



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.)

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

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.

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.

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

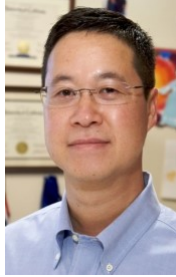
For our regularly scheduled luncheon meetings, California Casual dress will be the preferred style year round. Let the weather be your guide.

Upcoming Meetings

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.



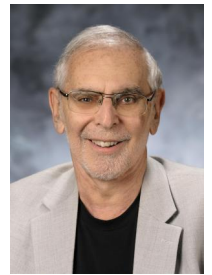
His lecture will discuss the importance of the Immigration Act of 1965 signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, which remains today the basis of our immigration law and was the catalyst for our more diverse country today. The 1965 legislation removed the quotas that barred most Asians, Africans and other 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!

June 20, 2019

“Foreign Policy: US and China Monetary Rivalry and Ambition”

Bob Weber will introduce **Benjamin J. Cohen**, Louis G. Lancaster Professor of International Political Economy at UCSB.



Prof. Cohen will discuss the emerging monetary rivalry between the US and China as the two vie for economic world dominance. The US Dollar has been the dominant currency on the world stage since World War II, and the issuing country, the US, has enjoyed tremendous economic and political benefits because of this dominance. In recent years, China has started to promote the international standing of the Chinese Yuan. Given the multi-player game of global trade, the accelerating competitive level of China’s information and medical service industries, and the increasing integration of such industries across national boundaries, how strong is their hand in negotiating a global currency policy for the 21st century based on their cultural identity as channeled by their political elites?

Professor Cohen has been a member of the Political Science and Economics Departments since 1991. His research interests address issues of international monetary and financial relations, including U.S. foreign economic policy, currency integration, sovereign debt, theories of economic imperialism, and the history of the discipline of international political economy. He is the author of sixteen books, the newest of which is *Currency Statecraft: Monetary Rivalry and Geopolitical Ambition*, published Dec 2018. Professor Cohen holds a doctorate degree in Economics from Columbia University, and has previously worked as a research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and faculty positions at Princeton and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

July 4, 2019

Annual Summer Picnic

On the first Thursday of July we'll be having our annual 4th of July picnic instead of our normal Elks Club meeting. See "Special Events" below for more details.

Special Events

July 4, 2019

Annual Summer Picnic

The annual Cosmo summer picnic will be held this year on Independence Day itself, 11 am - 2 pm, at **Tucker's Grove Park (Area 5)**. *This is a change in our normal venue.* Park entrance is at Turnpike and Cathedral Oaks. Price is \$20 per guest.

On Page 5 of this Crackers issue you'll find our flyer which includes a sign-up cutout and directions where to send it along with your check. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Picnic Committee Chair: Faiz Faruki, (805) 685-1291 rollies23@verizon.net



Discussion Group

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



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

July 18 (Jim Davis): *The Case for Freedom to Choose*

August 15 (Gordon Bjork): *Size and Sin – Is Monopoly Really Good?*

September 19 (Kev Ryan): *Evolution of Scientific Diagnosis in Medicine*

October 17 (Jim Davis): *20th Century Revolution in Thinking*

November 21 (Gerard Kuiken): *Relating English and Sanskrit: Without Sanskrit, No Internet*

Regular Events

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.



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.



Proposed For Membership

Barbara Margerum
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Sponsors: Don Margerum & Pete Kruse

Barbara Margerum, wife of Cosmo member Don Margerum, is retired from a career with the Santa Barbara County Board of Education, where she served as the Public Information Officer. She also served as Executive Director of California Common Cause, a grassroots organization dedicated to restoring the core values of American democracy. She was President of the League of Women Voters in Los Angeles. She is Cofounder of CASA and Founder of the Adult Literacy Program at the Santa Barbara Library.

Barbara hails from St. Louis, MO, earned a B.S. in dietetics from Iowa State University, and enjoys walking, attending Vistas lectures, and participating in book clubs. She and her husband Don have two sons and one daughter. By joining Cosmo, she looks forward to the intellectual stimulation.

Last Meeting

May 16, 2019

Ted Ross presided in the absence of president Albert Mercado. The ticket sellers were Paul Coyne and Dave Hughes. The punchbowl host was Beverly Singer. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, and Bill Alexander. Ken Wolf was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Tom Mack.

Wine Drawing

Bob Sorich presided over the wine raffle in the absence of Bob Zimels. He awarded Faiz Faruki a 2018 Ferrari-Carano fumé blanc from Sonoma County. Our guest and prospective member Barbara Margerum took home a 2017 San Simeon Monterey pinot noir.



Welcome Our Guests

Pete Kruse introduced the following guests:



Three spouses of members had come to enjoy the musical presentation, and included **Miji Working** (Ken), **Francis Jewesson** (Ken) and **Peggy Alexander** (Bill).

Barbara Margerum, sponsored by husband Don Margerum, has applied for membership. Please find her bio above (in Proposed for Membership section).

Program Synopsis

Dos Pueblos High School Intermediate Choir

JC Elliott introduced **Courtney Anderson** and the Dos Pueblos High School Intermediate Choir for an a cappella performance. The 16 member (13 women and 3 men) vocalists presented a variety of musical styles, from barbershop to jazz and in between. The repertoire included musicals, comedy, 80's pop songs, impromptu dance, African, soulful ballad, and gospel sounds.

Members of each section of the choir were introduced between presentations. The members were predom-



inately first and second year members, with a few veterans. They recently performed at a festival in Santa Cruz and received all excellent ratings and six soloist awards.

Cosmo members and their guests were invited to extend their enjoyment of the presentation by joining a concert at the High School over the weekend. At the end of the well received and much photographed presentation, a check from the club indicating support for their continued efforts was presented and additional donations were collected at the door. A great time was had by all. Much thanks to the Choir and Courtney Anderson for an enjoyable musical interlude.

Here are a couple of photos Harv Turner took of the choir (more can be found on our [Facebook Page](#), with higher resolution)...





2019 COSMO PICNIC

Thursday July 4th
Tucker's grove
Area Five
\$20 per person

1100 am - Social Hour
1200 Noon - Pledge and Invocation
followed by BBQ

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

Directions to Tucker's Grove

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 2,
the price jumps to \$22! Mail your reservations
to: Jim Gravitt, PO Box 924, Los Alamos, CA
93440 or pay at the next meeting.

*From 101, take Turnpike north -
Area 5 is to the right after
entering the park.*

*From Foothill or Cathedral Oaks,
turn into park and turn right.*

COSMO CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July 4, 2019 38th Annual Picnic \$20.00 per person
Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to Cosmpolitan Club for ____ persons
Cosmopolitan Club Members and Spouses **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