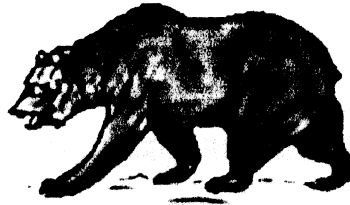


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FEATURING SOUNDING BOARD

....every first Thursday of the month at noon something important happens. Interested Oceanids and other friends of the university show up at the Faculty Club, get their lunch and sit down in a specially designated room. There we eat and have the privilege to listen to a speaker who enlightens us about various important issues. Usually a lively discussion follows.

SOUNDING BOARD has an old tradition with Oceanids. Several very capable organizers have managed to convince the most interesting people to speak to the group. Our late beloved Jean Lindsley was one of the organizers in years past; also Barbara Baehr was incredibly successful in recruiting great speakers.

Now *SOUNDING BOARD* started up again in October under the new direction of Molli Wagner.
The schedule for this season is wonderful (see below).

After the Board meeting on the **3rd of November** we will get our lunch at the Faculty Club as before and listen to a talk by

Dr. Arthur Wagner, founding chair of the Dept. of Theatre and Dance in 1972. He also founded professional actor training programs at Tulane, Ohio and Temple Universities as well as the highly ranked program at UCSD. An actor and director, Dr. Wagner will be talking about theatre in New York, London and locally.



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SOUNDING BOARD SCHEDULE FOR 2005/2006

Dec. 1 Dr. Martha Dennis (SD business woman and wife of UCSD faculty member, Dr. Edward Dennis).

Feb. 2 Derrick Cartwright (Director of SD Museum of Art)

March 2 Dr. Mary Walshok, Associate Vice Chancellor/extstud., University Extension.

April 6 Dr. Cecil Lytle, former Provost, Thurgood Marshall College (Preuss School)

May 4 Mary Beebe, Director, Stuart Collection.

Attention: Sounding Board Attendees!

In order to get the room for the lectures without cost we had to promise that the people who attend the talks will purchase their lunch (all you can eat and drink, including dessert, for 11 bucks!! Coffee and ice tea is provided in the meeting room) at the Faculty Club. If you are a member of the F.C., you can pay at the door to the dining room. All non-members please pay Kim Signoret-Paar in front of the meeting room. The lunch should only be eaten in the meeting room, not in the dining room, please. The speaker is introduced at about 12:20 and talks for about 20 to 25 minutes. A discussion period follows. Interruptions with questions or statements during the talk are allowed, even welcome-- it's very informal. Sounding board is usually over by 1:00-1:15 p.m.

NOTE: All phone numbers are area code 858 unless otherwise noted.



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**BOARD MEETINGS first Thursday every month at the Oceanids Pavilion, International Center, 9:30 AM social, 10:00 AM meeting
You are welcome to attend!**

President's Message

There is none this month.

We are looking forward to the tales of Jane Takahashi's travels.

Save the Date!

Oceanids Holiday Party
Saturday December 10

4 - 7:30 p.m.
UCSD International Center

Scott Paulson will be back playing
Klezmer music on
his red clarinet!

SigAlert!

When you slow for a traffic delay and hear on your radio that it's a "SigAlert," do you wonder what that is?

It was named for Loyd C. Sigmon, who died at the age of 95 in June 2004. An obituary in the San Diego Union-Tribune (7 June 2004, from the Associated Press) told the story. Sigmon was an executive of radio station KMPC in Los Angeles in 1955, when he created a system of emergency warnings that could be sent by police to local radio stations. His device, which cost \$600, could be activated by a special tone and then a dispatcher could broadcast a message; a light and buzzer alerted the radio stations. Los Angeles Police Chief William Parker gave this system the name SigAlert, in honor of Sigmon. Its first use was in Los Angeles in Sept. 1955, for a train derailment at Union Station. It then came into use everywhere. "He was," noted the newspaper, "honored by governments, broadcasting organizations and the National Safety Council. He had personalized license plates that said SIGALRT." He did not, however, get rich from his creation. He didn't sell it to anybody. In fact, "I lost some," he said, "because I used to bet on a horse named SigAlert that never won."

The California Highway Patrol now handles traffic duties on freeways, and it calls for SigAlerts via computer these days. A SigAlert is limited by CHP to "an unplanned event that causes the closing of one lane of traffic for 30 minutes or more."

Sigmon was born (1909) and raised on a cattle ranch in Stigler, Oklahoma. He received his amateur radio license at the age of 14, and went on from there to radio stations.

Betty Shor

MONEY BOOKS...MONEY BOOKS...MONEY BOOKS...

Moneybooks are thoughtful gift items and also great money savers for yourselves. The coupons are good through May 31, 2006. Moneybooks are available at Oceanids Board Meetings, at the Fall Luncheon, until the Holiday Party.

Interest Group chairs please advertise the money books at your meetings. Or better yet, take some along and sell them.

This year the La Jolla Moneybook has gotten even bigger! That means wonderful bargains from restaurants and cafes. Food choices can be from ice cream, bagels, cookies, fresh fish, chocolate, coffee or tea. There are 29 coupons for services like carpet care or new picture frames.

Old favorite restaurants include Café Lautrec, the Cottage, French Gourmet, Su Casa and Sammy's Woodfire Pizza.

Of course Adelaide's is included along with Bo-Danica, Burns Drugs, Warwicks and Meanley and Sons Hardware.

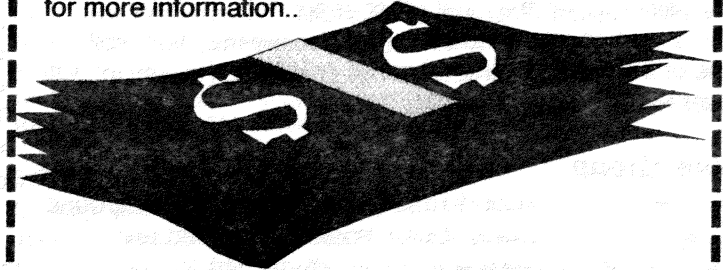
This year there is a coupon from the Black Horse Grill in Del Mar for lunch.

For each \$20 Moneybook you purchase Oceanids receives \$10.

Oceanids will use these funds for their activities, which include service to the UCSD community, Service Awards and Scholarships.

The Moneybook project is the only fundraising activity that we ask you to contribute to and it offers a great return for your money. Thank you.

Call Maxine Bloor (858-459-7665 or cbloor@san.rr.com) or Judy Vacquier (858-459-7834 or jvacq@san.rr.com) for more information..



Once again: A Friendly Reminder from Membership!

*The deadline for membership renewal is November 1. Oceanids values your membership and for those who have not renewed - please do so. If you have any questions, or would like a renewal form, please call Gail Fliesbach 858 270 5536 **Thank you!***

WHAT PURPOSES SERVE OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS ?

Many new and old members consider the Oceanids Interest Groups a major reason why they joined our organization in the first place. Here they have the chance to pursue their hobby or find a new one in the company of other interested people. It gives the new member a chance to make friends and get involved in the activities of Oceanids. To participate in one of the groups you have to be an Oceanids member, (come on! It's only \$25 a year!!) but you can as a non-member visit group activities 2 or 3 times to find out whether you like it. After that we hope that you will choose to become an Oceanid member. Organize your own IG. All you need is 5 interested members. Advertise in the Bear Facts.

Please call the chairpeople of the groups you are interested in about particulars.

A few closer descriptions of different interest groups follow. If your chosen one is not among them, please call the chairperson in the INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR in this issue.

AVI-SET

The Oceanids Avi-Set birding group meets each month during the academic year to visit diverse sites around the county. There are always some trip highlights, some planned, some accidental.

This April we arranged to have a tour by Phil Lambert, Manager of the Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary, the Audubon site in Lakeside. The sanctuary has had limited visiting since the 2003 wildfires destroyed the entire property and its three homes. For the second spring there was a lush growth of wildflowers. Have you ever had to look up at the tops of San Diego wildflowers? Aside from the botanical pleasure for us, the flowers had lured back some species of birds, including the colorful Lazuli Bunting and Costa's Hummingbird.

On another spring outing we returned to the east side of Lake Hodges which this year, wonder of wonders, actually had water within walking distance of the trailhead. We were treated to sightings of a flock of White Pelicans and watched the Western and Clark's Grebes doing their dramatic courting dances.

On another trip to Old Mission Dam we had excellent viewing of the largest warbler, the Yellow-breasted Chat, singing from the treetops. That was an added bonus to our viewing. We always find some spring warblers there, but have missed the Chat other years.

If you want to join us to see what else we may find, call one of the Avi-Set contact names listed each month in Bear Facts. Lou Bowles

Book Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month year around at each other's houses. Some books we've read and discussed in the last few months include "The Known World", "Lolita in Tehran", "Blindness", "Uncle Tungsten", and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime". Our choices are guided by three considerations: availability in paperback, writing quality and a variety of genres. With these guidelines in mind, some of the titles we will be reading are "The Mold in Dr. Florey's Coat" (see calendar listing), on the development of penicillin, "John Dollar", a novel set in SE Asia during a tsunami (!), "Pearl S. Buck: A Cultural Biography", "Austerlitz", by the late W. G. Sebald, and if it's in paperback by June, "Them", by Francine du Plessix Gray.

We are a friendly, informal bunch and welcome new readers; please join us for our lively discussions.

Bridge—Day and Night

DAY: We are a very congenial group of Oceanids and we are looking for some people interested in playing with us. Our group has dwindled to the point that we have problems getting a three-table game together. We are playing on the first and third Tuesdays of the month all year long from about 10 am to 3 pm at the members' houses. We bring our lunches, and no food needs to be provided by the hostess, only something to drink. Every player hosts about twice a year.

You don't have to be a super player to join, as long as you enjoy the game. Please call Barbara Bank at 858-484 4597 or better e-mail: barbara@sdna.ucsd.edu Thank you

NIGHT: The night group is mainly for couples. Again we are playing in turn at each other's homes usually on the fourth Saturday of each month all year long. The game starts at 7:30 pm and is over by about 11 pm. The hosts provide wine, juice, water and something to nibble on. It is great fun. Please come and join and call Barbara Bank at 858-484 4597 or better e-mail: barbara@sdna.ucsd.edu Thank you

Cinema Soirée

Once a month, on the second Sunday, we meet to discuss a movie at one of the members' homes. The movie has been viewed at your own time. We meet at 7:30 pm for social conversation and start the discussion at 8:00. The host provides drink and some nibbles.

If you are interested, please call Laurette at 858-453 4699 or Roswitha 858-459 7375.

La Jolla Renaissance Singers

Since the early 1960s, the group (formerly: the UCSD Madrigal Singers) have performed the sacred and secular music of Renaissance Europe throughout San Diego County. The choir consists of about 25 singers, most present or past UCSD affiliates, directed by William Propp, Professor of Ancient History and Judaic Studies. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights in a La Jolla home, followed by coffee and dessert. Any experienced vocalist interested in auditioning should contact Bill Propp (858-459-2019/ wpropp@ucsd.edu).

Moveable Feast

This dinner group visits different restaurants once a month under the leadership of Liz Wills. She is trying to stay within a certain budget and welcomes the couples before the meal at her and her husband's house for wine and getting-to-know-you conversation. The group is large and new people have to be put on a waiting list.

Please call Liz at 858-454 6858, if you and your partner are interested.

Moveable Feast II

This group was formed out of necessity since the first dining-out group was filled and there was interest in a second group. We are meeting on the third Sunday of each month at a member's house at about 5-5:30 for wine and crackers before we carpool to the restaurant. We do not have a firm price limit. Money is usually collected before the dinner. We are, of course, trying not to be too outrageous regarding the price of the meal. The new group is accepting singles and couples as participants. Mary and Shirley would really love to hear from you.

So, if you are interested in joining the new group, please contact Mary or Shirley: marycutchin@hotmail.com or Shirley Babior (619-542 0536).

Wine Tasting I

We meet monthly from October to May at various members' homes, at 8:00 p.m. Our host selects four wines, provides French bread and cheeses, and we sip, converse and vote our top choices. Please call Pat Kampmann (858-454 1856) to be put on a waiting list, as we limit size to accommodate living rooms.

Wine Tasting II

This group meets at members' homes on a monthly basis to sample different wines chosen by the host for that month. We often have light dinners with the wine tasting IF people volunteer to cook. For example, the first meeting of the academic year usually is a dinner and beer-tasting to celebrate Oktoberfest. German members of the group often volunteer to prepare the meal. If you are interested in joining the group, please send your email address to Barbara Scholz at bscholz@hotmail.com ph.: 858-350 6014.

Hiking in SD County

We meet once a month from October through May or June on the second Saturday for a hike into a somewhat wild area of the county. Our hikes are seldom more than 6 to 7 miles long; some up and down of the paths has to be managed. We bring lunch and plenty to drink, hats and sturdy shoes. We meet on the parking lot of TGIF at 8:30 am and are usually back not later than 4 pm. Please call Roswitha (858-459 7375) if you would like to join us.

WITS I

"Women's Intuitive Trading Society" was named by Frieda Urey. This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed which analyze all 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 once a month on the fourth Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 all year long. See calendar.

Wits II

We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month, all year long, at various members' homes. We study companies, using the stock investment guides of NAIC, educating ourselves to have a better financial understanding and competence. Call the chairperson (calendar section) for more info.

Half-Wits

This group does not buy stocks as a group. Instead, we only discuss financial topics and investments in an informal way. We cover any financial subject that interests us, ranging from long-term-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.

If you are interested, call Liz (at 858 454-6858).

People-to-People

meets about once a month, not always on the same day, but most of the time in the Oceanids' Pavilion. Interesting subjects are talked about by a speaker: travels, politics, art and the state of the world. P-P also has connections to Mexico, they bring scientific journals to the library of the Univ. of Mex. in Ensenada and play Santa Claus, as well as help out with scholarships at an orphanage near Ensenada. If you want to know more about P-P please call Carole Ziegler, chairperson, at 619-297 0798.



AVI SET



BRIDGE



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PEOPLE



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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 do not 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 today by calling Gail Fliesbach, (858)270 5536 or 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 8 a.m. the second Monday of each month during the academic year. The La Jolla group will now meet at the corner of Dunaway Drive and Glenwick Dr. in La Jolla, and the north county birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles, 13040 Caminito Mar Villa, Del Mar. We carpool from these locations and visit sites around the county. Members will be called.

Next outing is **November 14**.

BOOK GROUP

Contact Tobe Rothaus (858/454-2389 or 858/551-8083) or Janet Goff (760/753-3472).

We will meet on Tuesday, **November 8** at 9:30 AM at Medha Yodh's: 2625 Gobat Ave. (the west end of Gobat near Mott St. in University City); 858/ 455-7477. Our book selection is "The Mold on Dr. Florey's Coat: The Story of the Penicillin Miracle", by Eric Lax. Ralph Shabetai will lead the discussion

For more info, please call the chairpeople.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier, (858) 459-7834

La próxima reunión de Cafe Español será el miércoles, 2 de noviembre, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Silvia Berchtold, 8185 Prestwick Dr, La Jolla. Favor de contestar a Silvia 858-454 1764.

(mailto:jsiberchtold@mac.com) si puede venir o si tiene preguntas.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

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

Le Cafe Francais se reunira chez Pilar Bahde mercredi 9 novembre a 13 heures. Son adresse est :17917 Alondra Avenue, a Rancho Santa Fe. Son numero de telephone est 858 756-1796. Veuillez telephoner a Pilar si vous avez l'intention de venir et pour lui demander les directions.

En resultat de la demande generale, l'heure de notre rencontre est changee. Nous rencontrerons a partir du mois de novembre- donc chez Pilar- a notre ancienne heure, c'est-a-dire de 13 heures a 15 heures.

Nous esperons vous voir nombreuses chez Pilar le 9 novembre en debut d'apres-midi.

A bientot.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Laurette Verbinski, (858) 453-4699 or Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and movie discussion will start at 7:30 sharp. For information call Laurette or Roswitha.

Next meeting **November 13**

DAY BRIDGE

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

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at various members' homes. We start at 10 a.m. and usually end at about 3 p.m. Everyone brings her/his own lunch. The hostess only provides drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: **November 1 and 15**.

DEVILISH DINERS

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

The Devilish Diners are uniting with People to People and the Museum group on **November 10th**.

We will meet at TGIF at 10:00 AM and carpool to Balboa Park to see an exhibit on The Indians of Panama.

There are two options, one is lunch at the Prado at 11:30 AM and The Museum of Man at 1:00 for a guided tour, by our very own Marianne Burkenroad. Option two is the museum only at 1:00PM.

Reservations are a must. Mary Dashen 858-457-4631.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834.

Environmental Conservation Book Group: This group will meet every two months usually on the **FOURTH THURSDAY** to discuss a book on environmental conservation and related topics. The next meeting will be Thursday, **November 17** (the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving), in the conference room at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Bring lunch at 11:30, discussion starts at 11:45. The book will be *Red Sky at Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment* by James Gustave Speth. If you would like more information, contact Judy Vacquier, 858-459-7834 or jvacq@sbcglobal.net.



EVENING BRIDGE

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

The couples Evening Bridge Interest group meets at 7:30 p.m. 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 **call Barbara**

GARDENING GROUP

Contact Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283 mlhyde@san.rr.com

If you are interested in assuming leadership of the Gardening Interest Group, please contact Mary Lynn Hyde for more information.

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: *Elibet Marshall* (858)459-5246

This group has an age limit; you must have lived 80 years to participate. We meet at Ellen Revelle's home on the first Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to about 2 p.m. to discuss various associated subjects. Pure spring water is provided. You bring your own apple (lunch). Call Elibet for details.

Next meeting **November 7. *growing up is optional.***

Report from the Gracious Aging Group:

Growing old is mandatory;



HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: *Roswitha Enright* (858)459-7375

We meet at 8:30 a.m. 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 **November 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. Please call Dr. Propp for the address.

The La Jolla Renaissance Singers (formerly the UCSD Madrigal Singers) has existed for more than 40 years as an Oceanids activity group. Directed by History and Judaic Studies professor 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 at *wpropp@ucsd.edu* to arrange a visit and/or audition.

MOVEABLE FEAST

Contact: *Liz Fong Wills* (858) 454-6858.

This dining-out group is currently at capacity but we are taking a wait list. For questions, please call Liz.

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: *Shirley Babior* (*Babior@earthlink.net* or (619-542 0536) or *Mary Cutchin* (*marycutchin@hotmail.com* or (858 459-8074)

This new group will meet on the third Sunday of each month. Please call or e-mail the contact persons if you want to join this new interest group. Next meeting call *Shirley*

MUSEUM GROUP

Contact: *Carol Schultz* (858) 453 0458 or *Sally Kroll* (858) 459 1322

The Museum Group is uniting with People to People and the Devilish Diners on **November 10th**.

For more information please see the DEVILISH DINERS ANNOUNCEMENT

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

Contact: *Carole Ziegler*, (619) 297-0798. (*ctieglers@sandiego.edu*)

People to People is uniting with the Devilish Diners and the Museum group on **November 10th**.

For more information please see the DEVILISH DINERS ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: *Molli Wagner* (858)720-1185)

NEXT MEETING ON — **November 3**

Speaker will be **Dr. Arthur Wagner**, founding chair of the Dept. of Theatre and Dance in 1972. More information: **FRONT PAGE**

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. For information call Betty.

WALKING GROUP

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@sbcbglobal.net* or 858 459 7834 for a list of walkers in your neighborhood. Areas: North La Jolla/UCSD, Downtown/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.

Please come and join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students and their children every **Wednesday all through the year from 10 a.m. to 12 noon** for coffee, juice and cookies at the International Center. This is a time for children and adults to make friends, and find out about strange and wonderful American customs. There is also the opportunity to visit the Kitchen Exchange, where newcomers can rent kitchen and household equipment, also baby things for a small fee.

For more information, please call *Emily Stowell*, or *Mary Bailey*.

WINE TASTING GROUP

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. Next meeting **November 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 (approx. \$8.00/person) Please call contact person for information.

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 which analyze all 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 1:30 to 3:30. Next meeting, **November 22**

WITS II

Contact: *Joanne Meredith* (858) 270-5795.

WITS II meets the **4th Wednesday** of the month, **all year long**, at various members' homes. We study companies, using the stock investment guides of NAIC, educating ourselves to have a better financial understanding and competence. Come visit us for a couple of meetings. Next meeting: **November 23**

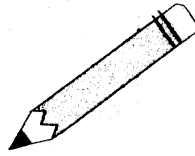
Half WITS

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Unlike the other 2 Oceanids financial groups (Wits I and II), the Half Wits group does not buy stocks as a group. Instead, we only discuss financial topics and investments in an informal way. We cover any financial subject that interests us, ranging from long-term 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. **If you are interested, call Liz (at 858 454-6858)**. *Pat Kampmann* and *Eleanor Suden* are our guides through the financial jungles.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Welcome to our New Members:

Karen Eckhart

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Nan Oselett

Barbara Hougie has rejoined our ranks.

Patricia Granger has become a **LIFE MEMBER**.

Suzuko Tokuyasu has become a

SUSTAINING MEMBER.

For new and prospective members:

Oceanids has a variety of activities for its members. You are welcome to check out the interest groups a couple of times before you have to commit to becoming an Oceanids member. During the year we also have a number of events which Oceanids participate in and/or help with:

October: Fall Brunch
December: Holiday Party
Spring: Museum Bus Trip
Desert Outing/Camping
Spring Luncheon

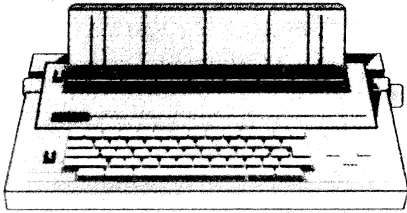
And at various times:

Friday Café
Campus Focus Event - Theatre
.....and many more, for example

....every first Thursday of the month at noon is Sound-ing Board. We have a speaker at the Faculty Club who enlightens us about various important issues, while we eat our lunch.

Every Wednesday there is a coffee, cookie and juice get-together for everyone at the International Center where we welcome new families to the university community.

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Desert, bayous and Saramago's parable.

We've just returned from a trip to the most recently designated National Monument: Grand Staircase-Escalante in South Central Utah. Along one of its main roads, Route 12, you enter an extraordinary landscape made up of colored cliffs, canyons and buttes. Huge formations of slickrocks standing up like giant sentinels in this pristine high desert make you feel at once minute and yet strangely protected and privileged. This vast ensemble inhabited by resounding silence and pure skies proved to be for me a true antidote to the haunting horrors of the Louisiana's tragedy, where too much water in its flood, rot, decay, molds, and chaos were the inherent nightmare.

As I remembered how blame for this catastrophe had been attributed to many, as it should, and had gone all the way back to the initial culprit, the French indeed and in particular to Jean Baptiste Lemoyne, sieur de Bienville who had founded New Orleans in this most unlikely location with water all around coming from the River, the Lake, the Gulf, the skies, I rationalized that after all the French Quarter, le Vieux Carre, had been built on higher ground and had for the most part been spared, but this was not enough to erase the lingering memories of this tragedy. It persisted in the tranquil and apparently secure vistas of Escalante and Boulder when we still encountered the vanished civilization of the Anasazi Indians, whose world had also mysteriously crumbled due to complex reasons of both climatic and societal imbalances.

And then to my mind came back the book, *Blindness*, from the great Portuguese writer Jose Saramago, whom we had read in November 2004 in our Oceanids Book Group. It now appeared to me as prophetic writing in its portrayal of the collapse of an unnamed city whose inhabitants fell ill one after another to a mysterious epidemic of blindness. The ensuing chaos, the unspeakable horrors, the innumerable tragedies unsparingly described by Saramago were of the same nature as those I saw and read about New Orleans. What Saramago wrote, "We're going back to being primitives hordes... with the difference that we are not a few thousand men and women in an immense, unspoiled nature but thousands of millions in an uprooted world", had been exemplified in Louisiana before my very eyes. Even Saramago's style, shocking at first, because of its long, unpunctuated sentences, ample, rambling and yet so precise, where dialogue is undifferentiated from other forms of speech, suddenly made sense: in this unpredictable world, often incomprehensible and uncomprehended, what could be added or subtracted by a comma or a semi-colon, what more meaning could they possibly give to a human situation gone astray?

And when I further thought of the other novel with a similar theme, *The Plague*, by Albert Camus, also a Nobel Prize Winner like Saramago, and evoked its classical style and spare sentences, I could plainly see what a gap there was between Camus's 1945 and Saramago's 1995, indeed half a century in which our hold on reality had seemingly further disintegrated.

And yet Escalante as a place still stood preserved, and books such as *Blindness* were still being written; both are accessible to us, they still exhort us as in the epigraph of Saramago's book,

"If you can see, look
If you can look, observe",
and so they both allow us "to keep on hoping, hoping..."

In conclusion I recommend both the book and the trip. At opposite poles they have in common an uplifting grandeur and an untarnished beauty.

Odette Filloux



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