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Spring Membership Luncheon 2025

Thursday, May 29, 2025

2230 Shelter Island Dr.

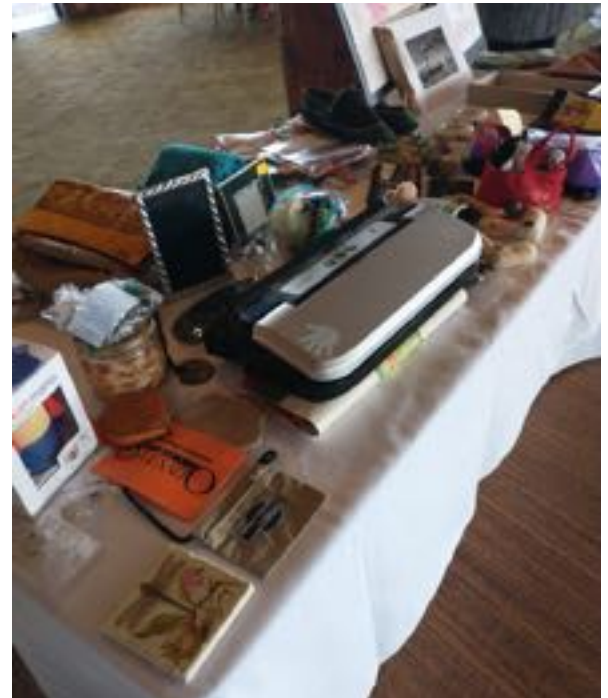
11:45 am – 1:30 pm Luau Lunch Buffet

Speakers: Oceanids Fellowship Scholars

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Always a favorite: the Grab 'n Go Table!!!

Bring your treasures and take some different ones home



OCEANIDS CREW 2024-2025

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BOARD MEETINGS: first Thursday every month

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



President's Message

I hope to see all of you at the **Spring Luncheon on May 29 at the Bali Hai**, which is such a beautiful

venue.

For me it has been a fruitful 3 years as President of Oceanids. I wish success to our future Presidents.

I would like to tell you about my first trip to India in December, 1991. I was an Invited Speaker at two week-long conferences in Bangalore and Delhi. I took Thai airlines from LA to Calcutta in order to have a stopover in Bangkok on my return, as I had a distant relative in Bangkok who worked for Nike. I had bought a 30 day pass for the internal airline, Indian Airlines, and planned to travel from Calcutta to Bangalore, then to Dehli, and then to many other cities.

When I arrived in Calcutta, my suitcase (and about 30 other people's) didn't arrive on the plane. Thai Airlines said that the plane was overweight in LA and they couldn't put on all the suitcases, but they would arrive in 2 days. I was flying to Bangalore the next day. They couldn't send my suitcase to Bangalore as there was no customs there.

I told them that I would collect my suitcase when I returned to Calcutta in a month. I had my briefcase with my lectures, my meds, my toilet kit, and 5 books (2 guidebooks and 3 books to read, which didn't seem so important now). I figured I could buy some clothes in Bangalore.

I flew to Bangalore the next day and checked into the beautiful accommodations at the guesthouse. Then I was told that some Hindu extremists had just destroyed a mosque in Ayodhya. There was rioting all over India with thousands killed—Muslims killing Hindus and Hindus killing Muslims—fortunately, none of it was aimed at foreigners. Trains were stopped and people were pulled off and clubbed to death. There were many instances of what the newspapers called "roastings"; if there was a Hindu house in a Muslim neighborhood, or conversely, the house would be boarded up with the people inside and burned down.

The Indians at the conference were terrified that there would be a civil war as in 1948. All the stores went on strike and I couldn't buy any clothes. Also, Indian Airlines went on strike and I wasn't sure that I would get to Delhi. But things weren't as bad in Bangalore as elsewhere in India and our conference went ahead as planned. The stores started re-opening 4 days later and I was able to buy some clothes (2 shirts, 2 underpants, and 2 pairs of socks). However, the Indian Airlines pilots remained on strike, but some routes were able to be flown using administrators who had been pilots. But not all the routes that I had planned on taking were available. I had to change my itinerary, but was able to book flights to Delhi, then to Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur, Varanasi, and Calcutta.

In Calcutta I was able to get my suitcase and I went to the restroom in the terminal and changed all my clothes. However, the useful lesson I learned was that I could travel for a month with only a briefcase

Goodbye for now!

Please complete the Reservation Form below and mail with your payment to
address listed below

SPRING LUNCHEON, May 29, 2025

Name: _____

Guest/s: _____

Email: _____

I would like a ride to the luncheon.

My address is _____

Pick up at the Vi is possible.

\$40/person must be received by May 19 (\$45 if received after that date)**

Please make check payable to **Oceanids** and mail to

Mary Woo, 13242 Jacarte Ct., San Diego, CA 92130

***Due to rising costs, the Bali Hai is now charging \$52.50/person for a minimum of 50 participants. Our Board has voted to underwrite \$12.50 of the fee, this year only. The cost will now be \$40/person, if your reservation is received by May 19th and \$45 afterwards.*



UCSD Oceanids

Proposed Slate of Elected Officers 2025-2026

Immediate Past President	Jim Bunch
Co-Presidents	Mary Hanson and Liz Winant
Co-First Vice Presidents	Barbara Bank and Mary Woo
Second Vice President	Mary Cutchin
Recording Secretary	Janet Ambrozek
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Financial Secretary	Liz Winant
Nominating Committee	Anne-France Saillot (continuing)
	Nadia O'Donnell
	Fiona Bechtler-Levin
	Joan Stevens (alternate)

Many Thanks to Oceanids' members,
new or continuing, for serving on
the Oceanids board



For several years we have been enjoying

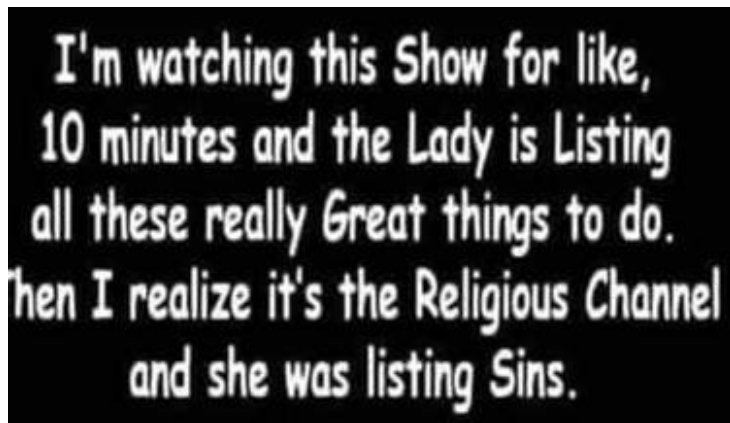
Oceanids Gallery of Arts + Crafts

by Jan Ouren

Members have told us about their own collections or about their own artwork. We learned about the origins of the collections and what made the artists concentrate on certain subject matters and motifs.

Oceanids has gained quite a few new members and I would like to encourage them (and also long-time members) to contact Jan Ouren with suggestions about new exhibits for her gallery.

Her email address: is jouren5353@gmail.com



I'm watching this Show for like,
10 minutes and the Lady is Listing
all these really Great things to do.
Then I realize it's the Religious Channel
and she was listing Sins.



NO NONSENSE
COFFEE GUIDE

AMERICANO	BLACK COFFEE
FLAT WHITE	WHITE COFFEE
CAPPUCCINO	FROTHY COFFEE
LATTE	MILKY COFFEE
ESPRESSO	MINIATURE COFFEE
MACHIATO	MILK TOPPED COFFEE
MOCHA	CHOCOCY COFFEE
TEA	NOT COFFEE
HOT CHOCOLATE	STILL NOT COFFEE

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: April 14 and May 12.

BOOK GROUP

Contact: janet goff <janetrgoff@hotmail.com, Liz Winant lizwinant@gmail.com

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 9 or 10 of us and there's always room for more. Please be one of them.

Date "Title" by Author / Host / Reviewer

MAY 13 "Crossing Mandelbaum Gate" by Kai Bird / CCC* / Janet Goff

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 We meet on the second Tuesday morning of every month at 9:30 AM 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.

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.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contacts: Anne-France Saillot,

af.saillot@gmail.com

For who loves the French language and wants to practice listening and speaking French, our group welcomes you ! Our members come from all over the world. Every reunion, we discuss a topic and learn new vocabulary. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 to 12:00 from October to May.

Meeting: April 9 and May 14.

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 10 and May8

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 the discussion takes place.

Next meeting: April 13 and May 11.

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.

Next meetings: April 1 + 15 and May 6 + 20.

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 contact Roswitha. TIME: 3 PM TO 4:30 PM.
Next meetings: April 29 and May 20..

HORTICULTURE, a new Interest Group for all who love plants and like to care for them.

Contact: Nancy Groves, (858) 453-6486; nancygroves@me.com

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: 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.

Next dinner call Mary. Contact Mary for information and reservations.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy

Vacquier (858) 361-0418 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

The Piano Soiree will meet Sunday February 23 at 3:00 pm at the home of Susan Kirkpatrick. The March meeting will be held at the home of Vicky Yablonsky on March 23 at 3:00 pm. The attendees will be notified by email one week before. If interested, please contact Judy Vacquier.

Next meetings:.

TAPAS ON THURSDAY

Contact : Barbara Bank

bbank@ucsd.edu

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. We meet on the third 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.

Next meeting is April 17 and May 15.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contacts: Georgina

Sham, gbsham@gmail.com.

Lynn Jahn, lynnjahn@gmail.com.

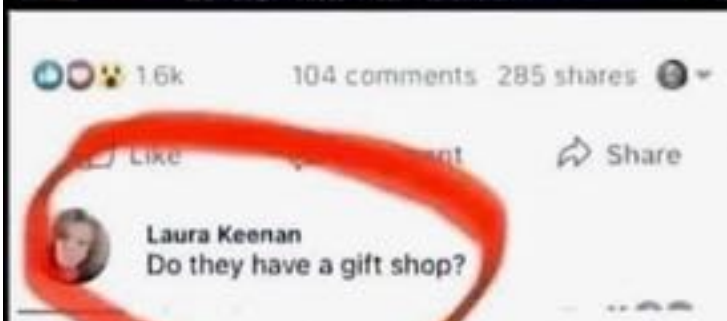
Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, learn strangewonderful American customs. Please contact Georgina or Lynn for more information.

WINE TASTING

Contact Alicia Flores Meneses at

virginiacisne@yahoo.com or 858-353 3878

There's a garden in England dedicated entirely to plants that are deadly and can kill you. It's the most dangerous garden in the world. It holds over 100 killers Such as, hemlock, strychnine and nightshade.



Travels

Isn't it amazing how quickly a week goes by during day-to-day life and how wonderfully long seem a few weeks when you are away! My sister and I had this experience again when we went for a vacation/family meeting in Europe. I was gone only 3 1/2 weeks and it seemed like 6. Our brother was celebrating his wife's and his 60th wedding anniversary and had invited the closest family to a few days in Dresden/Germany. Sis and I went to visit our almost 90 year old sister near Munich before for about a week and then drove to Dresden. The old part of town had been totally destroyed during the second world war but was beautifully restored after the unification of East and West Germany. It was great to visit not only with siblings but also with nephew, niece and their families. One evening we even went to the opera which very fittingly performed "The Marriage of Figaro". Returned to Munich we got ready for the next adventure, meeting son and fiancée in Ireland. Always calculating departure times too closely we missed our plane from Munich to Dublin. The next flight was going to be next day which would not work because of tight scheduling in Ireland. Lufthansa had a flight the same day, and we managed to get to Dublin only a couple of hours late. I guess we learned that lesson.

We stayed 2 nights in Dublin and visited among other things the Old Library at

Trinity College and the Book of Kells dating from about 800 A.D.

Two nights were spent in Sligo which is famous for some megalithic monuments and the ruins of a great cathedral.

Of course we had to spend 3 nights in Galway with Irish beer (not for me) and Irish music. It was very touristy but we enjoyed walking around the older parts of town. This was my second time in the country of my husband's ancestors and it was nice and relaxing, small pretty towns, lots of sheep and some interesting landscapes (the Burren).

Time to go back to Munich and get ready for the flight home.

It was not one of the most exciting and adventurous trips I have ever taken but who needs it at my age?

Roswitha Enright



Quotes of Steven Wright (American comedian and actor)

I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
Half the people you know are below average.
99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

We welcome the following new members:

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Email: irismone7@gmail.com

Nina Goldstein; C: 312-890-9422;
Email: sranina@sbcglobal.net

Rowena Metzner; C: 858-900-4106;
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Member Updates:

Sue Evans - **Email:** sueevans68@gmail.com

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Wednesday Coffee			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Wednesday Coffee	Cafe Espanol Cellphone Photography		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Cinema Soiree	Birding	Book Group	Wednesday Coffee	Tapas		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Wednesday Coffee			
27	28	29	30			
			Wednesday Coffee			

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Board Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Day Bridge	Wednesday Coffee	Cafe Espanol Cellphone Photography		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cinema Soiree	Birding	Book Group	Wednesday Coffee Cafe Francais			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Day Bridge German	Wednesday Coffee	Tapas		
25	26	27	28	SPRING LUNCHEON	30	31

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