



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.)

Program Committee Announcement

Our Program Committee does a marvelous job of securing excellent speakers for our meetings. In order to help them provide the programs that you want, you are welcome and encouraged to provide ideas for presentations that would interest you personally. Please submit your ideas to any member of the Program Committee:

[Chuck Curtis](#)

[JC Elliot](#)

[Charlie Greene](#)

[Karl Hutterer](#)

[Vern Kemp](#)

[John MacKenzie](#)

[Kev Ryan](#)

[Sandy Seale](#)

[John Warnock](#)

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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](#).

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.

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

Upcoming Meetings

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 participated 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.

There asks that each hobby exhibitor [send him](#) a brief introduction material regarding how you developed your interest for this particular hobby, how you developed it, why you enjoy it, and other relevant info that might be of interest to the members-at-large who will follow this intro with a visit to the showroom where the exhibits will be located.



electric vehicle charging. In his words: "Our present system of large centralized power plants is vulnerable to massive outages from natural disaster and acts of terrorism. Smaller, decentralized local renewables reduces this risk". The Goleta facility will supply back-up power, at least for critical facilities, in Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito and Carpinteria.

Craig Lewis, Founder and Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, has over 30 years of experience in renewables, wireless, semiconductor, and banking industries. Previously VP of Government Relations at GreenVolts, he was the first to successfully navigate a solar project through California's Renewable Portfolio Standard solicitation process. Craig was energy policy lead on Steve Westly's 2006 California gubernatorial campaign. His resume includes senior government relations, corporate development, and marketing positions at leading wireless, semiconductor, and banking companies such as Qualcomm, Ericsson, and Barclays Bank. Craig received an MBA and MSEE from the University of Southern California and a BSEE from the University of California, Berkeley.

February 20, 2020

Goleta Load Pocket Community Microgrid: Bringing Renewable-Driven Resilience to the Santa Barbara Region

Kevin Ryan will introduce **Craig Lewis**, of the Clean Coalition, to tell us about a new approach for designing and operating the electrical grid. This will utilize clean local solar energy, energy storage, and



Regular Events

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*

Regular Events, cont'd...

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.



Golf

Announcement: We're organizing a trip to San Diego for 3 days of golf, **Feb 16-19**. Contact Ron Singer for details.

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.



Last Meeting

January 2, 2020

Following the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, Tom Mack provided the invocation. President Ted Ross noted that no reports of illness had been provided since the prior meeting. Our ticket sellers were Ed Dewey and Gerhart Hoffmeister and the punchbowl was manned by Bob Zimels. Our Sergeant at Arms was Gerard Kuiken, while Audio-Visual support was provided by Bob Weber.

Committee announcements included President Ross' advising the members present that there were numerous openings on our various committees and since our club is successful only if our members play an active role we are asked to let him hear from each of us with the goal of filling those posts in the near future. Ted will compile a list of openings and you are encouraged to get with it and sign up for one or more. Seriously folks, the club is more fun when you take an active part in it.

Wine Drawing

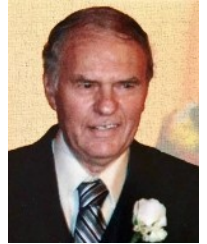
Bob Zimels emceed the wine drawing. Wine winners were Chuck Curtis with a Ménage à Trois 2019 chardonnay and Pete Klein with a Bogle 2016 old vine zinfandel. Chuck awarded, in turn, his bottle to our speaker, Albert Mercado.



Program Synopsis

Opera Carmen

Chuck Curtis introduced our own **Albert Mercado** by providing a shortened list of Albert's qualifications. 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.



Albert's presentation was quite well received by our members. The PowerPoint presentation taught us the relevance of *Carmen* and an understanding of the main characters background and motivation. As he reviewed the theme of each of the four acts he punctuated his remarks with the primary aria from each act, these from recordings of the Vienna Symphony and the NY Metropolitan. Ironically, we learned that Georges Bizet died a few months after its first performance believing that it would be a failure. It opened in March of 1875 but saw its initial performance at the Met in October 1884. Of course, since that time it has been performed no less than ten thousand times at theaters around the world, including some six thousand times in the USA.

Treasurer's Report

SEMIANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT CASH BASIS

Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara Income and Expenses JULY 1 , 2019 to December 31, 2019

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income	
Dues	\$ 11,872.00
Initiation Fees	\$ 75.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 11,947.00</u>
Gross Profit	\$ 11,947.00
Expense	
AV Technical Support	\$ 400.00
Badges	\$ 23.17
Crackers	\$ 1,556.20
Gratuities	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,031.00
Lunches	\$ 1,169.98
Other Expenses	\$ 308.91
Purchase of Assets	\$ 0.00
Roster and Web	\$ 0.00
Special Events	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 6,489.26</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,457.74</u>
 <u>Month End Bank Balances</u>	
Operating Account	\$ 16,694.53
Special Events Account	\$ 7,723.67
Golf Account	\$ 5,366.78