

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS



Inside: The Activities Committee Strikes Back!

- ☞ **Hypnotist Gone Wild!**
- ☞ **Paint & Sip... and Sip... and Sip**
- ☞ **Two! Two! Two Movies at OCA
- for the Price of Zero!**



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Fri., 9 am-3 pm
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Office Information

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st of the month preceding the publication month. Use the HUB submission form on the website. If you have attachments, then you may send your information along with the attachments to: oceanahub@gmail.com. Late submissions will be included as space permits.
- 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 (checked Mon-Fri).
- 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: ocaboard@ocaoffice.org.

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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

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elcome 2024!

I am always excited about the start to a new year as it is full of potential - that applies to OCA as well.

It is hard to believe that in March the association has four positions to fill to continue the work of our Board of Directors. That means for the next couple of months this board will polish off all we have started and get things ready for the "new kids".

By the time you read this, you will:

- Know who we plan to negotiate with as our landscape contractor starting March 1, 2024,
- Know what bylaw or CCR changes will be on the ballot,
- Be able to see what is contained in the final resident handbook,
- Understand how we plan to know our rental composition,
- See approved financials completed by FirstService for August through November, and
- Know who we have chosen to do our audit and taxes for 2023.

All of this was accomplished just recently by a dedicated team: the FirstService employees, our committee members, and the board. One thing that I want to stress is a kind word, instead of combativeness, goes a lot further and actually helps homeowners get what they ask for from our team. It makes the person feel appreciated, encourages them to help, and be open to feedback. We could definitely use a lot more of those kind words as we do the work of our association. A good thing to think of the next time you interact with us in this new year.

Happy New Year!
Sandy Riser
President, OCA Board of Directors

News You Can Use

Maintenance

A maintenance schedule has been created for association clean-outs starting in January and will take about 2 to 3 weeks per unit. By the end of summer, all association clean-outs will be inspected. This means that each unit will be reviewed at least once a year.

Waste Management

The additional collection of food waste, separated from other trash and recyclables, begins in January. Additional trash cans are being provided for homeowners to place these green waste items out for collection. More information of this can be found on Waste Management's Web site.

Painting

Unit 12 will be the next unit to be painted. The board approved the contract for AF General to paint the homes in Unit 12. The plan is to rotate through the unit, painting approximately 10 houses at a time

Landscaping

The Ad Hoc Landscape Selection Committee has received bids from multiple landscape contractors and evaluated them on an established evaluation standard. Interviews were done in December and referred to the board for selection. The landscape contract renews beginning March 1, 2024.

CC&Rs.

The board is continuing their research on some major issues identified in these documents to be put up for a vote in 2024.

Rentals in Oceana

Management and the board are working on documenting a rental pool and processes as dictated in the CC&Rs. Homeowners were to provide annual notice by 12/31/23 for each home in OCA.

SiFi Networks

The IT Ad Hoc Committee addressing this met with rep from SiFi Networks. The City of OC Fiber City plan is installing fiber network to every home in Oceanside for free. OCA will need a bulk contract and more on this will come as work on this continues.

Resident Handbook

The proposed Resident Handbook update was provided to legal counsel and homeowners for 30+ day review. Comments were collected and

presented for consideration. The board did a thorough review of the draft handbook with these comments and suggestions included. The revised proposed handbook was sent out for a second review on those changes. Comments are to be submitted by January 20, 2024 and will be adopted at the January board meeting

Tax Preparation

Tax Aide will be providing` free tax preparation to homeowners starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays from February 7, 2024 through April 10, 2024 in the Community Room in the Clubhouse.

Emerald Isle

Did you know that the clubhouse at Emerald Isle serves breakfast and lunch? The Grill is open 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The food is good, the prices are good, and the patio seating is relaxing. It's a great place to get together with friends for food and drinks. As the shareholder of Emerald Isle, when we support the golf course, we are also supporting Oceana.

HOA Board Elections

Nominations have closed and the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors in the March election has been put together by the Nominating Committee. There will be opportunities to meet with the candidates before the election. Watch for more information on these, meet the candidates and be sure to VOTE!

Lynn Leszczynski

OCA at the Movies!

Sunday, Jan 7:
"La La Land"

Curtain
Time:
3 pm



Wed., Jan 17
"A Man Called Otto"

Curtain
Time:
7 pm



Admittance free.
Popcorn & Soda: \$1

January Activities

Monday, January 1, 10:30am-12:30pm

New Year's Morning Mimosas!

Enjoy our First-of-the-Year Brunch with the Rose Parade on the big screen. Coffee & Soda available.



When: Jan 1, 10:30am-12:30pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Mimosas, Bagels, Fruit.
Signup: Sorry, Signup is closed.
Fee: \$5

Saturday, January 6, 5:30-8:00pm



Hypnotist Dr. Ken!

Dinner (Chicken breast by Eddie Chiw) and a hilarious after dinner hypnotist show

When: Jan 6, 5:30-8:00pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Dinner and Floor Show
Signup: 12/20-1/3
Fee: \$15

Sun, Jan 7, 3pm & Wed Jan 17, 7pm

OCA at the Movies!

Free! Jan 7: "La La Land"
 Jan 17: "A Man Called Otto"
 Popcorn & Soda available for \$1
 (See movie info on page 4)



When: Jan 7, 3pm, Jan 17, 7pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Popcorn & Soda for \$1
Fee: Admittance is free

Tuesday, January 30, 5-7:30pm

Paint and Sip!

Back by popular demand!



Pinot's Palette will guide you to create your own masterpiece. All supplies provided—cheese & wine, too.

Sign up early. We will have space for only 60 painters.

When: Jan 30, 5-7:30pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Paint, fun, wine & cheese
Signup: 1/5-1/29
Fee: \$25

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

COFFEE HOUR

From 9 to 10:30 am
 Thursdays



January 4 : White Elephant Gift Exchange—Bring that white-elephant gift (rewrapped) or a new one (\$10 max). Exchange & steal gifts for loads of fun.

January 11 : Celeste, Singer Extraordinaire

January 18: Jimmy & Enrique, Oceana Favs

January 25: Glenn Kramer, The Classy Pianist

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Activities Recap November 2023



Oceana's Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is meant to bring families together, celebrating life and giving thanks for all we have to be grateful for. Here at Oceana, we are family.

Over 60 residents joined in for a Thanksgiving Feast at the Clubhouse auditorium on



Thanksgiving Day, and it is impossible not to remember the food! Caterer Eddie Chiw delivered traditional Thanksgiving fare

consisting of turkey, delicious mashed potatoes, hot gravy, string bean casserole, dinner rolls and of course, pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Activities Committee Chairperson Ellen Marciel and several volunteers lent a helping hand to serve the fabulous meal.



The power of togetherness and kindness emanated throughout the room. Laughter could



be heard, smiles could be seen ... It was clear that this was truly a celebration of friends and family coming together as one.

That's what our Oceana community is all about!

It is our sincere hope that you will join us next year!



Coffee Hour

\$1 food and \$1 beverage begin at 8:30. each Thursday! Upcoming Oceana events are announced at 9:30. At 9:45



the entertainment and fun begins. See our hardworking volunteers (below). Please join us if you can. The following lists some of the great events we had in November.

Week 1: Bingo: Charlie Wendt called the Bingo games this past month. We had close to a dozen different winners of different games called: Regular Bingo, In-N-Out Burger Bingo, Go to "L" Bingo, and Shakespeare Bingo. We always play "Blackout" Bingo at the end for the grand prize.

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Week 2: Clay Colton and Gary Piero: MC Don Jones provided announcements and some good comic relief. Clay Colton and Gary provided



a great show of all country songs. They performed selections from Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Garth Brooks, and

others. Gary's son Joey again helped with percussion instruments.

Week 3: Glen Kramer: The "Piano Man" Glen Kramer was back again with his "Name that Tune" competition. He also played some

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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
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 Beecher 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
Mike Archer
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.

"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
Sandy Riser Board Liaison
Evelyn Thomas Board Liaison

OCA Media Sub-Committee

Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
Anita Romaine
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 Helpful Links at the top of the home page and you will find the HUB where there is a simple, easy to follow form. 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: 6:30-7:30pm	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 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 10:30am-12:30pm New Year's Morning Mimosas - Clubhouse	2 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	3 2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room
7 3 pm OCA At the Movies - "La La Land" Clubhouse	8 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	9 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library	10 9am Unit Advisors - Clubhouse Auditorium 10:30am CRC - Community Room
14	15 9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room 	16	17 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library 7 pm OCA At the Movies - "A Man Called Otto" Clubhouse
21	22 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	23	24 10am Strategic Planning Cte. Card Room
28	29 10am BOD Exec. Session	30 5-7:30 pm Paint & Sip - Clubhouse	31 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium

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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: 10-12pm 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 - White Elephant Clubhouse 4	5	6 10am-2pm SSS  5:30-8 pm Hypnotist Dr. Ken - Clubhouse
9am Coffee Hour - Celeste Clubhouse 11	10am Landscape Cte. Community Room 12	13
9am Coffee Hour - Jimmy & Enrique Clubhouse 18	19	20
9am Coffee Hour - Glenn Kramer Clubhouse 25	26	27



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** - *On hiatus until further notice.*
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 (please leave a message) 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. 6:30-7:30 pm. Card room.
Info: Colleen Eidson , 760-529-9999
- Water Aerobics** - Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30 am
For information please call Betsy Wilson at (760)439-2879 or email at heybtsy0040@att.net
- 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

THE ISLE

We hope you all enjoyed the December SnowSide festivities & our Deck the Holes Scramble Tournament. We have a full schedule of tournaments and fun events for the 2024 year! The golf course is looking gorgeous to start the 2024 year off.

Looking to start the new year with a new golf swing? Book a lesson with our Director of Instruction Natalie Vivaldi. With years of professional experience playing competitively now combined with her knowledge from the Professional Golfers Association, she can guarantee results to any golfers at any skill level. Book a lesson for just you or bring a few friends, and even book for 1 hour or a half hour if you are just starting out. Natalie will help you improve your golf game so much faster than you could've imagined. Golf is frustrating enough as it is, book a lesson and skip plenty of frustrating times of trying to figure it out on your own!

Did you know all of our practice facilities at The Isle are open to everyone? We love being A Golf Course For Everyone to keep golf accessible, affordable, and fun.

Our all grass driving range rates are \$6 = 40 balls (x2 for large) The putting green is open and free to use, chipping is also allowed.



JANUARY 2024
EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE
ESTABLISHED 1966

2024 Events

2/11: SUPERBOWL SCRAMBLE



3/16: ST. PATTY'S TOURNAMENT



4/6: THE MASTERS AT THE ISLE



4/20: THE SPRING EXPO



5/20: THE UNDERDOG TOURN.



6/3: RED, WHITE, & BOOM



6/27: THE THREE CLUB TOURN.



 **BOOK A PRIVATE LESSON**
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-4:30PM
JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR
SOME FOOD & DRINKS OR
CALL US FOR A PICK UP ORDER

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO



Notices & Reminders

Tax Time is Approaching

Sign up if you want tax assistance!

Free tax aide will be offered at Oceana again, sponsored by the IRS/AARP Grants. The dates are:

February 7th
through
April 10th 2024.

Tax preparation is by appointment only. To schedule your tax appointment, please call:

(760) 757-3937.

You must fill out a tax preparation packet before your appointment. Blank tax preparation packets are available for pick up in the OCA management office.

Tax interviews/intake will be in one area of the clubhouse and tax preparation will be done in a different area. As always, taxes will be completed and quality reviewed by IRS/Tax-Aide Certified Counselors.

Because of COVID and the flu we ask that you **bring a mask.**

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Mike Archer
Dave Kupka

Oceana Good Neighbor Fund (OGNF)

Helping Oceana neighbors was the motivation for creating the Oceana Good Neighbor Fund. Oceana neighbor, Dr. Gordon Bishop founded the fund and acquired IRS status as a 501c3. The fund concentrates on helping with the basic needs of food, health and safety. With the non-profit status, there is an avenue for grants to benefit all the residents.

A 501(c)(3) can be a powerful source of assistance to our community. Please consider giving your time, treasure and/or talent. The

OGNF is looking for volunteers, especially those with experience in non-profits, grant writing, administration, fund raising, financial record keeping and, of course, donations.

We need volunteers! See you at the OGNF meeting on Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse. Email:

OceanaGNF@gmail.com

with comments or questions.

Oceana Good Neighbor Fund
3890 Vista Campana S, #63,
Oceanside CA 92057
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Unleash your creativity and explore the art of DIY crafts. Join us for hands-on workshops where we will discover various crafting techniques and create personalized unique items to adorn your home or give as gifts. **Bonus:** You will meet your neighbors and make new friends!

We are open every Wednesday (and other dates coming soon!) from 1pm to 3pm in the Art/Ceramics Room. Be sure to check the OCA website:

www.oceanaseniors.org

for updates and special events. Any questions, call:

Caryn at 760-518-6982 or
Mary at 745-595-4138

Process for BoD Elections

At the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors selected the Nominating Committee.

There will be four Director positions available this upcoming March 16, 2024. Those Directors completing their terms are Sandy Riser, Peter Cornog, Karen Bishop and Kelly Byrne.

In addition to nominations from the Nominating Committee, members may nominate themselves or other members for election to the Board of Directors by way of a nomination application. Any candidate nominated by another

er person will be contacted to confirm that he or she agrees to be a candidate.

In late January and early February, the candidates will be announced, and Candidate Forums will be held so homeowners can learn more about each candidate's qualifications and goals. The dates and times of these Forums will be announced on the website and Hilltop Highlights.

Ballots will then be sent to homeowners in mid-February and must be returned before the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2024. More details will be announced in next month's Hilltop Highlights.

Best regards,

Dan Farrar

The HUB? What is the HUB?

So often people have asked me, "What's the HUB?"

As defined by its charter the Communication HUB ensures that the community is informed, engaged, and educated about news and events, as well as the needs and benefits of living in Oceana. Communications are coordinated to ensure community outreach is timely, accurate, and consistent, which contributes more to peace and harmony than just about anything else the board, committees, or management does.

So, what does all of this mean? If a resident wants to place something in the Hilltop Highlights, perhaps an article of interest, they will contact the HUB. Want to send an e-blast about a time sensitive matter? Contact the HUB. Interested in placing news on the Oceana website, the HUB is the place. Now you may ask, "How do I contact the HUB?" If you navigate to the Oceana website,

<https://oceanaseniors.org>,

you will find an icon at the top that reads "Helpful Links." Click on that and you will see and click on "Communication HUB." Next, you will see, "Click here to submit a Request for Hub Assistance," to complete and submit our form. The HUB will receive it, review it and send it off to the appropriate platform. It's that simple! We distribute the information that needs to be disseminated to community residents.

How did I send this article to the Hilltop Highlights? I contacted the HUB!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Gail Olenick
Chair, Hub Committee

Meet Your Neighbor

Ellen Marciel

Lady Bird Johnson once wrote, "Any committee is only as good as the most knowledgeable, determined and vigorous person on it. There must be somebody that provides the flame." That, dear neighbors, is Ellen Marciel, Chairperson of our Activities Committee.



Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Ellen later graduated from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. where she received her degree in Liberal Arts. After earning this degree, Ellen began working at a small opera company as an Arts Administrator followed by a position at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Shortly thereafter, she secured a position as the Entertainment Director on a cruise ship that lasted 8 months. It was there she met her husband, (a trumpeter), fell in love, became engaged and married. Afterwards, Ellen and her husband moved to Las Vegas where they became the proud parents of a baby girl, Ariana. The family remained there for 30 years during which time, Ellen worked for the government. Years later, they divorced and her husband passed.

After Ariana completed college and moved to San Diego, Ellen followed, and has lived in Oceana since 2021. It was then that she proceeded full steam ahead, to become involved in our community. She was elected chairperson of the Activities Committee, chairperson of this year's Nominating Committee, and became a member of the HUB along with joining the Landscaping Ad-Hoc Committee.

So, I asked, "What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?" Ellen responded, "I have subscriptions to the New Village Arts Theater in Carlsbad, the City Ballet of San Diego and I am manager of the Poway Symphony Orchestra." She then added, "And one fateful morning I walked into the Billiards room and there I met Lonnie, Lee, Dave, and Albert." The rest is history. This is one busy lady!

On a separate note, Oceana extends congratulations to Ellen on the recent marriage of her daughter, Ariana. Much love and happiness.

- Gail Olenick

Committee & Club Reports

Community Resources Center

The CRC will add a second focus of **knowledge events of interest** for 2024. Please submit your topics either by coming to the January meeting or emailing your ideas to ocacrc@gmail.com. The CRC needs help with this growth. We are considering a seminar on Senior Fraud, a representative of our Congressman, Mike Levin, and other ideas.

We are seeking volunteers for research on a variety of aging issues. The development of these found resources will be done and posted on our section of the website.

The January meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 10:30 am.

If you are interested in helping with this task, please go to the OCA office and complete the Volunteer application. I will follow up.

Thank you in advance for your service.

Veterans' Corner

Written by Corporal Thomas USMC

The National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic

Entering its 17th year, VA's National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic (NVSSC) is a rehabilitative and educational hands-on sporting event for eligible Veterans from across the country who have a range of disabilities to engage in an array of activities, including kayaking, surfing, sailing, cycling and adaptive fitness. Each sport will be tailored to meet the unique needs and abilities of the participating Veterans.

Registration for the 2024 NVSSC opened on Dec. 1, 2023, and runs through March 1, 2024. The 2024 NVSSC will take place August 25-30 in San Diego, California, offering an extended opportunity for Veterans to partake in adaptive sports.

Participation in the Summer Sports Clinic is not only a chance for Veterans to engage in fun and challenging activities, it also offers a support network and sense of camaraderie that can be transformative. Veterans who have attended previous clinics rave about the positive impact it has had on their physical health and mental well-being, noting that the experience provides a renewed sense of purpose and community. This event is not only a celebration of the resilience of our Veterans but also a testament to the power of adaptive sports. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this life-changing experience. Find more infor-

mation at www.summersportsclinic.va.gov or See you at the CRC

Respectfully submitted.

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC

First CRC Veterans' Fair



Here are some pictures from the first Veterans' Fair, held on November 7, 2023, and sponsored by the OCA CRC:

Sgt. First Class Andre Wash led the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening ceremony of the Veterans' Fair with (from left) Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin, chair of the CRC, Grace Wash and Corporal Evelyn Thomas.



Volunteers Mike Archer and Georgette Velez with Corporal Evelyn Thomas and Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin.



FMF Corpsman
Bob Werner

OCA Garden Club does it again!

Saturday, December 9, 2023 brought droves of residents to the OCA Garden Club Holiday Market and Fair! There were 15 raffles totaling over \$500.00, 20 vendors, holiday succulent creations, art work, jewelry from our very own Lapidary Shop hosted by Scott and John, jewelry from our very own Al Arnold and food galore!



businesses who donated - Sprouts Farmers Market, Trader Joes, Lowes Home Improvement, Albertsons, Stater Bros., Junkyard Sports Bar & Grill, Grandmas Restaurant, Pit Stop Diner, Spirito's Italian Diner, and Emerald Isle Golf Course.



Once again, the Oceana community came out to support the Garden Club and enjoy the holiday festivities. Santa and his elf (Tony & Deborah Schwab) arrived on their very special golf cart, adorned with gifts and snow. Holiday music and a snow machine surrounded the garden as guests enjoyed the holiday spirit.

We give special thanks to the area merchants who were so very generous with their raffle donations. Please support the following



This event would not have been possible without the incredible direction of Diane Huntley and her crew; Kevin Immel, Liz Faucher, Mila Balaz, Andrea McGreevy, Sherry Parovel, Peter Cornog, Gail Olenick and Lisa Olivero. It takes a village and we did it!

Happy New Year 2024!

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audience requests including "Think of Me" from Phantom of the Opera. He makes the piano come to life with his play.



(No Coffee Hour on Week 4 for Thanksgiving)

5th Thursday: Toe Tappers Christmas Show: Our 5th Thursday "Afternoon Treat" featured some excellent sandwiches, homemade chips, and fresh fruit from Eddie Chiw along with sodas and tea. Entertainment was provided by the "Senior" dance troupe called the "Toe Tappers".



They have been around for many years to entertain us at Oceana. They put on a great program with lots of music and dancing. They had their bright holiday costumes as they danced on our stage. They featured some duets as well as a fun "Grinch" number. They always end with a large ensemble number. They put on a great show!



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Charlie Wendt 760-908-8897

Share & Wear Xmas Sale

Share and Wear had their annual Christmas sale in November. It was a great two-day sale of items in the auditorium as well as the Boutique and the Annex. The whole Share and Wear crew was on hand to serve all the holiday customers. Managers Linda Garcia and Teri Battaglia coordinated this well-planned event. We are so blessed with them and the entire Share and Wear staff as their efforts help to offset much of our Activities events with their income.



Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights Another "First" for Oceana

Sunday, December 9, 2023 brought over 50 residents together to celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. This celebration of the Jewish holiday was a "first" for OCA.

Organized by Caryn Leventhal, residents enjoyed homemade potato latkes (potato pancakes) and jelly donuts, 2 customary foods for the holiday. Caryn spoke about the history of Hanukkah. She explained that after the desecration of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem (165 BC) by the Syrians, the Maccabean Jews reclaimed the Holy Temple and sought to relight its menorah (an oil-based candelabrum). They found only enough purified oil to keep the menorah lit for one day. However, the oil kept the menorah alight for 8 days. To commemorate these events, the annual holiday of Hanukkah was created. Many who listened commented how wonderful it was to learn about another faith. One resident in particular added that this was the best Hanukkah he had experienced in quite a while.



Community can be defined as "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of shared common attitudes, interests, and goals." This celebration truly exemplified a sense of community!

As the New Year is upon us, let us continue to bring this sense of community into our daily lives. Let us embrace and include each other from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and continue to bring cultural awareness into our own Oceana.



Gail Olenick