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Do you know who these people are? They make the functioning of our organization possible!! They are the ones behind the scenes who come up with ideas of how to make Oceanids even more successful.

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Check page 2 of the newsletter and you will see what their responsibilities are.

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Every Oceanid is welcome to be on the board and/or help in any capacity, big or small.

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*HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL*

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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:

Have you noticed when reading the paper or a national magazine how often UCSD is mentioned? The university our Oceanids group supports



is truly a leading institution. Of course, there's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, which started it all. Scripps scientists are often quoted. However, UCSD has become strong in many disciplines in both science and the humanities. As a consequence, it attracts scholars from all over the world, and competition for admission is fierce. I doubt any university has catapulted to the top so quickly, with the possible exception of Harvard in the 17th century.

As your President, I very much enjoy having a reason to be on campus often. I also am proud to represent Oceanids at UCSD events. In October I was pleased to be able to attend the reception at University House for new faculty as well as those being promoted. It was a festive gathering for these fortunate few and I was impressed by the diversity and excellence of the group. In November I attended the annual Scholarship Breakfast. Oceanids is invited because of our scholarship programs. We had the opportunity to hear from several undergraduate students about just what a difference financial support has made in their lives, allowing them not only to attend an ever more expensive UCSD, but also to engage in meaningful research.

I'm looking forward to the Hearts and Scholars dinner in February, another event recognizing both scholarship recipients and donors.

We are all fortunate to be part of the UCSD family, and it is my privilege to represent Oceanids at events like these. Our support is very much valued and appreciated.

Mary Hanson, President

Donations to our Oceanids Funds are very much appreciated. Here's why:

University of California campuses enroll more low-income students than any other top university in the country, and currently, approximately 60% of UC San Diego undergraduates need financial assistance to attend college. To bridge the gap between the cost of attending UC San Diego and what our students and their families can afford to pay, scholarships reduce loan debt and/or outside workloads, enabling students to focus on their education.

Keep up the good work, Oceanids

March will be of significant importance to all math enthusiasts. Why?

The date and time spelled out in numbers will equal the first 10 digits of the number π

Date: 3/14/'15 at 9:26:53 am =
 π : 3.141592653

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.

Also, an announcement is sent when the Oceanids newsletter is available on our website for you to read online or print.

If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or are a new subscriber, please email the listserv administrators, Judy Vacquier, at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or Mary Cutchin, at marycutchin@yahoo.com.

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.

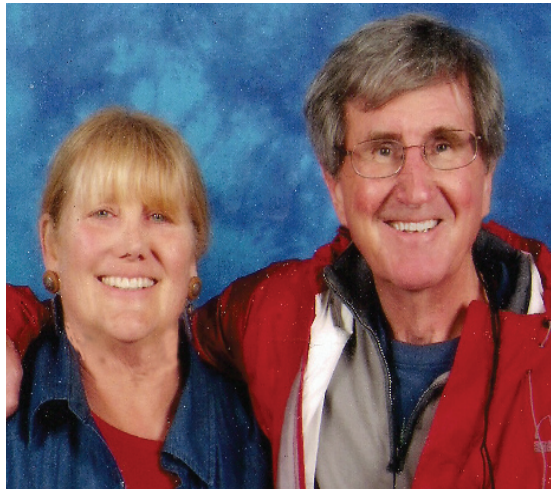
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OCEANIDS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER KATIE BOYER

(here shown with husband Chuck)

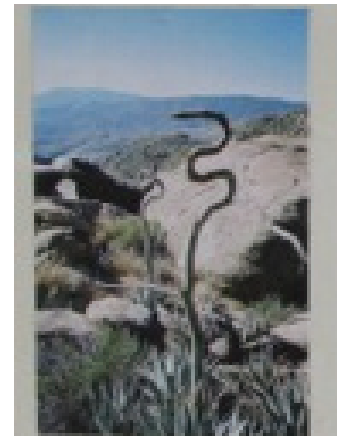
In the not too distant past, Oceanids Newsletter (the Bear Facts) introduced new members with a short profile. We are happy to resume that tradition with new member Katie Boyer who joined Oceanids in the fall of 2014. Originally from Michigan, Katie is a long time San Diego resident, meeting and marrying her husband Chuck Boyer here in 1975. Chuck was boys' track coach at La



Jolla High School for many years—your children may have had him as coach or math teacher. An avid bridge player and movie goer, Katie was interested in supporting Oceanids' student activities and participating in Oceanids bridge and movie interest groups. Katie also attends frequent symphony and theatre events, listens to the Great Courses on tape on medieval history, reads voraciously and hikes several miles three times a week. A recent accomplishment: a totally remodeled home with a huge and beautiful kitchen where she has already hosted the Oceanids bridge group. Katie also enjoys being a descriptor for the opera. Descriptors, who attend rehearsals, then sit in a booth during the performance and describe the sets, costumes and action. This information is transmitted to the visually impaired in the audience who are equipped with headphones. A favorite movie this year: Birdman. Most recent book read:

The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee. Please join me in welcoming Katie to Oceanids!

Jan Ouren



Weird Yucca flower stalk in the desert.
Photographed by Peter Rowat

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**Thank You Oceanids
for your Significant Contributions to UC San Diego Students**

2014 was another excellent year for Oceanids financial support of both undergraduate and graduate students at UC San Diego. Thanks to many generous gifts, we have a long list. Oceanids gave four Fellowships to graduate students, funded by our Frieda Daum Urey Endowment, and Oceanids Memorial Fund Endowment. Using money from our General Projects Fund, we continued our support of the Student Run Free Clinic, UC San Diego PhD Career Conference, Annual STEM Career Symposium run by the UC San Diego Postdoctoral Association, and gave a Triton 5K Scholarship. Oceanids has Undergraduate Service Awards for each of the six colleges, that are given annually to a student who is nominated by their Dean. We have also created a new fund, Oceanids Emergency Fund for International Students, utilized by the Dean of the International Center to assist students. Oceanids continuing support to these projects has touched the lives of many UC San Diego scholars.

THANK YOU

Gifts to Oceanids General Projects Fund

0 - \$49 Sea Hares: Suzanne Applebaum, Marianne Burkenroad, Lori Chamberlain, Olivia Dorman, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Mary Lynn Hyde, Majorie Jackson, Miriam Kastner, Flora Kennedy, Gaby Kuperman, Vilma Malmberg, Elizabeth Rudee, Semiramis Vendler, Judith Wesling

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Gifts to Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship Fund

\$50 - \$99 Sea Urchins: Deborah Day

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Thanks also to Miriam Kastner, and Helene McCarren for becoming Sustaining Members, and Anne McCammon and Linda Scott for becoming a Life Members.

Liz Winant, Co-Financial Secretary

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 L. Menzel (619 401-1557 or 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.

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Liz Winant (858) 481-7447, lizwinant@gmail.com

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 9 and March 9.

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Janet Goff (760)753-3472

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday morning of every month at 9:30 for chatting and 10 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. Please join us.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

February 10 "Stoner" by John Williams/ Barbara Nemiroff/Liz Winant

March 10 "My Life in Middlemarch" by Rebecca Mead/Ruth Stern / TBA

Next meetings: February 10 and March 10.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Beate Menzel
jrblmenzel@cox.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. La proxima reunión de Café Español será el jueves, cinco de Febrero a la casa de Liz Johnson Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

For March call Beate Menzel

Next meetings: February 5 and March 5.



CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 11 février chez Vreni Crimmons, à 1h. Le 11 mars on va se réunir chez Irene Larrimore. Veuillez donner un coup de fil ou envoyer un e-mail à nos hôtessees si vous avez l'intention de venir.

Next meetings: February 11 and March 11.

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 8 and March 8.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (619) 401-1557 or jrblmenzel@fox.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 and March 3 + 17.

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 28 and March 28.

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 3pm and have a good time. Only German spoken. If you want to join, please ccontact Roswitha. **TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM**

Next meetings: February 3 and March 3.

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

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.

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 2 and March 2.**

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 the week before the hike if you would like to come.

Next hikes: February 14 and March 14.

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: February 1

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: Call contact.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

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

Piano Soirée: 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. A second group for intermedi-

ate to advanced piano has been started, chaired by Diana Vines at dianasvines@gmail.com or 858-459-8248, see below.

For the February meeting, please note we will meet at the home of Erika Walter on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 4 pm, since February is a short month. Please RSVP to Judy at 858-361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net and to Erika at gwalter@ucsd.edu or 858-755-0490. The March meeting will be at the home of Marsha Sewell on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 4 pm. Please RSVP to Marsha at m.sewell@cox.net or 619-234-8815 and to Judy at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-361-0418.

Next meetings: March 1 and 29.

PIANO MATINEE

Contact: Diana Vines at 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 or 858 459-8248. We welcome classical, jazz and popular piano music.

We meet the second Sunday of each month at 4pm.

Next meetings: February 8 and March 8.

SOUNDING BOARD

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

Check the Oceanids website and page 8 for speaker and title.

Next meetings: February 5 and March 5.

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 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 20 and March 20.

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 contact 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 meetings: February 25 and March 25.

SOUNDING BOARD

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. Beginning March 1, 2014, lunch will be \$14.00 for guests and \$10.00 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, jvacq@sbcglobal.net for more information.

February 5, 2015:

Sanford A. Lakoff, Ph.D., Edward A. Dickson Professor Emeritus of Political Science

“Jihadism: Challenge and Response”

Professor 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 half dozen volumes, including *Knowledge and Power: Essays on Science and Government*. He has contributed over fifty essays to edited volumes, journals, and encyclopedias.

He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1959 in Political Thought, Science and Public Policy.



Thursday, March 5, 2015:

Miriam Kastner, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor, Earth Sciences, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

“Are Methane Hydrates a Source of Atmospheric Methane, and Do They Have a Potential for CO₂ Sequestration?”

Professor Kastner is a distinguished professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. She received a master's degree in geology and a minor in chemistry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1964 and a Ph.D. in geosciences from Harvard University in 1970. Kastner came to Scripps in 1972, becoming the second female professor at the institution. Her research touches on many aspects of geochemistry from the effects of fluids at subduction zones on ocean chemistry to the abundance and distribution of methane hydrates, stores of frozen methane that exist in conditions of low temperature and high pressure below the seafloor. Methane hydrates have attracted widespread interest both as potential contributors to global warming and as a potential energy source.

Miriam is also a valuable member of Oceanids Cinema Soireé interest group.

Artists' Corner

Kim Signoret-Paar:
*The Quiet of the Night
in Transylvania*

Best of Show at the San Diego
County Fair's 2014 Exhibition
on Photography.



Judy Vacquier:
Gion Winter Morning
was shown
by the San Diego
Watercolor Society.



OCEANIDS SPONSORS FRIDAY CAFÉ

Oceanids sponsored the International Center's Friday Café on January 9th, 2015. Some 280 foreign and other students, faculty and staff attended this Iran Day-themed luncheon. Oceanids' Beverly Douglas, Liz Bonkowski and Jan Ouren helped serve a delicious meal consisting of spiced meat kabobs, hummus, pita bread, tomato salad, chickpea falafel (for the vegetarians) and an out-of-this-world baklava for dessert—all provided by Bekker's Catering. Iranian music and poetry entertained the crowd and the Iranian Student Organization provided representative cultural items at the tented table. Others seen enjoying the event were Dean Kirk Simmons, International Center at UC San Diego, and Oceanids Newcomer Program's Liz Wills, who doubled up, also selling tickets for the upcoming Whale Watching Trip.

Friday Café, formerly known as the International Café, started in 1981 by Dean Phyllis Clark. Its purpose was and still is to provide an opportunity for international students to meet and talk with other students, staff and faculty over a good meal and to learn about their new community and other cultures. Rumor has it that Friday Café began with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It soon developed into a full meal with a very large following, especially for Barbara Starkey's lasagna. Originally and for over 30 years, Oceanids did all the menu planning, shopping, cooking and the serving when it was its turn.

The event—its sponsors, theme, menu, and activities—is now organized by Martin Láhtov, Coordinator, Programs & Events, Dean's Office, International Center. Meals are catered, paid in part by the lunch-goers but also supported or sponsored by different groups. Most of these are academic departments within UC San Diego. Other community and university support groups play an important sponsorship role as well, including Oceanids, Friends, and the Rotary Clubs of Del Mar and La Jolla Triangle. Friday Café averages 300 attendees each week, a testament to its important role in international students' experience and the larger community's with them.

Jan Ouren

On the lighter side....

An Elementary School Teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic!

1. Don't change horses - until they stop running.
2. Strike while - the bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before - Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power - of termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but - how?
6. Don't bite the hand that - looks dirty.
7. No news is - impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a - Mr.
9. You can't teach an old dog new - math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll - stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust - me.
12. The pen is mightier than the - pigs.
13. An idle mind is - the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's - pollution.
15. Happy the bride who - gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is - not much.
17. Two's company, three's - the Musketeers.
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what you - put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and - you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as - Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not - spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed - get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you - see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind - get out of the way.
25. A bird in the hand is - going to poop on you.
26. Better late than - pregnant.

(I seriously wonder how the teacher coaxed such responses out of her young pupils. But even if they come from 12 year olds, they are FUNNY. ed.)

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Moveable Feast II 1	Gracious Aging 2	Day Bridge 3	KitX Wed. Coffee 4	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board Café Español 5	6	7
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