott will introduce **Courtney Anderson** and the Dos Pueblos High School Intermediate Choir for an a cappella performance. Ms. Anderson, known affectionately as "Ms. C", officially took over as the director of Dos Pueblos High School vocal program in Fall of 2015. She was fortunate enough to work with former directors Isaac Jenkins and Brian Slotnick-Lastrico during her own time as a student at Dos Pueblos. The love of vocal music instilled in her by both directors propelled her to continue her studies of music and vocal jazz in college at Sacramento State University. She is thrilled to have returned to her Alma Mater and hopefully give this next generation of musicians the same opportunities that were given to her.

In the time the choir has been with Ms. C, they have been hard at work learning lots of new music and reaching out to the community. The Choir participated in the 2015 Macy's All School A Cappella Contest, walked in the Holiday Parade, participated in the Hospice event Light Up A Life, and were involved in the many jazz festivals throughout the community.



Special Events

April 5, 2019

SBCC Gourmet Dinner

Our annual event was once again a resounding success. Here are a few photos from the event:



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*

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 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 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.



Last Meeting

April 4, 2019

The ticket sellers were Ed Dewey and Paul Coyne. The punchbowl host was Gerhart Hoffmeister. Audio-visual team consisted of Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez. Vern Kemp was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Bill Alexander.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded a 2017 Robert Mondavi fume blanc to Fred Marsh. Jim Subject took home a 2017 Larkspur pinot noir.



Welcome Our Guests

Gerard Kuiken introduced the following prospective new members:



Judy Sturgeon, sponsored by Lynn Cederquist, attended the University of San Francisco. She enjoys hiking and visits to the gym, as well as bridge and an occasional road trip with her son on his Harley.

Carol Gemberling Stewart, sponsored by Lynn Cederquist, has a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and has worked as a nurse practitioner. Her interests include volunteering at Cottage Hospital, the Granada, and the Red Cross, overseeing the care of her parents, and participating in Toastmasters Club.

Debra Weaver, sponsored by Lynn Cederquist, attended Northern Arizona U. and worked in the airline industry. She enjoys volunteer activities such as Food from the Heart, DPLL Challengers, and veterans' programs.

Richard Mohue, sponsored by Fred Sidon, has an M.B.A. and has worked in real estate development. He continues to be interested in that activity.

David Inouye, sponsored by Harv Turner, studied Environmental Design at UC Berkeley and held the position of Landscape Architect in the Facilities Dept. of UCSB. His chief activities in retirement have been golf, tennis, and church choir.

Program Synopsis

“Sleights of Mind: How Magicians Fool the Brain”



President Albert introduced **Gene Urban**, a practicing magician for 40 years who performs at the Magic Castle Hollywood and recently at the local Magic Castle Cabaret.

He began with a description of our visual processes that provide not only a basic image but also related qualities such as depth, shading, color. etc. However, these faculties vary among individuals, resulting in different visual experiences for different people. Also, since the brain mediates vision, non-optical factors such as memory and our emotional reaction to a another person may strongly affect our visual perception of his actions. Magicians take advantage of these contributing factors to convince an audience of the mystery or apparent impossibility of their tricks.

He then provided a number of examples of this art, starting with a trio of different-length cords which he deftly manipulated to make appear equal. Next he performed a type of traditional card trick with an audience member, and in the process demonstrated a couple of "accidents," such as stumbling on a step or dropping a card, which serve to distract the viewers' attention from a subtle hand action that enables the discovery of the card deep in his pants pocket.

The climax of his performance was the selecting of a word from any page of books given to three members of the audience. He asked the first two to form a mental picture of something suggested to them by their selected word; he then correctly guessed the first image but missed on the second participant (which he attributed to her changing her mind about the image). For the third participant, he asked her to write down the word itself and concentrate on it; then, to everyone's astonishment, he correctly stated it ("idiosyncratic"). True to his art, he gave no hint of how this was accomplished, other than telepathy.