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AND PARTY !!!

February 6, 2016
11:00 - 1:30 pm

COME PARTY WITH US.

Bring your cherished, beautiful but unwanted items to the pavilion and donate them to Oceanids. Different "Grab and Go" tables will be for differently priced items. If not sold, you may donate the items to the Friends' resale shop or take them home again. A light lunch will be provided. Bring cash and your checkbook!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE !!!

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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



Has this ever happened to you? You step up to the elevator and the woman next to you pushes the “up” button. The elevator arrives and the doors open. The two lighted arrows above the door point up. The illuminated sign above the door reads “up.” The woman next to you asks, “Is this elevator going up?” Do you want to scream, “No, you ninny, what do you think? It’s going sideways.”

Those who volunteer or are elected to offices in Oceanids try very hard to keep us all informed. But don’t be clueless - be responsible. Take advantage of all the sources of information so that you can participate fully in the friendship, interest groups, and service opportunities Oceanids offers. Send in that RSVP, Show up on time. Pay attention to parking difficulties (one of the top challenges we face!). Believe us that when several sources of information say it is going up, it probably is going up!

Our most interesting publication, of course, is the Newsletter, edited by Roswitha Enright. We try very hard to include accurate information on upcoming events. Even when we are not yet sure of the details - like our upcoming White Elephant Party, February 6, we give you a heads up with a “save the date.” Take a good look at the newsletter and make a note of upcoming events.

Our other best source of information is the Oceanids website, which Mary Woo keeps updated. I recently experienced her updating it from France through the magic of the Internet and her own tech ability! There is a long address connected to the website, but Mary tells me the easiest way to access it is to Google “Oceanids UCSD” and it will be the first choice listed. Click on it, and the site will pop up immediately.

New developments and last-minute announcements are taken care of by targeted membership list-serves, supervised by Judy Vacquier. Interest groups have their own means of communication. All our communications benefit from your input. Let us know what is happening, what you enjoyed, where you are, and what interested you. Beyond the “what and where”, we very much enjoy knowing more about “you.” Roswitha is happy to include relevant photos (but probably not of your grandchildren).

But back to the elevator. The truth is, we are sometimes badly served by technology. Many of you received a nonsensical message from me last month through the magic of hacked e-mail. Sometimes we press “up” but it goes down. We like to have that human reassurance that the person already on the elevator is indeed going up or that the interest group will meet as scheduled. So if you have doubts, ask. Consult a person you trust.

But first, read the Newsletter and check the website!

Liz Bonkowski

Oceanids Spring Lunch at the
Bali Hai Restaurant
Thursday, May 19, 2016

Please save the date.

Correction:

The picture in the last newsletter on page 4 showed, of course, Jane Gibson with Liz Wills. Belinda D. Hermosisima was the photographer. So sorry!



Member Profile: Kim Signoret-Paar

by Mary Hanson

Kim has served on the Oceanids Board for 10 years and seven years as Co-Financial Secretary. She recently retired from UCSD as Senior Director of Scholarship Giving.

1. *Kim, when did you first join Oceanids, and why?*

It was in 2001, when my husband Hans and I began playing in the Couples Bridge group and then joined Wine Tasting I. I wanted to be part of the university community, and I also wanted to continue the legacy of Hans' late wife Nettie, who ably co-edited the newsletter for many years with Roswitha Enright.

2. *Those of us who have served on the Board appreciate how complex university finances can be. How has your experience helped us as a liaison to the university?*

Fundraising and philanthropy have become more important to Oceanids over the years. The wonderful theater parties that Molli Wagner spearheaded, and more recently our well-received eBay auctions initiated by Jan Ouren, have raised the bar. I have tried to promote efforts such as these, including working with Judy Vacquier to have us participate in the annual Triton 5-K which raises funds for undergraduate scholarships. In the future through Nancy Groves' efforts, we will be more engaged with our Oceanids Undergraduate Service Award six student recipients, one from each college. Many years ago the proceeds from the Oceanids Cookbook went to this effort and our gifts in memory of Ilse Warschawski helped to establish this award as its own scholarship fund, which then became one of our options for annual membership giving.

3. *Tell us a little more about your work at UCSD.*

My focus during the past 14 year has been on raising funds for undergraduate scholarships and other activities supporting students. I helped create the Chancellor's Scholarship Program which is supported by individual donors and the Triton 5-K (which I coordinated from 2002 to 2012). I worked with the Emeriti Association to set up a mentoring program for their members to work with the recipients of these prestigious scholarships. I collaborated with Marty Wollesen, ArtPower's founding director, to raise funds and make philanthropic support a key component to ensuring ArtPower's success. The same is true for athletics. Both areas now have dedicated development staff.

4. *You're married to a distinguished professor at UCSD. Please briefly describe Hans' work and his interest in Oceanids.*

For many years, Hans was an experimental particle physicist working with the largest of accelerators and colliders on the smallest of particles. During the past 10 years, he has turned his attention to astrophysics and the Big Bang. Among his achievements, he helped establish a microwave telescope in the Atacama Desert in Chile that is searching for knowledge about the origins of the universe. As to his involvement with Oceanids, Hans is a founding member of the Piano Soiree and we are regulars in Couples Bridge, Wine Tasting I and II, and Moveable Feast when possible. Hans and I include Oceanids in our family philanthropy, specifically contributions to the Oceanids Memorial Fellowship Endowment, in memory of Nettie, and to the Oceanids Undergraduate Service Award Fund in memory of Hans' late son Rob, a UCSD alumnus.

5. *Are you enjoying retirement so far, and how do you plan to spend your time?*

Yes! We are now able to travel in a more relaxed way, and I can spend more time with my mother in Tucson. Currently, my major activities are teaching photography at the UCSD Retirement Resource Center and presenting my photography in professional venues, like the 4th annual Medium Festival of Photography here in San Diego in October.

6. *Tell us more about your passion for your avocation as a photographer. We were all happy for you when you won Best of Show at the 2014 Del Mar Fair.*

Thank you! I was very happy to learn that the same photograph just received an Honorable Mention at the 2015 International Photography Awards in New York City in October. I have been taking pictures since I received a Brownie camera in third grade to go on a class field trip to Springfield, Illinois to see Lincoln's Home and then my father gave me his 35mm camera when I was 11 years old. My dream was to be a photographer for National Geographic. Ultimately I earned a journalism degree from the University of Iowa. While I worked in public relations in the SF Bay Area, publishing in Mexico City and then fundraising here in San Diego, my interest in photography always remained strong. When my younger son left for college, I spent two years taking classes at night in the UCSD Extension Photography Certificate program. This opened up the world of digital photography and professional photography for me. I am still taking photography classes, so I am now both a teacher and a learner ... something I hope to continue for a long, long time!



Kim's "Jacaranda in Mexico City" photo, "Best of Nature Photography" shown at the SD Natural History Museum, Nov 2014 to Feb 2015. It was one of 74 photos by 51 photographers, selected from 1000 entries.

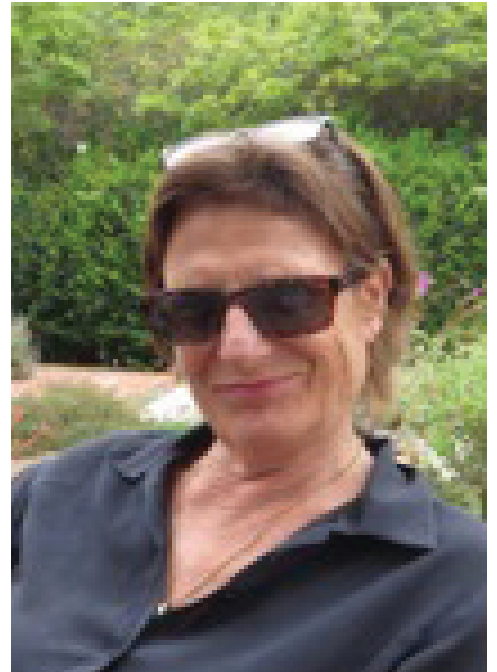
Meet some of our hard-working members:



Mary Hanson, immediate past president, recording secretary



Judy Vacquier, ex-president, copy editor



Beate Menzel, Day-Bridge chair



Beverly Douglas, WITS II chair



Carole Ziegler, Campus Focus events

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 Jan Ouren 273-1681 or jouren@san.rr.com, 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: December 14 and January 11.

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Janet Goff (760)753-3472, Liz Winant (858) 481-7447

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday morning of every month 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. Please join us. Call chair for more information.

Next meeting: December 8 and January 12.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Beate Menzel jrbmlmenzel@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,tercero de Diciembre. Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

Next meeting: December 3 and January 7. Call chair.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Il n'y aura pas de réunion pendant le mois de décembre. Notre prochaine réunion aura lieu le 13 janvier chez Mary Hanson à 1h de l'après-midi. Bonnes fetes!

Next meeting: January 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 meeting: December 13 and January 10.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel (619) 401-1557 or jrbmlmenzel@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 meeting: December 1+15 and January 5+19.

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or bbank@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 meeting: December? and January 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 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: December 15 and January 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. **Next meeting: December 7 and January 4.**

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.

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 hike: December 12 and January 9.

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: Call contact.

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 welcome piano, chamber instruments and voice, classical, jazz and popular music, solos and ensembles. We usually meet the third or fourth Sunday at 3 pm. This group is currently at capacity and has a waiting list.

The next meeting will be Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 3 pm at the home of Vicky Yablonsky. Please RSVP to Judy at 858-361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net and to Vicky at 858-794-8147 or victoria.yablonsky@gmail.com. The January meeting will be at the home of Marsha Sewell on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3 pm. Please note Marsha has moved. Please RSVP to Marsha at 619-234-8815 or m.sewell@cox.net and to Judy at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-361-0418.

Next meetings: December 20 and January 24.

SOUNDING BOARD

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

The next Sounding Board will be Thursday, December 3, 2015 at noon. Check the Oceanids website and page 8 for more information.

Next meetings: December 3.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

Mary Woo mwoonew@gmail.com

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 **all 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 meeting: December 18 and January 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 meetings: December 23 and January 27.

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.

OCEANIDS WEBSITE:

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

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. Lunch is \$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.

December 3, 2015

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

“The Middle East: Vulcan’s Fiery Furnace”

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.

NO SOUNDING BOARD IN JANUARY

February 4, 2016

Hans Paar, Professor, Physics, UC San Diego: “The Origin and Ultimate Fate of the Universe”

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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• ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$35; SUSTAINING: \$250 & LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$500

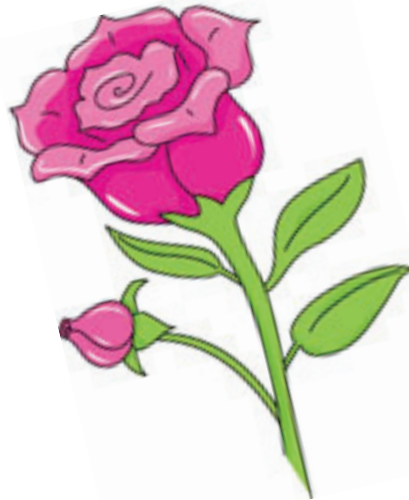
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• Send check(s) & completed form to:

• OCEANIDS, INTERNATIONAL CENTER 0049, 9500 GILMAN DR., LA JOLLA, CA 92093-0049

Our beloved Oceanid Molli Wagner's husband Arthur passed away on September 20 after battling cancer for several years. Arthur was the founding chairman of UC San Diego's acclaimed Department of Theatre and Dance. We will miss him.



We, particularly members of the Evening Bridge Group, send many loving and comforting thoughts to Oceanid Rochelle Rosen who lost her husband, Professor Fred Rosen, on October 31. We will miss him every 4th Saturday.

Oceanids lost long-time member Marion Dixon. Our thought are with all who treasured her.

OCEANIDS & UCSD NEWCOMERS WHALE WATCHING TRIP

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

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

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 2016 on your choice of

Boat #1: Check- In at 8:30 am, as the boat leaves the dock at at 9:00 and returns at 12 pm.

Boat #2: Check-In at 12 noon, as the boat leaves the dock at 12:30 pm, and returns at 3:30.

ONCE YOU HAVE SELECTED THE BOAT OF CHOICE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE.

DO NOT be late as the boats wait for no one.

WHERE: Seaforth Sportsfishing, 1717 Quivira Rd., San Diego, 92109.

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

HOW MUCH: Adults: \$25; ALL children under 12 years, including infants: \$13.

IMPORTANT! All adults over age 18 must provide a photo ID to board the boat. **DEADLINE** for Reservation and Cancellation: January 13 by calling Liz by 5 p.m..

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

BRING: Warm clothing, binoculars and cameras if you wish. Snack bar on board.

MEET: at 8:30 a.m. (morning boat) or 12 noon (afternoon boat) in the parking lot at the Newcomers table (look for the "UCSD Newcomers" banner). If you get seasick, please ask a pharmacist at a pharmacy for recommendations for medication that does not make you sleepy.

EACH guest must sign a **liability waiver** at the dock. Parents prepare and sign separately for each child.

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

SPECIAL SLIDE SHOW

• Narrated by Dr. Thomas Jefferson to prepare us
• for the trip: You will learn all there is to know
• about whales!

• Come for an informative evening!
• Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.
• UCSD International Center Lounge

We will call you by phone on Jan. 23, before 8 a.m. if the trip is postponed due to weather

AND NOW FOR SOME LAUGHS

The Ig-Nobel Prize

I have begun to accept the fact that we will never be the stars of the real Nobel Prize ceremony in Stockholm, but recently we attended the next best thing: the 25th First Annual Ig Nobel Prize ceremony at Harvard's Sanders Theater. The stated aim of the 10 prizes given out each year is to "honor achievements that first make people laugh and then make them think." My favorites are as follows:

The Chemistry Prize was given to scientists who invented a chemical recipe to partially unboil an egg.

The Physics Prize was for testing the biological principle that nearly all mammals empty their bladders in 21 seconds (plus or minus 13 seconds). You can imagine how our 7 year old grandson enjoyed hearing about this one!

The Literature Prize was given for discovering that the word "Huh" seems to be the same in every human language. The Master of Ceremonies demonstrated this by saying "On the count of three, say "Huh!" in your native tongue!" On the count of three, the auditorium resounded with a gigantic "Huh!"

The Medicine Prize was given for experiments to study the biomedical benefits/consequences of intense kissing (and other intimate, interpersonal activities).

The Diagnostic Medicine Prize was given for determining that acute appendicitis can be accurately diagnosed by the amount of pain evident when the patient is driven over speed bumps.

Of course we know that there is no real Math Nobel Prize, only the equivalent Field Medal. But the Ig Nobel committee does award a Math Prize, and this year it was given for the use of mathematical principles to determine whether it was possible that the Sharifian Emperor of Morocco managed, during the years from 1697 through 1727, to father 888 children.

What fun! The whole evening was punctuated with vast flights of paper airplanes launched from the balconies, and there were highly professional operatic interludes between the awards. An amazing experience!

Liz Fong Wills

For those who did not get the pun (like I): Ig Nobel = ignoble

THE POKER CLUB

Six retired Floridian fellows were playing poker in the condo clubhouse when Guido loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table.

Showing respect for their fallen comrade, the other five continue playing, but standing up.

At the end of the game, Giovanni looks around and asks, "So, who's gonna' tell his wife?"

They cut the cards. Pasquale picks the low card and has to carry the news.

They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet? I'm the most discreet person you'll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me!"

So, Pasquale goes over to the Guido's condo and knocks on the door.

The wife answers through the door and asks what he wants? Pasquale declares: "Your husband just lost \$500 in a poker game and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" yells the wife.

"I'll go tell him." says Pasquale

DECEMBER 2015

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3	Gracious Aging 4	Day Bridge 5	6	BOARD MEETING Café Español 7	8	Hiking 9
Cinema Soireé 10	Avi Set Birders 11	Book Group 12	KitX Wed. Coffee 13	14	Wine Tasting I 15	16
17	18	Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch 19	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais WITS II 20	21	22	Whale watch Evening Bridge 23
Piano and Chamber Soireé 31	25	26	KitX Wed. Coffee 27	28	29	30

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