



# 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.)

## 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 Members Ailing

In our 3/7 Crackers issue, we reported that Cosmo member **Franz Meier** had suffered a bad fall and broken his neck. He recently sent us an email, thanking everyone for their well wishes and cards and reporting that he'll soon be out of his brace. He'll still require physical therapy, but even with the brace on he's been able to putt a little on the golf course!

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).

## Dress Code

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

## 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).

## Upcoming Meetings

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.

June 6, 2019

### “Immigration Restrictions & Border Walls in an Age of Migration”

John Warnock will introduce **John S.W. Park**, Professor of Asian American Studies at UCSB. Prof. Park has published widely on topics in political theory and in American legal history, drawing primarily from themes in American immigration law and American race relations. He has served as an Associate Dean, as the Associate Director for the UC Center for New Racial Studies, and as the Chair of Asian American Studies. His recent book “Immigration Law and Society”, along with an accompanying website, is used in his undergraduate course on immigration.

His lecture will discuss the importance of the Immigration Act of 1965 signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, which remains today the basis of our immigration law and was the catalyst for our more diverse country today. The 1965 legislation removed the quotas that barred most Asians, Africans and other ethnic groups from immigrating. The easier accessibility of air travel and the opening up of the world by the internet and mass media have also greatly contributed to the increase in immigration.

Prof. Park's discussion will illuminate the complexities of how our immigration system has changed over the last several decades and explore the factors that lead many people to believe that our immigration system is "broken". As complex as our problems are today, there will be even greater challenges as people are driven from their homes by famine, violence, climate changes and collapse of governments as is now occurring in Venezuela. Plan on attending this highly relevant lecture led by an outstanding scholar who welcomes questions!



## Special Events

April 28, 2019

### Opera & Lunch

Fred Sidon is organizing another trip to the opera, with lunch beforehand, on Sunday April 28. The opera is *The Crucible* (music by Robert Ward, based on play by Arthur Miller), performed at The Lobero. Lunch is at noon at the La Cumbre Country Club, followed by the opera.

Please contact Fred Sidon for more details.  
805-967-6757 or [frsidon@impulse.net](mailto:frsidon@impulse.net)



## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets once a month in the upstairs room immediately following regular luncheon programs. The future topics are:



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

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

## Regular Events

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



## Last Meeting

April 18, 2019

The ticket sellers were Ed Dewey and Don Truex. The punchbowl host was Bob Zimels. Audio-visual team consisted of Orlando Ramirez and Bob Weber. Vern Kemp was sergeant-at-arms. Judy Fontana offered the invocation prayer and a quote by Jack London.

### Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded a 2016 William Hill chardonnay to Ron Singer. Harry Stroud took home a 2016 Ménéage à Trois cabernet sauvignon.



### Welcome Our Guests

Gerard Kuiken introduced the following prospective new members:



**Rita Norman**, sponsored by Bob Zimels, attended Santa Barbara City College and Boston University. She enjoys wine tasting, current fashions, and jazz.

**Sally Lawson**, sponsored by Bob Zimels, enjoys art, swimming, and playing bridge.

**Cora Curtis**, sponsored by her husband Chuck Curtis, also brought her friends **Sally Guarnes**, **Racel Dumlao** and **Daisy Abella**, who themselves may be prospective members.

## Program Synopsis

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

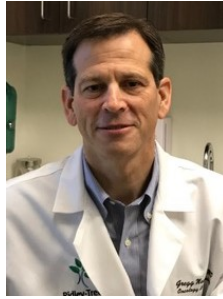
Kevin Ryan introduced **Gregg Newman, M.D.**, chairman of the Medical Oncology and Hematology Department at the new Ridley-Tree Cancer Center. A graduate of Mt. Sinai Medical School in New York, Dr. Newman did an Internal Medicine Residency at U.C. Davis. His subspecialty training in Hematology-Oncology was completed at Cornell Medical Center in New York City.

To outline his approach to his topic, Dr. Newman chose the David Letterman technique of giving the Top Ten Oncology Advances in the last twenty years. Number Ten on his list was the massive increase in clinical medicinal study trials allowing comparison of therapeutic outcomes. Earlier diagnosis being achieved by invention of new radiological scans and use of Gallium bone contrast dye was the number Nine advance in cancer care.

The drug, Blinatumumab, a new leukemia drug, is listed number Eight in Newman's Top 10 cancer advances in therapy by using patient's own T-cells to release cancer cytotoxic granules.

Number Seven of Cancer Advances is Car-T Therapy where the patient's T-cells are genetically modified to include a gene able to instruct T-cells to target and kill tumor cells. Very expensive, it is used in acute lymphoblastic leukemia when the patient has run out of options.

Next Generational Sequencing earned 6th Place on Dr. Norman's recent advances in cancer therapy. Genomic alterations are identified in tumor cells and treatment is



modified around these abnormalities.

Gleevec, a small molecule, prevents attachment to a cancer cell protein interfering with its metabolism, earning the Fifth spot in advances in tumor care with hopes of reducing the high costs of therapy.

Antibody Blocking Therapy, Herceptin, blocks by interfering with the growth signal of cancer cell antigen, HER2. This, the Fourth tumor advancement costs about \$70,000 for a year course of medicine.

The Third recent major advance in Cancer Care was utilizing antibody killing therapy with complement dependent cytotoxicity. Tumor cell's CD20 antigen site is attacked by antibody enabling T cell to destroy malignant cell with use of plasma complement.

These above therapies and supported research studies have resulted in a National Comprehensive Cancer Network to give recommended Treatments Of Choice for 95 percent of malignant diseases which earned the Second spot on the Top Ten of Major Advances in Cancer Therapy.

The Number One recent major cancer advance is Immune Oncology. Newer cancer drugs use the body's immune system to improve the cure rate but competition in this area is not holding down yearly therapeutic costs which average \$250,000 a year. An example of this check-point inhibitor is Keytruda which acts on PD-L1 and L2 tumor antigens. This led to the 2018 Nobel Prize in Medicine for Drs. James P. Allison and Yasuko Honjo. Therapies are now available for Melanoma, non-small-cell lung cancer, bladder cancer, head and neck cancer, liver cancer and several others.

After the well illustrated lecture, an open question and answer session was begun with stimulating concerns being expressed by Cosmo Club members which were ably answered by the guest speaker.