

# HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

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The Drama Club of Oceana

Presents

## THE TAVERN AT OCEANA

An Original  
Play with  
Music



## Also Inside:



Thanksgiving Dinner



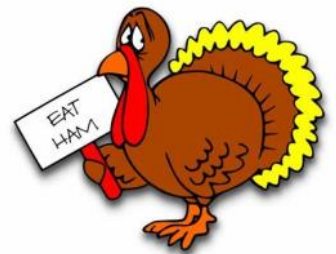
Veterans Resource Fair



Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner  
With your Friends & Neighbors

*"Gobble 'til you wobble."*

But, remember all those who can't!



**A note to website viewers:**

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- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st of the month preceding the month of the publication. Use the HUB submission form on the website or 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? (Two kinds: maintenance work request and landscape work request) The most efficient manner is to submit an online request to Connect. The physical work request forms are available on our website (oceanaseniors.org) or at the office. Submit completed forms to the office or via office@ocaoffice.org, by fax to 760-757-8177. All work requests are prioritized with other scheduled work. We do respond to an emergency situation (e.g. sewer backups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on weekends emergencies should be reported to our customer care center at 800-428-5588 .
- Are you moving? Do you have a neighbor who has moved or passed away? Please provide such information to the office at:  
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**Oceana** oceanaseniors.org

**City of Oceanside** ci.oceanside.ca.us

**San Diego County** sandiegocounty.gov

**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 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

**I** wanted to remind all homeowners that the board launched several new initiatives this year and I think it is time to highlight them again with updates!

### Fireside Chats

First, there are our Fireside Chats that take place on the third Wednesday of every month. Join us in the library from 6-7 PM where one of our board members will be there to listen to your concerns and to answer any questions you might have. Of course, we cannot make decisions there, but we do bring back your feedback to the entire board and many initiatives have arisen from this great feedback. Thanks to the many homeowners we have met through this process - this is a great opportunity - don't miss it! November is my month - so come join me on November 15 at 6 PM in the library.

### News You Can Use

Another initiative is the News You Can Use column that follows here each month. Our "director of the month" writes this article to highlight for you the decisions that the board has made that affect you directly and other clarification that we feel might be worth including. This month is a big one as we did not have a board meeting in August, so we did two months' worth of work! And we did it in four hours, which was an achievement!

### Plans, Budgets and a New Board

In October and November, we are working on our strategic plan for what we want to do for the remaining board year (we are over halfway through already!) to leave the board strong for the next board to continue the hard work over the past few years. We have accomplished all our goals in the plan we developed in March of this year, so we are looking at what else we can accomplish. We will also have completed the 2024 budget and formed the Nominating Committee for the **four** positions that are open to be filled in March 2024.

### What is Happening with Landscaping in OCA

While I am here...let's talk about your grass or weeds! We finally had accurate financial

reports by the fall of 2022 thanks to a lot of people here at OCA and by us hiring REA (Real Estate Accounting) mid-year. When we finally had an Income Statement, and we finally had it for each of our three accounting threads (Operating, Reserves, and Activities), we realized that we were about \$100,000 short in Operating. The flux of our money in and out let us stay afloat, but we were indeed in a precarious position. We believe this has happened over several years, but we cannot continue having that type of exposure.

In the 2023 budget, we created what I call the "Austerity Program". We had to make up that money this year, so we were on firm financial footing going forward. We cut as many places as possible, without losing staff, that would make everything much worse, and landscaping took the biggest hit because it was a giant expense each month. So Brightview went from a rotation type of landscaping to something called a flow. That basically means each of us sees less than we used to of Brightview's work near our home because they had to cut manpower to get us to the dollar amount we could afford.

The good news is in January our plan is to put back the money we had cut and get back to a well-maintained community in the first couple of months of the year.

We have told you this many times between October 2022 and probably April of this year, but based on my email, I thought it was worth repeating at last month's board meeting and here again.

### Many Thanks

Now it is time to get back to it. Many thanks to those who reach out with support - you guys are awesome! I am truly grateful to serve with our board members - they are really hard workers, extremely thoughtful, and I hope you take the opportunity to thank them for their service.

Have a great Thanksgiving with your family and/or friends!

**Sandy Riser**  
President, OCA Board of Directors

## News You Can Use

### 2024 Election for Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the four open board seats. Please consider being part of the solution by running for office. The good news is that the time commitment should decrease since OCA contracted with a professional management company, FirstService Residential. By the time new board members take office, systems and procedures will be instituted that serve all the residents of Oceana.

### Facilities Committee

Thank you to the committed volunteers on the Architectural and Landscape Committees. The members are committed to helping homeowners with modifications leading to an attractive and safe community. But what about the maintenance of the common areas and the HOA buildings? That is where the Facilities Committee comes in. The board is so appreciative of those who stepped up to help identify and recommend the priority for projects. Contact Peter Cornog or Evelyn Thomas to find out when this committee meets next.

### Compliance / Violations

FirstService Residential is creating the systems for following up on violations. They are actively touring the community to identify violations so management can follow up on the issues. The Compliance Committee with three board members is the last resort for violations since they convene for compliance hearings.

### Legal Issues

Thank you for attending the Special Meeting on October 11 to learn more from the attorney regarding our litigation. The goal of the OLC litigation is to seek financial relief for 932 homeowners from the increasing rent and to replace the crumbling infrastructure. The community should hear the facts and not depend on rumors that misrepresent the goals of the OLC litigation.

### Websites

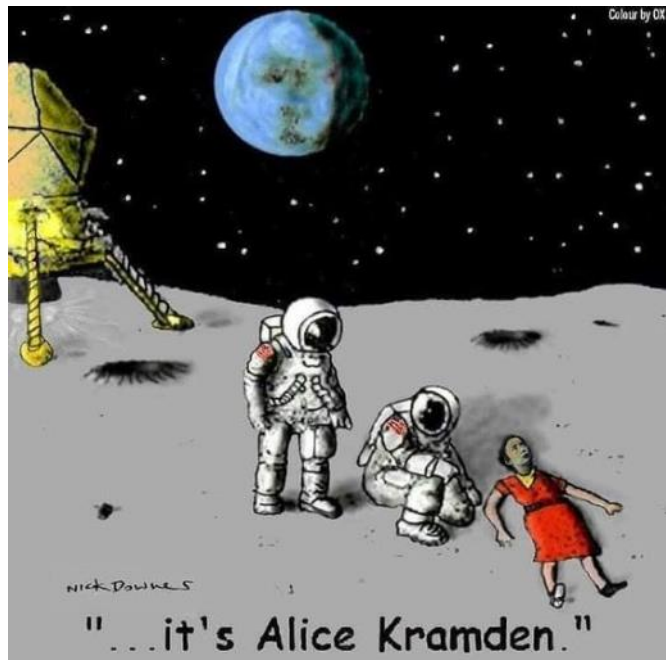
Management and the volunteers of the HUB (Communication Committee) are working on getting information to the community. FirstService Residential hosts a website including Member/Homeowner information. The [www.oceanaseniors.org](http://www.oceanaseniors.org) website retains information about the community, activities and latest news for all residents. Stay tuned as both websites keep improving.

## Governing Documents

Please review the suggested revisions to the Handbook which is out for Member input. The board will consider input and approve the revised version at the November 29 General Session. In the meantime, the board is considering if the 2020 CC&Rs have enough issues to be placed on the March 2024 ballot. Email [kbishop@oacoffice.org](mailto:kbishop@oacoffice.org) if you identify anything that needs to be reviewed. The biggest challenge remains the 1995 Bylaws.

Wishing you a healthy, happy Thanksgiving.

Karen Bishop,  
BoD Secretary



# November Activities

**Sat. Nov. 11, 7pm & Sun. Nov. 12, 3pm**



## The Tavern at Oceana

(See Ad on Page 8)

**When:** Nov. 11, 7pm & Nov. 12, 3pm  
**Where:** Clubhouse  
**Enjoy:** A Drama + Wine & Cheese  
**Signup:** 10/2-11/12  
**Fee:** \$5

**November 15 thru November 29**

### Angel Tree - In the Clubhouse Lobby

Buy a gift for a local head start child at Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee program. Pick a name from the tree & bring a new wrapped gift to the office by Nov. 29. Gifts given at Nov. 30 Coffee Hour.



**When:** Nov 15 thru Nov. 29  
**Where:** Clubhouse Lobby  
**Pick a child's name;** buy & wrap a gift; deliver to office by 11/29.  
**Spend:** \$20 max

**November 17 & 18, 10am-2pm each day**

### Share & Wear Christmas Sale

Stock up on holiday gifts & decorations

**When:** Nov 17 & 18, 10am-2pm  
**Where:** Auditorium  
**Spend:** All you can!

**Thursday, November 23, 1-3 pm**

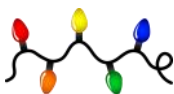
## Thanksgiving Dinner



Catered by Eddie Chiu - Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green beans and cranberry sauce. + Pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Beer, wine, soda. Limited to 150 people.

**When:** Nov. 23, 1-3 pm  
**Where:** Clubhouse  
**Enjoy:** Dinner with all the fixins  
**Signup:** 11/6-11/20  
**Fee:** \$15 (Limit: 150 people)

**Monday, November 27, 1-3 pm**



## Holiday Decorating

Come help decorate the clubhouse & auditorium. No signup—just bring your holiday spirit.

**When:** Nov. 27, 1-3 pm  
**Where:** Clubhouse  
**Enjoy:** Eggnog, Christmas cookies  
**Signup:** N/A  
**Fee:** Loads of Holiday Spirit

**Please Note:** No late sign-ups or payments at the door, so don't miss out and sign-up on time!

# COFFEE HOUR

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



- Nov. 2 : Bingo—Everyone's Favorite
- Nov. 9 : Clay Colton Duo—Twice as Nice
- Nov. 16 : Glenn Kramer—Pianist
- Nov. 23 : No Coffee Hour—Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30 : MAAC Kids—Perform & Receive Angel Tree Gifts

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937



# Activities Recap September 2023

## Labor Day Party

As reported in the October Highlights, we had a great party this past Labor Day. The weather was perfect! The Band (Cool Rush) was outstanding! The food was excellent! It was a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and friendship!



## Equinox Drumming

**Equinox Drumming September 22nd:** On a very pleasant fall evening, Charlie Wendt led about 35 residents in an evening drumming circle poolside celebrating the 2023 Fall Equinox. Many folks brought their own drums (many were djimbés as shown in the artwork). There were also drums available for those who did not bring one. Some brought other instruments that made percussion sounds such as a large aluminum cooking container! We shared information about the importance of the equinox for many ancient civilizations (e.g., Stonehenge) between the drum sessions. We played soft and loud, slow and fast, and sang the "Go Back, Back" song. We were all trying to keep the drumbeat going. It was a fun evening.



## September Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour in September had good crowds and great entertainment! Each week on Thursday mornings at 9 am, Oceana Coffee Hour is the place to be. 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 great events we had in September.



**Week 1: Bingo:** We had a nice crowd for our morning Bingo session in September. Ellen Marciel called the games in the auditorium. We played several regular Bingo games along with some other variations. "X Marks the Spot" was a new game (make an "X" with the two diagonals). Ellen decided that the "Blackout" game should be called "Redout" since we slide the red marker on the card so that it looks mostly all red. Maggie Coffin was the big winner of the Share and Wear gift card for "Redout" Bingo.



**Week 2: Jimmie and Enrique:** One of our favorite groups provided us with some great guitar playing (Jimmie) and cajon playing and singing (Enrique). They played many of our favorite songs and had folks clapping and rocking with







the music from these musicians. Watch for when we have them play again. You won't want to miss them!



the morning included a mix of Irish and British songs as pre-St. Patrick's Day music. Gary is also an encyclopedia of knowledge about the groups and the songs they sing. We can't wait to have them back again .



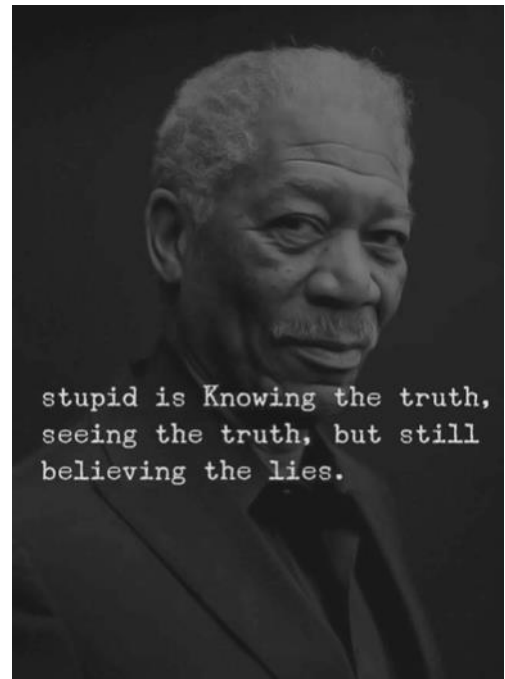
**Week 3: U-Turns:** The U-Turns were back again with their 60's through 80's music. Their

**Charlie Wendt**  
760-908-8897



lead singer Ross started the program with a solo of a wonderful old-time ballad made famous by Simon and Garfunkel "Are You Going to Scarborough Fair". The rest of the group (Maynard - an Oceana resident, Nancy and Randy) provided the backup guitar and drum playing. Ross also provided a great history of the songs they played for us.

**Week 4: Clay Colton Duo/Trio :** Clay Colton and Gary Piro again put on a great show for us at Oceana. But this time they had something new. Gary's son Joey joined them for the morning show. Clay is the lead guitarist/singer. Gary provides great harmonies and back up guitar and Joey was playing the cajon and some other percussion instruments. The program for



The Drama Club of Oceana

Presents

# THE TAVERN AT OCEANA

An Original  
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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!

# Thank You VETERANS

Honoring All Who Served



OCA Community Resource Center is privileged to celebrate our Veterans with

## The Veterans Resource Fair

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 11am-1pm  
in the

OCA Clubhouse Auditorium

Opening Ceremony at 11 AM

All OCA residents are invited to attend and meet some of San Diego County's Veteran Organizations and learn about the services they offer, not only to Veterans but their family members, too.

- Here are the list of organizations that are participating and we will periodically update the list.
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
  - Veterans Writing Group
  - Courage To Call
  - Women's Marine Association Chapter 7
  - American Red Cross: The Hero's Program
  - American Combat Veterans of War
  - Carlson Mobile Notary

For more information or questions stop in the CRC Center when we are open or email us at [OCACRC@gmail.com](mailto:OCACRC@gmail.com)



# OCA Committee Membership

## Activities Committee

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. ea. Month,  
10am, Community Room  
Interim Chair  
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Phyllis Allinson  
Debra Demary  
Sue Mansis  
Bill Matthews  
Steve Omlor  
Karen Bishop Board Exec. Cte.  
Roxanne Rimmel Board Exec. Cte.

## Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Sandy Riser Board Liaison  
Evelyn Thomas Board Liaison  
OCA Media Sub-Committee  
Geoff Allison  
Lee Mansis  
HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com  
760-290-4252


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

**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.






Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

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  2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room
5  	6	7 10am Activities Cte. Card Room 10am Book Club - Library 11am-1pm Veterans Resource Fair - Clubhouse	8 9am Unit Advisors - Clubhouse Auditorium 10:30am CRC - Communi- ty Room
12  3pm "The Tavern at Oceana" - Clubhouse	13 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	14 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room	15  Angel Tree - In the Clubhouse Lobby  6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library
19  	20 9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room	21	22
26	27 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.  10am BOD Exec. Session  1-3 pm Holiday Decorat- ing - Clubhouse	28	29 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium

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Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> 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
9am Coffee Hour - <b>2</b> Bingo Clubhouse	10am Landscape Cte. <b>3</b> Community Room	10am-2pm SSS <b>4</b> 
9am Coffee Hour - <b>9</b> Clay Colton Duo Clubhouse	<b>10</b>	7pm "The Tavern at Oceana" - Clubhouse <b>11</b> 
9am Coffee Hour - <b>16</b> Glenn Kramer Clubhouse	10am-2pm Share & Wear <b>17</b> <b>Christmas Sale</b> - Clubhouse	10am-2pm Share & Wear <b>18</b> <b>Christmas Sale</b> - Clubhouse
<b>23</b> 1-3 pm Thanksgiving Dinner - Clubhouse 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
9am Coffee Hour - <b>30</b> MAAC Kids Clubhouse		

# 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** -2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
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**Unit Advisors Committee**

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Evelyn Thomas</b>	Board Liaison



# Updates From The Isle

## NOVEMBER 2023

## THE ISLE

Hello Fall and beautiful chilly morning weather! This month at The Isle we have fully recovered from our regularly scheduled fall maintenance from late October. Our small but mighty team has aerated the greens, which promotes another healthy season of growth for the grass. This process is done typically twice a year to maintain root depth and overall healthy oxygen flow for the putting greens. Along with aerification, our team is able to do any tidying and trimming amongst our larger trees if needed, give our bunkers a nice reset and day off from public play, and sand and seed our tee boxes to promote healthy grass growth for those surfaces as well. We are so lucky to be a busy golf course open to the public but giving the golf course a two day break to allow our team to do some maintenance allows us to have the purest golfing conditions we can provide throughout the year at a wonderfully affordable rate for everyone. As we enjoy this month of cooler weather, we prepare for plenty of winter festivities such as our SnowSide Festival December 1-3, 2023! This event draws people from all over not just north county but all over San Diego, LA, and so much more. We bring in REAL SNOW, several local food vendors, live entertainment, and spectacular lighting and decor. This event is open to all ages and is incredibly family friendly. Get your photos with Santa Claus, listen to live music while you enjoy our Isle hot cocoa, and start your holiday season off with all of the fun!

**Tickets will be available on our website, social media, and free app available in the app store!**




**2023**  
**SNOWSIDE**  
*winter festival*

**DECEMBER**  
**1-3, 2023**

*all ages welcome*  
*tickets required!*



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**BOOK A GROUP LESSON**  
 MORE INFO ABOUT OUR  
 DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION  
 NATALIE VIVALDI, PGA




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 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



## The Drama Club

### An Update

Save the dates: **November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** and **12<sup>th</sup> 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 Allinson, 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**

Hear ye, Hear ye!

## Our First Woman Volunteer!

The Woodshop is proud to announce its **first woman volunteer** in the history of Oceana.

Lisa Olivero has been approved as a volunteer at the Woodshop under the direction of Jim Romans and his volunteers. Lisa has many years of personal experience in the art of woodworking, having created miniatures, along with repairing and building. Her passion for woodworking has continued throughout the years and now she has been given the opportunity to share her knowledge and talents with our community! A proud moment for Lisa and Oceana!



Lisa & Jim

**Gail Olenick**

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to our very own Carol Finkas and her partner Jack Griffiths on creating a partnership of love and commitment to one another! Friends and family of the couple gathered at the Clubhouse in late September to share in their joy.

Wishing you every happiness together.



## Committee & Club Reports

### Community Resources Center

#### The CRC Veterans Resource Fair

November 7, 2023, 11am-1pm

The CRC is proud to announce the first Veterans Resource Fair for our OCA community. We invite residents to bring their families who may also benefit from the information.

San Diego County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest population of veterans in the State of California. Military veterans make up 13% of the population in the county. There are seven military installations in the county. Once discharged from the military, many veterans decide to reside in San Diego County, because of the proximity to the military bases, resources and services, the great weather, and the physical culture. As we age, senior military veterans require services to address their aging needs. This Fall, the Oceana Community Association (OCA) CRC will host a Veterans Resource Fair to help our resident veteran population connect with organizations focused on servicing our senior community. The goals of this fair are:

1. To help OCA military veteran residents, surviving spouses, and their families connect with local resources.
2. Serves as a bridge between the brave women and men who have served, and the resources they need to thrive in their senior life.
3. Provide a platform for organizations and service providers to showcase their programs that assist veterans.

If you have served in the military, if you're a spouse of a veteran (living or deceased), a family member of a veteran (adult child, sibling, or relative, etc.), please come by the OCA Clubhouse Auditorium on November 7, 2023 from 11am-1pm to visit the veteran organizations providing programs and services to our community.

Thank you for your service. You raised your right-hand and took the oath. You committed your life to a cause, and we want to recognize and honor you for it.

The CRC is here to help you.

Written by **Corporal Thomas USMC**

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In 2024, the CRC will be planning other events with topics of interest to our community. Please share your suggestions for topics. You can email the CRC at [ocacrc@gmail.com](mailto:ocacrc@gmail.com), stop by the CRC and/or attend our January meeting. You are welcome to join our committee either as a volunteer on a CRC shift or active committee member.

Respectfully submitted

**Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin**  
Chair CRC

#### COVID-19 Info Sites

##### Federal:

The Centers for Disease Control  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

##### State:

CA Department of Public Health  
[www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

CA Department of Aging  
[www.aging.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.aging.ca.gov/covid19)

Assembly District 76

COVID-19 Resource Navigator

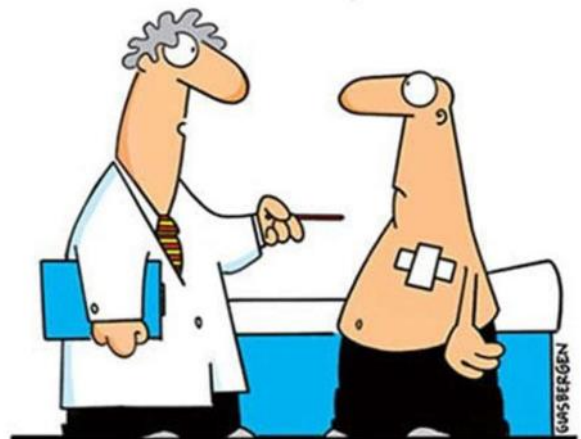
[a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0](http://a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0)

##### San Diego County:

[www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus)

##### City of Oceanside:

[www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp)



"It's a pacemaker for your heart.  
Plus, you can download apps for your liver,  
kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"



## Did You Know?



### World Toilet Day

#### History

The world is in a global sanitation crisis. World Toilet Day draws attention to the importance of proper sanitation and hygiene practices and the urgent need for adequate toilet facilities in developing countries. Around 4.2 billion people worldwide lack access to safely managed sanitation, resulting in preventable illnesses and deaths primarily due to diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid.

The concept of World Toilet Day was first conceived by the World Toilet Organization in 2001, before being officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013. For people in the United States, its observance can serve as a reminder to appreciate and maintain the country's well-developed sanitation infrastructure, as well as encourage efforts to support global sanitation initiatives.

World Toilet Day is observed by participating in global campaigns, hosting local events, and sharing information about the sanitation crisis on social media. Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies work together to organize events, advocacy initiatives, and fundraisers to promote awareness and inspire action. World Toilet Day is celebrated every year on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Facts

- World Toilet Day's theme in 2023 is Accelerating Change.
- 1 in 8 people in the world practice open defecation, meaning that the person must relieve him/herself without cover or shelter from other people.
- Diarrhea is the second leading cause of death in children under age 5 in developing countries. Diarrhea is primarily due to poor hygiene and sanitation.
- The average person spends one hour and 42 minutes a week on the toilet, or nearly 92 days over his/her lifetime.
- *"The 2030 Agenda calls on us to renew our efforts in providing access to adequate sanitation worldwide. We must continue to educate and protect communities at risk, and to change cultural perceptions and long-standing practices that hinder the quest for dignity."* - Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## Why CA Still Has Daylight Savings Time

### Despite Prop 7

A brief excerpt from material of Derek Staahl, KGTV, San Diego 10/28/2021

(Daylight Savings) is a tradition the U.S. has observed since World War I, but Californians who remember the 2018 election might be wondering why we still have to change our clocks at all.

Nearly 60 percent of California voters said yes to Proposition 7, the 2018 ballot measure that many viewed as a way to end time changes for good. But the proposition actually left the task of establishing a new standard up to California's legislature by a two-thirds majority, and in the years since, lawmakers haven't acted. . . . But the legislature has struggled to choose an alternative: permanent standard time or permanent daylight saving time?

. . . Permanent standard time would allow for more morning light during the winter, and it's the option preferred by health experts and sleep scientists. Studies show without enough morning light, there is an increase in metabolic disorders, depression and heart disease. Doctors say standard time better aligns with our circadian rhythm.

Permanent daylight saving time allows for afternoon light during the winter, and it's the option preferred by business groups. Groups like the Chamber of Commerce have linked more daylight after work with increases in spending and economic activity . . . Permanent daylight saving time would lengthen days during the critical winter shopping season. Some research has also linked more afternoon light with a reduction in crime.

Despite the heated arguments on either side, there is little debate over which option would be easier for California to enact.

Under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, a switch to permanent daylight saving time requires approval from the U.S. Congress. Florida is still waiting for Congressional approval after passing permanent daylight saving time in 2018.

Permanent standard time could be accomplished by the California legislature alone, ending biannual time changes once and for all. Hawaii and Arizona already observe permanent standard time.



## What Is Lapidary?

### You Ask.

As you walk (or drive) along Vista Campana South, you will see a building with a sign that says, **Lapidary Shop**. It is located behind our Wood Shop. I had the pleasure of speaking with both John Pitarresi and Scott Rogers, who volunteer there.



John Pitarresi

My first question to John was, "So, what's Lapidary?" He explained, in his own words, "It's rock art, working with stones and gems." As I looked around, I witnessed beautiful creations that were made by both John and Scott. There were jewelry pieces, art made from rocks and stones, and many pieces of machinery. Quite interesting!

John, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. came to Oceana in 2009. Always interested in gems, fascinated with textures and colors, he was immediately drawn to the Lapidary Shop and began his volunteer work. Scott, a native of New Hampshire shared that he was a school-teacher for some 25 years and has lived in California for over 30 years.



Scott Rogers

Scott has been a volunteer in Lapidary for the past 3 years and commented, "John has taught me every-

thing I know. I never had any experience and just stumbled upon the shop when I got here."

The lapidary shop is open Monday through Thursday from 1:00-3:00. So, when you're passing by one day, stop in and say "Hello". You'll be charmed! As John remarked, "Anyone can do it!"

Gail Olenick

## Meet your Neighbor

### Danae Danczyk



Danae & Frank Danczyk

On a warm September afternoon, I sat with Danae Danczyk. She and her husband Frank are our neighbors in this month's issue of the Hilltop Highlights!

Danae was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1939. She left Egypt in her early 20's with her parents and migrated to Benghazi, Libya where she married her first husband. They became the parents of 2 beautiful boys. Time passed and now divorced, Danae left Libya and moved to Markham, Illinois where she began her studies. Earning 2 degrees in Education, with a major in Linguistics, Danae had the opportunity to teach several languages in both high schools and universities. She informed me that she can speak 7 languages!!!

Danae met Frank in 2002, they married and packed their bags in 2012. Off to California, right here to Oceana.

I asked Danae what keeps her going? She pointed to her husband Frank and responded, "This guy, right here, Frank Danczyk." Today, Danae runs the Discussion Group on Thursday mornings in the library. She enjoys attending Coffee Hour and the events that take place here. Danae spoke about the importance of friendship and support in the community. With a huge smile on her face, she commented, "There is an atmosphere of friendship in Unit 4, we are a tight unit." As the sun began to set, we concluded our talk and moved forward to another day.

Gail Olenick

