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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month

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Coffee and refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10:00 am.
(You are welcome to attend!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to let you know that an Oceanids Campus Focus event is scheduled for February 13 at 5 p.m. — a tour of the Pacific Beach Student-Run Free Clinic and Dr. Ellen Beck will be there to talk with us.

For many years, Oceanids has supported the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project with your donations to our Oceanids General Projects Fund. The clinic began in 1997 with one site in the basement of a church in Pacific Beach, where a program was working with the street homeless, called Harvest for the Hungry. Now there are five sites, including three community churches and inner city school, and Veteran's Village (Dental Care only) and are open somewhere each day of the week.

From the clinic's website: "The passion of the medical students is key to the success of our program. They arrive in medical school with passion, compassion and a desire to make a difference and we keep it alive."

Put UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic into a Google search and it will take you to the clinic's website. There you will find links to videos about the work that is being done and the experiences of the students. In 1999 the group made this video to capture the history of the clinic, and in 2018 it was updated to include where some of the students and leaders are today. Make sure you see this update at the end of the video. It is impressive! <https://vimeo.com/265840293>

The tour on February 13, 5 p.m., will be at the clinic located at the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church, 1561 Thomas Avenue, San Diego. Nearby cross street is Ingraham.

Now on to the newsletter ... enjoy!

Kim Signoret-Paar



OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

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All gifts, memorials and dues are **tax deductible** when made payable to "UC San Diego Foundation".

Please write the purpose on the "Memo" line.

Send check(s) & completed form to:

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WHERE DOES OCEANIDS' MONEY GO?

3 Fellowship Endowment Funds valued at \$330,820: \$8,000 awarded to 3 graduate students ...

Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship (est. 1993) Supports graduate or professional school students re-entering academia after a significant hiatus.

Oceanids Memorial Fellowship (est. 1999) Supports graduate students who have shown evidence of giving service on campus.

Bertha Lebus Fellowship (est. 1997) Supports graduate students returning to the university one year or more after undergraduate degree.

2 Undergraduate Scholarship Funds: \$11,000 awarded to 7 undergraduates ...

Oceanids Undergraduate Service Award (est. 1979) \$1,000 Scholarships given to undergraduates at each of the six colleges, selected by the colleges. \$6,000 given annually

Chancellor's Scholars \$5,000 scholarship given to a Chancellor's Scholar each year since 2006 from General Projects Fund

Oceanids Emergency Fund for International Students (est. 2011) Utilized by the International Center Dean to assist students. \$4,400 emergency funds given to date.

Oceanids General Projects Fund \$5,000 awarded to 3 programs ...

UC San Diego Postdoctoral Association STEM Career Symposium: \$2,000 annually

UC San Diego Student-Run Free Clinic: \$2,500 annually

International Friday Café: \$500 annually brings together campus and community to explore world cultures, cuisines, gathering of students, music and more.

Sabbatical House Rental available 20 minutes drive from UCSD

Beautifully furnished 4 bedroom house on half acre available for rent April 2019 - mid September, 2019 in Solana Beach. Huge master bedroom with adjoining dressing area and bath has French doors opening out to spacious, shady, park-like backyard. Second bedroom has double bed, large writing desk, can be used as study. Two other front facing bedrooms have single beds. Eat-in kitchen has dual wall ovens, one convection, dishwasher, double sink, gas stove top. Separate dining room seats eight, living room has working fireplace and grand piano. Carpeted den with 50" TV, two couches, one fold-out. Dining room has french doors opening out to a covered patio with large table and chairs for outdoor summer dining. Alarm system, heat and A/C. All-inclusive rent (utilities, high speed Wifi) \$4,000/month (plus deposit), includes weekly cleaning person and gardener.

Email interest to: Victoria.Yablonsky@gmail.com

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

An Oceanids Campus Focus event is scheduled for February 13 at 5 p.m.

— a tour of the Pacific Beach Student-Run Free Clinic and Dr. Ellen Beck will be there to talk with us.

The clinic is held at the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church which is located at 1561 Thomas Ave, San Diego, CA 92109 . Nearby cross street is Ingraham. Just show up for the event.

It would be great if you could give organizer Carole Ziegler a heads up on the count by emailing her at

cactus12Carole@gmail.com

Please see our president's message for more information.

Invitation to Friends of the International Center's Annual Scholarship

FRIENDS 120TH ETHNIC DINNER INDIA

\$25 UCSD International Scholar & Degree Student (we regret no children) \$75 Friends Member \$100 Non-Friends

Saturday,
February 23, 2019
6:30 pm
Great Hall, I-House
UC San Diego

Exploring Northeast India
And Less
Well-Traveled Areas Of India
Post-Dinner Illustrated Presentation
by UC San Diego
Professor Christopher Wills

NORTHEAST INDIA MENU
Egg Shoap
Momo
Thenthuk Soup
Sesame Kaffir Lime Chicken
Jeera Rice
Vawksa Rep
Banana Leaf Steamed Fish
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Larü
Chakhao Kheer
Vegetarian Option with request upon reservation

Cultural Performances:
Kuchipudi dance piece
by Swetha Godavarthi
Bharatanatyam dance piece
by Sunandha Srikanth
Carnatic vocal pieces
by Nandkishore Prakash

Reservations with payment are required
by Wednesday, February 13, 2019 and can be made

online at:
<https://ficIndia2019.eventbrite.com>

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the International Center, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Great Hall is on the top floor of UC San Diego's International House, the building with the large glass windows just east of Pangea parking structure across Scholars Drive North.



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: February 11 and March 11.

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

Feb 12 "A New Life" by Bernard Malamud / Barbara Nemiroff / TBA

Mar 12 TBA / TBA / TBA

Next meetings: February 12 and March 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 second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. We will meet at Rosie Enright's home in February and at Frances Gillin's home in March.

Next meetings: February 14 and March 14.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Chers amis,

Nous allons réunir chez Paulette Bohrer en Février le 13, en le 13 de Mars la réunion sera chez Anne-France Saillot toujours à midi. Bien venue à tout, essayer une nouvelle personne accompagne à vous.

Salut. Je vais envoyer une e-mail de relance.

Next meetings: February 13 and March 13.

CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Contact: *Kim Signoret-Paar*, kspaar@ucsd.edu

The group meets at a designated home on the second Thursday of each month at 11am for discussion and sharing of our cellphone photographs. Activities, such as field trips, will be communicated to the group's email list. For more information, please contact Kim.

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February 14 and March 14.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: *Katie Boyer*, ktpb@san.rr.com; 858 273-6505

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 Katie.

Next meeting: February 10 and March 10.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: *Beate Menzel* jrbmlmenzel@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: February 5+19 and March 5+19.

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: February 23 and March 23.



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 contact Roswitha.

TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM

Next meetings: February 19 and March 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 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.

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.

Next hike: February 9 and March 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.

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. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 24 at the home of Marsha Sewell at 3 pm. Please RSVP to Marsha at m.sewell@cox.net or 619-234-8815 and to Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-361-0418. In March the soiree will be at the home of Joanne Ferraro on March 24 at 3 pm. Please RSVP to Joanne at ferraro@sdsu.edu or 619-280-8826 and to Judy Vacquier as above.

Next meetings: February 24 and March 24.

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 at the Faculty Club. SEE PAGE 9

Next meeting: February 7 and March 7, 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 next to the former International Center parking lot, at parking lot P 416.

Next meetings: Wednesdays.

WINE TASTING I

Contact: Alicia Flores Meneses at virginiacisne@yahoo.com or 858-353 3878

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets on Fridays or Sundays. Members rotate as hosts. This group is again open to new members.

Next meeting: February 15 and March 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 \$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.

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



Martin Johnson House — La Jolla's Most Charming Oceanfront Venue

Oceanids Spring Luncheon on May 16 will be at the Martin Johnson House T-29, a historic oceanfront cottage nestled under lush cypress trees with breathtaking views of the Pacific coastline.

Built in 1916, the rustic cottage is steeped in history as one of the earliest additions to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) campus which was founded in 1903. Once used as a home for Scripps professors and their families, the refurbished cottage and grounds now offer a charming coastal setting ideal for social events. We are excited to be able to have our luncheon here and enjoy such a special place at UC San Diego. Our sincere thanks to SIO that is gifting us the location rent free.

The house's namesake Martin Johnson and his wife Phyllis arrived at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1932 where they raised two children in the modest T-29 cottage on a cliff. The following is from an article by Deborah Day entitled "Martin Johnson & the Martin Johnson House T-29: "By 1960, the campus was expanding and the residential cottages were removed to make room for new laboratory buildings. A few cottages, including T-29 were saved and renovated for use as a conference center. Martin Johnson often attended meetings there late in his life and remarked on how elegant the house was, in contrast to the small, remote and drafty cottage with unreliable electricity that he and his family remembered. He remarked that the view was about the same." Go here on the web to read Deborah's article and find out more about Martin Johnson http://scilib.ucsd.edu/sio/hist/martin_johnson_house.pdf

Kim Signoret-Paar



New interest group for photography enthusiasts

As a personal interest and one that may be of interest to a number of you, I would like to start a new group: Cellphone Photography.

With today's smartphones, we can create spectacular photographs with our phones. This group would be for those who would like to share their cellphone photography, to learn how to take better photos with their cellphone cameras, and to go out on photography field trips. I propose that we meet once a month at a member's home. In the beginning I will host the group in my home.

Please email me if you are interested. The next meeting is February 14.

– kspaar@ucsd.edu

Kim Signoret Paar

Can't find your new **orange** Directory?

For only \$5.00 we will send you a new one.

Just send a check to UCSD Oceanids, International Faculty and Scholar Office, 9500 Gilman Dr. La Jolla, CA 92093

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 Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club in a specially designated room to eat lunch and listen to fascinat-
- ing speakers. Lunch is \$16.50 for guests and \$13 for Faculty Club members; purchase is required. Cof-
- fee 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.rn.com for more information.

February 7, 2019

Cecil Lytle, B.A., UC San Diego Professor Emeritus, Music, and Pianist; long-time Provost of Thurgood Marshall College, and founding member of the Preuss charter school at UC San Diego

Joel Dimsdale, M.D., UC San Diego Professor Emeritus, Recall Faculty and Research Professor, Psychiatry

Intergenerational Senior Center

Sponsored by the UCSD Emeriti and Retirement Associations, small groups of senior faculty and staff have led a three-year initiative to establish a 175+/-unit facility as part of the future intergenerational housing complex on UCSD. Conceived as a public/private partnership (PPP), the UCSD Intergenerational Senior Center (ISC) is envisioned as a state-of-the art home to a stable, diverse, and engaged community of aging residents benefiting from the application of the best research-based practices in healthy aging developed here at UC San Diego and elsewhere. ISC based research results will serve to revise common cultural and medical attitudes about aging. Instead of merely managing deterioration, the ISC will promote a better social integration and medical understanding of what it means to prepare for and sustain a meaningful, productive, and healthy life.

As we go forward, the ISC Work Group is sincerely interested in learning the desires and expectations OCEANID and OSHER members might have for a facility of this sort on the UCSD campus. A brief survey prior to Sounding Board was done. Professor Dimsdale will report on the collected views of members during our discussion.



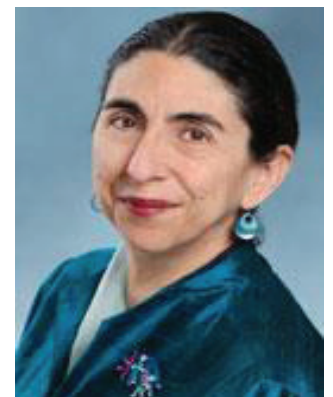
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Ellen Beck, M.D., Professor, Family Medicine and Public Health
UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project

The mission of the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project is to provide free ongoing high quality care with underserved San Diegans who have nowhere else to turn while inspiring the next generation of health professionals. For more than 20 years, in partnership with outstanding community and professional partners, we have provided free primary and specialty medical care, restorative dental care, pharmacy, acupuncture, and mental health, and legal and social services. Oceanids has been a supporter of this work over many years.

Ellen Beck, MD, is a Clinical Professor and the Director of Medical Student Education for the Division of Family Medicine at UCSD School of Medicine. Dr. Beck completed her training at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Beck and her programs have won many national and state awards.



BEWARE....Don't get scammed by a scumbag!

The following is a recounting of the incident from the victim:

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers," (The name could be any courier company). He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature.

The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was.

The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package."

Apparently, a greeting card was being sent separately. (The card has never arrived!) There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/ verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction. He added, "Couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or likely targets for robbery."

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card, and 'John,' the "delivery man," asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. Frank, my husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction. The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day.

To our horrible

surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

Apparently the "mobile credit card machine," which the delivery-man carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also personally went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package.

Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

Friends - please be careful

Yesterday I went to a Christmas party. I had a few beers, followed by a few cocktails, followed by a few shots....

I still had the sense to know that I was over the limit. That's when I decided to do what I have never done before: I took a cab home.

Sure enough, there was a police road block on the way home, and since it was a cab, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was both a great relief and a surprise because I had never driven a cab before. I don't even know where I got it from and, now that it is in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.



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