

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

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Engineering Craftsmanship Museum



The Real Scoop
on our New Rock Garden



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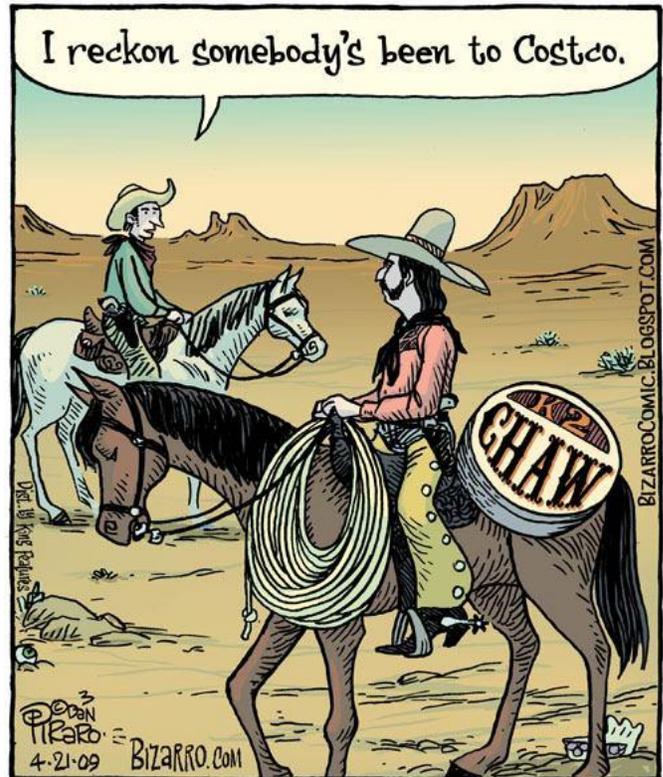
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Office Information

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st Friday of every month. Please email to: 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. 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.

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

By this time, OCA will have elected four new board members. The names change on the board, as they do annually; however, the tasks they face do not. The same challenges are before us as a community as we advance into this new decade. Directing the monetary resources to maintain our ageing infrastructure remains to be the issue. Painting/repairs, roofing, pipe re-lining, irrigation, landscape and dozens of other areas of our property will still be there for the board to manage.

They must act in your behalf in a prudent manner and as fiduciaries see that sufficient funds are available to carry out the tasks as planned for in the Operating and Reserve Budgets, and as they present themselves. One thing board members do not do is supervise our staff or the projects. This is against Davis-Stirling law code. They direct the staff through managers. We trust that the new board remains committed to sustainable maintenance and improvements that will serve our community well into the future.

An Untold Story in Oceana:

It started with a compliance issue. Torn screens, and a dilapidated screen door. All the necessary time frames and notices were given by our General Manager, Patricia Orlando. No response was forthcoming from the owner, so several personal attempts were made to make contact with the owner. Finally, after many visits, a connection was made with a caregiver of sorts. The house was in squalid condition.

The toilet inoperable, so the bathtub had become the toilet. The freezer was filled with frozen dinners, all the same ones. The house was crawling with ants as was the lady's bed and person. Patricia and our then maintenance supervisor Jamison made provisions to get the house into sanitary condition. Funds were available because in her dementia this owner had prepaid her dues to credit of over \$20,000. This situation was never noted to the board and had taken place while we were with our property management company.

Patricia, with the help of Karen, proceeded to search for an agency to help the resident since she had no family and the "caregiver" only brought the frozen dinners. Over time the proper agency was reached and today our aged, frail, and vulnerable neighbor is in a good nursing home. She is safe, comfortable and the agency is looking for a conservatorship to care for her for the remainder of her days. With the passing of time the credit balance has taken care of the dues and is diminishing monthly. The remaining credit balance should carry her for some time to come.

And it all started with a compliance issue.

Along with the huge volume of administrative matters that our staff handles on a daily basis, there are many other untold stories like this. We all should be grateful that we have a caring and competent staff that is looking out for the welfare of the most defenseless among us.

COVID-19 Emergency Meeting

The Board met in emergency meeting March 16 and decided the following:

The annual meeting will proceed as planned but live-streamed on OCA-TV, channel 1960. Members watching may call in (1-760-908-8897) to ask questions or make a floor nomination. (The Inspector of Elections and the Chair of the Nominating Committee will attend and perform their duties.)

All other meetings and community activities are cancelled until further notice. At the close of business (March 16) the clubhouse and adjacent activity rooms will be locked and unavailable until further notice.

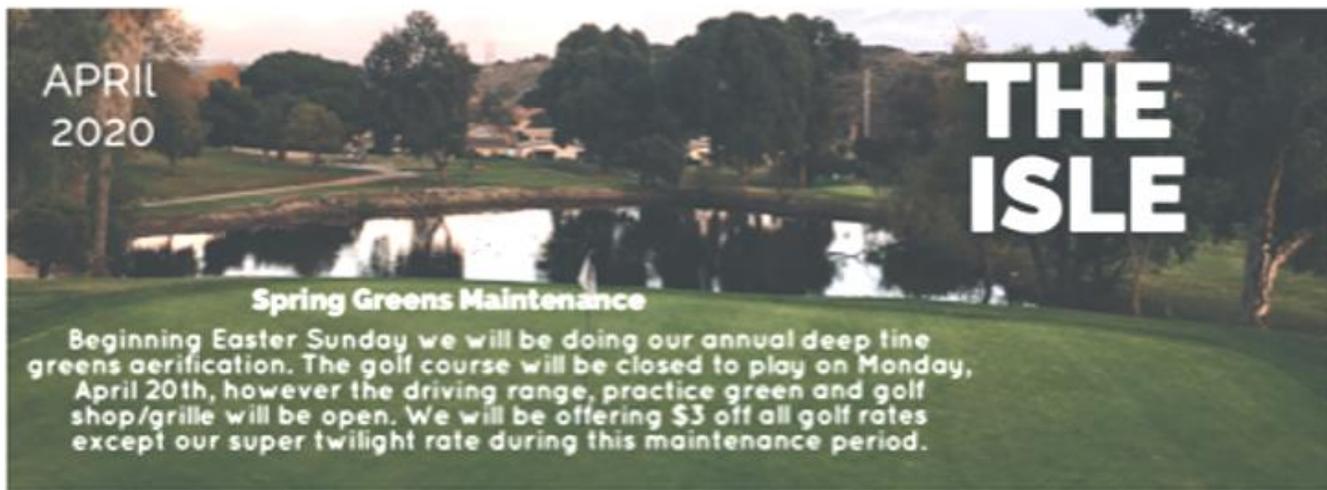
The business office will be closed to walk-in traffic. You may use the locked drop box for drop-off payments, communication, ballots, etc. You may also email or phone.

The pool and spa will continue to be open, but to **residents only. No guests will be allowed until further notice.**

Further updates will be provided on OCA-TV, the OCA website, bulletin boards and doggie stations and by email blasts.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation during these unusual and difficult times. Please stay healthy and safe.

Updates From



APRIL 2020

THE ISLE

Spring Greens Maintenance

Beginning Easter Sunday we will be doing our annual deep tine greens aeration. The golf course will be closed to play on Monday, April 20th, however the driving range, practice green and golf shop/grille will be open. We will be offering \$3 off all golf rates except our super twilight rate during this maintenance period.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE ISLE . 4-6PM

- 4.3.20** INDIGO DREAM
- 4.10.20** VILLAGE GARAGE BAND
- 4.17.20** JERRY VINCENT
- 4.24.20** VILLAGE GARAGE BAND



HAPPY HOUR 2-CLOSE



The 2020 OCA BOD Election Results

Seven candidates ran. Four were selected. They are:

Election Postponed

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It's with us, folks and it appears to be serious. The current evidence, based on data from China and other parts of the world, indicates the highest risk groups for COVID-19 are:

- Older adults
- Individuals with serious chronic medical conditions like Heart disease, Diabetes and Lung disease
- Individuals with compromised immune systems

Here at OCA, just about every one of us fits into at least one of these categories!

It is vital that we all familiarize ourselves with this virus. COVID-19 is **not** a flu. It is something different. We apparently don't know much about it, yet. But that is changing quickly. We all need to learn:

- Steps we can take to reduce the risk of contracting it.
- It's symptoms and when to seek emergency medical assistance.
- What we can do to reduce the risk of spreading it.

Anything we publish here will likely be obsolete within a matter of days. Our best course of action is to regularly refer to official websites dealing with this virus.

Federal: The Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

State: CA Department of Public Health
www.cdph.ca.gov

County: San Diego County
www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

Local: City of Oceanside
www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus

Don't ignore the deadly potential of this virus. The last century saw two major viral epidemics that were flu:

The Asian Flu of 1957 took over 100,000 American lives and between 1 and 2 million world-wide.

The Spanish Flu of 1918-1919 took 675,000 American lives (our population was approx. 100 million) and between 50 and 100 million world-wide. The first case was identified in March 1918 on an Army base in Kansas. It spread quickly to Europe with the arrival of US troops for WWI. At that time, the flu was behaving just like other flus that had come before, attacking the young and very old. It was not considered remarkable.

However, during the summer of 1918, a mutation seems to have occurred to the flu in Europe. It became highly virulent, attacking everyone and producing a very high death toll. Infection rates for the British Army were estimated at 33% and at 50% for the French. The US Army appears to have had a comparable rate of infection. Quarantines were not implemented until late 1918 because of WWI, allowing the flu to spread disastrously. And, of course, with the end of WWI in late 1918, most of those troops came home, flu or not.

Another mutation appears to have occurred in Spring, 1919 in Australia and spread around the globe. It's effects were not as large, however, probably because of the quarantines that were by then in place.

Have we learned?

Al Arnold, Editor

(btw: The Spanish Flu was so named because of press censorship during WWI. Only the Spanish press was free to report on it. Thus the name.)

Notices & Reminders



**The Tax
Man Cometh!**



**Help to
Honor our
Veterans**

Honor Flight San Diego is asking our help to locate San Diego County World War II and Korean War Veterans for their May and October 2020 trips. They want to honor those veterans by taking them on a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built for their service and sacrifice.

Since 2010, Honor Flight San Diego has taken over 1,400 veterans on this trip. Due to generous donors, the trip is no cost to the veteran.

For more information, please contact Sandra Cima at: (760) 415-0338 or email: scima760@aol.com

Website: www.honorflightsandiego.org

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. 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 'til April 15, 2020

Times: 1st appointment at 9 AM, last appoint at 12 PM

Tain Soreboe



Yes, we know you're out there!

Show us what you've got!

☞ Computer skills in File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Remote Desktop management.

☞ Expertise in applications MSPublisher, MSWord and MSPowerpoint.

☞ Videography skills in video editing.

Do you have these skills?

Your challenge is to put them to good use helping to bring OCA-TV back on air.

Are you up to it?

Contact Karen Walter at

kwalter@ocaoffice.org.

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.

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

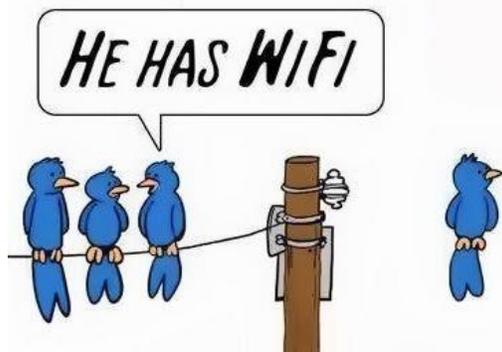
kwalter@ocaoffice.org.

Another Opportunity:

Our in-house choral group, *The Choraleers*, is currently operating without a leader. If you enjoy singing and would like to act as the group director (conductor?), here is your chance to do so. This would be a very satisfying experience for a budding musical director.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Walter at

kwalter@ocaoffice.org.



Attention, Photo Buffs:

The OCA Website Committee has announced a photo contest open to all Oceana residents.

How would you like to have your picture added to the website's Home page? Send in your photos (via attachment to your email) to the office or to me at altanita14@cox.net. We will choose the best photos that depict Oceana at its best and post the winning photos to the Home page. 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



We are saddened to report that our dear friend and neighbor Myrtle Hanavan left this world on Thursday, February 27, 2020. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Myrtle lived to the beautiful age of 105. She was the original and only owner of her home here in Oceana and was proud to live here.

Myrtle was a private person but was so happy when she celebrated her birthday in February with all her friends and neighbors and was inviting them back next year for 106.

She had a sweet personality, was fiercely independent, but also a good and caring friend.

Myrtle is survived by her son who lives out of town. Details and arrangements will come later regarding her resting place.

Respectfully
Kris Hale

We are also saddened to report the recent death of Nathaniel Hummel who lived at 3747 VCS #16. We offer our heart-felt sympathies to his family and friends.

HOA Board Power Not Like Corporation

The following material was summarized from an article by Kelly G. Richardson, Esq. And published in the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Many talented, successful people find themselves frustrated with volunteer service on their HOA board, and often are surprised to find themselves in substantial conflict. This can be rooted in their failure to understand that HOAs run very differently than businesses. Some of the practices that bring career success in business are not what the HOA needs. Governing an HOA is very different from running a business.

One such difference is the "chain of command." People in business are used to a vertical hierarchy—someone supervises you and you supervise others. You are expected to personally exercise authority quickly and efficiently. The decision maker is typically a single person. However, in the HOA, the decision maker is not one person, it is a group: the HOA's board of directors. The HOA president has only one vote and needs to obtain the agreement of other directors before a decision is made. The decision maker is the board.

Another difference is the president's role. The corporate president controls everything, either directly or through delegation. But, the HOA president controls very little. The HOA president normally sets the agenda and chairs the meeting but is only one of the decision makers. HOA presidents are coalition builders working to lead the board to a consensus.

The HOA president serves at the pleasure of the board. He/she can be replaced without reason at any time by a board majority.

Yes, HOA governance is less efficient than the management of a business. However, the HOA president who "takes things into their own hands" may find that such decisions, while much quicker and more efficient, may expose that president to avoidable liability, because the nonprofit corporation acts through its board of directors, not one officer.

Another important difference is that the business executive controls - while the HOA officer serves. The HOA president is the lead servant, not the boss. And the people being served are the home owners, the members of the HOA.

Understand how volunteer service is different and it just might become smoother.

Did You Know?

EarthDay



Earth Day seeks to highlight and promote efforts dedicated to the protection of the environment. We face many environmental crises, including global warming, deforestation endangered wildlife, shortages of potable water and widespread pollution, all which negatively affect our planet's resources and can have adverse effects on our long-term lifestyle and health.

Thanks to the inspiration and hard work of US Senator Gaylord Nelson, this day in 1970 marked the creation of United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. Today, Earth Day is celebrated by billions of people around the world and is observed in over 190 countries. Worldwide, Earth Day celebrations utilize educational programs to inform people of ways that can help protect the environment and its natural resources. It is observed annually on April 22nd and is celebrated as International Earth Day..

Facts & Quotes

- The theme for Earth Day 2020 is Climate Action.
- During the 2015 UN Conference in Paris, France, participating nations cooperatively pledged to keep global temperature rise below 2C (3.6F). In celebration of Earth Day 2016 on April 22nd, the landmark agreement that testifies to this global commitment was signed at the UN Headquarters in New York by 175 participating nations.
- Energy Star rated LED light bulbs use at least 75% less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting. Over the next two decades switching could save the U.S. \$250 billion in energy costs, reduce electricity consumption by nearly 50% and avoid 1.8 billion metric tons of carbon emissions.
- In 2013, the US emitted 14.7 trillion pounds (14,700,000,000,000 lbs.) or 6.6 trillion metric tons of 'Greenhouse Gases'.
- In the past 50 years, humans have consumed more resources than in all previous history.
- We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. - Native American Proverb.

Upcoming

Saturday, May 2, 3pm

The Annual OC



Watch the Rockin' Baja Derby on our 'Video screen' in TV.



May 2, 3pm
At the Clubhouse
Admission Free

Bring your favorite dish for a Pot-Luck spread and enjoy:

- Mint Juleps,
- Betting on your favorite horse,
- Our Derby Pool
- Lots of fun

Wednesday, May 13, 4-6pm

MEET UP For



Oceanside BROILER 4-6pm

1325 Harbor Drive, Oceanside

April 8, 4-6pm
Restaurant's Bar Area
Your tab.

\$5-beer & wine,
\$6-drinks,
\$5-\$8 Appetizers

Questions? Call
760-757-3937

Wednesday, June 10

Let's . . . Party on the Plaza



Time: 4-6pm Poolside

Party beside the pool with your friends and neighbors. BYOB and a snack to share. Please remember: no glass is allowed in the pool area. This will be a weekly event during the summer, starting July 1, 2020.

This Month

Wednesday, April 8, 4pm - 6pm

MEET UP For



210 Harbor Dr.
Oceanside

4-6pm

Free Salsa & Chips
\$5-\$9 Appetizers
& Drinks

April 8, 4-6pm
Restaurant's Bar Area
Your tab.

Questions? Call
760-757-3937

Wednesday, April 22, 11am

MEET UP

At the:



Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum

3190 Lionshead Avenue in Carlsbad

"...the world's largest permanent collection of model engineering excellence."

Functional hand-crafted miniature planes, trains, ships, cars, clocks and much, much more!

Bring Your Camera!

Followed by Lunch at:

The Landings AT CARLSBAD

2198 Palomar Airport Road #100 in Carlsbad

April 22, 11am at the Museum
Museum admission free.
Lunch, your tab.
Sign up at the Office
Apr. 1-Apr 20

Questions? Call
760-757-3937

Clip out and save.

This Month's Activities

Apr.

8

MEET UP

Event canceled



4-6pm

Apr.

22

MEET UP

At the
Miniature Engineering
Craftsmanship Museum
11am

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

Apr. 2

Bingo

Apr. 9

Double Take

Apr. 16

Ocean Side Library

Apr. 23

Jimmy & Enri

Apr. 30

Oceana Sing-A-Long

Coffee Hour



Please cut out this page and post it for easy reference.

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

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 1st 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 -1st & 3rd 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 Danae Danczyk at 760-529-9226.

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.

OCA Book Club -10:00am 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse Library.

OSERT -3rd 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—1st & 3rd 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 Putting Practice 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 11-2pm Water Aerobics: 8-9am Wed. Bridge 12:30-3:30pm (Except 1 st Wed. of Mo.) Woodshop: 1-3pm Admin. Office Open to 6pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			12 Noon-White Cte— 1 Computer Rm 1pm AARP Tax Prep Art Room April Fool's Day!
		6 9am-11am Quilters— 7 Art Room 9:30am Act. Cte.—Card Rm 1:30pm Pinochle—Card Room	8 10am Unit Advisors Cte.—Auditorium 11am Res. Pln.—Card Rm. 9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep Art Room
12	13	9:30am Arch. Ct.— 14 Card Rm Jan. OC Book Club	15 6pm Safety Cte-Comp. Rm. 6:30pm OSERT-Comp. Rm 9am-1pm AARP Tax Prep Art Room TAX FILING DEADLINE
19	20 9:30am Finance Cte.—Card Room	21 9am-Noon Quilters— Art Room 9:30am Compliance Hr'gs — Card Rm. (Closed) 1:30pm Bunco—Card Room	22 11am MeetUp —Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum EarthDay
26	27	28	29 9:30am Open BOD Mtg. 1pm BOD Exec. Session

All Meetings & Events Cancelled until further notice.

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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 Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Grief Support Group (Art room) 10am 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 2	10am Grief Support Group — Art Room 3	11am-2pm SS 4 
9am Coffee Hour-Double Date 9	10am Landscape Ctr.—Billiards Room 10	11
9am Coffee Hour-Oceana & Library 16	17	18
9am Coffee Hour-Jimmy & Enrique 23	24	25
9am Coffee Hour-Oceana Sing-A-Long 30	 No Foolin'	

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OCA Group Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st 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: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st 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

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Chair
Vacant
Bruce Cowgill
Connie Ferguson
Kevin Immel
Sue Mansis
Sherry Jarrett Board Liaison

OCA-TV Committee

Mario Badua Chair
Shirley Clinton
Colleen Eidson
Patricia McArdle
Beth Mushovic

Reserve Planning Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. Quarterly,
Mar., June, Sep., Dec.
11am, Card Room
Chair
Bruce Cowgill
Mike Faulkner
Patricia McArdle
Ken Rische
Tain Soreboe

Safety Committee

Meets: 3rd 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: 2nd Wed. ea. Month,
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium
Co-Chair, 453-2223
Donna Wendt,
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: 1st 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.

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

No Area Code? Assume 760.

Committee Reports

OCA Safety

What to do with someone who is a danger to themselves or others?

Call OPD (Oceanside Police).

This could be a **5150**.

5150 is a Welfare and Institutions code (also Health and Safety code in California.) which states:

A person has to be considered a danger to themselves or others to be put into a 5150 hold. Usually for 72 hours.

Police are authorized by this code to hold such a person for up to 72 hours. But, the police must make the assessment. OPD has a mental health team that completes the evaluation.

Unless you have professional training for this kind of situation, let OPD handle it. If you feel personally threatened, call **911**. Otherwise, call OPD's non-emergency line at 760-435-4900. Do not attempt to fight the individual.

Kelly Byrne
Chairperson

Activities

No one has yet volunteered to lead our Choraleers Community Choir. In the meantime, there are opportunities to enjoy singing. Twice a month a group of 6 or 8 of us meet in front of the community center on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and drive to local Retirement homes to sing. We are back at 11:00. On Thursday evenings about 6:00 PM our own Glen Hathaway leads all who show up at the auditorium in a Sing-A-Long. He has the music, projects the words on the big screen and you bring your voice, snacks and beverages. Just so you get a taste of what these two groups are like, we are going to feature them in upcoming Coffee Hours as the entertainment. Everything is not yet finalized but look for one of these groups to be at our April 30 Coffee Hour.

The Activities Committee continues to offer day trips. So far this year we have had a trip

to LA for their Chinese New Year and a Whale Watching excursion. In April it will be a trip to Carlsbad's Miniature Museum followed by lunch. If you know of a possible fun outing, just give Teresa in the Office a call and share your idea.

For about the last six months friends and neighbors have been meeting at local restaurants to enjoy their Happy Hours. We have been to Red Lobster, B.J.'s Steak House, the Jolly Rodger and Macaroni Grill just to name a few. On April 8 we will be at Rockin' Baja Restaurant in the Harbor. On May 13 it's the Oceanside Broiler. Signup sheets are always in the Community Center lobby. On June 10 we restart Party on the Plaza. POP is held from 4 to 6 in the clubhouse pool area. It's BYOB and along with an appetizer to share. Remember, no glass in the pool area. POP is a chance to meet some of your fellow residents and have a few laughs.

Our big March event was the Wild Wild West dinner dance. We featured a Chili Contest with the band acting as judges. We had a Western Band, cornbread, salad, apple pie, wine, beer and soft drinks all for \$8. Being a Western Dance, we of course had Line Dancing. All you who enjoy horse racing look forward to the Kentucky Derby held on the first Weekend in May. Here in Oceana we always have a Kentucky Derby party. A Potluck spread, Mint Juleps, horse races for betting and a Derby Pool make for a fun afternoon. The party is free of charge so mark your calendar now.

Activities income is from Share and Wear. If you or a neighbor are planning on moving or have excess articles in your home or garage, we need your donations. We endeavor to make donating as easy and pain free as possible. We are open Monday thru Thursday from 11 until 2. Just stop at the Boutique or Annex and give us your donations or to arrange for pickup. Bargains abound at Share and Wear so make it a regular shopping destination. Above all, we need volunteers to work one day a week for three hours. Won't you please, please consider volunteering?

Charles Kruse, Chair
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Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

The Garden Club welcomes new members: Bob and Patti Bishop, Sunshine and Ron Cook, Kathleen and Victor Zavala

It's so much fun watching the beds being turned over and soil prepared for a fabulous Spring and Summer harvest! *Happy gardening everyone!*

Raised Bed Gardens and Small Plots 5 Tips for Small Spaces

(Robin Sweetser January 29, 2019)

Grow more in less space with raised garden beds. Here are five excellent tips for ensuring a bountiful harvest in a limited space.

1. Raise Your Beds

Forget about growing plants single file in long, parallel rows. You can grow up to 10 times the amount of produce in the same space by using raised beds and square foot gardening. In a raised garden bed, you keep outside weeds from your garden soil, prevent water runoff and soil compaction, and worry about less slugs and snails and other garden pests. Also, garden boxes allow you to concentrate your energy in a small area, meaning you can work, water, weed, and fertilize as economically as possible. You can make the most of the entire growing season by using season extending devices such as cold frames, cloches, row covers, and plastic tunnels, too.

<https://www.almanac.com/video/planning-square-foot-garden>

2. Keep Seedlings Coming

Succession planting keeps the garden in continual production. Whenever one crop is harvested, have seedlings ready to transplant in its place. For the best results, use quick-maturing varieties to fit several crops into one season and spread out the harvest.

3. Put Plants Close Together

"Intercropping" means growing two or more crops together to save space. Plants should be placed close enough so that their leaves will

touch, shading the ground between them when they are fully mature. This will keep weeds down and conserve moisture, reducing the need to mulch and weed. As the plants begin to crowd out their neighbors, harvest the early-maturing ones, leaving room for the others to develop. For example, pair lettuce with longer-season vegetables such as broccoli, peppers, or tomatoes.

4. Plant Companions, Not Competitors

Some intercropping partners thrive if their roots occupy a different depth of soil. Pairing shallow-rooted vegetables, such as bush beans, with deeply rooted beets makes good use of space without creating root competition. Similarly, planting heavy feeders such as cabbage or cucumbers with light feeding carrots or beans reduces the competition for soil nutrients. The best intercropping partners are companion plants that have different demands and complement each other, such as the Three Sisters: corn, beans, and squash.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/companion-planting-chart-vegetables>



Photo from The Old Farmer's Almanac Website

5. Grow Up, Not Out

Lay out your garden plot with the fence, trellis, or wall at the north side. By planting the tallest plants there, you will avoid shading the smaller ones. Vining plants, if left to sprawl, take up valuable space in a small garden, so

help them grow up. Cucumbers will eagerly climb a nylon net fence, with the subsequent bonus result that the dangling fruits grow straighter and are easier to pick. Tomatoes produce more fruit and ripen earlier if kept off the ground on a trellis or in a wire cage. Peas and pole beans naturally reach for the sky and will cover a wire fence or twine around a tripod of poles. Some heavier plants, such as cantaloupes, melons, and winter squashes, may need help in climbing, so tie their vines to the structure to get them going in the right direction. Support the fruit with slings to keep them from tearing off the vine too soon.

Plot Out Your Garden

Good soil, adequate sunshine, and enough drainage are the key requirements for a successful vegetable garden, but planning your garden's layout shouldn't be a last-minute thought. Every garden—and every gardener—is different, so create a garden tailored to your space and needs. For example, a 100-square-foot garden (10x10 feet) can easily yield a wide variety of veggies. Bisecting it with two narrow paths forms four beds that are easy to reach into and tend. (One square = one square foot.) To plan out your own garden, use The Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Planner. You can try it free for 7 days—ample time to design your best garden yet!

(Source: Parts of this article originally appeared in the 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac)

Peggie Moore, Secretary

Website

Well, looks like some of us did use the Website to check out the Hilltop Highlights. Thank you! How did you like to see it all in color? Pretty good, huh?

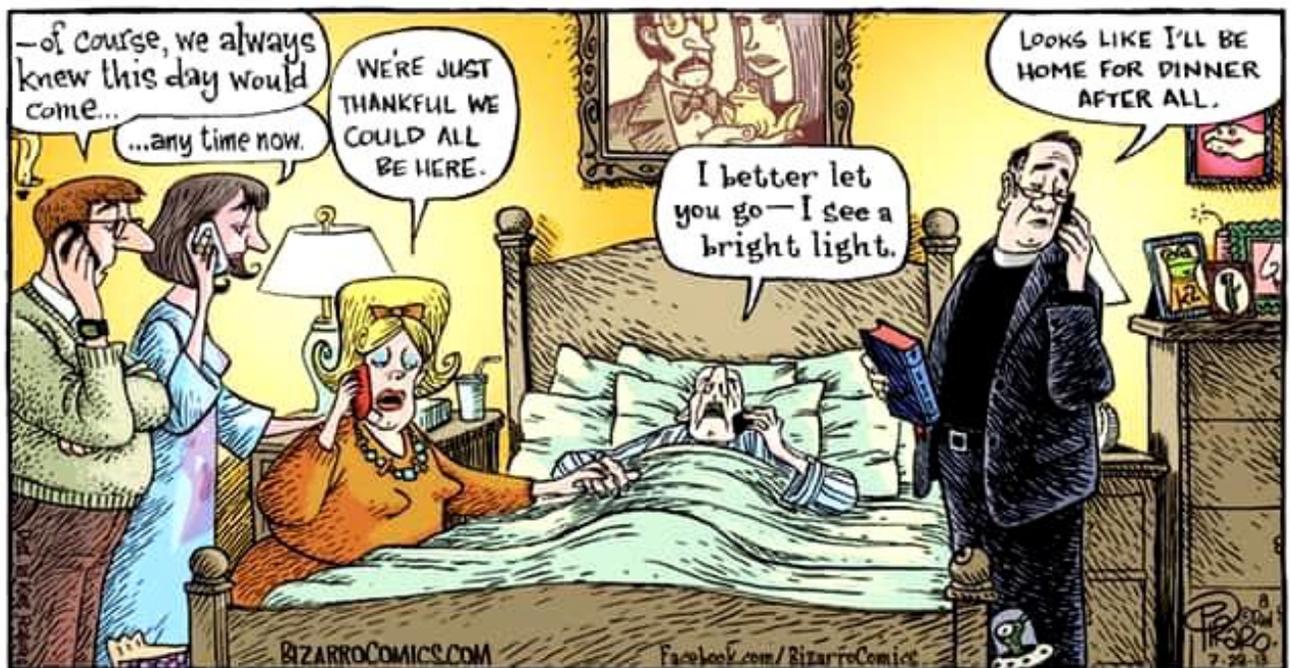
There is a new addition to the Oceana Website. Check out the first page, move down a bit to find a link to the City of Oceanside Official website. There you can find out what is happening with the Public Meetings, City Services, City News, etc. There is even a link to the events all around Oceanside. You can give this to your out of town guests so they can plan their time while visiting our beautiful town. Remember, login to www.oceanaseniors.org. A whole new world will open in front of your eyes.

Guess what - no one responded to this challenge. Is anyone up to it?

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 to have your picture added to that page? Send in your photos (via attachment to your email) to the office or to me at *al-tanita14@cox.net*. We will choose the best photos that depict Oceana at its best and post the winning photos to the Home page. 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**



The Real Scoop on our New Rock Garden

Laura Pope was known to the Carlsbad life-guards as "the rock lady." Early in the morning she would come to the beach and fill her bag with rocks, take them home, and stack them in her yard. In 2009 she moved from Carlsbad to Oceana and got permission from the Board to bring her beloved rocks with her. They were placed under the tree at the current site of the Rock Garden.



The Council of Rocks - 2009

Laura then built sculptures she named "The Council of Rocks." That began the "Oceana Rock War"! One side loved the sculptures, and the other side thought people were worshipping the rocks like pagans. Tain Sorboe, Chair of The Garden Committee and the members of the garden club defended the rocks when it went before the Board. The Board voted to leave the rocks alone.

Laura and Larry Bungay wanted to build a meditation garden. Larry drew up a design for benches, paths, etc. They were not able to get funding, so people just continued enjoying building their rock sculptures.

Last year (2019) at one of the Governing Document meetings led by John Vogt, Francis Pope (daughter of Laura) had the idea of a program that would allow homeowners to donate money to projects that would beautify our community that weren't covered by budget. John suggested the Aladdin Project where wishes get fulfilled. It was approved by the Board, and Connie Ferguson volunteered to be the Aladdin.

Meanwhile, Ray Jacobs who was the Landscape Committee Chair, had gone to the monthly Unit Advisors meeting to ask for ideas of places in our community that were "butt ugly." He wanted the Landscape Committee to focus on an additional project. (In the end, the Landscape Committee did give \$2,000 toward

this project.) Anita Romaine, Unit 14 Advisor, and Larry brought up the idea for completing the Rock Garden. It was accepted by the Board and the weeding began! (see photos)

People baked goodies and made crafts for the two bake sales. Jane Smith, a resident artist, drew the picture of the proposed garden that was an insert to the Hilltop Highlights. Many people donated money and supported the fundraising ideas with fresh input and ideas. We reached our goal!



Larry Bungay, Dave Freeman & Kevin Immel



Larry Bungay, David Asadi & Jay Crawford



Connie Ferguson & Anita Romaine

Enter Kevin Immel, a homeowner with 44 years of Landscape Design, and a specialist in succulents. (see photos) He created the design and many assisted with the work of shoveling and distributing yards and yards of topsoil, pea gravel, and mulch.

Homeowners brought plants every day for several weeks. So many people walking by gave encouraging words and compliments which meant so much to those working.



Now, eleven years after the first dream of a Meditation/Rock Garden, it has come full circle and is complete. Thanks to all the genies who participated in this beautiful Garden!!



Here Comes Kevin!



Laura Pope, 93 years young,
Standing in her beautiful, newly refurbished garden.



Here's one you'll understand!