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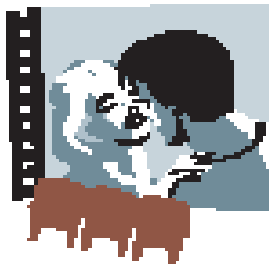
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## OCEANIDS FALL BRUNCH

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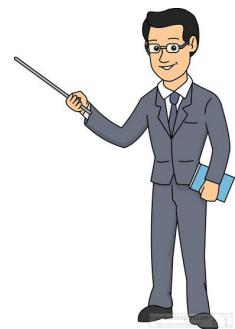
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Since attendance at this wonderful event is so exceptionally good, we will take this opportunity again to advertise our many interest groups. They have proven to be a wonderful way to pursue, rediscover and develop interests together with like minded people. Members of the university and the community who have not joined Oceanids yet, can make friends and meet companions for various outings and new experiences.



Please try one of the interest groups.  
You will not regret it.



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## OCEANIDS NEWS

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Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

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

(You are welcome to attend!)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Woody Has it Right!

Welcome, Oceanids, to another year filled with interesting events and projects. I think what I like most about the Oceanids is that we are multi-functional. We enjoy each others' talents and personalities in our interest groups and our social occasions. Meanwhile we are carrying on worthwhile projects and contributing to the good of the campus and the well-being of many students and faculty. I continue to receive thank-you notes and letters from students and university projects to which we have been able to lend a hand or contribute funds. (Need I mention that funds are always welcome! We are pleased thus far with contributions that have come in along with the fall membership renewals.)



As many of you know, this has not been an easy summer for us. Under the leadership (and hard work) of president-elect Kim Signoret-Paar, we have packed up the Pavilion and Kitchen Exchange which turned out to be much more difficult than I had foreseen. Turns out we had much more stored than we had remembered! We have moved our office into the McGill Hall of Muir College and our monthly Board meetings also will take place there. The IFSO office, also relocated from the old International Center, has been very welcoming to us. We are cooperating to bring our little office into a comfortable and useful space. How to keep the Kitchen Exchange operating has been difficult to solve but we now have at least a temporary solution. The administration has put two large containers in front of the old International Center building. We will outfit one for the Kitchen Exchange and the Resale Shop will use the other for storage. Take a look when you are in the neighborhood! These are temporary solutions but at least useful for the time being. As we look at the year ahead, the Board is optimistic that we can carry on with our regular programs.

We have seen some interesting long-term planning

for the UCSD campus which indicates it will be re-oriented to take advantage of the arrival of the trolley. It is hoped that a "gateway" structure will be built and the International Center can be reconstituted within the new complex. But in truth, not very soon! In the meantime, the functions of the Center have been scattered around the campus – certainly not an ideal situation. The old IC has been declared unsafe and it has been decided that bringing it up to standard would be too costly, if even possible. We expect it will eventually be torn down. In the meantime, the Friends are making good use of the small pavilions for some of their programs.

Woody Allen is credited with saying that 80% of success is showing up. We need you, our members, to show up! Make an extra effort to participate and support your officers in the coming year. Read the Oceanid newsletters. RSVP for functions so we know you still exist. Our first Sounding Board of the season will be October 6 at the Faculty Club, with Mary Hanson bringing us the League of Women Voters' take on the upcoming election ballot propositions. Our fall brunch will be held on October 29 at the Chancellor's lovely home. Participate in your interest groups. Keep an eye out for new members. Consider giving us a hand with the moving if we contact you. If you live out of the area, we sure would like to hear from you – drop us a line and tell us something about yourself. We are coming off a very successful year – let's keep up the good work even in new surroundings.





**OCEANIDS FALL BRUNCH**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016  
10:30—1 P.M.

Oceanids members will have a chance to renew their friendships at the Fall Brunch and to learn more about the various Oceanids interest groups and the opportunities for fun and personal development they provide. Thespine Kavoulakis, spouse of UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla and Associate of the Chancellor, has again graciously offered to host the Fall Brunch at their home, the Audrey Geisel University House. Oceanids members will receive invitations in the USPS mail. Your invitation is non-transferable. Because seating is limited, you may not bring a guest. Please respond promptly when you receive your invitation. Due to parking limitations at Geisel House or on nearby streets, shuttles from the closest UCSD lot are provided. Disabled parking is available on site. If you have questions, please contact Chris Chase, at 619-269-3413, [chrischase55@me.com](mailto:chrischase55@me.com).

Chris Chase and Olivia Dorman,  
Vice Presidents

**Confused Voter? Don't Despair.....**

According to the New York Times (September 6), the California ballot can be intimidating. This year there are some seventeen state voter initiatives and fourteen local propositions up for your vote in San Diego. Close to \$100 million will be spent on television advertisements, much of it created by “professional wordsmiths” trying to “confuse voters all the time.” Are you already getting turned off by the complexity of the thick ballot coming your way?

But please do not despair. The issues are too important for us to ignore and help is on the way. The Oceanids Sounding Board on October 6 will feature past president Mary Hanson. Mary will bring expertise as a member of the League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau to bear on the questions and help us make sense of them. A tough task, but if past experience is any indication, she is well qualified to lead us.

We hope to see you at Sounding Board at the Faculty Club on October 6 for a very useful presentation.

Liz Bonkowsky

**HURRY UP AND WAIT !!!**

as obedient members of the UCSD community, there we were hastily cleaning out cabinets, packing boxes etc, since our beloved pavilion would be torn down on June 30. No, wait, it got postponed to July 17 (if I remember right), then the end of July.

The pavilion is still standing on September 15 and



now will be there probably to the end of the year. Anyway, we had packed and moved into our new office space in McGill Hall (see left). A far cry from the sunlit pavilion but

our immediate neighbors, the International Faculty and Scholars office has been extremely helpful.

The Oceanids Kitchen Exchange had, of course, gotten the same messages and to pack, label and transport to a local mini storage facility was quite an undertaking. And guess what, the “garage” which had housed the KX before and is now empty is still there.

Meanwhile we have gotten a container, placed right smack on the pretty lawn area in front of the old International Center office which will serve as (I hope) temporary

location for the kitchen exchange (see right).

Roswitha  
Enright



**MEET THE NEWCOMERS!**

The Oceanids Kitchen Exchange has been serving academic visitors to the UCSD campus for almost 42 years. We rent kitchen and household goods to visiting families from all over the world, helping them to establish their temporary home here as they in turn help to enrich our community. Newcomers usually arrive from their home country with their two suitcases of clothes and computer, never bringing pots and pans. They need to rent everything for the kitchen from us.

And now the Kitchen Exchange needs your help! Maryruth Cox is retiring after more than 30 years of helping foreign Newcomers supply their new homes with pots and pans, dishes, kitchen utensils, irons, toasters, etc. In an email to me she writes: "We've had a long and fruitful time working together, Liz, and I've thoroughly enjoyed it."

Maryruth's departure comes at a traumatic time for us. Because the International Center building has been closed, we will now be located in a big storage container outside the International Center main building and will remain there until the new Gateway building is completed (maybe in 5 years?). When our move to the storage container is completed we will be open on Wednesday mornings only from 10:30 to noon. However, if someone is leaving on a Tuesday, for example, we might make an arrangement to meet them at the

Exchange on Monday rather than make them return everything a week before they leave.

We need both temporary and long term helpers: for example, we have 127 boxes stored in a mini-warehouse that will be delivered in the very near future to be unpacked and placed on the shelves of the storage container. If you want to sign up for an unpacking session, we will be delighted to have you. If you want to extend your help beyond the unpacking, we will be thrilled! Every week we meet interesting people from around the world, and we take the opportunity to tell them about the many activities available to Newcomers.

Our Newcomers Committee also provides many other opportunities for you to have fun. If you can provide transportation for some of our Newcomer activities, you will be rewarded by the opportunity to make new friends. For example, we will need drivers for the December Nights outings when all the museums in Balboa Park are open for free visits. We usually go early and graze on all the ethnic foods for sale at the Houses of Hospitality.

Come and have fun with Louise Keeling, Jim Chase, Ginny Das and me! If interested, please email me at [Ludditelizfong@gmail.com](mailto:Ludditelizfong@gmail.com) or Jim.Chase ([jim.chase1@cox.net](mailto:jim.chase1@cox.net)) if you can help. Liz Fong Wills

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# OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of UCSD families, especially those new to the UCSD campus and the community. If you don't find an activity you would like to participate in, please contact Interest Group Coordinator *Judy Vacquier* (858) 361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net). 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](mailto: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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## AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: *Liz Winant* (858) 481-7447, [lizwinant@gmail.com](mailto: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: October 10 and November 14.**

## BOOK GROUP

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

We meet 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 know 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  
Oct 11 "The Door" by Magda Szabo / Beth Dugan / Liz Winant  
Nov 8 "The Untouchable" by John Banville / Barbara Nemiroff / John Halperin

**Next meetings: October 11 and November 8.**

## CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: *Beate Menzel* [jrbmlmenzel@cox.net](mailto:jrbmlmenzel@cox.net) or 619 401 1557

*Vicky Lindblade* [vlindblade@mac.com](mailto: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 second 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, trece de Octubre, 2-4 a la casa de Liz Johnson y el diez de Noviembre a la casa de Frances Gillin. Por favor mande una carta electronica a Beate Menzel para informarla si quiere venir.

**SECOND THURSDAY !!!!**

**Next meetings: October 13 and November 10.**

## CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: *Hulya Saygin*; [hulyasaygin@yahoo.com](mailto:hulyasaygin@yahoo.com)

Notre prochaine reunion aura lieu le 12 octobre à 13h de l'après-midi chez Trudy Synodis, avec Monica Valentino comme co-hotesse. Le 9 novembre on va se réunir chez Mary Hanson.

**Next meetings: October 12 and November 9.**

## 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: October 9 and November 13.**

## DAY BRIDGE

Contact: *Beate Menzel* (619) 401-1557 or [jrbmlmenzel@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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: October 4+18 and November 1+15.**

## EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: *Barbara Bank* at (858) 484-4597 or [barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu](mailto: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 meeting: October 22 and November 26?**

## GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

Contact: *Roswitha Enright* 858 459-7375 ([renright@ucsd.edu](mailto: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 contact Roswitha. **TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM**

**Next meetings: October 18 and November 15.**

## 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: October 3 and November 7.**

## GOURMET GROUP

Contact: *Susan Starr* 858 455 1630 or [susanstarr1@gmail.com](mailto: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: November 12.**

## 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. Contact Mary Cutchin for information and reservations.

**Next meeting: Call contact.**

## MUSEUM FRIENDS

Contact: *NEEDED*

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 Friday of the month from 1 - 4 p.m. at Jane's home. At the monthly meetings, we often schedule field trips and photo shoots. This is an informal group for all who are interested in learning more about digital photography.

**Next meeting: call contact.**

## 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 3 pm. This group is currently at capacity and has a waiting list.

The next meeting will be Sunday, October 23, at the home of Judy Vacquier. Please RSVP to Judy at 858-361-0418 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net). The November meeting will be at the home of Erika Walter on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 3 pm. Please RSVP to Erika at [gwalter@ucsd.edu](mailto:gwalter@ucsd.edu) or 858-755-0490 and to Judy at [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net) or 858-361-0418.

**Next meetings: October 23 and November 20.**

## SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Jan Ouren (858)273-1681 or [jouren@san.rr.com](mailto:jouren@san.rr.com)

The next Sounding Board will be Thursday, October 6, 2016 at noon. Check the Oceanids website and page 8 for the next two speakers.

**Next meetings: October 6 and November 3.**

## 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.* HAS MOVED. WILL START UP AGAIN SOON.

**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 meeting: October 21 and November 18.**

## 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. Potluck at 5pm.

**Next meetings: October 5.**

## 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](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Cutchin, at [marycutchin@yahoo.com](mailto:marycutchin@yahoo.com).

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# 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. Come to the Faculty Club at 11:30. The speaker will be introduced at 12:10 pm sharp

Contact Jan Ouren, [jouren@san.rr.com](mailto:jouren@san.rr.com) for more information.

## Thursday, October 6, 2016

Don't miss this always-popular speaker this Thursday.

### **Mary Hanson, League of Women Voters: "November 2016 Ballot Propositions"**

Don't vote this November until you hear about the pros and cons of the ballot propositions from Mary Hanson, representing the League of Women Voters Speakers' Bureau. Mary will be discussing the propositions on the ballot for the upcoming election. Even though the League often takes positions on ballot propositions and proposed legislation (although not on candidates) the League makes every effort to be impartial and nonpartisan in these pro/con presentations. Mary is currently on the Board of the local League as treasurer, and has been involved in the League at the local, county and state levels, having served as the San Diego President from 1983-85. Mary is a retired French teacher who has also been active in the San Diego community. During her long tenure at Santana High School she led students six times on trips to France, always an adventure. She received her B.A. in French and Russian from the University of Iowa and her M.A.T. in French and Education from Oberlin College. Mary was on the board of the La Jolla Chamber Music Society for several years and is a longtime member of the Third Thursday book group. She is also active in UCSD Oceanids, having served as president from 2013 to 2015, and currently on the board as corresponding secretary. She is also active in Cafe Français and the two bridge groups.



## Thursday, November 3, 2016

Don't miss this presentation about the restoration of the Audrey Geisel University House this Thursday  
**Ione R. Stiegler, FAIA: "Condemnation to Rehabilitation: The Historic UC San Diego Audrey Geisel University House"**



Ione R. Stiegler, FAIA is the Principal Architect for IS Architecture, currently celebrating its 27th year. Her office specializes in custom residential design with a unique expertise in historic restoration and the adaptive re-use of rare buildings. Founded in 1989, IS Architecture has won scores of professional awards, including several California Governor's Awards, and a 2014 "Best in American Living" Home of the Year and "One-of-a-Kind Custom Design" award, both from the National Association of Homebuilders. In recognition of her preservation skills, Ms. Stiegler was recently elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA)—an honor bestowed on only 2 percent of all AIA members. IS Architecture's work has also been featured more than 60 times in prominent publications such as Better Homes and Gardens and San Diego Home/Garden. In 2014, IS Architecture was awarded the Distinguished Practice Award by the AIA California Council. It was the first time that the AIACC had ever bestowed this award specifically in recognition of an architect's preservation work. Ms. Stiegler is one of the nation's leading experts in preserv-

ing historic adobe and earthen architecture.



At our first board meeting at president Liz Bonkowsky's home to which members brought delicious food, a couple of recipes were asked for; here they are:

If you are looking for something to do with this season's figs, here's a recipe

#### INGREDIENTS

##### **Tart Crust**

1/4 cup blanched almonds  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour,  
spooned and leveled  
1/2 cup unsalted butter (1  
stick), cut into pieces  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon fine salt

##### **Filling**

1/2 cup blanched  
almonds  
6 tablespoons unsalted  
butter (3/4 stick), cut  
into pieces  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 large eggs  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon fine salt  
1/2 pound figs, stems removed and halved  
2 tablespoons apricot jam



#### DIRECTIONS

Make the crust: pulse the almonds in a food processor until finely chopped, 30 to 40 seconds. Add the flour, butter, sugar, and salt. Pulse until the dough starts to come together, 1 to 2 minutes.

Press the dough into a 9-inch tart pan. Refrigerate until firm, at least 30 minutes and up to 2 days.

Make the filling: heat oven to 375° F with the rack in the lowest position.

Pulse the almonds in a food processor until finely chopped, 30 to 40 seconds. Add the butter, sugar, eggs, flour, vanilla, and salt. Process until the mixture is smooth, 1 to 2 minutes.

Place the chilled crust on a rimmed baking sheet. Pour the filling into the crust and smooth with an offset spatula. Top with the figs, cut-side up.

Bake until the crust and custard are golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes.

Combine the apricot jam with 1 tablespoon hot water.

Brush top of tart with the apricot glaze.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Jan Ouren

#### Cream Scones with Cranberries Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup cold butter, cut into  
1/2-inch cubes

1 cup whipping cream, divided

Handful of dried cranberries  
(cream and sugar for topping)



#### Preparation

1. Freeze cold butter 5 -10 minutes. Stir together first 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Cut butter into flour mixture with a pastry blender until crumbly and mixture resembles small peas. (You can do this in the food processor; pulse 6-10 times.) Stir in cranberries and make a well. Add 3/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp. cream, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened.

2. Turn dough out onto wax paper; gently press or pat dough into a 7-inch round (mixture will be a bit crumbly). Cut round into wedges (8 for large, or 16 for small). Place wedges 1-2 inches apart on parchment paper or lightly greased pan. Brush tops of wedges with remaining 2 Tbsp. cream just until moistened and sprinkle with sugar. Note 1: I like to have these ready the night before, so I will make the dough ahead of time, wrap dough in plastic and store in the refrigerator overnight. In the morning, I cut the scones into my wedges, in the plastic, and remove the plastic as I place them onto my baking sheet.

3. Bake at 450° for 13 to 15 minutes or until golden. (More time may be needed if the dough is cold or frozen.)

**Note** : The secret to these scones is to have all the ingredients really cold and not to handle them too much with your warm hands. I often cut these scones in wedges and freeze them and bake as many as needed. (Thaw scones on baking dish for about 10 – 20 mins. ) You may also add other fruits or chocolate chips instead of cranberries.

Enjoy!

From Mary Woo

## IMMUTABLE LAWS

### 1.Law of Mechanical Repair

- After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

### 2.Law of Gravity

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

### 3.Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

### 4.Law of Random Numbers

- If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

### 5.Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

### 6.Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

### 7.Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

8.Law of the Theaters & Sports Arenas - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

### 9.Law of Physical Surfaces

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

### 10. Law of Physical Appearance

If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

### 11.Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy-

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

### 12.Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Hello to all you pet lovers!

Do you want to go travelling and don't know what to do with your pets? Maybe you are lucky enough to have a good friend or family member who will just move into your home and take care of the critters. Good for you.

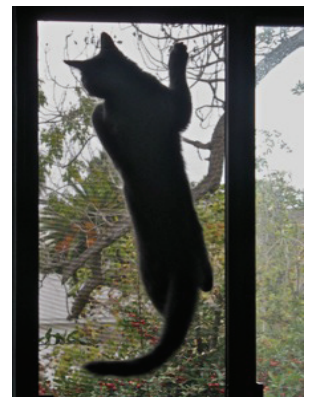
I got my dog Freddy (to know him is to love him) about ten years ago and Smokey the cat a few years later. When I am gone for a couple of days, I just take him to a nice sitter. the cat can take care of himself with a large foodbowl,

water and the necessary bathroom fixture.

It is a different story when I want to go for several weeks and would like to have someone in the house with the darlings. In the past, I have alerted friends and family near and far and promised a beach vacation in the "lovely seaside



village (!!!) of La Jolla". And it had worked until now. But only letters of sincere regret this time. Then I found out about a website which seems to be the answer to my troubles. It is TrustedHousesitters.com. For a yearly fee of \$99 you get in contact with a whole bunch of people who want to house- and petsit-- for free!! Check out their website. I



have contacted a lady in England who will come for 3 weeks and take care of my pets and a friend named Tilly (the striped one). She sounds great, has even scanned her flight ticket for me so that I can trust that she is really coming. If you are interested I will let you know how it worked out. Until then, love your pets!

R. Enright

P.S. Just found out that her father is 90 and not in good health. Keep your fingers crossed!

# OCTOBER 2016

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	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge	Café Español	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board		
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Cinema Soireé	Avi Set Birders	Book Group	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais	Café Español	Wine Tasting I	
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		Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch	KitX Wed. Coffee	Half Wits	Wine Tasting I	Evening Bridge
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23 Piano and Chamber Soireé	24	WITS I	KitX Wed. Coffee WITS II			FALL BRUNCH
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# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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