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Oceanids eBay Auction Annual Fundraiser 2013

Following the success of the past two years, the Oceanids board has enthusiastically decided to continue the eBay auction fundraiser.

The eBay intake party for donations will be

**Saturday, February 9th,
from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

**Bring your items to the Oceanids Pavilion at UCSD
to log in and drop off.**



The eBay auction team will be ready to help photograph, evaluate and describe your items. Then stay for the festivities in the dining room at the International Center. Food and drink will be served until 1:00 pm. Your tax-deductible donations will fund Oceanids activities such as the undergraduate student service awards. You are also welcome to come and socialize even if you have nothing to donate. Bring your checkbooks and little inexpensive items you are willing to part with: we will have a “Buy It Now” table and \$5 items to “grab and go.” Parking is free anywhere at UCSD on Saturday, except where marked as reserved. We have arranged for parking in the International Center lot for members carrying items to donate and for disabled parking. If you are just coming for the party, please park in a different lot and walk a little.



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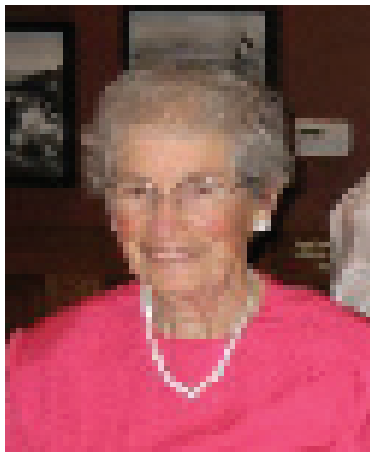
Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

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

Meeting: 10:00am (You are welcome to attend!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Oceanids! Although there are other activities coming up, I want to focus on next month's eBay fundraiser. The send-off date is Saturday, February 9, lasting through the morning. The details are on page one and three, and will be backed up by e-mails to you.



This "event", really lasting a couple of months, is the major means of providing funds which are used to support scholarships, fellowships and conferences, as well as some awards to UCSD students.

Of course the success of the venture - and it has been very successful the past two years - depends on the eBay items we can conjure up from our belongings. But in substituting this event for our Holiday Party, which got pre-empted, we are hoping to see many of you socializing, eating, and perhaps acquiring something from the items which have been brought in, even before they go up on eBay. You can, and should, come even if you don't have items to bring in.

If, in addition, you are someone who could put some time in either that day, or during the weeks of sale time, we would love to hear from you. I have the feeling that there are many out there who would do such a job if they were asked - but we don't know whom to ask!

February 9 will be an opportunity to meet new people, to reconnect with old friends, and to admire what we hope will support our organizational aims this year. I hope to see you there. Please introduce yourself if I don't know you; I'll be working at the evaluation station.

Best wishes,

Ruth Stern, Prez.

...eBay auction continued

Contact Judy Vacquier at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net or Mary Hanson at 858-456-1304 or mhanson@san.rr.com if you have items to donate. We will email you a donor form for each item which you can complete ahead of time and bring with you to the event. Also, bring any less expensive items worth about \$5 you'd like to get rid of at the "Grab and Go" table (no tax deduction receipts for these, just a chance to tidy up around the house!)

If you cannot attend the intake party, don't worry: you can still donate your items! Just contact Mary or Judy for forms and information about where to drop off your items.

What kinds of items are we looking for? Unique fine and costume jewelry, one-of-a-kind handmade items, ethnic pieces, and collectibles all sell well on eBay. We request that items be worth at least \$25, to justify shipping costs. We will consider larger items that might be purchased locally so we can avoid shipping charges.



If you are interested in being part of the fun, and would like to help with this activity, the committee could use your help. Please contact Mary or Judy.

See you February 9th!

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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT:

<http://ccom.ucsd.edu/~oceanids/>

Combined Chinese New Year Ethnic Dinner and Ethiopian Adventure



If you would like to come to an early Chinese New Year's dinner at the International Center on **Saturday, Feb. 2**, call Liz **ASAP** to see if there might be room for you. The telephone numbers are 858 454-6858 (home) and 858 232-7545 (cell). All the profits from the dinner, as always, will go to the International Center Scholarship Fund. Chris will be showing photos taken in Ethiopia during our recent trip in November. (We were in Ethiopia during the last Oceanids News deadline and hence you are learning about the dinner very late.) The reason for having Chinese banquet food instead of Ethiopian food can be summed up by the fact that Chris lost 10 pounds during 30 days in

Ethiopia. Those of you who have come to the annual Chinese New Year's dinner know that Chef Jimmy's creations, including the filet mignon dish, the shrimp balls, and some new surprises each year, are always outstanding. The costs are \$35 per person for members of the Friends of the International Center, \$40 for non-members and \$20 for students. All but \$10 is tax deductible because you will be contributing to the Scholarship Fund.

Liz Fong Wills



Piano Matinee-Intermediate level

Due to the success of our first Piano and Chamber Soiree group, we are forming another group that might suit players who are at an advanced beginner/intermediate level and want the opportunity to practice and perform in a relaxed setting among friends. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Diana Vines at dianasvines@gmail.com or 858 459-8248. We welcome piano, chamber instruments and voice, classical, jazz and popular music. We plan to meet the second Sunday of each month at 4pm but the day and time can be negotiated depending on members' availability.

We plan to have our first organizational meeting on February 10 at 4pm. Please RSVP Diana Vines if you plan to attend.



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 in advance of each cooking session no later than two days before the cooking session. Classes must have at least 6 persons per session to continue otherwise it will be cancelled and money refunded. If you are interested, please contact Jennie Chin at enjen1@hotmail.com, 858-755-2348 or Mary Woo at mwoonew@gmail.com, 858-481-6998. Unless specified, dishes will not be gluten-free.

OMG, Two-Buck Chuck actually wins!

Whenever I organize a blind wine tasting for Newcomers, I always put in a Trader Joe's Two Buck Chuck along with three other brands of the same varietal. The most recent tasting, at the Newcomers Pavilion, involved Pinot Grigio from Trader Joe's (\$1.99), Kirkland (Costco) for \$6.49, Mezzocorona (\$6.99) and Santa Margarita (\$17.99 at Costco and \$19.99 at Trader Joe's). The clerk who helped me at Trader Joe's assured me that the Santa Margarita was indeed worth ten times the Two Buck Chuck version. However, at our blind tasting, the consensus was that Santa Margarita was the least favorite both with and without food. Two Buck Chuck was the clear favorite, Kirkland was the second favorite, Mezzocorona was the third.....all in reverse order of cost! More than half of the group were Europeans, so the result could not be attributed to some quirk of naive American tastebuds.

This event is a descendant of the original Newcomers' Garden Wine Party that was first hosted by Frieda and Harold Urey and later by Ellen Revelle. Some of us have long enough memories to recall those marvelous olden days, but I think that the current eclectic mix of old-timers and newcomers from around the world provides just as much fun!

Liz Fong Wills



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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: **February 11 and March 11.**

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 and
Janet Goff (760)753-3472

"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
Feb 12 "The Final Solution" by Michael Chabon / Norma Chodos / Donna Weeks

Mar 12 "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson / Barbara Nemiroff / Barbara Penn

Next meetings: **February 12 and March 12.**

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 at 2 p.m.. 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, siete del Febrero, 2-4 a la casa de Marjorie Jackson y el siete del Marzo en la casa de Christa McReynolds. Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

Next meetings: **February 7 and March 7.**

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 13 février chez Irene Larrimore, à 1h de l'après-midi, comme d'habitude. Le 13 mars on va se retrouver chez Vreni Crimmons, avec Lucie Walther comme co-hotesse. Veuillez leur donner un coup de fil ou leur envoyer un e-mail si vous viendrez.

Next meetings: **February 13 and March 13**

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: **February 10 and March 10.**

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: **February 5+19 and March 5+19.**

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: **February 23 and March 23.**

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. **NEW TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM**

Next meetings: **February 19 and March 19.**

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: **February 4 and March 4.**

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 person 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: February 16 (different date!!) and March 9.

MICROBREWERY BEER TASTING

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

Judy Vacquier at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

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, February 3rd at 6 pm, we will have a potluck beertasting at the home of Jean and Alan Kleinfeld. We will sample San Diego Ballast Point and pair them with dishes. Judy will send an email with a sign-up sheet. Contact Jean at jeankleinfeld1971@gmail.com or 858-456-0381 and Judy at 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net regarding the beer and food. On Saturday March 2nd we will visit the Ballast Point Brewery in Scripps Ranch for a brewery tour at 5 pm followed by beertasting. They do not serve food so dinner is on your own.

Contact Judy to RSVP.

Next meetings: February 3 and March 2.

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: February 12+26 and March 12+26.

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 Diana Vines at dianasvines@gmail.com or 858-459-8248 if you are interested in helping start a second group.

In February, we will meet at the home of Vicky Yablonsky on Sunday, February 17th at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Vicky at victoria.yablonsky@gmail.com or 858-794-8147. The March meeting will be at the home of Judy Vacquier on Sunday, March 24th at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Judy at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-459-7834.

Next meetings: February 17 and March 24..

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SOUNDING BOARD

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

See page 8 for more information.

Next meetings: February 7 and March 7.

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: February 15 and March 15.

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

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: February 27 and March 27.

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. No RSVP is necessary, but arrive at 11:30 to get a seat! Talk starts promptly at 12:10 pm.

For more information on Sounding Board, contact Judy Vacquier, Ph.D., jvacq@sbcglobal.net



February 7, 2013

Douglas Richman, MD, Director, Center for AIDS Research, Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Medicine

“HIV/AIDS: Globally and at UCSD”

Dr. Richman is Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Medicine at UC San Diego, and Florence Seeley Riford Chair in AIDS Research. He is Director of the Center for AIDS Research at UCSD, Director of the UC San Diego AIDS Research Institute, and staff physician at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. He trained as an infectious disease physician and medical virologist at Stanford, the NIH and Harvard before joining the faculty at UCSD in 1976. He has focused his investigation on HIV disease and pathogenesis for the past 20 years. His laboratory was the first to identify HIV drug resistance.

March 7, 2013

John A. Hildebrand, Ph.D, Professor of Oceanography, Adjunct Professor Electrical and Computer Engineer

“Using Sound to Study Marine Mammals”

John Hildebrand is a Professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, and Adjunct Professor in the UCSD Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He obtained a B. S. in Physics and Electrical Engineering at UCSD, and a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Stanford University. He has chaired ten graduate Ph.D. thesis committees, and teaches classes on bioacoustics, and experimental laboratory acoustics. Dr. Hildebrand has contributed to more than 100 referred publications, on topics ranging from acoustic wave propagation, to passive acoustic monitoring of marine mammals. His recent research has focused on the use of acoustic techniques for marine mammal population census, and the effects of noise on marine mammals.

Come to Sounding Board and learn about these intelligent animals and hear amazing whale sounds!



A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS

My VW Eurovan is old, from 1997, but it has not many miles on it since we only use it for our camping trips, or should I say camping adventures?

As in several years past, my sister, my brother-in-law, my dog and I set out to spend the Christmas holiday in our beloved desert. Having no little ones in the family anymore, not having religious convictions, we have done with Christmas trees and huge piles of presents and wrapping paper and headed out instead to nature.

After a few miles on the road I was informed that the van heater did not seem to work - no matter we had warm sleeping bags. Then the gas line to the inside stove seemed to be broken - well we could buy a camping stove in the next town.

Some of you might know that my brother-in-law Jürgen is a cactus expert, raises them and is always on the look-out for a new and different kind. Soon we were on the road to a special place southwest of Tucson where hikers had encountered an interesting cactus. To say that the road was rough would be an extreme understatement. We practically jumped from one rocky plateau to the next, often bumping the bottom of the car hard. Well, about 17 miles in, I was following the slow car with Freddy the dog, I noticed a suspicious shiny line on the rocky path. It turned out to be oil, as I am sure you have already guessed. We stopped. I pulled out my cell phone – no signal. What to do? It was cold and it was getting dark, so I walked up the nearest slope until I could see a weak signal on the phone. I dialed 911 and to my great joy and relief a female voice answered. She was located in the next small town. I told her our story of woe and after much back and forth (she needed the GPS data, which we could give her) she promised to send a tow-truck the next morning. After a somewhat uneasy night I walked the dog the next morning, a clear and sunny one and we encountered 4 beautiful wild burros who watched us and then galloped off.

And what do you know, we could see a tow truck rumbling along on the road in our direction. But halt, what was that? It stopped, turned around and disappeared from our view. We literally felt abandoned. But after some anxious minutes the truck came into sight again with a trailer. The driver had lost the signal on his phone and had had to go back where he

could check the GPS data. It so happened that he was probably the second most important man in the tiny town after the sheriff. He had a gun, complained about all the regulations (all that environmental sh...) and often helped the sheriff retrieve vehicles which illegals had left behind. More important, he also owned THE car repairshop in town. And in a few hours, our oil pan was welded and we were good to go. What joy, not to have to return to San Diego after the first night.

So, what else happened?

One day I was mixing the dog's dry food as always with half a sausage and gave it 2 healthy squirts from a small water bottle standing nearby. Only when my sister was complaining that the contents of the bottle had magically shrunk I realized that I had fed my dog gin from a bottle that my sister had filled for her husband's daily gin and tonic. Freddy is 75 pounds, and I could not discover any change in his behavior.

And then, one sunny noon, we stopped on a narrow dirt road which ran parallel to the highway to have lunch and relax. There was very little traffic, but we noticed a white van passing on the highway, saw it turning around and suddenly pulling up be-



hind our car, blocking our way back to the highway. A big tall man got out, came up to us and started talking about this and that. It was a pleasant enough conversation although we wondered why he had come. My dog was standing next to me, and just in case, I told him with a quiet but stern voice: “Freddy be good!”, as if this dog could ever be bad. There was music in the man’s car and when asked about it he said he had two friends in the car and went to get them. A couple appeared. After some additional conversation, we said we needed to move on. We gave them each a Christmas cookie, shook hands, the woman hugged me and off they went. We still don’t know what their original intentions had been.

But why always assume the worst?

Roswitha Enright



HIKING IS FUN !!!

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.

By the way, the next hike of the Oceanids “Walking and Hiking Group” is NOT on February 9, since that is our EBay intake date, but on the third Saturday of February, the 16th.

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.

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.



FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Beer Tasting 3	Gracious Aging 4	Day Bridge 5	KitX Wed. Coffee 6	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board Café Español 7	8	E - BAY INTAKE + PARTY 9
Piano Matinée Cinema Soirée 10	Avi Set Birders 11	Book Group Photo-Digerati 12	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais 13	14	Wine Tasting I 15	Hiking 16
Piano and Chamber Soirée 17	18	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 19	KitX Wed. Coffee 20	21	22	Evening Bridge 23
24	25	Photo Digerati 26	KitX Wed. Coffee WITS II 27	28		

MARCH 2013

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