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Enjoy the Holidays



.... but this coming year let's get serious about fighting climate change:

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Please see page 9 for more on how to speak with Uncle Pete.

Also there were some fascinating differences in how certain terms are interpreted, depending on who uses them:

Scientific term

Public meaning

Better choice

enhance	improve	intensify, increase
aerosol	spray can	tiny atmospheric particle
positive trend	good trend	upward trend
positive feedback	good response, praise	vicious cycle, self-reinforcing cycle
theory	hunch, speculation	scientific understanding
uncertainty	ignorance	range
error	mistake, wrong, incorrect	difference from exact true number
bias	distortion, political motive	offset from an observation
sign	indication, astrological sign	plus or minus sign
values	ethics, monetary value	numbers, quantity
manipulation	illicit tampering	scientific data processing

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BOARD MEETINGS: *first Thursday every month*

Oceanids **new office**, part of the International Faculty and Scholar Office, McGill Hall, Muir College
Coffee and refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10:00 am.
(You are welcome to attend!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No sooner are we fully engaged in the academic year, then we find ourselves galloping into the holidays and a new year! But first a brief recap ... in October, the Oceanids annual Fall Brunch provided an opportunity for members and newcomers to socialize



and to talk during brunch at tables hosted by interest group chairs and members. We were again wonderfully hosted at the Audrey Geisel University House by Thespine Kavoulakis, Oceanids Honorary Chair and Associate of the Chancellor. Thespine outdid herself this year with the centerpiece decorations – “boiling” cauldrons surrounded by spooky incantation ingredients (not to be eaten) and a handy tent card with two spells from a wide array of literary sources, Shakespeare to Harry Potter to Homer! Every table had a different set of spells/incantations, maybe a book in the making?

At the brunch, I talked briefly about the amazing growth of the campus. Use this <http://plandesign-build.ucsd.edu/projects/videos.html#Expanded-Core> for the Chancellor's message of “The Transformation of UC San Diego” and use this <http://onthegeo.ucsd.edu/projects/trolley-lrt.html> (please paste the URL into your internet browser) to go to a fly over video. The UC San Diego Blue Trolley line is finally becoming a reality ... you can now see the pillars taking shape. Construction started October 2016 and it is expected to start service in 2021.

The brunch gave us an opportunity to hear an inspiring presentation from one of our Oceanids Undergraduate Service Award recipients – Revelle student Kishan Desai. The Undergraduate Student Service Award of \$1,000 is given annually to an outstanding student in each of six colleges, selected by the respective dean of students. In the past to fund our fellowship and scholarship funds, we have engaged in a variety of fundraisers, which included the theater party, bus trip to a museum, the sale of the La Jolla Money Book and an Oceanids Cookbook, and annual donations. These days our members are generously give throughout the year to our various fellowship and scholarship funds and the Oceanids General Projects

Fund. We will once again be sending you an annual report on the use of the funds. Please be on the lookout for this report and consider giving a year-end gift.

Now on to the newsletter ... and my best wishes to all of you and your families for the holidays and the New Year!!

Kim Signoret-Paar



Vice-Presidents Olivia Dorman and Chris Chase, the chairs for the Fall Brunch



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 !



The October Fall Brunch at the Chancellor's house, the "Audrey Geisel University House", was very much of a success. How do we deserve such kindness and attention from Thespine Kavoulakis, the chancellor's Associate and wife? 91 Oceanids enjoyed delicious breakfast fare with coffee and bottomless mimosas on the terrace with this terrific view of the Pacific! Then we went to thoughtfully set tables which were decorated in full Halloween spirit: there were mini cauldrons in the middle which were smoking with witches brew, there were vases and bottles with suspicious herbs and magic pebbles. Every table had a lengthy quote from magic in literature, plus a Halloween goodie-bag for everyone. The platters with food were plentiful and the cuisine perfectly chosen to suit everyone.

One of our scholarship recipients spoke about his work and expressed much gratitude to Oceanids. All in all it was a lovely party.

Thanks so much to Co-Chairs Chris Chase and Olivia Dorman for organizing the event, but most of all thanks to Thespine for her generosity and attention.



Sunday, November 19, 2017 9:36 AM
New projects being planned at UCSD:

Besides the new site development for Sixth College in the new Living/Learning Center which I reported on last month, there are more new developments. When I first came to the UCSD campus in 1963, there was a fire station where the bookstore is now located in the center of campus. It was there when the Marines occupied the area and the city manned it for years after and then it was demolished for new buildings and a new fire station on Eastgate Mall was established. Now there are plans going forward for a new campus Fire Station. The proposed site is located east of North Torrey Pines Road between its intersections with Genesee Ave. and North Point Drive at the northern end of the West Campus. This location will take out only the northern most one of the tennis courts at the north end of campus along North Torrey Pines Road and some eucalyptus trees and shrubs.

This proposed project would involve construction of an approximately 10,500 gross sq. ft., two-story fire station being built entirely by UCSD and operated by the City of San Diego. It would accommodate a standard fire station crew of 12 personnel rotating over a 24-hour shift. The first floor of the fire station would include up to four drive-through fire truck bays and a public reception area while the second floor would be the living quarters for the fire crew with a kitchen, dining area, and day room. The station would also include an elevator and staircase and infrastructure for all the security systems, alarms, phones, etc.

The outside area would have a security fence, signage, fueling facilities, truck wash area, emergency generator, flagpole, fire hydrant, etc. The area would include 16 gated parking spaces for firefighter use and 3 public parking spaces at least one of which will be ADA-compliant.

The public review period for the draft MND is Nov. 7 – Dec. 7 which is for plot approval only. The manager of the project has not yet been hired nor has an architect.

Besides the planning for new construction there are also roadway improvements, which have been incorporated into campus plans with the new E-W bridge over I-5 taking some UCSD traffic off city streets. The concrete pour for the Gilman Bridge over I-5 will be done at night with only one lane closed at a time. Any closings will be listed on ShiftSanDiego.com. The North bound ramp from Genesee to I-5 is complete and by March 20, 2018 the Genesee bridge will be completed.

Submitted by Nancy Groves, UCSD Emerita, Oceanids member, UCSD Community Advisory Group, and District I rep. on the University City Planning Group

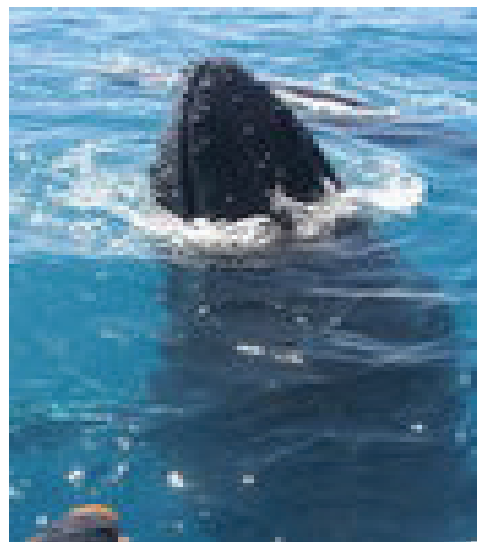
**There will be two whale watching excursions
on Saturday, January 27, 2018**

1. Boat: 9am to noon, check-in at 8:30 am
2. Boat: 12:30 to 3:30 pm, check-in at noon

Tuesday, January 23 come to a Power Point Presentation by Dr. Thomas Jefferson at 6:30 pm at the Study Abroad Dance Hall to prepare you for the trip: You will learn all there is to know about whales!

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

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



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. 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 11 and January 8.

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 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. No, we're not coming apart.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

Dec 12: "The Noise of Time" by Julian Barnes/Jim Bunch/Jim Bunch

Jan 9: "Ghachar Ghochar" by Vivek Shanbhag/Barbara Nemiroff/TBA

Next meetings: December 12 and January 9.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: *Beate Menzel* jrbmlenzel@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 second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion.

Please call or mail *Vicky Lindblade* vlindblade@mac.com or 858 452 1739 about the location of the next meeting

Next meetings: December 14 and January 11.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: *Hulya Saygin*; hulyasaygin@yahoo.com

Notre prochain Café Français réunion (Dec. 13) sera chez *Barbara Stolz* (barbara@stylebybarbara.com, 425 761 6353);

Jan. 10 *Olivia Dorman* (oliviaenid@gmail.com, 619-469 1924)

Next meeting: December 13 and January 10.

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 10 and January 14.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: *Beate Menzel* jrbmlenzel@cox.net or 619 401 1557

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 5+19 and January ?+16.

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 meeting: December 9 and January 27.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

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 5 and January ?

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 is an international group, 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 4 and January ?.

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 or email the week before the hike if you would like to come. We need people with cars!!

Next hike: December 9 and January 13.

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.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

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

Piano Soiree: 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.

The next meeting will be Sunday, December 17 at 3 pm at the home of Vicky Yablonsky. Please RSVP to Vicky at victoria.yablonsky@gmail.com or 858-794-8147 and to Judy at 858-361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net. The January meeting will be at the home of Helen Hodges, January 28, 2018, at 3 pm. Please RSVP to Helen at hodges.helen7@gmail.com or 619-299-5135 and to Judy at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-361-0418.

Next meetings: December 17 and January 28.

SOUNDING BOARD

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

Sounding Boards are always on the first Thursday of the month at noon.

Sounding Board starts the New Year with a surprise event at the Faculty Club: a performing arts roundtable discussion led by UCSD's ArtPower. Carolena Deutsch-Garcia will share a video overview of the performing artists who are brought to campus. Internationally-acclaimed chamber music ensembles and dance and music performers come from around the world – this year includes Poland, France, Africa, Cuba, New Orleans and more. We'll engage in a brainstorming session on how Oceanids can engage with ArtPower and its vision to develop more empathetic students and community members through their participation in high quality artistic programs.

Invite your friends (open to Oceanids and the UCSD community) and join us for lunch and this lively discussion January 4th at noon!

Next meetings: December 7 and January 4. Please see page 9.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

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

Jennie Chin enjen1@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.

WE HAVE MOVED TO THE CONTAINER ON THE what used to be a LAWN, next to the former International Center parking lot.

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 15 and January 19.

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 \$10.00 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.

Next meeting: Please call chair.



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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SOUNDING BOARD

Sounding Board is a series of lectures during the academic year by UC San Diego Oceanids and the UC San Diego Faculty Club at noon on the first Thursday of the month. 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 \$16.50 for guests and \$13 for Faculty Club members; purchase is required. Coffee and iced tea are provided in the meeting room. A parking permit can be obtained at the front desk for \$4 and because parking is limited—carpooling is recommended. You do not need to RSVP. You can be sure of a lively discussion! Contact Jan Ouren, jouren@san.rr.com for more information.

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Dr. Steven Schick, Percussionist, Conductor and Author, and Distinguished Professor Reed Family Presidential Chair, Department of Music, UC San Diego:

“The Externally Facing Artist: Arts and the World Today”

Percussionist, conductor, and author Steven Schick was born in Iowa and raised in a farming family. For forty years he has championed contemporary music by commissioning or premiering more than one hundred-fifty new works. Schick is music director of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus and was music director of the 2015 Ojai Festival. His acclaimed publications include a book, “The Percussionist’s Art: Same Bed, Different Dreams”. Steven Schick is Distinguished Professor of Music and holds the Reed Family Presidential Chair at the University of California, San Diego.



Thursday, January 4, 2017

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OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

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How to talk about Climate Change

Professor Emeritus and Climate Scientist Richard Somerville was our speaker at the November 2 Sounding Board. He is currently focused on the need for better communication regarding climate change, and he gave us some excellent strategies for discussing this issue with our fictional “Uncle Pete” who lives in a bubble of climate change denial.

First, he advised us on how to respond to the misinformation and myths that Uncle Pete has subscribed to. For example, when he says that volcanos are more of a factor in temperature rise than human emissions, we can counter that the latter pump about 100 times more greenhouse gases into the air. He might wonder how we predict how the climate will change over the next century, when we can’t always accurately predict the weather just a few days ahead. We then would try to explain the difference between weather and climate.

However, Dr. Somerville’s main takeaway is that none of the above might be very effective, because Uncle Pete’s denial has little to do with science, and a lot more to do with politics and his world view. We need to be prepared before having these kinds of conversations, and advised us to go to climatecommunication.org. Another resource that Uncle Pete might trust is the paper, “The Conservative Case for Carbon Dividends.” We need to keep the message simple, avoid technical language, and use stories and metaphors. For example, climate science is analogous to medical science, with similar unknowns and unpleasant messages. The key to our future lies in human behavior. We could point out to Uncle Pete that If his doctor advised him to do something challenging, like quitting smoking, he would probably not react with attacks and denial in the same way as when climate scientists tell us we need to change our behavior in a way that reduces our carbon footprint.

We also need to be careful about the words we use. Dr. Somerville put up a slide with a list of common words that mean one thing in science, but something else to the layperson. For example, we think of “positive” as something good, but if a lab test comes back positive, that’s usually not a good thing. Another loaded word is “values,” which to a scientist simply refers to numbers and quantity.

Finally, he advised us to be less gloomy, which tends to shut down the conversation, and point out to progress that is being made, particularly in Europe, where market forces now favor renewable sources of energy. Thanks to Sounding Board chair Jan Ouren for another excellent program.

Mary Hanson



In case you have visitors and especially grandchildren visiting over the holidays you might be interested that Westfield UTC has some items of interest and additional events for the holidays. To name a few of these events — there are “live reindeer” near Macy’s Dec. 2-16 with real snow to play in and laser light shows 5-9PM Fri & Sat only. Winter Nights performances from 5-8PM Dec. 2, 9, 16 and the lighting of the Menorah at sundown about 6PM on Dec. 12. These events and others are in addition to the many new

eating establishments and stores/shops. Their website www.westfield.com/utc gives events, dates, hours, even discounts offered.



Nancy Groves

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

We welcome the following new members and hope we will all have the opportunity to get to know them:

Ron Campnell

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Oceanids Directory Updates

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Jeanne Weidner – email: jeanned@san.rr.com

Susan Wolf – email: sdmamalupa@gmail.com

We plan to begin to work on the 2018 Oceanids Directory in February. Please look over your listing in the current directory and email your changes to marycutchin@yahoo.com, cbl@san.rr.com and oceanids@ucsd.edu.

Mary Cutchin

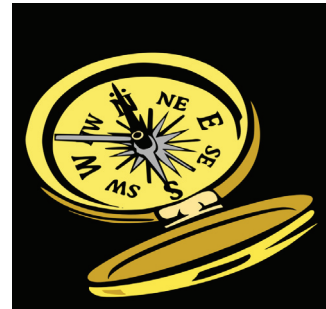
Claudia Lowenstein

Membership



LOOKING FOR EVENING BRIDGE PLAYERS

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HIKERS WITH CARS WANTED

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The Bag Piper

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this poor homeless man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before.

And as I played "Amazing Grace," the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in these septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost... it's a man thing.

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge	KitX Wed. Coffee	BOARD MEETING Sounding Board	8	Hiking Evening Bridge
10	Avi Set Birders	Book Group	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais	Café Español	15	16
17		Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch	KitX Wed. Coffee		22	23
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31	25	26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge		BOARD MEETING SPECIAL Sounding Board		
7	Avi Set Birders	Book Group	KitX Wed. Coffee Café Francais	Café Español	12	Hiking
14		Day Bridge Kaffeeklatsch	KitX Wed. Coffee		19	20
21			KitX Wed. Coffee		26	Evening Bridge
28			KitX Wed. Coffee			

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