

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

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The Price is Right!



Superbowl Party



February 12 - That time of year, again!

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- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st of the month preceding the month of the publication. Email to: oceanahub@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted until the 8th of the month and included as space is available.
- Have a payment to make or a work order to submit after office hours? Please use the drop box located on the front/west side of the OCA Business Office. It is checked Monday through Friday.
- 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, 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 back-ups 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 Amber Effinger at: aeffinger@ocaoffice.org.

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When you encounter a parking problem that is a violation of city code (e.g., blocking access to your garage, parking on red lines, or blocking traffic),

Call: 760-435-4500

ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/code/oversee.asp

The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting takes place at 9:30 am on the last Wednesday of the month. It will be held in the Auditorium and by Zoom. The link will be communicated to residents via email and posted on the website. Agendas are posted on bulletin boards and the website. Homeowners may eMail comments **prior** to the meeting to: office@ocaoffice.org.
Zoom chat is not available.



A Message From a Member of our Board Of Directors

This article is the opinion of the author, listed below.

During my term of serving on the board for the last two years, I have noticed an increasing amount of resistance by the residents and homeowners to observe the most basic policies, procedures, and rules.

I realized we live in a country that believes in free speech, but you made a choice to live within this HOA. Not all HOAs are the same. So saying you've lived in other HOAs really doesn't make any difference at all.

Unfortunately, we are paying additional insurance fees based on a claim that could have been prevented by the homeowner. Homeowners and residents that do not take care of their guests and do not supervise their guests while on the property of Oceana are putting everyone's pocketbook at risk.

Guests need to be supervised!

This includes family members.

We also need to take responsibility for our own safety and security. Patrols aren't going to do it. Obviously, we are lucky enough to have OPD around the corner, but if we would just remember to close gates and doors to

the pool area and to the clubhouse our safety and security will go much further, as well as our liability expenses.

If you see something, say something. This includes the OPD non-emergency line, requesting a work order through Appfolio or calling the office. Do the right thing.

My last comment is very basic. If you are going to do something in the common area, please make sure to write up a request to the proper committee (Architectural or Landscape) and make sure that request goes to the full committee as well as the board of directors. This is how you get an approval. It's not hard folks. If you are denied. Then it's a denial. Do not proceed with your project. Making it "beautiful" in your opinion doesn't make the rules go away.

I urge everyone to vote, join a committee and observe the rules that you agreed to when you moved here.

It's just that simple.

Kelly Byrne
Board President 2022-23
Board Treasurer 2021-22



The Friendship Garden

An Update

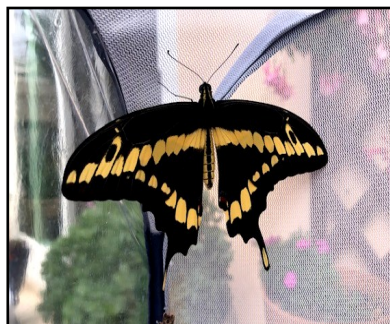
Happy February!

The Friendship Garden has been transformed from a Cactus Garden to a California Native Plant Garden. We have planted around 30 varieties of California Native Plants and sown copious amounts of wildflower seeds. A rock garden is in the works and soon we will be working on the entry into the garden itself. We are thankful for the donations we have received (and spent) and are appreciative of the compliments we've heard when folks walk by and see the transformation going on. We are hopeful that by the end of February we will have wildflowers in bloom.

Please come visit!

The native plants don't look like they are doing much right now, but a lot is actually going on. They are adapting to being transplanted and going into a resting stage while they are developing roots and making connections with other plants. Some are beneficial to others if planted together. Rabbits are a natural part of the habitat and they have made their presence known. We've had to cage some areas and plants they like to dine on. A bluebird pair is on the fence most afternoons so we'll accommodate their beautiful presence with a house in the trees soon.

We hope the milkweed patch will be attracting Monarchs by the end of May. Milkweed will be started off-site and brought in as May approaches. Many of the plants we have



Giant Swallowtail

put in specifically attract butterflies.

The big tree near the garden was removed in October and the garden may be too hot for some plants and visitors come summer. We are accepting donations for umbrellas and a shade structure and furniture. If you would like to donate, simply bring a check made out to OCA and note *Friendship Garden - Aladdin Project* to the office. If you'd like to donate in memory of a loved one, we can help make that happen. Thank you.

Kathleen Dowling
Friendship Garden Coordinator



2023 BoD Election Update:

Thank you to those who submitted an application. The Nominating Committee reviewed the eligible candidates' packets and have conducted the Candidates' Orientation. We have three Board openings and four candidates running to fill them. Their profiles are on the next page. You may—or may not—know them. But, take the time to review their profiles and then come and meet them at the Candidate Forums, listed below. This is where you can ask them those probing (or embarrassing?) questions!

Candidate Forums will be held at the Clubhouse on:

- **February 11 (Saturday)** at 3 pm
- **February 16 (Thursday)** at 9:45am at the Coffee Hour
- **March 4 (Saturday)** (tentative) time to be determined

You may attend any or all of the forums in person or virtually via Zoom Link. Look for the meeting ID and passcode for each forum in the Friday E-blast.

The forums will also be recorded for broadcast on OCA-TV. Look for scheduled broadcast time to view the action later.

Email any questions about the forum or the election to

OCANOMCOM2023@gmail.com.

Don't rely on rumor



Find out for yourself



Meet the Candidates

Here are the candidates running for the 2023 Board of Directors. They are presented in alphabetical sequence.

Lynn Leszczynski

I am your neighbor, Lynn Leszczynski. I moved to Oceana in 2016 and love living here. This past year I have increased my impact on the community through my contributions as a member



of the Finance Committee and Chairperson of the HUB, including getting that committee off the ground. "Making a Difference" felt amazing, and I want to do more!

I see the challenges we have, and I have the knowledge and experience that a new board member is going to need. As an Executive Director for the YMCA, my department was one of the largest in San Diego County, with a multi-fund budget over \$25,000,000. My responsibilities included corporate level management of finances, contracts, personnel, facilities, services, and compliance with a pyramid of laws, regulations, and rules. My experience, passion, and commitment would serve me well in "Making a Difference" as part of your Board of Directors.

- Creative problem solving to deal with OCA challenges.
- Fairness and consistency in enforcing OCA and state laws.

I would appreciate your vote

Roxanne Rimmel

I'm Roxanne Rimmel, I would like to be part of the thinking, debating, and solutions of our BOD. I have lived in 5 communities governed by HOAs, 2 self managed and 3 by outside management. I have been on 2 BODs and President of my last. My 15 years as faculty at a Technical College, have aided me in consensus building, respecting various views, being curious in understanding others' viewpoint, and respecting diversity. As an owner in Oceana for 2 years, I respect the decisions our board has faced and promise that my decisions will be based on research, thoughtfulness, and considering the highest and best for the entire community. As a previous business owner, I am concerned with the financial health of our capital improvements. I currently am substitute instructor for chair yoga and have participated in water aerobics, ceramics, art show, coffee hour and other events at Oceana.



Kris McLaughlin

OCA has a history of ignoring its own history. We repeat mistakes made before and we get rid of processes that are working because of personalities on a board. Our system of annual board elections means that every year we have a new combination of board members. This puts a lot of responsibility on the voting homeowners to select a board that understands business, are problem solvers and not problem creators, can be fair and impartial, putting aside their own preferences, and communicate clearly and directly as legally possible.

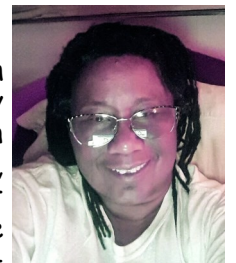


I bring:

- History and continuity; I have been active on committees and boards since 2009.
- Skills to support and implement, where practical, our Strategic Plan of best business practices.
- No personal agenda to prejudice my decision making.

Evelyn Thomas

I am Evelyn Thomas. North County San Diego has been my home for 35 years. I lived on Camp Pendleton, in Carlsbad, and Oceanside; as a resident of Oceana for the past three years. I am an honorable woman, a veteran of The Army National Guard and The United States Marine Corps. I am an alum of Mira Costa Community College and CSU San Marcos. I am a former teacher for the Oceanside Unified School District. I am Veteran's Advocacy Minister, and a former elected representative. As a resident of Oceana, it affords me the opportunity to continue to serve my community. I volunteer on the Communication Hub, The Community Resource Center, Unit Advisors, and Website Committees. I understand the essential necessity to collaborate with other skilled and talented people to accomplish a goal, a mission. I understand and value the role and responsibility of being a representative voice for the people.



Activities Events - December

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest and Newly/Oldie Wed Game Night

Another year has passed and it was time to get out those Christmas Sweaters again. We held a Free Saturday evening event planned for folks to come to wear those fun Christmas sweaters and also bring a "pot-luck" food item to share with others. We also held another "Game Show" program. It was modeled after the "Newly Wed Game" for those folks living together at Oceana.

Competition was very close for the Sweater Contest between Carol Finkas, Pat Hawkins and



Mary Ann Alger. By the strength of the applause from the audience, Mary Ann's sweater (featuring a partly naked Santa in front of a fireplace) was the winner!

That's not all... we finished the evening with three couples finding out who knows their partners the best with the Oceana Version of the Oldie Wed Game.



Sue and John Moore led this activity. It turned out that Lisa Olivero and Gail Olenick knew each other better than Carolyn and Chuck Kruse and Donna and Charlie Wendt did! A fun time!

White Elephant Gift Exchange:

The Thursday after Christmas we held what is called a "White Elephant Gift Exchange" on our normal Coffee Hour day. But this was the "5th Thursday" and it was held in the afternoon. People were invited to eat a roll-up sandwich, chips, dessert and their choice of soda. They were also asked to bring a wrapped unmarked gift (\$10 or less) for the exchange. After eating and



Hosts: Sue and Karen

getting a number from our game hosts (Sue Moore and Karen Bishop) we started to draw either an unopened gift or got to "steal/trade" with one that was already opened. Some items were pretty popular and went through several hands... and others it seemed were more of the "white elephant" variety. But it was a very fun event!

White Elephant Event Pictures



Coffee Hour in December

While we did not have Bingo, we had some great Christmas programs for Coffee Hour in December.

Week 1: Choraleers Christmas Song Sing-Along: Betsy Wilson gathered some of the Choraleers from past years to help lead singing familiar Christmas songs. Using our video system, we had the words (provided by Mary Nixon) for the songs up on the big screen and with the help of Georgette Velez playing the piano we all sang together a number of Christmas songs.



Week 2: The Music Men: The Barbershop Chorus "The Music Men", provided a concert of their Christmas music in 4 part barbershop harmony. It was a fun program. They also had

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Wednesday, February 1, 5-7 pm



"The Price is Right"

The Award-Winning TV
Game Show
comes to Oceanal!

Compete against your neighbors for bragging rights as the Best Shopper!

Enjoy the laughs with pizza, beer, wine & soda.

(Registration is required.
Sorry about the short notice.)

When: February 1, 2023
5-7 pm

Where: Clubhouse

Enjoy: Pizza, Beer, Wine & Soda

Signup: 1/16/23 - 1/30/23

Fee: \$5

Sunday, February 12, 3 pm

Superbowl Party

Join your neighbors in the Auditorium as we watch the big game on the big screen.



Bring your favorite dish and the beverages of your choice to share.



The outdoor grill will be fired up for your best tailgate cooking!

When: February 12, 2023
3 pm

Where: Clubhouse

Enjoy: Potluck

Signup: NA

Fee: Free



(We will have a Superbowl Pool.
Squares will only be available before
kickoff, so don't be late!)



Please Note: Whenever we have an event there is usually a requirement to sign up at the office by a cutoff date. We are sorry that we have to enforce this requirement. Not doing so results in problems for both the food vendors and maintenance setup staff. Please try to sign up in time. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR

Now with Espresso. Get caffeinated. Get energized. Get dancing!



Feb. 2 : Bingo

Feb. 9 : Bell Pepperz

Feb. 16 : Meet the Candidates
Speak with the New BoD Candidates

Feb. 23 : Adrienne Nims - Music For Your Body & Soul

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Updates From The Isle



February is shaping up to be full of lush conditions, more beautification projects, and the start to our year of golf tournaments and big events at The Isle!

February this 2023 we will be hosting our 14th annual Super Bowl Golf Tournament. This tournament is a 2 person scramble and is a shotgun start. A morning full of great food, awesome golf, and plenty of pre Super Bowl beverages? How could you not join the fun!

Our Director of Instruction Natalie Vivaldi has accomplished her Level 3 certification from the Professional Golf Association. We are beyond proud of her achievements in the golf industry and what skills and expertise she continues to bring to The Isle. From taking over and growing our youth programs, to hosting a wide variety of events for adults and offering private lessons.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME?

TO VIEW ALL AVAILABLE CLINICS OR TO BOOK A LESSON SIMPLY SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA



NEW FLAGS on the course!

A fresh modern design for our clover at The Isle

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- Driving Range GPS included
- Book Tee Times & Lessons

SCAN HERE TO GET THE APP ON YOUR PHONE, IT'S FREE!



Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Ellen Marciel Chair (ellenmarciel39@gmail.com)
Charlie Wendt Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.

Anne Rene Elsbree

Kim Emmett

Pat Hawkins

Don Jones

Carolyn Kruse

Chuck Kruse

Karin Messaros

Sue Moore

Gail Olenick

Lisa Olivero

Isabelle Strubhar

Ginger Thayer

Donna Wendt

Karen Bishop

Sandy Riser

Board Liaison

Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

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

(Open)

Lisa Bagot

Fritz Beechler

Mike Castoro

Bruce Cowgill

Jay Crawford

Chuck Daily

Paula McDonald

Gale Olenick

Kelly Byrne

Peter Cornog

Board Exec. Cte.

Board Exec. Cte.

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: Beginning Jan., 1st Wed. ea. Month
10am, Card Room

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin

Kris McLaughlin

MaryAnn Alger

Mary Hall

Ron Landsel

Nancy McAdams

Pamala Perry

Evelyn Thomas

Georgette Velez

Anita Romaine

Board Liaison

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Interim Chair

Mike McLaughlin

Phyllis Allinson

Debra Demary

Sue Mansis

Bill Matthews

Gale Olenick

Steve Omlor

Peter Cornog

Peggie Moore

Board Exec. Cte.

Board Exec. Cte.

Finance Committee

Meets: 3rd Mon. ea. Month
9:30am, Card Room
Chair

Charlie Wendt

Nancy Follin

Nancy Horridge

Lynn Leszczynski

John McDonald

Peggie Moore

Board Liaison

OCA Media Committee

Geoff Allison

Lee Mansis

Theresa Loverro

Sara Rodriguez

Anita Romaine

Board Exec. Cte.

Safety Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month,
5pm, Library

Dr. Andrea Anderson

Chair

510-701-4045

Thomas Burke

Patricia McArdle

Alice Nolan

Toby Roberts

Dorothy Thayer

Sandy Riser

Board Liaison

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: TBD

Kris McLaughlin

Acting Chair

Kathy Jones

Secretary

Mary Murphy

Tain Soreboe

Peter Cornog

Board Liaison

Peggie Moore

Board Liaison

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Card Room

Lynn Leszczynski

Chair

Virginia Mann

Secretary/Digital Coordinator

Pam Spangler

Print Coordinator

Evelyn Thomas

Website Coordinator

Sara Rodriguez

Karen Bishop

Board Liaison

Sandy Riser

Board Liaison

HUB Contacts:

Oceanahub@gmail.com

760-290-4252

Committee Membership*Continued on Things To Do Page following the Calendar*


NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the deadline for Cte. Agendas is 10 days prior to the meeting.

Attention all Committee Chairs:

Please inform the OCA office of any changes to your committee, either times, days, or new contacts. We need to keep all published committee info current so the Oceana residents can attend your meetings and not be misinformed. Let's keep everyone up to date and active. Thank you.

Hilltop Highlights
Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday


February 2023

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private: 2:30-4pm 	Ball Room Dancing: 6:30-7:30pm Ceramics 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Chair Yoga: 10am Keep Fit Class: 8:30am Gentle Hatha Yoga 7pm Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Pinochle: 1-4pm Seniors on the Go: 9-11am Trivia: 7-9pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Billiards Warm-Up 6pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Dominos: 12:30-4pm Floor Yoga: 7-8pm Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am -Open: 2-4pm -New Player Lessons: 4-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Poker: 6-8pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Art Room: 1-3pm French Club: 11am-Noon Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm Keep Fit: 8:30am Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private: 11:30am-1pm Putting Practice: 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 10-2pm Woodshop: 1-3pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 10am Website Cte. - Community Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room 5-7pm The Price is Right - Clubhouse
5	6 1-4pm Mah Johgg - Community Rm.	7 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	8 9am Unit Advisors Cte. - Auditorium
 12 3 pm Superbowl Party - Clubhouse	13	14 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 	15 10am CRC - Computer Room
19	20 9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room 1-4pm Mah Johgg - Community Rm. 	21	22 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 1pm BOD Exec. Session
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FEBRUARY

Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Billiards: 10am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Coffee Hour: 9am Discussion Group: 10:30am Knitting: 10:30am Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 3-5:30pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Sing-Along: 6pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Hand & Foot: 12:30pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Tai Chi: 10-11:30am Woodshop: 1-3pm	Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private Game: 2-4pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am 

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4 10am-2pm SSS 
9 9am Coffee Hour - Bell Pepperz Clubhouse	10 10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room	11 3pm Meet the Candidates - Clubhouse
16 9am Coffee Hour - Meet the Candidates Clubhouse	17	18
23 9am Coffee Hour - Adrienne Nims Clubhouse	24	25



Things To Do at OCA

Art Studio - Wed., 1-3pm. Info: call Mary Hall, 714-595-4138.

Ballroom Dancing - Mon. 6:30-7:30pm. With Patricia Hulse. Sign-up in the Lobby. Info: 760-994-2299

Billiards -Thurs. 10am-Noon. Warm-Up Tues. 6-8pm. Friendly group for socializing and skills improvement. Billiards Room. Info: Lonnie Burrows 760-433-9481.

Ceramics Studio - open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Info: Dee Dee Young, deedeeyng@yahoo.com.

Chair Volleyball - Mon. and Thurs. at 1pm. Clubhouse. Info: Dave Freeman at 818-262-0788

Discussion Group - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library. Info: Danae Danycz at 760-529-9226.

Dominos Group - Tues., 12:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Dona White at 760-533-2484.

French Club - Wed., 11am-Noon in the Library. Call Danae at 760-529-9226.

Friends of Bill W. -Wed. at 5:00 pm. Card room. Info: Lin Riley 760-730-3371.

Garden Club - Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden. Info: Kevin Immel 760-305-2160

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

Keep Fit Exercise Class - MWF 8:30-9am. Auditorium. Info: Tom Trompeter, 760-681-7100.

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. 1-3 pm. Info: John Pitarresi at 760-917-6631.

Mah Jongg -1st & 3rd Mon. 1-4pm. Clubhouse Community Room. Info: Karen Frisch 760-689-5877 or karen.frisch@hotmail.com.

Meditation Group -Friday evenings outdoors. Info: Jean Rothman at 760-303-1972.

OCA Book Club -10 am 2nd Tues. of each month in the Library.

Pickleball - Play levels: Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. Clubhouse and Outdoors. See the Website Calendar for specifics. Info: Deny Hanrahan 760-525-0643 or Steve Reigle stevereigle@gmail.com.

Pinochle - Mon. at 1 pm. Card Room. Double or triple deck; 3,4,5 and 6-seat tables. We play for fun. Info: Joyce Poxon 760-859-6728.

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

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

Trivia -Mon. 7-9pm. Card room. Info: Colleen Eidson 760-529-9999

Water Aerobics

Mornings: 8:00am Mon/Wed/Fri. Pool by the restrooms. Info: Sue Moore 951-990-3536 or smoore121263@gmail.com.

Wood Carving Club -Wednesday 6-8pm. Room TBD. Info: Margaret O'Keefe (760) 828-1530 soundingthebell@gmail.com

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

Yoga (Chair) - Mon. at 10am. Auditorium. Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641

Committee Membership

Continued from Committee Membership page

Unit Advisors Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month,
9 am, Clubhouse Auditorium

Jeff Kern Chair
Diane Pettibone Secretary

Unit	
1 - Ron Landsel	760-231-7586
1A - Linda Langworthy	562-301-1346
2 - (Open)	
3 - (Open)	
4 - Sally Lopez	760-421-4187
5 - Evelyn Thomas	760-681-4716
6 - Steve Lawler	760-419-7011
7 - Renee Maricque,	920-562-3436
8 - Kathleen & Dan Pursell	760-439-9282
9 - Jeff Kern	908-420-1853
10 - Judy Hartmann	909-518-8767
11 (1-45) - MaryAnn Alger	503-348-9959
11 (46-77) - Diane Pettibone	760-803-1637
12 (1-53) - Jaci Ackles	760-845-4612
12 (54-98)- Elaine McClendon	626-940-4487
14 - Toby Roberts	760-721-6077
& Kristine Hale	858-775-4253
Sandy Riser	Board Liaison

Website Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. every Month,
10am, Community Room

Evelyn Thomas	Chair
Concepción (Connie) Iniguez	
Lisa Olivero	
Christopher (Chris) Scantlin	
Karen Bishop	Board Liaison
Anita Romaine	Board Liaison



Notices & Reminders

Want to Play Pickleball?

Some Rules & Tips

If you are an Oceana resident and interested in playing pickleball, here are some rules and tips:

1. **Get trained.** We provide training for Oceana residents who want to learn to play pickleball. Paddles and balls are provided. You must wear court-type shoes with good grip. To schedule training, contact Denny Hanrahan at 760-525-0643.
2. When a trainee is ready to join the fun, they will be informed that they have graduated. Graduates may move on to open play. Typically, new graduates are unsure of their ability to play with the Open Play group. Rest assured, the Open Play group is very welcoming, very supportive. After all, we all were beginners at one time. And we still screw it up sometimes. We will help you learn and become comfortable playing with us. Be prepared for a lot of fun, laughter, and good exercise.
3. Open Play pickleball takes place in the Auditorium at 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Saturdays at 2pm are also available, depending on player availability.
4. New players who would like to be included on the Oceana Pickleball News email list, send your email address to Steve Reigle at stevereigle@gmail.com

Provide email address, phone number, and home address.

If you have any questions, please contact Denny Hanrahan at 760-525-0643 or Steve Reigle at stevereigle@gmail.com.

Steve Reigle

City Street Sweeping for OCA

No parking on city streets, both sides,
9am-1pm,
1st & 3rd Fridays

Mira Costa College Foundation LIFE Program is Back.

The Mira Costa College LIFE Program offers discussion groups and guest speakers, with occasional field trips, lunches and other activities, all organized for retired seniors.

The program suffered a loss of membership during the COVID epidemic. But, they are back in business, in person, on Campus and on Zoom every Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm. You can view their agenda history at:

www.miracosta.edu/community/_docs/life-newsletter.pdf

For more information, or to participate, call 760-757-2121 x6972.

Kitty Morse
Mira Costa College Foundation
LIFE Program

Free TaxAide at Oceana

Sponsored by IRS/AARP Grants

By appointment:

February 1, through April 12, 2023

Please schedule your tax appointment by calling 760-757-3937.

Tax prep packets are in the OCA management office and must be filled out before your appointment. We will be doing reviewing in the library and tax prep in another area. Because of COVID and the Flu we are asking you wear your mask.

As always, your taxes will be complete by IRS/TaxAide Certified preparers.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Dave Kupka
Tain Soreboe

Room Reservations

Simone Mitchell, a member of the office staff, is now in charge of scheduling rooms in the complex. If you need to reserve a room, or make a schedule change, please contact her at: smitchell@ocaoffice.org.

Amber Effinger

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Clean Up After Your Dog

This is a reminder that we find the need to republish more frequently than we might wish. Most dog owners in Oceana do clean up after their dog faithfully. Unfortunately, it only takes one or two to generate an unsightly mess. So, here it is again:

Scoop the Poop!

It's the good neighbor thing to do and

. . . **it's the Law!**

. . . **And, Please,**

don't let your large dog pee against a bench on which your neighbor might need to sit.



Barking Dogs

Note: this is apparently a badly needed repeat.

Dogs are wonderful companions and friends. Many of us probably can't imagine living without them. And there are quite a few dogs here in Oceana.

Owning a dog entails the responsibilities of proper care and training, and most dog owners dutifully—and lovingly—comply. But, there are occasional problems such as when a dog is left outside and allowed to bark for hours on end. In a densely populated environment such as Oceana, this problem can be serious.

The fault is not the dog's. It is the owner's. There is something amiss in the dog's environment or its training that the dog's owner needs to address. And, if that dog's owner either **cannot** or **will not** address the problem, then he or she should at least have enough consideration for their neighbors to find a home for that dog with somebody who **can** and **will** address the problem.



A Reminder to Smokers

Many of the residents at OCA have significant breathing issues. The problems range from COPD to allergies to components of cigarette smoke. Cigarette smoke can pose a serious problem for them.

No, we are not going to tell you to kick the habit (although that's not a bad idea). But, please remember when you light up outside the cloud of smoke you leave behind you can be carried on the wind into any number of adjacent residences.

An early 20th century American comedian joked that you must always get your drinking water upstream from the herd. A corollary to that would be 'If you light up outside, please do so downwind from your neighbors.'

Are You an Accident Waiting to Happen?

The speed limit on city streets (Vista Campana and Vista Bella) is **25** miles an hour. The speed limit on the interior streets is **10** miles an hour. Please observe these speed limits. Yours and your neighbor's safety are involved.



Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

Summer Hours - 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
Winter Hours - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Spa Open until 9pm year around.

Daily Guest Swim Times

11:00 am to 1:00 pm
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

All guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times.

NO EXCEPTIONS.



We must regretfully announce the death of **Sandy Marcoulides**. She died on Dec. 11, 2022 after a 2-week hospital stay. Sandy and her husband, Marc, were long time residents in Oceana. Sandy is survived by Marc, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. We offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to Marc and to their family and friends.



Did You Know?



Benjamin Franklin

is one of the most accomplished members of our nation's founding fathers. He is known for many things including writer, scientist, inventor, statesman, diplomat, printer, publisher, and political philosopher. He participated in writing the Declaration of Independence and was a member of the Constitutional Convention that founded our present government. At the conclusion of that convention, as Franklin was leaving, a bystander asked him what form of government he had given the nation. Franklin's response was, "A republic, sir, if you can keep it."

This column is far from sufficient to talk about Benjamin Franklin. He is well known and has been written about profusely. But there is one episode in his life that may not be well known.

For several years prior to the outbreak of the revolution, Franklin was in England representing several of the colonies. He had first attempted to convince the government to allow colonial representation in Parliament, and, when that failed, to allow the establishment of an independent Parliament in America with loyalty to the King. He had no success at either.

Following the Boston Tea Party and an entanglement in the disclosure of some official letters detrimental to the British-appointed Governor of Massachusetts, Franklin was summoned to appear before the Privy Council. At the Privy Council meeting (held in "the cockpit," so called because the room had originally been used by Henry VIII for cockfights), Franklin was subjected to a brutal hours-long tirade that one observer called "a torrent of virulent abuse" (a British understatement?).

Through it all, Franklin stood erect, without the smallest movement of any part of his body. His expression was of placid tranquility, and he did not allow a single change in it. At the end of the tirade, Franklin was called for "examination." He declined.

That was January of 1774. Franklin had worn a plain suit made of blue Manchester velvet. When he took that suit off, he packed it away but kept it with him. He never wore it again until...

In 1783, Franklin, as ambassador to France, was one of the negotiators at the peace talks with Britain, held in Paris. He unpacked that blue Manchester velvet suit and wore it to the negotiation meetings with the British.

Committee Reports

Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center continues to grow and change, improving services and accessibility.

On oceanaseniors.org you will find that we are providing links to helpful information. You can now click on the "Helpful Links" for senior related items. The other original information is still accessible from the CRC tab at the top of the page.

The CRC now has its own email address. OCACRC@gmail.com You can use this email to request a Neighbor Helping Neighbor private session, submit ideas for non-profit resources that our residents can utilize, to find out more about CRC volunteer opportunities and any other general questions you may have. This email is not connected to the OCA office. It is staffed by volunteers several times a week.

The CRC is also starting to gather information on general topics that could help to point the way to find needed services. For example: if you never had to find a home health agency, where would you start? CRC can provide helpful information for you.

Please note that the CRC is only vetting non-profit resources that are free or low fee. Although there are many services needed by all of us, we do not advertise for profit businesses. Please respect the CRC mission by not removing brochures from the lobby brochures to insert your business brochures instead.

See you at the CRC.

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC
OCACRC@gmail.com



2022 Activities Recap

Special Events

We had a busy year planned for 2022. However at the beginning of the year, COVID was still around and we were being careful with our Events. But once March came around... the events kept coming! Here is a general summary of the year's events. We hope you were able to attend these events and remember them. But if not... perhaps you will see a few that you can look forward to possibly attending this year. Enjoy!

January

Country Dance - Cancelled COVID

February

Super Bowl Tailgate Party - Cancelled COVID

March

Wine Tasting Event - 3 whites and 3 reds compared. Many happy people at the end of the night!

Spring Re-Grand Opening Event - In conjunction with the OCA office staff, 300+ people attended for free beer and "dogs". Biggest crowd all year at Oceana!

TV Game Night - Jeopardy - 1st edition of TV Game night with OCA residents

April

TV Game Night - Family Feud - Next Edition of Game Night

Afternoon Happy Hour - Great to get back together!



May

Cinco de Mayo - The margaritas were flowing that night!

Memorial Day BBQ - with the Sweethearts of Swing - Tip Top Meats

June

Wine and Chocolate Pairing - So wonderful that we have one scheduled for January of 2023! (This was one of our top events for the year - very yummy!)

July

4th of July Party - with Jimmie and Enrique - Hunter Steak House

Margarita Night - with Ron Cook entertaining - Sliders and Margaritas

1st Lawn Concert - Ron Cook filled in for our Blue Grass Band who had to cancel at last minute

August

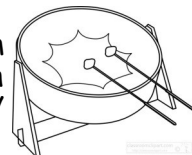
Ice Cream Social - FREE at the Pool

2nd Lawn Concert - with Bell Pepperz with Jimmie Buffett theme- Eddie's cheeseburgers

September

Labor Day BBQ - with Cool Rush Band (held indoors because of the heat!) - Eddie's food again

3rd Lawn Concert - Steel Drum Band from Mission Viejo High School (This was "WAY FUN!") - Tacos



Fall Equinox Drumming by the pool - FREE - over 50 people came out! - good rhythms. Join us next Spring Equinox.

Afternoon Treat - 5th Thursday afternoon event instead of Coffee Hour - Wraps and Chips

October

Pizza Happy Hour with TV OCA Game Night - Family Feud

Evening Halloween Dance and Costume Contest - Snacks and great dancing!

November

Take Me Out to the Ballgame - HR Derby & Pitching Contest - Hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jacks

"Deck the Halls" - FREE - Decorating the Clubhouse and enjoying fresh Eggnog!

Thanksgiving Meal - Nice event but we'll be getting a new caterer next time.

Star and Planet Gazing - FREE - at "The Point" in Unit 14 - Telescopes and planets!



December

New Member Orientation - FREE - Info Fair of clubs and OCA

Ugly Christmas Sweater contest AND the "Oldie Wed" TV game - FREE potluck

White Elephant Gift Exchange - FREE Fun Post Christmas gift exchange where we opened and exchanged (stole) (re-gifted) from one another.



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2022 Activities Recap

Coffee Hour

For years, Thursday Morning Coffee Hour has been the bedrock of regular Oceana Activities events. We've had them every Thursday morning for as long as anyone can remember. It is a time when folks could get together regularly for a nice breakfast, catch up on what was going on with their friends and find out what other activities were going on at the association. Plus... there were outstanding MC's and entertainment each week! And you did not have to travel very far to enjoy it! And it was only a dollar each for coffee and a donut/roll! We have continued with this same concept and think we have provided some outstanding talent for the community this past year. Here is a summary of some of the events and entertainers you may have attended/seen or missed.

Note: In January and February we did not open doors because of COVID. But once we got the OK, we brought in some of our favorite entertainers.

- **Celeste** - Blues and Jazz singer - Contra alto with an amazing voice.
- **Jimmy & Enrique** - Outstanding Guitarist & Drummer/Singer who have been favorites at Oceana (and the San Diego community) for years.
- **Robert Parker** - Elegant and Classy Pianist extraordinaire - Plays the piano like no other and has that ability to connect with everyone in the audience.
- **Clay Colton (and Gary)** - They always put on a great show playing classic and country music - We are very lucky to have them come to entertain us.
- **Peter Seltzer** - Singer and guitarist - He's performed for us for many years. Brings his Boston accent and great sense of humor to his music.
- **Jerry McCann** - Guitarist and singer
- **Gary Burt** - Sinatra singer/"schmoozer".
- **Adrien Nims** - Probably the finest flautist in southern California. - Energetic and inspiring music from a number of wind instruments.
- **Mike Chamberlain** - Retired news and sports caster now playing the guitar, singing and



Celeste



Adrien Nims

telling stories for audiences throughout southern California.

- **Radiance** - Local band bringing the 60's and 70's music back to life.
- **Double Take** - A woman and man duo - singing and playing the keyboards of favorite show tunes.
- **Glenn Kramer** - Excellent pianist who has a unique program to "Name that Tune".
- **Bingo** - We play Bingo most 1st Thursdays of the month. We have prizes and some interesting ways to win.
- **Choraleers** - Betsy Wilson got them back together to lead the audience singing Christmas carols this past December.
- **Music Men Chorus** - Barbershop harmony and fun singing as a chorus and quartets.
- **Toe Tappers** - A "Senior" toe tapping/dance ensemble. With music, costumes, a lot of energy and fun from women ranging from 65 to 85 years of age.
- **Bell Pepperz** - A singing, keyboard, saxophone, harmonica, drum playing duo. A wide assortment of music.
- **Trivia** - We had a session of fun trivia with teams of tables competing against each other.
- **Sing-along** - Don Jones led us in some familiar sing-along songs using our AV projection system.
- **5th Thursday** - We've done some Thursday afternoons on months where there was a 5th Thursday. We can get some other groups that are not available in the morning. We usually provide a sandwich/wrap, chips and dessert and feature a local entertainer.



Radiance



Glenn Kramer

We will have many of these same folks coming back to us for Coffee Hour in 2023. Plus we are always looking for other entertainment that is available (and in our price range). Let us know of people/groups we should consider. Hope to see you there!

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a quartet that included Oceana resident Charlie Wendt singing a couple of songs.

Week 3: Toe Tappers: After a break of several years, we had the Toe Tappers back performing their Christmas show. A duet by a couple of "Grinch's" was fun to watch along with their whole ensemble. It was good to have them back again.



Week 4: No Coffee Hour: Sorry... this was just before Christmas and we took the morning off.

Week 5: 5th Thursday Afternoon Delight: No morning program because we had an afternoon event that included the "White Elephant Gift Exchange" instead. (See above.)

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COVID-19 Info Sites

Federal:

The Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

State:

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

CA Department of Aging
www.aging.ca.gov/covid19

Assembly District 76

COVID-19 Resource Navigator

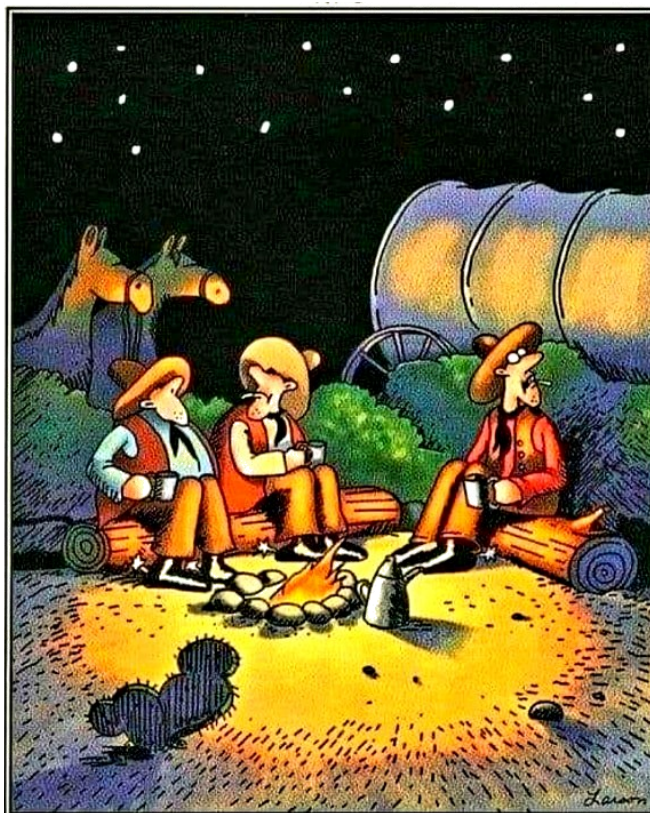
a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0

San Diego County:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp



"Well, there it goes again. ... Every night when we bed down, that confounded harmonica starts in."