



# 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.)

## In Memoriam

We have just received word that our friend and Cosmo member **Bill Spangler** passed away on Oct 4th of this year, at the age of 96. Bill had been a Cosmo member for 36 years. He was our president for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. His Navy career closed with the title of Commander-in-Chief Naval Forces - United Kingdom. He pursued many mini-careers following his Naval service, including that of chief engineer for the installation of Santa Barbara's Dolphin Fountain at Stearns Wharf. Please read a much more complete obituary [HERE](#).



There will be a service at Valle Verde Quail Lodge Lounge at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 26th. Bill will be buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

## 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

Judy Fontana reports that Curt Whiteman, who recently suffered a stroke, was admitted to the assisted living community at Gran Vida, Carpinteria. Curt will be receiving physical therapy there as part of a rehabilitation program.

If you learn that one of our members is ill or injured, please notify Editorial Assistant [Eric Torbet](#).

## 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](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](#).

# Upcoming Meetings

**November 7, 2019**

## “Stories of the Way It Was in Santa Barbara”

John MacKenzie will introduce **Hattie Beresford**, a retired teacher of English and American History with the SB School District, and a graduate of UCSB. For the past 15 years, Hattie has written a local history column for the *Montecito Journal* called “The Way It Was,” where she has been able to indulge her long-standing interest in the people and events of Santa Barbara’s past. She has also been a contributor to their semi-annual Magazine edition, most recently with an article on the early days of the Doulton family and their Miramar-by-the-Sea. Together with the Santa Barbara Historical Museum, she co-edited and produced the memoir of local artist Elizabeth Eaton Burton entitled *My Santa Barbara Scrap Book* and wrote two *Noticias*, their historical journal. Most recently, the Community Arts Music Association recruited her to research and write the history of their 100 year old organization, entitled *Celebrating CAMA’s Centennial*.

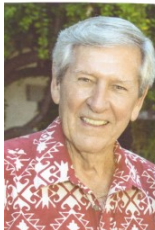
The slide show/talk presents stories from her book, *The Way It Was - Santa Barbara Comes of Age*, which is a small collection of her articles accompanied by over 250 historic photographs and images. These portray the years between 1880 and 1930 during which time Santa Barbara shed her Wild West chaps and assumed the mantilla of a thoroughly modern town.



**November 21, 2019**

## “The Case for Freedom to Choose”

Kevin Ryan will introduce our own **Jim Davis**, who spent his career in applied science and technology. He earned his BS in physics from CalTech and his PhD in physics from UCLA. During his career, he worked extensively with Congress, federal agencies through Cabinet level and the White House, and with industry executives both as an industrial manager and as a national laboratory leader. He led and/or participated in the development of laser range finders and designators for smart weapons, laser radar for detection and imaging, solid state lasers for fusion, all aspects of Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation (AVLIS), materials processing technologies,



environmental restoration and waste management technologies, international technology transfer, and the formulation of business plans to convert military bases to civilian industrial parks. He received a Hughes Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Fellowship. He is a permanent member of the American Physical Society.

After retirement, Jim has maintained a strong interest in the advancement of science and technology. In recent years, he has done a lot of research into how these advances have had a remarkable influence on our interpretation of many long-standing social and philosophical controversies.

For example, the advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has led to speculation that machines can achieve the same level of intelligence as humans, causing some researchers to claim that we humans are just more advanced physical things. But are humans more than advanced machines, i.e. do humans have a level of freedom and intelligence that machines can never achieve?

There is an immense literature on human freedom that stretches back almost as far as philosophy itself. The issues concern what we are, how we fit into nature and the difficulty of explaining our actions in terms of the natural order. We find that there are many reasons to question the validity of the opinion that we are not free to choose our actions, i.e. that we do not have free will.

**December 5, 2019**

## “Experiencing 6 Years of Family Life Among Baffin Island Inuit Early in Their Transition to a New Way of Life”

Bob Weber will introduce our own **Bill Berry**, who will talk about his time living with the Inuit. Bill experienced daily life among the aboriginal hunter-gatherer survival culture, where older generations remembered years of poor food harvest when female infanticide, occasional cannibalism and suicide of the elderly and sick were needed to prevent extended family camps from dying out. The government responded to the Inuit desire for a better standard of living and a more secure and healthy life.

Bill Berry was born in Montreal in 1937, and raised in Ville de Lery, a French-Canadian farm village southwest of Montreal, where he learned French and became a lifetime bilingual. He graduated from McGill University in



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1958 with a B.Sc. in geology and chemistry.

After graduation he became Area Administrator with the Canadian Federal Government on Baffin Island, which lies to the west of Greenland, in the Canadian Eastern Arctic. In this capacity he, with his cohort of Area Administrators throughout the Arctic, was called by the Inuit "INULIRIJI": he who works with the Inuit. He remained there over six years with his young family, and will describe the experience in his talk.

The second phase of his career began with an MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1967 followed by working as a Federal civil servant in Montreal for several years before subsequent years in the private sector in various industries with offices for government affairs such as the Canadian Textiles Institute, where he became Executive Vice President, followed by manager of Government Affairs Ultramar Canada, the largest refiner and marketer of oil products in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. Next in 1987 to 1989 Bill was Executive Director of the Crop Protection Institute of Canada, the trade association of the Canadian pesticide industry. In all of these positions he was responsible for the advancement of industry issues and positions, contributing to the formation of public policies, using research, position papers and testimony to senior officials, Boards, Commissions and Parliamentary Committees in English and French.

## Special Events

**November 3, 2019**

### Opera & Lunch

Fred Sidon is organizing another trip to the opera, with lunch beforehand, on Sunday November 3. The opera is Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, performed at The Granada. Lunch is at noon at the La Cumbre Country Club, followed by a pre-performance lecture at 1:45 p.m., with the opera itself starting at 2:30 p.m. Total price (includes opera, lunch, tax, tips) is either \$69 or \$102, depending on seat choice (D or C section, respectively).

Please contact Fred Sidon if interested.  
(805) 967-6757 or [fsidon@impulse.net](mailto:fsidon@impulse.net)



**February 6, 2020**

### Hobby Day

All members who have hobbies and special interests such as Woodworking, Art pieces, Winemaking, Photography, Sculpturing, Pottery, Jewelry Making, Collections, Ceramics, etc. are invited to display their hobbies and special interests at this special club meeting. All items will be displayed on tables, on the floor, or on easels furnished by the participant.



A questionnaire titled HOBBY DAY SHOW is included in this issue, page 5. If you are interested, complete the questionnaire and send to Thore Edgren before Dec. 5.

## 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 info.



### Discussion Group

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



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

# Welcome Our New Members

**Shelley Ritchey**  
4129 B Via Andorra  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110



George Ritchey introduced his wife and new member Shelley Ritchey to the club. Shelley had a 23-year career in teaching in the Santa Barbara school district. She also served for 10 years as a probation officer in Los Angeles County. She is a member of Elks Lodge, Goleta.

Shelley was born in Utah, studied history, English, and education in college and graduate school, and moved to Santa Barbara in 1978. She enjoys swimming, ballroom dancing, and folk dancing. She and her husband George have four sons. By joining Cosmo, she hopes to learn new things while sharing her own knowlege.

## Last Meeting

**October 17, 2019**

Sharing the role of ticket sellers were Phil Holland and Steve Halsted. Bob Zimels hosted the punchbowl. Audiovisual duty was handled by Orlando Ramirez. Judy Fontana served as sergeant-at-arms. A sensitive invocation prayer was delivered by Pete Kruse.

## Wine Drawing

A 2017 sauvignon blanc fermented by Josh Celler was given by Bob Zimels to Judy Fontana. Pete Klein garnered a 2016 vintage Francis Coppola Red Label zinfandel.



## Welcome Our Guests

Pete Kruse introduced the following guest:



**Bob Hull**, sponsored by Jim Hemmer, is retired from a career as a CPA, as the Director of Tax with Green Hills Software. He was also a partner of a Pasadena-based CPA firm. His hobbies include hiking, gardening, and traveling.

## Program Synopsis

### “The Mueller Report and Impeachment Inquiry”



Vern Kemp introduced **Steve Zipperstein**, former Special Counsel to Robert S. Mueller. Recently retired, Mr. Zipperstein has served as Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles as well as many years in the Washington Department of Justice. Currently, he teaches in the Global Studies department at UCLA. He is a Senior Fellow of the UCLA Center for Middle East Development. His chosen topic was the ongoing investigations and the legal requirements for impeachment of our current United States president.

To emphasize its partisan nature, the title of his presentation was: "Impeachment Wars - What LIES Ahead?" With the current polls revealing the majority of American citizens desiring the current resident of the White House to be removed from office, Mr. Zipperstein laid out the basis of the House of Representatives Impeachment Inquiry.

In the Mueller Report, 35 individuals, mostly Russians, were charged with crimes; eight being currently convicted. The Russian spy agency, GRU, hacked the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton Campaign Committee, obtaining their passwords. These were given to Wikileaks which later hacked their e-mails which were later given to Roger Stone.

In addition, Mueller's investigation found Russia used social media, placing false stories discrediting Hillary Clinton and increasing distrust among groups of American voters. The final Mueller Report listed ten Acts of Obstruction committed by the Trump organization without finding definite evidence of corrupt intent.

The whistle blower complaint of August 12, which was composed by a lawyer, was similar to the July 25th Trump/President Zelensky of Ukraine phone conference summary issued by President Trump. It revealed Trump asking President Zelensky to investigate Ukrainian's role in the 2016 hacking of the DNC and Joseph Biden and his son, Hunter's work for a Ukrainian Gas Company; in exchange for the release of United States aid for Ukrainian defense against Russian aggression.

Two ethnic Ukrainians and colleagues of Rudy Giuliani, Parnas and Fruman were arrested for illegal foreign political contributions to at least two political action pacs

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to stimulate an Oklahoma congressman to lobby for the ouster of the American-Ukrainian ambassador and to support Mr. Trump in his re-election run for 2020.

It appears to Mr. Zipperstein that the House of Representatives will eventually, after further investigation, impeach the President for unconstitutional abuse of power in his office, willful obstruction of justice and flagrant disregard of the emolument clause. Only a majority vote (over 50%) is needed to pass an impeachment vote.

However, since the Senate has the sole power to determine the punishment for impeachment, the chances of removing our president from office are unlikely. A two-thirds vote of United States Senators is necessary to depose a president from his elected position.

The forum was open for questions after the well-illustrated slide presentation. A lively question and answer discussion followed which was called to an end by our duly elected President, Ted Ross.

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**HOBBY DAY SHOW**

DATE: February 6, 2020

WHERE: ELKS CLUB NORTH ENTRY SPECIAL PURPOSE ROOM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_

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TABLES ARE 30"W x 96"L (TABLES MAY BE SHARED)

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PLEASE SUBMIT INFO BY December 5, 2019