

# Oceanids News



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OCEANIDS

Cordially Invites you to the  
**Spring Membership Luncheon 2014**

*Thursday, May 15, 2014*

Social Hour 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Buffet Lunch 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location:

**South Pacific Room**, at the recently renovated



2230 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego Ph: 619-222-1181

Cost \$25.00 per person

**RSVP by Thursday, May 8, after that date**

the cost is \$30.00 per person

***SPECIAL FEATURE: Table with Oceanids Treasures, to GRAB AND GO***

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Name: .....

Guest: .....

Amount enclosed \$.....

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Please check here if you will require a ride

# OCEANIDS CREW 2013-2014



## OCEANIDS NEWS

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**Friday Café**

**NEEDED**  
**Barbara Bank**..... 484-4597  
**Barbara Starkey** ..... 453-0779

**Holiday Party**  
**Bookshare**

**If you want to see the newsletter in living color,**  
**go to <http://ccom.ucsd.edu/~oceanids/>**

**BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month**

Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

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

(You are welcome to attend!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past few weeks have made me more aware than ever of just how dynamic and active an organization Oceanids is. For one thing, we're in the midst of our annual e-Bay fundraiser (see pictures on page 10). It's going well, and I want to thank the many members who donated fabulous jewelry, textiles and collectables to the cause, and express my gratitude to the hard-working committee, especially our indefatigable but always cheerful chair, Judy Vacquier.



Of course we're raising this money to support our undergraduate service awards and graduate fellowships. At the last board meeting we elected to transition to a policy of giving the service awards to students at the end of their junior year rather than just before they graduate. This should allow us to have more interaction with the students by inviting them to our fall brunch, but should also benefit the students by enhancing their resumes as they apply for jobs or graduate school.

Several of us participated in last month's Campus Focus (see photos on page 5) organized by Carole Ziegler. We headed up to Scripps Ranch to see the earthquake table. It's a remarkable engineering feat that can very accurately assess the effects of seismic activity on all kinds of structures.

Also, several of us recently assisted at a Friday Cafe at the International Center. The lunch had a Brazilian theme and everyone enjoyed the food and festivities. This month we're embarking on a new venture by co-sponsoring a workshop with three other organizations, the League of Women Voters, the PTA, and Up for Ed. The main focus will be the Common Core, the new K-12 curriculum that's being implemented throughout the country with the hope of raising standards and improving critical thinking skills (see next page). This is a good fit for us because we're a group that's all about education. It will also help us understand curriculum and funding changes relevant to the school aged children in our families, and their parents. It's set for Saturday, April 26; for more details please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. And call me if you have any questions or want a ride!

And to cap off the academic year, please plan on attending our Spring Luncheon on May 15. Barbara Bank and Diana Vines have planned a wonderful event as usual, and it's a great way to get together as a group to celebrate friendship and service.

Mary Hanson, President

OCEANIDS 2014/2015 BOARD SLATE OF CANDIDATES	
to be voted on at spring membership luncheon meeting	
PRESIDENT:	Mary Hanson
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**Oceanids has an e-mail mailing list!**

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

*You will also be notified when the Oceanids News is available on our website.*

If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or are a new subscriber, please email the listserv administrator, Judy Vacquier, at [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:marycutchin@yahoo.com).*

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# Learning in the 21st Century

## Building a Pathway to Student Success

*If we teach today as we taught yesterday, We rob our children of tomorrow*  
— John Dewey

### Common Core Curriculum What is it? Facts and Myths Debunked

#### Featured Presenters:

- ◆ **Ann Johns**  
*Professor Emeritus, Linguistics and Writing Studies, San Diego State University*
- ◆ **Teresa Walter**  
*Executive Director, Teaching and Learning, San Diego Unified School District*
- ◆ **Dennis Doyle**  
*Executive Director, Collaborations: Teachers and Artists*
- ◆ **Scott Sypkens**  
*Sr. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, San Diego County Office of Education*
- ◆ **Rhea Faeldonea-Walker**  
*English Curriculum Specialist, Sweetwater Union High School District*
- ◆ **Matt Spathas**  
*CEO, Bandwidth Now*

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Join parents, teachers and community leaders for a day of innovation and learning.

**WHEN:**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2014**  
**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**WHERE:**  
**Ballard Parent Center**  
**2375 Congress St,**  
**San Diego, CA 92110**  
*Walking distance from Old Town Trolley & Coaster Station*

**REGISTER**  
**By April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Online:**  
[www.upford.org/events/EdSummit](http://www.upford.org/events/EdSummit)

**Mail:**  
Send a Check to:  
3990 Old Town Ave, B210  
San Diego, CA 92110

#### Summit Schedule

- 8:30 am .....Registration  
to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am .....Opening Presentation  
to 9:30 am Learning in the 21st Century
- 9:45 am .....Breakout  
to 10:30 am Sessions
- 10:45 am .....Breakout  
to 11:30 am Sessions
- 11:45 am .....Common Core Panel &  
to 1:30 pm Lunch Buffet

- Digital Learning Tools for Home & School
- Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital World
- Special Education in the 21st Century
- New School Funding Formula and Accountability

Spanish  
Interpretation  
Available







**IT WAS A GREAT  
CAMPUS FOCUS  
EVENT**

Thanks to Carole Ziegler, the organizer of the visit to the largest outdoor shake table in the world. It is designed to allow for the study of ground motion effects on structures during earthquakes. For some extra information and a video visit their website at [NEES.UCSD.edu](http://NEES.UCSD.edu)



Organizer Carole Ziegler and the director of the center



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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 Beate Laura Menzel, 619 401-1557 (jrblmenzel@cox.net), 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.**

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## 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: April 14 and May 12.

## BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Liz Winant (858) 481-7447 and Janet Goff (760)753-3472  
We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM for Our meetings are held year round on the second Tuesday at 9:30 AM for chatting and 10 AM for review. Everyone is welcome; we are happy to greet new members who like to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction and who value good writing and a lively discussion.  
Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer  
April 8 "Family Romance" / John Lanchester / Barbara Penn / Liz Winant

May 13 "In the Memory of the Forest" / Charles T Powers / Barbara Nemiroff / TBA

Next meetings: April 8 and May 13.

## 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 el tres de Avril a la casa de Vicky Lindblade y el primero de Mayo en la casa de Roswitha Enright. Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

## CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Mary Hanson (858) 456-1304; mhanson@san.rr.com  
Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 9 avril chez Leni Dalle Molle, à midi. Le 14 mai on va se réunir chez Pat Stone. Veuillez donner un coup de fil à nos hôtesses si vous avez l'intention de venir.

Next meeting: April 9 and May 14.

## 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: April 13 and May 11.

## 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: April 1+15 and May 6+20.

## 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: April 26 and May 24.

## GERMAN KAFFEKLATSCH

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 3 pm** and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please contact Roswitha.

Next meetings: April 15 and May 20.

## 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.

Next meetings: April 7 and May 5.

## 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.

## 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 or mail the week before the hike.

Next hike: April 12 and May ???.

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.



### MICROBREWERY BEER TASTING

Contact: Barbara Bank at 858-484-4597 or bbank@ucsd.edu,  
Judy Vacquier at 858-361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net  
The Microbrewery Group is currently under re-organization.  
Watch for news in coming newsletters.

### 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.  
Next meeting: Call Mary.

### 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: April 8+22 and May 13+27.

### PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 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 wel-  
come 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. On Sunday, April 27, at 4 pm, we will meet at  
the home of Carol Manifold. Please RSVP to Carol at manifold@  
pobox.com or 858-456-7259, and to Judy Vacquier at 858-361-0418  
or jvacq@sbcglobal.net. In May, we will meet Sunday, May 25, at  
4 pm at the home of Michael Gorman. Please RSVP to Michael  
at mgorman@ucsd.edu or 858-822-2466, and to Judy Vacquier as  
described above.  
Next meetings: April 27 and May 25.

### PIANO MATINEE

Contact: Diana Vines at dianasvines@gmail.com or 858 459-8248  
This group is for players who are at an advanced beginner/inter-  
mediate 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 classical, jazz and popu-  
lar piano music. We meet the second Sunday of each month at  
4pm.  
Next meeting: April 13 and May 11.

### SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net  
See page 8 for important information.  
Next meetings: April 3 and May 1

### WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336  
Mary Woo 481-6998 & 336-3642 (cell)  
Jennie Chin enjien1@hotmail.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: Elisabeth Smith 858-222-2548 e-mail: egsmith99@hotmail.  
com Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vin-  
tage, 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: April 18 and May 16.

### 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 com-  
panies 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: Call chair for next meeting.

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## OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

Print your name as you would like it to appear in the OCEANIDS DIRECTORY. Check here if you don't want to be listed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \$13.00 for guests and \$9.00 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! You do not need to RSVP. Contact Judy Vacquier at [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net) or 858-361-0418 for more information.

**April 3, 2014**



**Dr. William Fenical**, Professor of Oceanography, Director of the Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Title to be announced

Dr. Fenical received his MS from San Jose State University and his PhD from the University of California at Riverside. Determined to blend his love of the ocean with his career, Bill attained an Assistant Research Chemist position at Scripps in 1973. Since that time Bill has studied marine chemical ecology with particular interest in the role of chemical defense in thwarting predation on vulnerable marine organisms. It is from this research, and the resultant discovery of new chemical compounds, that Bill became interested in the medical potential of the oceans. Today his research focuses on the discovery of medicinally valuable compounds derived from marine microorganisms collected locally and at tropical locations, as well as extreme environments such as the deep-sea and arctic waters.

**May 1, 2014**

**Dr. Keith Pezzoli**, Director of Field Research and a Lecturer in the Urban Studies and Planning Program, UC San Diego



**“Making Cities Healthy and Bioregionally Resilient”**

This presentation describes a new integrated approach to dealing with modernity’s mounting social, economic and ecological problems. The focus is on the San Diego-Tijuana city-region; especially how we deal with food and water security. The presentation introduces the concept of bioregionalism. Bioregional theory and action aims to enable human communities to live, work, eat and play sustainably within earth’s dynamic web of life. At the heart of the matter is this core guiding principle: Human beings are social animals; if we are to survive as a species we need healthy relationships and secure attachments with one another and with the land, waters, habitat, plants and animals upon which we depend.

Keith Pezzoli leads the Research Translation and Community Outreach cores of UCSD’s Superfund Research Program which is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Pezzoli’s teaching and research concentrate on regional ecology and globalism, new biology and environmental health, sustainability science and information technology. Currently he is conducting action research at the water/climate/poverty nexus in low-income human settlements of the U.S.-Mexico border region.



## Labels and identity: Who or what am I?

by Odette Filloux

My maiden name sounds Italian and it is not surprising since my Dad's father came from Corsica. As children, maybe to give us a sense of the importance of chance, we were told that had Napoleon been born in 1768 instead of 1769, he would not have been French by birth, since it was only in 1769 that Genoa had sold Corsica to France.

But we (my sister and I) had been born in Algeria and even though our grandfather spoke Corsican neither our father (and even less our mother) did. They spoke French and from early on at school we had learned as a fact in our French history books that our ancestors were "nos ancêtres les Gaulois", that is "our ancestors the Gauls", and that this was the case whether our name sounded Italian like ours, French or Arabic, Spanish or Jewish like many of our friends' did.

During the summer holidays we did travel to the Corsican village where our grandfather lived but we also visited France where we had no family but where we were told it was advisable to spend the hot and debilitating Algerian summer months in order to retain and acquire those "red cells" essential to us children for our good health. So we did and I remember with pleasure those vacations and mostly the landscape into which they plunged us; they acquainted us with all the nuances of the color "green", the sound of running brooks, mountain paths, milk with cream, castles and splendid churches. I loved it all and yet it was not "mine" and I always returned with a sigh of relief to Algeria where the sea, the stony hills and their earthy colors, the expanse, the sand, the vacancy reigned supreme.

So when much later I came to the US and was asked where in France was I born it was with no hesitancy and a certain pride that I would promptly say, "I was not born in France, I was born in Oran, Algeria, in North Africa".

Then I became American, that is a citizen of the United State of America, and so more often than not I had to explain why I was French and born in Algeria. It often resulted in lengthy explanations, which were not always satisfying, and one day at the end of such a long discourse I heard myself say in jest and in order to reach a sort of conclusion "Well, after all, I am an African American"... and the person with whom I was talking looked at me and laughed. I didn't.

Much later and on other occasions, I had to deal with the expression "Pied Noir" which was the way we, as French born in Algeria and no longer living there, had come to be defined. People asked me, "What does that mean?" So again I had to explain and translate: "it means "Black Foot", I answered, and people would say, "Why black foot?" and I would have to admit that I really did not know. It was the French from France who had labeled us so, maybe because they thought that our feet were black since we often walked barefooted, or maybe for any number of other reasons ...yet what I knew for sure was that it was not meant to be a compliment.

Then much, much later, as we happened to be driving from San Diego to Montana, along the road up North we passed a sign that indicated that the "Black Foot" reservation was to be found somewhere to the East. And at that moment I had a kind of revelation! So now I thought I could also claim to be an American...and a Black Foot which according to those various labels already discussed allowed me to sum it all up and say: "I am French, Corsican, African, American, and since, as we just said, translated into English the term "Pied Noir" appeared to be "Black Foot", I am also a Black Foot American; and what a temptation it was then to go on writing that consequently I could very well be called an American Indian!

From time to time I pondered laughingly about this absurd conclusion when one day my husband and I attended a party where I was sat next to a young woman who after a while whispered in my ear as if in confidence and in a very dramatic tone of voice, "What are you?" She looked me in the eye expecting a quick answer. But I did not know what to say, for what was I? And I recalled once more: American, African, Corsican, Algerian, Italian... impossible to answer and I remained speechless for a few seconds more, when too impatient to wait any longer she murmured, "I am an Aquarius, and you, what are you?" she insisted and trying to help she asked, "When were you born?" Happy to finally be able to respond I said, "At the beginning of January." "Oh!" she exclaimed jubilantly, "then you are a Capricorn", and she proceeded to instruct me on what it meant for my character, my identity and even my future.

Back home I added this new label to the previous ones still unsatisfied with their finality when not much later, in the course of an innocuous conversation with a person I thought I knew well, I came to say in passing that I was Catholic. Her reaction took me by surprise. She exclaimed as if in shock and disbelief, as if I had just said that I was some kind of a weirdo or mentally retarded zombie, "You are a Catholic?" and it was her turn to remain speechless. What was I to do? I had no choice but to reiterate in a barely audible voice, as if I should be ashamed, "Yes, I am!"

Well, by now are not you persuaded that if names, titles, labels of all kinds, might on some levels sometimes identify us they will most likely fall short of revealing to us as well as to others who is really that mysterious and complex "human amalgam" we call "I"?

**E-BAY UPDATE**

Thanks to the many donors and volunteers among our Oceanids members. By the time you read this we'll be winding things down, however, but you can check what's still available by going to: [http://www.ebay.com/sch/oceanids1/m.html?\\_nkw=&\\_armrs=1&\\_from=&\\_ipg=25&\\_trksid=p3692](http://www.ebay.com/sch/oceanids1/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_from=&_ipg=25&_trksid=p3692)

As of the 15th of March we had sold about \$2800 worth of items, and the income from the sale will be applied to the good causes Oceanids supports. Not all of our treasures will have sold, of course, so we plan to have some lovely items available for YOU to purchase at the **spring luncheon on May 15**. Also, bring your own donations and some cash or your checkbook for our \$5 "Grab and Go" table. See you there.

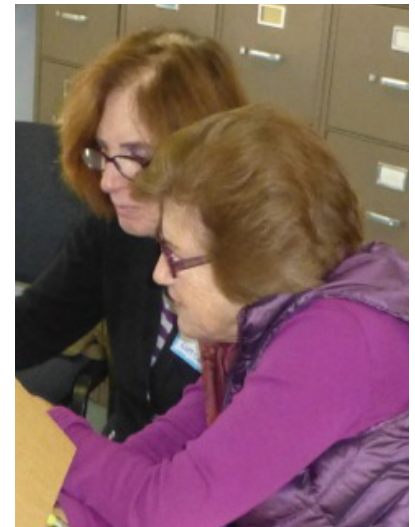
Judy Vacquier and Mary Hanson



Liz Lancaster and Ruth Stern, evaluating the treasures



Barbara Bank checking out the \$5-10 table



Mary Cutchin and Nancy Groves glued to the computer



Mary Woo setting up the food station



Maxine Bloor and Irene Larrimore at the intake table

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