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## Oceanids eBay Auction Annual Fundraiser 2014

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

**The eBay intake party for donations will be**

**Saturday, February 8th,  
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, the student-run free clinic and more.*

**See page 3 for important information**



# OCEANIDS CREW 2013-2014



## OCEANIDS NEWS

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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  
(You are welcome to attend!)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Support and socializing are what Oceanids is all about. Both our every-member events and our varied Interest Groups provide the means to enjoy each other's company and keep physically and mentally active,



whether it's performing on the piano, playing bridge, speaking a second or third language, enjoying good food and drink together or getting outdoors to do some hiking or bird watching. We provide support to the UCSD family through Newcomers activities such as the ongoing Kitchen Exchange and the upcoming annual Whale Watching trip.

Of course, we also provide direct monetary support to the University through our awards and scholarship programs. Many of you donated funds in addition to your annual dues. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, and as a result we are committed to only one major fundraiser, our fourth annual e-bay auction.

I'd encourage you not only to look for a treasure or two to donate, but also to attend our "intake party" on February 8th. This is an event where the support and social aspects of Oceanids overlap. Those of us who have participated in the past enjoy meeting other members and working together for a good cause. If you've helped out previously we thank you and encourage you to continue. If not, I urge you to check out the article on this page about this event and get involved. And to everyone, thanks for all you do!

Mary Hanson, President

### 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).

## E-BAY FUN

This year will be better than ever! Bring your items and **filled-out** accompanying forms 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. Free food and drink will be served until 1:00 pm. You are also welcome to come and socialize even if you have nothing to donate. Bring your **checkbooks** and small inexpensive items you are willing to part with: we will have a "**Buy It Now**" table (also for items impractical to ship because they are too heavy, large and/or fragile) and \$5 and \$10 items to "**grab and go**" (no tax deduction receipts for these, just a chance to tidy up around the house and "re-gift" some of those unwanted Christmas presents!). **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. Contact Judy Vacquier at 858-361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Hanson at 858-456-1304 or [mhanson@san.rr.com](mailto:mhanson@san.rr.com) if you have items to donate. We will email you a donor form for each item, which we ask you to complete **ahead of time** and bring with you to the event. You can also visit the Oceanids website at <http://ccom.ucsd.edu/~oceanids/> to download the forms and a UCSD parking lot map. **If you cannot attend the intake party**, don't worry: you can still donate your items! Just contact Judy or Mary for forms and information about where to drop off your items. **Kinds of Donations:** 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. Items that are worn or soiled will be graciously declined. NOTE: if your item does not sell, it will be returned to you, or you can specify that it be donated to the Friends of the IC resale shop. If your item sells, you will receive a written acknowledgment for tax purposes. 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 Judy or Mary. Your tax-deductible donations will help fund Oceanids activities such as the undergraduate student service awards. This is our only fundraiser!

See you February 8th!

## Membership Update

By now you will have received the Oceanids 2014 Directory. Thanks particularly to Claudia Lowenstein for her competent and constant support, Lucie Walther for her faster- than-a-speeding-bullet mailing skills, and Judy Vacquier for her eagle-eye proofing. What a team!

There will undoubtedly be additions and corrections. Please email them to [Oceanids@ucsd.edu](mailto:Oceanids@ucsd.edu) and also to [marycutchin@yahoo.com](mailto:marycutchin@yahoo.com). These changes will be communicated to members via the Oceanids Newsletter as we receive them. Please note them in your directory, so that it will always be up-to-date.

Mary Cutchin, VP membership

The Oceanids Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon will be On Thursday, May 15 at the Bali Hai Restaurant. We hope to see you there.

### CAMPUS FOCUS EVENT

We will visit the largest outdoor shake table in the world. It is designed to allow for the study of ground motion effects on structures during earthquakes.

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Meet at 10:30 am at the  
Englekirk Structural Engineering Center  
10201 Pomerado Road  
San Diego, California 92131

Directions: Take Highway 15 to Pomerado Road. Go east. Turn into the second driveway on the right. Parking is available.

For some extra information and a video visit their website at [NEES.UCSD.edu](http://NEES.UCSD.edu)

To reserve a spot or if you have questions, contact Carole Ziegler at 619-297-0798 or [Cactus12Carole@gmail.com](mailto:Cactus12Carole@gmail.com)

## A Texas Birding Holiday

Over the recent holidays I visited my sister and her family in Houston and saw my first Reddish Egret. Cold weather in Houston and nearby Galveston means fabulous oysters, shrimp and crab to eat as well as exceptional birding. The whole area is a bird flyway and many birds stop to rest and feed in Galveston's salt water marshes while making the trip south. For example, roseate spoonbills, ibises, herons and caracaras are abundant. This holiday my sister and I spent days taking their photos; our plan was to paint from the photos later.

This photo, taken by the professional bird guide and photographer Jim Stevenson ([galornsoc@earthlink.net](mailto:galornsoc@earthlink.net)), is of a Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)—a medium size bird of the heron/bittern family. It is similar to the one I saw dancing, spinning and jumping up and down in the muddy water in search of food. Quite elegant, it's at the same time a goofy creature that Dr. Seuss could have imagined.

It was thrilling to watch this bird forage, and the sighting made my list of lifetime birds. I wanted to share the experience with Oceanids birders and other members. The Reddish Egret apparently can be seen in Southern California areas like the Bolsa Chica reserve in Huntington Beach and in San Diego marshes.

Unfortunately I can no longer share with you the 48 ounces of delicious crab meat I brought home through

airport security. It's already been shared and eaten. But it's not too late to join Oceanids Avi-Set Birders by contacting Liz Winant at [lwinant@ucsd.edu](mailto:lwinant@ucsd.edu).

By Oceanids Board member Jan Ouren





## Geology and a Helicopter to the Rescue

by Carole L. Ziegler

One thing about being involved with the Earth Science World – you never know when it will be useful. I play a game with my students on the first day of class when I ask them what their major is and then try to come up with a scenario where they need something related to Earth Science in order to understand their own subject better or that they need Earth Science for their subject to be complete. For the art major I talk about pigments from the Earth, for the economist I talk about our natural resources that give us our wealth, for the musician I talk about how Earth materials change the sound, and so on. Well, I have a new scenario for my Emergency Medical Technology majors.

Some years ago I started out on a quest to conquer the Pacific Crest Trail. Slowly, and maybe not so surely now, I have been hiking from Mexico to Canada. A few days each year, I manage to head out to my last point on the trail with one of my “trail angels”, people that will hike with me, shuttle my car and do whatever I might need. I have now hiked 444 miles of the trail. I would be a bit further, except for an unexpected chain of events last year. One of my more faithful trail angels, a Turkish woman, and I set out on a three day backpacking trip in the Los Angeles County Forest. Due to the desert climate in southern California, backpacking in the summer often means there will not be any water to pump from streams and so a lot of extra water has to be added to one’s pack. We started out with at least 16 pounds of water each. But even with enough water, sometimes our bodies and the weather do not cooperate.

Our first day was pretty uneventful and we made our set goal of a little over 6 miles. We had started in the cool of the afternoon to conquer our first of two major climbs for this trip. The second day we knew we had a greater than 1000 feet climb and we started at the crack of dawn. We trudged along at a very slow pace, resting often. At one of our rest stops, we began to hear what sounded like gun shots. Now, we knew that it was not hunting season. Soon, a huge pine tree with a girth of 10 feet or so came crashing down in front of us. Scary, but interesting to see as it seemed to go down in slow motion. Every time I have been on the Pacific Crest Trail we have had some kind of adventure, so for that I am keeping a diary. We figured this was our special adventure for this trip. Not so.

The day, of course got hotter and the climb took most of the day. My friend was not feeling very well. She explained to me that she had had some metabolite issues before, but she seemed prepared and made up a cocktail of water with an electrolyte powder. After an extended rest in the afternoon, things seemed good and we continued on our trek that would now be mostly downhill. Knowing that we would not make it to the trail camp that we originally planned on that night, we found a nice saddle and set up our tents and enjoyed an early evening to bed. Both of us slept deeply for a good 8 hours. The next morning, we broke camp very early. My friend mentioned that she did not feel so well, but I told her that we had to at least make it to the Ranger Station 3 miles away. Fifteen minutes into our trek however, it became quite obvious that her legs were not functioning well, she could barely walk. It took us an hour to go ½ mile and normally, even at our worst when climbing, we do 1 mile an hour. We found some shade and it was agreed that I would hike down and get help. When I could get cell phone service, I called 911 and they connected me with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. As luck would have it, they had a helicopter in the area doing surveillance to watch for forest fires. I gave them my lat-long coordinates off of my GPS unit and after a couple of passes, they spotted me. Here’s where the geology came into play. The trail is a series of switchbacks on the side of the mountain, so there is no flat area for the helicopter to land, but there is a 2 foot by 2 foot rock outcrop jutting out from the trail. There were two men plus the pilot in the helicopter. One of the men jumped out onto that outcrop and wanted me to get into the helicopter while it hovered. Pure panic on my part! They wanted me to help point out my friend on the trail. But the helicopter could not get close enough for me to get a foot on to the skid to climb in. Abort that idea. Instead the two of us would hike up and find my friend. Fortunately, she had been slowly working her way down and we did not have far to go. Back to the geologic outcrop. Once the pilot was satisfied that it was safe, he put the skid down on the corner of the outcrop (about 6 inches of skid was resting on rock). It was enough though for me to step on and climb into the helicopter. The second man in the helicopter now had huge red belts holding him onto the helicopter and he and the man on the ground hoisted my friend in like a sack of potatoes as she no longer was able to use her legs.

I don’t remember the ride down to the Ranger Station. We had a second helicopter ride, since the road was blocked, and the pilot dropped us off in a field next to the campground where our car was parked. We were glad to get home. And with the proper rest and sufficient fluids my friend soon recovered.

Thanks to the 2 foot X 2 foot outcrop for being there when I most needed it and to the Los Angeles County Fire Department for a highly skilled team.

# 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: **February 10 and March 10.**

## 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 chatting and 10 AM for our discussion. Everyone is welcome - we are always happy to greet new readers.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

February 11 "River of Dreams" by Rebecca Solnit / Barbara Nemiroff / TBA

March 11 "The Garden of Evening Mists" by Tan Twan Eng / Barbara Penn / Ruth Stern

Next meetings: **February 11 and March 11.**

## 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 seis de Febrero 2-4 a la casa de Meridith Lafrenz y el seis de Marzo en la casa de Vicki Lindblade. Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

Next meetings: **February 6 and March 6.**

## CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 12 février chez Irene Larrimore. Puis le 12 mars on va se réunir chez Vreni Crimmons, avec Lucie Walther comme co-hotesse. N'oubliez pas qu'on commence à midi. Et veuillez comme d'habitude donner un coup de fil ou envoyer un e-mail à nos hôtesse si vous avez l'intention de venir.

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

## CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375

The group meets at a designated home on the **second Sunday** of each month (all year long) at 7:00pm for socializing; movie discussion starts at 7:30pm sharp. Light refreshments will be served. You will be contacted by e-mail about which movie to see and where to meet. For more information call Roswitha.

Next meetings: **February 9 and March 9.**

## 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 4+18, March 4+18.**

## 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 22 and March 22.**

## GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (renright@ucsd.edu)

This group is for beginners and experienced German speakers alike. Guaranteed no pressure. Just come on the **3rd Tuesday at 3 pm** and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please ccontact Roswitha.

Next meetings: **February 18 and March 18.**

## 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: **February 3 and March 3.**

## 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](mailto: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 15 and March 8.**

## MICROBREWERY BEER TASTING

Contact: Barbara Bank at 858-484-4597 or [bbank@ucsd.edu](mailto:bbank@ucsd.edu),

Judy Vacquier at 858-361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: February 16 for a champagne Brunch at the "Sufi", (Persian food) at 1:30 pm. Meet at Mary Cutchin's home at 12:00. Call her for reservation and further information.**

## MUSEUM FRIENDS

Contact: Barbara Starkey 858-453 0779 or [bstarkey@san.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 11+25, March 11+25.**

## PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. On Sunday, February 23, at 4 pm, we will meet at the home of Marsha Sewell. Please RSVP to Marsha at [m.sewell@cox.net](mailto:m.sewell@cox.net) or 619-234-8815, and to Judy Vacquier at 858-361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net). In March, we will meet Sunday, **March 30, at 4 pm at the home of Erika Walter. Please note this is the fifth Sunday, not the fourth Sunday this time.** Please RSVP to Erika at [gwalter@ucsd.edu](mailto:gwalter@ucsd.edu) or 858-755-0490, and to Judy Vacquier as described above.

**Next meetings: February 23 and March 30.**

## PIANO MATINEE

Contact: Diana Vines at [dianasvines@gmail.com](mailto:dianasvines@gmail.com) or 858 459-8248

This group is for 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](mailto:dianasvines@gmail.com) or 858 459-8248. We welcome classical, jazz and popular piano music. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 4pm.

**No meeting: February 9 and March 9**

## SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net)

Steve Erie on Urban Politics

See page 8 for more information.

**Next meetings: February 6 and March 6.**

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

Mary Woo 481-6998 & 336-3642 (cell)

[Jennie.Chin.enjien1@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 21 and March 21.**

## WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or [bscholz@hotmail.com](mailto: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: Call chair for next meeting.**



**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.

### **February 6:**

**Gordon H. Hanson**, PhD, Director of the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies at UC San Diego

#### **“Globalization and the American Worker”**

With a Ph.D., from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992 (economics) Professor Hanson also has faculty positions in the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and the Department of Economics. Prior to joining UCSD in 2001, he was on the economics faculty at the University of Michigan (1998-2001) and at the University of Texas (1992-1998). Professor Hanson received the Chancellor’s Associates Award for Excellence in Research in Social Science and the Humanities from UC San Diego.

Professor Hanson specializes in the economics of international trade, international migration, and foreign direct investment. His current research examines the international migration of skilled labor, border enforcement and illegal immigration, the impact of imports from China on the US labor market, and the determinants of comparative advantage. His most recent book is *Regulating Low Skilled Immigration in the United States*(American Enterprise Institute, 2010).



### **March 6:**

**Sanford A. Lakoff**, Edward A. Dickson Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Ph.D. Harvard University, 1959



#### **“The U.S., the European Union, and the Challenges of the Middle East”**

Lakoff is founding chair of the Department and a distinguished scholar in political philosophy and science and public policy. He is the author of *Equality in Political Philosophy, Democracy: History, Theory and Practice*, and *Max Lerner: Pilgrim in the Promised Land* (1998, University of Chicago Press) and *Strategic Defense in the Nuclear Age and Ten Political Ideas that have Shaped the Modern World* (September 2011); co-author of *Science and the Nation: Policy and Politics, Energy and American Values*, and *A Shield in Space?: Technology, Politics, and the Strategic Defense Initiative*. He has also edited a half dozen volumes, including *Knowledge and Power: Essays on Science and Government*. He has contributed over fifty essays to edited volumes, journals, and encyclopedias.



## Desert Over-night Camping Trip

Friday, March 22nd through Sunday, March 24,  
Anza Borrego Desert State Park

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!) Spectacular vistas and miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons and across its hillsides are additional attractions. Centuries ago, the Kumeyaay Indians were initially attracted to the springs at what we now call Agua Caliente ("hot water" in Spanish). Spanish explorers, miners, then pioneers, soldiers and prospectors eventually made their way here as well. 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. A wide variety of wildlife is attracted to the springs, including foxes, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions; wildflowers and succulents should be visible though we had very little 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 and to ask any questions you may have about camping, 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, preferably one that represents your native country. If you wish to sing around the campfire, bring your musical instruments and voices.

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, sweat-shirts 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!

## Day-Hikers

People who would like to go on a desert day hike only may join the Oceanids hikers. We hike down from the Culp valley campground to almost Borrego Springs, about 7 miles. It will be either the second Saturday in April or the second Saturday in May, depending on possible rainfall and a chance to see cactus flowers. If you are interested, please e-mail me at renright@ucsd.edu.

Roswitha Enright

## Triton Scholarship Program

Officers of the Oceanids Board were invited to a Continental Brunch on Founders' Day, November 15, 2013. Before the presentation I was able to chat with Armin Afsahi, '90, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Alumni and External Affairs. He was delighted to meet a representative from the Oceanids. As an undergraduate he lived in the apartment on the second floor of the International Center, and was very appreciative of the Oceanids generosity in raising the money to build the I-Center.

I also spoke with Former Chancellor Mary Anne Fox. During her tenure she recognized the important work of Liz Fong Wills and Georgina Sham with the Newcomers program and the Kitchen Exchange.

Robert C. Dynes, President and Chancellor Emeritus and Chair of the Undergraduate Scholarships stopped by my table and was surprised to learn that besides raising funds for Fellowships and scholarships, Oceanids also donate annually to the Student Run Free Clinic.

The presentation focused on three ways to support the Triton Scholarship Program through Regents Scholarships, Chancellor's Scholars, and Triton Scholars. Regents Scholarships recruit top merit students, Chancellor's Scholarships are designed to attract students who meet one or more qualifications: first generation college students, students who meet the UC Blue and Gold guidelines, and students demonstrating financial need who are from targeted schools or pre-collegiate programs in California.

Triton Scholarships are enrichment scholarships designed to enable strong co-curricular and experiential learning opportunities and/or recognize outstanding student achievement.

Barbara Bank, first Vice-President



## A HOLIDAY SURPRISE

On our way up the mountain we noticed large black birds on what looked like a vista point. Also people, adults and children. It was December 22 and my sister, her husband, my dog and I were on our Christmas vacation in Baja. We were going to visit Parque Nacional de San Pedro Martir again where we had spent time before. It is located southeast of Ensenada on the high mountain ridge where Mexico sponsors an

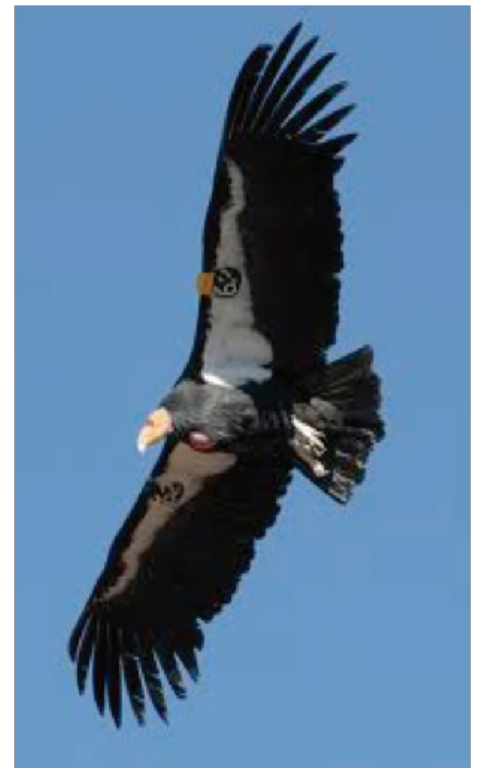
observatory. Pine trees and beautiful granite rocks surround it and we even had snow on the ground. We spent 3 lovely days there with the dog enjoying the snow by sniffing it, licking it, eating it and rolling around in it. On the way back down the mountain we encountered again the large vista point. No people, no birds but we wandered around and enjoyed the view of the Pacific.

And then they came. Suddenly we saw a number of large black birds coming from afar. They started circling overhead and we could clearly see that they were California condors. So close that we could distinguish the young from the old by the color markings on their heads. It was beautiful. We knew that condors had been raised in San Diego and Los Angeles and then released in the wild in Baja where there were no overland cables which contribute to the deaths of the birds released in California. While we were standing there looking up in awe, a Mexican pick-up pulled up and two young people got out. They turned out to be “care takers” of the birds meaning they watch them, count the young, band them---and try to discourage them from visiting people. They are being paid by the US, the money being funneled through some Mexican agency. While the birds, about 12 of them, were still circling overhead Catalina and Mohamed told us the story why they came to this particular spot. It seems that a few years ago poachers who had a dead deer in the trunk were pursued by the Mexican police. They drove onto the vista point with such speed that they dropped off the cliff on the other side. The authorities retrieved the bodies but left the car. The deer carcass was wrapped in a sleeping bag, we assume the trunk had sprung open and after a while the delicious smell of the decaying meat was irresistible to the condors. They feasted and ever since they have come back to this area in the hopes of finding more. What they found were tourists who probably delightedly fed them with whatever they had, probably chips and cheetos and the like. Our two young people tried to discourage that by all kinds of measures. But fences were trampled down, NO FEEDING signs removed- in short it was an ongoing battle. It was heart warming to see the dedication of these two, Catalina and Mohamed.

We of course did not have anything for the condors to eat, so they slowly turned around and flew away. What a treat.

We returned to San Diego without any major handicap. Except the brakes started to screech pitifully. And 3 days later the toll road Tijuana to Ensenada collapsed. But by that time we were safely at home.

Roswitha Enright



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b>	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge	KitX Wed. Coffee	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board Café Español		<b>8</b> <b>E-BAY INTAKE PARTY</b>
<b>9</b> Cinema Soireé Piano Matinée	<b>10</b> Avi Set Birders	<b>11</b> Book Group Photo- Digerati	<b>12</b> KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais		<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Hiking
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch	<b>19</b> KitX Wed. Coffee		<b>21</b> Wine Tasting I	<b>22</b> Evening Bridge
<b>23</b> Piano and Chamber Soireé	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Photo Digerati	<b>26</b> KitX Wed. Coffee  WITS II	<b>27</b> CAMPUS FOCUS	<b>28</b>	

# MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge	KitX Wed. Coffee	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board Café Español		<b>1</b>       Hiking <b>8</b>
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<b>30</b> Piano and Chamber Soireé		<b>31</b>				



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