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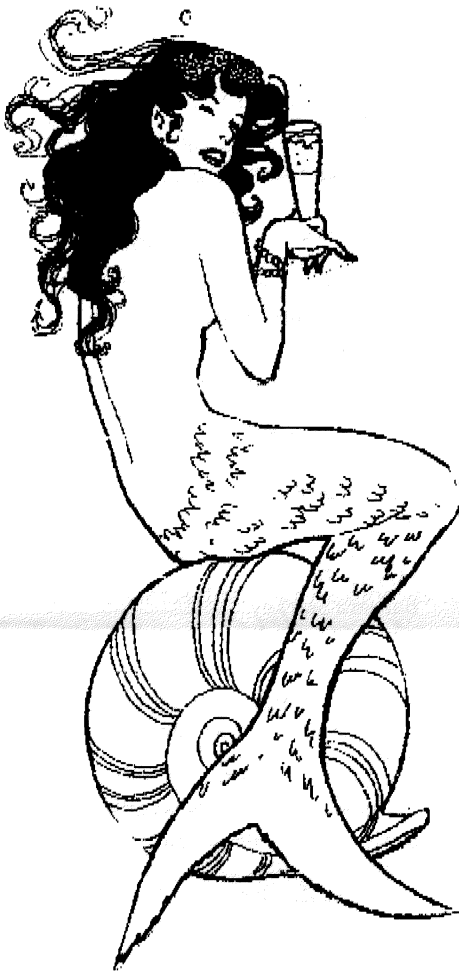


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May 2007



SPRING LUNCHEON

Join old friends and new at the
Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island
For the island buffet and unmatched view.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2007

Time: 11:15 Social Hour
12:00 noon buffet lunch

Place: Bali Hai Resturant
2230 Shelter Island Dr.

Cost: \$ 22 per person

Special Guest Speaker:

New Dean of the International Center
Lynn Anderson

Directions: Take I-5 South towards downtown. Take exit #20 towards Rosecrans Street. Continue on CA 209 for 2.8 miles. Turn left on Shelter Island Drive. Proceed around circle on the island and turn left. The Bali Hai Resturant is on the east end of the island.

Reservation Form for the **Spring Luncheon** (must be received by May 11, 2007)

Name: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Buffet _____ Vegetarian _____

Enclosed is my check for \$22.00 per person made payable to Oceanids:

Send reservation to: Judy Skelton,
445 Sea Lane, LaJolla, CA

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Holiday Party	
Theatre Fundraiser	
Museum Bus Trip	

BOARD MEETINGS: *first Thursday every month*

Oceanids Pavilion, International Center

Coffee and refreshments: 9:30am

Meeting: 10:00am (You are welcome to attend!)

President's Prattle and Travels

On Wednesday March 28 I had the pleasure of attending the UCSF Faculty Association 2007 Intercampus Meeting at Genetech Hall on the new UCSF Mission Bay Campus. It is a major new life-science campus for research and teaching. With activity continuing at the Parnassus Heights campus and other sites, the new 43-acre campus allows UCSF to "double its research space, speed the pace of biomedical discovery, and help prepare a new generation of scientists." Close to SBC Baseball Park, UCSF Mission Bay is at the center of the entire Mission Bay redevelopment project, San Francisco's largest redevelopment project since Golden Gate Park.

Anne Hickey, President of the UCSF Faculty Association welcomed attendees from the five northern campuses, and the two from UCSD. Sally J. Marshall PhD, Vice Provost-Academic Affairs and A. Eugene Washington, MD, Executive Chancellor spoke of the importance of the new campus for exciting new research and teaching possibilities.

The morning continued with three fascinating presentations by researchers at UCSF, "A Coming Revolution in Medicine, Implications for New Methods for Detecting Microbes", Does Gender Affect Our Responses to Pain and Pain Medications? and "An Update On Hepatitis A. Are You Immunized? Should You Be?" During the break between talks I introduced myself to the second speaker, Christine Miaskowski, RN, PhD, FAAN. Her profile had noted that she received her BS in nursing from Molloy College. My sister also had a BS from Molloy. Christine asked what had brought me from New York to San Francisco? I shared my travels over the years that ended in San Diego, but I did have a UCSF connection. My daughter-in-law Alice Bank had just taken a leave of absence from UCSF School of Nursing. Because it is indeed a small world Christine told me that she was a co-worker and friend of Alice's.

Following the talks, we were treated to a wonderful boxed lunch and a tour of the new campus. At lunch I shared a table with Andrea Cohen, President of UCSC Women's Club, and our hostess Anne Hickey. Andrea shared that their group was also raising dues for the coming year, from \$25 to \$35. UCSF's dues are \$40 a year. As I noted earlier, at this month's annual Spring Luncheon I will be asking the membership to vote to increase our dues from \$25 to \$30.

I hope that I will see many of you at the Spring Luncheon. It is always a delightful affair, and the new Dean of the International Center, Lynn Anderson, will be our guest speaker.

Barbara Bank

Oceanids now has an email mailing list!

After a rather tumultuous start, during which Oceanids members received a flurry of emails from confused members, problems have been resolved and we have a "listserv," or email distribution list. The purpose of the listserv is to allow our President, Board members, Interest Group chairs or anyone else with an important announcement to contact our membership. If you received all those emails when we went "live" around March 19th and 20th, you are subscribed and should periodically be receiving emails of special announcements and reminders of upcoming activities. The first email you received was a welcome message from the UCSD "Mailman" which contained your personal password and a link, which allows you to "unsubscribe" (i.e. be removed from the list) and change your options. You will also get a reminder from the UCSD "Mailman" once a month listing your password and asking if you still wish to be on the list. If you do, you don't need to reply or do anything. If you have questions, have an announcement for Oceanids, or would like to subscribe, please email the listserv administrator, Judy Vacquier, at

jvacq@sbcglobal.net

UCSD Oceanids Board Slate for 2007-2008

The Nominating Committee is proud to present below the nominations for the UCSD Oceanids Board for next year. The slate will be voted on at the Spring Membership Luncheon on Thursday, May 17th. Please plan to attend!

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Kimberly Downs, Bertha Lebus Fellowship Recipient and QUEEN

At 21 I just didn't feel old enough to be a teacher. Teachers were older, teachers were wiser; teachers wore glasses and had bad fashion sense. No, I wasn't quite ready to be a teacher yet. I decided I wanted to be a rodeo queen instead. So, in the summer of 2004, a proud new graduate armed with an Ecology degree from UCSD, I studied and trained to be Miss Rodeo California. I rode my horse, fluffed my hair, memorized every scrap of rodeo trivia and every veterinary manual I could get my hands on and I was ready! I proudly represented the community of Lakeside as their rodeo queen in my quest to be "MRC," but alas, I failed to earn that coveted silver crown. Ah, well, it was fun anyhow. Time to hit the wanted ads!

Next I tried my hands at becoming a zookeeper at the San Diego Wild Animal Park (after all, youth is an advantage in running away from wild animals). A dream come true! I have always loved animals. Actually, I didn't quite make it to keeper status. My title of "exhibit attendant" did get me a daily view of the East Africa exhibit from an animal's perspective, but I spent most of my time "tidying up" what those beasts had left behind. On occasion, I did get a taste of the exciting keeper life, like the day I sat in the bed of a Park truck holding a baby oryx for transport, and the time I played with newborn baby rhino Jhor. I even learned how to drive a dump truck and a skip loader, which felt very empowering to my feminist side. Every day I went to work it was like I was on an African photo safari, except with less photo-taking and more poop-scooping.



Oceanids



Then one blustery day in March, after I had re-applied to UCSD's Teacher Education Program (having decided zoo life wouldn't suit me at 50), I received a course-altering call from Las Vegas. Would I be interested in moving and competing for Miss Rodeo Nevada? Well, I knew I was a queen at heart, and I simply could not pass up the opportunity to prove it. And, I decided 23 would be a much more proper age to start wearing glasses and Mary Janes. So I began my year as Miss Rodeo Nevada and what a year it was! With a crown on my hat and a buckle on my belt I traveled to rodeos, waved in parades, and participated in and promoted the western way of life that I love so much. I rode my share of crazy horses, breathed in a good amount of dirt and dust, made a lot of great new friends, and learned some very valuable

life skills. In preparation for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, for which I now qualified, I learned how to interview professionally, become a master of small talk, conquer my fear of public speaking, and boy did I shame Dale Evans' wardrobe! I emerged from that weeklong pageant a master of the stage, and, I felt, of life (I also nabbed a spot in the Top 10).

Having gotten my fill of queenly duties, I re-instated my application to the Education Program for a third time. Finally, I was ready to become a teacher and thankfully, they accepted me back. With two years gone since attending UCSD, I did feel older and wiser, even ready to start wearing the glasses that I now actually need (it was fate). I learned more about myself and about life by actually being out in the world, traveling and living it, than I would if I had plowed ahead with the finale of my schooling. I have more stories to tell my middle-schoolers, and more to offer them as a science teacher, and I feel more than ever that this is the right path for me now. As I enter my final months in the M.Ed./ Credentialing program, I am grateful not only for the support I received on my path to teaching but also for the encouragement and strength to pause and smell the roses and tiaras for a while. Now, at a ripe old age of 24, I'm excited to see what next year will bring

Sally Hagan Visits with Oceanids

In March Oceanids Louise Keeling, Maryruth Cox, Mary McIlwain and I had a delightful lunch at the Faculty Club with Sally Hagan, the grand niece of Bertha Lebus. Sally, who was visiting from Chicago, shared memories of her great aunt and her love for family and the law. Bertha Lebus was the first woman to pass the bar in California. That was over a hundred years ago. She had studied law independently before she took the bar exam, and she encouraged and supported other women who wished to enter the legal profession.

In 1997 an article was printed about women in the early years of the USC Law School. It is titled "Shoulder to Shoulder" and notes that, "Amidst national discussion of women's suffrage and rights, several Los Angeles women lawyers and legal apprentices heeded the November 1896 call to discuss formation of the Los Angeles Law Students Association. Two women, Bertha Lebus and Sara Wilde, signed the by-laws launching formal legal education in Los Angeles. Hence, Lebus and Wilde were among those who hired James Brown Scott as the first instructor for the Law Students Association. Dean of the Los Angeles Law School in 1897, Scott and his faculty delivered lectures to a student body which included several women, most prominent of whom was Sara Wilde, first female recipient of a USC law degree."

Bertha Lebus's estate provided for a charitable trust and the Oceanids are recipients of donations from the trust because Louise Keeling's brother was a life-long friend of James Hagan, the grand nephew of Bertha Lebus. He suggested to James Hagan that the Bertha Lebus Charitable Trust make a donation to the Oceanids to establish an endowment for a fellowship. Through the efforts of the late James Hagan and his sister Sally Hagan a total of \$16,700 has been donated to the endowment for the Bertha Lebus Fellowship. Every two years an award from the income is made to a graduate student who is returning to the University after a period of at least one year, preferably longer, from receipt of an undergraduate degree. The recipient who is chosen by the Office of Graduate Studies should have a long-range goal of teaching at any educational level. Our most recent recipient of the award, Kimberly Downs met those requirements as you can read in her article in this month's Bear Facts. We are proud that we were able to support Kimberly's studies with the Bertha Lebus Fellowship.

Barbara Bank



OCEANIDS IS OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN UCSD

Print your name as you would like it to appear in the OCEANIDS DIRECTORY. Check here if you don't want to be listed: _____

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

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SUSTAINING: \$250 & LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$500 (Check payable to UCSD FOUNDATION - tax deductible)

Send check(s) & completed form to:

OCEANIDS, INTERNATIONAL CENTER, 9500 GILMAN DR., LA JOLLA, CA 92093-0049

OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

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 Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834, Interest Group Coordinator. 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 calling Gail Fliesbach (858) 270-5536 or by submitting the application form in this issue.

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Sidney Bagley (858) 455-1477, Lou Bowles (858) 755-7102, or Joany Mosher (858) 454-0017

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 Dr. in La Jolla. The North County birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles, 13040 Caminito Mar Villa, Del Mar. We will carpool from these locations to sites around the county. Members will be called.

Next outing: May 14.

BOOK GROUP

Contact : Tobe Barban Rothaus (858) 551-8083 or

Janet Goff (760) 753-3472

We will meet on May 8th at 9:30 am at Carol Schultz': 8415 Sugarman Drive, LJ; 858/453-0458. "Intuition" by Allegra Goodman is the selection and Ruth Stern will lead the discussion.

Next meeting: May 8.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net

La próxima reunión de Café Español será el miércoles, 2 de mayo, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Roswitha Enright, 7561 Cabrillo Avenue, La Jolla. Favor de contestar a la anfitriona, Beate Menzel, jrblmenzel@sbcglobal.net619-401-1557.

Next meeting: May 2.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Hulya Saygin (858) 350-8081 ou Diana Vines (858) 459-8248

Le prochain Cafe Francais sera chez Christina Mahler, 1039, Coast Blvd. South, La Jolla-92037, le 9 Mai, de 13h a 15h.

Elle vous prie de telephoner a 858-459 6349, si vous avez l'intention de venir au cafe.

A bientot

!Next meeting: May 9.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Laurette Verbinski (858) 453-4699

or Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375

We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00pm for socializing; movie discussion starts at 7:30pm sharp. For more information call Laurette or Roswitha.

Next meeting: May 13.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at various members' homes. We start at 10am and usually end at 3pm. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess will provide drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: May 1+15.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Carole Ziegler at ctieglers@sandiego.edu or 619-297-0798

Environmental Book Group will meet Thursday, May 24 in the Scripps Aquarium conference room on the second floor at 11:30am - 1:00pm. We have chosen the book "Enrique's Journey" which is the KPBS book for "One Book, One San Diego".

Next meeting: May 24.

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu

The couples Evening Bridge Interest Group meets at 7:30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month all year long at one of our members' homes. If you wish to play on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please contact Barbara Bank.

Next meeting: May 26.

GERMAN KAFFEKLATSCH

Contact: Roswitha Enright 858 459-7375 (renright@ucsd.edu)

This new group is for beginners and experienced German speakers alike. Guaranteed no pressure. Just come on the 3rd Tuesday at 4 pm and have a good time. Only German spoken.

Next meeting: May 15.

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: Elibet Marshall

(858) 459-5246

This group has an age requirement. You must have lived 80 years to participate!

We meet on the first Monday of the month from 11am- 2pm at the home of Ellen Revelle to discuss a variety of subjects.

Bring your own apple (lunch). Pure spring water is provided. Call Elibet for details.

Next meeting: May 7.

Report from the
Gracious Aging Group:

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375

We meet at 8:30am on the second Saturday of each month (October to May or June) at the La Jolla Village Shopping Center parking lot and carpool to the starting point of the hike. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, sturdy shoes and sun protection! Friends and family are invited. Call the week before the hike if you would like to come.

Next hike: May 12.

LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Contact: Bill Propp at (858) 459-2019 or wpropp@ucsd.edu

The group meets **every Wednesday** at a home in La Jolla. Call Dr. Propp for the address. The LJRS (formerly the UCSD Madrigal Singers) has existed for more than 40 years as an Oceanids activity group. Directed by History and Judaic Studies Prof. William Propp, the choir of about 25 performs throughout the San Diego area in period costume. Experienced choral singers (especially men!) are encouraged to contact Dr. Propp to arrange a visit and/or audition.

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: contact Liz Fong Wills

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: Shirley Babior (619) 542-0536 or Babior@earthlink.net or Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 or marycutchin@hotmail.com
This group meets on the third Sunday of each month for drinks at a member's house. From there we carpool to the restaurant. Contact Shirley Babior or Mary Cutchin for information.

Next meeting: May 20.

MUSEUM GROUP

Contact: Carol Schultz (858) 453-0458 or Sally Kröll (858) 459-1322
Museum outings are on an occasional basis. All Oceanids are invited to join.

Next meeting: check Bear Facts Newsletter each month

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

Contact: Carole Ziegler, (619) 297-0798 or chiegler@sandiego.edu
There will be no meeting in April. The May meeting will be the participating in the Spring Luncheon.
Next independent meeting will be most likely in October, since chairperson is away in June.

Next meeting: October.

PHOTO DIGERATI

Contact: Jane Takahashi (858) 622-1993
We will meet on the first and third Monday of each month. This is for all who are interested in learning more about digital photography. For more information call Jane.

Next meeting: May 7+21.

PIANO AND CHAMBER SOIRÉE

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
This new interest group is for amateur musicians who need a motivation to practice and want to perform in a relaxed, fun setting among friends. We perform piano solos and duets as well as chamber music and voice. We meet the fourth Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 27, at the home of Mary and Carl McIlwain, 6662 Avenida Mañana, La Jolla. Please RSVP to Mary at mailto:mm@san.rr.com or 858-454-4857.

Next meeting: May 27.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Molli Wagner (858) 720-1185
No meeting in May and June

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334 orbshor@sio.ucsd.edu
We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange.

Next meeting: contact Betty Shor

WALKING GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net
This interest group encourages fitness and friendship by walking with other Oceanids in your neighborhood. You decide the time and route. Contact Judy Vacquier at jvacq@sbcglobal.net or 858 459 7834 for a list of walkers in your neighborhood. Areas: North La Jolla/UCSD, Mt Soledad/South La Jolla, Del Mar, University City, Pacific Beach, North County, Poway, Mission Hills, and El Cajon.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Emily Stowell (858)481-7938 or Mary Bailey (858) 755-6813
Come join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students, and their children for refreshments at the International Center every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon. 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.* For more information, contact Emily Stowell or Mary Bailey.

Next meetings: Wednesdays in April.

WINE TASTING I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856
Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts. However, this group is currently at capacity. For questions, contact Pat Kampmann.

Next meeting: May 18.

WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com
We meet monthly. Members rotate as hosts. The cost for wine and food is shared among the people attending (approximately \$8.00 per person).

Next meeting: Call contact.

WITS I

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856
This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed to analyze stocks before they are bought. A regular monthly investment is required along with a "buy-in." At present, there are a few places open. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the 4th Tuesday of the month all year long from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Next meeting: May 22.

WITS II

Contact: Joanne Meredith (858) 270-5795
WITS II meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at various members' homes all year long. We study companies using the NAIC stock investment guides in order to increase our financial understanding and competence. Come visit us!

Next meeting: May 23.

Half WITS

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858
Unlike Wits I and II, the Half Wits don't buy stocks. We discuss financial and investment topics informally covering subjects ranging from longterm care insurance to pension options, as well as stocks and bonds. Our philosophy is, "There are no dumb questions." We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Oceanids Pavilion. Pat Kampmann and Eleanor tum Suden are our guides through the financial jungles.

Next meeting: Call Liz

Cultural Exchange

Local artist (and long-time Oceanid) Maura Harvey and renowned Istanbul painter Haluk Mutlu, known as Betçeli are sharing art and culture between their two nations.

Betçeli will hold a show on **Saturday, June 16, 07**, from 2 to 6 p m. The theme is:

“Mitos” or Creation Myths of the World and Mankind.

An architect, Betçeli studied at the Rhode Island Institute of Design and works in studios in Istanbul and the village of Kindos on the Aegean. He was born in Istanbul in 1954 and has family in Encinitas. The artist believes that the values of Anatolia, “the land where the sun rises”, must be preserved and is eager to share his appreciation for these cultural and social structures which date back to ancient time.

Maura will exhibit oil and mixed media paintings and collages, including her RETABLOS, portable altar-like pieces that depict exotic locales and cultural and historical themes.

The RETABLOS are currently on exhibit in the Encinitas Civic Center Gallery.

This Turkish Delight will be held in Harvey’s studio in Del Mar Terrace. Turkish refreshments will be served. Please call Maura Harvey (858-509-2130) or Hülya Saygin (858-350-8081) or email

maura@mauraharvey.com for details.

All Aboard!

Are you the one who called me? A wonderful Oceanid left her name and phone number on my answering machine with a message that she was interested in joining the newly formed Day Train Group. I copied your name and number on a post-it, but the post-it disappeared before I could return your call. I am so sorry. Would you kindly call me again. I purchased a new message book to keep by the answering machine so hopefully this won’t happen again. Anyone else who is interested in joining the new group please call me too.

Barbara Bank 858-484-4597

OCEANIDS MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Oceanids would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members, Marie Cecil & Keitha Libman ~~new~~ e-mail address

Marianne Burkenroad: maburk1@yahoo.com

Oceanid Rosemarie Lugmair’s husband, Professor **Guenter Lugmair** of UCSD is the 2007 recipient of the Geochemical Society’s prestigious Goldschmidt Medal. This is the highest medal that is bestowed by the Society, and he will receive the medal at their annual meeting, the Goldschmidt meeting, in Cologne, Germany this summer. This medal is bestowed upon a geochemist for his or her “major achievements in geochemistry or cosmochemistry, consisting of either a single outstanding contribution, or a series of publications that have had great influence on the field.” Dr. Lugmair is being cited for his contributions at the forefront of research in radiogenic isotopes within geochemistry and cosmochemistry for more than three decades and especially for his early solar-system studies.

FOR LEASE (Aug 1, 07 to Jan 31, 08):

3-bedroom, 3-bath, furnished townhouse with 3 patios and access to a swimming pool and tennis courts, in a quiet neighborhood within walking distance of UCSD, the SIO shuttle, city buses, and La Jolla Village Square shops. No pets. No smoking. Rent somewhat negotiable.

doparker@ucsd.edu; 858-453-6351.

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What a glorious weekend. **The Oceanids Desert Outing** was either the best or close to the best trip we have ever had. Many countries were represented this year and included Chile, India, The Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Poland, Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, Switzerland and, of course, the USA. Needless to say the camp food was quite delicious, especially the pate, spicy eggplant, fondue and scrambled eggs and chapati cooked over the open fire. The nights were quite comfortable with only light jackets required at the campfire and at 85 degrees during the day our hike to the Marshall South site, the pictographs and the morteros was pleasant. Wildlife was abundant. The birds are migrating and so we saw lots of warblers, quail, cactus wren, flycatchers and a road runner that seemed to be guarding my tent in the morning. While Carole gave her talk in the amphitheater at Agua Caliente Regional Park, a bobcat crossed the ridge hunting cottontails. On Sunday afternoon we met Liz and the day trippers for a hike up Palm Canyon. The highlight was seeing three Borrego lambs feeding with their mother. This is the third year in a row now that I have seen Borregos up close in this canyon. The flowers were beginning to come out in the north of the park, but not much was in the south of the park. There had been rain so things were a bit green with grass. Friday morning there had been a half inch of rain at Agua Caliente so perhaps there will be some flowers later. In the meantime we had a great time puddle jumping with our cars and a few people went back to the city with cars to show that we had definitely been having fun in the desert. On the way home, I saw lots of calves, lambs and baby horses on the farms. 'Tis spring!

Carole Ziegler

I would like to add my own postscript: All of us were able to get good close-up pix of the Borrego sheep. (If you are interested, you can view the photos that Chris Wills took by logging onto Snapfish.) Afterwards, 10 of us went into Julian for dinner on the way home. None of the Newcomers had ever eaten buffalo burgers and all were willing after Chris explained the differences between buffalo, bison and water buffalo.

Liz Wills

OCEANIDS GOURMET DINNER AT
CHEZ STARKEY
on March 31 2007

Barbara and Bob raffled a dinner for our annual Theatre fundraiser. Faiya Fredman was the lucky raffle winner and her limo driver picked up Ellen Revelle and her daughter Annie who lives in Cambridge and was visiting Ellen. We picked up Rosanne and Joel Holliday and seven of us dined together on March 31. Barbara cooked for three days and I felt like I was at *Chez Panisse* in Berkeley. The table settings were beautiful with fine china and beaucoup wine glasses.

Our first course was a cream of mushroom soup (recipe is from the Nobel Prize dinner given in 1931 in Sweden). Next course was a salad with fennel, dried cherries, walnuts and Roquefort (recipe created by chef and editor of *Cooks' Illustrated Magazine*, America's test kitchen, Christopher Kimble).

The entrée was individual Beef Wellingtons (beef filet in pastry), recipe from Jeffrey Strauss, chef and owner of *Pamplemousse* in Del Mar. Jeffrey served this dish at three of Liz Taylor's weddings and at the White House. Barbara served with it Pommes Anna, endive boiled in chicken broth and dipped in milk and sugar and her mother's yeast rolls served with butter and homemade jam of cherry, fig, orange and lemon. Dessert was Creme Brulee Le Cirque from *Le Cirque* restaurant in New York City. Irish Coffee with Bushmill's and whipped cream completed the magnificent repast.

We all had a marvelous time and look forward to next year's theatre party and raffle.

Molli Wagner



Letters from Hungary by Judith Wesling

March 15th is Hungary's National Day, like the 4th of July. Ten years ago I went to the ceremony. There were lots of different regiments in their special uniforms, with plumed hats, gold braid on the jackets, and dashing long capes thrown back on one shoulder. Horseback riders, fur skins on jackets, the whole thing. These were authentic uniforms from 1848 when Hungary had a revolution against Austria.

The revolution did not succeed, but a compromise was reached in that Hungary had almost equal status with Austria in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. After this period Hungary and Budapest flourished and many important buildings were put up which give great period flavor to Budapest today. A great Hungarian of that time, Ferenc Liszt, is called Franz Liszt in Austria - he played and composed in both capitals, Vienna and Budapest.

This year the national holiday fell on a Thursday and so there was a 4-day weekend for a lot of workers. But this year it was different: the American Embassy has emailed us and told us not to attend any of the gathering sites as there was expected to be demonstrations and violence.

Hungary is currently governed by the Socialist Party, the former Communist Party. They came to power (from what I am told) by promising a lot of things, better economy, bigger pensions, more public amenities, a lot of money from the European Union (they are part of the EU now but have not switched to the Euro as Hungary has not fulfilled the monetary reforms necessary), stuff like that. They barely won, kind of like the Republicans in the last election. The present Prime Minister is a millionaire and former Communist; when everything was privatized right after the fall of communism here, his contacts enabled him to buy certain companies very cheaply. It turns out that in order to provide things he promised to the voters, his government borrowed lots of money. But all the while he claimed that Hungary had the best economy in Central Europe, and on these assertions his party won reelection last year.

In October of last year there was a leak of a video of him talking at a party conference. In this video he spoke dismissively of the voters and laughed about how he and his party had fooled everyone in order to get elected. The opposition party (Fidesz) was shocked and angry. In an effort to get him to resign demonstrations were held throughout the city. The police were sent out to quell the demonstrations. At the same time, the usual thing happened - demonstrators were infiltrated by just plain hooligans, or by extreme right-wing nationalist/facists like skinheads.

And then, to make matters worse, this government was presiding over the commemoration of the 1956 revolution in November. Their ceremony was totally roped off from the public, no one was allowed to get within a block of the wreath-laying etc. ceremony. Imagine how many Hungarians felt when these former communists (yes, they were elected, but now people feel they were duped) paraded for television and foreign visitors, celebrating the Hungarian Revolution in which Hungarians tried to throw off the Communists!

Economists are worried about Hungary and its debts. The government is selling everything possible to pay the interest on the debts. The national airport in Budapest was sold to a foreign company. The national train network is about to be sold also. The government is closing hospitals and now charging people for doctor visits and medicines. I know only a little bit about the economy and its problems. The European Union is not happy, and will not allow Hungary to change to the Euro. Forints are not a good currency to try to exchange in the EU.

So the National Holiday, to commemorate the Glorious Hungarian Revolution of 1848 is being hi-jacked. The US Embassy has told us to stay off the streets around the American Embassy and away from the demonstration places.

It is now 2 pm and we watched a portion of the commemoration ceremony on TV here in Budapest. The police had cordoned off and kept away the protesters. Nevertheless you could hear them, with whistles, chants and horns. And some of them got close enough to throw what looked like eggs. The dignitaries giving speeches (or just laying wreaths at the statue of Petofi, a National Hero) were protected by guys in dark suits, sunglasses and ear transmitters just like our Secret Service. But what was interesting was that they had expected and prepared (apparently) for things being thrown - they were all equipped with big black umbrellas which took the brunt of the eggs. (Remember I said Hungarian eggs had really strong shells - I think you could carry several in your pocket without worry!). Kind of like Roman Centurians forming the "Turtle" (shields up!) they made a phalanx around the speakers moving onto the platform.

What I don't like is the newspaper accounts that "Jews were being warned to stay at home on March 15th by their own Federation...". I guess this angle stems from the fringe far-right that is saying anti-Semitic stuff. I feel strongly that this is spin from the SZMP (former Communist party), to associate dissent against their inept leadership with being anti-Semitic. Just as they are trying to say that dissent is un-patriotic. I guess we've heard that before in the US. The opposition's rally is this afternoon at 4 pm. So we shall see what happens.

Well, we said we would stay home but we didn't. The embassy said to stay away from Liberty Square and we did. We went out for dinner figuring that even if it was a National Day, some restaurants would be open. We decided to take the tram a few stops and get off and look for it. The tram stopped suddenly. We thought we were waiting for a traffic light. Then the driver said everybody off, the traffic is stopped. We were curious and walked to the corner. There we saw police units massing, lots of police cars, vans, trucks with the canvas side and top like military trucks, and tour buses full of police. We saw no demonstrators but surmised that they were ahead. We watched for a while, along with many other people - ordinary people, women, old men with red, white and green rosettes on their lapels, young people etc. The police formed into a square formation, shields out. The intersection was blocked with police vehicles. There still were no demonstrators in sight. The police marched en masse about 15 yards, then stopped. Some guy whistled the whole Internationale (the Communists' song) and the crowd applauded. He was a really good whistler, and Loud! Then the young men in the crowd started chanting a soccer chant: HuA HuA Hun-gar-i-A. It all was quite good-natured. ...to be continued

Isabel Wheeler, a long-time member of UCSD Oceanids, died Sunday, April 1, at Casa de Mañana, La Jolla. Isabel came to UCSD in 1968 with her late husband Dr. Henry O. Wheeler, a founding faculty member and a distinguished leader of the UCSD School of Medicine until his retirement. Isabel was an active member of the Oceanids, and a recipient of the Maxine E. White Outstanding Service Award in 1998. An excellent bridge player, she chaired the Day Bridge group for many years, and was a member of the Bear Facts folding committee until she became too ill to continue. Isabel and Henry were frequent travelers and adventurers near and far, enjoying bicycling and weekend trips to Baja, as well as more distant journeys to places such as Nepal and the Galapagos Islands. They were also art lovers and supporters of the UCSD Art Museum and the San Diego Opera. They loved La Jolla and the University. Henry Wheeler died in 2001. Isabel is survived by her daughters, Mary and Charlotte Wheeler. No memorial service is planned.

Donations may be made to the Henry O. and Isabel S. Wheeler fund, in support of the educational program of the School of Medicine at UCSD. Please send donations to UC San Diego Foundation, attention M. Hayter, Mail Code 0937, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0937.

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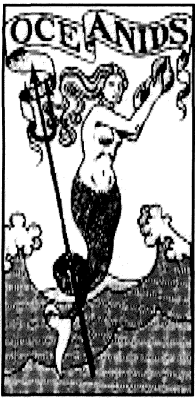
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