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Celebrate the Season!

2010 Oceanids Holiday Party
UC San Diego International Center
Saturday, December 4
4-7 pm

Entertainment, food, wine! Meet with friends, old and new.

Wear your holiday apparel or ethnic clothing.

Oceanids, Newcomers, friends and adult family members
are invited.

Please bring an appetizer to share.

\$5 for wine and beverages (Newcomers free)

Donations to the Student-run Free Clinic accepted.

Make check out to:

UCSD Foundation, memo: UCSD Student-run Free Clinic

For Information, contact Barbara Bank,

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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

Our Fall Membership Brunch was a great success. The rain stopped and the sun appeared just in time. We held our Interest Group poster session in the Oceanids Pavilion, and mimosas and beautiful harp music put us in a great mood. The food was superb. Six of our student awardees joined us, and we heard heart-warming speeches from graduate fellowship recipient Robert Long, and undergraduate service award winner J.R. Guzman Pedersen. Many thanks to Margaret Acampora and Judy Skelton for a delightful event.

I am looking for one or two volunteers to serve as Interim First VP's to plan the Spring Luncheon and Fall Brunch. If you are interested, please contact me. Ruth Stern, our President-Elect, will help whoever is appointed, and Judy and Margaret will be available for advice. The Board has selected the newly remodeled Bali Hai for the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 12. Mark your calendar!

as being earthquake-unsafe several years ago. Also, some of our busy members may have other conflicting activities or trips, and some frankly don't want to pay today's prices for a formal luncheon. The Board is enthusiastic about finding an event that would truly bring our members together next fall, possibly a potluck or other less expensive venue. I would appreciate hearing your ideas: please tell me why you no longer attend if you did in the past, what type of event you would attend, and what you like about our past membership gatherings. Please call, email or write to me! I'd love to hear from you.

Our annual Holiday Party will be Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 7 pm. Please see the front page for details. Come and bring your spouse or a friend!

Sincerely,

Oceanids has an e-mail mailing list!

The purpose of the listserv or e-mail 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 e-mail 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 Mary Cutchin at marycutchin@yahoo.com.

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Interested in Chairing an Interest Group?

The Gardening Group is looking for a new chair. If you are interested, please contact Mary Hanson, 858-456-1304.
mhanson@san.rr.com.

Directory changes

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BEAR FACTS, April 1963

Editorial:

Until now you have been receiving Bear Facts free. Many of you may not have thought of the expense involved in putting out each issue of Bear Facts, but it is considerable. It was only possible during this trial year because of the generosity of the Oceanids and several anonymous supporters.

The Oceanids has promised us some support next year but cannot underwrite the entire cost of the publication. Our present circulation is 1300, and the Oceanid membership this year is 200. We would like to continue publishing BearFacts, and we have been encouraged by so many of you. After giving it much thought, we have come to the conclusion that the only way to finance Bear Facts is to ask for subscriptions from all people who are not Oceanids members. If you want the paper to continue, you can either become an Oceanids member (all women associated with the university are eligible) or subscribe. Please do so now!

FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR - SEP. 1963 TO JUNE 1964

1. All members of Oceanids will receive Bear Facts free.
2. Others associated with the University may subscribe to Bear Facts for \$1.00.
3. People from the community may subscribe to Bear Facts for \$2.00.

(Carol Schultz, Virginia Taylor, Paula Rotenberg, editors)

Book Share

Remember that the Book Share basket is in the Ellen Revelle Pavilion. You can borrow any book in the basket, read it, and then return it. There are many interesting choices.

Barbara Starkey

IN MEMORIAM

Recently the Oceanids lost Ralph Shabetai, the husband of Estelle Shabetai who has just stepped down as the longtime treasurer of Oceanids. Along with Estelle, Ralph participated in many Oceanids interest groups, including Newcomers, the hiking group, Moveable Feast I and II, and the book and movie groups.

Ralph was a Professor of Medicine Emeritus at the UC San Diego School of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at the VA Healthcare System. Born in Manchester, England and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, Ralph came to the US in 1955 with his wife Estelle. They first settled in Cincinnati, Ohio and then in Lexington, Kentucky before they came to La Jolla in 1976.

Ralph's research involved the study of the function of the pericardium in health and disease. He was the sole author of the authoritative textbook on the subject, which is highly unusual in the multi-author world of academic medicine publishing. The American Heart Association is dedicating the pericardial symposium that is being held this month in his honor.

In his free time, Ralph enjoyed biking, hiking and travel, especially to Italy. A student of Italian, he enjoyed everything Italian and was the proud owner of a red Italian sportscar convertible. Ralph's cheerful presence, with his wide smile and twinkling eyes, will be sorely missed. The Oceanids extend their heartfelt sympathy to Estelle and to their family.

A remembrance service will be held at the Faculty Club on Saturday, January 8 at 2 pm. A scholarship is being planned. Tax deductible donations can be sent to UC San Diego Foundation in his name.

Liz Fong and Chris Wills



“Preventive Mind”

Can minds sustain life with less
Air, water, food, land, money?
Create solutions and avoid hell?
Together we can redress problems ahead.
For new minds transcend from tribal ego,
Being fed by Love, Compassion and Non-violence.

Mihoko Vacquier

OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are meeting the many varied needs of UCSD families, also those new to the UCSD campus and the community. If you have questions, please contact Mary Hanson, (858) 456-1304, 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 Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 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. If you do not want your telephone number in the newsletter, please let the editor know.

ALL ABOARD

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu
All Aboard is on track for fun. We take a train trip each quarter to a destination of interest to the members. All Aboard will travel to the Norton Simon Museum on Thursday, January 13, 2011. The three temporary exhibits at that time are 175 Japanese prints by Hiroshige, an Artwork by John Cage, and Raphael's "Small Cowper Madonna". Please meet at the Solana Beach train station by 8:30 so we can catch the 8:44 train to Union Station. From there we will take the Metro to Pasadena. Please contact Barbara Bank if you wish to join us. bbank@ucsd.edu, 858-484-4597.
Next meeting: January 13.

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 outings: December 13 and January 10.

BOOK GROUP

Contact : Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 or Janet Goff (760) 753-3472
Greetings, readers! We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM for chatting; 10 AM for discussion. All are welcome; please join us.
(Date/ Title and Author/ Host/ Discussion Leader)
Dec 14: "Cheerful Money" by Tad Friend/ Ruth Stern/ Janet Goff
Jan 11: "The Places in Between" by Rory Stewart / Marianne Burkenroad / TBA
We always like to see new "bookies" - please join us.
Next meetings: December 14 and January 11.

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. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. We will also try Scrabble in Spanish! La próxima reunión de Café Español será el miercoles, 1 de diciembre, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Roswitha Enright. Favor de contestar a Beate Menzel, 619-401-1557 o jrbmlmenzel@sbcglobal.net. La reunión en enero será el miercoles, 5 de enero, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Erika Streuer. Llame a Erika, 858-755-7163 o erikastreuer@cox.net.
Next meetings: December 1 and January 5.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Mary Hanson (858) 456-1304; mhanson@san.rr.com
Il n'y aura pas de réunion pendant le mois de décembre. La prochaine rencontre sera mercredi le 12 janvier à 1 heure, chez Irene Larrimore.

Veuillez lui envoyer un e-mail à IreneLarrimore@san.rr.com ou lui donner un coup de fil si vous avez l'intention de venir.

Next meeting: January 12.

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. You view the chosen movie at your own time. For more information call Roswitha.
Next meetings: December 12 and January 9.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (610) 401-1557 or jrbmlmenzel@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: December 7+21 and January 4+18.

DRAWING AND PAINTING AROUND SAN DIEGO

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
We meet the fourth Thursday at 9:30 am at the corner of Dunaway Drive and Glenwick Drive in La Jolla to carpool to our location. If you live in North County, contact Liz Winant at lwinant@ucsd.edu, or meet us on location at 10 am. We will draw, paint or photograph from 10 to 12, then have lunch (some cars may stay for lunch, others may return by about 12:30). All levels are welcome. No critique or instruction, but we share our work at noon. Meet us on Thursday, December 16th (the **third** Thursday in December), we will go to the spectacular view spot of La Jolla on La Jolla Shores Drive by the married students' apartments in La Jolla. On Thursday, January 27th, we will go to Crystal Pier at the end of Garnet in Pacific Beach. Bring your art materials and/or camera, something to sit on, sun protection, water and a sack lunch or lunch money. RSVP to Judy Vacquier (see above) or cell 858-361-0418.
Next meetings: December 16 (3rd Thu). and January 27.

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu
The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:30pm usually 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: December 18 (third Sat.) and January 22.

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: December 21 and January 18.

GOURMET GROUP

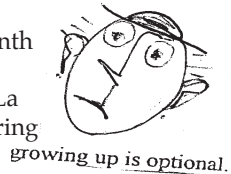
Contact: Susan Starr (858) 455-1630 or susanstarr1@gmail.com
This is a group for those who like to try cooking new things. In December we'll be trying our hands at the foods of India. If you'd like to join us and for information call or email Susan,
Next meeting: December 11.

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: Yvonne C. Brown (858) 459-3698
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 Elibet Marshall, 2767 Hidden Valley Road in La Jolla, to discuss a variety of subjects. Bring your own apple (lunch).
Call Yvonne for details.
Next meeting: December 6 and January 3.

*Report from the
Gracious Aging Group:*

Growing old is mandatory;



growing 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: December 11 and January 8.

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 every other 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 FRIENDS

Contact: Barbara Starkey 858-453 0779 or bstarkey@san.rr.com
This group meets on a somewhat irregular basis. Upcoming trips will be posted on the Oceanids list serve. Check your newsletter as well.
Next meeting: Call contact.

PHOTO DIGERATI

Contact: Jane Takahashi (858) 638 7822
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: December 14+? and January 11+25.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459 -7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
This group is for amateurs who need a motivation to practice and want to perform in a relaxed, fun setting among friends. We welcome piano, chamber instruments and voice, classical, jazz and popular music. We usually meet the fourth Sunday, afternoon or evening. The December Soiree will be at the home of Katie Fulhorst, Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm. Please note this is

the third Sunday because of Christmas. Please RSVP to Katie at 858-274-1482 or kfulhorst@yahoo.com. We will meet in January at the home of Carol Manifold at 4 pm on January 23rd. RSVP to Carol at manifold@pobox.com or 858-456-7259
Next meetings: December 19 and January 23.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Molli Wagner, (858) 720-1185 or awagner@ucsd.edu
See page 8 for information.
Next meetings: December 2 and January (call contact)

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334 or betty.shor@gmail.com
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: Estelle Shabetai 858-459-3546; eshabetai@san.rr.com.
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.
Next meetings: Wednesdays.

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: December 17 and January 21.

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. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the 4th Tuesday of the month all year long from 1:30pm-3:30pm.
Next meetings: December (call contact) and January 25.

WITS II

Contact: Bev Douglas (858) 453-4938
WITS II uses the principles of NAIC to study and evaluate companies for stock purchases. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, from 3:30 to 5:00. Please visit to see if you would like to join.
Next meetings: December (call contact) and January 26.

SOUNDING BOARD

Our speaker after the December board meeting is
Vince Hall



He is Vice President of Public Affairs & Communications for Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. In this capacity he oversees the agency's media, marketing, public relations, political activities, and governmental relations programs. He played

a significant role in Planned Parenthood's successful statewide campaigns against Propositions 73, 85, and 4 and coordinated the agency's efforts to develop and pass national health care reform legislation. He previously served as Staff Director to Governor Gray Davis and District Director to Representative Bob Filner. He has a J.D. degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law and a B.A. in Communication from San Diego State University.

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• **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!

At press time the date and the speaker for the next Sounding Board had not been decided. Please call contact after the New Year and watch for information on Oceanids listserv

Attention: Sounding Board Attendees!

In order to get the room for the lectures without cost we had to promise that the people who attend the talks will purchase their lunch (all you can eat and drink, including dessert, for \$12.50 for guests and \$8 for Faculty Club members!! Coffee and iced tea is provided in the meeting room) at the Faculty Club. The lunch should only be eaten in the meeting room, not in the dining room, please. The speaker is introduced at about 12:20 and talks for about 20 to 25 minutes. A discussion period follows. Interruptions with questions or statements during the talk are allowed, even welcome-- it's very informal. Sounding Board is usually over by 1:00-1:15 p.m.

OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

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• Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

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• All gifts, memorials and dues are **tax deductible** when made payable to "UC San Diego Foundation".

• Please write the purpose on the "Memo" line.

Send check(s) & completed form to:

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A Big Thank You to Our Generous Members

It is the season of Thanksgiving and your Board would like to extend a big thank-you to the many members who have donated to our funds. With everyone feeling the effects of the long recession, the UC San Diego students who receive our Fellowships and Awards tell us what a difference this money makes to them. Each fellowship tries to reach a particular group of people. The **Memorial Fellowship Fund** is to support graduate studies and is given to a student who has a history of service to the campus; the two **Frieda Daum Urey Fellowships** go to graduate students who have had a significant break from academia and are returning to continue their studies; the **Bertha Lebus Fellowship Fund** is also for a student who has had at least one year away from college after receiving their undergraduate degree, and who has the long-range goal of becoming a teacher; the **Undergraduate Service Awards** are awarded, one to each college on campus, for a graduating senior who has given service to the campus. Finally we really appreciate gifts to our **General Projects Fund** to help cover Oceanids expenses such as mailing, office supplies, computer expenses, Sounding Board and various campus events that we support.

THANK YOU!

Donations to Oceanids General Projects Fund – September and October 2010

Rita Atkinson; Maxine Bloor; Martha Dennis; Marion Dixon; Roswitha Enright; Faye Girsh; Mary Hanson; Mary Lynn Hyde; Miriam Kastner; Ann Lemke; Margaret Maple; Elizabeth Marti; Anne McCammon; Kim Signoret Paar; Renee Rosenblatt; Audrey Swartz; Anne-Marie Zappella.

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Penny Adler; Suzanne Applebaum; Barbara Bank – in memory of Colin Bloor; Barbara and Randy Bank - in memory of Ralph Shabetai; Alice Jean Eppley; Mary Lynn Hyde; Ann Lemke; Mary McIlwain – in memory of Colin Bloor; Christa McReynolds; Theresa Norris; Kim Signoret Paar – in memory of Nettie Paar; Denise Redford; Glenda Rosenblatt – in memory of Mary Corrigan & Colin Bloor; Estelle Shabetai – in memory of Colin Bloor; Barbara Starkey – in memory of Colin Bloor; Judy Vacquier – in memory of Colin Bloor; Mihoko Vacquier; Shirley Weaver; Judith Wesling; Elizabeth Winant – in memory of Colin Bloor; WITS 1 – in memory of Colin Bloor; WITS 1 – in memory of Mary Corrigan;

Donations to Oceanids Undergraduate Service Awards - September and October 2010

Penny Adler; Odette Filloux; Mary Lynn Hyde; Genevieve Johnson; Ellen Lehman; Marion Masouredis; Therese Tanalski; Kim Signoret Paar.

Also, thank you to the following people who have upgraded their memberships to Sustaining or Life memberships:

Sally Ashburn – Life Membership
Dorothy Ann Fanestil – Sustaining Membership
Laurie Kreutz – Sustaining Membership
Linda Ivor – Sustaining Membership
Judy Vacquier – Life Membership

If you would like to make a donation to any of our funds please mail it to Oceanids Financial Secretary, International Center, MC 0049, 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92093-0049.

Liz Winant, Co-Financial Secretary

“Haves and Have-nots”

We all “have” a “something” ... we would rather not “have”... like for instance a nose we find too big or too large, pointed, crooked or defective in some other way... and when it’s not a nose, then an ear, or the size of our feet, or... whatever, you name it. In my case what I know for sure that I “have” is... an accent, because even if I don’t hear it (which is in fact the problem), I am always reminded that others always do. At intervals, more or less constant, people will let me know about it. Sometimes, after the shortest encounter, they will enthusiastically exclaim, “I love your accent, it’s so beautiful,” or “so charming”, which not only leaves me no doubt of its existence, but in a way forces me to thank them for reminding me of it. Yet, because I am an optimist, I keep thinking that I can do something to improve it: so I try and try to do better, to imitate the natives as best I can... and from time to time I have my illusions leading me to think that I am making progress until, once again, I am proven wrong. I will recall here two instances that forced me to assess my progress... or rather the lack of it.

Many, many years ago, there was in La Jolla at the corner of Fay and Kline a pet shop that we would often visit with the children. At the bottom of the few steps you had to climb to enter the shop, there stood propped up to eye level a large cage with, in it, a myna bird. It would often greet you with an exuberant “How are you? How are you?” and if you answered it in kind, it would return a “Very well, thank you”, that was sure to amuse the children to no end. One morning I ventured like everybody else what I believed was a similar greeting and looking the myna bird in the eye said, “How are you?” To my surprise and embarrassment it started to jubilantly respond, “*Como está usted? Como está usted?*”... speaking to me, the only other foreign saying it knew, and... reminding me in its instinctive way that, yes indeed, even a bird recognized that I had an accent and did its best to respond in kind. I laughed with everybody else but deep down I was humiliated!

Now a month or so ago, I was checking by phone the arrival time of a flight we were to meet at the airport. As it is now routine, I was connected to a machine, which posed me pertinent questions like: flight number, place of departure, approximate time of arrival etc... I conformed to the questions and answered them as appropriately as I could. At some point it went like this: “What’s the departure city?” I answered properly, “New York/JFK”, and it was understood, then I was asked, “What’s the arrival city?” I answered, “San Diego”, and I heard in response, “I’m sorry, I didn’t get that. Please, try again! What’s the arrival city?” I answered once more as clearly as I could, “San Diego”. The voice in turn cheerfully asked, “Did you say Santiago? Please say Yes or No”. As calmly as I could I said, “No”, and was immediately prompted with another, “Try again. What’s the arrival city?” I repeated, this time slightly annoyed, “San Diego”, and the voice triumphantly exclaimed, “Did you say Tortola Durango? Please say yes or no.” I said “NO”, and slamming the phone down, was completely convinced that if a bird long ago knew I had an accent, now some thirty-five years later a machine would know it as well ... So, there was no possible redemption for me. I had to accept the fact that I will always have an accent and that there was nothing I could ever do about it. Period.

Yet, sometimes I manage to find a consolation of sorts when by chance I encounter a “bon” mot, à la mode, that I have carte blanche to pronounce à la French. Take for instance the overused, and as such irritating word, “entrepreneur”; since I cannot replace it, for obvious reason, with the lugubrious English equivalent, “undertaker”, I have no choice but to use it. Why then would I fake speaking it with an American inflection when at last I may let my French accent safely run loose and as a result feel, just for an instant that, “*Tout est pour le mieux, dans le meilleur des mondes possibles*”, ...oops! Sorry! Pardon my French...I meant, “All’s for the best in the best of all possible worlds”?

Odette Filloux

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Café Español KitX Wed. Coffee 1	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board 2	3	4
5	Gracious Aging 6	Day Bridge 7	KitX Wed. Coffee 8	9	10	Hiking Gourmet Group 11
Cinema Soirée 12	Avi Set Birders 13	Photo- Digerati Book Group 14	KitX Wed. Coffee 15	Drawing/painting 16	Wine Tasting I 17	Evening Bridge 18
Piano and Chamber Soirée 19	20	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 21	KitX Wed. Coffee 22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						HAPPY NEW YEAR 1
2	Gracious Aging 3	Day Bridge 4	Café Español 5	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board 6	7	Hiking 8
Cinema Soirée 9	Avi Set Birders 10	Photo- Digerati Book Group 11	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais 12	All Aboard 13	14	15
16	17	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 18	KitX Wed. Coffee 19	20	Wine Tasting I 21	Evening Bridge 22
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