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*May you always have
walls for the winds,
a roof for the rain,
tea beside the fire,
laughter to cheer you,
those you love near you,
and all your heart
might desire.*

St. Patrick's Day

A note to website viewers:

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Office Information

- 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.
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Report City Code Infractions

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.

I would like to focus on positive events that I have seen take place since joining the Board last March. Your Board is making things right in Oceana and planning for the future. Great credit is due to Kelly Byrne for her solid and steady leadership as the Board President this past year. Her loss will be felt! Anita Romaine is also leaving the Board. Thank you, Anita, for your tireless sense of service!

Your Board has done the following:

- Began the process of exploring a management company running the HOA operation. This is by no means a done deal! The Board wants homeowners, the real stakeholders, to give their input on this huge decision. In the meantime, the Board is following a parallel process by searching for a General Manager and filling existing administrative vacancies.
- Water: Water is a resource that is costing Oceana close to \$600,000 a year. We realize that this figure can, and probably will, increase in the future unless measures are in place to reduce HOA usage and cost. A recent Town Hall set the tone for a deeper dive led by an Ad-Hoc Group on Water that will come up with a group of recommendations that can be implemented to address ongoing conservation and cost reduction.
- Landscaping: Another area of significant cost to the HOA is the landscape contract. The second year of the contact with BrightView, beginning in March, was to see an increase from \$41,000 a month to \$43,000 a month. The Board decided to seek competitive bids for basic landscaping services not to exceed \$35,000 a month. This monthly number was derived by the BOD determining what we could reasonably spend on landscaping and still balance the operating budget. Interviews were conducted by the Landscape Committee and

the Board. A decision was reached, based on a recommendation by the Landscape Committee, to continue with BrightView at the \$35,000 a month price, for the same quality of service. This reduces the Landscape budget approximately \$96,000 a year.

- Fiscal Accountability: Given the ongoing turnover in the accounting department in the administrative office, the Board decided to outsource accounting services to the accounting firm REA. REA has been instrumental in helping the Board determine where expenses have been misclassified. Financial reporting tracks 3 budgets: Operating, Reserves, and Activities. An operating budget shortfall for 2022 was recognized and the Board took a number of steps to deliver a balanced 2023 budget. The first step was to determine the actual size of the deficit. This involved countless hours of review of financial records to ensure that all line item entries were correctly classified. Other steps included insuring that all invoices were correct and paid. The process of legally pursuing collections from homeowners who have not paid their monthly assessments in excess of \$1800 has been resumed. New procedures are in place that follow the Board's expectation that there will be no more deficit spending. Any future expenses will be reviewed, and a determination made where the money will come from in the 2023 Operating, Reserve, or Activities budget before any spending approval can be considered.

We accomplished a great deal in 2022. I anticipate that 2023 will be another challenging year.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Cornog

1st Annual WC Photo Contest

The 1st Annual Website Committee (WC) Photo Contest Reception was held January 28th in the Clubhouse. The WC honored winners for the Animal, Pet, Holiday, Event, People, Landscape, and Resident's Choice categories.

Ann Mortland (professional landscape photographer and co-chair of The Oceanside Days of Art) judged all categories except "The Residents Choice". The attendees of the photo contest reception voted for "The Residents Choice: The Best of The Best".

All submitted photos are available to view on the OCA website. A few photos of the event are shown below. Thank you, resident photographers, for playing an integral role in the makeup of the OCA website.



2023 BoD Election Update:

Ballots for the 2023 election were prepared and sent in the mail to all eligible home-owners in mid-February. The mailing includes instructions on how to complete the ballot and return it to the office of the Inspector of Elections.

If you have not received your ballot, please call the office or email:

aeffinger@ocaoffice.org

You are voting for three board members who will serve for two years (2023-2025). A write-up on each of the four candidates is presented on the following page. Candidate Forums were held at the Clubhouse on Feb. 11 and Feb. 16. They were recorded and are available to view on zoom (see recent Eblasts for the needed links) or they can be viewed on the Oceana website at:

www.oceanaseniors.org

The Annual Meeting will be held March 18, 2023, beginning at 1pm in the clubhouse auditorium. If you plan to attend, you may bring your ballot with you. Your choice of the individuals to fill these offices is important. This is not a popularity contest—we need management ability. Take the time to understand who you are voting for. And, then,

exercise your right to vote!

FYI: Who Owns OCA?

A recent analysis of unit ownership in OCA produced some interesting results that we feel should be generally known. The following data was accurate as of December, 2022.

Units owned by:	Units		# of Units
	Owners	Per	
Current Occupant	699	1	699
Rentals			
Single unit Owners	167	1	167
2-unit Owners	13	2	26
3-unit Owners	5	3	15
4-unit Owners	2	4	8
17-unit Owner	1	17	17
Total Rentals	188		233
Totals	887		932

24.79% of all OCA units are rentals.

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.

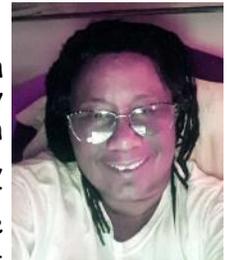


I bring:

- 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 - January

Wine, Beer and Chocolate Pairing

We had one event last year that was outstanding and had people asking if we were going to do it again. We did! And many of you showed up! We had close to 70 people sign up for this fun event! Back by popular demand our wine and chocolate expert returned to teach us about pairing some of our favorite things: Wine and Chocolate! And we also had pairings with beer too. Johna Nilson (Chocolate Confectioner) put on an outstanding program again for us at Oceana.



Johna Nilson

Beer and Wine: We had an assortment of beer (Hazy IPA, Dark Stout, and a Mixed Berry Weisse). Wine included a Lodi Viognier, a Pinot Noir, and a Cabernet Sauvignon.

Chocolate: The liquid refreshments were paired with the following homemade chocolates that Johna prepared for us: White Chocolate Mango Truffle, Salted Vanilla Caramel, Milk Dipped Vanilla Caramel topped with Sea Salt, and a Dark Chocolate Truffle with Raspberry Preserves and Chambord Liquor. Don't they even sound scrumptious?! Quite frankly—I think the beer and wine would taste good with any of the chocolates. It was amazing how well the wine or beer tasted with these wonderful chocolates! Even people who said they did not like beer—liked it when paired with her chocolates. We also got a bonus tasting: Ghost Chile Chocolate (a little on the "hot" side).

We'll probably do this again next year (or sooner).

Coffee Hour in January

We started the month with Bingo. Then we had an "A List" of performers the remainder of the month.

Week 1: Bingo: Charlie Wendt called the Bingo games this past month for our group of regulars. (If you are new, you can also participate by just showing up on the 1st Thursday of the month - and it is "FREE" with your paid admission of \$2 for your coffee and roll). We always do a number of "regular" Bingo games but we also played some different ones such as: "Hamlet, Act 3, and Scene 1" Bin-



go (Or "To Be or not to Be"). This is where we only called and filled the "B" column. That is a fast game. We also played "What the H is that?" This is a game that Ellen introduced to us a while back. We always end with "Blackout Bingo" where you fill your entire card for the special grand prize..

Week 2: Clay Colton and Gary: We are always excited (and lucky) when Clay and Gary come play for us. They are both outstanding musicians, with a huge repertoire of music, and always put on a great show for us. Gary also adds interesting information concerning the songs and the bands that made them famous. You'd be surprised the number of groups that have San Diego connections...and it seems that either Gary or Clay knows them or have played with them.



Week 3: Glen Kramer: By himself, Glen is



an outstanding pianist. He has a large repertoire of songs. But he uses a game format to play some of them to get the audience involved. He plays a game he calls "Name

That Tune". We spin the dial on his tablet to find a category of music, he then figures out what song to play to match that category, and then gives us 3 or 4 notes of the beginning of the song for us to guess what song he has picked. He adds notes if we do not get it. After correctly guessing, he plays the piece/song on the piano with grace and beauty.

Week 4: Robert Parker: Robert has "graced" our auditorium many times over the years. Dressed in his fedora hat and black suit he is simply dazzling on the piano. What makes his presentation so interesting and fun is that he talks to us about his playing and how he goes about it. It's almost like he uses "The Think System"



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Activities

Monday, March 20, 7-8 pm

Equinox Drumming by the Pool



Celebrate the 2023 **Spring Equinox**

Bring a drum if you have one, or just bring yourself!

We reserved the Auditorium too, in case it's too cold outside. Watch E-Blast for final details

When: March 20, 2023
7-8 pm
Where: Poolside (or Clubhouse)
Enjoy: Community fun with a primal ritual
Signup: N/A
Fee: Free

Thursday, March 30, 2-3:30 pm

Our 5th Thursday of the Month
Afternoon Treat:

John Lowery

Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist

Plays everything from
Rock to Pop to Country

He was almost booked up, so we are lucky to get him. Enjoy!

(With finger foods & sodas for only \$5, now that's an afternoon treat!)

When: March 30, 2023
2-3:30 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Finger Foods & Sodas
Signup: March 15-29
Fee: \$5

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!



- Mar. 2 : Bingo
- Mar. 9 : Jimmy & Enrique—Totally Caffeinated
- Mar. 16 : Celeste—Blues & Jazz Solo
- Mar. 23 : Radiance—Music from the 60s & 70s
- Mar. 30 : No Coffee Hour - Afternoon Treat Instead

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Game Night: "The Price is Right" with Killer Pizza From Mars February 1, 2023



It was a fun filled February evening for Oceana residents with the 4th installment of our TV Game Night events. After doing the Oceana versions of "Jeopardy", "Family Feud" and "The Newly/Oldie Wed Game" in 2022, this time it was "The Price Is Right". We had close to 80 people sign up for this event! Before the game started, attendees had Killer Pizza From Mars along with their favorite refreshment (beer, wine, soda, water). So they were ready to go! And away we "Wendt"!

without going over. Some very interesting guesses... and some were quite close.

Rounds: Between the "Toss Up Events" we had what we called "Rounds". 1st Round had 4 grocery items to guess within +/- \$0.50 how much they were. 2nd Round had 3 items from Target. Teams were to guess which one was least expensive to the most expensive. 3rd Round had 3 items priced incorrectly. Teams were to guess if the actual price was higher or lower than the one listed.

Scoring: Several teams were vying for 1st place before our final "Toss Up" item, which was a \$72,340 GMC truck. Points were higher for this final event and were given out to the 3 closest estimates. The closest bid was \$65,000. But there were 3 teams (Bobsey Twins, Rear Enders, and Bargain Bin) who all bid this exact same amount and they shared the points equally!

Final Team Winner: Team Bobsey Twins was the winner by scoring 15 points, just beating out the Rear Enders by 1 point. While team Bobsey Twins scored the most points, it seemed that everyone had a great time and were winners!



Host Charlie Wendt covered the following:

Ground Rules:

- Each table was a "team",
- each team picked a fun "team name",
- teams write down their answers to the questions,
- points will be given for correct or best answers,
- teams with the most points at the end would be the winners. And...
- No use of cell phones!

Prices: Prices were current from Stater Brothers, WinCo and Target. Others were from the internet.

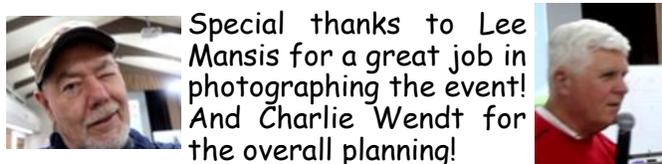
Teams: Some very interesting team names were chosen: Funner 14, Gray Foxes, Bobsey Twins, Suckers, Chickens, Izzy's Group, Bargain Bin and Larry's Ladies -2.

Events

Toss Up: We started with the 1st of 4 "Toss Up Events". These were typically a higher priced item (e.g. motorcycle, car, truck) where teams were to guess closest to the actual item's price



Winners: Bobsey Twins



Some additional pictures of the event.



Charlie Wendt
760-908-8897

OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
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 Board Liaison
Sandy Riser Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Chair
(Open) U 10,11
Lisa Bagot U 3,7, A
Fritz Beechler U 1,1A,4
Mike Castoro U 12
Bruce Cowgill U 5
Jay Crawford U 8
Chuck Daily U 2,6
Paula McDonald
Gale Olenick
Kelly Byrne Board Exec. Cte.
Peter Cornog Board Exec. Cte.

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: Beginning Jan., 1st Wed. ea. Month
10am, Card Room
Chair
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Secretary
Kris McLaughlin
MaryAnn Alger
Mary Hall
Ron Landsel
Nancy McAdams
Pamala Perry
Evelyn Thomas
Georgette Velez
Anita Romaine Board Liaison

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

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
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Phyllis Allinson
Debra Demary
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Gale Olenick
Steve Omlor
Peter Cornog Board Exec. Cte.
Peggie Moore Board Exec. Cte.

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: 2nd Thur. ea. Month
10am
Chair
Lisa Bagot
Wayne Landry
Peter Cornog Board Liaison
Peggie Moore Board Liaison

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Card Room
Chair
Lynn Leszczynski Secretary/Digital Coordinator
Virginia Mann Print Coordinator
Pam Spangler Website Coordinator
Evelyn Thomas
Sara Rodriguez
Karen Bishop Board Liaison
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HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com
760-290-4252

Website Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. every Month,
10am, Community Room
Chair
Evelyn Thomas
Concepción (Connie) Iniguez
Lisa Olivero
Christopher (Chris) Scantlin
Karen Bishop Board Liaison
Anita Romaine Board Liaison

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.

Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

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	6 1-4pm Mah Johgg - Com- munity Rm.	7 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	8 9am Unit Advisors Cte. - Auditorium
12 	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 - Com- munity Rm. 7-8pm Equinox Drumming - Poolside or Clubhouse 	21	22
26	27	28	29 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 1pm BOD Exec. Session

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: 10am-Noon Woodshop: 1-3pm	Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am -Private Game 2-4pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am 

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse	3	4 10am-2pm SSS 
9 9am Coffee Hour - Jimmy & Enrique Clubhouse 10am Strategic Planning Cte.	10 10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room	11
16 9am Coffee Hour - Celeste Clubhouse	17 	18 1pm Annual Meeting - Clubhouse Auditorium
23 9am Coffee Hour - Radiance Clubhouse	24	25
30 2-3:30pm 5 th Thurs. Treat—John Lowery Clubhouse	31	

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 Danczyk 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: Rhonda Christopher 760-231-1808.

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.

Tai Chi -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium. Info: Janice Burrows 760-277-5139.

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
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Unit Advisors Committee

Meets:	2 nd 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 & Kristine Hale	760-721-6077 858-775-4253
Sandy Riser	Board Liaison
Kris McLaughlin	Board Liaison

Updates From The Isle



March is full of Tournaments and events here at The Isle this 2023. Every March we host our annual St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament and this year will be our biggest one so far. This tournament takes place on March 11, 2023 as a morning shotgun format. Sign ups for all future events can be found on our website, social media, emails, or you can always call The Shop for more info.

With such a lush winter, we are looking absolutely beautiful on the course! Flowers blooming, birds chirping away, and the lakes remain full and beautiful as well.

We can't recommend a stroll around The Isle enough these days. Not sure your game is fully up to handle the course? We have so many amazing clinics, private lesson bookings, and public practice facilities open daily at 6:30am for you and your game!



**JOIN OUR THURSDAY MEN'S CLUB TODAY
NEW MEMBER SIGN UP:**

JOHN HASS • (760) 529-1806 | JOANDMA1@COX.NET
 • Dues are based on a calendar year, currently it is \$35 per year
 • Tee times are Thursdays 7-9am with sign ups weekly



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Notices & Reminders



The Good Neighbor Patrol is Starting

The Oceana Good Neighbor Fund (OGNF) has been created as a CA 501(c)(3), not-for-profit to provide aid and services to members of the Oceana community. The OGNF has purchased a police cruiser (black and white) for trained volunteers to patrol the streets of Oceana. OGNF submitted an Aladdin Project proposal for the Board of Director's approval at the February 22 board meeting.



With crime on the rise, a visual deterrent in the community can help make Oceana the safe place we all desire. Patrol drivers never confront individuals but can notify the appropriate organizations when they see something of concern. The drivers simply are the eyes and ears of the community. Suspicious individuals, sprinkler leaks and vandalism can be discovered and promptly reported.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer patrol driver, contact Dr. Gordon Bishop, OGNF President, for further information and a driver application.

drcgbishop@gmail.com

Send a donation to help keep the patrol going:

Oceana Good Neighbor Fund
501(c)(3), not-for-profit
EIN 88-2148733

Address:
3784 Mission Avenue,
Ste 148-1115,
Oceanside CA 92058

Gordon Bishop

Free HBO and Showtime

Our last contract extension of the Cox TV Contract added free access to HBO and Showtime channels to Oceana subscribers. But if you have only the "basic" cable box from Cox (the free one with limited channels), you do not have that option to see those channels from the provided free box.



But here is the good part, you still might be able to get access to HBO Max and Showtime Anytime (not just "Showtime") for free. To get access, you need the following:



- A Cox account Log-in - (I used mine when I did this),
- Access to Wi-Fi/Internet (that could be with Cox or any other internet provider),
- A Smart TV or a "Roku" type of Device hooked up to your TV.

To gain access using these devices it goes something like this:

1. On your TV/Roku device, go to (find and click on) the "App" for these packages (one at a time - Look for those shown above)
2. Sign in (click) as a subscriber
3. When it asks for your access provider find Cox and click on it
4. It may or may not instruct you to use your computer to log in to your Cox account
5. You will then get some instructions in entering a code of some type - enter the code
6. And "Presto-Change-O" it will say you now have access (or something like this)

Plus... are you a KPBS Passport contributor (it is a minimum of \$60 donation per year)? Then you can also get the App for it and gain access to all of the PBS on-line downloads for shows in a similar manner.

I hope this helps your TV enjoyment!

If you have additional questions, please call me on 760-908-8897.

Charlie Wendt

City Street Sweeping for OCA

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

Dirty Tricks in Oceana?

Candidates for the Board of Directors have a table in the lobby of the auditorium to display their flyers about their candidacy. Recently, one candidate's entire stack of flyers was removed from that table. Needless to say, this is very upsetting and cruel. Candidates pay for their own materials and as their neighbor, please respect this and take just one if you want to learn more about them. Thank you.

Sandy Riser

Trouble Going Down the Drain?

After sixty years, OCA sewer lines are fragile. Please be gentle with what you place down your drains and toilets. Even sewer friendly materials can clog your lines. The Board of Directors is working to clarify the Water Intrusion Policy, Root Invasion Policy and the handbook so homeowners know who to call and has the responsibility for repairs.

Karen Bishop

Shhh!, Quiet Zone Ahead

No one can live in a community without producing some noise. Many noises are natural and cannot be avoided. But, there are those noises that are excessive and totally unnecessary.

This is a seniors' community. Roaring vehicle engines, shouting at others at a distance, blaring car stereos (regardless of the music genre), practicing drums on your patio can all jolt your neighbors from a needed sound sleep. Please respect your neighbors and avoid making excessive and unnecessary noise, especially at night.

Christine Vitali

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

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

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.

Share & Wear Schedule

A reminder for all:

Share & Wear is open for business:

10am to 2pm Tues. thru Fri. Weekly &

10am to 2pm First Saturday each Month
(The Super Saver Sale—50% off)



Committee Reports

Community Resource Center

You do not need to own a computer to view the services our volunteers have researched. For residents who do not own a computer, there are other ways to review information on the services we have found. You can come to The Community Resource Center (CRC) to browse through binders with the information. You can come to the CRC for assistance. A CRC volunteer can help you navigate the oceanseniors.org website to investigate if there are any services you may want. You could get information on services that could save you money. For example, SDG&E has discount programs to save money on your electricity bill. The forms and information to obtain these services are located in the brochure holders across from the CRC office. You can drop in the CRC after coffee hour. You can make a private session by going by the office and submitting a request.

If you have a neighbor who doesn't own a computer but could use some help, tell them about or go with them to the CRC located in The OCA Clubhouse. The hours are posted on the office door.

Veterans Corner:

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs (OMVA) County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency North Coastal Live Well Health Center provides professional services for military veterans, their dependents and survivors who are entitled to benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the State of California and other agencies. Services range from healthcare, comprehensive benefits counseling, claims preparation and submission, claims follow-up to ensure final decisions, employment/career services, initiated and developing appeals when appropriate, networking and advocacy with federal, state, and local agencies, and transition assistance. through non-profit organizations and accredited County Veteran Services representatives. The office is located on 1701 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm. Telephone Number is (442) 262 - 2701. Please ask to speak with Ray Flores, SDVC Liaison, Office of Military and Veterans Affairs County of San Diego.

Added Resource of the Month:

Oceanside Police Department Bike Registry Program; in partnership with Project 529 Gar-

age. One of the brochure's facts: Every 30 seconds a bike is stolen in North America.

Register your bike as a protection to find it if stolen or lost. You can download the application at project529.com. There are informational brochures at the CRC and on the web oceanseniors.org select the CRC tab and go from there. You can obtain a sticker for your bike to show it is registered, "Project 529 protected ride529".

You can contact the CRC at:

OCACRC@gmail.com

See you soon at the CRC

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC, OCACRC@gmail.com



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when he plays. He thinks about what he wants to play...and he lets his hands take over from there. He is great about engaging the audience with his song selection. He gets "vibes" from us in the auditorium and that guides what he ends up playing. Don't miss hearing him play the next time he comes to Oceana!

When and Where Is Coffee Hour? Coffee Hour is in our auditorium every Thursday Morning from about 9 am till 10:30 am. And, for a couple of dollars you get food, drink, first class entertainment and fun! Plus, it's a great time to socialize and find out what is happening in the community.

Week 5: Thursday Exception: If there is a 5th Thursday in the month, we have an "Afternoon Treat" and we move the time to 2 PM for some finger food and afternoon entertainment.

Charlie Wendt
Activities Secretary/Treasurer

Did You Know?

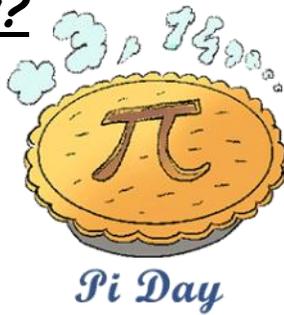
Pi Day celebrates the mathematical constant π (pi), 3.141592653...

Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The circumference of a circle is defined as its arc length while the diameter is defined as the longest chord of the circle. Pi is a special number due to its infinite and pattern-less nature. This means that the digits after the decimal point never repeat themselves in a specific pattern.

Pi Day was established in 1988 by Physicist Larry Shaw. Shaw was an employee at the San Francisco Exploratorium where the first Pi Day was held. It took place on March 14th (3/14), given that the first digits of Pi are 3.14. On March 12, 2009, the U.S House of Representatives recognized March 14 as National Pi Day.

Pi Day Facts & Quotes

- In 2015, at 9:26:53 (AM and PM), all of the first ten digits of Pi (3.141592653) were present in the date and time.
- Pi is an irrational number, meaning it cannot be expressed properly as a fraction.
- Albert Einstein, widely referred to as the father of modern physics, was born on March 14, 1879. Therefore, Pi Day also recognizes Einstein's birthday.
- According to the Guinness World Records, Ranveer Meena from India holds the record for memorizing the most decimal places of Pi. On March 21, 2015, Meena wore a blindfold and recalled 70,000 decimal places of Pi over a period of 10 hours.
- "Pi is not just a collection of random digits, pi is a journey; an experience; unless you try to see the natural poetry that exists in pi, you will find it very difficult to learn." - Dr. Antranig Basman, Mathematician and Software Developer.



A Bit of Twain Wit

Mark Twain is one of the more renowned and famous (infamous?) of American authors. His satirical commentary was one of the mainstays of our popular literature during the second half of the 19th century and into the early 20th. Many of his works are well-known to this day. The following is a very brief commentary that he published at the beginning of a collection of his humorous short stories. As usual with Twain, it seems to have relevance for us today.



Prefatory

If I were to sell the reader a barrel of molasses, and he, instead of sweetening his substantial dinner with the same at judicious intervals, should eat the entire barrel at one sitting, and then abuse me for making him sick, I would say that he deserved to be made sick for not knowing any better how to utilize the blessings this world affords. And if I sell to the reader this volume of nonsense, and he, instead of seasoning his graver reading with a chapter of it now and then, when his mind demands such relaxation, unwisely overdoses himself with several chapters of it at a single sitting, he will well deserve to be nauseated, and he will have nobody to blame but himself if he is. There is no more sin in publishing an entire volume of nonsense than there is in keeping a candy store with no hardware in it. It lies wholly with the customer whether he will injure himself by means of either, or will derive from them the benefits which they will afford him if he uses their possibilities judiciously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Twain

