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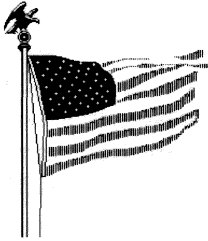
# Facts

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UCSD OCEANIDS NEWSLETTER

June 2006

UCSD Oceanids Newcomers Committee and  
The Friends of the International Center  
invite you to the



4th of July Picnic  
at

The UCSD International Center  
on Tuesday at 5 p.m.



Menu: Hotdogs with buns and condiments, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and  
Coleslaw, Brownies, Watermelon  
Wine and Lemonade.

**COST:** \$5/adult and \$3/child 2-10 years.

You **MUST** make reservations by June 30th

Parking is **FREE** on the UCSD campus on July 4th (Tuesday)

Bring warm clothing if you want to watch fireworks at the beach after the picnic  
Bring flashlights if you wish to walk to the Cove to watch. We will provide information  
and maps on watching fireworks including where to park and where to go.

For more information call Liz at 858-454-6858

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## 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 MESSAGE

May 8, 2006

Greetings Oceanids,

I am writing this letter to you on the assumption that by the time you read it I will be the newly elected president of our organization. If by chance another person who has been nominated from the floor at our spring luncheon has been elected president then I will look to Mark Twain for a witty but humble apology. Since Bear Facts will not be published again until the fall, and the June issue is going to print shortly, this is a unique opportunity to introduce myself to you. (*Luckily a computer problem arose, which meant that the June issue is going to be printed after the Spring Luncheon. At this point then, we can congratulate Barbara on being elected and ourselves on having such a great person lead our organization during the next year. The Editor.*)

I arrived in San Diego almost twenty-five years ago with a toddler, a kindergartener, and a husband who had just been hired by the math department. The interest rates on home loans at the time were 17%. My goodness! We were fortunate enough to find a builder who was buying down the rate to a bargain 13 3/4%, and so we settled and raised our family in Rancho Penasquitos. My husband Randy and I immediately joined the Couples Evening Bridge interest group and have had fun finessing our friends over wine and cheese ever since. When both my children were in grade school I took advantage of the free hours to join the book discussion group and day bridge group, and made more friends in both.

The time demands of substitute teaching, volunteering in school PTA, Little League, etc., forced me to give up the day-time interest groups for a few years. I was able to rejoin the day bridge group and I am still having tons of fun on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

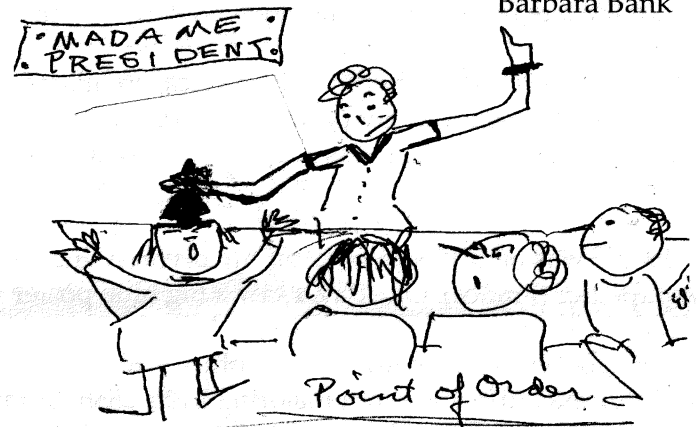
I come to this job with a sincere humbleness. I have been on the board for just a year, and am constantly impressed by the wealth of talent and energy gathered in that room every month. I have admired the leadership and grace shown by past presidents. They inspire me to do the best I can for you. We are facing many challenges and I will use my time and talents working with the Oceanids board to find solutions, and have fun doing it. No task is too hard that a good laugh won't make it seem easier.

In March I was fortunate to represent UCSD at the Northern UC intercampus meeting of women's

groups. It was an entertaining and informative day with recitals, lectures and a panel discussion. Hearing what was happening at other campuses was enlightening and reassuring. We discussed common problems and possible solutions. My dream would be to revive the southern intercampus meetings. Jane Takahashi suggested that we start by a having day-long meeting here for UCSD Oceanids and friends and see what grows from there. I'd love to make that dream come true, and welcome any and all ideas. I look forward to meeting you at the fall luncheon, monthly Sounding Board talks, our theater party, and yearly bus trip.

Yours truly,

Barbara Bank



### Slate for the UCSD Oceanids Board 2006 - 2007

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Nominating Committee	Judy Vacquier (continuing), Glenda Rosenblatt, Laurette Verbinski, Diana Vines (alternate)

Submitted by Judy Vacquier,  
Nominating Committee Chair

The new slate was voted on at the Spring Luncheon and gratefully accepted



## My American Dream

by Marie Perroud



When I started learning English, in 1958, my hometown in France, Arles, had just partnered with a sister city in the United States : York, Pa. The "Comité de Jumelage" ("Twinning Committee" ?) thought that it would be good for us, new students in English, to correspond with young girls in York who were learning French, so we were given "pen pals". Mine was named Debbie, and we started to write to each other, one in French, the other in English... It really was a fun way not only to improve our skills in a foreign language, but to know more about the cultural differences between our two countries. I learned a lot from Debbie about the "American Way of Life"...

Today, it seems hard for us to believe that we have been corresponding for forty-eight years ! Could we imagine, in the late fifties, that someday we would use the Internet to send e-mails to each other within minutes ???

Debbie's description of her life in America, compared with my life in France, made me want to know her country better, so I told my parents : "Later, I will go to the United States and live there". They just shrugged at that time, thinking that it was only a child's whim... but when I finally got my green card in 2004, they took it more seriously !

In 1982, I was back to school, after my divorce, and I was majoring in psychology at the University of Montpellier (France). One day, I saw a big blue poster which immediately caught my attention, as it mentioned the opportunity to study abroad, thanks to a program called EAP. As in cartoons, my eyes literally popped out of their sockets, and I rushed to the office where we could apply for this wonderful program. It was not an easy process : first, I was not majoring in English, but in psychology, then I was ten years older than the other students, and... finally I wanted to take my two children with me on this adventure...

But after much paperwork, interviews, TOEFL, etc, I finally got a scholarship to UCSD. When I thanked Allan Mitchell, who was the director of the program in France, and told him how elated I was to have been accepted, among all the other applicants, he said : "Oh, Marie, you were sooo motivated... you convinced everybody !"

In August 1982, I finally arrived in San Diego, and the first person I met at UCSD was Hannelore Malone, who was in charge of the EAP program at the International Center. A few weeks later, I started volunteering at the Friday Café, a good opportunity to meet people from all over the world...

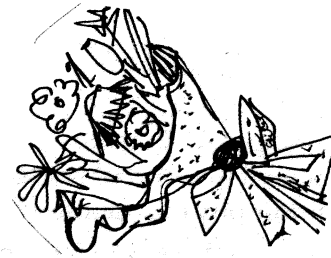
I spent one year in California, and it was a great experience for me and my children, though not always smooth and easy : we had some hard times adjusting to a new life, a new culture, and different laws... but we were never homesick. We met wonderful people, who became part of our "American" family and we developed long-lasting relationships with all of our friends. Some of them later visited me in France, I was so happy to have them discover the beautiful region of Provence where I lived, and enjoy good French food and wines.

Over the last twenty years, I came back to San Diego many times, either for a short stay or for a longer span of time, when I could take a sabbatical, and I had several opportunities to volunteer again at the Friday Cafe. Today, here I am again ! After so many years, and so many tries, my lifelong dream came true: I finally got this precious, magical document called "green card"... When the US Embassy agent in Paris held it out to me, I was so happy that I would have given her a big hug, if there hadn't been a huge and thick pane of glass between the two of us !

As the proverb says : "Where there is a will, there is a way".

Oceanids fellowship recipient: Sharon Skare

May 6, 2006



In the process of applying for this fellowship and preparing to write this article, I have had the occasion to learn about Frieda Urey's life, and, thanks to Carol Schultz, read a number of descriptions and memories of her that were written for this newsletter by a variety of people who knew her. Although this glimpse of her has been condensed and 2-dimensional, and thus nothing like what it would have been like to meet her and know her, I have genuinely been touched to learn about the kind of person she was. I have learned that Frieda is warmly loved and vividly remembered by her friends and those she helped via the Newcomers committee, and that she was a special human being, with humbling energy, sensitivity. She had a special kind of understanding and wisdom about what people needed before they themselves knew, and about the rewards of investing in building a community and making personal connections with people. I know that I will keep this example in mind in the future. I look forward to the luncheon and to meeting those of you who knew her.

I thank you, the Oceanids, for your generosity and interest in extending this spirit of support and welcome to graduate students who, because they have been out of academia for an extended period of time before coming to UCSD, occasionally have reason to feel especially in need of a sense of community, of support and encouragement.

Currently, I am in my fourth year of a PhD program in Philosophy at UCSD, I expect to advance to the status of doctoral candidate by the end of this quarter. After advancing, I plan to transition into the cognitive science and philosophy interdisciplinary degree program in order to eventually complete a doctoral degree in Cognitive Science and Philosophy. My dissertation project concerns moral psychology and the relationship between the empirical sciences (such as psychology and neuroscience) and normative moral theory within philosophy.

Between completing my undergraduate degree in Philosophy from UC Berkeley in 1996 and starting my PhD program at UCSD, I took what might seem to be a surprising detour: an incredibly rewarding journey within the clinical research and drug development field. A somewhat fuller explanation of my story follows.

I found that I wanted to eventually become a philosopher in my senior year of high school. I had gone to Catholic school up to that point, and at my college-prep Catholic high school, a semester-length class in philosophy was offered to seniors as an "advanced" level way to fulfill our requirements to take something related to religion every term. I didn't know a thing about philosophy before that point. I was amazed to discover that much that I had previously considered to be quirky, strange personality traits of mine, the way I had spent so much of my time thinking (or "obsessing") about the way people and the world work, my religion, and our knowledge and experience in general, were actually legitimate fields of philosophical thought and research with a rich history that I could learn about. I was also amazed to discover that, whereas in other classes in which I was perhaps less interested I had good but not necessarily top grades, I had apparently unlimited motivation, energy and focus in philosophy class, and my performance distinctly stood out. I knew that I wanted to pursue philosophy at that point, and I considered myself lucky to have discovered (at least in general terms) what I wanted to do with distinct clarity and certainty.

I spent a couple of years at a community college in Northern California in order to save money, and then transferred to UC Berkeley as a junior to complete a bachelor's degree in philosophy. The experience was wonderful personally and intellectually (and the kernels of my particular field of interest in moral psychology began to form), but it was also a somewhat profound culture shock to go from a relatively conservative and sheltered background to the environment at Berkeley. When I earned my bachelor's degree in 1996, I knew that I wanted to pursue graduate studies in philosophy, but I didn't feel personally or financially ready to do so right away. I decided to spend a year or two working, and then begin graduate school as quickly as I possibly could after that.

I got a job working as an administrative associate for a contract research organization, a company that provides field monitoring services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies conducting human subjects research on experimental drugs and devices. The monitors (Clinical Research Associates, or CRAs) would work in-house at the sponsor companies as well as travel around the world to visit investigator sites where

subjects were participating in studies, to ensure and verify that the research was being conducted properly.

In spite of a bit of external resistance at each step in my advancement because my undergraduate degree was in philosophy (as opposed to a nursing degree or a degree in the biological sciences, as is standard in this area), I learned the trade of clinical research quickly and trained to become a CRA myself. I was excited by the research environment and the process, and impressed by the ethical responsibilities that people working in that industry have (and in my experience actually do acutely respect and prioritize above all else) towards the patients they hope to benefit. Early on, I was also particularly drawn to working on projects for one of our sponsors in particular, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, which was conducting research on a drug for diabetic subjects.

In late 1997, Amylin requested a contract monitor to work in-house at their San Diego offices, processing regulatory documents for about six months. My company sent me. I moved to San Diego for what I thought would be a 6-month adventure, and scrambled to be as helpful to the company as possible and learn as much as I could. Amylin was researching an investigational medication (a synthetic version of the human pancreatic hormone amylin) for insulin-dependent patients with diabetes, which, if safe and effective, would be the first kind of drug other than insulin available for type 1 diabetics since the 1920's.

Three months after I started, Johnson and Johnson withdrew its financial sponsorship of Amylin, prompting the company to lay off hundreds of employees, while continuing to support the conduct of the ongoing trials. Eight months later the company was forced to lay off all but 37 employees. They retained me throughout that time, and after the second layoff, I was the only CRA remaining in-house at the company. We had one medical monitor, one data manager, the director of clinical operations, one administrative assistant, and myself working to manage the closure of a large number of recently completed clinical trials, as well as the ongoing studies, involving hundreds of study subjects and many investigator sites. It was an amazing "trial by fire." It was such an exceptional circumstance, and truly I believed in the treatments we were working to develop. As a result, I postponed returning to graduate school until the company passed this precarious phase, and I became a direct employee of the company.

Later I transitioned from clinical operations to working as a Clinical Scientist, which is a function more focused on the scientific design, validity of study conduct, and data interpretation of the studies than the CRA role was.

As soon as the company had sufficiently stabilized after the layoffs, I spent part of my time taking classes at UCSD through the Extension program, and applied and was admitted to the PhD program in philosophy at UCSD. But I retained a part-time position at Amylin as a clinical scientist while completing my coursework for my philosophy PhD. Now that I have seen their project through, and now that I have my dissertation project defined, I am finally leaving the company, in order to focus entirely on my academic research.

Through this journey, I have become a scientist as well as a philosopher, and this has had a distinct impact on the flavor and focus of my philosophical interests and research. At this point I am firmly committed to the validity of an interdisciplinary approach to a number of philosophical issues, and I resist seeing the methods of philosophical research and the methods of empirical scientific investigation as fundamentally different in kind. I owe this outlook both to my professional experience, and also to the UCSD community.

There are occasions where I feel slightly alienated within the academic environment, because my experience is so different from the typical graduate student, and because at this point I am the oldest graduate student in the department, distinctly older than my peers. I'm grateful for my path, but it is undeniably unique, and occasionally I feel a bit "behind the curve" for my age in my academic progress. From this perspective, it is especially touching that via this fellowship program you validate and encourage men and women with experiences like mine.

I am extremely grateful for this much needed support, and for the opportunity to reflect on my place within the campus community, and on the lessons about my relationship with my community and the inspiration I have assimilated from learning about Frieda Urey's legacy. I sincerely thank you, and I look forward to meeting many of you at your luncheon this spring.



# 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 Carole Ziegler, Interest Group Coordinator (619) 297-0798. If five or more Oceanids wish to start a new group, please let Carole 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: September 11**

## BOOK GROUP

Contact ; Tobe Rothaus (858) 551-8083) or Janet Goff (760) 753-3472  
On June 13 Barbara Nemiroff will lead a discussion of "Peony" by Pearl S. Buck. We'll meet starting at 9:30 am at Carol Schultz': 8415 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla. 858/453-0458

**Next meeting: June 13**

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 9 FOR SUMMER'S MEETINGS**

## CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834) or jvacq@sbcglobal.net  
La próxima reunión de Cafe Español será el miercoles, 7 de junio, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Judy Vacquier, 7050 Via Valverde, La Jolla. Favor de contestar a Judy llame a Judy para los datos sobre las reuniones durante el verano.

**Next meeting: June 7**

## CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Hulya Saygin (858) 350-8081 ou Diana Vnes (858) 459-8248  
La prochaine reunion du Cafe Francais aura lieu chez Christina Mahler, le 14 juin de 13 heures a 15 heures. Priere de lui telephoner au (858) 273-2367 si vous avez l'intention de venir. Le groupe est pour le moment a capacite mais si vous desirez etre sur la liste d'attente, faites le nous savoir.

Nous esperons vous voir nombreuses chez Christina le 14 juin pour notre dernier reunion avant l'ete. A bientot!

**Next meeting: June 14**

## DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdcn.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: June 6 and 20.**

## 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: June 11**

## DEVILISH DINERS

Contact: Mary Dashen (858) 457-4631, fax (858) 457-4371, or mdashen@san.rr.com

Call Mary for information

**Next meeting: to be decided**

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net  
The next meeting is Thursday June 15 (please note the date change). We will read Twilight of the Mammoths by Paul S. Martin, presented by Dick Rosenblatt. Bring lunch at 11:30, discussion starts at 11:45 till 1:00 in the Birch Aquarium at Scripps conference room. Contact Judy Vacquier We will break for the summer and resume October 26th.

**Next meeting: June 15**

## EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858) 484-4597 or barbara@sdcn1.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: June 24**

## 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: June 5**

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: October 14**



## LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Contact: Bill Propp at (858) 459-2019 or [wpropp@ucsd.edu](mailto: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  
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](mailto:Babior@earthlink.net) or Mary Cutchin (858) 459-8074 or [marycutchin@hotmail.com](mailto:marycutchin@hotmail.com)  
This new group will meet on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Shirley Babior or Mary Cutchin to join our group.  
Next meeting: June 18

## MUSEUM GROUP

Contact: Carol Schultz (858) 453-0458 or Sally Kroll (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 [cziegler@sandiego.edu](mailto:cziegler@sandiego.edu)  
We will not have any regular meetings until October. We are planning a trip/luncheon to an area of ethnic interest during the summer.  
If you are interested in joining us please contact Carole Ziegler  
Next meeting: Call Carole

## PIANO SOIRÉE INTEREST GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 or [jvacq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvacq@sbcglobal.net)  
This new interest group has started up beautifully. It is for amateurs who need a motivation to practice and want to perform in a relaxed, fun setting among friends. We also welcome chamber instruments and voice. We meet the fourth Sunday at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is June 25 at Judy Vacquier's, 7050 Via Valverde, La Jolla. Please email or call to RSVP and to find out about meetings during the summer.  
Next meeting: June 25

## SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Mollie Wagner (858) 720-1185  
Hear a talk by Liz Sisco, Chair of Arts and Communication at Southwestern College in Chula Vista on "International Difference Makers".  
Next meeting: October 5

## STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334  
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](mailto: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 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: every Wednesday in June, July, August, September

## 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: June 16

## WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz (858) 350-6014 or [bscholz@hotmail.com](mailto: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). Please call contact person for information.  
Next meeting: contact Barbara Scholz

## 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: June 27

## 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: June 28

## 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: June 15 Call for confirmation.



## SUMMER'S MEETINGS OF THE BOOK GROUP

**July 11:** "Them" by Francine du Plessix Gray. At 9:30 am we will meet at Estelle Shabetai's: 8493 Prestwick Drive, La Jolla; 858/459-3546. Melanie Chapman will lead the discussion.

**August 8:** We meet to plan for the next eleven months. Please attend with your new (or old) favorite books in mind or at least with reviews. If you won't be able to make it please let either of the co-chairpeople know of your suggestions. The meeting will be at Odette Filloux's at 9:30 am: 8402 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla; 858/453-0749.

**September 12:** "Bury Me Standing; The Gypsies and Their Journey" by Isabel Fonseca. The meeting at 9:30 am will be at Charlotte Mamorsky's: 939 Coast Blvd., #12C, La Jolla; 858/454-1694 and Ady Rosenblatt will be the discussion leader.



## SOUNDING BOARD

Oceanids are very fortunate to have Molli Wagner again as coordinator for this great function during the coming academic year.

### EVERY FIRST THURSDAY AT 12 NOON.....

Oceanids and friends of the university meet at the Faculty Club, convene in a specially designated room to eat lunch and listen to fascinating speakers. You can be sure of a lively discussion!

Our speaker for Sounding Board after the first Board Meeting on **October 5**, will be **Elizabeth Sisco**, currently the Chair of Arts and Communication at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Liz is also the daughter of Bernie and the late Bud Sisco of UCSD. She is particularly interested in the Blue Ribbons Program of the "International Difference Makers" whose goal it is to "unite people and create a world of possibilities". In the Fall of 2006 Liz will also take on the duties of the director of the college art gallery.

Please mark your calendar for this talk which promises to be very interesting.

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# In Appreciation

## From Oceanids Membership.....

As another year draws to a close, we would like to acknowledge all of our Life Members.. Oceanids Life Members have paid up to \$500.00 for their LIFE MEMBERSHIP. The funds that Life Members have contributed help our organization with operating expenses and also to fund fellowships. We thank these members for their belief in and support of Oceanids.

### LIFE MEMBERS

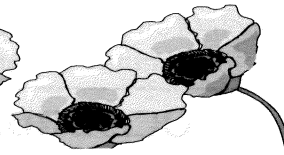
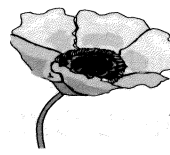
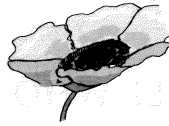
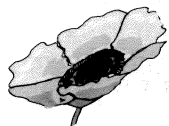
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**If you are not a LIFE MEMBER, perhaps you would like become one this fall when renewing your membership.** (Checks are made out to the *UCSD Foundation/Oceanids* and are tax - deductible. The tax deduction is NOT available for Annual Memberships of \$25.00.)



#### IN MEMORIAM - JUDITH MUNK 1925 - 2006

Oceanids lost a very dear friend with the death of Judy Munk on Saturday, May 20th. She died, peacefully, of pneumonia. Walter has the loving support of their two daughters, Edie, who lives in an adjoining house, and Kendall, who lives in Pennsylvania with her three sons.

Judy, stricken with polio at 21, amazed everyone including her doctors by learning to walk again after being in an iron lung. For many years, she continued to walk with a cane, before post-polio syndrome returned her to a wheelchair. Undaunted, Judy and Walter traveled widely, to the very end. They had just returned from a trip that included meetings at M.I.T. in Cambridge, the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, and a weekend with Judy's brother Ed in Texas. So they had had happy reunions with family and many old friends. Judy and Walter had a unique 53 years of marriage, sharing mutual interests that, among other things, helped shape the S.I.O. campus. Judy's infectious smile, from under her ever-present hat, always drew a crowd of loving friends around her. There will be a chance to celebrate Judy's remarkable life on June 25th, at S.I.O.

Ellen Revelle

## WHEN NATURE CALLS

Hello, Birdlovers!

Birds, who does not love them, these little fluffy creatures? Although I know some very nice people who suffer from some kind of bird phobia. But apart from these poor souls, we all adore them, big wings or small wings, long beak or short. Even cat maniacs like myself get angry with their favorite feline, when kitty comes home with a bird, beaming with pride. To catch a healthy bird is a very difficult task, even for a cat.

Talking of catching birds reminds me of my poor father who struggled every night to catch our budgie named Sitti, whom my sister and I loved with all the affection of 10 year olds. In those days we lived in an old house with very high ceilings (at least 10 feet), and father, armed with a big dark cloth, had to climb up a steep ladder to reach the bird who took the curtain rail for his new home. But that is a different story.

Anyhow, although we would not live without a cat, are crazy about our Theo II. and before him Nofretete and Tommy and Theo I., my husband and I enjoy the wildlife in our yard which has changed much to the better since we (well, my husband did ...) planted bushes and trees where there used to be barren soil. We have mocking-birds and humming-birds and blue jays and bluebirds and hawks and pigeons and parrots and lovely little yellow creatures and some greyish ones in our garden. (What about coming to El Cajon, Avi Set Birders?).

And woodpeckers, at least one.

One morning at the breakfast table, enjoying the view of the mountains, we suddenly heard the hammering of a woodpecker. Eager to know what he was working on, we got the binoculars out, and looked for the little guy. There he was, one of the black and white ones with the red hood, hammering his way into the huge electric pole which unfortunately cannot be overlooked from our big panoramic window.

"Bravo", we said to each other, "go on, little guy. You might even be able to bring this pole down." But to our disappointment we soon found out that woodpeckers build the holes which serve as nests in trees with a softer inside texture, which is quite understandable. But they love these wooden poles for their courtship, because their hammering there sounds so much louder than the tock, tock that would come from a normal tree. And that increases their chances of attracting a female.

"A beaver might do a better job felling that pole," my husband sighed, "but it is not very likely to find one here in San Diego County."

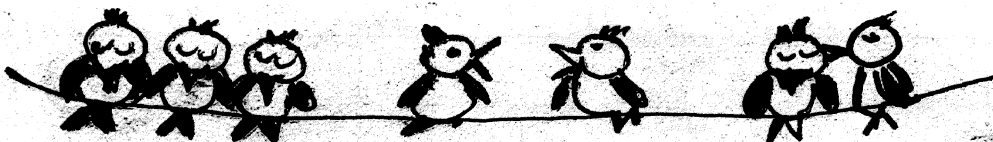
So far so good, we still loved our little woodpecker even though he was no longer working on our behalf. But in spite of all his effort, hammering and thus calling: "Come here, girls, I'm strong and healthy and beautiful and can provide for you and our little ones!", nobody seems to care. At least as far as the female woodpecker population is concerned.

And now I must confess (a little ashamed, because I really am a nature lover) that I care! After weeks and weeks of hammering I find myself looking secretly for big stones with which I could try to scare the bird. Or I find myself staring at the cat, regretting that he is not able to climb up that high ...

To understand these cruel feelings of mine you have to take into account that this little creature is getting desperate which means, he is starting the tock-tock-tocking earlier and earlier in the morning. At six o'clock there he is – we usually get up at eight - trying hard to find a mate, by hammering, which is the only way he knows how. And because this is an ongoing sound of more or less just one note you can easily mix it up with the sound of an alarm clock, only that you can't stop it.

Do you understand my despair?  
Is there a solution to that?  
How long is the mating season for woodpeckers?

Beate Laura Menzel





# WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

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	Gracious Aging	Day Bridge	KitX Wed. Coffee LJRS			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cinema Soireé		Book Group	KitX Wed. Coffee LJRS Café Français	Environmental Conservation Book Group	Wine Tasting I	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Moveable Feast II		Day Bridge	KitX Wed. Coffee LJRS			Evening Bridge
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Piano Soirée Interest Group		WITS I	KitX Wed. Coffee LJRS WITS II			
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**Bear Facts**

**Month: June**

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