

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Inside:

Join your friends and neighbors for a



Thanksgiving LUNCHEON

Also Inside:

- ☞ The Tavern at Oceana Continues
- ☞ 2nd Annual Veterans Resource Fair



A note to website viewers:

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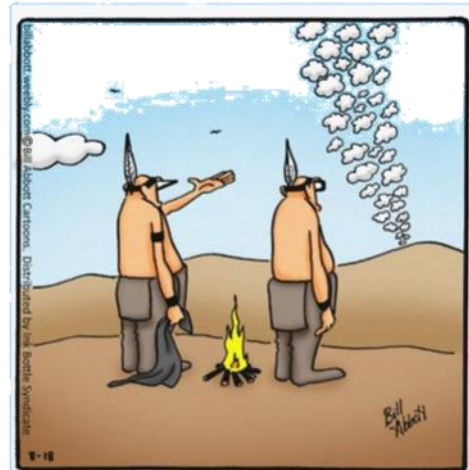


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Keeping In Touch



“See what I mean? Why does she call me when she won’t let me get a word in edgewise?”

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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 keystone-connection.net. The work request forms are available on our website (oceanaseniors.org) or at the office. Submit completed forms to the office, via office@ocaoffice.org, or 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 back-ups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on weekends emergencies should be reported to our customer care center at 949-833-2600.
- Are you moving? Do you have a neighbor who has moved or passed away? Please provide such information to the office at: office@ocaoffice.org.

Keep Informed

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 is 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 the Board President or to the General Manager. Zoom chat is not available.



A Message from the Board of Directors

Here we are in November already. This is a month recognized for getting together with family or friends, sharing food, and taking time to be grateful. We have many volunteers here in Oceana for which we are thankful. They give their time and energy to make OCA a fun, lovely place to call home! I want to challenge each of you to find one person you know here in Oceana who has done something to make OCA a better place to live and express that gratitude to them verbally, by text, or by email. I'm going to express my gratitude to Von Yacoubian, our new General Manager, even though he isn't a volunteer. He has jumped right in working with committees and board meetings, meeting with homeowners, implementing new ideas, and weekly drives around Oceana noting areas that need work. His presence here has made my job as president less of a manager and more of a Board Director.

"Take one thing with another, and the world is a pretty good sort of a world, and 'tis our duty to make the best of it and be thankful."

— Benjamin Franklin

I wish all of you a wonderful month and Thanksgiving!

**Roxanne Rimmel,
OCA Board of Directors**

News You Can Use



September Fireside Chat

Six residents attended.
Topics included:

Flag Etiquette: A Veteran Resident volunteered to work with the office to ensure compliance with flag etiquette.

Clubhouse Security: Concern with security when the clubhouse door is propped open and no one is monitoring who comes in and out. Please do not prop the door open unless necessary for moving items in and out of the clubhouse and it is being monitored.

2025 Budget

By the time of this printing, there will have been 2 open forums in October, for residents to have reviewed the projected 2025 budget. The cost of our utilities and insurance is going up, therefore other expenses will be adjusted to offset these increases as much as possible.

Landscaping

Von, our GM, has been working with Bob at Total Landscape, to address the common area concerns. Our grounds are beginning to show signs of improvement and there are still some areas that will take more time to rejuvenate.

Utilities - Waste Management

There is a CA-Senate Bill 1383, requiring cities to have organic waste collected separately for composting. OCA cannot change the number of cans used. Clear biodegradable bags and clear grocery vegetable bags can be used to collect all food waste as stated in the meeting held by Waste Management. Remember to place all plant clippings in these green cans as well.

Legal

When there is any new information for our community, it will be shared.

Information requested by homeowners

The slope work behind unit 14, the dog park and garden, and along VCN has been completed and is looking good!

Just a reminder, a maintenance form is the method to use for repairs, landscape issues, etc.

Pool security and safety is being conducted by management. If you are at the pool after office hours and have a concern about who is in the pool area, do not confront, call the Keystone emergency line.

Ad Hoc Committee -Speeding Vista Campana

(Reminder: VC is a city street, so all actions have to come from the city). The city has agreed that four more speed limit signs will be added to the VC loop. In addition, the committee has asked if additional slow down measures can be implemented based on a recent severe accident on VC. We are waiting to hear back from the city once the OPD report is reviewed.

503 Vista Bella Project - The committee continues their efforts to influence the City Council and Planning Department. The next step in the process will be for residents to attend the Oceanside Planning Commission and City Council meetings to protest the apartment tower. As soon as these dates are known, the information will be sent out in the weekly eBlasts. Please check with the office to make sure you are on the mailing list to receive the eBlasts every Tuesday and Friday.

In addition, there will be a petition to make overnight parking on Vista Campana S and N permissible by permit only between 8 pm and 8 am. This would prohibit residents of the new apartment tower from parking on these streets during the overnight hours.

To become part of the 503 Vista Bella Ad Hoc Committee, or for more information, you can contact Ellen Marciel at

ellenmarciel39@gmail.com

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
BoD member of the month



2025 BOD Elections

Yes, It's That Time Again!

Three positions on the OCA Board of Directors are up for election at the Annual Meeting in March, 2025. It's time to begin preparation.

Our current BOD approved, in the September 2024 Board meeting, the creation of the Election Coordinating Committee. Formerly known as the Nominating Committee, it's purpose is the coordination of the election process.

If you are a homeowner in OCA, here is your chance to make a major contribution. Be a part of the solution! If you are not happy with the way our community is being managed and you feel you have the management talents to be effective, then run for the Board! (Be prepared to expend some major effort. Being a Board member is challenging and vitally important work!)

Intent to Run packets will be available at the OCA office starting Friday, November 15. Signed Intent to Run packets are due to the office no later than Thursday, December 19 at close of business.

Ellen Marciel

The following article was presented on MSN.COM on Oct. 9, 2024. It is by Alexander Mitchell for *Simply Flying—Aviation News & Insight*. This article has been edited.

Are The Flags Still On The Moon?

On July 21st, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong changed the world when he and Lunar Module Pilot Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon's surface, marking the first time that Earth's largest and most important satellite was touched by mankind. Armstrong, at exact-

ly 2:56 AM, stepped out of the lunar module Eagle and began to explore the surface of this unique place.

Nineteen minutes later, Armstrong was joined by his colleague Buzz Aldrin, who helped him over the next two hours explore the region known as Tranquility Base, a process that allowed the pair to collect over 47.5 pounds of lunar samples to bring back to eager scientists awaiting the material at NASA. To accommodate this large amount of additional weight, Armstrong and Aldrin had to leave quite a lot behind on the moon's surface...

An image the world will never forget

As a result, many items were left behind, including supplies, tools, and human waste products, but none of these are as iconic as the most important thing left behind...



Photo: NASA

Before departure, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin raised the American flag on the moon . . . As one of the most iconic images of the Space Race ... the first American flag that was placed on the moon has a fascinating back-

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Art Studio

All classes held in the Art Room.

Wednesday, November 6, 10am-Noon

Acrylic Pour Class

Learn new and different techniques of acrylic pouring on canvas!



Sign up 10/22-11/4. Register and pay at the office. Fee is \$5, limited to 15 participants.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30am-12:30pm



Holiday Card Making With various mediums!

Only \$5. Limited to 15 participants. Signup 10/22-11/7.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10am-Noon

Holiday Card Making Part 2

More time to make more cards and learn new styles!

Only \$5. Limited to 15 participants. Signup 10/22-11/11.

Be sure to check out the Tuesday eblasts and the Oceana website for the latest and greatest sign-up info.

Are you looking to see a particular class or looking to teach a particular class? Please reach out to me and we'll see what we can do.

Caryn Leventhal
carynnicole30@yahoo.com

Save the Date

Thursday, December 5, 10:30am

Clubhouse Decorating

Get Into The Holiday Spirit!

Join your friends and neighbors for some old-fashioned holiday decorating at the clubhouse. Enjoy egg nog, mulled cider and holiday treats!



Drama Club

Back By Popular Demand

The Drama Club of Oceana

Presents

THE TAVERN AT OCEANA CONTINUES



An Original
Play with
Music

3 Performances:

Saturday, November 2, 7pm

Sunday, November 3, 3pm

Sunday, November 10, 3pm

At The Oceana Club House Auditorium

Doors open half-hour before curtain time.

Don't miss it!

Share and Wear

Don't Miss Our:

Annual Holiday Sale

Fill your holiday shopping list here!

Friday, 11/15 and Saturday, 11/16

10:00am-2:00pm each day

Saturday 11/16 - 50% off

Clubhouse Auditorium



November Activities

Saturday, November 2, 7 pm
Sunday, November 3, 3 pm
Sunday, November 10, 3pm



The Drama Club of Oceana Presents

The Tavern At Oceana Continues

Three Performances!
(See more details on prior page.)

When: Nov 2, 7pm
Nov 3, 3pm
Nov 10, 3pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: **Drama!**
Admission by Ticket only



Tuesday, November 12, 10 am-Noon

CRC Hosts:

2nd Annual Veterans Resource Fair



San Diego County hosts one of the largest concentrations of veterans in the entire country. Learn about the multitude of organizations and services focused on serving our senior veterans community.



When: November 12, 10am-Noon
Where: Clubhouse
Fee: Admission is Free

Thursday, November 28, 1-3pm



Thanksgiving Luncheon

\$15.
Sign-up 11/5
-11/26

Enjoy a delightful luncheon of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce with pumpkin pie for dessert.



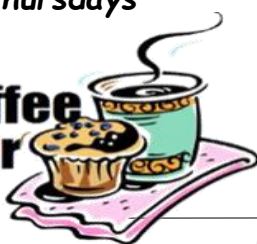
When: November 28, 1-3pm
Doors open: 12:45
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: A Holiday Feast
Signup: 11/5-11/26
Fee: \$15

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

From 9 to 10:30 am
Thursdays

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour



- Nov. 7 : Bingo
- Nov. 14 : Glenn Kramer
- Nov. 21 : Bob Chandran - "Senior Scams"
- Nov. 28 : No Coffee Hour
- Thanksgiving Luncheon



Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Meet Your Neighbor

Hi neighbors! Here we are in the month of November with the special holiday, Veterans Day. It is timely that I introduce one of our many neighbors who have served our country. Meet James Roy Romans, also known as "Jim".



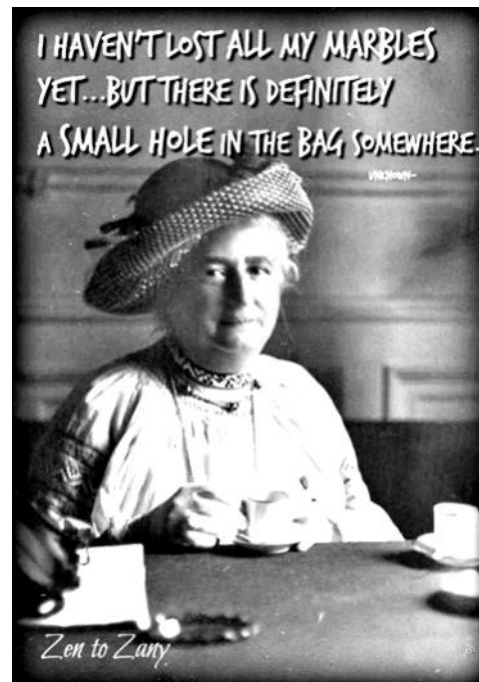
Born in 1948 in Sacramento, CA, Jim is the eldest of 3 children having 2 younger sisters. Being the son of an Air Force officer, the family moved often. It all started with Johnston Island (600 miles northwest of Hawaii), followed by Illinois, Alabama, Virginia, overseas to France, and then back to the states to Montana and Missouri. Jim remained in Missouri while he attended electronics school, until he was drafted into the Army in 1969 serving in Vietnam. After the war, Jim worked in Fort Carson, Colorado, as a crew chief and senior helicopter mechanic. Following, was yet another move to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where Jim was in charge of a flight platoon. He left the military in 1975, and moved to Fountain Valley, CA, and visited his parents. Guess what neighbors? Jim moved again to Palm Springs CA, and shortly after to Huntington Beach, CA, where he completed an apprentice program to become a skilled professional as a journeyman carpenter. Traveling in and around Orange County, Jim met his wife Ginny at a local neighborhood bar. They married in 1979, and moved to Laguna Hills, CA, where they remained for 13 years while Jim worked as a

building maintenance engineer. Phew! What a journey, and it's not over yet. On the go once again, they moved to Wagon Wheel Canyon, CA where they settled for 17 years, and Jim owned a handyman company.

Retirement approached and the Romans arrived in Oceanside, CA, purchasing a home in Oceana in 2013. And, they are still here! So, I asked my signature question, "Why Oceana?" Jim replied, "We wanted an affordable 55+ community with a single unit dwelling and a double car garage. Orange County had too much traffic congestion and the cost of living was expensive." Jim has volunteered in our community since he arrived, including serving on the Board of Directors for one term and managing the Woodshop for the past 9 years. When you attend Thursday morning coffee hour, you have the pleasure of experiencing Jim's coffee that he brews each week beginning at 6:30 am. Jim enjoys the live music at Emerald Isle on select Friday evenings and also attends most events Oceana offers, lending a hand when needed. "What do you enjoy in your spare time?" I asked. Jim's answer, "Working on crossword puzzles, reading, making bird-houses and trivets, and enjoying the peace and quiet here while meeting lots of nice people." At one time for over 20 years, he and Ginny played "Mr. & Mrs. Claus" bringing gifts to children in need. How very thoughtful you two!

Thank you for your service to our country, Jim, and Happy Veterans Day!

Gail Olenick



OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
Charlie Wendt Treasurer
Teri Battaglia Share & Wear Mgr.
Mary Anne Dilloway
Pat Hawkins
Carolyn Kruse
Chuck Kruse
Karin Messaros
Gail Olenick
Lisa Olivero
Ginger Thayer
Donna Wendt
Lynn Lesczynski Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Paula McDonald Acting Chair
Tracy Richardson Compliance Design
Review Coordinator
Mike Castoro U 1,1A,4
Paula McDonald U 2,6
Jay Crawford U 5
Fritz Beechler U 3, 12
Barb Belcher U 8
(Open) U 9
Steve Erbe U 10,11
Bruce Cowgill U 7, 7A
Charles Daily U14
Kathleen Dowling Board Liaison
Roxanne Remel Board Liaison

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Month
10:30am, Card Room
Temporary Chair
Jim Floyd Secretary
Kris McLaughlin Computer Room
Mary Hall (on leave) CRC Greeter
Donna Wendt Veterans Affairs Liaison
Evelyn Thomas
Connie Iniquez
Sydnie Wauson
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Board Liaison

Finance Committee

Meets: 3rd Mon. ea. Month
9:30am, Community Room
Chair
John McDonald
Charlie Wendt Secretary
Nancy Follin
Don Jones
Meg Marple
OCA General Manager
Lynn Lesczynski Board Treasurer
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Chair
Mike McLaughlin
Phyllis Allinson
Peter Cornog
Donna Grabel
Steve Omlor
Lynn Lezyzinski Board Liaison
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Board Liaison

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Community Room
Chair
Gail Olenick Secretary
Diane Danner Digital Coordinator
Virginia Mann Print Coordinator
Pam Spangler Website Coordinator
Sandy Riser Website Photographer
Lisa Olivero
Ellen Marciel
Kathleen Dowling Board Liaison
OCA Media Sub-Committee
Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
Anita Romaine
HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com




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.

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

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




Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 2:30-4pm 	Water Aerobics 7:30am Keep Fit Class: 8:30-9am Water Aerobics 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 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 Open Play (indoor) -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-5:30pm Trivia: 6:30-7:30pm	Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Dominos: 12-4pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball Open Play (indoor): 1:30-4pm Billiards Warm-Up 6-8pm Poker: 6-8pm	Water Aerobics 7:30am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Water Aerobics 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Art Studio: 10am-2pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Cribbage: 1-3pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Spanish Club: 3:30-4:30pm Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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3pm "The Tavern At Oceana Continues" - Auditorium 	1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	10am Activities Cte. Card Room 	10am-Noon Acrylic Pour Class - Art Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room 3:30pm Spanish Club - Community Room
3pm "The Tavern At Oceana Continues" - Auditorium		9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library 10am-Noon Veterans Resource Fair - Clubhouse	9am Unit Advisors - Clubhouse Auditorium 10am-Noon Holiday Card Making Part 2 - Art Room 10:30am CRC -Community Room
	9:30am Finance Cte. - Community Room 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.		3:30pm Spanish Club - Community Room 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library
	10am BOD Exec. Session		9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium



Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) 9:30-11:30am Band-It Fitness 9:30-11am Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Spanish4Fun Class: 2-3pm Billiards (Private): 6-8pm Sing-Along: 6pm	Water Aerobics 7:30am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Water Aerobics 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Tai Chi: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Hand & Foot: 12pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball Open Play (indoor): 12:30-4pm	Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am 

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	10am-2pm SSS  2 7pm "The Tavern At Oceana Continues" - Auditorium
9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse 7	10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room 8	10:30am-12:30pm Holiday Card Making - Art Room 9
9am Coffee Hour - Glenn Kramer Clubhouse 14	10am-2pm S&W Annual Holiday Sale - Auditorium 15 	10am-2pm S&W Annual Holiday Sale - Auditorium 16 
9am Coffee Hour - Bob Chandran - "Senior Scams" Clubhouse 21 	22	23
1-3pm Thanksgiving Luncheon Doors Open 12:45 - Auditorium 28 	29	30

Disclaimer: The information in this edition is subject to change. For updated information, please go to our website at oceanaseniors.org

Things To Do at OCA

- Art Studio** - Wed., 10am-2pm.
Info: Caryn Leventhal 760-518-6982.
- Billiards** -Thurs. 10am-Noon. Warm-Up Tues. 6-8pm. Friendly group for socializing and skills development. **Private Group Play:** Thurs. 6-8pm. Billiards Room.
Info: Lonnie Burrows, 760-433-9481.
- Band-It Small Group Fitness**—Thurs, 9-10:30am. Contact Deborah Schwab 551-206-5862 to sign up. Only six participants per 30 min session.
- Book Club** - Second Tues. each Month 10-11am. In the Library. Info: Jeri Gustafsson 760-754-2911.
- Ceramics Studio** - open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30-3:30pm. Info: Paula McDonald, 760-703-3661, paulamcd@cox.net
- Chair Volleyball** - Mon. 1pm. Clubhouse. Info: Dave Freeman, 818-262-0788
- Cribbage** - Wed. 1-3pm in the Cardroom. We play 2's, 3's and 4's. Info: Rhonda Christopher, 760-231-1808.
- Discussion Group** - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library.
Info: Alan Dolit (760) 519-3765.
- Dominos Group** - Tues., 12pm in the Card Room.
Info: Dona White, 760-533-2484.
- 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) 429-9224, or Linriley@cox.net
- Garden Club** - Meetings on occasion. Info: Lisa Olivero 917-589-2003
- Hand & Foot** - Fridays at 12pm Card Room.
Info: Joan Jeffery, 206-307-7220
- 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:** TuWeThFr, 10am - 2pm,
Info: Teri Battaglia, (714) 458-6842

- Sing-Along** - Thurs. 6-9pm in the Auditorium. Feel free to bring a snack & a drink.
Info: Glen Hemingway, 760-518-5716.
- Spanish4Fun Class** -Thurs. 2-3pm. Intermediate Level Vocabulary. Community Room. Contact Nancy Hildebrand at (760) 638-8809. Class is limited to 12.
- Spanish Club** -1st and 3rd Weds. 3:30-4:30pm. Community Room. Contact Erin Quinton at eequinton@gmail.com.
- Tai Chi** -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium.
Info: Janice Burrows , 760-277-5139.
- Trivia** -Mon. 6:30-7:30 pm. Card Room. Info: Carol & Kyle Roesler , 720-244-9291.
- Water Aerobics** - Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30am and 9am.
Info: text Mary Hurban at (209) 834-6036 or Betsy Wilson at heybetsy0040@att.net
- Woodshop** -Mon-Fri 1-3pm.
Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.
- Yoga (Chair)** - Mon. 10-11am. Auditorium.
Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641 or YogaWithPeg@gmail.com

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

Committee Membership
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Unit Advisors Committee

- Meets:** 2rd Wed. ea. Odd-Numbered Month
9am, Clubhouse Auditorium
- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Jeff Kern | Chair |
| Diane Pettibone | Secretary |
| Unit: | |
| 1 Ron Landsel | 760-231-7586 |
| 1A Lynn Schneidenbach | 619-889-4612 |
| 2 (Open) | |
| 3 Laura Bennett | 760-224-2524 |
| 4 Sally Lopez | 760-421-4187 |
| 5 Dr. Andrea Anderson | 510-701-4044 |
| 6 (Open) | |
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| 9 Phyllis Allinson | 760-809-9551 |
| 10 Judy Hartmann | 909-518-8767 |
| 11 (1-45) MaryAnn Alger | 503-348-9959 |
| 11 (46-77) Diane Danner | 760-803-1637 |
| 12 (1-53) Jaci Ackles | 760-845-4612 |
| 12 (54-98) (Open) | |
| 14 Toby Roberts | 760-721-6077 |
| & Kristine Hale | 858-775-4253 |
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Updates From The Isle

NOVEMBER

2024



Fall Season at The Isle

This year at The Isle we have seen much drier conditions in contrast to 2023. This year with slightly less water in the lakes but firmer greens with less mud happening all over our paths is a happy trade off for most of our weekly golfers on The Isle. Our October fall maintenance took care of giving our greens some much needed oxygen deep to the root to ensure for a healthy winter during these colder few months. We always enjoy seeing how different some of our course blooms and acts in the winter. Have you played a round with us lately? Come enjoy the view with us!

Speaking of colder months, coming up this December we will be hosting our Annual Family Friendly event **SnowSide December 6-8, 2024**.

This family favorite event is North County's biggest winter festival open to all ages for an affordable price! Real snow, multiple huge walk through light installations, live entertainment from various local performers, enjoy a full taste of local cuisines and treats all night, and start your holiday season with a memorable night under the stars with us at The Isle at this years SnowSide.

Tickets are on sale now, we look forward to seeing you for all the fun!

Have you noticed a change to our scorecards lately? This year as part of our participation in a USGA Course Study, we were one of the first golf courses to be included in the new handicap systems launch for Executive or shorter courses. To qualify and meet yardage requirements and receive an official slope rating we are now officially a par 55. Hole number 2 is now a par 3 instead of a 4 to make this happen. 2024 is our first year eligible and included in the handicap system as an official course. This allows our course to have a relevant history of scoring and able to host official events in the future.



FACTS ABOUT THE ISLE

THE COURSE WAS ESTABLISHED IN
• 1966
 ORIGINAL LOGO

LOGOS AT EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE THROUGH THE YEARS



UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP IN DECEMBER OF
• 2014
 & THE CLOVER BECAME THE NEW LOGO

THIS DECEMBER WILL BE OUR 10 YEAR!

• 2024 1966
 THINNER LINES FOR A MORE MODERN LOOK



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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



VIEW & SAVE OUR MASTER CALENDAR OF ALL EVENTS UPCOMING AT EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE

Notices & Reminders



Clubhouse Decorating

Get Into The Holiday Spirit!

Join your friends and neighbors for some old-fashioned holiday decorating at the clubhouse. Thursday, December 5 at 10:30am after Coffee Hour. Enjoy egg nog, mulled cider and holiday treats!

Ellen Marciel

Aladdin Project for Billiards



We would like to thank the OCA community for their support for our project. Thanks for the donations of bottles, cans, and yes, even cash, which has resulted in over \$2100 to refurbish the Oceana pool tables. Hooray, they are done and you should see them. We would also like to thank the Activities Committee for their support. We would still be collecting bottles without it. A great big THANK YOU once again.

Lonnie Burrows -Billiard Chair
Tain Soreboe -Project Lead
and major driver
to recycle center
Cheryl Selvaggio -Treasurer

All Oceana Residents: An Invitation

You are cordially invited
to attend our

*Thanksgiving
Luncheon*

Thursday, November 28
1-3 pm
Doors open 12:45
Clubhouse Auditorium



Enjoy Roast Turkey
And all the trimmings!

RSVP to OCA Office by Nov. 26.
\$15 each.

We hope you will join us!

New Architectural Request Form

The Architectural Committee has posted a new Architectural Request form to the website. Please use it to request approval for any improvements, modifications, changes and/or additions to your property

Tracy Richardson

Share & Wear Special Dates

For the Holidays!

Our annual Holiday Sale will be Friday Nov. 15th and Saturday Nov. 16th from 10am 'til 2pm. On Saturday we will also have our Super Saturday Sale. There will be no SSS in December. Share and Wear will be closed Thanksgiving week and two weeks at the end of the year starting Dec 24. We will reopen with a Super Saturday Sale on January 4th, 2025.

Teri Battaglia

Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

Summer Hours - 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

Winter Hours - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Guests

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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

NO EXCEPTIONS

NOTE: The pool is closed any time there is an outdoor event poolside, from one hour before the event until the event is over.

Over 70? DMV Knowledge Test No Longer Required

The following is a reprint from a webpage the address of which was submitted to us by Sydnie Wauson. The author is Hunter Lee (hlee@scng.com) and is dated October 1, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

In a major move for older drivers, those who are age 70 and beyond will no longer be required to take a knowledge test to renew their licenses, the California Department of Motor Vehicles announced on Monday, Sept. 30.

All drivers had been required to take the knowledge test once their license expired after turning 70, which had been a policy but not a law, DMV Director Steve Gordon said in a press release. In recent years, they could have opted for an eLearning session instead, which also is no longer required.

"We are eliminating the written knowledge test for those without traffic violations on their record to improve customer service," Gordon said in a statement. "If thousands fewer people need to visit the DMV, or can spend less time in an office, the people who need to take care of their business in one of our offices can be better served."

An office visit is still required for a vision exam and an updated photo for those 70 and older who are renewing a driver's license.

First-time drivers must still take a knowledge test, which for years had been called the written test. So will newcomers to California who want a license.

For all renewing motorists with poor driving records, there is a requirement to again take the test. At least some can opt for the DMV's eLearning course, which the driver largely can't fail.

All drivers are still required to take the knowledge test, or eLearning, if their records meet any of the following conditions:

- Two or more accidents during the two years immediately preceding the expiration of the license
- Three or more accidents during the three years immediately preceding the expiration
- A DUI suspension during the two years immediately preceding the expiration date
- Two or more violation points within the two years immediately preceding the expiration

Some older drivers with expiring licenses may have already received renewal notices that indicate a knowledge test is required but are eligible to not take it. In those cases, the test will be waived during in-office visits.

DMV officials are encouraging customers to

start their applications online to lessen the amount of time they are in a DMV office.

Statistics show the crash rate decreases as drivers age, with the exception of drivers 75 and older who had the highest death rate involving a collision.

According to the National Safety Council, a nonprofit safety-advocacy organization, drivers who were 16- to 19-year-olds in 2022 represented 3.6% of licensed drivers but accounted for 9.1% of drivers in all crashes and 6.1% of drivers in fatal crashes.

Those stats include those at fault and those just involved in the collisions.

Motorists 65 to 74 accounted for 13.4% of licensed drivers while representing 7.1% of drivers in all crashes and 8.8% of drivers in fatal crashes, the council said.

Share & Wear Gift Cards

Share and Wear is now offering Gift Cards. Gift cards may be issued for any amount with a \$10 minimum. Stop by the Boutique or the Annex and ask one of our volunteers.

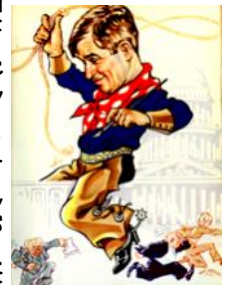
Teri Battaglia

A Reminder to Smokers

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

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

The early 20th century American humorist, Will Rogers, joked that you should always drink upstream from the herd. A corollary to that would be 'If you light up outside, always do so downwind from your neighbors.'



Will Rogers
Political Cartoon

Al Arnold

City Street Sweeping for OCA

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

Activities Recap

September 2024

We had some events cancelled in September, but we still had a big Labor Day party and our weekly club house and Pickleball groups still met. Check out the events below!

Labor Day Party

As reported in the October Hilltop Highlights, we had over 140 people in attendance for our Labor Day Party. We had excellent food, a great band (Cool Rush), and a lot of fun on a wonderful southern California afternoon. Toward the end of the



afternoon, there were many people up and dancing to the great music from Cool Rush. They always put on a great musical show for us!



Fall Equinox Drum Circle

To celebrate the Fall Equinox as civilizations for thousands of years (like those at Stonehenge) have celebrated, Oceana hosted a drum circle out by the pool area. As far as the sun and earth are concerned, this is a time of balance between the light of the day and the dark of the night. After a busy time of planting and now harvesting, it is time for us to slow down and to do more inward reflecting of our lives. With Charlie Wendt leading us, we had several rounds of drumming slow, fast, soft, and loud. We also had time to reflect on our lives and "where" we are going. People brought their own drums or used any number of the ones that Charlie brought to the event. And some people wonder where Charlie got all those drums and noise making instruments.



September Coffee Hour

Thursday morning Coffee Hour events start between 8:30 and 9:30 am when you pick up a beverage (yes, we also offer sodas) and food (donut and rolls) 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 visiting entertainers and fun begins. Please join us on Thursdays if you can. The following are the great events and entertainers we had this past month.



Bingo

FYI... Although the concept of bingo is simple, playing the game involves brain activity and motor skills that can provide mental and physical health benefits. Here are some of the benefits for us as "Seniors":

- Engages the Brain
- Preserves Hand-Eye Coordination
- Prevents Isolation and Depression
- Improves Sense of Well-Being
- Speeds Recovery after an Illness
- Relieves Stress



In calling Bingo this past month, Ellen Marciel helped to engage us in many of these great benefits (in addition to winning a prize after calling out "BINGO!"). Nancy Horridge was a quadruple winner of 3 individual games and the big prize of "Black Out Bingo! Come join us most 1st Thursdays of the month for our different games of Bingo.



Glenn Kramer

"Name that Tune" guy. Glenn Kramer brings his iPad with a "spinner" built into it. Someone will spin it, and it will stop at different types/groups/category of music. He then starts the first part of a song selected from the category. We all guess what the song title is (sometimes after a few hints or a longer playing of the song). Glen will then play along with his soundtrack the piano accompaniment of



the song. A couple of selections for the morning were "Sway" by Dean Martin and "I Want to be Loved by You" by Marilyn Monroe. He gets us all involved in the game and makes this fun for all of us. Plus, he plays the piano as a great virtuoso.

Robert Parker

It seems like Robert Parker is just one of our neighbors who stops in to play the piano and tell us some stories. He engages us all with his piano and flute playing. He comes dressed up in his suit, fancy socks and fedora.



He explained that much of what he does is improvisation (similar to modern jazz music). He picks up on the energy of the room and/or what he hears and goes with it. Charlie Wendt even played his drum with him for one of his selections. It is always a great day of music when Robert comes to play.



Jimmy & Enrique

Jimmy and Enrique have been a "crowd favorite" for many years. They have a real connection to Oceana and our residents who come to hear them play. Jimmy is a master of playing his guitar. It's almost "magical" how he gets so much music coming out of his instrument. Enrique brings in the rhythm in playing his cajon. His vocals bring out many of us singing along with them both. They are so much fun to watch and listen.



- Charlie Wendt

Committee & Club Reports

Art Studio

September was a month filled with creativity! We kicked off the month with a fabulous upcycling project, doing cork art to make coasters and trivets!

Doing Cork



We ended the month with an acrylic pouring class where everyone created a colorful vase and canvas project that was enjoyed by all.

Acrylic Pouring



In November, two holiday card making classes are planned as well as another acrylic pouring class (due to popular demand!) where we will learn different pouring techniques. Check the e-blasts for more details!

It was so nice to see many new faces in the art room and we look forward to seeing many more!!!

Plus, we are scheduling classes for 2025. Please reach out if you're interested in being a workshop instructor.

Caryn Leventhal
carynnicole30@yahoo.com

Community Resources Center

Veterans' Corner

Here for the 2nd time, the CRC will host the Veterans Resource Fair on November 12, 2024 from 10AM-12PM in The Clubhouse Auditorium. If you served in the military or provide support to someone that served in the military, please join us for this event. The CRC will host several veteran organizations that provide resources and services for our senior community. California has the largest population of veterans in the country. San Diego County has the 2nd largest population of veterans in the state. 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 resources and services to address their aging needs. This Fall, the Oceana CRC will host the 2nd Annual Veterans Resource Fair to help our resident veteran population connect with organizations focused on serving our senior community. The list of organizations thus far are: Courage To Call, FBI, AMVETS, God's Heart Ministry, Veterans Writing Group, Military Order of The Purple Heart, Carlson Mobile Notary, and Foundation of Women Warriors. The list is growing. If you have any questions please contact the CRC at ocacrc@gmail.com, or you may contact Corporal Thomas at:

thoma007@cougars.csusm.edu.

Evelyn Thomas

Flags *Continued from page 5*

story and remains on the lunar surface today. Let's take a deeper look at what has happened to this legendary American flag since it was raised back in 1969...

An American icon with a surprisingly basic story

You might believe that the American flag placed on the moon comes as a result of extensive testing and analysis from scientists at NASA... You would not seem incorrect if you believed that the flag placed on the moon was made of some special material meant to withstand the difficulties of the moon's harsh climate. But this assumption would be rather far from the truth.

Before the launch of Apollo 11, the mission's commander, Armstrong, purchased a simple nylon flag locally ... for the simple price of \$5.50, which inflation-adjusted comes out to just around \$40 today.

... many senior officials in the US government questioned the intelligence of so brazenly putting an American symbol on the moon. However, the decision was eventually made to go forward with raising the flag ...

In a discussion ... earlier this year, Teasel Muir-Harmony, the curator of the Apollo Collection at the National Air and Space Museum, had the following words to share regarding the debate:

"Until shortly before the mission, it was undecided. But with the pressure of Congress, it was decided to raise a flag on the moon."

... There was one challenge that the design team at NASA would have to overcome for the American flag to be raised on the moon. As the moon ... has no atmosphere, there is no wind, making it difficult for a flag to "fly" ... But the engineers at NASA devised a solution, ... attaching a metal rod to the pole which would allow the flag to hang suspended from the side of the flagpole. Once on the moon, Armstrong and Aldrin ... planted it on the moon's surface, where they were only able to push the pole down a couple of inches without damaging it.

So what's going on with these flags now?

The flags from the Apollo missions have been placed in one of the harshest environments imaginable, and as a result, are not likely to resemble American flags today. It is widely agreed that the prolonged exposure to sunlight encountered by these flags has resulted in them losing their color. Here are the years for all the Apollo landings which resulted in

flags being placed on the moon:

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Lunar Location</u>
Apollo 11	1969	Sea of Tranquility
Apollo 12	1969	Ocean of Storms
Apollo 14	1971	Fra Mauro Formation
Apollo 15	1971	Hadley Apennine
Apollo 16	1972	Plain of Descartes
Apollo 17	1972	Taurus-Littrow

The original flag placed by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin is believed to be the only one of the many Apollo flags that are not still standing today, as it was knocked over by the blast of the departing lunar module.

Some have also hypothesized that the flag's contact with the lunar surface resulted in the nylon in the banner rotting before those that are still standing. In one form or another, however, the lunar flags are most certainly still there.



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Did You Know?

Thanksgiving is our annual holiday dedicated to giving thanks for all of the bounty that we enjoy. And, we certainly do have a lot to be thankful for. Our governmental system is unique in the world and provides us with rights and privileges that are virtually unimaginable in many other places. Our industry has enabled us to transform this land that we occupy into a source of great wealth. Our country is rich. But, are we as individuals the richest on earth?

No.

Facts

There are a number of sources available on the internet that show the ranking of countries based on the annual income of individuals. No two of those sources report exactly the same results. The reasons for differences are myriad: what countries are included in the count—how do you measure income—who is counted as an individual—etc.?

But, given all of those differences, they all show the same basic result. The United States is not at the top of the list. In fact, in many of the lists, we are not even in the top 10.

Here are the results of one such list. Per CityGlobeTour these are the richest countries GDP PPP per capita (in US\$) for 2022.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Per Person Income</u>
1 Liechtenstein	\$165,300
2 Luxembourg	\$141,587
3 Qatar	\$113,675
4 Ireland	\$106,500
5 Singapore	\$105,430
6 Bermuda	\$96,320
7 Monaco	\$87,700
8 Switzerland	\$84,500
9 Norway	\$78,200
10 United Arab Emirates	\$77,300
11 United States	\$75,200
12 Brunei	\$74,200

This ranking is from YouTube and is presented as a dynamic history showing the ranking of countries from AD1500 thru AD2022. It is interesting to watch.

So, this Thanksgiving, raise a toast to those 40,000 oh-so-fortunate individuals who call the Principality of Liechtenstein home, and offer your commiserations to those unfortunate residents of Brunei and the 183 (or so) countries lower on the list.

Al Arnold

SD Clippers in Oceanside

As of November 8th, the San Diego Clippers will again be playing basketball south of Los Angeles. But, these are not exactly the same Clippers and they are not playing in San Diego - instead, they call the new Frontwave Arena in Oceanside home.

From 1978-1984, the San Diego Clippers were part of the National Basketball Association. Then they moved to Los Angeles, leaving San Diego without an NBA franchise. In the early 2000's, the NBA created a minor league system akin to Major League Baseball, eventually having teams associated with most of the NBA teams. The LA Clippers member of this developmental league played their games in the Inland Empire, in Ontario, until this year. With the opening of Frontwave Arena, the San Diego Clippers have been reborn as a minor league club associated with the LA Clippers. And, since Gatorade is the major sponsor for this minor league, it is called the G-League.

So, it's not quite like re-hosting an NBA Franchise, but it will still be fun to have professional basketball just down the road from Oceana. The young talent that the LA Clippers hope will help them in the future will be playing here, as well as rehab assignments for NBA players getting ready to return to action from injury. Tickets start at just \$10 plus fees, making it a lot more affordable than the NBA. So walk tall, Oceanside! Basketball has returned to the south land.

Kyle Roesler

