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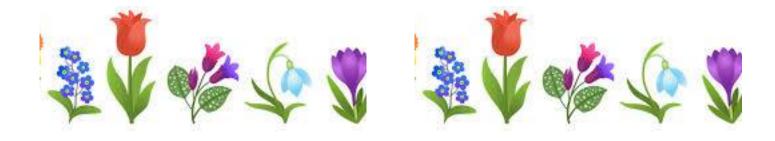
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11:00 am - 11:45 am Social Hour 11:45 am - 1:30 pm Luau Lunch Buffet

Speakers: Oceanids Fellowship Scholars

Grab 'n Go Table

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SDIS: Dorothy Parker......858 453-6351

WHY

do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

WHY?

do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help? BECAUSE This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

WHY?

are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

BECAUSE In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in England, it was mispronounced 'love.'

WHY?

do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

BECAUSE In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.



President's Message

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OCEANIDS PRESIDENT:

I have experienced crime only five times

in my life. Three of them were simple burglaries--in 1963 in Germany and in 1979 and 1989 in La Jolla. Two were more serious experiences.

The first was in Lisbon in 1970. I was flying from Chicago to Nice for the International Congress of Mathematicians. In those days you were allowed 2 stopovers in each direction.

I stopped in New York to visit IBM Yorktown Heights and in Lisbon because I hadn't been to Portugal and wanted to practice my Portuguese.

As a grad student at Berkeley, I had some Brazilian friends, which made me want to go to Brazil. So, I took Portuguese, specializing in Brazilian pronunciation rather than Lusitanian a dialect spoken today in certain parts of Portugal. But I still hadn't been to Brazil by 1970, so Portugal would be a good second choice.

I arrived in Lisbon on an August Sunday morning, got a hotel room in the Old City; it was 105F; I took a nap and then walked uphill to the New City in the evening. I went to the basement bar of a fancy hotel and had a beer. Along with the beer came a gratis bucket of delicious prawns. I had several beers and buckets of prawns. When the bar closed at midnight (6pm to my body), I walked downhill toward my hotel. The streets were deserted but brightly lit.

While walking back, a guy jumped me, grabbed my watch, ripped it from my wrist (it had aflexible watchband), and ran off down the street. I said to myself: "At least, he didn't get my billfold". I reached for my back pocket and discovered that my billfold was gone. (My passport was back at the hotel.) I

never felt him taking it. The watch was probably meant as a diversion in order to get the billfold. My reaction was: "How dare someone mug ME!"

What subsequently occurred must have been because I had had several beers. I chased the guy down the street. I don't think that I actually thought that I would catch him, but I was outraged.

He turned into a dark alley, ran up some steps, and was climbing over a tall iron gate. I grabbed him by the leg; his other leg was over the iron gate. Then there were some shouts from the other side of the gate. That made me a little scared; maybe they were his accomplices. I pulled him

back towards me. He dropped my watch and billfold and said "Policia", and ran off.

It turned out that there were two policemen sitting on the other side of the iron gate; they were pulling him by his other leg from that side. Obviously, he let me pull him to my side of the gate so that he could get away.

The police showed no interest in chasing him. They only wanted to know about me. Thus, my Portuguese came into great use explaining to them what happened.

I walked on down to my hotel; later in bed I got scared. I was happy to have my watch and billfold back, but if I had done something like that in Chicago, I could have been killed. This was during the Salazar dictatorship, so he wouldn't have had a gun, but he could have had a knife.

Since that day I have never carried my billfold in my back pocket, only in a front pocket.

I'll save the second, scarier, experience in Rio de Janeiro for the next newsletter.

But I do hope to see you all at our Spring Luncheon

James Bunch, President

The Thursday Tapas crowd is a joyful group of Oceanids who meet at 11:30 on the third Thursday of the month to share friendships and favorite foods brought by our members. We often meet at the chancellor's house, invited by his wife, Thespine Kavoulakis who also surprised us with fascinators, the fanciful head decoration. Please see the interest groups announcements for where and when.







—————————————cut here, fill out a SPRING LUNCHEON	and mail——————————
Name:	Guest/s:
Email: I would like a ride to the luncheon. **Pick up at the Vi is	possible.
My address is:	

\$30/person must be received by May 20 (\$35 if received after that date)

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Checks to be mailed to Mary Woo, 13242 Jacarte Ct., San Diego, CA 92130

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 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.

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

BIRDING GROUP

Contacts: Liz Winant

(858) 231 1496, <u>lizwinant@gmail.com</u>

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month during the academic year. Avisets, the Oceanids birding group will resume meeting after a summer break,

Next outings: April 8 and May 13.

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 spca in the driveway. Call (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 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. We would love to have you in our jolly little group. Our gatherings consist of 5 or 6 or 7 of us and there's always room for more. Please be one of them.

Please note that because of a scheduling conflict, the April meeting will occur on the third Tuesday, April 16.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

Apr 16 "Beasts of a Small Land" Juhea Kim / TBA / Sue Corringham

May 14 "The Whereabouts of Eneas McNulty" Sebastian Barry TBA/Janet Goff

CAFE ESPAÑOL Contacts: Alicia 858 353-3878

353-3878; Vicky Lindblade vlindblade@mac.com or (858)-452 1739 This conversation group is designed for intermediate 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: April 11 and May 9.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS Anne-France Saillot,

af.saillot@gmail.com

We still meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month. We continue to talk about general societal topics which create lively debates !We take every opportunity to check on grammar rules and vocabulary. We meet from 12:00 to 3:00.

Meetings: April 10 and May 8.

CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY Contact: Kim

Signoret-Paar, kspaar@outlook.com

The group meets on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 10 am to noon 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.

Next meetings: April 11 and May 9.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Jim Bunch at jbunch@ucsd.edu

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.

Next meeting: April 14 and May 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. April 2+16 and May 7+21.

GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (enrightnoswitha@gmail.com) 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: April 16 and May 21.

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: Mary Cutchin (858) 729 3888 or marycutchin@yahoo.com

Next Dinner? Call Mary

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier jvacq@sbcglobal.net

The April Piano Soiree will be at the home of Carol Hertzberg on April 28 at 3 pm. The May Piano Soiree will be at the home of Vicky Yablonsky on May 19 at 3 pm

Next meeting: April 28 and May 19.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Barbara Brody (blbrody@gmail.com) and Charlotte Flowerree (cflowerr@gmail.com) **See page 7 for April 4 and May 2**.

TAPAS ON THURSDAY

Contact: Barbara Bank bbank@ucsd.edu

Tapas on Thursday meets at 11:30 A.M. on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at member's homes. Everyone brings a tapa to share. It may be sweet or savory. The food themes for April are: International foods, and for May: Dishes your Mother Made. Please contact Barbara Bank to join our group and get e-mail notices for where we will gather. The strength of our group is the warmth we share. If you wish to join us,

please contact Barbara Bank (bbank@ucsd.edu) to be added to our mailing list.

Next meeting: April 18 and May 16.

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 every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon. You'll make friends, learn strange, wonderful American customs. Please contact Georgina or Lynn for more information.

WINE TASTING I + II

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

WITS (Women's Intuitive Trading Society) Contact:

Olivia Werner at owerner13@gmail.com

Wits uses the principles of NAIC companies. We meet on the 4th Wednesday. Please call chair for more information.

Next meetings: April 24 and May 22.

WHY

do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?
BECAUSE In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

WHY

are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight? BECAUSE Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

WHY

is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?
BECAUSE Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

WHY

in golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from? BECAUSE When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'caday' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

WHY

are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs? BECAUSE Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that

resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Sounding Board is a series of seven lectures during the academic year, the first Thursdau of the month at 12 noon. Sponsored by UC San Diego Oceanids and the UC San Diego Faculty Club. We are meeting online via Zoom. The waiting room opens at noon. The presentation starts at 12:00 pm.

Chairs: Barbara Brody (blbrody@gmail.com) and Charlotte Flowerree (cflowerr@gmail.com)

Exciting update for the Oceanids Sounding Board, our new URL is

https://www.youtube.com@ucsd oceanids soundingboard

April 4, 2024, at 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting here:

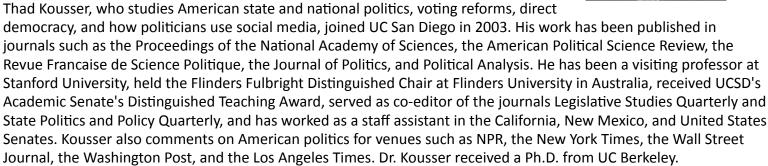
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Dr Thad Kousser

Co-Director, Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research

Why American Federalism is a Recipe for Distrust in Elections And what to do about it



May 2, 2024, at 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting here:

https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/2392094686?omn=93754291079

Meeting ID: 239 209 4686

M. Margaret McKeown, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Adjunct Professor of Law

Global Challenges to Democracy—Reflections from three decades of rule of law engagement

Judge McKeown has served more than twenty-five years as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts

and Sciences, an affiliated scholar at the Center for the American West at Stanford University, and jurist-in-residence at the University of San Diego School of Law. As a former White House Fellow, she served as special assistant at the White House and as special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. Judge McKeown graduated from Georgetown University Law Center. She concentrated on trial and appellate work in high tech cases, antitrust, intellectual property, and complex litigation. She has lectured throughout the world on international law, intellectual property, human rights, ethics, and constitutional law and has participated in numerous rule of law initiatives with judges and lawyers. She has published widely in the areas of technology, ethics, and international law.



A Special Treat! A calm sunny day to watch a pod of Orcas play

The annual Oceanids Newcomers Whale Watching trip on January 28 was very special this year. We spent time watching a family of Orcas who were right in front of La Jolla! These photos were taken by my son Alain Signoret with his cellphone.

An amazing time that was enjoyed by a full boat of international newcomers and their families. This was one of two boats, totaling almost 300 people between the two boat trips who enjoyed a beautiful day together. Liz Fong Wills and Georgina Sham have been organizing these trips for almost 40 years. They arrange before the trip an excellent well-attended lecture by Dr. Thomas Jefferson who is a marine mammalogist at NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

On a personal note, this was my first time, and I brought my sons and stepdaughter Suzanne Paar, who remembers going with her mother Nettie Paar when she was a little girl. The Paars had been welcomed to UC San Diego by Oceanids when they arrived from the Netherlands in 1987. Nettie became an active member of Oceanids, including co-editor of this newsletter with Roswitha Enright.

As the saying goes, a fun time was had by all! Kim Signoret-Paar





IN MEMORIAM

Mervyn Lea Rudee, husband of Oceanid Betsy Rudee, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2024 in La Jolla. Rudee was an early leader at UCSD for many decades, first as the Provost of Warren College and then as the Dean of Engineering. He was instrumental in establishing several significant buildings and laboratories at the UCSD campus and helped facilitate collaboration between the university, entrepreneurs, and local technology firms. His kind and collaborative nature will be missed by all who knew him.

Jean Filloux, a marine geophysicist, and pioneer in the development of deep ocean instrumentation. Jean died Jan. 29 at the age of 98. Jean developed instruments such as deep ocean water pressure sensors and instruments used in magnetotellurics, a method for understanding the planet's subsurface electrical conductivity. He did so in an era in which there was no prefabricated instruments or prototypes on which to model his own, Jean received his doctorate at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego in 1967. He was hired as a researcher at Scripps in 1970. He retired in 1991 and commenced emeritus status that same year. He became an adjunct scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in 1991 and continued in that role for 20 years. Jean was preceded in death by his beloved wife Odette, an active member of Oceanids.

Please join us for a Morning Tea and a Life Celebration for **Louise Arnold** who died on May 5, 2023.

- Friday May 10, 10am-noon
- Martin Johnson House*
- Scripps Institute of Oceanography

Louise Arnold was Oceanid President 1966 to 1967 and remained an active member of our organization as long as she lived in La Jolla. Her accomplishments are almost too numerous to mention:

Member and active off & on in League of Women Voters since 1948. Founding member La Jolla Open Housing Committee; active in Oceanids, 1958-1972 and responsible for Oceanids' People to People project, Citizen representative on La Jolla Village Task Force several years (Land Use Planning); leader in opposing removal of open space to development in La Jolla Village and many more We will not be able to park on Scripps campus, so parking permits and a shuttle bus will be provided nearby. The parking location is still TBD. I will send a follow-up email with details on parking, the event schedule, etc. In the meantime:

- please save the date: Friday May 10, 10am-noon
- please RSVP to Bob Arnold <rca@rcarnold.com> so we can arrange parking permits and refreshments



FUNNY SIGNS:







Public Apology 1. I apologize for being a mean, demanding, and slightly obsessive Music Teacher. 2. I will try to be nicer in the future. 3. 1&2 are lies. 4. Go practice.



APRIL 2024

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Piano Soiree						

MAY 2024

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