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The Fall 2023 Oceana



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Octoberfest & a Halloween Dance



Artisan Bread de la Garden Club



Oceana History - A Reader Challenge



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OCTOBER**

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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

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The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting normally 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 who cannot attend may eMail comments by noon the day before the meeting to:
sriser@ocaoffice.org
Zoom chat is not available.



A Message From the Board Of Directors

The board is back from many vacations, work, etc. Thanks so much to my fellow board members and management for holding down the fort while I was in Europe for work for three weeks, then, finally, a vacation with my one and only, Bernie. We had a wonderful time.

The *News You Can Use* is different this month since we did not have a meeting in August. We thought you could use a view of how FirstService helps us as homeowners, both immediately and in the months to come.

The Board is working on our strategic plan, the Common Area project, the budget for next year, forming the Nominating Committee (did you know **four** positions will be open for election in March 2024?), and many other items. We will be using September and October to set our goals for the second half of our board year - we want to leave the board strong for the next board to continue the hard work over the past few years.

While there is a **lot** of challenge for this board, I just have to say they are a fantastic group of people and I really enjoy working with them. They are thoughtful, contemplative, and always think of what the right thing for all homeowners in Oceana is. I hope you appreciate the dedication and huge amount of work they do on your behalf. It is not easy - sometimes it is mind boggling. But we just keep putting one foot in front of the other.

See you in the neighborhood!

Sandy Riser
President,
OCA Board of Directors



You can make a
major contribution:
Volunteer for this year's
Nominating Committee.
See details on Page 16.

News You Can Use

An Interview with Dan Farrar, OCA GM

Two months have passed since OCA came under the tutelage of FirstService Residential (FSR). Now that the dust has cleared, OCA has a positive outlook for the future. This was initiated when the OCA Board of Directors (BOD), employed Dan Farrar as the new OCA General Manager (GM) this past spring. FSR and our new GM gave residents the remedy of hope that OCA will emerge stronger and better. Recently, I had the honor to have a one-on-one conversation with Dan to get a first-hand perspective of how FSR benefits OCA and its future under their guidance:



Dan Farrar

I notice you sometimes wear a USC baseball cap or a polo shirt with a golf logo. Why are golf and USC important to you?

"USC is my alma mater. I went there for my undergrad and my master's in business with an emphasis in marketing. My parents attended USC, met, and got married right after they graduated. My daughter followed my footsteps. She graduated from USC in December 2019. That helped solidify my affiliation with the school. It's a strong Trojan knit family. Just like USC, golf is a part of the family legacy. My dad belonged to a country club. He took up the game of golf in his 30s. As a little kid, I wanted to drive the golf cart. I didn't have the luxury of golf clubs that fit so I used my dad's hand-me-downs and learned the game. It's been a very rewarding time to be able to golf with my family, my brothers, and my sister also. I worked for Club Corporation of America as a membership and marketing director for a couple of their properties such as Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge. I also oversaw the marketing for Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage. I have real ties with the golf industry and that's why I still play golf."

What was your journey to working in the field of community property management as a GM?

"In 2009, I began with Merit, a community management company that merged with First Service Residential (FSR). I oversaw the Palm Desert office which had a portfolio of 9 smaller communities. When the golf industry and housing market took a downturn, I looked for a new opportunity. I saw a position available for the business unit leader in Palm Desert where I worked with homeowner associations that neighbored the golf courses and the board of directors for the country clubs. Many of the requirements to manage a country club and collaborate with associations were similar, so it was a seamless transfer of skills."

When you came aboard, Oceana was struggling to stay afloat. With your previous experience and knowledge of managing associations, what was your first impression of Oceana?

"I felt this is a beautiful community with a lot of amenities and beautiful homes. I was very impressed with its 'good bones', but realized it needed attention to address things that had been deferred, for whatever reason. The new board was very interested in moving toward getting these things resolved and told me this was going to be a challenge. It seemed very appealing that I was going to have this opportunity to help bring up a community and provide some of my expertise in terms of the systems and procedures of FSR. I felt like we needed to build a foundation on solid ground and get the basics down. Everything from our financial accounting, to taking care of our issues with vendors, to proper training for our team, and training the board in terms of helping them have the best tools to utilize. That's what I saw when I first started. Now, we get the opportunity to build Oceana to the point where we can be an outstanding community. And we're getting there."

How do you foresee FSR setting up Oceana for success?

"FirstService has a tremendous number of tools that will be of benefit to OCA. FirstService Financial (FSF) allows the OCA to maximize its return on its investments allowing reserve accounts to safely get the highest CD rates. FSF has over 8000 associations in California, affording the buying power that provides negotiation for better rates. FSR works with a lot of the insurance brokers/carriers to make sure that we get the best policy and the best premiums. FSR has great systems for payables, so our vendors get paid on time with

the latest technologies. Those are keys to success. FSR rolled out our system to Oceana homeowners on August 1st. It's been a big change for everybody. FSR really tried to have the systems be as intuitive as possible. If people had questions, the FSR client transition team helped homeowners get their accounts set up. Another real strength FSR offers is our customer care center. I think that is going to pay huge dividends for our association. For example: If the HOA is closed after 5 PM, and a resident needs some assistance, the resident may contact our customer care center by phone or go online. Our goal is to have those questions answered on the first inquiry. If there's a property threatening emergency, our on-call manager can determine if somebody needs to come out right away or if it can be scheduled the next morning. For instance, a technician coming out to fix a broken sprinkler is not necessarily the best use of our resources if the sprinkler is going to be turning off in 20 minutes. We can qualify those emergencies."

There are mixed emotions about FSR. How will FSR create a culture of trust?

"Trust must be earned. FSR must make sure that we are consistent in terms of greeting our homeowners when they come into the office, interacting with them at the clubhouse and over the phone. We must be consistent. We are professional. We must get back to people when we say we're going to get back to them, and build that consistency. I had a homeowner earlier today send me an email. When I answered the question, they were like, 'hey, thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly'. And that's our goal. You can build that culture by responding to our homeowners quickly and efficiently. We may not always have the answer that they want, but we care and we respond professionally. Those are the things that help build trust. When you have inconsistency, people get a little worried."

Thus far, what are benefits of FSR and how has day-to-day business of Oceana improved?

"I was with FSR for 14 years before starting here. I like to think that gave us a little bit of a head start, even though FSR didn't take over officially until August 1st. So, we're literally talking only a few weeks now. Our team is in the process of learning new systems. I'm very pleased with how well they are learning and adapting to them. Our homeowners have been doing very well using the new portal with both

payments and putting in work orders. In speaking with our customer care center and our on-site maintenance techs, the number of false alarm calls after hours has dramatically reduced. We respond when there are issues, but we've also been able to mitigate a lot of issues that weren't necessarily an emergency."

What do you say to the skeptics about the benefits of FSR?

"I've spoken with a few of them. I think they need to know that we have their best interests at heart and that we want to do a good job for them. Also, that we're in it for the long term. One of our mottos is to make a difference every day. That's really our goal; to interact with our homeowners on a positive level. Sometimes it's just having to listen to what they have to say and gaining understanding of their approach. Sometimes that will help us with our ideas and programming. My goal is for them to start seeing that we are genuinely interested in them and in the quality of their life."

What is FSR doing for Oceana?

"A lot, I know we spoke about financials and being able to maximize investment returns and making sure the insurance coverage is in line. Also, FSR keeps up with the latest state guidelines and legislation to make sure OCA follows those codes and that we're not putting the association in a difficult spot. We have managers throughout California that are very experienced in terms of programming systems and events. We can borrow from some of their practices and put those into play here. If something comes up, I can reach out to other managers and say 'hey, have you done anything like that at your community' and compare notes so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. We've got a lot of expertise at our fingertips and our local office is in Carlsbad with Marissa McVeigh, our Vice President. She's been in this business for over 20 years and knows a lot about community management. So, if I run into an issue that I'm not sure about, I have a database of the best practices and experts."

Compared to other associations in similar circumstances (going from self-management to a community management company), where do you foresee Oceana in a year or two?

"I think people are going to look back a year or two from now and they're going to say 'wow'. We started under turbulent seas and

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now we have some good standards in place with things running more smoothly. Most people in a homeowner association just want to do their own thing. We know we're doing well if we don't have a lot of people knocking on the door with an issue. That will be my barometer of how we are doing with our customers and our homeowners. Big things are going to be landscape inspections, architectural inspections, compliance issues, and clarity for homeowners in terms of what the situations are and being professional in terms of following our rules. In the next year or two, being proactive, developing a culture of trust, and using our resources will be the key."

What do believe are essentials for residents to know about FSR that haven't been shared in the board or committee meetings?

"There are a lot of people that have hope for FSR and there are a lot of people in a wait-and-see mode. FSR is trying to develop this culture of trust between Oceana management, Board of Directors, volunteers, and residents. I've been with this company for 14 years. I've seen it when it was known as Merit and then merged with FSR. We've had substantial growth. I think we have gone from when I first started with several hundred homeowner associations to probably close to a thousand in California, so I've seen this tremendous growth. That growth is attributable to the culture that was started years ago with the founder of Merit, Melinda Mason, and Bob Cardoza, our current regional manager, as well as our current President, Amy Matheson. They have a strong culture of taking care of the people that serve the board and serve the homeowners. And you've got to start at the top. You've got to have the leaders at FSR lay that foundation of really creating a culture of respect, dignity, and caring. You know you can't teach caring, right? It must already be within a person. That's the culture at FSR because if you don't care for your associates how can you expect your associates to care for their residents? That's something that I feel is important about FSR. The confidence, that when I call our corporate office, I will be working with people that share those same values. Residents will see through the course of time, we have that ability."

Thank you, is there anything else you would like to include in our interview?

"Our goal is to make sure everyone knows the

2024 Annual Budget

What? Budgeting for 2024 already? Yes, it's that time again! And the budget cycle is beginning.

A preliminary budget was drafted in September, including our fixed and known costs for 2024. Working with a Budget Committee of homeowners and board members, this draft is being reviewed and the additional costs to operate throughout 2024 are being identified and added in to develop a draft budget, complete with expense justifications.

And then

Homeowner review and feedback is needed before the draft budget can become a proposed budget and presented to the board for approval. Please help with this!

Watch for the dates of the 2024 Budget Town Halls that will be published in an upcoming Friday E-blast (if they haven't been already) and please plan to attend. Share this information with neighbors and Oceana friends who might not receive digital notices and encourage them to attend as well. Your input is so important.

Please, be part of the process.

**Lynn Leszczynski
Treasurer, OCA Board of Directors.**



quality of experience for our homeowners is paramount for me, and for FSR. That's something we think about every day because current homeowners and prospective homeowners have a choice of where they want to live. You never get a second chance for a first impression. We want Oceana to be a community of choice when people are looking to move to this area and we want people to know they're going to have a great living experience."

Evelyn Thomas, Director

October Activities

Wednesday, October 11, 6-8 pm



Beer Tasting

Learn about different beers.
 Enjoy bratwurst & hotdogs cooked by Grill Master Jim Romans!
 Is there a better way to spend an October evening?



When: Oct. 11, 6-8 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Beer, brats & pretzels
Signup: 9/25-10/9
Fee: \$7

Saturday, October 14, 11 am-2 pm



Oceana's artists & crafters are showing their stuff - and selling it, too! A good place to shop for the holidays.

This event is free and open to all.

When: Oct. 14, 11 am-2 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: OCA's arts & crafts
Signup: N/A
Fee: Free

Saturday, October 28, 6-8 pm

Halloween Dance

Don your ghoulish attire and join the fun!
 6 pm: Dinner and drinks—caterer: Eddie Chiu
 6:30 pm: Costume parade & contest
 7 pm: Get your groove—dancing led by instructors from McCann Dance Studio
 Also, enjoy some Tarot Card fun!



When: Oct. 28, 6-8 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Dinner, drinks & ghoulish fun.
Signup: 10/11-10/25
Fee: \$10

Please Note: Our events are so successful that we must enforce a hard policy of no sign-ups and no payments at the door. It's not fair to those residents who signed up and paid on time to have the caterer run short on food due to last minute signups and payments. Please take careful note of the signup time windows. If you haven't signed up and paid before the signup period has ended, you will not be able to attend the event. Don't miss out! Sign up on time!

COFFEE HOUR

Get caffeinated. Get energized. From 9 to 10:30 am Thursdays



- Oct. 5 : Bingo—Everyone's Favorite
- Oct. 12 : "Beethoven to Broadway"
Music for Horn and Piano
- Oct. 19 : John Scott - Guitarist & Singer
- Oct. 26 : Susie Lotzof - "LotZof Heart"
- Creative Soul - Vocalist - Songwriter

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Activities Recap

August 2023

Ice Cream Social

Activities had our traditional August Ice Cream social on a wonderful Saturday afternoon. Many Oceana people came to enjoy an ice cream sundae with all the toppings or a root beer float. Plus there was also a surprise birthday cake that Charlie Wendt's wife Donna provided to celebrate his birthday! The other "new" surprise was a juggler, Anton, who entertained us with his skills of juggling and by balancing different objects from his nose and chin (juggling "pins" and even a chair).



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August Coffee Hour

Thursday morning Coffee Hour continues to be one of Oceana's standard events each week. If you have been to one of our weekly events, you know the routine. We gather between 8:30 and 9:30 am where you can pick up a beverage and food of choice (only \$1 each). At 9:30 announcements of upcoming events at Oceana are provided (plus some fun stories and a few jokes). At 9:45 the fantastic entertainment and fun begins. Please join us and your neighbors on Thursdays if you can. We think you will be glad you did! The following lists some of the events we had in August.



Week 1: Bingo: The first Thursday of the month is BINGO! Charlie Wendt is the morning's MC and Ellen Marciel calls out different combinations of Bingo. In addition to regular

Bingo, we played "Are 'U' Ready" by making the letter "U" on the Bingo cards. We also played the Delmar racing game "On your mark, Get set, GO!" by filling the last two columns (G and the O) on the card. The final game was "blackout" Bingo (all the squares of the cards have to be filled).



We had a tie for the winner with Carol Finkas and Georgette Velez! Their grand prize was a certificate to our own Share and Wear. It's a fun morning to enjoy with friends!

Week 2: Glen Kramer - Classical Pianist

Glen Kramer usually provides us a morning of guessing "Name That Tune". But this week he entertained us with an outstanding mini concert of songs from "The Sound of Music". He closed out his program by taking requests for songs from the audience. It was a great morning of entertainment!



We also had a nice surprise visit from Isabelle Strubhar (see the picture with Betsy Wilson). She was a long-time Coffee Hour volunteer for Oceana and had moved away to live closer to her children. It was great to see and talk with her again.



Week 3: Kevin James O'Brien - Guitarist and Singer:

We welcomed a new entertainer this week at Coffee Hour. Kevin James O'Brien had a wide assortment of popular songs that folks could listen to and sing along with. Kevin performs for many retirement com-





munities in the area, so he knows what we like, and he was very engaging. We were lucky he was available for a Thursday morning Coffee Hour!

Week 4: Mike Chamberlain: We were glad to have the ex-TV News (and ESPN) announcer back for a repeat program for us. This month he paid tribute to the late Tony Bennet by singing "I Left My Heart in San Francisco". We also heard songs from the Wizard of Oz, the song "Gina" (one of the favorites that Johnny Mathis had sung), and the song "Singing in the Rain" from the musical of the same name. Besides singing... Mike is a great storyteller.



Afternoon Treat – 5th Thursday

With John Scott and Brian Otto singing and playing their guitars: When we have a 5th Thursday in the month we cancel our Coffee Hour in the morning and instead have an "Afternoon Treat". In August we had a crowd of over 60 people come to the auditorium to enjoy some pizza from Spiritos in Oceanside and a soft drink of their choice. The New York style pizza was excellent! People enjoyed hearing John Scott and Brian Otto playing some relaxing music from the 60's on up to the 80's. These afternoon events are becoming very popular for our Oceana residents. Don't miss out on these fun afternoons!



Charlie Wendt
760-908-8897

Labor Day Party - Sept.

What a difference a year makes. Labor day 2022 was HOT, so HOT that we had to move the band and all the people inside the auditorium where there was some air conditioning. But for Labor Day 2023, the weather was near perfect and in the low to mid-70's. We had a terrific crowd of around 120 Oceana residents and friends enjoying the weather, food, music and conversations with their neighbors around Oceana's pool area.



The meal of pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, potato salad, green salad, and watermelon from Eddie Chiw catering was excellent! There were ice cream cones for dessert too! Music from the band Cool Rush was outstanding. They sang their vocals and played their guitars and keyboard to perfection! They



played all the favorites and had people dancing toward the end of the afternoon. The crowd kept asking for "one

more song" and they did respond. There were numerous comments from guests telling the Activities



Committee that this was a great event! It was a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and friendship!

Charlie Wendt
760-908-8897

The Drama Club of Oceana

Presents

THE TAVERN AT OCEANA

An Original Play with Music



Written by: Tony Schwab, Gail Olenick, Lisa Olivero, Deborah Schwab and Ensemble

Produced by: Gail Olenick and Lisa Olivero

Directed by: Tony Schwab

Technical Director: Lisa Olivero

Technical Design: Mark Mann

Premieres

Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 7pm and Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 3pm

Oceana Club Auditorium

Reserve Your Seat!

Admission \$5.00. Includes Wine & Cheese Reception to follow
Tickets on sale at OCA Office, Oct. 2 thru Nov. 6, 2023.

Don't miss this one!

Owls Get a New Canyon Home

Many long-time residents have enjoyed looking at the towering owl house set high up on the steep canyon along Vista Campa- na N. It was put up about 10 years ago, but has recently been looking the worse for wear.

Mark Mann, a resident who happens to be a wood- worker, noticed the deteriorating owl house and decided to do something about it. Recently with the help of another resident, Bill Matthews, he brought down the old structure. Mark then proceeded to build a new owl house, which will hopefully last for decades to come.



Once it was completed, he painted it green, but felt it looked somewhat bland. He decided to call upon another resident, Tony Schwab, who not only leads our Drama

Club but is also an artist. Tony lent his painting skills to the new owl house resulting in a colorful addition to the scenery of our beautiful canyon. With Bill Mathews' help again, and photographer Lisa Olivero to record the moment, the new owl house was erected on August 17th.

Virginia Mann



OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
Charlie Wendt
Linda Garcia
Maryanne Dilloway
Pat Hawkins
Carolyn Kruse
Chuck Kruse
Karin Messaros
Sue Moore
Gail Olenick
Lisa Olivero
Deborah Schwab
Ginger Thayer
Donna Wendt
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Interim Co-Chair
Lisa Bagot/Paula McDonald 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 U 9
Gail Olenick
Maura Parsons
Peter Cornog Board Exec. Cte.
Lynn Leszczynski Board Exec. Cte.

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Month
10:30am, Community Room
Chair
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
MaryAnn Alger
Mary Hall
Connie Iniquez
Kris McLaughlin
Evelyn Thomas
Sydnie Wauson
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Finance Committee

Meets: 3rd Mon. ea. Month
9:30am, Card Room
Chair
Charlie Wendt
Nancy Follin
John McDonald
Sue Moore
Nancy Norton
OCA General Manager
Lynn Leszczynski Board Liaison

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

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Community Room
Interim Chair
Mike McLaughlin
Phyllis Allinson
Debra Demary
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Steve Omlor
Karen Bishop Board Exec. Cte.
Roxanne Rimmel Board Exec. Cte.

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: 3rd Wed. even #’d Months
10am, Card Room
Chair
Lisa Bagot lisabagot@gmail.com or 619-379-4085
Wayne Landry Board Liaison
Peter Cornog

“The Hub” Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Card Room
Chair
Gail Olenick
Virginia Mann Secretary/Digital Coordinator
Pam Spangler Print Coordinator
Caryn Leventhal Website Coordinator
Lisa Olivero Website Photographer
Ellen Marciel
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Committee Membership
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Attention all Committee Chairs:
Please remember to update ALL changes (times, days, contacts), by submitting the information directly to the HUB; not the OCA office. The form for submission is on our website. Just click on the logo at the top of the home page and a simple, easy to follow form will appear. Thank you.



Hilltop Highlights
Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday


October 2023

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 2:30-4pm 4-6pm 	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit Class: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Yoga (Chair) 10am Ceramics 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pinochle: 1-4pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-6pm Trivia: 7-8pm	Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Dominos: 12:30-4pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 1:30-4pm Drama Club: 3:30-5pm Billiards Warm-Up 6-8pm Poker: 6-8pm	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am The Groove Movement/ Dance: 10-11am Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Art Room: 1-3pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 1:30-4pm Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2	3 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	4 2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room
8	9 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.  LEIF ERIKSON DAY	10 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library	11 9am Unit Advisors - Clubhouse Auditorium 10:30am CRC - Communi- ty Room 6-8 pm Oktoberfest Beer Tasting - Clubhouse
15	16 9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room	17	18 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library
22	23 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	24	25 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 1pm BOD Exec. Session
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Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 3-5:30pm Billiards (Private): 5-7pm Sing-Along: 6pm	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Tai Chi: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Hand & Foot: 12pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 12:30-4pm Pickleball-New Player Lessons 3:45-4:45pm	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse	6 10am Landscape Cte. Community Room	7 10am-2pm SSS 
12 9am Coffee Hour - "Beethoven to Broadway" Clubhouse	13	14 11am-2pm OCA Art Show - Clubhouse
19 9am Coffee Hour - John Scott Clubhouse	20	21
26 9am Coffee Hour - Susie Lotzof Clubhouse	27	28  6-8 pm Halloween Dance - Clubhouse



COME, WE FLY



Things To Do at OCA

Note: All Activities/Clubs are subject to change. Please check with the listed contact person first.

- Art Studio** - Wed., 1-3pm.
Info: Mary Hall, 714-595-4138.
- Billiards** -Thurs. 10am-Noon. Warm-Up Tues. 6-8pm. Friendly group for socializing and skills development. **Private Group Play:** Thurs. 5-7pm. Billiards Room.
Info: Lonnie Burrows, 760-433-9481.
- Book Club** - Second Tues. each Month 10am. In the Library. Info: Jeri Gustafsson 760-754-2911.
- Ceramics Studio** - open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30-3:30pm.
Info: Lynn Schneidenbach 619-889-4612
a53lynns@yahoo.com
- Chair Volleyball** - Mon. and Thurs. 1pm. Clubhouse.
Info: Dave Freeman, 818-262-0788
- Discussion Group** - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library.
Info: Danae Dancyzk, 760-529-9226.
- Dominos Group** - Tues., 12:30pm in the Card Room.
Info: Dona White, 760-533-2484.
- Drama Club** - Tues., 3:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Tony Schwab 201-739-7521.
- French Club** - Wed., 11am-Noon in the Library.
Info: Diedre Burke, (213) 924-6653 .
- Friends of Bill W.** - On ZOOM Wed. 5pm. Info: Lin Riley, 760-730-3371, or Linriley@cox.net
- Garden Club** - Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden.
Info: Casey Fitzfreck 818-426-4572
- Hand & Foot** - Fridays at 12pm Card Room.
Info: Joan Jeffery, 760-637-2384
- Keep Fit Exercise Class** - MWF 8:30-9am. Auditorium. Info: Don Jones, 760-703-4583.
- Lapidary** - Mon. thru Thurs. 1-3 pm.
Info: John Pitarresi, 760-917-6631.
- Mahjong** -2nd & 4th Mon. 1-4pm. Clubhouse Community Room. Info: Diana Siegel, 760-405-3306
- Pickleball** - Play levels: Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. Clubhouse and Outdoors. See OCA website pickleball activity page for specifics. Info: Denny Hanrahan, 760-525-0643 or Steve Reigle, stevereigle@gmail.com.
- Pinochle** - Mon. 1-4 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. Card Room.
Info: Rhonda Christopher, 760-231-1808.

- Share & Wear:** Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am - 2pm, and first Saturday of the month for "Super Saturday Sale", 10am - 2pm.
Info: Linda Garcia, (760) 470-3562 or Teri Battaglia, (714) 458-6842
- Sing-Along** - Thurs. 6pm in the Auditorium. Feel free to bring a snack & a drink.
Info: Glen Hemingway, 760-518-5716.
- Tai Chi** -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium.
Info: Janice Burrows , 760-277-5139.
- The Groove-Movement/Dance** -Wed. 10-11am. Auditorium. Info: Deborah Schwab 551-206-5862.
- Trivia** -Mon. 7-8pm. Card room.
Info: Colleen Eidson , 760-529-9999
- Water Aerobics** - Mon-Wed-Fri 8am Pool adjacent to restrooms.
Info: Sue Moore, 951-990-3536 or smoore121263@gmail.com
- Woodshop** -Mon-Fri 1-3pm.
Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.
- Yoga (Chair)** - Mon. 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 - Laura Bennett	760-224-2524
4 - Sally Lopez	760-421-4187
5 - Dr. Andrea Anderson	510-701-4044
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
Evelyn Thomas	Board Liaison

Updates From The Isle

OCTOBER 2023

THE ISLE

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

COURSE AERIFICATION • 10/24-10/25

Emerald Isle will be closed for aerification & fall maintenance

HAUNTED HOLES TOURNAMENT • 10/28

9am Shotgun Start • \$55 pp • 4 player scramble format • costume contest

SNOWSIDE WINTER FESTIVAL • 12/1-12/3

4-9pm • tickets required • more info coming for everyone's favorite winter event!



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BOOK A GROUP LESSON**

MORE INFO ABOUT OUR
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION
NATALIE VIVALDI, PGA



VIEW & SAVE OUR

MASTER CALENDAR OF
ALL EVENTS UPCOMING
AT EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE



THE ISLE GRILL MENU

OPEN DAILY 6:30AM-5:30PM
JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR
SOME FOOD & DRINKS OR
CALL US FOR A PICK UP ORDER



Notices & Reminders



Recruiting a Nominating Committee

In March 2024, four Director terms will be completed. Each year, the election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors begins with the appointment of five volunteers to the Nominating Committee. The 2022 Election Rules require that the Board's only involvement in the election process is the approval of Nominating Committee members and the Inspector of Elections. Once the Nominating Committee commences its work, Directors can only be involved in the election process if they run for another term and are active candidates.

Participating on this committee is a great way to contribute to the community with a time commitment of less than five months—Wednesday, October 25, 2023 to Saturday, March 16, 2024.

The Nominating Committee members work to identify qualified nominees, communicate with the nominees and management and promote the candidates to the community through publications and forums. The Nominating Committee also coordinates candidate information with the Inspector of Elections.

The Board encourages any homeowner to volunteer for the Nominating Committee. The 2023 election committee's evaluation recommended a wider representation of community members from different units. If you would like more information, past committee members have offered to share their experience.

If you are interested in participating or wish to receive more information, please send an email to:

KBishop@ocaoffice.org

It is important to identify possible participants by October 15 so the members can be selected at the October 25 BoD general session meeting.

The Drama Club

An Update

Save the dates: **November 11th at 7pm** and **12th at 3pm** for our new show!

Every Tuesday from 4-5pm we are onstage in the Auditorium developing our play—creating memorable characters to tell a fun story about Oceana. Together, we wrote a script, *The Tavern at Oceana*, drawing on each actor's life in the community to give a picture of the Oceana way of life. We want to make you think and wonder while you laugh and even sing along.

The cast members are Phyllis and Geoff Alinson, Chrissie DiPietro, Alan Dolit, Carol Finkas, Virginia Mann, Paul Mecklenburg, Valerie Norris, Gail Olenick, Lisa Olivero, Evelyn Thomas and Deborah and Tony Schwab. Our pianist is Georgette Velez and our scenic designer is Mark Mann. (Mark built the beautiful centerpiece of our set, the bar for *The Tavern at Oceana*!)

There is always a communal feeling about creating theater. In our drama club, people who have not been in a play since grade school (if ever) are working alongside experienced actors, and we are all pulling our weight. Why a tavern? What better place than a friendly bar with a piano and a jukebox to say, "Hey Oceana, we're here with songs and jokes, and with stories from silly to sentimental to serious to share!" As Lisa the bartender says in the beginning of the play, "Oceana is a cool place to live. You have to be over 55 to live here, so in our age group we know a lot about life, and we have no filters, we tell it like it is."

Mark down November 11th at 7 pm and 12th at 3 pm to see the show onstage in the auditorium. Tickets will be available well in advance, so watch this space!

Tony Schwab

Want to Volunteer?

But, Don't Want a Major Commitment?

We need someone to turn the key which operates the motor to cover the pool, each night around 9:00 PM. The task only takes about 5 minutes a day.

Can you help?

Please contact the OCA office at:

760-757-3937.

Around Oceana/Oceanside

Leo Carrillo Ranch



Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, in Carlsbad is a beautiful 27-acre ranch, once owned by the actor Leo Carrillo, who starred as Pancho in *The Cisco Kid* TV series. He donated it to the city of Carlsbad and it's a free, fascinating destination!

I recommend bringing a bottle of water and some sturdy sneakers or walking shoes - and enjoy! It's an 11 miles / 25 minute drive away, located at 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Ln, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Guided tours are free. They are offered Saturdays and Sundays at 10am and 1pm. Meet at the welcome kiosk in the parking lot.

Botanical walking tours are also free. They are offered the second Friday of each month at 9:30am. Meet in the parking lot. These tours last approximately 90 minutes.

More information is available at:

www.carlsbadca.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/48/7400

**Leanne Smith
Unit 5**

Lights, Camera, Action!

Coming to a theater near you....Yes, Oceana will once again host feature films in our Club-house Auditorium, beginning in January 2024, on a twice a month basis. Of course, popcorn will be available. Donations will be accepted and appreciated in order to offset the cost of a movie license.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the Activities committee or stop by the office and leave your name and info.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Kruse



"Thank You," Oceana

Our story in a nutshell

Labor Day weekend marked one year ago, that my partner Lisa and I arrived in Southern California. We rented a VRBO and began our search for a new home. Arriving on a Saturday brought us to Sunday, when we saw 'the house' in Oceana. It was a perfect 2 bedroom, 2 bath with an atrium. We made an offer the following week and within a few days it was accepted. We moved at the end of September, from New York City. After many weeks of painting, furniture shopping and minor construction, we were done. Our beach house was complete.

A week later, we joined the Activities Committee and were welcomed with open arms. As time passed, I joined the Architecture Committee and Landscape Committee. Lisa joined the Website Committee, as well as the Wood Shop and Garden Club. We held the first Pride at the Pool this past June, hoping to bring diversity and awareness into the community and we were welcomed beyond belief. Next, we joined the Drama Club, and now our first play is in the works. We were entrenched! From that moment on, we became full-fledged volunteers. A sense of joy and commitment ensued. Day after day, we continued to try to make a difference. We became involved, full speed ahead with a great sense of pride. Months later, I was asked to become Chair of "The Hub" Committee and I said "yes".

It is with great joy and humbleness that I say, "Thank you Oceana," from the bottom of our hearts, for welcoming us. Your kind words, your spirit and friendship have not gone unnoticed. It is with great pleasure and hope that Lisa and I can make a small difference here. This is a wonderful community filled with energy and love. What an honor it is to be part of this community while making some wonderful friends. As I say in our play, "Oceana here I am."

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Olenick



Committee & Club Reports

Oceana Garden Club

We Partied Under the Stars!

... on Thursday 24 August 2023 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Oceana Garden plots and surrounding areas. The location was perfect: peaceful, serene, tranquil, and adorned with beautiful landscaping for a perfect event. This is the first time Oceana Garden Club (OGC) held a community event and fund raiser.

Finally, the event day arrived! The day started cloudy and dull with sprinkles of rain. But, by late morning there were clear blue skies and warm sunshine. The work started.

All the various areas were set up, ranging from a bar, food tables, fresh baked bread table, various tables of new donated items, potted succulent plants, and a silent auction area. Food, drinks, and ice arrived ready for the event.



Our party really brought our community together. There were a few residents that did not know this area existed! Garden tours of the garden plots, nursery and the surrounding area were a great addition to this event.

Watching everyone relax and enjoying the ambiance of the evening was really poetry in motion. The ambiance was just perfect: a warm summer's evening with the beautiful sound of the solo flutist, Ms. Adrienne Nims, and the solo violinist, Lenny Beh. Everyone enjoyed the event, from the drinks and

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food to the excellent golf cart shuttle service. Virtually every item donated was sold, giving OGC a nice reward for their fundraising efforts.



We would like to thank all who worked relentlessly to make the party the great success that it was. A special thank you to Dan Farrar and the many board members for attending.



Once again thank you to everyone who made this an amazing and successful event and to everyone who made it

happen, the residents who donated items and money, OGC gardeners, the Activities Committee, and our wonderful maintenance workers. You were all the stars of this magical OGC event which was attended by over 200 residents!

A special event, OGC magazine, will be produced and published in the next weeks for all the OGC members. If



any of you would like to receive a .pdf copy of this OGC Event Newsletter, please contact Mr. Anthony Kay, OGC Secretary at: anthony.kay.ogc@gmail.com.

**Anthony Kay
Secretary**

Community Resources Center

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) sign up ends on November 19, 2023.

When the ACP first came out, the application process was long and confusing. Now, Cox Communications, Oceana's cable company, has a dedicated web link cox.com/acp. This page has a guide with a few short steps to follow. The benefit of doing this is \$30 off on your internet bill.

If SS is your only income, you may be eligible. I used this system, and it was so easy compared to a year ago when the program first came out. The Social Security computer talks to the ACP program and verifies income, using the last four of your social security number, DOB and name. I received an email within hours of my applying with my application ID #. At this point you can take your approval number to any internet provider. I called Cox to set up my ACP and was transferred to the department handling the program. The following month, my discount will apply, and Cox will automatically deduct \$30 from my bill.

The ACP has a web address of Getinternet.gov which has the application. If you have any questions, email ACPSupport@usac.org or call 877-384-2575 for the support center. The center is open 7 days a week from 9 am to 9 pm EST.

In November, The CRC will be hosting the first CRC Veteran's Fair. There will be a variety of agencies providing services for Veterans using the "kitchen table" information style. Participants can ask questions about benefits and make a follow-up appointment directly with the agency to see what help is out there.

Also, CRC is still looking for a mobile pet vaccination service at low or no cost to residents, and for a mobile unit to provide people with flu and COVID vaccinations.

Also, watch for an email blast announcing when the first CRC survey is available.

Heads up: Due to the special Town Hall, the CRC regular October meeting will be held at a later date. Please check email blast for update

CRC Veteran's Corner

Written by Corporal Thomas USMC

Honoring USA Heroes, (HUH), is a non-profit organization that helps military service members and veterans through their cancer treatment. HUH provides cowboy hats for heroes at no cost to them. HUH provides a unique service to our fallen heroes. It ensures that the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are forever immortalized and to help

their families move from "tears of sadness to tears of happiness". HUH's mission is to provide a unique memorial picture to the surviving spouse, parents, or child of our Heroes. HUH acoustic canvas pictures provide a visual image of their hero plus the ability to play their heroes' favorite music or any special recording or memorials. By adding the dimension of sound to their memorial pictures, HUHs' vision transcends and revolutionizes how they honor the heroes and keep their memory alive, so they are "never to be forgotten". For more information or to give a donation, please visit www.honoringusaheroes.org

See you at the CRC

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC

News from the Ceramics Studio

Happy fall to all! Our Ceramics group has been busy this summer. First, we donated raffle items for the Oceana New Neighbor Orientation event in early August. Next, our members donated 40+ pieces to the Garden Club's event Party Under the Stars, on 8/24/23. Their well-attended fundraiser was a BIG hit and the talk of the community! Congratulations to Oceana Garden Club.

We completed our Imprinting on Clay class in a full room. Attendees seemed quite pleased with their completed treasures! By the time this article is published, we will have had another class given by Robin Ynacay-Nye. It was about how to make clay objects pouring liquid slip into plaster molds. This method has been popular for many years and was my first foray into the ceramics world back in the early '70s. Aahhhh...I remember that first canister set in the gold, orange, avocado and brown colors of that era!

As the community gears up for the October Art Show and Sale, our members will likely be making pieces for the show. Make sure you stop by to view all the artists' works. We have some very talented neighbors who love art and enjoy sharing it with our community.

If you are curious about the ceramics making process or want to start a project of your own, please stop by the studio. We have friendly folks who'd love to help you! Studio hours and my contact information are listed in this publication under Ceramic Studio.

Enjoy your fall,

Lynn S.

PS: we still collect plastic bottles and cans. Monies are used for studio supplies and repairs. No glass please!

Artisan Bread de la Garden Club

In early Spring the garden club decided we needed some new trash cans but sadly there were not enough funds in the budget since we had just completed a major irrigation project. "Let's do a fund raiser," someone suggested! And so the dream began.

Gardeners came together and pulled weeds, dug planting beds and filled them with gorgeous plants from our nursery. Pea gravel was laid, and rocks created borders. The gardeners worked tirelessly to beautify our garden area. But this was not work, this was a labor of love joining forces with friends and garden neighbors. Telling stories of the zucchini that got away and laughing all the while. Creating memories and enjoying companionship.

Some garden plots boasted abundant crops of beans, peas and lettuce to say nothing of the strawberries. Then came the tomatoes, what a bounty! Too much rain we cried, not enough rain we grumbled! But through it all the weeds kept growing and we kept pulling them! Gardeners tendered on in their garden plots, trimming and weeding and netting our veggies away from the birds, and one pesky ground squirrel that always managed to find a way into the garden beds to feast upon our fresh fruit and vegetables despite repeated efforts to keep him out!

As summer was drawing to a close and the herb gardens were filled with fresh basil, oregano and rosemary the harvest began! The basil found its way into Pesto and the oregano and rosemary were headed to the community kitchen to be added to homemade Artisan Bread! How do you bake 50 loaves of bread in two commercial ovens. You put out a call to the Oceana Community and wonderful volunteers arrive with their Dutch Ovens and roll up their



How many chefs?

sleeves to help bake bread! Have you ever taken a recipe and then multiplied it by 50 to put together a shopping list. "So..... if I need 3 cups of flour, multiple that by 50 and give the answer in pounds and ounces oh and throw in a little

extra to flour the table when working with the dough!"

Wednesday evening Eileen, Sandee, Mary, Diane, Jeanne and Jayne convened in the kitchen with the goal of preparing the dough. Ellen was behind the scenes washing bowls and utensils, keeping our flour mess under control. With a little stress and a lot of laughter the dough came together, and we left to let it rise overnight! Did it rise you ask, oh yes it was a monster and

escaped the baking dishes and headed for the floor! 30 minutes later it was cleaned up and the dough tamed. Baking began just as coffee morning was starting in the auditorium! Oh, how we tortured everyone and anyone who entered the building. The smell of fresh bread baking was a great preview of the evening's event.



Wild dough—making a break for it

The facilities team shuttled tables and chairs and set up our event. The bread was taken to the garden, some loaves still warm! The golf cart shuttle crew were busy early on transporting guests to the garden. The traffic monitors were busy directed cars, golf carts and parking!

The Activities committee were busy arranging their spread with a colorful array of fruit and appetizers. The wine and beverages were chilled as the musicians warmed their instruments. The lights came on and our guest arrived. As they strolled the gardens, wandered the farmers market, silent auction and learned to plant succulents, the party came alive. The musicians, one on clarinet the other on violin, were delightful. Just the perfect sound for a beautiful evening.

An Evening Under the Stars was a success in so many ways. It always brings a smile to my face when I see people pull together for a common goal. When you witness the true meaning of community and see strangers becoming part of something fun. The feeling of camaraderie, the laughter and joy of accomplishment. Thank you to everyone who participated and to all our wonderful guests. Your smiles made all the hard work worth it!

Jayne Geisler, Garden 4B

Recipe

Oceana Garden Club - Artisan Bread

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Plain flour
- 2 tsp Salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Dry Yeast
- 1 tbs Minced, fresh herbs of choice (rosemary, thyme, lavender, oregano, etc.)
- 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups-Warm water (Temp should be 100-110° F, too hot kills the yeast.)
- As needed-Everything Bagel or sesame seeds for topping

Special Equipment:

- 1 Dutch Oven with lid.

Directions:

1. Dissolve yeast in a cup with a little warm water and set aside until it starts to foam.
2. Mix flour, herbs of choice and salt. Add dissolved yeast and remaining water until dough is shaggy. (Well mixed so no dry spots.) (May not need all $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups.)
3. Mix until thoroughly blended. Roughly shape into a ball and place in bowl.
4. Cover with plastic wrap and let proof for 3 hours in a warm place.
5. Place Dutch Oven in oven to warm as oven pre-heats to 450°F.
6. While Dutch Oven is warming, generously flour baking surface and fold dough several times into itself. Then form into ball.
7. Place on floured parchment paper and cut a slit in top of dough. Dust with Everything Bagle or sesame seeds.
8. Place parchment with dough into hot Dutch Oven, cover and place in oven.
9. Cook for 30 mins, remove Dutch Oven lid, cook for 15 mins more until brown. When touched, top should bounce back.
10. Let cool for 15-20 mins before slicing.



Looks delicious!

To warm bread next day, place on oven rack at 450°F for 10-15 mins depending on how crusty you desire. No need to use Dutch Oven.

Recipe created by Garden 4B

Meet your Neighbor



Paul Mecklenberg

Paul was born in Hawaii in 1932. At the young age of 2, Paul and his family moved to Bremerton, Washington, famous for its historic naval and maritime heritage. There he remained until drafted into the army in 1953, where he served his country for 2 years. Later on,

he attended the University of Washington where he studied Forestry. Paul shared with me that college during those times cost \$110.00 which included his studies and books, as well as living expenses. A far cry from what students pay today!

Paul was employed as a Timber Sales Officer in Oregon when in 1958, he married his sweetheart, Sigrid. They were blessed with 3 children, a son and 2 daughters, and today he is blessed again with a granddaughter.

Paul moved here to Oceana 4 years ago and at age 91, he is a member of our Oceana Drama Club and Discussion Group. When I asked him what he enjoys, Paul smiled and responded, "I sing Karaoke 3 to 4 nights a week, sometimes 5. I also walk on the beach with my toes in the water."

Gail Olenick



Did You Know?



History

Leif Erikson Day honors Viking Explorer Leif Erikson and celebrates Nordic-American Heritage. Erikson is believed to have been the first European to set foot on the North American continent, having done so nearly 500 years before Christopher Columbus. He established a settlement called Vinland and although its exact location is not known, it is believed that it is near L'anse aux Meadows, in Newfoundland, Canada, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In 1925, Leif Erikson was officially recognized by President Calvin Coolidge as the first explorer to discover the continent. It took another four decades for the day to become official when, in 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared October 9th as Leif Erikson Day. In 2015, President Barack Obama reproclaimed the day and called upon Americans to celebrate the day appropriately in honor of Nordic-American heritage and the explorers that embarked on the expeditions that led to the creation of the United States.

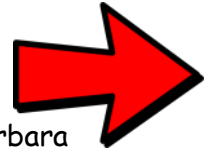
Facts

- Leif Erikson was actually born in Iceland but his family was Norwegian. He died in Greenland in the year 1020.
- On October 9, 1825, the first wave of Norwegian immigrants arrived on US soil in New York City. Between 1825 and 1925, nearly one-third of Norway's population emigrated to the US.
- Erikson named his settlement Vinland or Wineland due to the many grape vines that he discovered there.
- There are more than 4.5 million Americans with Norwegian ancestry living in the US today, of which 55% live in the Upper Midwest states.

"Histories have been written and more will be written of the Norwegians in America, but no man can tell adequately of the tearing asunder of tender ties, the hardships and dangers crossing the deep, the work and worry, the hopes and fears, the laughter and tears, of men and women who with bare hands carved out of a wilderness a new kingdom".

Rønning, N. N.,
from the book Fifty Years in America

Oceana History



A Challenge to Our Readers

Thanks to the University of Santa Barbara geospatial-aerial photography library collection, I was able to acquire (for free) a photo of Oceana, under construction on September 8, 1963. Oceana is the white area near the center of the photograph.

The editors of the Hub and I thought it would be of interest to you and we would like to offer a lifetime free subscription to Hilltop Highlights if you are able to identify a number of the present-day features within Oceana that were under construction in 1963. Depending on your eyesight we would recommend the use of a hand magnifier if you are viewing this photo in hardcopy, or the built-in zoom feature of the online copy of Hilltop Highlights.

E-mail what you find to the editorial board (i.e., The Hub) so that we can publish the names of the winners in an upcoming edition.

Thank you and have fun.

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The Clubhouse circa 1970

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

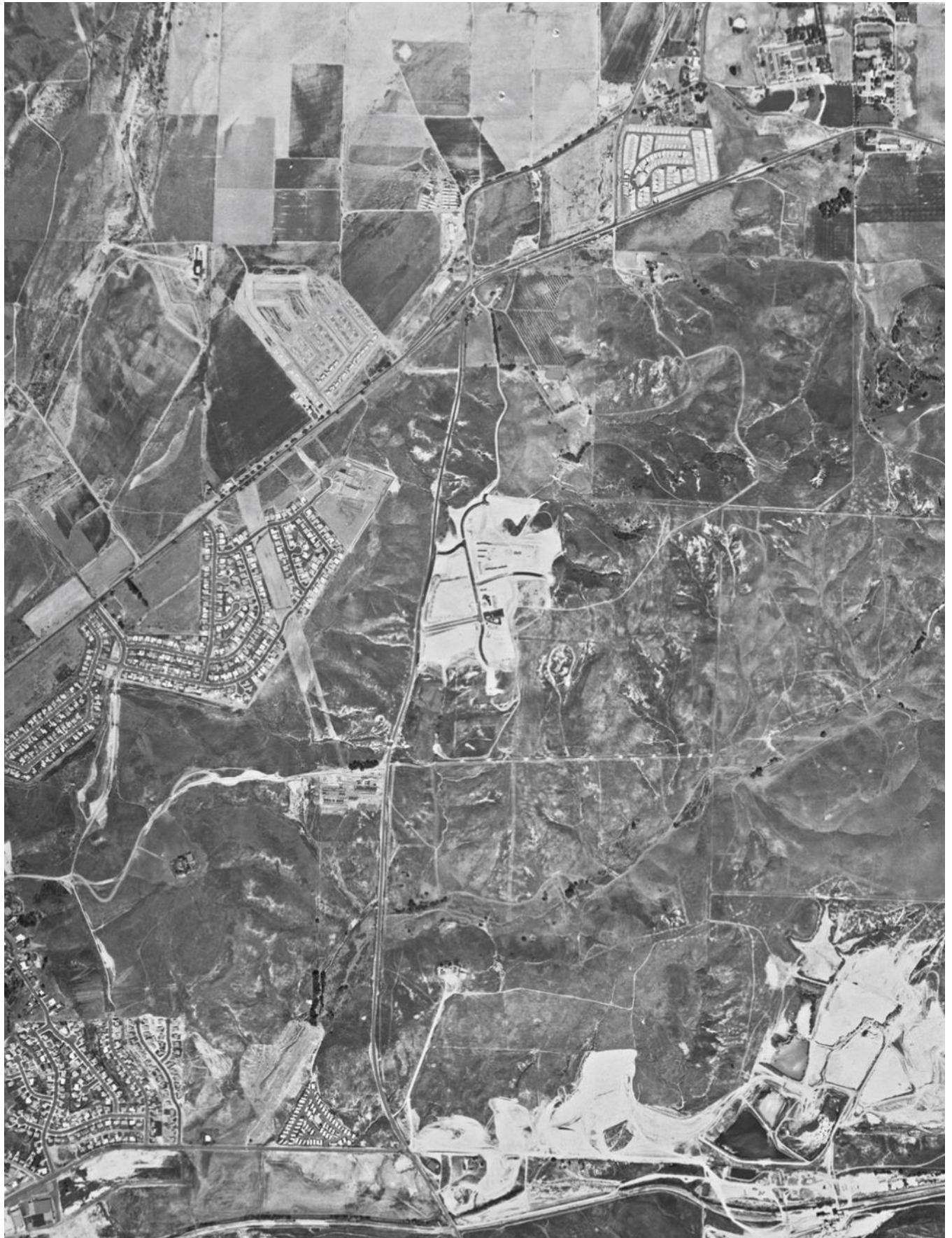
San Diego County:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

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

Aerial Map Showing Oceana - September 8, 1963



Special Treat - A Blow-up from the September 8, 1963 Aerial View on the Previous Page

