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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

The new Roster must go to press soon and will be revised to include members of record at that time. If you haven't yet done so, **please get your dues in to our Treasurer ASAP.** 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 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.

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.

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 Members Ailing

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

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](https://www.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

August 15, 2019

“Search Dog Foundation - Its Purpose and Function”

John MacKenzie will introduce **Sylvia Stoney** and **Rhett Mauck**, who will together share different aspects of the [Search Dog Foundation](#) (SDF). Rhett will cover the history of SDF, fundraising efforts, and overall estate and donor program, while Sylvia will cover the canine recruitment and training program.

There will be PowerPoint slides that include a short video highlighting their organization, featuring a SDF canine and handler.

Sylvia has worked with canine teams throughout her career prior to joining SDF in 2015. She began at SDF as a Canine Care Specialist and is now leading the charge as the Director of Canine Recruitment to find those elite canine athletes that will become the next generation of Search Dogs. As a 10-year member of the Ventura County Sheriff's Volunteer Search and Rescue Team, Sylvia brings both wilderness and urban search and rescue experience to SDF, as well as 20 years of corporate management experience. Sylvia is married to Todd Stoney who is a captain with the Santa Barbara Police Department.

Rhett serves as the Director of Development and is responsible for management and oversight of SDF's Estate Program and donor relations. Rhett joined SDF in 2009 and wanted to work for an organization that deals with his true passion: rescuing dogs.



September 5, 2019

“Black Holes: Classical and Quantum”

JC Elliott will introduce **Dr. Isabel García García**, a postdoctoral researcher at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB. When two black holes a billion light-years away collide and merge, the disruption they cause in spacetime is so large that we feel it here, on Earth. Black holes, classical and quantum, hold the key to some of the deepest mysteries of our Universe. Dr. García will share some of what we have learned about black holes, and how they might help us in our journey towards finding the underlying theory of nature.

Dr. García is originally from Spain. She studied physics at La Universidad de Calabria, obtained a Masters in Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University, and earned a PhD in Theoretical Physics at the University of Oxford. She moved here to UC Santa Barbara as a postdoc in the fall of 2018. Her field of research is theoretical particle physics, with a focus on how ideas beyond the current paradigm of particle physics could be realized in nature, and their interplay with current and future experiments.



September 19, 2019

“The Human Microbiome and New Horizons in Infection Treatment”

Kevin Ryan will introduce **Dr. David Fisk** from the Infectious Disease Department of the Sansum Clinic. Dr. Fisk is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University Medical School. His internship and residency in Internal Medicine and subsequent Fellowship in Infectious Disease were accomplished at Michigan Medical Center. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Prior to coming to Santa Barbara in 2006, he was Assistant Professor of Medicine at Medical College of Wisconsin. In addition to membership in several Infectious Disease associations, he is a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Dr. Fisk will enlighten us with what's new in the treatment of infection.



Special Events

September 26, 2019

Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens

Cosmo member [Thore Edgren](#) is putting together a field trip to the Huntington Library. Transportation will be via SB Airbus. Event includes a 2-hour docent-led Estate Tour which involves a light walk around the center of the Estate including the world renowned galleries and gardens. Lunch is available at the Estate Cafe or reservations can be made at the Rose Garden Tea Room for a delightful English lunch.



Cost is \$89/person. For reservations and more information, call the SB Airbus at (805) 964-7759. The bus leaves Goleta at 9:00 a.m.

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 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 info.



Discussion Group

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



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*

Last Meeting

August 1, 2019

Paul Coyne and Walt Clapp handled the ticket sales. The punchbowl host was Bryan Bahman. Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez were the audio-visual team. Vern Kemp was sergeant-at-arms. There was no invocation prayer this time. President Ted Ross urged everyone to pay their dues so that we can update the Club roster and membership.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded a San Simeon 2018 Paso Robles sauvignon blanc to Chuck Curtis. John Warnock took home an Edna Valley 2017 Central Coast cabernet sauvignon.



Program Synopsis

“The American Presidency Project, an Overview”

John Warnock introduced **John Woolley**, Professor of Political Science at UCSB. The Club was charmed by the highly informative and non-partisan presentation about The American Presidency Project. Founded in 1999 and located at www.presidency.ucsb.edu, it includes more than 100,000 documents directly relating to the US Presidents (from



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George Washington) and American Political History, and includes political party platforms (from 1840), Statements of Administration Policy, White House Press Briefing Transcripts, candidate debate transcripts, candidate statements, State of the Union presentations, and addresses to joint session of Congress. It is now recognized as the major authoritative, nonpartisan on-line source for use as a course resource for students of government, but is used by millions of world-wide users ranging from scholars, students, government researchers, film-makers and political junkies. By providing easy access to useful information, the project seeks to promote a more informed citizenry of the United States, high quality scholarly and media analysis, and a better understanding of American democracy throughout the world.

Professor Woolley demonstrated the wide document search functionality of the website during his presentation and encouraged members to access it directly to see for themselves. Originally a total volunteer effort by Professor Woolley and his colleague Gerhard Peters of Citrus College in New York, it has incurred costs from friendly UCSB sources and is currently moving to ask users to help fund its continued existence by voluntary contributions. One particular example of the utility of the site was to identify that the term "The Buck Stops Here" was first coined by President Truman.

The second part of the presentation was about his simple model that forecasts the results of Presidential Elections in both the Electoral College and the Popular Vote. It is a statistical model which is based on Midyear Incumbent Presidential Approval (Gallup poll) Midyear Employment Growth (average of June to July change over prior year) and Time for Change indicator (would this be the 2nd, 3rd or 4th consecutive president from the incumbent president's party). The model has predicted the two party vote share for candidate of the incumbent party with a coefficient of .092 and Electoral

College Votes for Candidates of Incumbent Presidents' party with a coefficient of .081. Each result is highly predictive.

For the 2016 Presidential Election, the predictions for Hillary Clinton were 49.9% of the popular vote (she got 51.1%) and 248 EC votes (she got 232). 270 EC votes required to win. Professor Woolley predicted in winter 2016 that GOP would win unless (a) the economy is doing much better (greater than 4% annually)... it was not; (b) Obama's approval rate increased a lot (needs to be well above 50% approval)... it was; or (c) something surprising happens: (1) Democrats run an especially brilliant campaign... they aren't or (2) Republicans do not (they did) or have a bad candidate (they did). The Political Markets predicted (a) Predictit--72.29 Dems win WH; (b) Iowa Pol Market--74.27 Dems win; (c) PredictWise 81.19 Dems win.

Prediction for 2020: As of June 30, 2019 Trump's Approval is 41% and most recent job data is 1.5%, relevant job measure post 2000 average is 0.7%.

2 party vote Rep get more than 50% of the two party vote if Trump's approval is $\geq 35\%$ and Job Growth is 1.3% or higher. But if job growth slows to 1.0%, Dems lose 2 party vote for a Trump approval of $\geq 39\%$.

Electoral College Vote--Rep get 270 or more in EC if Trump approval is $\geq 40\%$ and Job Growth is 1.4% or higher, or Trump approval is 37% and job growth is 1.6% or higher. But if job growth slows to 1.0%, Rep get > 270 EC if Trump approval is less than 46%.

There was an interesting and spirited discussion about the other things which could change the result, but Professor Woolley explained why he did not think those things were going to be the determining factor. He said Trump would be in good shape if the new jobs for the July prediction on August 2 was 150,000 new jobs or more. Subsequent to the presentation, the new jobs growth for July was 164,000.