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Next to our various support efforts for the university community, Oceanids' interest groups are very important to the members. There is a large variety of them, something for everyone. So, please check your schedules and see whether you might be able to join one or the other of the groups. You will not regret it. See pages 6 and 7 for a complete list There are always new groups, for example:

Tapas on Thursday Gardening with California Native Plants

LANGUAGES: SPANISH (BEATE LAURA MENZEL) FRENCH (HULYA SAYGIN) GERMAN (ROSWITHA ENRIGHT)

FOOD AND DRINK:

GOURMET COOKING (SUSAN STARR) MOVEABLE FEAST I (LIZ WILLS) MOVEABLE FEAST II (MARY CUTCHIN) WINE TASTING I (ALICIA FLORES) WINE TASTING II (BARBARA SCHOLZ)

ENTERTAINMENT:

CINEMA SOIREE (ROSWITHA ENRIGHT) DAY BRIDGE (BEATE LAURA MENZEL) EVENING BRIDGE (BARBARA BANK) HIKING S.D. COUNTY (JIM BUNCH) PIANO-AND OTHER MUSIC (JUDY VACQUIER)

....AND:

BIRDERS (LIZ WINANT) BOOK GROUP (JANET GOFF) SOUNDING BOARD (NELLIE HIGH) WITS II/STOCKS AND BONDS (BEV DOUGLASS) CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY (KIM SIGNORET-PAAR)

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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 We are so grate-

ful to Thespine Kavoulakis, Oceanids Honorary Chair and Associate of the Chancellor, for hosting us for the Fall Brunch in November.

As usual it was a huge success and enjoyed by all who came. Thespine is a



wonderful hostess and made us feel so welcome. The decorations and the food was wonderful. The Dia de Los Muertos theme was great and I loved the memorial table to past Oceanid members no longer with us – so pretty and thoughtfully done.

It is December already and the festivities are beginning. Many of us are gathering with family and friends during the next few weeks and soon it will be 2020. It is time for reflection on all we have achieved in 2019 and what is to come in the New Year.

As one of our recent scholarship recipients told me recently - 'Yes, the money is extremely helpful, especially as expenses have increased so much, but this award is a lot more than that – it is a sign of approval that means so much when we are applying for other funding" It is good to realize that our scholarship funds are so meaningful and leveraged by the students to help them even further - and that even a relatively small award can make all the difference. We will soon be sending you the annual report of



Oceanids financials and thank you for your continued giving to these funds. Please be on the lookout for the report and consider an end-ofyear gift.

My very best wishes to all of you and your families for the holi-

Here is the link to our online newsletter and the actual PDF is attached.

http://ccom.ucsd.edu/~oceanids/newsletters/2017-2018/2018_02FebMarNewsletter.pdf



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• a • V • a • l	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES We have a number of volunteer opportunities for Oce- anids. Please see if any of the following interest you! We would love to involve more members in Oceanids activities. Please email Kim Signoret-Paar kspaar@ ucsd.edu and she will answer any questions about the 'job" and connect you to the right person.
• 1 • 0 • 1 • 1	Hiking San Diego Interest Group – Drivers A great opportunity to meet visiting scholars and stu- dents from around the world. They do not have cars, but look forward to hiking around San Diego County with this interest group. Consider joining the group and being one of the drivers for our International Newcomers.
• 1	Data input person to help with membership Easy and not very time-consuming. Please call Mary Cutchin, Membership VP at 858-459-8074.
•	Computer software installation and database con-
• • •	version This winter we will be installing a new computer for the Oceanids office and will be moving our member- ship database to a new program. If this is something that you love to do, please contact us.
• 1	Kitchen Exchange VolunteersA great group of volunteers works with Liz Fong-Wills (858 454-6858) on this signature project.New volunteers always welcomed.















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From Wikipedia:

An ofrenda (Spanish: "offering") is a collection of objects placed on a ritual display during the annual and traditionally Mexican Día de los Muertos celebration. An ofrenda, which may be quite large and elaborate, is usually created for an individual person who has died and is intended to welcome them to the altar setting.

This display coincides with the Día de los Muertos, which is a tradition originating with the Aztecs. The Aztec culture considered souls to continuously live and enter different realms when a body would die. This view the Aztecs held was commingled with the Christian beliefs that the soul is eternal (whether it be in heaven, purgatory, or hell) during the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire when the two cultures were merged.

The ofrenda is presented in one's home in order to commemorate the souls of loved ones in the family.



Ofrenda table at the Oceanids Fall Lucheon

Travelling in Raja Ampat

by Nigella Hillgarth



Raja Ampat consists of hundreds of beautiful islands off the coast of the Indonesian province of West Papua on the island of New Guinea. I have been fascinated by this area for many years because of the explorer and evolutionary biologist Alfred Russell Wallace who wrote about this area. It is a place of great biological diversity with animals from Australasia and Asia. The late Scripps Institution of Oceanography biologist Dick Rosenblatt once told me it had the greatest fish diversity on the planet. Raja Ampat is also remarkably pristine in many areas as few people live there and tourism is still relatively small. In

October, Carol Manifold and I went on a wonderful trip travelling around these remote islands on a small wooden ship with nine passengers and eleven crew. We snorkeled twice a day over beautiful and healthy reefs that teemed with corals and fish. Floating with the current we drifted over an unforgettable tapestry of marine life. The islands are covered in jungle full of exotic birds and orchids. Seeing a Red Bird of Paradise displaying in the forest at dawn was a magical sight that will stay with me always.

OCEANIDS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of the UCSD 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.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL INTEREST GROUP Chairs: Register your event at least 7 days in advance:

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 9 and January 13.

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.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer Dec 10 "A River Sutra" by Gita Mehta / TBA / TBA Jan 14 "Normal People" by Sally Rooney / TBA / TBA Next meetings: December 10 and January 14

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Beate Menzel jrblmenzel@cox.net or (619) 401-1557 Vicky Lindblade vlindblade@mac.com or (858)-452 1739 This conversation group is designed for fluent Spanish speakers who wish to keep up their Spanish and learn new vocabulary. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. Call chair for more information. December 19 and January 9.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Hulya Saygin hulyasaygin@yahoo.com Dear Francophiles;

We have some changes for the up coming two reunions. Please notice that we will meet in December like last year at Mary Hanson's on the 12/11/2019.

We are planning to get together earlier than before, at 11:30am and will end around 2:00/2:30 pm. The hostess may determine the exact time when she is sending out reminders. The January reunion will be at Silvia Berchtold's and Pamela Amor is her co-host. This month only we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday, 1/15/2020 because of the holiday seasons.

The hostesses will send the reminders a week before. Next meetings: December 11 and January 15.

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.

Next meetings: December 12 and January 9.

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 meetings. December 8 and January 12.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Beate Menzel jrblmenzel@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 meetings: December 3+17 and January 7+14.

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.

Next meetings: December 28 (Call chair) and January 25.

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 **TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM** ccontact Roswitha. Next meetings: December 17 and January 14.

GOURMET GROUP

Contact: Susan Starr (858) 455-1630 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: Jim Bunch (858) 453-5765

We need drivers to take interested hikers to the start of the hikes. If you are interested in hiking please call the chair. If there are going to be enough drivers the hike will be on.

Next possible hikes: December 14 and January 11.

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 chair.

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. On December 15, we will meet at the home of Judy Vacquier. Please RSVP to Judy at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858-361-0418. On January 19th we will be hosted by Lori Chamberlain and Vicky Yablonsky at the home of Vicky Yablonsky. Please RSVP to Vicky at victoria.yablonsky@gmail.com or 858-945-2655 and to Judy as well.

Next meetings: December 15 and January 19.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Nellie High, 858-886 9223; nellie@looklajollahomes.com Sounding Boards are always on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Faculty Club.

Next meeting: December 5. See page 9. No meeting in January.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336

Mary Woo (858) 481-6998 & (858) 336-3642 (cell) Jennie Chin enjien1@hotmail.com

Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students, and their children for refreshments at the International Center every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon **during the academic year**. You'll make friends and learn strange and wonderful American customs.

Visit the KITCHEN EXCHANGE where newcomers can rent kitchen, household, and baby equipment for a small fee. 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: Please call chair.**

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 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.

MORE INTEREST GROUPS NEWS

Couples (Evening) Bridge is looking for more players

Do you enjoy a clever finesse, cheerful company, and a glass of good wine? If you do, please join us on the fourth Saturday of the month at 7 PM. We are a very friendly, fun

loving group, and play party bridge while sipping wine and eating cheese and treats. In recent years our "Couples" have included both married couples, and two friends who want to play monthly. We are always in need of substitutes, single players and couples. We would love to have you join us monthly, or occasionally as a substitute. Please contact Barbara Bank, bbank@ucsd.edu.

NEW GROUPS

Gardening with California Native Plants:

This is a new interest group focusing on learning how to use California native plants in our gardens to attract wildlife, birds, butterflies and pollinators, and to reduce the need for water and chemicals. We will meet at each others' homes, and take field trips to local nurseries, public and private garden tours, plant workshops, and more. Contact Judy Vacquier jvacq@sbcglobal.net for our next meetings and outings.

Tapas on Thursday

This is a new interest group. We meet at noon on the third Thursday of the month to enjoy tapas and conversation. Depending on the number of members at the monthly gathering either half or all the attendees bring tapas to share. We have enjoyed new and delicious treats and best of all enjoyed the delightful company of fellow Oceanids. If you would like to join our group, please contact the chairperson: Barbara Bank <bbank@ucsd.edu>. Next meetings: Call chair. On November 7, 2019, the Oceanids Board discussed options for co-operation between Oceanids and the San Diego Independent Scholars (SDIS). It was decided to initiate: (a) reciprocal publicity of each other's monthly public lectures and (b) the inclusion of a description of the other group in the February/March issue of the newsletter of each organization.

Dorothy Parker, President of SDIS (and also member of Oceanids)

Please see more about this worthy organization in the the February/March issue of "Oceanids News".



SDIS Lecture: Saturday, January 18, 2020

Kafka Project Update: The Search for Literary Treasure - The Missing Notebooks and Love Letters."

Kathi Diamant, adjunct Professor at San Diego State University, founded and directs the Kafka Project, the official international search to recover the missing writings of Franz Kafka. These documents include 20 notebooks and 35 love letters that were confiscated by the Gestapo in 1933. After WWII they remained behind the Iron Curtain and inaccessible to scholars until 1997 when Kathi Diamant successfully petitioned for their release on behalf of the Kafka Estate and because Kafka's last lover was also named Diamant.

During the next two decades, Kathi Diamant's studies uncovered original materials and new information about the writer and those closest to him, leading to a biography, KAFKA'S LAST LOVE. This book, published in the US,

UK, Spain, France, Russia, China, Brazil, Turkey, Albania and Germany, has been reviewed in more than 60 publications and internet sites. It received critical acclaim for original research, winning both "Best Biography" and the Theodore Geisel Award, the "Best of the Best" in the San Diego Book Awards.

Since 2015, the Kafka Project at SDSU has officially partnered with two German universities for its continuing searches. Kathi Diamant has been an East European Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, D.C. She lectures frequently on Kafka to literary and community groups, as well as to classes from middle school to university levels.

Meetings are at 1:30 p.m on the third Saturday of the month in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex of UCSD. A map and more information are at www.sdscholars.org.



There will be two whale watching excursions on Saturday, January 25, 2020

1. Boat: 9am to noon, check-in at 8:30 am

2. Boat: 12:30 to 3:30 pm, check-in at noon

Wednesday, January 22 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: \$26; ALL children under 13 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 anytime.



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 the Lounge to eat lunch and listen to fascinating speakers. Purchase of lunch is required (\$16.50 for guests and \$13.00 for Faculty Club members). A parking permit can be obtained inthe lobby. You can be sure of a lively discussion! You do not need to RSVP. Contact Nellie High, Sounding Board Program Chair, nellie@nelliehigh.com for more information.

Thursday, December 5, 2019 12 Noon at the Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club



Kim SignoretPaar

Photographer and photography instructor

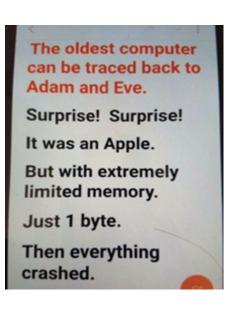
10 Cellphone photography tips every photographer should know

Create spectacular photographs with your cellphone anywhere you are, everywhere you go.

Do you want to take stunning photos with your cellphone? With a few simple tips, you'll be able to shoot the kind of photos you never thought possible. Kim will share 10 tips that will dramatically improve your photos.

About Kim SignoretPaar

Kim uses her camera to create images that tell stories from fleeting moments or from structures around us. She won her first competition with a BW photo of a boy in a tree when she was thirteen. With a degree in journalism from the University of Iowa, she went west in 1980. Her career in California and Mexico focused on public relations, publishing, and fundraising. In 2009, Kim returned to creating art with her camera and in the summer of 2014, she won Best of Show at the International Exhibition of Photography at the San Diego County Fair. In addition to showing her photography in various venues, Kim teaches iPhoneography at the UCSD Retirement Center and OASIS San Diego.





3 Germans, 2 Brazilians, 2 Chinese, and me. Jim Bunch, chair of Oceanids Hiking Group

I was visiting my DAUGHTER last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste

money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this... that fly never knew what hit him...

NEW MEMBER: Marine Desiriex - marinemathias@gmail.com; Cell - 619-366-5556

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