

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS



Happy Holidays

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Thank you, Colleen!

Art Studio Celebrates the Holidays

Holiday Schedule Changes



WISHING YOU
Happy Holidays
AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR

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CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told SANTA that you have been GOOD this year



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- 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.

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Report City Code Infractions

When you encounter a parking problem that is a violation of city code (e.g., blocking access to your garage, parking on red lines, or blocking traffic),

Call: 760-435-4500

ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/code/oversee.asp

The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting 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

Do you believe it is already December? 2024 is ending, and the New Year will soon start. It also looks as though the seven-person Board you have come to know may be coming to an end. One of our Board of Directors will probably live in another state when this Hilltop Highlights is at your door. I thought it would be a good time to review the Davis Stirling rules for filling a Board of Director vacancy.

"It is not uncommon for a director to vacate his/her seat prior to the end of their term. A heavy workload at the office, family issues, health problems, or they sell their unit and cease to be qualified to serve on the board make it difficult to remain on the board. If there is more than one vacancy such that the remaining directors are less than a quorum, the board cannot conduct any business except to appoint other directors to the board until they have enough to make quorum. (Corp. Code § 7224(a).)

Unless otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws and except for a vacancy created by the removal of a director, vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of a majority of the remaining directors on the board. (Corp. Code § 7224(a).) This general principle is also described in Robert's Rules of Order: "The power to appoint or elect persons to any office or board carries with it the power to accept their resignations, and also the power to fill any vacancy occurring in it, unless the bylaws expressly provide otherwise." RONR (12th ed.) 47:57. If the vacancy occurs close to an annual meeting, the board might decide to leave the seat empty and let the membership fill it."

"Every ending is a beginning. We just don't know it at the time."

- Mitch Albom

I wish all of you a wonderful month and Happy Holidays, however you celebrate them!

**Roxanne Rimmel,
OCA Board of Directors**

News You Can Use

Happy December everyone. May your month be full of good times and good health! There is a lot going on at OCA. The fun never stops! I think that has a lot to do with the fact that:



1. We have no ice or snow or very dark days to slow us down.
2. We have a wonderful dedicated team of volunteers who make sure we have many activities and programs for all residents.
3. November and December are full of holidays and we have plans for celebrations with families and friends.

My news this month is to let you know that while all the Holiday merriment is taking place, the gardens that we keep (the Friendship Garden, the Rock Garden, the Dog Park Garden and several Adopt-A-Spots) are getting lots of love and attention to prepare for spring. Many residents also have their own special spaces around their homes. They are spending time tending to their special plants, putting up Christmas decorations and sprucing up lawns, palms and bushes.

Be sure to visit these special places soon - sunlight in December does the body good! You will find something new at each garden or space you visit. During this time, enjoy the plants and trees with bright red berries (the toyons, heavenly bamboo and Brazilian Pepper). See pencil cactus (fire sticks) putting on their yearly show. Try to locate the giant blooming poinsettias that grow quite tall around some homes. Keep an eye out for the birds (Cedar Waxwings, American Robins, and Hermit Thrushes) that dine on the berries. Enjoy the quiet this neighborhood still offers.

After living here for several years, my husband and I remain thankful: for the best weather, for this community that keeps us going, for the green oasis we all share and thankful to meet new people and old friends we see almost every day.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



Fireside Chat

Notes from 10/16/24

The October Fireside Chat was held October 16, 2024 in the Clubhouse Library. Of the six residents who attended, four were relatively new to the community. All names are changed here to protect privacy.

John, a long-time resident, expressed concerns about mosquitoes. He asked how he could get his neighbors to comply with county

recommendations to keep all outdoor containers (such as plant saucers) free of water to avoid mosquito breeding. The residents present discussed options. His concern is a reminder for us all to check outdoor containers for water. The irrigation is currently on 3 nights a week, so plant saucers will often

have water in them. Thanks to John, I turn my plant saucers upside down when I see they have water in them. Inside my house/patio, I check for standing water in pet bowls, a fountain, my plant saucers and bird baths. The San Diego County website tells us mosquitos can breed in as little as $\frac{1}{4}$ " of water. The website also has a form where you can report high mosquito activity, green pools, and dead birds.

Two newer residents, Bo and Marie, reported they have seen dead rats in the streets now and then and are concerned about possible poisoning and poison moving up the food chain to our raptors. Neighbors shared with Bo and Marie what they know about the topic. The discussion was a reminder that our rules and regulations say do not leave poison (D-con and others) out as rat bait. Rodenticides prevent blood clotting and the poison is lethal to anything that eats it. If you have rats around your home send a work order to the office through the Keystone Pacific portal to have our pest control company come and put one of their safer box traps out. If you see a dead rat in the landscape and don't feel comfortable picking it up with a plastic bag, please call the office right away to have it picked up. Dogs and other critters are attracted to dead rats. This time of year rats are searching for places to nest, so have a look around your place. Thanks for the reminder about a common problem in any neighborhood, Bo and Marie.

Two other residents came to the Fireside Chat to ask questions and gave pertinent advice about working with new management companies. They asked when and where the agendas for both the Board Executive Session and General Session are posted. The agendas are posted in the box outside the office and the box outside the Clubhouse at least three days prior to each meeting. Their suggestion was to put the agendas in the Friday E-blast prior to the meetings. One of them stated that posting the board agenda in multiple places leads to increased transparency. Thanks for your idea, neighbors.

It felt good to know these homeowners are concerned about the well-being of the entire community. Happy Holidays everyone!

Kathleen Dowling, OCA VP

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, its 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 hard and vitally important work!)

Intent to Run packets are available at the OCA office. The signed Intent to Run forms are due to the office no later than Thursday, December 19th at close of business.

Ellen Marciel

503 Vista Bella Ad Hoc Committee

On Monday, October 28th, 2024, the Oceanside Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed apartment tower at 503 Vista Bella. The planning staff spoke first, and reiterated that state law allows developers, who are proposing low-income units, to ask for an unlimited number of waivers. Individual cities cannot deny them unless it can be shown that health or safety impacts will ensue.

Next, the developer's lawyer and architect spoke, after which the group presentation on behalf of Oceana was heard. Five health/safety issues were pointed out, as follows: ingress/egress problems, emergency vehicle safety, pedestrian safety, slope instability and negative health impacts of the new tower. None were enough for the Planning Commission to deny the application. Anticipating the Planning Commission's approval of the application, we requested five mitigation measures for each of the 5 health/safety impacts:

- 1) Create an evacuation plan to offset the increased traffic at our ingress/egress points.
- 2) Make the apartment tower age restricted to reduce parking and traffic associated with a "faster pace of life."
- 3) Install flashing pedestrian beacons at the corner of Vista Campana and Vista Bella
- 4) Provide civil engineering drawings for the site
- 5) Establish a \$200,000 trust fund to correct any ventilation problems that result from the new tower.

Pastor Jonathan of the Coastline Baptist Church also spoke to the Planning Commission in opposition to the project. To see a video of the full 1 ½ hours the Planning Commission spent on this item, you can go to the Oceana YouTube page. Our wonderful Lee Mansis edited and posted the video, which can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYG9h21MIRM>.

An appeal has been filed on behalf of Oceana, and will be heard by the City Council. The developers cannot file for building permits until the appeal is heard. Please watch your Friday eBlasts for more information regarding the appeal, including the date of the Oceanside City Council meeting. There will be carpooling opportunities to ride with someone who is comfortable driving at night. The eBlasts are your fastest and most accurate link to information. If you are not receiving the weekly eBlasts, please contact the office for help in signing up.

Stay involved and stay connected!

Ellen Marciel



Art Studio

All classes held in the Art Room.

Wednesday, December 4, 10am-Noon

Candle Making—Decoupage

Make holiday themed flicker candles and vases!



Sign up by 12/2. Register and pay at the office. Fee is \$5, limited to 15 participants.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am-Noon

Family Fun — Gingerbread Houses



Decorate pre-made gingerbread houses and feel free to bring your little ones!

Sign up by 12/11. Register and pay at the office. Fee is \$5 per household.

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



Additional Pictures from Halloween

Here are a few additional pictures of Halloween Party costumes. (See Activities Recap on Page 16.)



"You lose your phone again, Rusty?"

December Activities

Thursday, December 5, 10:30am–12:30pm

Help an Angel Get Its Wings

Clubhouse Holiday Decoration



Please join as we decorate for the holidays right after Coffee Hour.

Refreshments will be served!

It's free—no sign up !!

Gather with friends and family and join in the holiday spirit at Oceana !



When: Dec 5, 10:30am-12:30 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Snacks! Holiday Spirit!
Admission Free

Saturday, December 21, 4:30-5:30 pm

It's got a backbeat, you can't lose it

Winter Solstice Drum Circle

Join Charlie Wendt poolside 4:30 pm-5:30 pm to welcome winter back to Oceana.



When: Dec. 21, 4:30-5:30 pm
Where: Clubhouse Pool
Enjoy: Rhythm without the Blues
Free! No Signup!

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

- Dec. 5 : Bingo
- Dec. 12 : Toe Tappers
- Dec. 19 : Music Men
- Dec. 26 : No Coffee Hour - Happy Holidays!



Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Meet Your Neighbor

As defined by the Oxford English Dictionary, a "Neighbor" is "a person living near or next door." Here at Oceana it means more! Good neighbors understand that the well being of the community is interconnected, and that their actions and decisions have a ripple effect on everyone. That being said, meet Regina Fabiano.



Regina Fabiano

Regina was born in Cut Off, Louisiana in 1962. She is the youngest of 6 children having 2 brothers and 3 sisters, all of whom grew up in a very "cultural environment." "My grandma frequently spoke French and we celebrated often with food being the center of attention. Our family was very tight knit." As a child, Regina attended school in Cut Off until she enrolled at Nichols State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, where she studied social services. Following her studies, Regina spent 3 years working for Chevron USA Company as an administrative assistant until she was offered a position as an Operations Assistant on an off-shore production platform. She worked 7 days on and 7 days off, supporting the operations of extracting petroleum and natural gas beneath the seabed. After 4 years, a much needed vacation was upon her, and she set sail on a Caribbean cruise where she met her husband, Aldo. They established a long distance relationship while he lived in New Jersey and Regina was still in Louisiana. As we know, long distance relationships can be challenging, so plans were made and they married in Louisiana. After four years there together, they moved to New Jersey where they became proud parents of a son, Gabe (now 23 and living in New Jersey).

Having always wanted to live in California, Regina and Aldo packed their bags and moved to Oceana in 2022. When I asked her why they chose Oceana, Regina replied. "My sister lived here and I always wanted to retire in California, so here we are. I love the weather, the people here, and the sense of community."

Regina always loved gardening so when she found that Oceana had a Garden Club, she immediately looked into obtaining a garden plot. "There's a totally different feeling at the garden," she added. "I also love the layout here." She walks her 2 dogs, Mazie and Rosie, daily and enjoys the mountains and the scenic views.

Presently, Regina and Aldo are involved in the renovation of their home and Regina is interested in volunteering at Share and Wear. She expressed her desire for helping the community with regard to obtaining information and resources for the elderly. She and I had a great discussion on how we can make information more readily available for the elderly here.

Welcome to Oceana, Regina, and enjoy the holidays!

Gail Olenick

Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

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

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

Daily Guest Swim Times

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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

NO EXCEPTIONS.

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

I have decided to cut back on being sarcastic.

I Solemnly swear to only be sarcastic on days that begin with T like...

Tuesday,
Thursday,
Today, &
Tomorrow.



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
Donna Wendt
Lynn Leszczynski Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Acting Chair
Paula McDonald
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
Kris McLaughlin Secretary
Mary Hall (on leave) Computer Room
Donna Wendt CRC Greeter
Evelyn Thomas Veterans Affairs Liaison
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 Leszczynski Board Treasurer
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Landscape Committee

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

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Community Room
Chair
Gail Olenick
Diane Danner Secretary
Virginia Mann Digital Coordinator
Pam Spangler Print Coordinator
Sandy Riser Website Coordinator
Lisa Olivero Website Photographer
Ellen Marciel
Kathleen Dowling Board Liaison
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Anita Romaine
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Committee Membership
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Attention all Committee Chairs:
Please remember to update ALL changes (times, days, contacts), by submitting the information directly to the HUB; not the OCA office. The form for submission is on our website. Just click on 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
1	2 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	3 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	4 10am-Noon Candle Making - Art Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room 3:30pm Spanish Club - Community Room
8	9	10 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library	11 10:30am CRC -Community Room
15 	16 9:30am Finance Cte. - Community Rm. 10am BOD Exec. Session 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	17	18 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 3:30pm Spanish Club - Community Room 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library
22	23	24	25 
29	30	31 	

Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
<p>Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Band-It Fitness 10-11:30am 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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am</p> 

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9am Coffee Hour - 5 Bingo Clubhouse</p> <p>10:30am Holiday Decorating Clubhouse</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am Coffee Hour - Toe Tappers Clubhouse</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am-Noon Gingerbread Houses - Art Room</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am Coffee Hour - Music Men Clubhouse</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30pm Drumming Circle Pool Deck</p> <p>Winter Solstice</p>
<p>No Coffee Hour 26</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



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, 10-11:30am. 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.
- Pinocle** - 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 , 442-202-5230.
- 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

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Committee Membership
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Unit Advisors Committee

- Meets:** 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-Numbered Month
9am, Clubhouse Auditorium
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Updates From The Isle

EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE OCEANSIDE, CA **DECEMBER 2024**



We hope you're all having a lovely holiday season! The Isle embraces this colder weather by celebrating with **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!

Can you believe it has been 10 years of this new era of Emerald Isle Golf Course? This December marks the 10th year of John & Holly Kennedy marking the start of their vast improvements of the property. From physical maintenance of the land to creating an atmosphere to welcome all to the game of golf, we are so lucky to be thriving here in Oceanside and enjoying everyday of that being a reality here at The Isle. Our golf shop is not your average place to check in for a round of golf, and we are beyond proud of that. Having fun comes naturally to this crew and we intend to keep the party going!

Come check out all of our new winter merchandise and rock some of our limited addition gear to celebrate this huge accomplishment with us. We look forward to another 10 years of A Golf Course For Everyone.



**TIX TO SNOWSIDE
MAIN CALENDAR
& MORE**



A RECORD BREAKING YEAR. **2025 MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND.** **2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR SCPGA.**

Our Director of Instruction has spent this busy year growing the game in every way possible. Countless days of instruction, kid's clinics, organizing competitions, ladies events, and more! We are so thrilled to announce Nat has accomplished the Player of the Year for the 2nd year in a row for the SCPGA. We could not be more proud of her accomplishments and we absolutely can't wait to watch her compete next year in Texas at the KPMG Major Championship on the LPGA!

Notices & Reminders



Schedule Changes for the Holidays

- There will be no SSS in December. Share and Wear will be closed for two weeks starting December 24. They will reopen with a Super Saturday Sale on January 4th.
- The Board of Directors Open Meeting will be held at 9:30 am on December 18th because its normal schedule would have been for Christmas Day.

Fun at Oceana

Bring your ideas to life by joining the Activities Committee!

Oceana is advertised as an active adult community. Notice the word "active." That energy is what the Activities Committee brings to Oceana.

Oceana Activities
Your Place
for Food, Fun & Friendship!

The Activities Committee dreams up, manages and delivers fun. Our events give you the chance to visit with your neighbors and create a social atmosphere at a multitude of happenings. All of this is made possible by a few good people gathering together on the Activities Committee. The committee meets twice a month to collaborate on ideas and organize events. As a member, you will help bring these ideas to fruition. In addition, you may assist with events that interest you.

The Activities Committee is looking for a few more people to join in and share their ideas, talents and/or assistance at events. If you would like to help emphasize the "active" in active adult, please attend the Activities Committee meeting held the first Tuesday of each month (December 3rd this month) at 10am in the Card Room of our Club House.

Should you have any questions about joining, you may email Ellen Marciel at

ellenmarciel39@gmail.com

Chuck Kruse



Oceana Good Neighbor Fund

\$100 Emergency Grants for Oceana Residents

The Oceana Good Neighbor Fund offers \$100 Emergency Grants to Oceana residents. You automatically qualify if you currently receive any of these benefits:

- Medi-Cal, SSI/SSDI
- CalFresh/SNAP
- SDGE CARE/LIHEAP
- Section 8 Housing

You also qualify if your annual household income is \$40,000 or less for one or two persons. For a household of three persons, the maximum annual household income is \$51,640.

Applications are available at OGNF.org or at the Oceana Community Resource Center (in the Clubhouse lobby).

You'll also find information on donating to OGNF or volunteering with us at OGNF.org. Come help us expand our capabilities!

The Oceana Good Neighbor Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN:88-2148733). The members of the Board of Directors are Oceana residents. We adhere to strict privacy and confidentiality policies (posted at OGNF.org).

Thank You, Colleen!

Oceana activities are only possible because of the tireless dedication of volunteers. A case in point is the thriving Oceana Trivia Club. For the last eight years, Colleen Eidson has

*Hello darkness, my old friend.
I stood up too fast again.*

made it a welcoming and friendly place for all residents to gather on Monday nights. She was inspired when she and some Unit 14 friends went on a cruise. She noticed that the nightly Trivia competition on the ship was always crowded, so she thought it would be fun to start a Trivia group at Oceana. She dedicated herself to writing challenging, yet fun, trivia questions which she researched and double checked tirelessly. This is why the "Rule number one" of Trivia Club has always been "Colleen is always right". She went the extra mile by printing copies of the questions for those members who don't hear as well as they heard a few decades ago.

In the beginning, people competed in "self-selected" teams, but that resulted in unequal outcomes. To give everyone a fair chance to win, the random, "pick a card" method began. We generally have about a dozen participants but can accommodate many more. Colleen's broad interests and sense of humor always kept the games informative and entertaining. One of her favorite Trivia questions is, "What do you call a group of unicorns?" (Answer below). One long-time Trivia member commented more than once that regardless of how her team performed, she always learned something. That's a great tribute to Colleen's question writing talent!

So, after having written an estimated 5,000 questions, Colleen is retiring from her post as our Trivia guru. **Thank You**, Colleen, for all your hard work and diligence for these last eight years! We will all miss you, your great questions, and dedicated leadership! But never fear. Colleen has left us in the very capable hands of Carol and Kyle Roesler. New members are always welcome at 6:30 PM Mondays.

(A group of unicorns is a blessing - and so is a group of trivia players, stop by and see!)

Cyndi Fisher

A Big Thank You

We would like to thank Joan Jeffrey for her most generous and thoughtful purchase and donation of 150 black banquet chair covers to be used in our auditorium during special events. Joan shared that while at the Drama Club's production, she noticed the lovely red chair covers that were used and wanted to help beautify our clubhouse auditorium with the same.

Thank you, Joan! A true act of kindness !!

Activities Committee

Share & Wear Reminder

Share and Wear wants to thank the community for their donations to our Boutique and Annex shops. Please continue bringing us clean and usable items. Please do not 'donate' things that belong in the trash. Just remember this simple phrase: "When in doubt, throw it out!" Thank you.

RATS!!

Don't feed them!!

Any food you leave out for birds, bunnies or any other cute critters is food for rats.

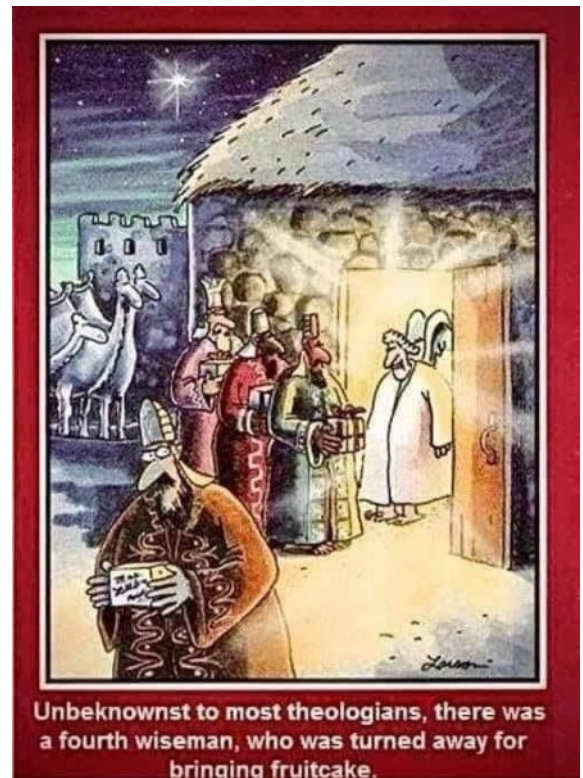
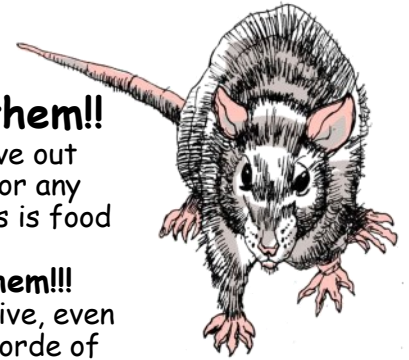
Don't feed them!!!

The birds will survive, even better without a horde of rats around.

Fallen fruit is also food for rats. Please pick up any fallen fruit and dispose of it in your trash. Help make Oceana vermin free!

And, if you find a dead rat (or other rodent) in a common area, remember that it could be there because of disease or poison.

1. Keep your dog away from it, and
2. Immediately notify the office so they can send somebody to remove it.



Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing fruitcake.

Activities Recap October 2024

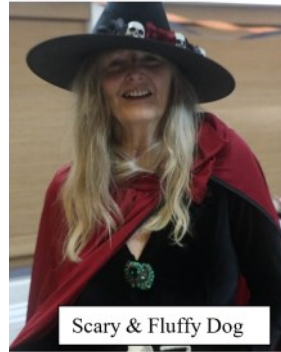
We had several very fun events this past month. Check them out below!!

Oktoberfest

There was again a large crowd for our October Oktoberfest event.

The food and refreshments were excellent! Brats a la local Oceana Grill master Jim Romans, German potato salad, German chocolate cake - and of course, some beer to pair with the brats (plus our other regular selections of wine & soda).

The entertainment was also top notch. We again had Adrienne Nims back with her German Band helpers to provide the great music for listening and dancing. Everyone seemed to have a great evening.



Scary & Fluffy Dog

After devouring pizza and salad from Spirito's the Costume Contest commenced. Residents parad-



Beetlejuice Couple

ed around the hall in their costumes with our panel of judges (Mary Ann Alger, Judy Hartmann, and Mike Weatherford) saying that it was VERY hard to pick out the winning costumes from the many great ones!

Costume Winners: Beetlejuice Couple (Roxanne Rimmel & Joe Ziber), Lifeguard and "Babe" (Nancy Horridge & Bob Rupp), Op-



Lifeguard & Babe



Operation Gone Wrong

Halloween Party

The Auditorium was filled with residents wearing many outstanding costumes at our annual Halloween Party. It is one event that when we check people in at the door, we must



Our Judges: Judy, Mary Ann & Mike

sometimes ask "Now, who are you?". The costumes were excellent this year!



20's Generation

eration Gone Wrong (Alita Jones & Simone Green), Scarry & Fluffy Dog (Kerry Graze), and 20's Generation (Stephanie Kramer, Jack Griffiths, & Carol Finkas).



Outstanding background and dancing music was provided by DJ Pamela Glynn. Someone also sighted a kind of "creepy" Albert



Einstein lookalike wandering around too. (Is that you Larry?) It was a fun evening! (Additional Pictures on Page 6)



Afternoon Treat

When we have a 5th Thursday of the month, we have an "Afternoon Treat" instead of Coffee Hour in the morning. We had nearly 100 people this past month for some great sandwiches from West Coast Sourdough and hot music from Ron Bell and Jay Anderson of Bell Pepperz. It was held on October 31st (Halloween), so we saw several folks dressed up for the event.



Coffee Hour

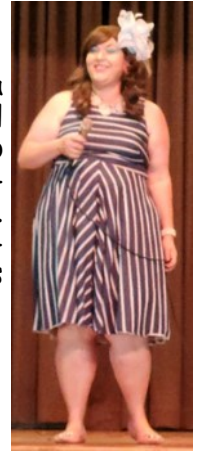
- Bingo

In calling Bingo this past month, Ellen Marciel helped to engage us in many of the great benefits for seniors that come from playing Bingo. We had a good crowd to play. Every person in every game has a chance to win. It's fun! Come join us most 1st Thursdays of the month for our different games of Bingo.



- Celeste

Celeste has been an Oceana Favorite for years. Her beautiful contra-alto voice has a way to just "calm" you down. She effortlessly sings her heart out. We always get a great performance from her when she comes to entertain us.



- Clay Colton & Gary Piro



Clay and Gary are running through their vast repertoire of music by counting down the number one hits of various decades. This week they featured hits from the 70's. The Everly Brothers was one of their favorite groups in the 70's. We usually have a good crowd of people whenever they play for us.

- Hospice of North Coast

This week was more of an informational presentation. An individual from Hospice Care of North Coast San Diego presented information for our Oceana residents. She spoke on hospice, palliative care and medical aid in hospice. Her overall message was that in their hospice program they "meet patients where they are." We plan a few of these informational sessions each year for our residents.



- Charlie Wendt

Committee & Club Reports

Drama Club

"The Tavern at Oceana Continues"

On November 2nd, 3rd, and 10th, a cast of 14 of our Oceana neighbors sang and acted their hearts out for our entertainment. The play, "The Tavern at Oceana Continues," like "The Tavern at Oceana" a year ago, is a collaboration of all the actors playing fictionalized versions of themselves. This time around, there was less singing, more rushing in and out but the same heartwarming message as the original. And, when either the original or new script included a zinger, it always landed with a nice laugh from the supportive audience.



begins with each character given a soliloquy to describe where they are in their lives right now. The third act is dedicated to calling out acts of kindness from one Oceana "angel" to another resident, leading to the distribution of friendship bracelets for the audience members.

Each performance was nearly standing room only with a nice mix of Oceana residents, family members and even some theater students checking out our Drama Club's swagger. Special recognition is needed for the nonagenarian actors Paul Mecklenburg and Jack Griffiths, the very heart of the production; newcomers Ellen Marciel and Mary Anne Alger added their skills smoothly with the established cast; and to the music selected by the team for reference and being played beautifully by Georgette Velez on piano. The opening lines of "Those



The Cast of "The Tavern at Oceana Continues"

The new play opens a year after the curtain closed on the first. The Tavern has been closed and it is time to open up again. Lisa and Gail arrive first and find a pipe has burst, delaying the opening. Tony and Debbie rush in Three Stooges-style and note that, "This is Oceana, there's a plumber on every corner!" so they rush out again to find one. A newcomer to the Drama Group, Don Jones, plays the plumber "Big Drip" and is hilarious when he arrives in his prop-truck to the sound of the bells of an ice cream truck. Once the leak is fixed and the gang is all gathered again, the second act

"Were the Days" are spoken by several characters to define the social support to be found at Oceana's Tavern and the beautiful instrumental rendition of The Beatles' "In My Life" at the end of Act Two was particularly poignant.

All in all, I'm looking forward to "The Tavern at Oceana Part III: The Plumber Drinks the House Dry," or whatever the group decides to call their next command performance. Thank you, Drama Club, for all the time, attention to detail and love you poured into this production.

Kyle Roesler

Art Studio

At the Art Studio, October was filled with lots of treats and not so many tricks!

We were busy every Wednesday in the art room with watercolor classes led by the incredible Carol Finkas and the succulent pumpkin class led by Anne Elsbee and Kim Emmett was definitely a crowd-pleaser!

As the coordinator of the art classes, I have learned it is always good to stretch yourself by trying new things! So I hope to see some new faces in the art room in December trying some new things with us!!!



Wishing you all a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season!.

Caryn Leventhal
carynnicole30@yahoo.com



Did You Know? (from Medievalists.net)



Some of our most popular phrases have a long history, including some that go back to the Middle Ages. Here are 10 medieval phrases from the Dictionary of Idioms and their Origins.

(English spellings used throughout.)

1. "The apple of one's eye"

In early medieval England, the pupil of the eye was known as the apple (Old English *æppel*) since it was thought to be an apple-shaped solid. Since the delicate pupil of the eye is essential for vision, it is a part that is cherished and to be protected. Thus apple of the eye was used as a figure for a much-loved person or thing. Even King Alfred the Great (died 899) used this phrase.

2. "Baker's dozen"

This phrase arose from a piece of medieval legislation, the Assize of Bread and Ale of 1262. Bakers of the period had a reputation for selling underweight loaves, so legislation was put in place to make standardized weights. To make sure that they did not sell underweight bread, bakers started to give an extra piece of bread away with every loaf, and a thirteenth loaf with every dozen.

3. "To curry favour"

The phrase came from the Middle English words 'curry favel', which in Old French was 'estriiller fauvel'. It meant 'to rub down or groom a chestnut horse. In *Le Roman de Fauvel*, a 14th-century French romance, a chestnut horse representing hypocrisy and deceit is carefully combed down by other characters in order to win his favour and assistance. The popularity of the work led people to accuse those who tried to further their own ends by flattery to be currying favel. By the sixteenth century the phrase had changed slightly to currying favour.

4. "To play devil's advocate"

Devil's advocate is a translation of the Latin 'advocatus diaboli'. This was the popular title given to the official appointed by the

Roman Catholic church to argue against the proposed canonization of a saint by bringing up all that was unfavourable to the claim. The post, which was officially known as Promoter of the Faith (promotor fidei), seems to have been established by Pope Leo X in the early sixteenth century.

5. "To throw down the gauntlet"

The gauntlet was a piece of armour that knights wore to protect their forearms and hands. A gauntlet-wearing knight would challenge a fellow knight or enemy to a duel by throwing one of his gauntlets on the ground.

6. "By hook or by crook"

Records of this phrase date back to the 14th century. One theory for its origin suggests that a medieval law about collecting firewood allowed peasants to take what they could only cut from dead trees by using their reaper's bill-hook or a shepherd's crook.

7. "Hue and cry"

This phrase dates back to 12th-century England. Hue comes from the Old French 'huer', which means to shout out. In the Middle Ages, if you saw a crime being committed, you were obliged to raise 'hue' and 'cry', that is to shout and make noise, to warn the rest of the community, so they could come to pursue and capture the criminal.

8. "A nest egg"



By the fourteenth century the phrase nest egg was used by peasants to explain why they left one egg in the nest when collecting them from hens - it would encourage the chickens to continue laying eggs in the same nest. By the seventeenth century this phrase now meant to set aside a sum of money for the future.

9. "A red-letter day"

During the fifteenth century it became customary to mark all feast days and saints' days in red on the ecclesiastical calendar, while other days were in black.

10. "To sink or swim"

The phrase refers to the water ordeal, a medieval practice of judging whether a person was innocent or guilty by casting him or her into a lake. The belief was that water would not accept anyone who had rejected the water of baptism, so if the victim sunk they were innocent, but if they floated they were guilty. Chaucer used a similar phrase: "Ye rekke not whether I flete (float) or sink".