

# HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

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# HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY



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If he can vote, so can you!

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- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. Please email to: [kwalter@ocaoffice.org](mailto:kwalter@ocaoffice.org).
- Have a payment to make or a work order to submit after office hours? Please use the new drop box located on the front/west side of the OCA Business Office. It is checked Mon. through Fri.
- How do I submit a work request? Both maintenance work requests and landscape work requests are available on our website: [www.oceanaseniors.org](http://www.oceanaseniors.org). After completion, you may submit your form via office@ocaoffice.org, by fax to 760-757-8177 or by visiting the Business Office. All work requests are prioritized with other scheduled work. We do respond to an emergency situation (e.g. sewer backups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on weekends emergencies should be reported to our live answering service at 760-757-3937.
- Are you moving? Do you have a neighbor who has moved or passed away? Please provide such information to Karen Walter at the OCA Business Office at [kwalter@ocaoffice.org](mailto:kwalter@ocaoffice.org).

**KEEP INFORMED**

Here are several websites that can help keep you up-to-date on Oceana and your local community.

**OCEANA**

OCEANASENIORS.ORG

**CITY OF OCEANSIDE**

CI.OCEANSIDE.CA.US

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

SANDIEGOCOUNTY.GOV

The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting will take place at 9:30 am on the last Wednesday of the month in the Clubhouse auditorium.



## A Message From the Board Of Directors

As we have one foot firmly planted in this new decade, we are looking forward to making progress on our Blueprint for Financial Sustainability.

Many projects are scheduled for the first quarter. The heated pool will be resurfaced early this year; which will greatly enhance the appearance of the recreational plaza while preserving the pool liner. All tied to sustainability.

Some recent changes the board has made is to approve a fourth painter/carpenter for the painting team. These employees are paid through the reserve funds as a dedicated reserve expense. Along with a larger team to manage, Randy Newman's title has been changed to Facilities Manager to better reflect his responsibilities. Fernando Montano has been promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and supervises the daily maintenance side of the team. This gives better oversight of the maintenance/painting staff while providing a career path for the facilities employees. Even with these changes, we expect to see savings from what hired outside contractors would cost. Along with the cost savings, the quality of work is superior as compared to past outside contractors.

All these factors are being closely monitored by our General Manager, Patricia Orlando, Randy, the RPC Committee Chair, the Finance Committee Chair, and of course the Board of Directors.

There has been some concern voiced about the length of time the painting crew is taking in Unit #3; however, this is a new endeavor. How many enterprises have smooth sailing right from the start? There is a learning curve we are experiencing now and adjustments will be put in place to make the projects more ef-

ficient going forward. Adding one more staff will help. There are other factors at work here as well. The repairs being made now are more extensive than before. Stucco is being repaired where necessary now, again taking the path of greater sustainability for our homes and infrastructure. Another factor that affects time lines is the response time from homeowners on making repairs that are their responsibility. If their repairs are delayed, we cannot complete that home.

We are looking forward to the results of the first phase of the Master Landscape Plan in Unit #4. Again, we are breaking new ground (in more ways than one) in this regard; another learning process. It may take a few months to see the final results of the new irrigation, de-thatching, pagoda lighting and planting. We are expecting good results and to learn valuable information for the successive phases of the plan. Most of the dollars spent cannot be seen as the replacement of the irrigation system was the major cost.

In this first quarter we will also be completing the valve replacement in the Unit #8 loop and finally isolate the golf course from it. This way if we must shut off water for a break, we will no longer impact their business.

Our community is a very dynamic one with lots of moving parts. With each decision going forward, management and the board will be evaluating cost effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability for the long term good of all owners.

We encourage you to stay positive and have patience. We are on a path of recovery and at all times could use volunteers to use the special skills and life experience to contribute to progress in the United Units of Oceana.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES



The 2020 election is for four positions on the OCA BoD. Seven residents have applied. They are presented in alphabetical sequence. The narrative is as each submitted it.



**Ronald Cook**  
Unit 10 #3

### Ronald Cook

I'm a father of four children and grandchildren. I have served 6 years in the US Army, active reserve, with Honorable Service. I also served 25 years as a deputy Sheriff. I supervised a large correctional facility with 300 men and women in my command. I'm conservative and believe all members have different needs. I will be open and fair to all.



**Bruce L. Cowgill**  
Unit 12 #51

### Bruce L. Cowgill

My background includes over thirty years of experience as an engineer, manager and owner of a small consulting business. We moved to Oceana in February of 2016.

I was appointed to the Board in 2017 and served out the remainder of a vacated position.

In that role I served as board liaison for the Architecture committee. Currently I am serving as chairman of the Reserve Planning committee and maintain an active membership in our Landscape and Finance committees.

As a board member I will continue to support the blueprint for restoring our community's infrastructure and landscape to acceptable levels. I would be pleased to serve on our Board of Directors if elected.



**Stephen Graves**  
Unit 8 #105

### Stephen Graves

#### Work background:

- Maintenance worker in a large department serving 23 schools
- Journeyman Carpenter #844 —familiar with Oceana type of construction
- Firefighter with LAFD in Fire Suppression, in Fire Prevention Bureau. Education and Training

#### Unit

- Writer: primary author of a syllabus that became CERT training in 1993.

#### OCA Volunteer 2010-2018

- Architectural Committee (member 2012-2018)
- Reserve planning committees Chair 2012-2016
- Participated in six Reserve Studies which assess our infrastructure.
- Budget Committee (2017)
- Governing Documents Committee (2016)

#### Primary Goals

- Maintenance of common area infrastructure and appearance to protect property values
- Greater oversight of staff and contractor work to improve performance and lower cost
- Create a climate of respect and greater community and volunteerism



**Joan Jeffery**  
Unit 9 #2

### Joan Jeffery

I have served on the board of directors for four years, as President for the past 2 1/2 years. In those 2 1/2 years we have been able to experience many successes, such as:

- completed revisions to the CC&Rs and By Laws; which are ready for distribution and approval of the members
  - Realized substantial cost savings in various areas of utility usage and employment of best practices
  - adopted a five-year blueprint for financial soundness, restoration, and sustainability of our aging infrastructure
  - initiated in-house painting and repairs, including garages and shutters for cost reduction
  - launched the first phase of the comprehensive master landscape and irrigation plan
  - brought delinquencies to the lowest level in a decade
  - increased oversight of our accounting and expenditures and improved reporting
  - ceased the practice of illegal board meetings either via email or in person
- If re-elected I would:
- continue to reduce expenses without sacrificing quality
  - hold staff and contractors to high standards; get the best value for our dollars
  - grow our reserves, unify our efforts, and focus on the issues that matter most
  - continue to tell you the truth with integrity

- apply proven problem-solving skills to determine simple, cost-effective, and fair solutions
- preserve and increase property and aesthetic values in our community
- utilize the talents and services of our volunteers
- work with board teammates to achieve our stated goals

Please help me to continue to make positive changes for Oceana's future. We have the community moving in the right direction, let's continue that effort. By building on our successes we can own and live in a vibrant and unified community of sustainable, well-maintained homes and infrastructure for many years to come.

Let's move forward to the best Oceana we can be.



**Jacqueline Townsend Konstanturos**

I would like to help support the community by applying my business background to the needs of the community. Here is my business biography:

**Jacqueline Townsend Konstanturos**  
Unit 14 #7

For more than 30 years, Jackie Townsend Konstanturos, branding expert and Chief Strategist for The Townsend Team, has been turning underdogs into market leaders. She has helped

clients like HNC Software and Qualcomm through the rigors of an IPO, and she has helped established public companies like ARM and pSemi improve market presence. Yet, it was her expertise helping startups launch disruptive offerings that led her to create a methodology for helping companies to quickly identify a unique brand platform and to solidify their unique position in the marketplace. This proven methodology is the basis for her consulting firm, newly renamed The Townsend Team and with roots tracing back to The Townsend Agency, which she sold in 2007. She has also served as CMO of BioSurplus and CEO of Restorative Remedies. Her work has become the standard by which successful branding, marketing, and public relations campaigns are measured. Jackie graduated summa cum laude from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio and California State University, Long Beach with a Master of Science degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and liberal arts, respectively. Jackie is a published author, co-

authoring "Gluten Nation: The Alarming Role That Gluten Plays in Arthritis, ADHD, Autism, Bipolar Disorder, Cancer, Diabetes, Fibromyalgia and Other Ailments" in 2009. Jackie has been recognized for her expertise and contributions by both professional and industry organizations including the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Entrepreneur of the Year, PR Week's Public Relations Practitioner of the Year, finalist for Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year and The T Sector's teleFUSION '03 PR Leader of the Year. The American Marketing Association named Jacqueline Marketer of the Year and she was a finalist for the Pinnacle Award sponsored by UCSD's CONNECT's Athena Awards. She is also a gifted leader in bringing together teams of highly talented contributors to deliver outstanding results. The Townsend Agency was recognized with the Arthur Andersen Best Practices Award for employee retention and motivation. Jackie is an original founding member of San Diego Mission Ventures, a local venture capital firm. She also served on the Advisory Board of MIT Enterprise Forum, as a board member of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and has served as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for National University.



**Sue M. Moore**

**Sue M. Moore**  
Unit 9 #18

I'm excited to have this opportunity to help make Oceana an even better place to retire by serving on the board. Twelve years ago I inherited my first Oceana home. My husband had inherited his a few years earlier. Both sets of parents were Oceana retirees. One of their houses was bought from the builder in 1967. Last year we bought an Oceana home for us to live in. The remodel is being completed as I write this. Our long time connection with Oceana gives me a different perspective on what's happening now. It also gives me a heart for the community and a desire to serve.

My work history which has prepared my for Board service includes 30 years in Education as an elementary school teacher and principal and district office administrator. As a community member I have served on several church administrative boards, been Sunday School Su-

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perintendent, president of ACSA region 19 (Association of California School Administrators, served for 4 years on the Finance Committee of Canyon Lake Homeowners Association, 5 years on the Design Committee of Arrowood Homeowners, and 4 years as an officer on El Camino Quilters Board.

As a member of any community or organization I believe it is my responsibility to be an active participant in the activities and leadership and support the other members of the group by listening and leading as well as possible. Currently I participate in Water Aerobics, Quilting and Chair Volleyball.

I'm ready to support the ongoing programs and improvement projects. On the board I will provide a new set of eyes and ears to locate other ways in which we can make Oceana even better. Several areas of particular interest are supporting increased community member and association communication, continuing upgrades to landscape and association assets as we make Oceana a 21st century community.



**John Vogt**  
Unit 14 #4

**John Vogt**

I have served on the Board for 2 1/2 years now and believe that in that time the Board has worked together harmoniously and has launched Oceana on a solid course for the future. Our office and maintenance staff has jelled into a hardworking team of qualified members who are serving our community well while saving us a lot of money. The Blueprint to catch up on deferred maintenance and bring our community back up to the well-maintained, attractive place we all would like to call home is now in the second year of a five- or six-year plan. The Governing Documents Revision Project, of which I am the co-chairman, is reaching its final stage with presentation to the members and the vote to approve about to take place. I offer myself for reelection in the hopes of helping our community continue on the positive course now underway. I believe that, if we "stay the course," we will soon see a beautified, well-maintained community which will give us a great place to live and also something valuable to pass on to our heirs.

**2020 OCA Board Election Process Recap**

The process of electing four new Directors for the 2020 OCA Board is under way. Ballots will be mailed out soon to all homeowners. You may complete your ballot and mail it in or you can drop you ballot in the locked ballot box in the lobby of the business office. You will find the poster on the right at each ballot box to assist you in the proper method for submission of your ballot. You may drop your ballot in the ballot box up to the start of the Annual Meeting at 1pm on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

As required by Civil Code §5100(a), the vote must be completed by secret ballot. To preserve confidentiality, voters may not be identified by name, address, or lot, parcel, or unit number on ballots. The ballot itself is not signed by the voter but is inserted into a ballot envelope that is sealed. This envelope is inserted into a second outer envelope that is sealed. The upper left-hand corner of the second envelope must contain the voter's name, unit and house number. **The envelope must also be signed by the voter. Failing to sign the outer envelope voids the ballot.**

**Oceana BOD Election Ballot Box**

**To Submit Your Vote:**

- 1** Mark your ballot. **DO NOT** place your name or address on the ballot!
- 2** Fold & insert your ballot into white ballot envelope. **DO NOT** place your name or address on the white ballot envelope!
- 3** Seal ballot envelope & insert it into larger yellow control envelope.
- 4** Seal control envelope and... write your name, signature\* and address on upper left of the envelope.
- 5** Insert envelope into ballot box.

\* NOTE: By state law, if the Control Envelope is not signed, the ballot is void.

# Notices & Reminders



The Tax Man Cometh!

Yes, It's That Time of Year, Again!

## **AARP Tax Aide 2020 (for Tax Year 2019)**

The OCA office is now taking appointments for this year's AARP Tax Aide Service. Please call 760-757-3937 to make your appointment. For a return with a 1099B from a stock broker make your appointment for **mid-March!**

Stop by the office and pick up intake forms so you can have them filled out prior to your appointment.

If you have not filed in the last 3 years please let us do a return just to make sure that no one is using your Social Security number.

If you need to do more than 1 return, **please** make a separate appointment for each return.

### **Things to Bring to your Appointment:**

- Picture ID.
- Last year's return.
- Bring in all 1099's, Social Security Statement's and W2's.
- If you itemized last year bring all documents in support of schedule A, we will need them for the State Return.

**Where:** The OCA Art Room  
**When:** Every Wednesday February 5 - April 15, 2020  
**Times:** 1<sup>st</sup> appointment at 9 AM, last appoint at 12 PM

Tain Soreboe

## **Happy Birthday Myrtle**



Myrtle



**Myrtle Hanavan,** longtime resident of Unit 14, **celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday** in February. And, yes, folks, she's still

going strong!

Friends and neighbors had a birthday celebration for Myrtle on February 8 at The Point (end of S Street). Oceanside Mayor Peter Weiss attended the festivities and congratulated Myrtle with a special proclamation celebrating her birthday.

Let's all join together in wishing Myrtle a very happy belated birthday! May we enjoy her presence among us for many more years to come!



### **We're Holding a Drawing**

for a \$50.00 visa gift card at the end of the final Candidate Forum, scheduled for Saturday, February 29th at 10am in the Clubhouse Auditorium. Only those who attend the Forum will be eligible for the drawing.

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## A Compliment to the Aladdin Project

I'd like to thank Connie Ferguson, Kevin Immel and all the volunteers with the Aladdin Project who worked so hard to plan, raise funds and implement the Rock Garden beautification project. The hours you put in with shovels, rakes; clearing and planting was done with so much love! Be assured the garden will be a place to enjoy sunrises, sunsets, building friendships through conversation and will be well taken care of as a legacy in your honor for many, many years to come. To all those who walked by with encouragement, compliments and assistance, thank you! Your lights shine brightly over this community.

A neighbor who appreciates you.

(Please see the Aladdin Project report on Page 19.)

## Thank You, Alex



Alex and Mariposa

A welcoming smile and a big wave—that's what **Alex Nagy** will give you if you encounter him outside, whether walking or driving your car. Thank you, Alex, for your happy gestures. They add joy to our day.

The Oceana Community

## Grief Support Group

A grief support group is being formed here at Oceana for residents who have experienced the death of a loved one. The plan is to meet from 10:00 until 11:30 each Friday morning in the Art Room starting Friday, March 6. After three months, the group will assess if they wish to continue. It has been designed to provide a safe place where residents can share their grief in a compassionate environment. Group members may learn they are not alone, discover new coping strategies and find new connections. All sessions will be confidential. Please contact Laurie Judge at 760-529-5775 if you are interested in discussing or joining the group.

## Daylight Savings Time . . .

. . . begins Sunday, March 8 at 2am. Be sure to turn your clocks forward before going to bed Saturday night.

## Writing Group Update

The scope of the writing group has expanded to include play reading and/or play writing. Everyone is invited whether you want to write, read or just be entertained. They continue to meet each Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Billiards room. Contact Alan, 760-224-6404, or just show up.

## Tow Signs

There has been an increase in inquiries as to the towing signs that are at each unit entrance throughout the community. The law requires specific signage at the entrance of each unit. For the most part, faded signs were replaced, in a few areas, we were in violation of the law because a few streets were missing signs. The towing company listed on the signage has been the designated company for many years, without negative incidents. At our request and at no charge, they replaced signs throughout the community.

The law requires that there must be appropriate signs on the property regarding towing.

- A. A tow notice sign at all entrances to the property (each unit.)
- B. The sign must be in plain view

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# Activities

**Saturday, March 14, 6-9pm**

## WILD WILD WEST DANCE &

**B**reak out your western duds and get ready for a real

### HOEDOWN

- A (CRA Residents') Best Chili competition with cornbread, salad and dessert. Beer and wine, too!
- Line Dance off all those extra chili pounds to the music of

### CUT TO THE CHASE

- Loads of fun for all
- Chili Cook-off judged by panel.
- Bragging right for the winner!



March 14, 6-9pm  
Clubhouse Auditorium  
\$8 per person  
Sign up at the Office  
Feb 17-Mar 10

**Chili Chefs**  
Indicate intent to compete at sign-up.

Questions? Call 760-757-3937



**Saturday, March 21, 1pm**

# ANNUAL MEETING



*In the Clubhouse Auditorium*

**Tuesday, March 10, 11:45am**

## MEET UP For

### Whale & Dolphin Watching

A Two-Hour Boat Trip with



*There should still be whales and dolphins migrating along the coast. Come along on a beautiful covered catamaran and enjoy the fresh ocean air!*



Arrive by 11:45am

Check in at Kiosk just west of The Lighthouse Restaurant.

**Dress Warmly!**

March 10, 11:45am  
\$34.00/person due at sign-up.  
Sign up at the Office before Feb. 27.

**Wednesday, March 11, 4pm - 6pm**

## MEET UP For



2471 Vista Way  
Oceanside

**4-6pm**

\$4 beer, \$5 wine, \$6 well drinks  
\$6 Appetizers  
& Beer/Cola/Wine \$11

March 11, 4-6pm  
Restaurant's Bar Area  
Your tab.

Questions? Call 760-757-3937

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# This Month's Activities

- Mar. 10 **MEET UP** For Whale & Dolphin Watching - O'Side Harbor 11:45am
- Mar. 11 **MEET UP** For  4-6pm
- Mar. 14 **WILD WILD WEST DANCE & Chili Cook-Off**  
- Clubhouse Auditorium 6-9pm
- Mar. 21 **Annual Meeting**  
- Clubhouse Auditorium 1pm

Every Thursday

## Sing-Along House Party

6pm in the Clubhouse. Bring your own snacks & drinks.

(Details elsewhere in this edition of the Hilltop Highlights)

## Coffee Hour

- Mar. 5 Bingo
- Mar. 12 Peter Seltser
- Mar. 19 John Kelly - Hearing Specialist
- Mar. 26 Celeste



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*Remember that most of these activities are funded entirely by Share & Wear.*

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# Things To Do at OCA

**Art Studio** -Mon.& Wed., 1-3pm; Water-color instruction, Wed. 1-3pm. Info: David Finkas at (760) 586-8484.

**Billiards** -Thurs. 10:30am. Friendly group for socializing and skills improvement.

## Bridge

**Wed. Bridge** -Wednesdays (except 1<sup>st</sup> of month) 12:30-3:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Tom Miller, 760-757-1393.

**Social Bridge** -Fridays 9:00am in the Card Room.

**Bunco** -1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm in the Large Card room. Info: Dona White (760) 533-2484.

**Ceramic Studio** -open 1-3:00pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Contact: Pat Christie at 442-297-7430.

**Chair Volleyball** - Monday and Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse. For info: call Dave Freeman at 818-262-0788

**Chair Yoga** - Monday at 10am in the Auditorium. For info: call David Phears at 714-795-0027

**French Club** - Monday, 4-5pm in the Clubhouse Library. Call Andre Waldor at 760-978-5447.

**Friends of Bill W.** -Wed. at 5:00 pm in the card room. Info: Lin Riley 760-730-3371.

**Garden Club**-Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden. Info: Casey Fitzpatrick 818-426-4572.

**Hand & Foot** -Fridays at 12:30 pm. Info: Joan Jeffery at 760-637-2384

**Keep Fit Exercise Class**—MWF 8:30am-9am in the Auditorium. Info: Gene or Dee Barilotti at 760-967-2157.

**Knitting** -Thurs. at 10:30am in the Card Room. Info: Karen Jacobson 760-757-2477 or Dee Wylie 760-231-9577.

**Lapidary Shop** -Mon. thru Thurs. 1-3pm. Info: John Pitarresi at 760-917-6631.

**Line Dancing** -Thursdays 3pm-4pm in the Auditorium. Info: Shirley Thralls at 760-433-3164.

**Mah Jong** - Mondays 1:00pm-4:00pm and Tuesdays 12:30pm-4:00pm in the Library. Info: Marlene Kerman at 760-433-0347.

**OA Friends of Roseann** - Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubhouse Card Room. Info: Beverly Stiles 760-453-2379.

**OCA Book Club** -10:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse Library.

**OSERT** -3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 5pm in the Computer room. Info: Patricia McArdle, 703-254-8916

**Pickleball** - Playing times Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Play levels are Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. In the Clubhouse. See the Calendar for specifics. Info: Steve Reigle.

**Pinochle** Mon. at 1 pm in the Card Room. Info: Joyce Poxon 760-859-6728.

**Poker** - Tuesdays 6-8pm. Contact Glenn Groth at 760-754-9646.

**Quilters**—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 9am-Noon in the Art Room. Info: Sue Moore, 760-231-7966.

**Sequence** -Thursdays 1pm-4pm in the Card room. Info: Marilyn 760-435-9600

**Sing-Along** - Thursdays 6pm in the Clubhouse Auditorium. Bring snacks & drinks. Info: Glen Hemingway 760-518-5716.

**Trivia** -Mondays 7pm-9pm in the Card room. Info: Colleen Eidson 760-529-9999

## Water Aerobics

**Mornings:** 8:00am Mon/Wed/Fri.

**Afternoon:** 1:00pm-1:45pm Fri.

Info: Betsy 760-439-2879.

**Woodshop** -Monday-Friday 1-3pm. Info: Jim Romans 949-742-2311.

**Writing Group (Write On)** -Tuesdays 10am. Billiards Room Info: Alan Dolit 760 224-6404.



**Events Scheduled Every Week—By Weekday**

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Weds.
Pickleball Private Noon-2:30pm Private 4pm-6pm  	Art Room Open: 1-3pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Chair Yoga 10am French Club 4-5pm Keep Fit Class: 8:30am (Auditorium) Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Mah Jong: 1-4pm Pickleball: Open Play 2-4:30pm Private 4:45-7pm Pinochle: 1-4pm Seniors on the Go 9-11am Share & Wear: 11-2pm Trivia: 7-9pm Water Aerobics: 8-9am Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 1-3pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Mah Jong: 12:30-4pm Pickleball: Advanced Players Only 9am-Noon Open Play 2-4:30pm Poker: 6-8pm Share & Wear: 11-2pm Write On 10-11am (Billiards Room) Woodshop: 1-3pm	Art Room Open: 1-3pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Friends of Bill W. 5:00pm Keep Fit Class: 8:30am Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm OA Friends of Roseann: 7pm Putting Practice 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 11-2pm Water Aerobics: 8-9am Wed. Bridge 12:30-3:30pm (Except 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of Mo.) Woodshop: 1-3pm  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Admin. Office Open to 6pm</b></p>

**Other Scheduled Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	9am-Noon Quilters— <b>3</b> Art Room 9:30am Act. Cte.—Card Rm 1:30pm Bunco—Card Room <b>7am-8pm Primary Polling Station in Auditorium</b>	10am Golf Course Board <b>4</b> Mtg.—Card Room 12Noon-Website Cte— Computer Rm <b>9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep —Art Room</b>
<b>8</b> 2am Daylight Savings Begins  International Women's Day	<b>9</b>	9:30am Arch. Cte. <b>10</b> - Card room 10am OCA Book Club <b>11:45am Meet-Up Whale &amp; Dolphin Watch</b>	10am Unit Advisors <b>11</b> Cte.—Auditorium 11am Res. Pln.—Card Rm. <b>9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep —Art Room</b> <b>4-6pm Meet-Up Red Lobster</b>
<b>15</b>	9:30am Finance <b>16</b> Cte.—Card Room	9am-Noon Quilters— <b>17</b> Art Room 9:30am Compliance Hr'gs — Card Rm. (Closed) 1:30pm Bunco—Card Room <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b> 6pm Safety Cte-Comp. Rm. 6:30pm OSERT-Comp. Rm <b>9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep —Art Room</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Open BOD Mtg. 1pm BOD Exec. Session  <b>9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep —Art Room</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Billiards: 10:30am Ceramics: 1-3pm Chair Volleyball 1-2pm Coffee Hour: 9am (See below) Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Knitting: 10:30am Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Line Dancing: 3-4pm Sequence: 1-4pm Share & Wear: 11-2pm Sing-Along—Aud. 6pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 1-3pm Choraleers: 1:30-3pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Hand & Foot: 12:30pm Keep Fit Class: 8:30am (Auditorium) Pickleball: Advanced Players Only 1-3pm Open Play 3-5:30pm Social Bridge: 9-11:30am Tai Chi: 10-11:30am Water Aerobics: 8-9am and 1-1:45pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Coffee Hour- Bingo <b>5</b>	10am Grief Support Group —Art Room <b>6</b>	10am-2pm SSS  <b>7</b>
9am Coffee Hour- Peter Seltser <b>12</b>	10am Landscape Cte. —Billiards Room <b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6-9pm <b>WILD, WILD WEST</b> Dance & Chili Cook-Off - Clubhouse Auditorium
9am Coffee Hour- John Kelly-Hearing <b>19</b> First Day of  <b>Spring</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1pm Annual Meeting — Clubhouse Auditorium
9am Coffee Hour- Celeste <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>



**Activities Committee**

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. Month,  
9:30am, Card Room  
Chair  
Chuck Kruse  
(Open) Vice Chair/Events Coordinator  
Ginny Romans Secretary  
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.  
Barbara Allen  
Sue Mansis  
Nancy Norton  
Bella Strubhar  
Carol Finkas Board Liaison  
Sherry Jarrett Board Exec. Cte.

**Architectural Committee**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. Month,  
9:30am, Card Room  
(Agenda deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> day of month)  
Chair, U 9  
Bill Loftus U 7,7A  
Mary Hall U 10,11  
Tony Hoople U 8  
Harold Marsh U 12, 14  
Eric Monce U 2,6  
Paula McDonald U 5  
Jay Norris U 1,1A,3,4  
Ed Smith Board Liaison  
John Vogt Board Exec. Cte.  
Charlie Wendt

**Landscape Committee**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. ea. Month,  
10am, Billiards Room  
Chair  
Vacant  
Bruce Cowgill  
Connie Ferguson  
Kevin Immel  
Sue Mansis  
Sherry Jarrett Board Liaison  
Charlie Wendt Board Exec. Cte.

**OCA-TV Committee**

Mario Badua Chair  
Shirley Clinton  
Colleen Eidson  
Patricia McArdle  
Beth Mushovic  
Jeff Surowiec Board Liaison

**Reserve Planning Committee**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Quarterly,  
Mar., June, Sep., Dec.  
11am, Card Room  
Chair  
Bruce Cowgill  
Mike Faulkner  
Patricia McArdle  
Ken Rishe  
Tain Soreboe  
Charlie Wendt Board Liaison

**Safety Committee**

**Meets:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. ea. Month,  
6pm, Comp. Room  
Chair, 335-6597  
Kelly Byrne  
Andrea Anderson  
Connie Ferguson  
Georgann Gall 335-6597  
Patricia McArdle 703-254-8916  
Alice Nolan 214-0221  
Mike Thayer Board Liaison

**Unit Advisors Committee**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. ea. Month,  
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium  
Shari Flanders, Co-Chair, 754-0020  
Donna Wendt, Co-Chair, 453-2223

**Unit**

1 -	Ron Landsel	231-7586
1A -	Linda Langworthy	562-301-1346
2 -		
3 -	Gisela Lauer	754-0296
4 -	Mary Hall	
5 -	Teri Battaglia	714-458-6842
6 -	Steve Lawler	419-7011
7 (1-34) -	Donna Wendt,	453-2223
7 (35-62) & 7A -	Pat Hawkins	450-6231
8 -	Kathleen Pursell	439-9282
	/Laurie Judge	529-5775
9 -	Jeff Kern	908-420-1853
10 -	Judy Hartmann	909-518-8767
11 -	Shari Flanders	754-0020
	Diane Pettibon	
12 (1-53) -	Jay Norris/Pat Brinson	509-939-1680
12 (54-98)-	Connie Ferguson	360-265-5558
14 -	Toby Roberts & Anita Romaine	
Sherry Jarrett	Board Liaison	

**Website Committee**

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. Month,  
12pm, Computer Room  
Chair  
Anita Romaine  
Steve Ashworth  
Kelly Byrne  
Gene Barilotti  
Don Betts  
Steve Reigle  
Carol Finkas Board Liaison

**Attention all Committee Chairs:**

Please contact the OCA office to inform them of any changes to your committee, either times, days, or new contracts for your committee. We need to update all the committees so the Oceana residents can be able to attend your meetings and not be misinformed. Let's keep everyone up to date and active. Thank you.

No Area Code? Assume 760.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the deadline for all Committee Agendas is 10 days prior to the meeting.)

# Committee Reports

## OCA Safety

### Cyber crimes

The Oceana Safety Committee cannot protect you against cyber crimes. But you should be aware of simple things you can do to keep from having your accounts hacked into.

Never make a purchase on an unsecured Wi-Fi. Purchase a reputable security system for your computer, tablet and smartphone.

Everyone should have a smartphone. People get hacked by being careless on social media. In other words, don't put vacation photos on the internet such as Facebook until you are home.

Smartphones and computers are very easy to use and can really assist Seniors, so don't be afraid to use them. Since you are reading this, advise your neighbor how easy it is to use the internet via smartphone and computers.

**Kelly Byrne**  
Chairperson

## Website

Welcome to all newcomers to the OCA Website! Nice to have you aboard. As you have found out, the Highlights has been out of commission for a few months. Then you found out you could get it on the website. Not logged in yet? Now is the time to check it out. It's a convenient way to find out what's going on in Oceana with no recycling -

**[www.oceanaseniors.org](http://www.oceanaseniors.org).**

That is - [www.oceanaseniors.org](http://www.oceanaseniors.org). A good way to check out what your Oceana community has to offer - keeping your mind and body active. Learn something new and share your knowledge with others. Offer some of you time to others in our great community. Come check out what the Website committee does or go to other committees. It's a good way to stay current with you community. You've Got This!!

**Bulletin!** For those that have been using the website for your pleasure and knowledge of Oceana, you can see that there are some wonderful pictures on the Home Page. How would

you like your picture added to that page? Send in your photos (via attachment to your email) to the office. This 'contest' will award those that enter the best pictures that depict Oceana at it's best. Categories are:

- People who live here
- Scenery around Oceana
- Activities inside Oceana

Show us how much you love living here in Oceana!!

**Anita Romaine**  
Chair Website Committee

## Activities

The big event in March is the Wild Wild West Chili Cook Off and Dance on March 14 from 6 to 9. Dust off your finest western wear. Cowboy hats, checkered shirts, Levi's and boots will abound. For only \$8 you will enjoy a Chili dinner, corn bread, salad, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks. Additionally, there will be Line Dancing to music by the Cut to the Chase band. Sign up for both the Wild Wild West dance and to participate in the Chili Cook Off at the office between February 17 and March 10.

March does not just have the Wild Wild West dinner dance but also a full menu at the Thursday morning coffee hours, a Happy Hour Meetup and a Whale Watching outing. The March 5th Coffee Hour will have Bingo led by our own Charlie Wendt. On March 12 it's Peter Seltzer and March 26 Celeste. Our March Coffee Hour educational offering will feature John Kelly, a Hearing Specialist. The March 11 Happy Hour Meetup will be from 4 to 6 at the Red Lobster at 2471 Vista Way.

On March 10 we have a Whale Watch meetup. We will meet at 11:45 at Oceanside Harbor Adventures Kiosk near the Lighthouse restaurant. The cost is \$34 and the deadline for signup is February 27. There should be Grey whales and dolphins migrating along the coast. Dress warm and come along on a beautiful covered catamaran.

We are thinking about providing a few storage lockers for rent. They will be located next to the Share and Wear Annex in what is currently known as the Butler Building. The sizes will vary from 5 feet wide, 5 feet deep and 8 feet high to a couple at 10 feet wide, 5 feet

deep and 8 feet high. The cost will be a bit less than comparable units available in Oceanside. I cannot tell you when they will be available but hopefully soon. There is only room for a few units. If you think you might be interested, please give Teresa Brown in the office a call and put your name on a waiting list. There is no obligation if you call. We are just trying to gauge interest.

Share and Wear continues to need a few volunteers. You will be bringing a valuable service to your community and help yourself in the bargain. You will work with another experienced volunteer and be fully trained. Share and Wear is open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM so the time commitment is reasonable. Please give it a try. Let us know by stopping by the office and completing a volunteer form.

Just a reminder there is lots to do here. If you are creative, the Art Room and Ceramics Room are both open from 1 to 3 a couple days a week. Although the Choraleers are not active for the moment while we search for a leader, there are still opportunities to exercise your singing talents. Every Thursday evening about 6 PM in the Clubhouse, there is a sing-a-long. Every second Tuesday from 9:30 until 11:00 you can join a few neighbors and sing at local Nursing Homes.

Please support Activities by donating to and shopping at Share and Wear.

Charles Kruse, Chair

## Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

### New Officers for 2020:

Chairman: Casey Fitzpatrick,

Treasurer: Beth Mushovic,

Secretary: Peggie Moore

We all feel immense appreciation to Nancy McAdams, Connie Ferguson, Stephen Ashworth and Frank Danczyk for setting the example of bringing community together last year to solve difficult problems, organize and get the work done to create a beautiful garden. Peggie, Casey and Beth share the commitment in making this year even better! Community gardens are great at building bonds among gardeners and neighbors.

Congratulations to OGC Gardener Darrah Glynn who submitted the winning photo at January's meeting. Take a look at the beautiful photo and an array of photos on the OGC Website:

[oceanaseniors.org/activities/garden-club](http://oceanaseniors.org/activities/garden-club)

Garden Club-Meetings will be held each quarter. Reserve space in the garden. Info: Casey Fitzpatrick 818-426-4572

### Three Garden Planning Mistakes to Avoid

1. **Overcrowding.** Plants need room to grow and produce the best harvest. If they're planted too close together each plant's root system must compete with its neighbors for water and nutrients from the soil, resulting in a poor harvest. The solution is to only grow your plants at the recommended spacing shown on the seed packet.

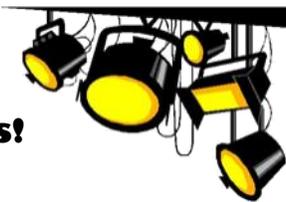


2. **Ignoring Nature.** Pests are an inevitable part of vegetable gardening, and the routine use of pesticides isn't the answer. Instead, work with nature to outwit pests.
  - Mix in several different companion planting flowers to attract beneficial insects such as hoverflies so that, when pests descend, these natural predators will control them without you having to lift a finger.
  - Mixing up crop families helps to confuse flying insect pests, but for some crops it's necessary to use further protective measures. For example, prevent cabbage white butterflies from laying their eggs on your brassicas by covering them with fine netting, or cover carrots with fine netting or garden fleece to eliminate carrot fly attacks.
3. **Planting Everything at the Same Time.** Sow seeds in small batches every two or three weeks. This also spreads your harvest out over a longer period which is better for you! No one wants everything to mature at the same time or you'll have a glut of vegetables that you won't be able to eat.

If you can avoid these common mistakes, you'll save yourself some hard work and heartache, and get your vegetable garden off to a great start! (Excerpt from "The Old Farmer's Almanac Companion Newsletter" Jan. 20, 2020.

Peggie Moore, Secretary

## OCA-TV Update



### Attention Nerds!

Yes, we know you're out there!

#### We have a challenge for you.

Several years ago, one of our OCA-TV Committee members (no longer with us) wrote an app that enabled the studio's PC to control the schedule of programs (videos, slide shows, audio) to run for broadcast. Committee members have been using that app to keep the station going.

Last fall, the PC's hard drive failed. We replaced it, but had to update to MS System 10. Of course, the app no longer works. Attempts to create a new app have not succeeded.

*Your challenge is to create a new app using MS System 10 code that will put our station back into operation.*

**Are you up to it?** Contact Karen Walter at [kwalter@ocaoffice.org](mailto:kwalter@ocaoffice.org).

## OSERT

OSERT has decided to focus on training its own members to prepare them to assist themselves and their Oceana neighbors in case of an emergency.

OSERT's training meetings in the clubhouse computer room will continue to be monthly (the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm). Members will also contact Oceanside's Community Emergency Response Team for additional classes they may offer to the community. OCA may also be opening Twitter and Facebook accounts to supplement the info on our website.

The most important and easiest thing Oceana residents can do is to sign up for "Alerts and Warnings".

Here's how to download San Diego's Emergency info on your cell phone:

1. Go to PlayStore or Apple Store
2. Find the ReadySanDiego app and install it.
3. Check the app for updates during any emergency.

To register your cell phone for reverse 911:

1. On your cell phone's search app, look for Alert San Diego.
2. When you open the site find AlertSanDiego registration.
3. Follow instructions to receive emergency messages.

Patricia McArdle

## Did You Know?



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day celebrates women's achievements throughout the world. Its purpose is to promote women's equality, encourage support for repressed women and promote appreciation toward women everywhere. Many organizations, including the United Nations, use this day to also celebrate extraordinary achievements of ordinary women.

International Women's Day was initially promoted by the Socialist Party of America. In 1909, it designated this day in remembrance of a major strike by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. The holiday is now recognized internationally and is an Official National Holiday for many countries, including: China, Russia and Ukraine. It is observed annually on March 8th.

### Facts & Quotes

- The United Nations Officially Adopted International Women's Day In 1975.
- This year's International Women's Day campaign theme is #EachforEqual. An equal world is an enabled world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world. Let's all be #EachforEqual.
- *I am an example of what is possible when girls from the very beginning of their lives are loved and nurtured by people around them. I was surrounded by extraordinary women in my life, grandmothers, teachers, aunts, cousins, neighbors, who taught me about quiet strength and dignity.*

-Michelle Obama

- *There is one universal truth, applicable to all countries, cultures and communities: violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable.*

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

# Updates From

## THE ISLE



The 12th Annual Super Bowl Scramble was huge success! With 80 players strong this was our biggest event yet, and it was great to see the father son team of Darren and Aiden Danko take home the coveted crystal trophy and footballs.



Other news: PGA Junior League starts the first week in March. Natalie will be our Head Coach and we look forward to fielding two teams this year with a total of 10 juniors.



The Village Garage Band has become one of our most popular Friday night live music acts, and we are excited to have them play two dates in March, the 6th and 27th. Keep an eye out for our email with the rest of the March music line up.



EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE OCEANSIDE, CA

# Aladdin Rock Garden Project Completed!

The Aladdin Rock Garden is finished, thanks to the concerted effort of numerous OCA residents and staff. Their donations and hard work have produced a magnificent garden area for the entirety of OCA to enjoy. Per Connie Ferguson, the project head, the plants "are so beautiful!" And in a couple of months, after their roots get established, "they should take off and look even better".

This garden will lend itself very nicely to both quiet contemplation and congenial socializing.

Said Connie, "I hope you all get by to enjoy it! When the weather is better we would like to pick a time for people to gather to celebrate all the donations of time, money and plants. Stay tuned!"

Included here are some photos just taken of the

new Aladdin Rock Garden.



## An Opportunity:

Connie Ferguson is stepping down from being "Aladdin." We are truly grateful for the wonderful job she has done. So, we are looking forward to a new "Aladdin" stepping up. It is a satisfying thing to do for the community, an

opportunity to meet new people, and an exciting thing to be involved in making wishes come true.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Walter at

[kwalter@ocaoffice.org](mailto:kwalter@ocaoffice.org).

*Notices & Reminders Continued from page 8*

- C. The sign must be at least 17 inches by 22 inches in size.
- D. The lettering on the sign prohibiting public parking must be at least one inch high.
- E. The sign must state that public parking is prohibited.
- F. The sign must state vehicles will be removed at the owner's expense.
- G. The sign must have the telephone number of the local law enforcement agency.
- H. The sign must have the name of the towing company.
- I. The sign must have the telephone number of the towing company

"Open public parking" means folks who do not live within OCA or folks not visiting our residents are not to park on our premises. The tow company **does not** drive around our community looking for cars to tow. They only come on the request of, and after the police or OCA staff have given the required notices. The city of Oceanside monitors Vista Campana and Vista Bella, no vehicle can park on a city street for more than 72 hours without moving. Other specific visitor parking, etc. regulations are included in the OCA Resident's Handbook.

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