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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 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.

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](mailto: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 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](mailto:Eric.Torbet).

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

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

January 2, 2020

Opera Carmen

Chuck Curtis will introduce our own **Albert Mercado**, who will speak about Bizet's opera *Carmen*. After retiring from 41 years in space and defense, Albert decided to pursue one of his favorite passions: classical music and operas. He enrolled in a special opera training program at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in LA, in a 1-year program prepared by Placido Domingo to study opera presentations. After completing the course and becoming a member of the Opera Speakers Bureau, Albert has given multiple presentations at theaters, clubs, universities, and libraries.



Carmen, an opera in four acts by French composer Georges Bizet, was groundbreaking in its realism and rapidly became one of the most popular Western operas of all time. Today it is the third most popular opera at the Metropolitan. It is the source of many memorable and widely recognized songs, notably those known by the popular names "Toréador Song" and "Habanera." *Carmen* also is the best-known example of opéra-comique, a genre of French opera not necessarily comic but featuring both spoken dialogue and sung portions. In contrast to its current reputation, it was initially condemned by early critics, who were unaccustomed to seeing the lives of the common folk, much less the world of gypsies (in Mérimée they are specifically identified with the Roma), smugglers, deserters, factory workers, and various ne'er-do-wells given centre stage.

January 16, 2020

Current Trends in Audiology

Kevin Ryan will introduce **Jacqueline Wiley, Audiologist** to give us an update on her field. Jacqueline is the owner and operator of Santa Barbara Audiology. This should be of great interest to our members, many of whom suffer from age-related hearing loss or hearing loss from other causes. There is much new in the area of hearing aid devices and implants.



Jacqueline has practiced audiology for 14 years in Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Tuscon. She has particip-

ated in research at the Los Angeles based House Ear Institute as well as at the Sansum Diabetes Research institute.

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.

The deadline for reserving a place in this show has passed, but contact [Thore Edgren](#) to see if there is still space.



Regular Events

Golf

Announcement: We're organizing a trip to San Diego for 3 days of golf, **Feb 16-19**, need to sign up by Dec 30. Contact Ron Singer for details and to get on the Cosmo golf mailing list.



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.



Regular Events, cont'd...

Discussion Group

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



January 16 (Jim Hemmer): *Origins of Proto Indo-European Language (3,500-3,000 BC)*

February 20 (Gordon Bjork): *Globalization: The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly*

March 19 (Jim Davis): *The Phantom we call "Justice"*

April 16 (Kevin Ryan): *Medicine vs Healthcare Business: Are the incentives incompatible?*

May 21 (Jim Hemmer): *Origins of Chariot and Spread of Indo-Iranian Language (2,200-1,800 BC)*

June 18 (Jim Davis): *The Nuclear Weapons Debate*

Last Meeting

December 19, 2019

Ticket sellers were Ed Dewey and Mike McGinnis. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, and Orlando Ramirez. Walt Clapp was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Bill Alexander. Finally, President Ted Ross presented our annual gratuity to Elk's Club Chef and Manager Carlos Gallegos, for distribution to the serving and cooking staff.

Wine Drawing

A bottle of Ménéage à Trois 2017 chardonnay was won by Mike McGinnis and a Bogle 2016 petite syrah was collected by Walt Clapp. Harv Turner stood in for Bob Zimels with the traditional groaner joke.



Program Synopsis

San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation

John Warnock introduced **The San Marcos Madrigal Singers**, one of six ensembles the High School runs. They performed to a



poorly attended audience on the last meeting of the year. The group, directed by **Eleni Pantages**, sang a potpourri of Christmas and Hanukkah carols and songs in English, German, French, Latin and Hebrew, demonstrating their versatility and excellence. This particular group of singers has won kudos in various national and international competitions, coming in first in last year's national contest. They are scheduled to go to Seattle next year and hope to retain their primacy.

These young people, ranging from freshmen to seniors in high school, are truly an example of excellence, and several told the audience of their range of activities. One young lady said she had visited China with the entrepreneurial group of her class and is interested in international business/economic relations. Another girl started a business servicing events in our area, while a young man became involved with a volunteer football league. There is no question that these young people are the best our community can expect from our educational institutions and we can be proud of them. Too bad more of our members didn't get to hear this outstanding ensemble of young singers celebrating the Holiday Season. But, our Club showed its appreciation by making a donation to the choir, and attendees "filled the hat" on their way out.

Here are some photos taken by Bob Weber, Harv Turner, and Ron White (more can be found on our [Facebook page](#), with higher resolution)...



