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ELLEN VIRGINIA CLARK REVELLE 1910-2009

Philanthropist, 'first lady' of UCSD, descendant of the prominent Scripps family and wife of the legendary scientist and educator Roger Revelle, supporter of arts and education, known for her grace, wit and sense of humor with optimism and enthusiasm for life.

....And for us, the Oceanids, Ellen was all that, certainly, but also one of the early editors of our newsletter, Bear Facts. She was our President (together with Beth Spooner) and was honored as "Oceanid of the Year". She regularly attended our functions, did not miss a membership luncheon and helped out every month with the folding and mailing of the newsletter. She was generous with her home, where many a newcomers' party was held and Oceanids "Gracious Aging" met regularly. For us she was one of us--- and we will miss her.







OCEANIDS NEWS

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BOARD MEETINGS: *first Thursday every month*

Oceanids Pavilion, International Center Coffee and refreshments: 9:15 am, meeting starts at 9:45 am

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Irene Larrimore, a translator for international law and diplomacy, was working in a research center for the European Atomic Energy Commission in a small village on Lago Maggiore in Italy before moving in 1969 with her husband and 2 small children to Del Mar. They left again in 1976 to join the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, returning in 1978, when Irene joined the Friends of the international Center at UCSD. The Larrimores went back to Vienna from 1985 to 1999. During this time Irene was very involved with the United Nations Women's Guild, serving as its president for 2 years. Upon her return in 99, Irene joined the Oceanids.

I had a few questions for her:

Why did you join Oceanids? *To meet interesting people* Did you know other Oceanids before? *Only the ones from the International Center and those who belonged to the LJ Playreaders.*

How do you feel your role as president of the Women's Guild in Vienna will help you with this job?

That organization is much larger and focuses on friendship and charity - to help needy children in developing countries. I had to get along with women from many different countries, with many different interests, talents, aims, different cultures etc., and that should help me to lead the board of Oceanids.

What are you going to focus on during your presidency? *To foster friendship among the members of Oceanids and to broaden the use of the many talents of our members.*

What is your view on the traditions Oceanids hold dear like the spring and fall luncheons, the scholar- and fellowships, the interest groups?

Traditions are very important. I would continue what has been done until now. However, new projects could always be added, for instance special discussion groups and fundraisers for certain selected projects like the UCSD student -run free clinic.

Will you be a strict boss?

I would try to be a clever boss.

Are you good at delegating?

Very good.

Are you a diplomat like your husband? *Give me some time and you will see.*

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Oceanids has an e-mail mailing list! The purpose of the listserv or email distribution list is to allow our President, Board members, Interest Group chairs or anyone else with an important announcement to contact our membership.

Also. the Oceanids news will be sent electronically as a PDF-file which you can read online or print out.

If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or are a new subscriber, please email the listserv administrator, Judy Vacquier, at jvacq@sbcglobal.net

Also, anyone who would like to make corrections to the directory and/or to our database (from which we obtain the addresses for 'Oceanids news' mailings,) please e-mail Judy.

CHECK OUT OUR GREAT NEW WEBSITE AT:

http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/oceanids/

Your Oceanids Dollars at Work

We are very lucky to benefit from the foresight of Oceanids leaders and members who in years past created endowed funds to provide for the future financial support of students on the UC San Diego campus. Oceanids has six funds that are managed by the UC San Diego Foundation. The oldest fund was established in 1993 and the most recent just last year. Every year we award fellowships to graduate students, service awards to undergraduates, and we also respond to specific requests. This coming year 2009/2010 we will award three Graduate Fellowships for \$4,500 each, one for \$2,500, and six Undergraduate Service Awards. Each of our Graduate Fellowships comes from endowed funds with specific requirements. One was created as a tribute to Frieda Daum Urey who, along with her husband, Nobel Laureate Harold Urey, played a prominent role in the development of the San Diego campus community. This one Fund was later split into two Funds, and both Urey funds award fellowships to students who have had a significant hiatus in their studies and subsequently enroll in graduate or professional studies. Oceanids has another fund that was created to honor Bertha Lebus, and recipients are required to have had a break from university and have a long range goal of becoming a teacher. This is awarded every other year. The Oceanids Memorial Fund Fellowship is a very active fund and is awarded to a graduate student who has exhibited academic excellence, and financial need at the general campus of UC San Diego or Scripps Institution of Oceanography. This Fund continues to grow as Oceanids make gifts to it in memory of friends and loved ones. Finally we also award one undergraduate service award to a student from each one of the colleges on campus, every year. In addition, there are other ways that Oceanids are able to contribute financially to the UCSD community. For example we were recently able to support the UCSD Graduate Career Service Center's Inaugural Ph.D Career Conference.

In these hard economic times students need financial support more than ever. We are glad we can continue our tradition of student support and hope to increase our giving as years go by. Donations can be made to Graduate Fellowships or Undergraduate Student Awards by checks made out to the UC San Diego Foundation and mailed to U. C. S. D., Oceanids/ International Center, 9500 Gilman Drive # 0049, La Jolla, CA 92093-0049. Thank you for these recent gifts to Oceanids UC San Diego Foundation Funds:

Gifts to Oceanids General Projects Joany Mosher Enid Hinds Elizabeth Winant

> Liz Winant Financial Secretary

Gifts to Oceanids Memorial Fund

Carol Schultz, Colin and Maxine Bloor Christine Wray (In memory of Marilyn Howe) Richard and Glenda Rosenblatt (In memory of Ralph Lewin) Ellen Revelle, Barbara Starkey (In memory of Marilyn Howe)

| Many Oceanids have very warm personal memories of Ellen Revelle. I would like to encourage you to write a short or long note about her for our October newsletter. Please mail not later than September 10. | • UCSD = • Under Construction • Some Disruption | The recipients of the Oceanids Undergraduate Service and Leadership Awards for 2008-2009 are : Revelle College Marissa "Marlee" Caballes John Muir College Abbas Hussain Thurgood Marshall College |
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| | Oceanids member Marge | • Benjamin Duff |
| | Bradner lauded Mrs. Revelle's | • |
| | commitment to the university. | • |
| | "Chancellors may come and | Eleanor Roosevelt College |
| | go, but the continuing first | Brent Costa |
| | lady of the campus is Ellen | Sixth College |
| | Revelle," she said. | Mona Vakilifathi |

SOUNDING BOARD

EVERY 1ST THURSDAY AT 12 NOON.....

Oceanids and friends of the university meet at the Faculty Club, convene in a specially designated room to eat lunch and listen to fascinating speakers. You can be sure of a lively discussion!

NEXT SOUNDING BOARD : OCTOBER 1, 2009

UCSD Oceanids Newcomers Committee and The Friends of the International Center invite you to the 4th of July Picnic at The UCSD International Center 5 p.m.

Menu: Hotdogs with buns and condiments, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Brownies, Watermelon, Wine and Lemonade.

COST: \$6/adult and \$3/child 2-10 years. Infants Free! You MUST make reservations by June 30th Parking is FREE on the UCSD campus on July 4th (Saturday)

Bring warm clothing if you wish to watch fireworks at the beach after the picnic

Bring flashlights if you wish to walk to the Cove to watch. We will provide information and maps on watching fireworks including where to park and where to go.

For more information, call Ginny at 858-847-0172 or email Georgina at gbsham@gmail.com Please fill out the reservation coupon below, enclose with your check made payable to "Friends of the International Center" and send to: UCSD Friends of the International Center, Attention: Madeleine Rast,

9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla CA 92093-0018. Your nametag–reservations will be held at the door.

| First & Last Name(s) | | | |
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| Name(s) and age(s) o | f children | | |
| Telephone | No. adults (@\$6) | No. children 2-10 (@\$3) | Total enclosed |

A Traditional All-American 4th of July!

In small towns all across America, the morning of July 4th is spent sitting on the curb of MainStreet watching a parade, followed at dinner time by a barbecue with hot dogs and watermelon, after which they'll go watch fireworks. If you would like to experience an old fashioned 4th of July, visit Coronado which will have a typical parade at 10 a.m. (you must go earlier to find parking) that runs along Orange Avenue and ends at the Hotel del Coronado. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the public park on Orange Avenue. Then join us at the International Center for dinner, and watch the fireworks at the Cove or the La Jolla Shores Beach. The Cove is in downtown La Jolla, where there will be a band concert before the fireworks, but parking is impossible unless you arrive hours before. If you come to our picnic, we will have reserved parking spots for you near the beach and we'll go together to the beach or the Cove to watch the fireworks!

JULY 4TH SPECIAL EVENTS

For more information about local July 4th celebrations, please see http://www.nbcsandiego.com/whatshot/13615892/detail.html

Coronado Fourth of July Celebration & Parade: Parade: 10am, Orange Avenue. Concert: 4:30pm, Spreckels Park. Fireworks: 9pm; Glorietta Bay, Coronado. Info: 619-328-2461or www.ecoronado.com Family Fourth of July on the USS Midway. Watch the Big Bay Fireworks display and as many as seven other community fireworks shows across San Diego from the deck of the USS Midway. Lawn chairs, blankets and small coolers with snacks and non-alcoholic beverages allowed. Admission: adults, \$12, children (6-17), \$7. Flight deck open at 6pm. Information: 619-544-9600 or www.midway.org Big Bay July Fourth Fireworks. Fireworks: 9pm; four barges off Harbor Island, Shelter Island, the Embarcadero, and Seaport Village/Coronado Landing. Information: 877-2-BIGBAY or www.thebigbay.com SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS June 22 - Aug 31: La Jolla Concerts by the Sea: Free outdoor concerts every Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove. Info: http://www.ljconcertsbythesea.org/ For More Events, such as County Fair, Summerfest La Jolla, Summer Pops, Street Scene, Twilight in the Park,

etc. Go to: http://www.signonsandiego.com/feature/51/

UC San Diego Oceanids Opportunity Drawing

Board member Mary Woo has generously donated "Serene Bamboo", an 80" x 80" cotton quilt in cotton ba-

tik fabrics created by Mary Woo for the benefit of the **Oceanids General** Projects Fund. We hope to raise enough money to cover the cost of a new computer. Our present computer needs to be replaced very soon. The drawing will be held at the Oceanids Holiday Party, December 5, 2009. Tickets are \$5.00 each or six for \$25.00. This is not tax-deductible. For tickets or more information, contact Barbara Bank, barbara @sdna1.ucsd.edu or Mary Woo, mwoonew@gmail.com.



| OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO | O ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD |
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| Print your name as you would like it to app | ear in the OCEANIDS DIRECTORY. Check here if you don't want to be listed: |
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| All gifts, memorials and dues are ta Please write the purpose on the "Me | AINING: \$250 & LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$500 Adductible when made payable to "UC San Diego Foundation". emo" line. |
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| We welcome the following new members to Oceanids: Barbara Perry, bperry@ucsd.edu Josephine Randel, jrandel@ucsd.edu Dorothy Bearman, dotbearman@pacbell.net Fred Raab, fraab@ucsd.edu Barbara Farrell, cruisehq@sbcglobal.net Beka Douglas, bekadouglas@yahoo.com Elaine Parent, eparent@ucsd.edu The 2009 Oceanids Directory is in the final stages and hopefully will be in everyone's hands by the time they read this. If you haven't received it yet, it will be mailed to you very soon. Questions? Contact Judy Vacquier, jvacq@sbcglobal.net or Mary Cutchin, marycutchin@yahoo.com. | UCSD Oceanids Newcomers Committee invite All UCSD Newcomers and their families to a Memorial Day Potluck Picnic Lunch at the home of Professor Walter Munk 9530 La Jolla Shores Drive La Jolla Monday, May 25, 2009 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be entertained by dancers on the stage while we sit in the lovely amphitheatre in the garden! Please bring a main dish from your native country or from your ethnic background to share with us. It should be a large dish that is easily divided so that all of us can sample it. The Newcomers Committee will provide drinks and some salads, plates, knives, forks, spoons, and napkins. We will picnic in the large garden, so bring a blanket to sit on. You will want to stroll the winding paths of the hillside location overlooking the ocean. Bring hats, sun lotion, jackets if the weather is overcast, and wear comfortable shoes. QUESTIONS? CALL: Call Ginny at 858-847-0172 or e-mail Georgina at gbsham@gmail.com |
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HOW TO PROTECT YOUR ADDRESS BOOK!

I learned a computer trick today that's really ingenious in its simplicity. As you may know, when/if a worm virus gets into your computer it heads straight for your email address book, and sends itself to everyone in there, thus infecting all your friends and associates. This trick won't keep the virus from getting into your computer, but it will stop it from using your address book to spread further, and it will alert you to the fact that the worm has gotten into your system.

Here's what you do:

First, open your address book and click on 'new contact,' just as you would do if you were adding a new friend to your list of email addresses.

In the window where you would type your friend's first name, type in 'A'.

For the screen name or email address, type 'AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA'.

Now, here's what you've done and why it works:

The 'name' 'A' will be placed at the top of your address book as entry#1.

This will be where the worm will start in an effort to send itself to all your friends.

But, when it tries to send itself to AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA, it will be undeliverable because of the phony email address you entered. If the first attempt fails (which it will because of the phony address), the worm goes no further and your friends will not be infected.

Here's the second great advantage of this method:

If an email cannot be delivered, you will be notified of this in your In Box almost immediately. Hence, if you ever get an email telling you that an email addressed to AAAAAA@AAA.AAAAcould not be delivered, you know right away that you have the worm virus in your system. You can then take steps to get rid of it! Pretty slick huh?

If everybody you know does this then you need not ever worry about opening mail from friends. Pass this on to all your friends!!! SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE ANGELUCCI

OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of UCSD families, especially those new to the UCSD campus and the community. If you don't find an activity you would like to participate in, please contact Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834, Interest Group Coordinator. If five or more Oceanids wish to start a new group, please let her know so we can inform other members. All we ask is that your members be Oceanids. If you are not yet a member of Oceanids, please consider joining us by calling Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or by submitting the application form in this issue.

Since the newsletter is posted on the Oceanids website we will, for security reasons, not publish addresses. Please call the contact for the necessary information.

All ABOARD

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu Next meeting: Contact chair

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Sidney Bagley (858) 455-1477, Lou Bowles (858) 755-7102, or Joany Mosher (858) 454-0017

Our birding group meets promptly at 8am the second Monday of each month **during the academic year**. The La Jolla group will meet at the corner of Dunaway Dr. and Glenwick Pl. in La Jolla. The North County birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles, in Del Mar. We will carpool from these locations to sites around the county. Members will be called. **Next outing: June 8.**

BOOK GROUP

Contact : Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 or Janet Goff (760) 753-3472

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM for chatting; 10:00 AM for discussion. All readers are welcome; please join us.

(Title and Author/Host/Discussion Leader)

June 9: "The Man Who Loved Only Numbers" by Paul Hoffman/ Barbara Nemiroff, 858 453 7714/Janet Goff

July 14: "The Gathering" by Anne Enright/Odette Filloux, 858 453 0749/Tobe Barban Rothaus

August 11: "Murder in Amsterdam" by Ian Buruma/Ruth Stern, 858 453 2793/TBA

September 8: Annual Planning Session/TBA

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

This conversation group is designed for fluent Spanish speakers who wish to keep up their Spanish and learn new vocabulary. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. La próxima reunión de Café Español será el miercoles, 3 de junio, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Marjorie Jackson. Favor de contestar a Marjorie, 858-455-0026, mljinlj@aol.com. No reunimos en julio o agosto. La reunión en septiembre será el 2 de septiembre, 1:30-3:30 en la casa de Judy Vacquier. Favor de contestar a Judy, 858-459-7834, jvacq@sbcglobal.net, si puede venir.

Next meeting: June 3.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contacts: Lucie Walther (858) 755-8060 ou Patricia Stone (858) 454-5949

Le prochain cafe francais aura lieu le 10 juin chez Penny Barron, 721 Nob Ave. Del Mar, a 13:00 heures, tel. (858)259-8721. Veuillez avertir notre hotesse si vous avez l'intention de venir. Ce sera notre derniere rencontre avant les vacances d'ete. Nous vous donnons rendez-vous pour la premiere rencontre de la saison 2009-2010 pour le 14 octobre chez Trudy Synodis; les details seront dans le Oceanids news de octubre. Bon ete a toutes! **Next meeting: June 10.**

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375

The group meets at a designated home on the **second Sunday** of each month (all year long) at 7:00pm for socializing; movie discussion starts at 7:30pm sharp. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Roswitha. Next meetings: June, July, August, September etc.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (610) 401-1557 or *jrblmenzel@sbcglobal.net* We meet the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month all year long at various members' homes. We start at 10am and usually end at 3pm. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess will provide drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: June, July, August, September etc.

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:30pm on the **fourth Saturday** of the month all year long at one of our members' homes. If you wish to play on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please contact Barbara Bank.

Next meetings: June, July, August, September etc.

GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (renright@ucsd.edu) This group is for beginners and experienced German speakers alike. Guaranteed no pressure. Just come on the **3rd Tuesday at 4 pm** and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please call Roswitha.

Next meetings: June, July, August, September etc.

GOURMET GROUP

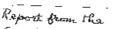
Contact: Susan Starr 858 455 1630 or susanstarr1@ucsd.edu The next Gourmet Group meeting will be Saturday evening, Feb-

The next Gourmet Group meeting will be Saturday evening, February 21 at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Mira Vendler. The theme will be the food of Portugal. If you'd like to join us, call Susan, or email: susanstarr1@gmail.com

Next meetings: Please call contact.

GRACIOUS AGING

(858) 459-5246 *Contact: Elibet Marshall* This group has an age requirement. You must have lived 80 years to participate! We meet on the first Monday of the month from 11am- 2pm at the home of a member own apple (lunch). Pure spring water is provided. Call Elibet for details.



SOUNDING BOARD Contact: Keitha A. Libman ; klibman@ucsd.edu Gracious Aging group Next meeting: Call contact.

NO MEETING DURING THE SUMMER

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334 orbshor@sio.ucsd.edu We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange. Next meeting: contact Betty Shor

WALKING GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net This interest group encourages fitness and friendship by walking with other Oceanids in your neighborhood. You decide the time and route. Contact Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858 459 7834 for a list of walkers in your neighborhood. Areas: North La Jolla/UCSD, Mt Soledad/South La Jolla, Del Mar, University City, Pacific Beach, North County, Poway, Mission Hills, and El Cajon.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Renate Berthold (858) 720-9276 or

Georgina Sham (858) 459-1336

Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students, and their children for refreshments at the International Center every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon during the academic year. You'll make friends and learn strange and wonderful American customs.

Visit the Kitchen Exchange where newcomers can rent kitchen, household, and baby equipment for a small fee.

WINE TASTING I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts. However, this group is currently at capacity. For questions, contact Pat Kampmann. Next meetings: call contact

WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com We meet monthly. Members rotate as hosts. The cost for wine and food is shared among the people attending (approximately \$8.00 per person).

Next meeting: call contact.

WITS I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856

This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed to analyze stocks before they are bought. A regular monthly investment is required along with a "buy-in." At present, there are a few places open. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the 4th Tuesday of the month all year long from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Next meetings: June, July, August, September etc.

WITS II

Contact: Bev Douglas (858) 453-4938 and Carol Steinitz (858) 755-7612

WITS II meets to study companies using the NAIC stock investment guides in order to increase our financial understanding and Please call Beverly Douglas for information on the place and date of meeting.

Growing old is mandatory: to discuss a variety of subjects. Bring your Next meeting: Call contact.

prowing up is optional.

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375, renright@ucsd.edu We meet at 8:30am on the second Saturday of each month (October to May or June) at the La Jolla Village Shopping Center parking lot and carpool to the starting point of the hike. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, sturdy shoes and sun protection! Friends and family are invited. Call the week before the hike if you would like to come. Next hike: October 10.

MOVEABLE FEAST I

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858; lizfongwills@yahoo.com This dining-out group is currently at capacity but we are taking a wait list.

Next meeting: contact Liz Fong Wills

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: Shirley Babior (619) 542-0536 or Babior@earthlink.net or Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 or marycutchin@yahoo.com This group meets (usually) on the third Sunday of each month for drinks at a member's house. From there we carpool to the restaurant. Contact Shirley Babior or Mary Cutchin for information and reservations.

Next meeting: Call contact.

MUSEUM GROUP alternating with GARDENING CLUB

Contact: Barbara Starkey (858) 453-0779; bstarkey@ucsd.edu for Museum and

Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283 or mlhyde@san.rr.com for Garden Club

Next meetings: Call contacts.

PHOTO DIGERATI

Contact: Jane Takahashi (858) 622-1993 **NEW INFORMATION:**

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm each month. 1st meeting is at the Pavilion, 2nd will involve outdoor picture taking. This is for all who are interested in learning more about digital photography. For more information call Jane. Next meetings: Call contact

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459 -7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net The June Soiree will be at the home of Martine and Jim Allen, Sunday June 28th, at 4:00 pm. Please RSVP 619-429-0731, martine@ actionforeclosure.com. The Soiree will be held in July on Sunday, July 26th at 7:00 pm in the home of Mary and Carl McIlwain. RSVP at 858-454-4857, mm@san.rr.com. No Soiree in August. In September, we will meet at the home of Judy Vacquier, Sunday, September 27th, at 4:00 pm. RSVP 858-459-7834, jvacq@sbcglobal. net.

Next meetings: June 28 and July 26. NO MEETING IN AUGUST

A FIRST-TIME VISIT

It was this past Memorial Day. The local paper had promised mild temperatures for the desert and we wanted to show Cousin S. from Germany our favorite Anza Borrego area. We chose to go Interstate 8 and to enter the desert by Highway 2 from the south. Just at the sign "You are Entering Anza Borrego Desert State Park" there was a make-shift Border Patrol station which had not been there at our last visit a few months ago. Now, we know these stopping points where the officers do a quick "face check" and then wave you through. Unfortunately, we were the only car in sight and the men obviously did not have plenty to do. So they stopped us and asked for nationalities. US, US residents and German. Ah, German, could we see your passport, please.

Well, and there we were. Cousin S. did not bring her passport. Nobody had told her to, we had not either, since this was just a day's outing and you don't want to lose important papers. She did have ID and so the friendly border patrol punched her name and DOB into their portable computer, only to return and say, that she "was not in the system".

Now, cousin S. had entered the US as a first-time visitor in Denver, had been fingerprinted and her data from the passport punched into the computer. Why was she "not in the system"?

What to do? After much deliberation we were told to follow the homeland security car with S. inside to El Centro where they had better computer facilities. We did and arrived there 45 minutes later. It was an impressive bunch of very new buildings, with green lawns all around. They had a lovely waiting room (only for us, of course. Cousin S. was taken into the prisoner part of the building) with stuffed furniture and newspapers, cooled down to a crisp 64 degrees. Someone must have given the border patrol quite a bit of money.

We were not allowed to see S., of course. There was a button next to a door for inquiries which I pressed periodically. With results, someone always came and told us about the non-progress of the case. They had taken her fingerprints, but these were also "not in the system". We might have to go to the next border station which was in Calexico.

Then one of the officers had a great idea: Was there not a way to get into my house and to her passport and fax the necessary info to the office. He even looked up the phone numbers of my neighbours and allowed me to phone from his office. Luckily one of them was home, and-luckily - I have a secret outside hiding place for a key. He got inside, found the passport, faxed the info, and finally, after 3 _ hours she was brought out again!! We all got a short but stern lecture from the supervisor, informing us that since she did not bring her passport, they could have put her in jail for 3 weeks or deported her back to Germany.

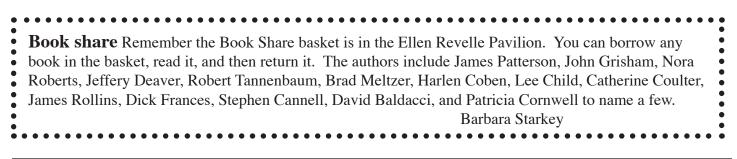
She had been allowed to wait in a windowless room outside of a ring of cells where people were being held, was even offered a free lunch.

All in all we all agreed that everyone had been friendly, and it was clear to us that they probably wished they had not even stopped us. But once the ball got rolling they had to follow procedures.

But why oh why were neither her personal data nor her fingerprints "in the system"?

We still had a nice few hours in Anza Borrego. And on the way back near Salton Sea there was another border patrol check. But since there were about 30 cars waiting in line, there was a quick glance into our car and a move-on wave.

So, you visitors from outside the US,--YOUR PASSPORT DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!!!!



JUNE 2009

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| | Gracious Aging | Day Bridge | Café Español | BOARD MEETING | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | Book Group | | | | |
| | Avi Set Birders | Photo- Digerati | Café Francais | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | | | | Wine Tasting I | |
| Cinema Soireé | | Day Bridge | | | | |
| | | Kaffeeklatsch | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | WITS I Photo Digerati 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | Evening Bridge 27 |
| Piano and Chamber Soireé | | | | | | |
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JULY 2009

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| | | | | | | 4th of July PARTY |
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| | Gracious Aging | Day Bridge | | | | |
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| Cinema Soireé | Avi Set Birders | Photo- Digerati Book | | | Wine Tasting I | |
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