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Come and see the “Fallen Star”

February 13 (see page 3)



Important Reminder

***Our Annual Spring Luncheon
will take place on May 30 at the
Lovely Bali Hai
Please, put it in your calendar***

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President's Message



I hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays. I spent 9 days in Tucson. I drove to Tucson since I had to haul 17 Christmas presents. I was planning to drive on Friday, December 22, but the forecast became very bad for that day, so I drove on Thursday, the 21st. I was lucky and had beautiful weather on the 21st, as well on the 29th for the return drive.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Barbara Penn, longtime Oceanids member, as well as for Nolan Penn and Carol Penn Skinner, at 11am-3pm on Saturday, February 17, at the Faculty Club. "Please dress in celebration of their lives—no black necessary."

Jim Bunch
President, Oceanids



FALLEN STAR

Have you ever wondered about the house that appears to be falling off of the Jacobs School of Engineering building?

Oceanids member, Marion Spors, will lead us on a tour of Fallen Star on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30am. Please meet Marion no later than 11:20am in the lobby of the Jacobs Hall at the Mall. We will then take the elevator to the 7th floor for the tour. The tour will be limited to 20 people, so if you wish to join us please RSVP to Carole Ziegler at GeologyCarole@gmail.com

Parking is difficult so Marion suggests that you ride the bus to the Hall, or arrive early enough to find a parking place.

Below is a link with more information and directions.

<https://stuartcollection.ucsd.edu/artist/suh.html>



What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They have the same middle name.

Why don't they play poker in the jungle?
Too many cheetahs.

"Wow, so many scars! You must lead an adventurous life."

"No, I just have a cat."

What do lawyers wear to court?
Lawsuits.

How does the moon cut his hair?
Eclipse it.

How do you keep from losing a bagel?
Put lox on it.

Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me.
My knees, my back, my neck, ...



NEW INTEREST GROUP: GARDENING

I'm interested in starting an Oceanids Horticulture special interest group which would give us the opportunity to discuss various plants, not only bromeliads but also succulents, orchids, plumeria, ferns, citrus and house plants. Yes, there are many wonderful house plants! With the will of those in the group we could certainly verge into other plants and their care. However, I thought we would start with these ideas and go more in depth in some areas and add others. I would like to hear from Oceanids who would like to participate in a once a month or every other month group. The group would share their interest in horticulture and their love and care of plants. Let me know if you are interested by emailing me at nancygroves@me.com. Please put Oceanids in the subject and give me your phone number if you would like to chat about ideas, and I will call you back.

Nancy Groves 858-453-6486



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
jrbmlmenzel@cox.net

BIRDING GROUP

Contacts: Liz Winant

(858) 231 1496, lizwinant@gmail.com

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, on October 9 at San Elijo Lagoon visitor center at 8:30 am. The meeting location for November is tba.

Next outings: February 12 and March 11.

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.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

Feb 13 "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett / TBA / Liz Winant

Mar 12 "My Life as an Indian" by J W Schultz / TBA/JimBunch

CAFE ESPAÑOL

Contacts: Alicia 858 353-3878

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: February 8 and March 14.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Anne-France Saillot,

af.saillot@gmail.com

We still meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month starting October. 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: February 14 and March 13.

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: February 8 and March 14.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: 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.

Next meeting: February 11 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.

February 6+20, March 5+19.

GERMAN KAFFEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (enrightroswitha@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

contact Roswitha. TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM.
Next meetings: February 20 and March 19.

MOVEABLE FEAST II

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

Next Dinner? Call Mary

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

The Piano Soiree will meet at the home of Marsha Sewell on February 25 at 3 pm and at the home of Erika Walter on March 24 at 3 pm.

Next meeting: February 25 and March 24.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Nigella Hillgarth, 858 228-0446 Judy Vacquier, 858 361-0418
See page 7 for February 1 and March 7.

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. We frequently choose a theme for that month's tapas and have a delightful time while sharing food and friendship. 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: February 15 and March 21.

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

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: February 28 and March 27.

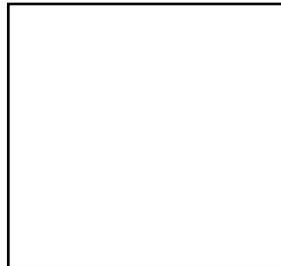
Did you know?

Tapas on Thursday celebrated the New Year with a feast of amazing desserts that the members brought. They were beautiful, delicious, and there were sugar free options. Best of all we enjoyed chatting and catching up with the news in each other's lives, while making new friends. New members are always welcome to our gatherings on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30. Most of the time Thespine Kavoulakis graciously hosts us at Audrey Geisel University House. When Thespine is out of town we gather the home of a member.

We are choosing monthly themes. February's theme is a traditional English Tea, I expect to see a table filled with delectable scones, tea sandwiches, and cakes are the hallmark of an afternoon tea.

Right now we have several themes for March; The Ides of March, St Patrick's day, Iranian New Year, and the First day of Spring. We may settle on one of these, but a combination all three would be fun.

Please contact Barbara Bank if you would like to join us.



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. We are meeting online via Zoom. The waiting room opens at noon. The presentation starts at 12:10 pm.

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

Nigella Hillgarth and Judy Vacquier (March)

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

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

Feb 1, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/2392094686>

Meeting ID: 239 209 4686

Speaker: Dr Peter Cowhey, Dean Emeritus and Qualcomm Chair Emeritus, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

Title: **Will cyber-attacks turn out the lights in the US?**

Dr. Cowhey served as the Qualcomm Endowed Chair in Communications and Technology Policy from its inauguration until his retirement. He is an expert on the future of communications and information technology markets and policy, specializing in U.S. trade policy, foreign policy, the Internet, and international corporate strategy. Professor Cowhey joined the UC San Diego faculty in 1976. His two most recent books are “Digital DNA: Disruption and the Challenges for Global Governance” and “Transforming Global Information and Communication Markets: The Political Economy of Innovation.” Dr. Cowhey served in the Obama Administration as the Senior Counselor to the U.S. Trade Representative and in the Clinton Administration as head of international policy at the Federal Communications Commission. Dr. Cowhey received a BSFS degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, an MA degree from University of California, Berkeley and a PhD in Political Science from University of California, Berkeley.



March 7, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 239 209 4686

Speaker: **Charles Kennel**, Distinguished Professor, Vice-Chancellor, and Director emeritus at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the UC San Diego.

Title: **On Thinking Planets**

Dr. Kennel will discuss his thoughts on the future of humanity with special emphasis on our environmental impact on the planet, artificial intelligence, space exploration, and many other fascinating ideas recently laid out in an article by the same name in the journal Nautilus. **You can read the article which is attached to this announcement as a Word document called Thinking Planets.** Dr. Kennel was educated in astronomy and astrophysics at Harvard and Princeton. At UCLA’s Department of Physics and its Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics he pursued research and teaching in theoretical space plasma physics and astrophysics, eventually chairing the Physics Department. He served as UCLA’s Executive Vice Chancellor, its chief academic officer, from 1996 to 1998. From 1994 to 1996, Dr. Kennel was Associate Administrator at NASA and Director of Mission to Planet Earth, a global Earth science satellite program. From 1998 to 2006, he was Director and Dean of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Vice Chancellor of Marine Sciences at the University of California, San Diego.



Texas here I come

Liz Winant

When I came to the US in the early 1970s I expected a culture shock when moving from London to Dallas, Texas, and I was not disappointed. Everything was different, from the food, the climate, the size of the cars, and the language, to the number of TV stations. My Texan friends had to teach me everything. Things like how to make a margarita, what a taco is and how to barbeque spare ribs. There were enormous enclosed shopping malls where you could shop in comfort regardless of the weather. I still remember a friend taking me to a Baskin Robbins with their dozens of wonderful ice creams. Up to that point English shops only offered vanilla, chocolate and neapolitan ice cream. Nowadays the world is much more globalized and the difference in culture has been blurred or almost eradicated, particularly between England and America. But in the '70s I felt as if I had landed on a different planet. Clearly I was very ignorant about the US and



over time came to realize that perhaps it wouldn't have been such a shock if I had landed in Boston or San Francisco.

In England we kick off the holiday season with Bonfire Night on November 5. This is a tradition celebrating a man called Guy Fawkes who almost succeeded in blowing up Westminster Palace with King James 1 and

parliament inside, in The Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Fawkes was found guarding the gunpowder under the palace and sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. The failure of the Gunpowder Plot is commemorated as Guy Fawkes night, with huge bonfires and fireworks in many English towns. There isn't any food associated with this celebration but the pubs always do a roaring business.

When moving to the US I discovered Thanksgiving which I immediately embraced as it seemed to be centered around food. I had never seen such big turkeys, or so many piles of good food. How do you find room for the delicious pies? There is barely time to finish all the leftovers before the Christmas season starts. A Santa Claus appears in every mall often looking uncomfortably warm in their red outfits. Christmas food that I grew up with was centered on a cold winter climate. We usually had a roast goose with stuffing, lots of roast veggies and gravy followed by a Christmas pudding with brandy butter. This is a rich heavy meal suitable for a cold winter climate. Not surprisingly this isn't what my Texan friends served which was usually roast turkey

In the decades since I first arrived in the US I have had lots of delicious holiday meals, but never roast goose. I have however, had the time to develop my own traditions and always have Christmas crackers, a live Christmas tree, and a friend makes me a Christmas pud and mails it to me.

One time I brought a pud home in my carry on luggage, a round heavy thing wrapped in foil. The TSA people were about to confiscate it when one of them recognized it as a Christmas pud and I was allowed to keep it.

Christmas in Hamburg/Germany

Roswitha Enright

In the seemingly prehistoric times when I grew up in Northern Germany, there were no celebrations for Valentine's Day or Halloween like there are today. And even Christmas has undergone transformations ...

The pine tree, always real, was bought shortly before Christmas and brought into the designated room early on Christmas Eve. We children were not allowed into that room anymore, while my parents fastened real candles and decorations onto the tree's branches.

Nervously we practiced the poems or little songs we had prepared, while waiting in the hallway for the magical moment. In the late afternoon, when it was good and dark outside, the door was finally opened, and there was the tree, with candles lit, in all its glory. Little areas had been set up for the unwrapped presents for each child. Our grandparents were sitting on the couch, and we children, my twin and I first as the youngest, stepped forward to recite our well-rehearsed lines. After every child had contributed, a few Christmas songs were sung by all, and then, finally, we were allowed to look at our presents. It was all very exciting.

The next day, we always went to the home of our mother's sister after we had enjoyed the traditional roast goose, stuffed with apples. According to Charles Dickens, goose was for poor people who could not afford turkey. I had never heard of eating turkey before. And now, goose is sooo much more expensive here than turkey. On December 26, we always went to the home of our father's sister, every year without fail. Not so exciting.

New Year's Eve was wonderful. In the late afternoon, after night had fallen, we went from house to house in the neighborhood and asked for

treats or threatened tricks, just like Halloween here. I don't remember whether we wore disguises, but we had a little verse when knocking on doors to make people come out and give us sweets or apples: "*Rummel, rummel rush, New year sits behind the bush. Give me a little apple cake or a small sausage. Is the sausage too small give me two for one. If it is too big it tastes twice as good.*" I do not remember the threats!

Once we got back home, there were certain rituals that had to be followed.

Our parents always had carp to eat, though we were allowed sausages and potato



salad since we did not like the fish. After dinner, it came time for our father to tell us our future. For that, we melted little pieces of lead in a spoon over a flame and then quickly poured it into a bowl with cold water where it solidified. Our father would look at the shapes the lead formed and from that would tell us what would happen in the coming year. The candles on the tree were lit one last time later in the evening, and promptly at midnight, the fireworks started. People went into the streets and yelled Happy New Year to one another. We were always allowed to stay up for the fireworks I don't know whether our older siblings found these days as thrilling as we did, but for my twin and me, they were magical.

THIS PAGE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR YOUR COMMENTS/STORIES/MEMORIES.
MAYBE NEXT TIME?

IN THE MEANTIME.....some actual signs

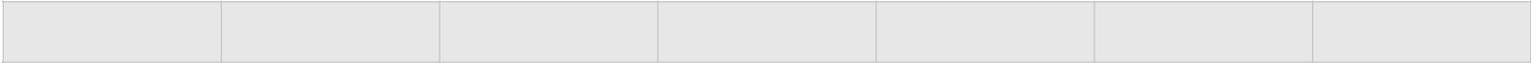


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Piano Soiree			Wed. Coffee/ WITS			

MARCH 2024

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