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Remembrances



The Oceanids had a long series of “Festive Holiday Parties” at University House. Do you know that I had been on the Oceanids Holiday Party Committee since before the days when we had the parties at University House? I remember making hot mulled wine for the Party about 1967. We were in the “Party Room” of Marge and Hugh Bradner’s condo on Torrey Pines Road!

At University House, we’ve had a Guitarist on the sofa, a huge cauldron of hot soup on the patio (Beth Spooner), and years and years of Evelyn and Sandy Lakoff’s leading our singing of the old Christmas Carols. We enjoyed the UCSD Madrigal singers led by Michael and Connie Mullin, and years of beautiful, bountiful buffets in the old dining room. After the new dining room was built, we had Shelly and Carol Schultz to lead dancing there.

Once there was a costume party with singing at the old Club Med. (Elibet’s husband, Adrian Marshall, poured wine, and Frieda Urey was in a costume.)

At an International Center party we very much enjoyed folk dancing with Lu and Georgina Sham, and a Klezmer Band with dancing to Scott Paulson’s hot red clarinet. We can’t forget Barbara Starkey’s recent International Center-cooked stupendous, complete turkey dinner, with two kinds of home-made cranberry sauce. Back in the “old days” we even put our own decorations on an evergreen tree.

(Where did our own decorations go?) Jean Lindsley was the champion of tree-decorating. (Where did the piano go? Where did the fire in the fireplace go?)

Roswitha Enright took a turn at leading the Carol singing. I know many Oceanids have worked to put these parties together. Some recent elves were Maxine Bloor, Bernie Sisco, Judy Vacquier, and Barbara Bank. Dick Rosenblatt spent hours in the kitchens. I can’t name all the party-helpers we’ve had.

We also tried to spread cheer to UCSD Pediatrics, an Orphanage in Mexico, and recently, the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic.

This year there is no Oceanids Holiday Party. Is it the end of an era?



Mary McIlwain



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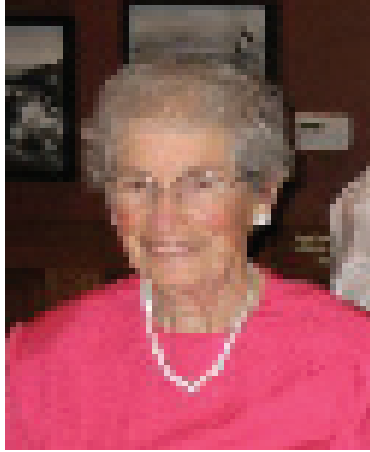
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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month

Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

Coffee and refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10:00 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Oceanids:

This is a bad news/good news letter. The bad news is that due to personnel issues we have to cancel this year's Holiday Party scheduled for December 1, 2012. The good news is that we are rescheduling the party to coincide with the kickoff of our eBay fund raiser. This party will happen Saturday, February 9th, 2013, at the Oceanids Pavilion of the International Center, and will enable you to bring your eBay goodies for evaluation and listing, and then enjoy a party.

The details of this thrilling event are not complete, but when it is all worked out, you will be the first to know! In the meantime, mark your 2013 calendar and continue to save your items for the eBay auction, Oceanids' only fundraiser.

Watch for an announcement on the listserv and also in the next issue of Oceanids News.

In the meantime, I wish you a very

Happy Thanksgiving

and a cheerful and relaxed Holiday Season.

Cordially,

Ruth Stern



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

PARTY!!!

Following the success of the past two years, the Oceanids board has enthusiastically decided to continue the E-Bay online auction fundraiser.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 9th, during the day, around 10 am to 1 pm for our intake event. In lieu of a holiday party, we hope to make this get-together festive as we share our treasures.

Speaking of which, please start looking for enticing items that you no longer want or need. It's fine to donate again something that didn't sell in a previous auction, as what sells is quite unpredictable. One year you can't move a Hummel figurine, and the next year they fly off the shelves.

That being said, unique costume jewelry and one of a kind or handmade items sell particularly well. This is a well-traveled group, and we find that international objets d'art tend to be popular. We do request that donated items be worth at least \$25, to justify the time required to process and ship them.

Don't be surprised if someone from the committee calls you at some point asking if you have anything to donate. And if you're interested in serving on the E-Bay committee in any capacity or helping with our "intake party," please let us know.

Mary Hanson and Judy Vacquier,
E-Bay Auction co-chairs

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.

You will get an e-mail when the Oceanids News is available on our website.

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.

OCEANIDS & UCSD NEWCOMERS WHALE WATCHING TRIP

WHO: The first 145 of UCSD Newcomers, Oceanids members and their families to make reservations.

WHAT: Watch California Gray whales on their migration to Mexico from aboard a chartered boat.

WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m.- Check- In. Boat leaves at 9:30 a.m. (it does NOT wait for anyone!) and returns between 12 and 12:15 pm.

WHERE: Seaforth Sportsfishing, 1717 Quivira Rd. From I-5: I-5 to Sea World Dr exit. West past SeaWorld Dr., 1/4 mile and veer right onto W. Mission Bay Dr. Proceed through traffic loop to first stoplight. Left at stoplight onto short access road. Left at end of short access road to Quivira Rd. Enter free parking lot with sign for Seaforth Sportsfishing. www.seaforthlandings.com/map.php or use mapquest.

From I-8: Exit W. Mission Bay Dr., Right at end of off ramp. Go past SeaWorld Dr and follow above directions.

HOW: By pre-paid reservations. No tickets will be sent. You will receive a nametag when you check-in. You will be called ONLY IF you are wait-listed.

HOW MUCH: Adults: \$24; ALL children under 12 years, including infants: \$12. IMPORTANT! All adults over age 18 must provide a photo ID to board the boat.

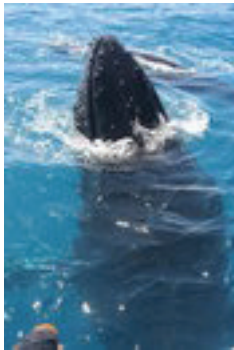
DEADLINE for Reservation and Cancellation: January 23 at the Whale Talk or by calling Liz by 5 p.m. on January 23.

COMMENTARY: Tom Jefferson, Marine Mammal Biologist, specialist on whales, will accompany us.

Please bring warm clothing. Bring binoculars and cameras if you wish. Snack bar on board. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot at the Newcomers table (look for the "UCSD Newcomers" banner). If you get seasick, please ask a pharmacist at a pharmacy for recommendations for medication that does not make you sleepy.

If you have questions, call Liz at 858-454-6858 (home), 858- 232-7545 (cell), or e-mail Georgina at: <gbsham@gmail.com>

We will call you on Jan. 26, before 8 a.m. on YOUR CELL PHONE if the trip is postponed due to weather



SPECIAL SLIDE SHOW narrated by Dr. Thomas Jefferson to prepare us for the trip: You will learn all there is to know about whales!
Come for an informative evening!
Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.
UCSD International Center Lounge

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Cell telephone number _____ Email _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____ Amount of Check _____

Make checks payable to Oceanids. Send completed form and check to: Liz Wills, 8310 El Paseo Grande, La Jolla CA 92037-3011. Please print ALL names. A name badge will be waiting for each of you and it will be

FRENCH CANADIAN SUPPER

We hope that Oceanids members will join the Friends for a delicious French Canadian meal for the second ArtPower! Supper of the year.

We will soon have our second and last supper of the 2012-2013 academic year, and you can be sure that the meal will be superb! The supper will precede the performance of Compagnie Marie Chouinard from Canada. Our chef is preparing Creole-Style Shrimp, Waldorf Salad, Coq au Vin with Fingerling Rosemary Potatoes, Crepes Suzette w/Orange Zest and Crème Fraîche.

• French Canadian Supper, jointly sponsored by the International Center, the Friends, and ArtPower! **Thursday, January 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m., International Center.** Cost: \$12 per person, \$7 for UCSD students. **Order early as the deadline for supper ticket sales is Monday, January 14.** Vegetarian meals are available upon request, and requests should be made at time of purchase.

• Performance: The performance by **Compagnie Marie Chouinard** will take place at 8:00 p.m at **Mandeville Auditorium.** Presented by ArtPower! Cost: \$24-\$46. Supper and performance tickets may be purchased online at artpower.ucsd.edu, by phone at 858/534-TIXS, or at the Box Office window in the Price Center patio.

Marie Chouinard has created a work that is inspired by Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring, with an original pulsation that is essential to her movement. Her work is strong and earthly, and is vigorous, with wild body movements. The program contains nudity.

For additional information see www.artpower.ucsd.edu

Friends of the International Center ArtPower! shuttle service (beginning at 5:45 p.m.) is provided from Lot 604 to the shuttle stop across the street from the I-Center. Parking permits can be purchased the night of the event at Lot 604.

If you have supper questions, please contact **Barbara Fitzsimmons** (bfitzsimmons@ucsd.edu)



International Cooking Experience

As part of the Friends of the International Center activities, Jennie Chin and Mary Woo will be starting up the International Cooking Experience, formerly known as Cooking in America. This is an opportunity to prepare and sample different dishes from around the world including those here in America, and will involve hands-on participation.

Classes will be held once a month on the 2nd Thursday from 9:30am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$6.00 per person per class. One can sign up for a single session or for all sessions (no guests permitted, no substitutions).

Payment must be received of each cooking session two days before the cook-Classes must have at least session to continue other-be cancelled and money you are interested, please Chin at enjien1@hotmail.com.

2348 or Mary Woo at mwoonew@gmail.com , 858-481-6998. Unless specified, dishes will not be gluten-free.



in advance no later than ing session. 6 persons per wise it will refunded. If contact Jennie com, 858-755-

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.

HIKING INFORMATION

Would anyone like to hike during the week rather than on week-ends?

Please contact Marty Eberhardt at 858-638-1484.

She has recently retired, and would like to find companions to hike mid-week.

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 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 contacting Mary Cutchin, 858-459-8074, marycutchin@yahoo.com 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 (with occasional exceptions). Please call the contact for the necessary information.

ALL ABOARD

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

Contact chair person about next outing.

Next meeting: ?

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Liz Winant (858) 481-7447, lwinant@ucsd.edu

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 a TBD location. We will carpool from these locations to sites around the county. Members will be called or e-mailed.

Next outings: **December 10 and January 14.**

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 and

Janet Goff (760)753-3472

New and Old Comers! The Book Group would like to welcome you. "Books break the shackles of time. Books are proof that humans are capable of working magic." - Carl Sagan

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM for chatting and 10:00 AM for the book discussion. Everyone is welcome so please join us, old and new readers alike.

Date/ Title and Author/ Host/ Discussion Leader

Dec 11 "Persuasion" by Jane Austen / Ruth Stern / John Halperin

Jan 8 "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz /

TBA / TBA

Next meetings: **December 11 and January 8.**

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Beate Menzel jrblmenzel@sbcglobal.net or 619 401 1557

Vicky Lindblade vlindblade@mac.com or 858 452 1739

This conversation group is designed for fluent Spanish speakers who wish to keep up their Spanish and learn new vocabulary. We meet the first Thursday of the month (**NEW DAY**). One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. We will also try Scrabble in Spanish! La proxima reunión de Café Español será el jueves, seis de Diciembre, 2-4, Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir. Please call chair about the January meeting and locations.

Next meetings: **December 6 and January.**

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Mary Hanson (858) 456-1304; mhanson@san.rr.com

Il n'y aura pas de réunion pendant le mois de décembre; alors on va se retrouver mercredi le 9 janvier à 1h chez Mary Hanson.

Veillez lui téléphoner ou lui envoyer un e-mail si vous avez l'intention de venir.

Next meetings: **January 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 will be contacted by e-mail about which movie to see and where to meet. For more information call Roswitha.

Next meetings: **December 9 and January 13.**

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (619) 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 or before 3pm. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess will provide drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: **December 4+18 and January 15.**

EVENING BRIDGE

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

The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:00pm 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 8 and January 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 4pm** and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please ccontact Roswitha.

Next meetings: **December 18 and January 15.**

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: Stephanie Freeman, 619-417-2969

This group meets the first Monday of each month at the Quaker Meeting House on 7380 Eads Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037 1-3 pm to discuss various topics from the perspective of life-long experience. This group has participants from Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Germany and the US, and travel and history are frequent topics. Friends bring snacks to share and tea is served. All friends over 80 are welcome. Please call Yvonne at (858)459-3698 or Stephanie at (619)417-2969.

Next meetings: **December 3 and January 7.**

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. We meet several times a year, at members' homes, and each member brings an assigned dish or course. The group is currently full but if you'd like to be notified when there is an opening, or a new group is forming, please email Susan Starr at the address above.

Next meetings: **Please call contact.**

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 8 and January 12.

MICROBREWERY BEER TASTING

Contact: Barbara Bank at 858-484-4597 or bbank@ucsd.edu

Judy Vacquier at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
NEW San Diego is home to many award-winning handcrafted beers. We will visit a different brewery tasting room or ale house one Saturday each month to sample beer and food alternating with a beer-tasting potluck at members' homes. Co-chaired by Barbara Bank and Judy Vacquier. On Sunday, December 2nd at 5 pm (until 8 pm), we will have a potluck beertasting at the home of Marion Spors and Julian Schroeder. We will sample San Diego craft beers made in the Belgian style. Please bring beer and a dish to pair with the beer to share. Judy will send an email with suggestions, and you can look online for ideas. Contact Marion at marispors@yahoo.com or 858-459-3097 to RSVP and Judy at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net regarding the beer and food. January event TBA.

Next meetings: December 2 and January TBA.

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: 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 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 listserv. Check your newsletter as well.

Next meeting: Call contact.

PHOTO DIGERATI

Contact: Jane Takahashi jtakahashi@san.rr.com

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm each month. 1st meeting is at Jane's home. On the 2nd meeting we go on a field trip. This is for all who are interested in learning more about digital photography. For more information call Jane.

Next meetings: December 11+? and January 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, solos and ensembles. We usually meet the third or fourth Sunday at 4 pm. This group is currently at capacity and has a waiting list. Contact Judy Vacquier or Diana Vines at dianavines@gmail.com or 858-459-8248 if you are interested in helping start a second group.

In December, we will meet at the home of Polina Sisman on Sunday, December 16th at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Polina at polinasisman@hotmail.com or 858-274-0239. The January meeting will be at the home of Carol Manifold on Sunday, January 27th at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Carol at manifold@pobox.com, 858-456 7259.

Next meetings: December 16 and January 27..

SOUNDING BOARD

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

See page 8 for more information.

Next meetings: December 6. NO SOUNDING BOARD IN JAN.

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334 betty.shor@gmail.com

We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

Liz Fong Wills 858-454-6858

Marie Perroud 858-657-0373

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: Elisabeth Smith 858-2722-2548 e-mail: egsmith99@hotmail.com

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts. **This group is again open to new members.**

For questions, contact Elisabeth Smith.

Next meetings: December 21 and January 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).

Please call chair person about next meeting

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WITS II

Contact: Bev Douglas (858) 453-4938

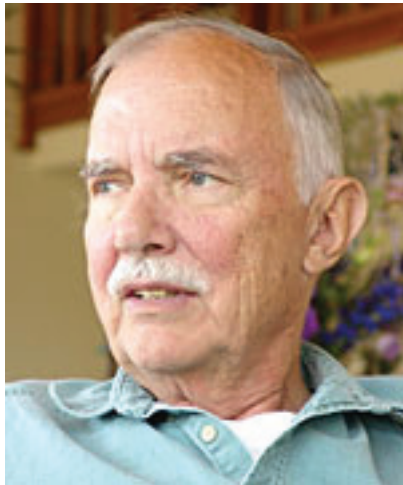
WITS II uses the principles of NAIC to study and evaluate companies for stock purchases. We meet on the 4th Wednesday from 3:30 to 5pm. If fewer than 5 will be available we do not meet.

Next meeting: December ? and January 23.

SOUNDING BOARD is a series of seven lectures during the academic year, the first Thursday at 12 noon, sponsored by UC San Diego Oceanids and the UC San Diego Faculty Club. Oceanids, faculty and friends meet at the UCSD Faculty Club in a specially designated room to eat lunch and listen to fascinating speakers. Lunch is \$13 for guests and \$9 for Faculty Club members (purchase required). Coffee and iced tea are provided in the meeting room. A parking permit can be obtained at the front desk. You can be sure of a lively discussion!

December 6, 2012

Lewis M. Branscomb Professor (adjunct) in School of Public Policy and Pacific Studies and Research Associate, University of California San Diego; Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California; and Prof. (emeritus) of Public Policy; and Corporate Management, JF Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.



Should our society cut back on burning fossil fuels to slow climate change? Is reliance on fracking to process natural gas worth the risk of the contamination of water resources? Should San Diegans have accepted last year the fluoridation of our water supply? Such issues have become much more complex, but the roles and performance of the players who make decisions about what to do in such cases have also become more complex, and too often remote from the pragmatic balance of scientific evidence and logical reasoning.

The three main players are government officials, technical experts, and of course the voting public. In addition there are two other groups – the media who tell us what we should think and the lobbyists who tell the Congress how to vote. Of these five groups, the most important but increasingly less influential, is you, the voting public. Last June 13 the Union of Concerned Scientists, a non-partisan, non-profit, created a new Center for Science and Democracy, to explore what can done to promote the acceptance of the best scientific information and promote fact-based reasoning in public policy. Can the voters, with aid of knowledgeable scientists help to restore our democracy?

OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

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Please write the purpose on the "Memo" line.

Send check(s) & completed form to:

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Voyage to the Galapagos Islands

In September I was lucky enough to join a group of people, all friends of the Birch Aquarium, on a trip to the Galapagos Islands. I had always wanted to go to the islands that so captivated Darwin and they did not disappoint. Before we went I had a lot to learn; firstly where exactly are the Galapagos Islands? This small archipelago is on the equator, 600 miles from the Pacific coast of South America, with nothing else around it. There are between thirteen and seventeen islands depending on whether you count chunks of rock as an island, and no two islands are alike. Many things about these islands fascinate scientists. The climate is surprisingly cool, thanks to a cold ocean current running up from Antarctica. The Galapagos are volcanic islands formed when a “plate” of the earth’s surface passed over a hotspot allowing molten lava streaming up from the earth’s mantle to erupt through the plate and up to the surface of the ocean. The older islands are between three to five million years old and the younger islands a million years old or less. To put this in perspective, the dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago. How did animals and birds arrive on these islands? Older theories about previous land bridges or even the theory that the Galapagos Islands are remnants of a much larger land mass have all been discredited, and scientists have shown that animals, eggs, seeds, plants, all came on natural rafts made of land and vegetation swept out to sea from the South American mainland. Also gusty winds could blow South American land birds out to sea, and a few of them make landfall on one of these isolated islands. I did my homework and read my books on evolution and the flora & fauna I could expect to see. I read about the challenges facing Ecuador as it struggles to

manage the competing demands of tourism and conservation. However, I was not prepared for the experience of simply being with animals and birds who accepted us as just another species, and who had no fear of us. Every day we went by zodiac to a different island, landed on almost white, pristine sandy beaches, and wandered among the inhabitants of the island. We all took hundreds of photos and hours of video, trying to capture the joy of being close to wild animals and birds. Every evening we shared our stories of swimming with a turtle, looking into the eyes of a young albatross on its nest, seeing the famous Darwin’s finches. For a week, life slowed down and I felt as if I was visiting The Garden of Eden.

Liz Winant



In Memoriam

Susan Irving Scholander, a long-time member of Oceanids who was at one time actively involved with ‘Newcomers’, passed away on September 12, 2012 in her La Jolla home at the age of 94. She was the daughter of Laurence and Florence Irving and the wife of Per (“Pete”) Fredrik Scholander, internationally acclaimed comparative physiologist. The Scholanders moved to La Jolla in 1958 when Pete was recruited by Roger Revelle to become Director of the Physiological Research Laboratory (PRL) at Scripps and, later, the R/V *Alpha Helix*. Dinner parties at the Scholander home were always memorable events and included campus friends and colleagues from graduate students to Nobel Laureates. She is survived by her brother, Larry Irving and his family of Fairbanks, Alaska.

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CARTA (Center for Academic Research & Training in Anthropogeny), which is an organization at UCSD devoted to the study of human origins (aka anthropogeny).

CARTA hosts 3 public symposia each year on different subjects related to human origins. Typically, these symposia take place in April, October, and December of each year. The schedule for this year:

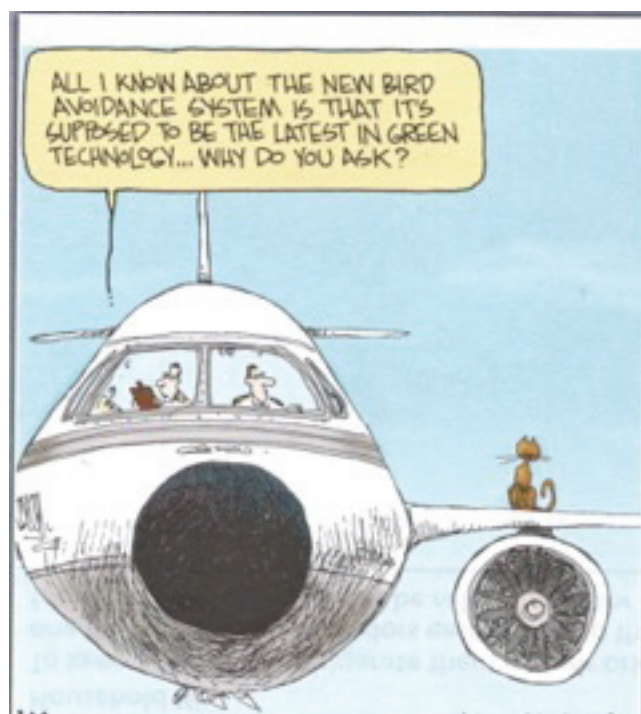
Dec 7, 2012 (Fri) – 1 pm – 5:30 pm

The Evolution of Human Nutrition

<http://carta.anthropogeny.org/events/the-evolution-of-human-nutrition>

Please check the websites for more information.

Have you been wondering when the Chancellor's Challenge 5K Run had taken place? Well, it has not. The date has shifted to June 8, 2013, during alumni weekend, and is now called the Triton Family 5 K.



DECEMBER 2012

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Beer Tasting 2	Gracious Aging 3	Day Bridge 4	KitX Wed. Coffee 5	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board Café Español 6	7	Hiking Evening Bridge 8
Cinema Soirée 9	Avi Set Birders 10	Book Group Photo-Digerati 11	KitX Wed. Coffee 12	13	14	15
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JANUARY 2013

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Cinema Soirée 13	Avi Set Birders 14	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 15	KitX Wed. Coffee 16	17	Wine Tasting I 18	19
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