UCSD Oceanids Campus Focus Event

Friday, February 25, 2022 – 11:30am

Let’s ride the Blue Line Trolley through UCSD Campus to Old Town

Lunch at Casa Guadalajara and a walk through the new Kumeyaay Park

(Casa Guadalajara has very nice outdoor patio seating.)

Carole Ziegler will meet you at the UTC Trolley Transit Center on Genesee Avenue at 11:30.

The Transit Center is located just south of Esplanade Court and between the parking garage to the east at UTC and the Barnes and Nobel Parking Lot to the west. Please RSVP to Carole at GeologyCarole@gmail.com or 619-787-4099 by Wednesday, February 23. This phone number will also be available if you need assistance on the day of the trip.
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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month
Oceand's 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.
The board meets via zoom for the time being. Call Nigella for link.
President’s Message

Dear Oceanids,

I am feeling more optimistic about the year going forward. As we mentioned in the last newsletter we are able to provide a substantial number of awards and scholarships this year even though so many of our other activities have been curtailed. However, many of the interest groups are flourishing and I am hopeful we will be able to hold the Spring luncheon in person this year. Also, we have a campus activity coming up on February 25th with an opportunity to explore the new Trolley from UCSD to downtown. It is with great sorrow that we learned of the recent passing of Oceanids Board Member Liz Bonkowski. Liz was a long-time supporter and past president. She was so thoughtful, generous and kind and I will miss her very much indeed.

Nigella
Winter & Spring Events with Art Power
Starting in February, 18 performances, from chamber music, to dance, to special events, return to ArtPower stages. This season, ArtPower has invited back favorites, including Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE, who is making its return to San Diego for the first time in nearly 15 years; as well as Ariel Quartet, performing the exciting finale of the Beethoven Cycle. Check Out All Our Events

In the movie theaters (Hillcrest, AMC LJ, et al):
Licorice Pizza (by Paul Thomas Anderson)
The Tragedy of Macbeth (by Kenneth Branagh)

On Netflix:
The Two Popes
Da 5 Bloods
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
The Danish Girl
Cezanne et Moi
The Death of Stalin (wonderful comedy)
The Queen’s Gambit (chess)
The Octopus Teacher (documentary)
Mank
The Life Ahead (Sophia Loren)
The Professor and the Madman
The Dig
The White Tiger
The English Game
Retablo (Peruvian)
Passing (probable Oscar nomination)
tick tick Boom (possible Oscar nomination)
The Power of the Dog (probable Oscar winner)
The Hand of God (Italian)

Enjoy!

Jim Bunch
Nolan E. Penn, PhD, husband of Oceanid Barbara Penn died on December 13, 2021. He was awarded an APA Presidential Citation in recognition of his remarkable seven decade career in psychology. Born and raised in segregated Louisiana, Penn achieved academic success at a time when African-American men were not welcomed by the academy. Penn was a visionary, dedicated scholar, mentor and role model. He was founding chair of the Urban and Rural Studies Program at the University of California, San Diego, where he also served as associate chancellor.

Oceanid Liz Bonkowsky died on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at home of natural causes. Liz was a dedicated teacher at the NYC inner city schools, a professor at U. Mass, Low-ell, and Emory U. Appointed by President Reagan, Liz concluded her State Department diplomatic career as director of U S Public Diplomacy in the former East Germany. She was awarded four Department of State Superior Honor Awards for her work in human rights, in Kosovo and the Balkans as well as in Germany. At UCSD Liz was president and ongoing board member and officer of the Oceanids service organization. “German Kaffeeklatsch” will not be the same without her.

Something to Consider:

If you enjoy domestic travel and visiting museums, you might consider getting a museum membership that gives you the North American Reciprocal Membership. Called NARM for short, this is an association of more than 1000 museums in the US. Mostly small and out of the way, they range from absolute gems (like the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont) to NOT gems (like the Vermont Granite Museum in Barre, Vermont). We joined the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA at $150 per year and have already saved more than $161 in just three months. We could have joined the SD Museum of Art at $200, but there is some limitation about admission to nearby museums, like the Mingei. I had never heard of NARM and wasn’t sure exactly how this worked. I was afraid that one might need to make advanced reservations weeks in advance and that only 2 of us would be admitted each time. I was delighted to learn that, although the museum might give “free” admission to just the 2 members, several have been very generous at other times and allowed our entire party of 4 adults in for “free.” Each museum has its own rules regarding admissions. We were able to make timed reservations at the Peabody Essex Museum on line and then just showed our NARM cards on the iPhone when we arrived. We expect to use the NARM card locally at all our favorite museums, but feel a little guilty that we aren’t supporting them directly this year. This is the best deal of the year for us but maybe not for the museums? If you are interested, Mingei offers this option under their Traveler membership for $150.

Liz Fong Wills
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:
Send a copy of the registration form to Beate L. Menzel: jrblmenzel@cox.net

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 14 and March 14.
Aviset, Oceanids birding group, has tried several ideas, all enthusiastically supported by our Aviset members. The group meets on the second Monday at 10am.

BOOK GROUP
Contacts: Janet Goff (760)753-3472, Liz Winant (858) 481-7447
We are still Zooming on the second Tuesday morning of every month at 10 AM. We are happy to welcome new members who enjoy a variety of fiction and nonfiction and who value good writing and a lively discussion. Please join us.
Date “Title” by Author / Host / Reviewer
Feb 8 “Little Failure” Gary Shteyngart / Zoom / TBA
Mar 8 “The Sense of An Ending” Julian Barnes / Zoom / TBA

Titles that we’re considering for the future are:
Something by the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature winner, Abdulrazak Gurnah.
The Language of Thieves by Martin Puchner
The Power of the Dog by Thomas Savage.
(Recent movie was made from this novel, which I just read - it is just wonderful. A+)
The Beautiful Mrs. Seidenman by Andrzej Szczypiorski
Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
Education by Tara Westover
Family Happiness by Leo Tolstoy.
The Meadow by James Galvin
Something by Malcolm Gladwell, perhaps “Talking to Strangers”
The Magician by Colm Toibin

So come and join us!

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.
Next meetings: Please call Alicia 858 353-3878.
See page 5

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS
Contact: Hulya Saygin hulyasaygin@yahoo.com
Dear Francophiles;
Please call chair about the next zoom meeting.

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.

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: February 13 and March 13.

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: on hiatus

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: on hiatus
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 meeting: on hiatus

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: on hiatus

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: on hiatus

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.
The Piano and Chamber Music Soiree has been meeting monthly by zoom. Attendance has been maximum, and we’ve been meeting for three hours each time. Members record their piece using Voice Memos, or the video camera on their cell phone, and send it to Michael, who acts as our emcee. Piano soirée is still meeting by zoom. Next meetings are February 27 and March 27 at 3 pm.

SOUNDING BOARD
Contact: Nellie High-Iredale: 858-886 9223; nellie@looklahomes.com
Sounding Boards are always on the first Thursday of the month at noon on zoom for now. See page 9 for details.

TAPAS ON THURSDAY
Contact: Barbara Bank <bbank@ucsd.edu>
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.
Next meetings: on hiatus

WEDNESDAY COFFEE
Contact: Georgina Sham 858-459-1336
Mary Woo (858) 481-6998 & (858) 336-3642 (cell)
Jennie Chin enijen1@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: on hiatus

WINE TASTING I
Contact: Alicia Flores Meneses at virginiaciasne@yahoo.com or 858-353 3878
WINE TASTING II
Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com
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.
Wine Tasting meeting hosting by Alicia using Zoom.
At your place you will have a bottle of the wine that you selected and get the following information: brand, year, properties, price, and store where you buy it. You will try your chosen wine and rate it from 1 to 4 during our meeting. Call chair for more information.

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 at 2pm
Next meeting: February 23 and March 23.

Laughter is the best medicine.
Or wine.
It might be wine.
Oceanids Gallery of Arts and Crafts is on hiatus
A Message from UC President Michael V. Drake
on the Anniversary of the Jan. 6 Attack on the Capitol

One year ago today we witnessed a violent attack on the U.S. Capitol, carried out in a failed attempt to undermine our electoral processes. The events of that day were a shocking assault on our democracy. They are a clear illustration of the corrosive and dangerous effects of hatred, bias, and misinformation. On this anniversary, it’s important for us to stand together and condemn these shameful acts. A functioning democracy, like our institutions of higher learning, must be rooted in the bedrock principle that facts matter. We must recommit ourselves to doing everything we can to reinforce and promote our nation’s democratic values, and live up to our highest ideals of truth seeking, inclusion, and respect.

When governments are neither clearly democratic nor authoritarian, once-dominant groups lose political status, and politicians emerge to exploit their resentment, the risks of civil war increase. That’s the premise of “How Civil Wars Start and How to Stop Them,” a timely new book from Barbara F. Walter, the Rohr Chair in Pacific International Relations at UC San Diego’s School of Global Policy and Strategy.

A theme throughout Walter’s book is that we rely on the strength of our societies and institutions and must never take these for granted. For her part, Walter is grateful for the support she received from UC San Diego’s School of Global Policy and Strategy as she followed through on this ambitious and important project.
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Noon online via Zoom, please click this link to join:
https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/2392094686
“Decoding tumor’s weaknesses to develop better therapeutics”

Dr. Reuben Shaw got his Ph.D. at MIT and did postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School before starting as an Assistant Professor at the Salk Institute in 2006. The lab of Reuben Shaw has spent the last 15 years investigating specific genetic, biochemical, and metabolic changes that occur within different forms of cancer in an effort to develop new therapeutics that selectively target different forms of cancer-based on their unique properties.

Thursday, March 3, 2022
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Peter Gourevitch, Ph. D.
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD
“Is Democracy in Danger?”
What can we learn comparing the US today with crises of democracy in earlier periods and in other countries? This is not the first time we have faced deep divisions. A look at other experiences can provide insight. It can also give guidance on what to do.

Dr. Peter Gourevitch is founding Dean of the School of Global Policy and Strategy, at UCSD, and former chair of the Political Science Department. He is the author of Politics in Hard Times: Comparative Responses to International Economic Crisis (translated into Spanish, Chinese, and Italian); He received his Ph.D. from Harvard, where he was Acting Director of the Center For European Studies in 1971-72 and 1975-76.
1. Ratio of an igloo’s circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese Soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
6. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
7. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
8. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
9. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
10. Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line
11. 2000 mocking birds = two kilomockingbirds
12. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
13. 1000cc’s of wet socks = 1 literhosen
14. 8 nickels = 2 paradigms

Last year I entered the Cal State marathon. The race started and immediately I was the last of the runners. It was embarrassing. The guy who was in front of me, second to last, was making fun of me. He said, “Hey buddy, how does it feel to be last?” I replied: “You really want to know?” So I dropped out of the race.

A grasshopper walks into a bar and sits down. The bartender says, “Hey, we have a drink named after you.” The grasshopper says, “You have a drink named Murray?”

A three-legged dog walks into a bar and says, “I’m looking for the man that shot my paw”

A rabbi, a priest and a minister walk into a bar. And the bartender says, “What is this? Some kind of joke?”

Behind every cat that crosses the street, there is a dog saying, “Go ahead, you can make it.”
To a cat’s mind, all things belong to cats.
Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are Divine.
The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat. (Hmmm)
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