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what should we do?"





## **March 3 Sounding Board:**

Albert Yu-Min Lin: about "Valley of the Khans Project," a non-invasive technology based search for the tomb of Genghis Khan









The yearly **Desert Adventure** is scheduled for March 4, 5, 6. Please see **page 9** for more information.

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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

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Oceanids,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope 2011 brings you peace, good health and happiness. It's not too late to make a few New Year's resolutions, if you haven't done so. It is a good idea to make "SMART" objectives: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Reasonable, and Timely. How about adding on a resolution to do something fun? Here are a few ideas for fun Oceanids resolutions: attend one new Interest Group or museum trip; invite one good friend to join Oceanids; volunteer your time for one Oceanids activity (volunteer on the Board; help at the Kitchen Exchange; make a donation to one of our fellowship funds); attend at least one Sounding Board. The Sounding Board speaker for Feb. 3rd will be Professor Richard Somerville from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Richard is one of our distinguished climate scientists who will discuss the extremely important topic of global climate change. Richard is actively involved in communicating the scientific facts of global climate change to the public, policy makers and legislators and has encouraged his scientific colleagues to do the same. Please be sure to attend Feb 3rd at noon at the Faculty Club.

Our Holiday Party December 4th was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Barbara Bank and all those who helped her. We enjoyed the harp music, delicious food, and raised money for the UCSD Student Run Free Clinic again this year.

The Board has a new fundraiser in the planning stages: an eBay auction with proceeds going to our Oceanids scholarships and service awards. Save up your donations that we can auction off on eBay and watch for news of this fun event when we have more details! Thanks to Jan Ouren for working out the logistics.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our activities in 2011!

Sincerely, Judy Vacquier

## **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.

We are very pleased to announce the establishment of a new Oceanids Interest Group --

#### **Board Game Enthusiasts.**

Thanks to Marianne Burkenroad for organizing this new activity. The plan is to meet every 4th Monday.

Please contact Marianne at 858-454-5931 if you're interested in participating.

The all Aboard Interest Group had a wonderful time on their January excursion to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. Fifteen travelers, our largest group to date, enjoyed each other's company and the beautiful sunlit views on a spring-like day as we travelled on Amtrak and the Metro to see 175 Hiroshige prints, the small Cowper Madonna by Raphael, and a work by John Cage. But these exhibits were not the only highlights of our day. As we walked from the Metro Station to the museum we admired the architecture of the old commercial buildings on Colorado Blvd. that now house Banana Republic, Crate and Barrel, Barnes and Noble, Kenneth Cole and other familiar "mall" stores. This well-thought version of urban renewal brought our favorite stores together while preserving the unique character and history of Pasadena. Dining in the museum gardens on this beautiful day was another treat. Many were surprised at how delicious sandwiches and salads sold from a cart can be, and the view was so tranquil. The final treat for our eyes was watching the vibrant red-orange sky sitting on the ocean at a sunset that seemed to last longer than any we could remember as the train brought us closer and closer to home. When you travel with All Aboard both getting there and coming home are half the fun.

Our next trip will be in the spring.

Barbara Bank

#### 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.

The Oceanids News can be read online or printed out from our website.

If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or are a new subscriber, please e-mail the listsery 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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT: http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/oceanids/

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**Donations** 

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**Undergraduate Service Award:** 

Joy Frieman

Memorial Fund:

Barbara Nemiroff, Fran Gillin

## It really happened

During a grill party Ingrid stumbled and fell down. People offered to call an ambulance but Ingrid assured them that it only happened because she was not used to her new shoes.

Since she seemed a little pale and unsure on her feet, they helped clean her up and brought her a new plate of food. Ingrid spent the rest of the evening having a good time.

Ingrid's husband called later and let his friends know that she had been taken to the hospital after all. She died at 11 p.m. She had had a stroke during the party.

If her friends had known how to recognize a stroke, Ingrid could still be alive.

Neurologists maintain that they can reverse the effects of a stroke, if they can get to treating the patient within 3 hours.

How to recognize a stroke:

- 1. Ask the victim to smile (he/she will not be able to).
- 2. Ask the victim to speak a simple sentence like "The weather is beautiful today."
- 3. Ask the victim to lift both arms high over their head (he/she will not be able to do it completely).
- 4. Ask the victim to stick out his/her tongue (if the tongue is curled or moving from side to side that too is sign for a stroke).

If he or she has problems with one or more of these symptoms, call 911 immediately and ask for an ambulance.

#### **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

Georgette Price, a life member of Oceanids, died on 1 November 2010 at the age of 98. Georgi was of French origin, a single child, born in Paris in 1912, and lived her early childhood in Montmartre. Her father was an itinerant musician who always would take his small family with him. Tutoring was mostly done by her loving parents. After her father died she came to America/Canada with her mother and eventually married Al Price, who was a first mate on Scripps research ships for some years. She lived in downtown La Jolla for a long time. Georgi was a lively and fun person to know, always ready to chat. She was said to have a "love for the arts." She used to play her recorder with an Oceanids group with great enthusiasm.

Clara Vivian Wall --November 3, 1916 - November 27, 2009 Frederick Theodore Wall --December 14, 1912-March 31, 2010

I received a sad letter this week from Elizabeth Wall Ralston informing me of the deaths of her parents Clara and Fred Wall. Clara was an active member of the Oceanids Book Group, Day and Evening Bridge (with Fred), Wednesday Morning Coffee and Sounding Board then held at Frieda Urey's home. She was admired for her lifelong service to Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters.

Fred had a distinguished career as a research chemist, teacher and university administrator. In 1959 he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He and Clara moved from Illinois to Santa Barbara (UCSB 1963), to San Diego (UCSD 1966 to 1969, Vice Chancellor for Research), to Houston, Texas (Rice University 1969, professor of chemistry), back to San Diego (San Diego State University, lecturer) and finally 1981 Fred Wall became an adjunct professor at the University of California at San Diego.

Barbara Bank

#### **EXPERIMENT AND LESSON**

In a school somewhere a teacher asked her students to write the name of each of his or her classmates on a plain piece of paper, one beneath the other. Then she asked the students to think of a nice attribute they connected with each of the persons and write it next to the name. It took almost an hour but finally it was done and before the kids left the classroom they handed their paper to the teacher. On the next weekend the teacher prepared a sheet of paper for each student, wrote the name on the top and beneath all the good characteristics which fellow students had designated to him/her. Monday she handed each student his/her paper. Soon all were smiling quietly. One could here whispering "oh really?" and "I did not know that I meant anything to anybody" and "I did not know that others liked me that way". Nobody talked about the lists afterwards. The teacher did not know whether the kids had shared the lists with each other or with their parents, but it did not matter. The experiment had worked. The students were happier with their own person and with their fellow students.

Some years later one of the students died. The teacher went to the funeral as did many of his friends, including most of his former classmates. The parents of the deceased were eager to speak to the teacher. "Our son often spoke of you," said the father. He drew an old sheet of paper which obviously had been unfolded and refolded many times out of his pocket. The teacher knew immediately what was on the paper. "This was found in his wallet the father said, "it had meant so much to him to read what others thought of him. Thank you for doing it." Now the other former students surrounded the teacher and many said that they, too, still had their list and kept it in a safe place to read every so often when needing a boost.

In our everyday existence we often forget that every life has an end and that we do not know when this final day will be. Therefore we should tell every person we love and care about that they mean something very special.

And we should do so before it is too late.

(sent from a friend in Germany. r.e.)

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## 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.

Please contact Barbara Bank if you wish to join us.

Next meeting: Call contact.

#### **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.

Next outings: February 14 and March 14.

#### **BOARD GAME ENTHUSIASTS**

Contact: Marianne Burkenroad, 858-454-5931, maburk1@yahoo.com. This new group will meet every 4th Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marianne. Next meetings: February 28 and March 28.

#### **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 a chat; 10 AM for discussion. Once again, this March we will conduct our annual exercise to try to decide which is better, the book or the movie. Besides reading "Old New York", a collection of four novellas by Edith Wharton, we will also see a movie made from one of them, "The Old Maid" with Bette Davis in one of her best roles.

Date/Title and Author/Host/Discussion Leader

Feb 8: "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese/Charlotte Mamorsky/Ruth Stern

Mar 8: "Old New York" by Edith Wharton/Esther Moscona/John Halperin

Mar 29: "The Old Maid" (movie)/Estelle Shabetai, Host Next meetings: February 8 and March 8+29.

#### 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. La próxima reunión de Café Español
será el miercoles, 2 de febrero, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Judy Vacquier.
Favor de contestar a Judy 858-459-7834 o jvacq@sbcglobal.net. La
reunión en marzo será el miercoles, 2 de marzo, 1:30-3:30, en la casa
de Vicki Lindblade. Llame a Vicki 858-452-1739 o vlindblade@mac.
com si puede venir.

Next meetings: February 2 and March 5.

#### CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Mary Hanson (858) 456-1304; mhanson@san.rr.com Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 9 février à 1h chez Hulya Saygin, 12627 El Camino Real #C. Le 9 mars nous nous rencontrerons chez Vreni Crimmins, 2110 Crest Drive, Encinitas. Lucie Walther sera sa co-hotesse. Veuillez téléphoner (ou envoyer un e-mail) à nos hotesses si vous avez l'intention de venir: Hulya, 858-350-8081, hulyasaygin@yahoo.com, et Vreni, 760-436-2678, vrenicrim@aol.com.

Next meetings: February 9 and March 9

#### 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: February 13 and March 13

#### **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: February 1+15 and March 1+15.

#### 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 or meet on location at 10 am. If you live in North County, contact Liz Winant at lwinant@ucsd.edu. We will draw, paint or photograph from 10 to 12, then have lunch. All levels are welcome. On Thursday, February 24, we will go to Little Italy. Meet at the plaza on India Street at W. Fir St. On Thursday, March 24th, we will go to the Coast Walk in La Jolla. Meet at the entrance to the Cave Store on Coast Blvd. 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.

Next meetings: February 24 and March 24.

#### **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: February 26 and March 26.

#### **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: February 15 and March 15.

#### **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. On Saturday, March 12. we'll be cooking food from Japan. If you'd like to join us and for information call or email Susan, Next meeting: March 12.

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**GRACIOUS AGING** 

Contact: Yvonne C. Brown (858) 459-3698 This group has an age requirement. You Growing old is mandatory; 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

Call Yvonne for details.

Next meeting: February 7 and March 7.

## your own apple (lunch). 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: February 12 and March 12.

#### **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

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: February 8+22 and March 8+22.

#### 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 February Soiree will be at the home of Marsha Sewell Sunday February 20 at 4:00 pm. Please note this is the

third Sunday because of the Academy Awards. Please RSVP to Marsha at 619-234-8815 or m.sewell@cox.net. We will meet in March at the home of Judy Vacquier Sunday March 27 at 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to Judy at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net. Next meetings: February 20 and March 27.

#### **SOUNDING BOARD**

Gracious Aging group: Contact: Molli Wagner, (858) 720-1185 or awagner@ucsd.edu

See page 8 for information. Next meetings: February 3 and March 3.

#### **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: February 18 and March 18.

#### 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: February 22 and March 22.

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: February 23 and March 23.

# SOUNDING BOARD

#### February 3 speaker: Richard Somerville:

"Climate change: What do we know and what should we do?"

Dr. Somerville is Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Research Professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. A theoretical meteorologist, his research interests include geophysical fluid dynamics, thermal convection, computational methods, predictability, atmospheric modeling, numerical weather prediction, radiative transfer, cloud physics, and climate. This research is reflected by a long list of publications in highly respected, peer-reviewed journals. He is the author of an award-winning and critically acclaimed popular book, *The Forgiving Air: Understanding Environmental Change*. This book, written accessibly for the general public, covers leading global environmental issues such as stratospheric ozone loss and anthropogenic climate change, together with energy, population and policy implications.



Professor Somerville formally retired in 2007 but remains active in research, education and outreach and frequently speaks to audiences from the business, government and academic communities, as well as to the broader public. Born in Washington, DC,, Richard Somerville received a B. S. in meteorology from Pennsylvania

#### March 3 speaker: Albert Yu-Min Lin

Dr. Lin is a Research Scientist at the University of California, San Diego

He founded and co-directs the UC San Diego, National Geographic Engineers for Exploration Program and currently leads a major international effort known as the Valley of the Khans Project. As Principal Investigator of the Valley of the Khans Project, a non-invasive technology based search for the tomb of Genghis Khan, Dr. Lin has led multiple high-tech expeditions deep into the most remote parts of the world. The goal of this effort is to enable international protection of a sacred region of Mongolia through non-destructive investigation. Dr. Lin is an



avid rock climber, surfer, mountaineer, photographer, sailor, and traveler. His Chinese name (Yu-Min) roughly translates to "Citizen of the Universe." Throughout his life Albert Lin has been driven by a pursuit of anthropological discovery. He spent every summer traveling to the far reaches of the world. After completing his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering in 2008, he chose to use his degree to apply technology toward the understanding, preservation and sustainable development of the developing world.

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.

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#### **DESERT ADVENTURE**



Agua Caliente County Regional Park is located in the Carrizo Valley Region of the Anza-Borrego Desert

It is best known for its hot springs, which have long attracted visitors eager to soak in their

soothing therapeutic mineral waters. (Be sure to bring your bathing suits!) Centuries ago, the Kumeyaay Indians were initially attracted to the springs at what we now call Agua Caliente ("hot water" in Spanish). The seismic activity that long ago shaped the Tierra Blanca Mountains to the west and created the fault that runs beneath the park

also enabled water to come to the surface and form the park's natural springs. Wildflowers and succulents will probably show in great profusion this year as we've just had a lot of rain.

The easiest way to get there is to take Hwy. 8 out to S-2 (Exit Ocotillo). Go north for approximately 26 miles. Or you can take 78 to S-2 and go south for approximately 20 miles. Carole Ziegler has reserved 5 camp sites. The camp sites will be available starting at 2 p.m. on Friday. Please call Carole at 619-297-0798 to be assigned a campsite number or you may email her at <Cactus12Carole@gmail.com>.



On Saturday morning, Carole will lead a hike at 10 a.m. She will also give a talk in the evening entitled, "60 Million Years in 60 Minutes". A telescope to view the stars and planets away from city lights will be available. Please bring a dish to share for Saturday night supper.

Some camping equipment may be available for loan--again please ask Carole.

COSTS: \$5/adult/night and \$3/child (flat fee) under 12 years to camp. Please pay Carole when you arrive at the camp site. Be sure to bring mittens/gloves, sweatshirts and jackets as evenings in the desert are apt to be chilly. If you don't have gloves or mittens an extra pair of socks works too!

Overnight Camping at Agua Caliente: Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6, 2010

**Desert Day Outing**: Sunday, March 6: Meet at the parking lot behind the UCSD International Center at 8 a.m. for carpooling and a map. Please let us know if you have space in your car for more passengers!

We will drive to Borrego Palm Canyon and go to the Visitors' Center to look at their exhibits. We will meet the campers for lunch. Afterwards, we will have the choice of a hike in Palm Canyon, or a tour of the Sky Art project (groupings of prehistoric creatures and scenes from California history, all crafted from sheet metal and steel. "History is unfolding in Borrego Springs with the first placement of the Gomphotherium free standing art structures. These creatures lived in the area about 3 million years ago. Dennis Avery, land owner of Galleta Meadows Estates in Borrego Springs envisioned the idea of adding 'free standing art' to his property with original steel welded sculptures created by 'Perris Jurassic Park' owner/artist/welder Ricardo Breceda based in Perris, California." Bring a picnic lunch and water. Wear light colored clothes for hiking (long pants and long sleeved shirt is advisable), sturdy shoes, socks and a hat. Sunscreen is a good idea. Give your driver \$10.00 for gas money if you carpool. Also share any parking fees. In case of rain, the Sunday Outing will be canceled--camping trip will NOT be canceled.

For questions or reservations, call Liz at 858-232-7545, or email Georgina at gbsham@gmail.com

## The Campus Guide Architectural Tour

In honor of its 50th Anniversary, UC San Diego is offering special guided bus tours of campus featuring its distinctive modern architecture—one of the finest collections of modern design in the state. The tours are offered with the purchase of *The Campus Guide: University of California, San Diego*, which provides a history of the university's campus planning and growth, as well as map-guided walking tours. The tours are scheduled monthly, with the next on Sunday, Feb. 13, and include a continental breakfast at the Faculty Club on campus.

Advanced registration is required.

Register online (www.50th.ucsd.edu/tour) or by phone (858-534-4414).

Dates:

February 13, 2011 March 13, 2011 April 10, 2011 May 8, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club UC San Diego 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla, CA 92093

Cost: Free with the purchase of the book, *The Campus Guide: University of California*, *San Diego*.

Dear Oceanids,

I am writing to thank you for your support and encouragement of UC San Diego students with the Oceanids Awards. As a recipient of an award, I am particularly grateful for your kind contribution.

Since receiving the award and graduating in June of 2010, I have moved to Boston, Massachusetts and have started my first year of Graduate School. In two years, I will have a Masters Degree in "College Student Development and Counseling", which will allow me to work at colleges and universities across the country in Student Affairs. One of the many reasons I have chosen this career path is because I felt very supported as a student at UC San Diego and especially in Revelle College. Receiving the Oceanids award was definitely one of those encouraging experiences.

The award from your organization just before graduating was one I felt very privileged to have received. It was an honor to be recipient of such a prestigious award, and I am truly thankful for your contribution.

Thank you again.

SamanthaWojdynski Revelle College, UC San Diego Class of 2010



#### **BAD PARROT**

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

## **NEW FUNDRAISER** in the making!!!!

It was suggested to the board that we might have a "cyber fundraiser" to bring in needed resources.

We all probably have "treasures" in our attic, basement or on the mantle that we could do without, but which might be a real find for someone else. E-bay might be the answer. All the details aren't yet worked out but check out the website:

http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP\_ID=43669

and contact Jan Ouren (jouren@san.rr.com) for suggestions and comments.

...and start looking in attic and basement.

# **FEBRUARY 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Day Bridge	Café Español KitX	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board		
		1	Wed. Coffee 2	3	4	5
	Gracious Aging	Photo- Digerati	KitX Wed. Coffee			Hiking
		Book	Café Francais		Friday Café	
6	7	Group 8	9	10	11	12
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Piano and Chamber Soireé		Photo Digerati	KitX Wed. Coffee	Drawing/painting		Evening Bridge
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	Board Game Enthusiasts					
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## **MARCH 2011**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			KitX Wed. Coffee	BOARD MEETING				
		Day Bridge 1	Café Español 2	Sounding Board	4	5		
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		Book	Café Français			Group		
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