



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.)

Dues Are Due

Members, please be reminded that your annual dues are **due by the end of June**. Please make every effort to get them in as early as possible. If you are 90 years of age AND have been a continuous Cosmo member since 2004, you are excused from paying the annual dues. Everybody else: **\$100.00** please.

There will be a collection box at our next few meetings for your convenience and saving a stamp. If you prefer to remit by mail, mail to Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara, P.O. Box 3993, Santa Barbara, CA 93130.

Thank you, Paul Coyne, Treasurer

Help wanted: Crackers Duty Editor

Applicant need not have publication skills but the ability to write may be useful. The duty editor's job is, at 3-4 meetings a year, to take notes of the program and construct a couple of paragraphs relative to the content and a short synopsis of the presentation. Previous experience is definitely not a prerequisite. Let Crackers Chair [Harv Turner](#) know if you would consider this position.

In Memoriam

We have just received word that our friend and Cosmo member **Steve Little** passed away on May 20. Steve joined our club in 2006 and was an active member for many of those years. His daughter Janis has written this obituary just for Crackers:



Steve greatly enjoyed the luncheons and speakers and delighted in taking friends or family along. One of his favorite Cosmos adventures was leading a field trip for members (with his wife Leah) to China Lake Naval Weapons Center where he worked as a rocket engineer and project manager for 23 years. You will recognize one of his accomplishments as the "glow sticks" now used commercially but originally a secret project first developed to aid the troops in Viet Nam. He worked on rocket launchers, weather modification, and other once-secret programs.

Also a retired Commander, USNR, Steve served his country 42 years starting during World War II and continuing through Viet Nam. He did two carrier tours as a fighter pilot during the Korean Conflict and continued as a reserve Navy pilot until 1964.

Steve and Leah achieved a happy 70 years of marriage – celebrating with family and friends before her death in April 2016. They had two children, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Steve's hobbies included home improvement, avocado farming, bridge, computer tinkering, car rebuilding, golf, and ham radio. He also was a lifelong Mason.

A celebration of his life will be held July 8 at 4 pm at the All Saints by the Sea church in Montecito. If you wish to attend, please contact his daughter Janis at janissuelittle@mac.com.

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

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 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 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 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

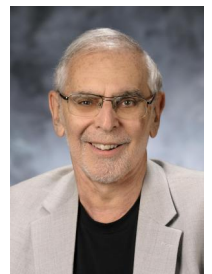
June 20, 2019

"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



Upcoming Meetings, cont'd...

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.

July 18, 2019

"The Dance of the Honey Bee"

Karl Hutterer will introduce **Paul Cronshaw**, President of the Santa Barbara Beekeepers Association. The presentation will be a brief overview of the honey bee and its importance to humans and the environment. Topics will include: anatomy of honey bee, hive activities and products, honey bee stressors, Colony Collapse Disorder, and ways to help the honey bee.

Paul "The Beeman" Cronshaw has been keeping honey bees in Santa Barbara County since graduating from SBHS in 1971. He set up his first hive on the roof of his parent's house, purchased his first hive equipment from Sears catalog, and ordered a package of bees from Mississippi. Since then he has been following his passion for honey bees by teaching beekeeping classes to adults and youth, maintaining apiaries in the Santa Barbara area, removing and relocating honey bees humanely from structures, and recently starting a Host A Hive program to promote the urban beekeeping movement. Paul teaches Science at La Cuesta High School.



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

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 info.



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*

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.



Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded a Ferrari-Carano 2018 fumé blanc to John MacKenzie. Charles Greene took home a Robert Hall 2015 Paso Robles syrah.



Program Synopsis

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

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



Professor Park began his lecture with an invitation to attend his beginner class in immigration. He said this class exposes one to the complexity of immigration. He then described the Immigration Act of 1965 which abolished the national origins quota procedure which had been in place since 1924. The quota system was discriminatory in that it established low quotas for Africa, Asia, Southern Europe and Eastern Europe as compared with Western Europe. The new law replaced the quota system with a set of priorities including sponsorship by families in the United States.

Under this Act, several demographic changes affected immigration. The numbers seeking refuge or relocation for various reasons increased rapidly, as well as illegal entry both here and in other developed countries. The development of air travel accounted for much of this change. Also, the war in Vietnam created a surge in the number of refugees. The refugee act of 1980 was enacted to accommodate this surge. The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 added a new flow of immigration seekers.

Professor Park cited several complaints about existing U.S. immigration policies and demands for changes. Furthermore, increasing population and population displacement caused by global climate change could cause major increases in refugee numbers. He cited the need for continued study and analysis of this complex issue.

Welcome Our New Members

Michael "Mike" N. Bruce
1359 E Mountain Dr
Santa Barbara, CA 93108



Al Anglin introduced new member Mike Bruce to the club. Mike is a retired architect whose body of work includes various hotels, restaurants, and bars. He earned a B.A. in Architecture from Cal Poly (SLO), and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the SB Rental Property Association. He has received the "Goleta Beautiful" award, and is also a member of Westerners, the Maritime Museum, Young America's Foundation, and the Historical Museum.

Mike has two daughters and three grandchildren, and enjoys golf, hiking, sailing, tennis, snow skiing, dancing, photography, and world travel. By joining Cosmo, he seeks fellowship and camaraderie, and looks forward to participating in Club activities.

Last Meeting

June 6, 2019

The ticket sellers were Vern Hanna and Pete Schenck. The punchbowl host was Faiz Faruki. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez, Jack Patterson, and Bill Alexander. Walt Clapp was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Pete Kruse.



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