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We say Good-Bye to the year 2022 which brought us a wonderful bewitching Luncheon in October at the home of our Honorary Chair, Thespine Kavoulakis



...and welcome 2023 with hope and confidence

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Call president for location. Coffee and refreshments: 9:30 am, meeting starts at 10 am

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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I had a wonderful time in Arizona —my first trip out of San Diego in 6 months.



The Fall

Luncheon at the Chancellor's House was spectacular—thank you, Thespine—good food, beautiful weather (i.e., no rain), sunshine, and shade umbrellas. Also, thanks to Marion Spors for organizing the Spring Luncheon.

Liz Fong Wills is planning an Oceanids whale watching trip in January. If you haven't been for a few years, you might enjoy an open-air boat ride and see some whales.

Here's hoping that more of the interest groups will be able to meet in-person in 2023.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Jim Bunch, Oceanids President



All luncheon pictures are taken by Kim Signoret-Paar. Thank you, Kim.

Got tasered picking up my friend from the airport today. Apparently security doesn't like it when you shout, "Hi Jack!"

OCEANIDS MEMBERSHIP

Please add these updates to your 2022 We welcome new Member:

Betsy Mitchell; C: 858-254-4881; Email: betsy.f.mitchell@gmail.com

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Laurette Verbinski – C: 858-882-7007

Kenneth Selzer – Email: ken@selzer.com

If you haven't yet sent in your annual renewal, please do! We look forward to seeing you at Oceanids events.

Mary Cutchin

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Sybil York, wife of UCSD's first chancellor, Herb York, died on November 15. She and Herb arrived in La Jolla from Washington DC in the spring of 1961 with their three children in tow, David, Rachel and Cynthia. Sybil was a proud native Californian, born in San Francisco, and raised in Buttonwillow, before attending UC Berkeley during WWII to study Latin and Math. She was an important part of the early days of UCSD, and loved watching it grow over the last 60 years. As the wife of UC San Diego's first chancellor, Sybil was a gracious hostess and deeply involved in our bi-national region. The entire family learned Spanish with the view to enhancing San Diego's relationship with Tijuana. Oceanids has greatly benefitted from Sybil's involvement. She was an excellent bridge player and member of our group for decades. Her daughter Rachel has generously given our organization \$4000.00 in memory of her mother.

Oceanids lost a valuable member of our community. **Beverly Douglas** died on October 9, 2022 at the age of 85. Beverly was born in Oak Park Illinois and grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. She majored in French and History at Hanover College in Indiana. French became a second language for her after spending her junior year in Paris. She met her husband Jack in the library of Johns Hopkins University. Jack moved his young family to La Jolla, where he had secured a professorship in sociology. Beverly became very involved in the education of her four children and later her grandchildren. Oceanids know her as always helpful and chair of the investment interest group WITS. We will miss her.



The Kitchen Exchange has survived the pandemic. It is open Fridays from 9:15 to 11:15

Oceanids Gallery of Arts and Crafts

By Jan Ouren

In 2021, Oceanids News opened the Oceanids Gallery of Arts and Crafts, a virtual exhibition space. This issue features Liz Winant, Financial Secretary of Oceanids and a long time Oceanid.

Liz writes about her art: "I have studied science all my life and have a master's degree in Zoology. So, when I finally retired it was time to do something new, without the pressure to earn money. In 2005 I took a watercolour class at my local community college, and that was all it took. I was lucky that my first instructor was very good at teaching real beginners like me as I really knew nothing. I had to learn about values, the color wheel, transparent and opaque watercolour, and much much more.

I have taken art classes nonstop since then. Having dabbled in charcoal - much too messy, coloured pencils and acrylics, nothing pleases me as much as the amazing effects I can get with watercolour. If you can to accept that watercolour doesn't always do what you want or expect, it is a wonderfully dynamic medium to enjoy. I have given away my paintings and have a lot of them hanging in my house."



The Ferry Inn: my favorite pub.

Daffodils from a photo taken by Judy Vacquier



The center of Iden: the village in Sussex where I have a small house

Daffodils: from a photo taken by Judy Vacquier

OCEANIDS' 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 have questions, 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.

If you meet in person the chair has to fill out the FAS Event Liability Form and mail it to Beate Menzel jrbmlmenzel@cox.net

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Liz Winant (858) 231 1496, 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 12 and January 9.

BOOGIE BOARDING BUDDIES

Contact: Liz Fong Wills ludditelizfong@gmail.com

We meet every Saturday at 9:30 am and/or Sunday at 10:30 am all year round when the ocean water temperature at La Jolla Shores is 55 degrees F. or more. However, attendance is when you can make it. You must bring your own boogie board plus wetsuit if you feel the need for one. Depending upon how many come, I may or may not have a parking spot for you in our driveway. Please call (858 232-7545) before Thursday to let me know if you want to join us so that I can confirm that there are no riptides or other unpleasant problems on the day we go.

BOOK GROUP

Contacts: Janet Goff (760)753-3472, Liz Winant (858) 231 1496

We are still Zooming on the second Tuesday morning of every month at 10 AM. We are delighted to welcome new members who enjoy a variety of fiction and nonfiction and who value good writing and a lively discussion. Please join us and let us know of your latest BBF (Best Book Forever) - we're always seeking interesting titles and authors - old, new, overlooked, foreign in translation. Surprise us.

Date	"Title" by Author /	Host /	Reviewer.
Dec 13	TBA /	Zoom /	Barbara Penn
Jan 10	"The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict /	Zoom /	Steve Leon

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Alicia 858 353-3878; 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. in person and occasionally the 4th Thursday by zoom from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. One hour of conversation and one hour of reading aloud and group discussion. Call chair for more information.

Next meetings: December 8 and January 12.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Anne-France Saillot, afsailot@gmail.com

The French group is meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting Wed October 12. We meet at each other's houses at noon to 2 or 3:00 with a subject to talk about, and we are open to any new idea, from art to news events. We have a wonderful and lively group with members from all over the world with the love of the French language and culture in common. Each topic becomes an opportunity to share personal experiences, with some grammatical and vocabulary added. Isn't this the best way to learn? Anybody interested needs to email me. We happily welcome new people for a "try out" session before their official registration.

Next meetings: December 14 and January 11.

CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Contact: Kim Signoret-Paar, kim@signoretpaar.com

The group meets on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 10 am for discussion/demonstration/instruction 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 SOIRÉEContact: Jim Bunch at jbunch@ucsd.edu

The group meets (in normal times) 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 Jim.

Next meetings.: We are still meeting on zoom.

DAY BRIDGEContact: 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 meetings: December 6+20 and January 3+17.

GARDENING WITH CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTSContact: Judy Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

Contact Judy Vacquier for more information.

GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCHContact: 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 20 and January 17.

KITCHEN EXCHANGE.

is a rental service for international postdocs, scholars and visiting faculty. If they are here for one year or less, they are eligible to rent from us at our ridiculously low rates. We are open every Friday starting in the beginning of October following the IFSO Coffee Hour, from 9:15 to 11:15.

MOVEABLE FEAST 1Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858; lizfongwills@yahoo.com

Because of the difficulty finding really good ethnic restaurants with adequate outdoor seating for a group of 25-30, we have to limit the group to mostly international postdocs and scholars. Sorry!

MOVEABLE FEAST IIContact: Mary Cutchin (858) 729 3888 or marycutchin@yahoo.com

This group meets every couple of months for drinks at a member's house. From there we carpool to the restaurant.

Contact Mary for information and reservations.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉEContact: 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 Soirée has started meeting in person on the fourth Sunday at 3 pm at my house. We have excellent ventilation, outdoor seating if desired, and outdoor refreshments. Masks are recommended and we observe social distancing. We are no longer using zoom.

Next meeting will be December 18 and January 22 at 3 pm

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Nigella Hillgarth, 858 228-0446 Judy Vacquier, 858 361-0418

Sounding Boards are always on the first Thursday of the month at noon, still on zoom

Next meetings: December 1. Please see page 9.

TAPAS ON THURSDAYContact: Barbara Bank at bbank@UCSD.edu

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 the delightful company of fellow Oceanids. If you would like to join our group please contact the chair.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contacts: Georgina Sham, gbsham@gmail.com. Lynn Jahn, lynnjahn@gmail.com.

Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students, and their children for refreshments and craft activities at Doyle Community Park, 8175 Regents Rd., San Diego, CA 92122 every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon. You'll make friends, learn strange and wonderful American customs and sometimes we practice folk dancing!

WINE TASTING I + II

Contact: Alicia Flores Meneses at virginiasne@yahoo.com or 858-353 38

New Contact?

Oceanids Newcomers will have their annual Whale Watching trip on Sunday January 29, 2023 from 10 to 1 pm. As usual, we will have our own very special guide Tom Jefferson, a PhD marine mammalogist on the Legacy whale watching boat. For more information, contact LudditeLizFong@gmail.com



Tapas anyone?

“Thanks Barbara and Thespine for organizing and hosting this delightful gathering. So glad we could resume after 2+ years!”

“-what a wonderful way to begin our holiday season and try to make up for all that we missed the past two years.”

“Thank you so much Thespine and Barbara. Also thanks to all the friendship and gourmet delights that everyone shared. I love it!”

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SOUNDING BOARD

■ Sounding Board is a series of seven lectures during the academic year, the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon. Sponsored by UC San Diego Oceanids and the UC San Diego Faculty Club. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are meeting online via Zoom. The waiting room opens at 11:45 noon. The presentation starts at 12:10 pm. Chairs: Nigella Hillgarth and Judy Vacquier

December 1, 2022, 12pm via Zoom Please click this link to join:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/7018313922>

Meeting ID: 701 831 3922

Robert Schooley, MD, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health, Co-Director, Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapeutics, Senior Director, International Initiatives, Interim Faculty Director, Global Education, UC San Diego



"Pandemics, Paralysis and Pragmatism: What we've learned in the era of AIDS and Covid"

For more information on Sounding Board, contact Nigella Hillgarth or Judy Vacquier. ZOOM waiting room will open at noon. Talk will begin at 12:10 pm. Talk will be recorded and posted on Oceanids YouTube channel.

Exciting update for the Oceanids Sounding Board, past zoom lectures can be seen at

https://www.youtube.com/@ucsd_oceanids_soundingboard

NO SOUNDING BOARD IN JANUARY

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What do you know ...

I “inherited” John from a friend with a German Language Service about 10 years ago, and functioned for quite some years as his German teacher. John was an American Gentleman with a PHD in economics, around 75 years old, had money, was a fitness fanatic and kind, who brought me flowers and Mozartkugeln from his trips to Germany and Austria.

He called himself Hans, and I soon found out that he was kind of obsessed with Germany, it’s culture (mainly folksongs), it’s landscapes (mainly Bavarian), it’s buildings (mainly cute Bavarian village houses with wooden balconies, decorated with geraniums). His German car had an inscription on the hood “Deutschland, Deutschland über alles ...” in Gothic print, which I did not find appropriate and told him so. He had a special room in his house, his German room, which was always locked.

Well, it did not take me too long to find out that he was on the extreme right side of the political spectrum (although certainly not a Trump admirer). So I avoided talking politics with him, threw only a word in now and then that not everything was great in Germany, on the contrary, that some socialist ideas were very much to my liking, etc ...

After some years I handed him over to a young friend of mine, Helga. I was glad to get rid of John, although we both loved German grammar ... Helga got along fine with him. She is a beautiful woman with two grown-up sons, whom John adored. Briefed by me about my suspicion when it came to political opinions she avoided these topics. They had a lot of laughs. He was very generous as far as presents for her and the boys were concerned. Everything went smoothly.

When I met her last week after these long Covid-years, it came as a surprise to me that John had died in September after a brief hospital stay at the age of 86. Well, good life, short death, I thought. And Helga agreed.

But the next surprise hit me like a bomb as it had hit her as well. John had left the contents of his “Deutsches Zimmer” to Helga’s oldest son. And when John’s stepson came with multiple boxes and opened them, Helga and her family nearly fainted. They found an impressive collection of NAZI memorabilia of the worst kind. Books, pictures, flyers, flags - you name it.

“And now?”, I asked my friend. “What are you doing with all that stuff?”

Helga, who of course was appalled that John had thought her family was interested in that junk, shrugged and said with a wry smile: “Well, we get busy as soon as the sun is down. Taking the boxes to trash containers away from home. We don’t want people in our neighborhood think we had harbored this toxic stuff.” Good for you, Helga.

“Well, he is probably not the only one in this country”, was my nephew Patrick’s laconic comment.

Beate Menzel

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				Board Mtg Sounding Board	Kitchen Exchange	
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		Day Bridge		Cafe Espanol		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cinema soiree zoom	AVI SET	Book Group zoom	Cafe Francais			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Piano Soiree		Day Bridge German				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		Day Bridge German			Kitchen Exchange	
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Piano Soiree					Kitchen Exchange	
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