

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Happy Valentine's Day 

A note to website viewers:

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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.

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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

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

DeAnn Hollis

We have something very unique here at Oceana, it's called volunteerism. With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the Board of Directors would like to take this month to thank all of these neighbors who see areas that need help and then pitch in with their time and expertise. Did you know we have over 100 people who volunteer their time to help make Oceana a fun, thriving, organized Community? Without them, we wouldn't have Share-n-Wear, yoga classes, exercise classes, art classes, Coffee Hour, dinner dances, and the many other fun activities that bring us together. We would need to hire extra hands to assist our staff with the many things our committee volunteers do.

As you participate in these activities or committees this month, please take the time to express your appreciation to the people who co-ordinate these events, run the classes, and help make our community operate a little smoother.

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

I wish you all lots of love and cuddles this Valentine's Day!

**Roxanne Rimmel,
OCA Board of Directors**

Meet the Candidates

Four positions on the Oceanside Community Association Board of Directors are open for election this year. And we have five applicants standing for election to those three positions. The candidates who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the upcoming election will be given 2-year terms, ending in March 2027. The candidate who places 4th in the election will fill the existing vacancy we have on the Board, and that person's term will end in March 2026. We have five applicants standing for election to those four positions."

Each applicant was asked to provide a brief summary of their qualifications for the position as well as a recent photo. That information is provided below. The formats of the individual profiles have been altered to fit into the columnar format of this publication and the font used is our normal font. Otherwise, the candidates' profiles are presented as they were submitted.

The Board of Directors is vital for the effective management of the OCA. Please take the time to read and understand these statements to help you make an informed decision for your vote.

The candidates are presented in alphabetical sequence.

Steve Gillis

Education: BA UWM
Magna Cum Laude; Juris
Doctorate USD Law
School

Career: Retired General
Practice attorney. Ex-
perience: organizing,
advising, and litigating
for both profit & non-
profit corporations &
municipalities; creating/
supervising RFP's; negotiating, drafting & enforcing contracts; creating/enforcing governing documents, ordinances & operating rules; adhering to strictly enforced Wisconsin Bar rules & ethical standards.

OCA Homeowner/Member volunteer/
contributor since 7/12/2012. Examples: 2013-
2018 ad hoc committees & SLRP/ FMARC



standing committee; 2018 appointed director July- November resignation (letter available); 2020 Land Lease Committee advisor; 2020 initiated IDR demanding equal assessment; 2021 Creator/Cochair OCA Strategic Planning Committee brought business planning to OCA; 2022 elected OCA director - cancer treatment resignation (letter available); 2023 appointment effort to finish elected term denied by Board.

My Basic Goal: To lawfully and transparently serve our community at this critical time. Our community's sustainability and best interests are always my guiding star.

Stephen Graves

Work background:

-Journeyman Carpenter #844-familiar with Ocean type of construction

-Firefighter with LAFD in fire suppression and the fire prevention bureau.

-Writer: primary author of a syllabus that became CERT training in 1993.

-Screenwriter and published author

-Instructed and performed maintenance in a large department serving 23 schools

OCA Volunteer 2010-2021:

-Architectural Committee (member 2012-2018)

-Reserve Planning Committees Chair 2012-2016

-Participated in six Reserve Studies which assess our infrastructure. -Budget Committee (2017)

-Governing Documents Committee (2016)

-Director of the Board (2020-2021)

Primary Goals:

-Maintenance of common area infrastructure and appearance to protect property values

-Greater oversight of staff and contract workers to improve performance and lower cost

-Create a climate of respect and greater community and volunteerism.



Ned Lachman

I've spent most of my adult life living in various California HOA neighborhoods and serving on the boards as President and Treasurer. My experience includes broad knowledge of Davis-Stirling Law and more specifically, hands-on experience with HOA attorneys, third party attorneys, arbitrators and management companies as they relate to Davis Stirling. It is my opinion this association can operate efficiently on the current annual income of **\$7 million (\$7,000,000)** without crippling annual assessments and/or dues increases, and only then, as a last resort. For many of us on fixed incomes, especially those who have been here 20+ years, these annual increases can adversely affect our quality of life and some could even be forced out of their homes. Our HOA is a business that could benefit from new points of view and practices, which is why I am running for the board.



ted to be informative and transparent at every Board meeting. I take my fiduciary duty to each Oceana homeowner seriously by listening to your concerns and acting on your behalf.

Brian Young

My focus is Homeowner value, and I bring strong leadership and collaboration skills, along with 30+ years of contract oversight, 7-figure budget management, and process development in Semi-Conductor and Aircraft Carrier industries, and the legal experience to navigate Oceana into post-litigation success (Resume available upon request).



The board manages funds to bring benefit to Oceana Homeowners, and the return on investment is measured in quality-of-life within Oceana. Homeowners deserve to be confident their board is avoiding fee increases by ensuring value is received for monies paid, while also ensuring the longevity of the community. Strategic planning, accessible processes, and board transparency are critical to our future, and vendor accountability through robust contract oversight is critical to fee stability.

I am 100% committed to ensuring Oceana Homeowner's funds are managed with respect, transparency, and competence, and to securing the future of our wonderful neighborhood with realistic infrastructure planning and modernization.

Peggie Moore,

Unit 11 #77
I raised my family in Pasadena and moved to Oceana 2006
Career spanned:
• 40 years in Corporate Finance and Administration; Medical and Entertainment Industries.
• HUD Manager; turn around financially troubled Senior complexes into financial compliance with HUD.
• Retired after 12 years at UC Irvine, School of Medicine Dean's Office as a Sr. Financial Analyst, managing departmental, general and federal multi-million dollar research grant.
• Today enjoy sharing Yoga benefits as an Advanced 500 hr. Certified Yoga Instructor.
I hold Board Officers and Directors to a high standard to protect your largest investment. Board members don't agree on some issues, pathways to success or styles of communication but I respect the process. I am commit-



Please see News You Can Use (on page 6) for specifics on the BOD election process.



News You Can Use

Based on recent Board of Directors' decisions, homeowner comments, and the December General Meeting, here is the 'News You Can Use'.



Fireside Chats (3rd Wednesday of every month, 6-7 pm in the Library)



The December 11th chat was hosted by Board Member of the Month, President Roxanne Rimmel. A small group of residents showed up for a lively discussion.

Due to the Fireside Chats discussions,

1. The Board and Von are working with Keystone to get the recorded General Meetings on the Keystone Homeowner Portal. We will let you know when they are available and where to find them.
2. Management is working on improved responsiveness between staff, vendors, and homeowners.
3. A work request was submitted after it was pointed out that the rain gutter near the Jacuzzi was rusted and needed repair.

OLC Litigation

Our attorneys are actively pursuing a settlement through negotiations and possible mediation with OLC. As soon as we are able, we will provide you with the specifics.

Election Coordination Committee (ECC)

The ECC has been hard at work and has announced the candidates for the 2025 Board of Directors elections. They are, in alphabetical order: Steve Gillis (Unit 7), Stephen Graves (Unit 8), Ned Lachman (Unit 1), Peggie Moore (Unit 11), and Brian Young (Unit 12).

There will be three opportunities to hear from the candidates in person:

- Saturday, 2/15 1:00 PM, Candidate Forum #1
- Wednesday, 2/19 1:00 PM, Candidate Forum #2
- Friday, 2/21 1:00 PM, an informal "Meet the Candidates" event where residents interact directly with the candidates.

This month you will receive your ballot for candidates as well as a referendum vote to approve some additional language to our Bylaws to allow for future electronic voting. This By-law change will allow OCA to take advantage of the recent CA Law AB2159 that now allows electronic voting as well as the traditional pa-

per ballots. Community members will still be able to opt for a traditional written ballot. In addition, paper ballots are required for Special Assessment votes.

Benefits of Electronic Voting include: increased participation, efficiency & accessibility, enhanced security, and cost savings.

PLEASE help us reach our quorums by voting for the candidates and the referendum.

Surveillance

Some of you have requested better security in the pool area. Management is in the process of getting final bids for cameras at our pool area and office. This should be installed in early 2025.

A New Look in the Clubhouse

Have you noticed the auditorium has a bit of a make-over with new cellular shades? They can be operated in a 'Top Down' or 'Bottom Up' mode. No longer will you need to endure the sun's glare in your eyes. Thank you to Gail Olenick and Lynn Leszczynski and all those involved in the selection process.

Thank You Volunteers

This month is 'Volunteer Appreciation Month'. The Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank our volunteers with a luncheon. Did you realize that over 100 volunteers help with the organization of Oceana as well as in making Oceana a place where one can enjoy music, create art, exercise and socialize with your neighbors because of our volunteers' expertise? We would like to also welcome our newest volunteers, Kim Emmet, Shirin Muldown, Denny Metz, and Pamela Perry.

We are truly grateful to **All of the Volunteers** for the many hours you put in.

Roxanne Rimmel
Board Member of the Month

Screw valentine's day.

I'm just
waiting for
the discounted
chocolate on
February 15th!



"After the Holidays-New Years Day Celebration" at the Clubhouse

A Review of the January 1 Event

New Years Day 2025 found 80 residents celebrating the New Year inside our auditorium decorated with beautiful chair covers, festive tablecloths and colorful balloons. Everyone enjoyed a lovely brunch of bagels, croissants, assorted jams, fruit, danish and 'Frog Eyed Salad' (prepared by Pat Hawkins). Coffee, tea and bloody marys quenched our thirst, while music provided by DJ Pamela, got the crowd up dancing and singing!

This was our first of many events yet to come in 2025. It was a preview of what you



can look forward to from the Activities Committee as we plan exciting happenings throughout the year for our community. Conversations were abundant, the

laughter loud and clear, while being accompanied with lots of positive feedback and appreciation!



May 2025 bring peace, happiness and health to all!

Gail Olenick



Did You Know?



History

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and friendship. The idea of Valentine's Day seems to have originated during the Middle Ages, somewhere around the 14th or 15th century. The holiday derived its name from two Roman martyrs for love, both named Valentine.

The first Valentine was beheaded on February 14th, but not before leaving a note signed 'from your Valentine for his lady.' The second Valentine was supposedly a bishop who secretly married young couples, an act that was forbidden by the Roman Emperor who wanted young men to first serve as soldiers before marrying. Valentine ignored the law and was beheaded on February 14. An ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, a celebration for which young men randomly chose the name of a young girl to escort to the festivities, has also been linked to the origins of Valentine's Day. Since then, the custom of selecting a sweetheart on February 14th has spread through Europe and its colonies and transformed itself into the celebration of love and friendship that we know today.

Facts about Valentine's Day

- Symbols for Valentine's day include hearts, chocolate, flowers, and Cupid - the Roman God of Love.
- Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind. And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind - *William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 52% of US consumers will send out at least one Valentine's Day card, 47% will send candy, and 34% will send flowers.
- According to Marketing Charts, in 2023, Valentine's Day consumer spending in the US surpassed \$24 billion.
- According to the National Retail Federation, in 2022, Valentine's Day spending in the US reached \$23.9 billion. The median amount spent by a US consumer for this holiday was \$192.



Art Studio

All classes held in the Art Room.

Wednesday, February 5, 10am-Noon

Valentines Day Crafts

With Kim Emmett & Anne Elsbree.



Register and pay at the office by Feb 3. Fee is \$5, limited to 15 participants.

Wednesday, February 19, 10am-Noon

Acrylic Pour with Caryn Leventhal

Immerse yourself in this fascinating art form

Register and pay at the office by Feb 17. Fee is \$5. Limited to 15 participants.



Saturday, February 22, 10am-Noon

Painting with Tony Schwab Supplies provided

Register and pay at the office by Feb 20. Fee is \$5, limited to 15 participants.



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

Monday, March 17, 5-7pm

St. Patrick's Day Party

Planning is in progress.

Fee: \$20



Fire and Ice

By Robert Frost

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.

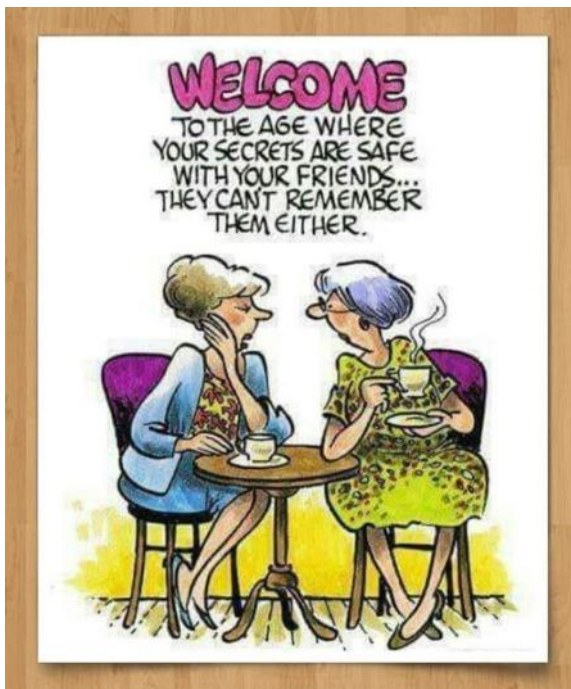
But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

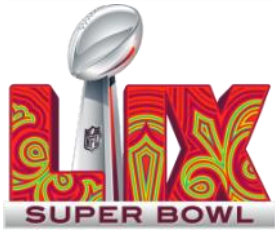
Is also great

And would suffice.



February Activities

Sunday, February 9, 3pm



Super Bowl Sunday "Pot Luck"

See the Super Bowl
(and the ads)
live on the big-screen.

Bring your favorite foods and beverages
- enough for yourself and to share
with a few others

We will also have a Super Bowl Pool
at \$2 per box.

Enjoy the game, the ads, your friends &
neighbors, and lots of fun!

And, it's all free!



When: Feb. 9, Begin 3pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Game, Food, Fun
Cost: Free



Friday, February 21, 5-7 pm

Pinot's Palette "Paint & Sip"

Back by popular demand!
Paint your own masterpiece
(with guidance) while you
sip selected wines paired
with fine cheeses and
crackers.



Art supplies provided. Sign-up by Feb. 14.
Fee is \$25

When: Feb. 21, 5-7 pm
Doors Open 4:45pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Painting, Wine & Cheese
Plus lots of fun!
Signup: By February 14
Fee: \$25.

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

COFFEE HOUR

From 9 to 10:30 am
Thursdays



- Feb. 6 : Bingo
- Feb. 13 : Celeste
- Feb. 20 : Wills & Living Trusts
presented by Sean Vargas & Cesar Perez
- Feb. 27 : Susie Lotzof - Vocalist

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Meet Your Neighbor

Nestled in the heart of Oceana, this month I am delighted to introduce to you, Pam Spangler, living here with her husband Neal, since 2020.



Pam was born an only child in 1953, in San Diego, California, where she was raised by her father, as her mother passed away when she was 5 years old. Pam grew up in Mission Beach and then in Clairemont where she attended Clairemont High School. While in her senior year, through a career counselor, she met Dr. Norman "Skip" Sperber, a dentist just out of the Navy. Skip became her mentor, her boss and her best friend until he died last year. He trained her in all aspects of the dental field and because he was a Forensic Odontologist, she and Skip also worked at the San Diego Coroner's Office together. There, they identified deceased individuals who were beyond recognition, using dental records and x-rays. Sometimes Skip would be called to evaluate bite mark evidence in homicide, rape and child abuse cases necessitating they take dental impressions of suspects in custody. Pam remembers vividly, when PSA flight 182 collided with a Cessna over a residential neighborhood in North Park, in 1978. Skip closed his dental office and they worked at the Coroner's office day and night for the next week, identifying 144 persons who perished in the crash.

In 1990, Pam left San Diego and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where she met and married her husband, Neal. It was there she gave birth

to a daughter, Jean Faye, who she named after her mom. Continuing her dental career, Pam adjudicated dental insurance claims for State of Nevada employees, culinary and bartender unions and Steve Wynn's hotels. Missing the interaction with patients, Pam returned to the dental office to manage the practices of a general dentist and a periodontal surgeon. In 2018, after her daughter and family moved to Oregon, Pam and Neal retired, left the desert, and moved to Tennessee. There, they lived in a secluded area surrounded by beautiful woods and lots of wild life! It was then that Pam shared, "I never stopped missing the ocean and San Diego's weather, so after 30 years of being 'homesick', I finally made my way back home."

Naturally, my question was, "Why Oceana?" Pam responded immediately with, "the proximity to the beach" and "it was 55+ and affordable." For Pam, being part of Oceana is about more than just living here. It's also about having the opportunity to give back. She volunteers at Share & Wear and also on the HUB Committee, where she does editing for our Hilltop Highlights. When not engaged in volunteering, Pam enjoys riding her bike at the beach, walking the grounds at Oceana, chair yoga, and cooking. The next time you see Pam, don't hesitate to stop and say hello. You might just make a new friend!

Thanks Pam, for the time we spent together and Happy Valentine's Day!

Gail Olenick



OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Ellen Marciel Chair
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)
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
Connie Iniquez Temporary Chair
tbd Secretary
Jim Floyd Computer volunteer
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
John McDonald Chair
Charlie Wendt Secretary
Meg Marple
OCA General Manager
Lynn Leszczynski Board Treasurer
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Landscape Committee

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

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Community Room
Gail Olenick Chair
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
OCA Media Sub-Committee
Geoff Allinson
Larry Bungay
Patricia Mcardle
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 Line Dancing 11am-Noon 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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2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	4 10am Activities Cte.	5 10am-Noon Valentines Day Crafts - Art Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room
9 3pm Super Bowl Sunday "Pot Luck" - Auditorium SUPER BOWL	10	11 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library	12 10:30am CRC -Community Room
16	17 9:30am Finance Cte. - Community Rm. 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm. PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19 10am-Acrylic Pour - Art Room 1pm Candidate Forum #2 - Auditorium 3:30pm Spanish Club - Community Room 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library
23	24 10am BOD Exec. Session	25	26 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 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: On Hold 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
		10am-2pm SSS  1
6 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo- Clubhouse	7	8
13 9am Coffee Hour - Celeste Clubhouse	14 10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15 1pm Candidate Forum #1 - Auditorium
20 9am Coffee Hour - Wills & Living Trusts Clubhouse	21 1pm Informal Meet the Candidates - Auditorium 5-7pm Pinot's Palette "Paint and Sip" Doors Open at 4:45pm - Auditorium	22 10am-Noon Painting with Tony Schwab - Art Room 
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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** - 10am-Noon only on days there is a class. Contact Caryn for studio use appointment. 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, Diane Huntley 323-691-7121
- 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.
- Line Dancing** - Mon. 11am-Noon. Auditorium. Info: Georgette Velez, 661-903-6990.
- 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. Contact Nancy Hildner 760-8809. Class is limited to **On hiatus until Spring**.
- 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

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:** 2nd 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) | |
| 7 Renee Maricque | 920-562-3436 |
| 8 Jeff Kern | 908-420-1853 |
| 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) Jaci Ackles (Temp.) | |
| 14 Toby Roberts & Kristine Hale | 760-721-6077
858-775-4253 |
| Evelyn Thomas | Board Liaison |

Updates From The Isle

EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE

FEBRUARY 2025
EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE
ESTABLISHED 1966



 **THE ISLE GRILL MENU**
OPEN DAILY 6:30AM-4:00PM
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

Join us this year for our 18th annual Super Bowl
Tournament Sunday February 9th!
This tournament is the perfect way to start your
morning before the big game.

On course challenges, prizes, and plenty of competi-
tive fun in this oldest standing tradition at The
Isle. Rep your team even if it “wasn’t your year”
we promise it will get your mind off of it for a few
hours and you might even win some epic prizes!

We will have plenty of food, beer specials, and
bloody marys all day long. *Just as local tip, if the
football game isn’t your thing, did you know the
golf course is usually pretty slow that evening?
Come enjoy The Isle sunset and walk a twilight
round with us, it is a gorgeous
time of year.



THE YEARLY TRADITION CONTINUES...

The 18th Annual

THE SUPERBOWL XVIII TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sunday 2/9/25

Sunday 2/9/25

Who will be the Champions?



Notices & Reminders



TLC

Sometimes they mow and
sometimes they blow
It's always a mystery
as to when they will show.

Our once beautiful Oceana
is riddled with weeds
The trees and the lawns
in desperate need.

Let me suggest a
simple, effective plan
To once again revive
all of our land.

How about mapping out
all of our homes
What is planted where and
when last they were combed

Keeping track of what is needed
and what has been done
Should make for a methodical
weekly run.

**Pam Spangler
Unit 8**

Hours for the Art Studio

The Art Room will be open 10am-Noon only on the days there is a class. If you are interested in working on an art project on a Wednesday when there is no class being held, please reach out to Caryn to make an appointment:

carynnicole30@yahoo.com
or call/text 760-518-6982

Caryn Leventhal

Coming in April

Seniors Resource Fair


Plan to attend the inaugural Seniors Resource Fair, presented by the Community Resource Center, on Wednesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse auditorium. We'll have a wide range of free and low-cost senior service providers on site to help you access their benefits and learn about hot topics such as keeping your driver's license for as long as possible, protecting yourself from scams and abuse, etc.

Watch for more information on the Seniors Resource Fair in upcoming issues of Hilltop Highlights.

Sydnie Wauson



Gordon Bishop, until recently a resident of Unit 12, passed away in December 2024 while visiting his daughter in Walnut Creek.



In January 2022, Gordon became concerned for the Oceana residents who experience financial distress. His dream was to create a foundation which could provide assistance. Through his professional experience and determination, the Oceana Good Neighbor Fund was created and approved by the IRS for non-profit status. OGNF's mission includes providing emergency funds for residents. In addition, OGNF can act as a fiscal sponsor for grant-funded projects that may enhance the Oceana lifestyle.

If you need assistance, or would like to donate to OGNF in Gordon's memory, go to OGNF.org.

Coming in March

The Oceana Garden Club



Sidewalk Plant Sale



Come early for the best selection

All plants are *Half Off*

Join us for our exciting **Sidewalk Plant Sale!** Refresh your patio - pick up some beautiful plants for your home and garden.

When: Saturday, March 15
9am - Noon

Where: Oceana's Garden of course!

So, come on down, pick up some beautiful plants and support the Oceana Garden Club!



How's Your Pickleball?

Skill Improvement Drills by Appointment

Currently available for only the next 30 days, Denny Hanrahan will lead Pickleball drills on the outdoor court, by appointment, from 1 to 2 pm on Wednesdays. To make an appointment, call 760.525.0643. Leave a message.

Steve Reigle

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.

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it's yours. If it doesn't, it never was.

And if it just sits there on the sofa, watching TV, unaware that it's been

set free, you probably married it or gave birth to it!



Group & Club Reports

Oceana Garden Club

Greetings!

It makes us happy to see so many Oceana residents visiting the garden area, strolling around the common areas and enjoying the serenity and beauty of it all.

Our Garden Club members & volunteers work very hard keeping the common area of the garden clean & neat for all to enjoy. Thus, we ask please, if you have lunch at the garden; clean up, if your dog poops; clean it up, if there is coyote poop; please clean it up. (Haha, just kidding.) We want to keep the garden a happy place for plants, people and yes the coyotes, after all, they had it first.

Just a gentle reminder, we understand that the fruit hanging from the trees are practically begging to be picked. We know they are tempting, so if you absolutely have to pick, please just take one.

Also, we noticed some of you love us so much; you leave gifts such as plants, pots or anything else you think a garden club may need. But after all we are a garden club, so we probably have it or don't need it. Sometimes we go down to the garden and it looks like a 'yard sale'. So please call Diane or Lisa and we will let you know if we are in need of your items.

Now, on another leaf, please don't take anything out of the garden areas; plants, pots, dirt or anything else that you did not come in with. Again, if you need anything, please call Diane or Lisa.

Last but not least, if you need a new leafy family member, come down to our nursery. We have plants waiting to be adopted. If you feel you would like to give us a small donation for taking care of your new family member, we will not say no. And once again, please call ahead. Thank you and remember the plants are watching!

May 2025 bring good health and happiness to all of you.

See you at the garden!

Lisa Olivero- 917-589-2003
Diane Huntley- 323-691-7121
 Co-chairs of the Garden Club



Oceana Good Neighbor Fund

OGNF Continues to Assist Oceana Residents

The Oceana Good Neighbor Fund will continue to offer \$100 Emergency Grants to Oceana residents following a successful 6-month pilot program. Launched last August, the OGNF grant program awarded nine cash grants through 2024. All of the applicants said the application process is quick and easy.

Check Us Out!

The next OGNF General Meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12 in the HOA office conference room. All interested Oceana residents are welcome to attend! See how OGNF works and how you can volunteer to help.

Also look for the OGNF table at the inaugural Seniors Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse auditorium.

Applicants

You automatically qualify for a \$100 emergency grant 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 Community Resource Center (in the Clubhouse lobby).

Donors

We have received several generous donations from Oceana residents and are exploring how to keep the Fund strong through these and outside funding sources. You can help! Check out the Donate or Volunteer page at OGNF.org.

Sad News

As noted in Notices & Reminders, Gordon Bishop (the founder of OGNF) passed away in December 2024. We continue to honor Gordon's memory, and the work of Karen Bishop, in

establishing OGNF and ensuring that its mission continues on after they left Oceana.

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).

Community Resource Center

Seniors Resource Fair Coming in April

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Watch for more information on the Seniors Resource Fair in upcoming issues of Hilltop Highlights.

Let the CRC Help You

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is dedicated to connecting Oceana residents to free and low-cost programs available in the North County.

Remember, we can help you take advantage of FREE and low-cost:

- Food distribution
- Energy cost assistance programs
- Pet food and medical care
- Veteran's assistance programs
- Movies, concerts, and other entertainment
- Transportation to events, grocery stores, medical appointments, etc.
- And much more!

Information on all these programs is available from the CRC office in the Clubhouse lobby or online at OceanaSeniors.org - click on Helpful Links / Community Resource Center.

Stop by the CRC office or website to see how we can help you, starting today!

Sydney Wauson
sawauson@gmail.com

Veterans' Corner

It's been a few hours since the news broke about the death of President Jimmy Carter. My first thought was this world lost an American icon. He was the 39th President of the United States. That was his second career. Prior to serving as the 39th Commander in Chief, President Carter was a Naval Submarine

Officer. He began his legacy by serving in the military. President Carter took the oath and signed a blank check to the American people. The people thanked him with the honor of electing him to run the most powerful office in our nation. In his post presidency, President Carter was admired for his humanitarian work. "My faith is that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference". That he did. Then I questioned, will President Carter have a traditional dignitary funeral service? Will the service include the 21-Armed Salute? Will President Carter be laid to rest at Arlington National Ceremony? He served in the Navy. He is eligible for burial in a national cemetery. That got me to thinking, I wonder how many veterans know they are eligible for burial in a national cemetery? This burial benefit extends to the veterans' spouse and dependents. In addition, this benefit, extends to service-members who died while on active duty. For more information on the burial benefit please visit The Department of Veterans Affairs: VA Burial Benefits and Memorial Items Page. It provides information on:

- Eligibility: See if you qualify for burial in a national cemetery & other burial honors
- Pre-need Burial Eligibility Determination: Apply for a pre-need eligibility decision letter. This can help you pre-plan for burial in a national cemetery.
- Veterans Burial Allowance: Learn how to apply for burial allowance to help pay for a Veteran's funeral services, burial, and transportation costs.
- Benefits for Burial or Memorialization: Learn how to apply for a headstone, marker, medallion, Presidential Memorial Certificate, Plaque, or Urn to honor a Veteran's service.
- Benefits for Spouse & Dependents: Learn about obtaining VA Disability Benefits for surviving spouse or a dependent child or parent.
- Bereavement Counseling: Grief counseling & transition support after the loss

For more information, please go to The VA Burial Benefits and Memorial Items Page: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/> or you may email Evelyn Thomas, Veterans Affairs Representative, for The CRC at:

ocacrc@gmail.com.

Corporal Evelyn Thomas

Activities Recap

December 2024

In December 2024, the Activities committee scheduled fewer events since this is such a busy time of year. But we did have a few fun events, including our regular Coffee Hour. Check them out below!

Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa Auditorium Decorating

In early December, the Activities Committee and some of our neighbors took down the fall



decorations in the auditorium complex and added new Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa decorations. It was a festive time! Christmas



music played over the sound system and mulled cider and eggnog were served. Plus, there were cookies and peppermint bark to eat when finished. We hope you had a chance to see the transformation.



Winter Solstice Drum Circle

This was the first year in Oceana that we've had a drum circle for the Winter Solstice. December 21st is such a busy—and cold! - time of year, some drummers find it discouraging. But at the Fall Equinox drumming, our participants wanted this one in December.



As you may already know, the Winter Solstice has the shortest day and the longest night during the year. It is a time for inner contemplation and planning for the upcoming year. Ancient societies have always celebrated and honored the various times of the solar year.

Charlie Wendt led around 25 local Oceana drummers in several drum sessions out by a "fire tower" at the pool complex.



We sang for the sun to "Come Back, Back" again (after our short-

est day). We also had a session that worked their way around the solar year (starting soft and slow... building louder and fast... and then back down again). Watch for our next drumming for the Spring Equinox in March. All are welcome... and it's free. Don't worry if you do not have a drum or noise making instrument, Charlie and Donna have many choices for folks to play.



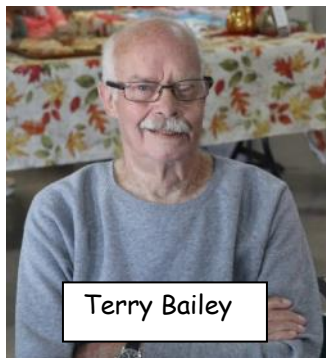
December Coffee Hour



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 (donuts and rolls) of choice (only \$1 each). It's a Two-Buck Bargain! 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 begin their acts and the fun starts. Please join us on Thursdays if you can. The following are the great events and entertainers we had in December.

Bingo

The first Thursdays of each month we typically play Bingo. Just prior to Bingo in December, we had a short recognition for Terry Bailey. He died recently and was a long-time Coffee Hour attendee. His wife Linda and Daughter Teri Snow were there for a short sharing time.



Terry Bailey

Ellen Marciel led the bingo games which included her famous "What the H" game. Terry's daughter Teri and Chuck Kruse were the two big "Blackout" Bingo winners (see below).



Toe Tappers Xmas Program

Our Coffee Hour entertainment was provided by the "Senior" dance troupe called the "Toe Tappers". They have been around for many years to entertain us at Oceana. They put on a great program with Christmas music and dancing. They had their bright holiday costumes as they danced on our stage. They featured some duets as well as a fun "Grinch" number. They always end with a large ensemble number. All in attendance agreed these ladies put on a great show!



Music Men Christmas Concert



The North County Barbershop Chorus, also known as the Music Men,

put on their Christmas show for Coffee Hour in December. Oceana residents Charlie Wendt and Geoffrey Allinson are both part of this group. Their program consisted of group and quartet Christmas songs (including "Silver Bells," "My Two Front Teeth," "Do You Hear What I Hear," and some sing-along songs - "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night"). There was an appearance of Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer too! It was a fun concert!



Activities Recap

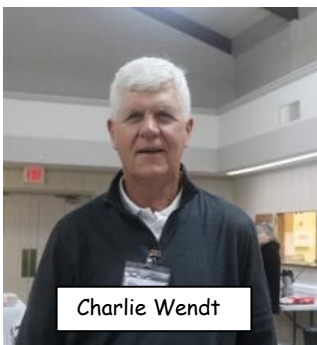
2024 Summary

2024 Coffee Hour & Events

For years, Thursday Morning Coffee Hour has been the bedrock of regular Oceana Activities events. We've had them every Thursday morning for as long as anyone can remember. It is a time when folks could get together regularly for a nice breakfast, catch up on what was going on with their friends and find out what other activities were going on at the association. The following is a summary of some of the entertainers we had in 2024 for Coffee Hour and our other monthly activities this past year.

Regular Coffee Hour MCs '24

We have Regular MCs who welcome attendees, provide announcements, tell a story or joke and introduce the entertainment. Those duties were primarily split between the following individuals:



Charlie Wendt



Don Jones



Ellen Marciel



Chuck Kruse

2024 Events to Remember

Mimosa Monday - January 1st - Happy New Year gathering for bagels, croissants, and fruit. Watching the Tournament of Roses Parade on the big screen.

Dr. Ken's Hypnosis Show - Packed audience to have professional hypnotist Dr. Ken entertain and hypnotize residents.

Bingo - Bingo - Bingo - Most 1st Thursdays of the month we played Bingo at our morning Coffee Hour. Ellen Marciel was our "caller" for the games. We played regular Bingo as well as some alternative games (e.g. Shakespeare Bingo - "To be or not to Be", What the "H", Small square and others). Winners received gift certificates with the final game of "Black Out" Bingo getting a certificate to Share and Wear. Great fun!

Paint and Sip - Instructors from Pinot's Palette helped us create a new masterpiece painting: "Starry Night Sunflower". Plus, we had plenty of wine, cheese and crackers that seemed to make our painting creations fabulous!

OCA at the Movies - We provided 2 first rate - free movies a month on the auditorium big screen. Refreshments were also served for the moviegoers (special ones each month). This entertainment was provided most of the year (until we had some technical problems).

White Elephant Gift Exchange - Back by popular demand in January. Fun morning of gift exchanges.

Celeste - Blues and Jazz singer - Contra alto with an amazing voice. She was a regular entertainer for our Coffee Hour.

Super Bowl Party/Potluck - Great food and Football game - watching KC Chiefs beat SF 49ers in overtime. Football pool was also fun.

Wine and Chocolate Pairing - Enjoyed exquisite handmade chocolates that were paired with wine and beer for a very fun evening.

5th Thursday - Afternoon Treats - When we had a 5th Thursday, we did not have Coffee Hour in the morning. We instead had an "Afternoon Treat" which was not a meal... but some very good food from our caterer Eddie Chiu. Kevin O'Brien was one of our entertainers with his guitar and vocals. Bell Pepperz and Clay Colton were among others who also entertained at an Afternoon Treat.

Jimmy & Enrique - Outstanding Guitarist & Drummer/Singer who have been favorites at



Celeste

Oceana (and the San Diego community) for years. They were back several times for Coffee Hour and some of our other afternoon/evening events.



Jimmy & Enrique

Surprise Flash Mob - Coffee Hour had a visit from the exercise group headed by Deborah Schwab "The Groove". Showing off some fun dance moves.

Glenn Kramer - Excellent pianist who has a unique program of "Name that Tune". He can play almost any request. A crowd favorite, he was back on several occasions for Coffee Hour entertainment.



Glenn Kramer

Bell Pepperz - Ron Bell and his friend Jay Anderson - Singing, keyboard, saxophone, harmonica playing duo. A wide assortment of familiar music for both Coffee Hour and an afternoon Treat.



Bell Pepperz

OCA Candidate Forum in February - Board of Director candidates answered questions.

Liz Conejo & Francis Daniels Duo - Local residents Liz on the flute and Francis on the guitar played many familiar songs to sing along with.

Spaghetti Supper - Gail Olenick provided an outstanding spaghetti supper with her homemade pasta sauce.

Comedy Magic Show - We were very pleased to have professional entertainer Ari Paul provide us with his Comedy Magic Show. He performed many tricks that had us scratching our heads trying to figure out how he did them. He was very entertaining and used comedy throughout his show.



Ari Paul - Magician

Spring/Fall Equinox - and Summer/Winter Solstice Drum Circles - Charlie Wendt led four sessions through the year around the major solar events. Fun... while also learning about the solar year events.

Kainga Music Steel Drums Show - Poolside Summer Concert #1. Steel drum show with food and refreshments. Also had some residents learning to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

Shoreline Pickers Bluegrass - Poolside Summer Concert #2. Laidback Bluegrass Music on a Friday night.

Hot Pursuit - Poolside Summer Concert #3 and #4. Duo of Delene St. Claire and Barry Cahill put on outstanding concerts which had an Oceana crowd dancing and singing along with them. They are an excellent group, and we had them back again for a second concert on a Wednesday night that had many Beatles, Beach Boys and Jimmy Buffett songs to sing along with them.

Memorial Day Concert - Kings of La Jolla - Great BBQ Ribs and Chicken, refreshments and music on a wonderful afternoon with a great musical group of 5 musicians.

Cinco de Mayo Evening - Tacos and margaritas flowing this evening. DJ Mor Sol had residents up and dancing at night's end.

Robert Parker - Elegant and Classy Pianist extraordinaire - Plays the piano like no other and can connect with everyone in the audience.



Robert Parker

Share & Wear Fashion Show - This show had local residents model different outfits and fashion wear available at our own Share and Wear.

U-Turns (previously known as Radiance) - Local band bringing the 60's and 70's music back to life.

Psychic and Spiritual Medium - Maria Todd - Maria Todd and her sister-in-law provided information and messages for various attendees. A very different event for Oceana. We found out that "Betty" was not a nice person in life or in death!

Pride by the Pool - The Activities Committee was happy to support the 2nd annual LGBTQ event at Oceana.

Garden Club Gala - We also provided support for a fun fund-raising event for the Garden Club. Great atmosphere, entertainment and food!

4th of July Celebration and BBQ - Great music from Cool Rush band, great food, fun dancing and enjoying a wonderful afternoon to celebrate Independence Day.

2024 Activities Recap Continue on next page

2024 Activities Recap Continued from prior page

Take Me Out to the Ballgame - Homerun Derby and Pitching competition - Ball Park hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jacks plus refreshments just prior to the competition of hitting home runs (with pickle ball) and pitching contest. Residents were encouraged to wear their favorite team "gear/uniform". Fun!!

John Scott and Brian Otto - provided entertainment on guitar and vocals on many original songs. Nice laid-back music.

Ice Cream Social - August afternoon for free ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and loads of fun. Anton the juggler provided entertainment (e.g. juggling and chair balancing).

Poolside Luau - After missing a few years we hosted a Luau for our residents. Pulled Port and shredded jerk sliders, grilled pineapple and special drinks were provided. Lea Love provided Hawaiian music.

Labor Day Party - Cool Rush again performed for over 140 people poolside. The food was excellent and fun dancing on a great September afternoon.

Oktoberfest - Large crowd for an evening of food (brats prepared by Oceana grill master resident Jim Romans and German Potato salad, and German Chocolate cake) with music from Adrienne Nims with her German Band helpers providing music for listening and dancing.

Halloween Party - We think this is one of Oceana's premier events.

Background music was from DJ Pamela Glynn. Following pizza and salad we had our parade of costumes. A plethora of great costumes. Gift certificates to 5 groups of the best costumes ranging from



Susie Lotzof

Bee-tlejuice, Lifeguard, Scary Dog, Operation Gone Wrong and the 20's Generation. Albert Einstein was also seen wandering around during the evening.

Susie Lotzof - "Lotz" of heart, vocalist, songwriter, and performer. Back again from 2023.



Anton

Hospice of North Coast - At Coffee Hour we had an Information session on utilizing Hospice care and options.

Senior Scams by Bobby Chandran - Another Coffee Hour Information session on the many scams that are targeted at Seniors.

Thanksgiving Dinner - We have continued the annual traditional Thanksgiving meal for Oceana residents.

Share & Wear Christmas Sale - We annually have a 2-day Christmas sale in November.

Holiday Decorating - We decorate the Auditorium complex for Fall, Halloween, and December Holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, & Kwanzaa).

Clay Colton and Gary Piro - They always put on a great show playing folk and country classics. They have entertained us for over 10 years.



Clay Colton & Gary Piro

We are very lucky to have them.

Adrienne Nims - Probably the finest flautist in southern California. - Energetic and inspiring music from a number of wind instruments.

Music Men Chorus - Barbershop harmony and fun singing as a chorus and quartets. They performed their Christmas show in December.

Toe Tappers - A "Senior" toe tapping/dance ensemble. With music, costumes, a lot of energy and fun from women ranging from 65 to 85 years of age.



Toe Tappers

We will have some of these same entertainers coming back to us in 2025. Plus, we are always looking for new entertainment that is available (and in our price range). Let us know of people/groups we should consider.

