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Snowy Sight from Oakmont



Snow carpeted the ridges north and east Oakmont in the final weekend of February. Views included this one from west Oakmont. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

Advice to Seniors About Scams: Be Careful

■ Jackie Reinhardt

If attendance at the Feb. 23 Town Hall is any indication, Oakmont residents have a heightened interest in learning about scams and other fraudulent activities perpetuated on seniors. The questions came fast and furious at the Berger Center.

Trying to answer them was John Guaraglia, also a senior, who spent 22 years with the Santa Rosa Police Department and is now part of Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) serving on patrol and community outreach.

"We seniors are targeted because we are part of a trusting generation," Guaraglia told the 50 participants and another 40 who attended via Zoom. "I'm sorry to say everything is a scam until proven otherwise."

"JUST SAY NO"

The easiest scam, according to the retired policeman, involves credit cards when you are called and asked to prove your identity or are asked if you using your card at a certain location. "Just say no," he advised. An audience member added, "Never say yes."

Guaraglia cautioned the audience not to verify anything, emphasizing the clue if it is a scam, is the caller will give you a time limit and may ask you to purchase a gift card. He warned against playing policeman, as one Santa Rosa resident tried to do, by having a scammer pick up a check from his residence—which can be "very dangerous."

"My job is not to make you paranoid but to make you be careful," he added.

Another popular phone scam is from someone claiming to be from law enforcement who tells you there is a warrant for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. Many of these calls originate from Russia, China, North Korea, Portugal and Iran. There is also the Nigerian scam which tells you that you have won money from a contest you haven't entered.

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Map Your Neighborhood, COPE To Join Forces

■ Al Haggerty

In a move to improve the community's ability to respond to emergencies, the OVA Board has unanimously approved a resolution "to unify and leverage" the combined resources and efforts of Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) and Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).

The resolution, adopted at the Board's Feb. 21 meeting, also noted the role of Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC) in successfully contributing to community safety and neighborhood and resident emergency preparedness by organizing information and informational events, drills, radio nets and other activities.

COPE, organized decades ago in the wake of the 1994 Northridge earthquake in Southern California, has successfully operated within Oakmont under the leadership of Sue Hattendorf with support from the Santa Rosa Fire Department and the American Red Cross.

Map Your Neighborhood, a newer development in Oakmont, follows the template developed by Washington State Emergency Management and supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The consolidation of COPE and MYN will be managed by a steering committee of OEPC. The new entity will be renamed in order to prevent a perception of favoritism towards the details of either program. The resolution noted, however, that the "dispersed, neighborhood-level management" of the MYN program is viewed as a "best practice."

Educational materials may be drawn from COPE or MYN resources and those created by recognized disaster planning agencies such as FEMA, the Red Cross and state, county and local emergency management authorities.

The resolution noted that OVA's role in an emergency is limited to protection of OVA staff and facilities, but OVA facilities may be made available for sheltering, staging or other supportive activities.

GRAZING SHEEP

The sheep are returning. The board approved a \$35,000 contract with Two Rock Land Management to provide grazing, care, fencing and labor covering 25 acres for about 25 days with the starting date determined by OVA.

Two Rock Land Management will provide and rotate sheep through targeted grazing areas, and will conduct mechanical removal in areas targeted during a recent walkthrough.

SWIMMING POOLS

The board approved a \$26,833 contract with Clean Pools to replace both pool heaters at the Central

See **BOARD** on page 7

2030 Gets Support from Board Candidates

■ Al Haggerty

The 2030 initiative, designed to envision the future of Oakmont, got rave reviews from those running for the Oakmont Village Association Board of Directors during a Candidates' Night forum Feb. 22.



Members and candidates continue their discussions over the head table at the close of the candidates' forum. (Photo by Marty Thompson)

The six candidates are Mark Randol, who is board president, director Olga Ydrogo, and Ken Smith, Dave Dearden, Matt Oliver and Steve Spillman. The April 3 election by mail ballot will determine who fills four board positions.

Asked if they favored 2030 continuing its work through a two-year term, all the candidates offered positive reviews. One called the effort "astonishing" and said it should continue at least through the next year. Spillman noted its "tremendous progress," adding that it would be unwise to shut it down anytime soon.

Oliver called 2030 "a fabulous approach," adding that he has rarely seen this level of participation in other communities and said it has to continue. Ydrogo said the program is "a good value" and should continue as long as there is progress. Randol called it a worthy enterprise, noting that it has generated 200 ideas from Oakmont residents.

Smith summed up Oakmont's need for participation in programs like 2030 with a new take on a famous quote: "Ask not what your community can do for you, ask what you can do for your community."

See **CANDIDATES** on page 7

OVA Election At-a-Glance

First week of March:

- Homeowners receive ballots by mail. Voting is by mail.

April 3:

- Annual meeting at Berger Center, 10 a.m.
- Ballots opened beginning around 10:05 a.m. Counting by Inspector of Elections, a team from their staff, and a few OVA staff.
- Meeting adjourned after vote tabulation.
- Organizational Board Meeting, 2 p.m.—in person, ZOOM, and streamed online.
- Inspector of Elections presents written report of the voting results.
- Board elects officers.



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Firewise Events Focus On Resilience



■Jackie Ryan

The Firewise Resource Committee is ramping up informational events this spring in an effort to build a framework that will get Oakmonters working together to create a more ignition-resistant community.

“We want homeowners to concentrate on taking actions from the house out, especially in that first five feet around the home,” said Dave Watts, Firewise chairman. “Every action individual homeowners take makes us all more resilient as a community. We have put together three events to cover all the bases and give people ideas and guidance on how to start or continue the work they’ve already done.”

Fireescaping Workshop—April 26: A presentation called “Fireescaping: Landscaping with Wildfires in Mind” will be held April 26, focusing on techniques that integrate traditional landscape functions with a design to reduce the threat of wildfire. “Fireescaping is a new field that uses plants in an intelligent way to offer the best possible defensible space and enhance the property at the same time,” said Watts. In addition to plant selection and safety, the workshop will also cover vegetation modification techniques and plant separation strategies

to create fire safe zones and islands on a property.

Firewise Fair—May 12: The Third Annual Firewise Fair is on May 12 at the Berger, and will include emergency preparedness. The event showcases several vendors and offers an array of information on home hardening and landscaping.

Firewise Home Tour—June 14: The tour “Home Hardening and Landscape Actions” is June 14 and expands upon the number of homes on the circuit. Committee members will be on site to talk about optimal home hardening and landscape features.

“Home hardening and defensible work together to reduce the vulnerability to wildfire,” said Watts. “In fact, experts tell us the two together can reduce risk by as much as 40 percent. We hope this year’s events will make everyone more proactive in doing all they can to harden their homes and properties. As a result, they will benefit and all of Oakmont benefits.”

Oakmont was awarded Firewise USA status in 2018. The designation is renewed annually based on a community’s reported firewise initiatives, plans and actions.

Emergency Responders Share Earthquake Planning Tips

■Crissi Langwell

With the news of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey, plus the Sept. 4.4 temblor centered in Santa Rosa, Oakmont residents got some sound advice about what to do in case the “Big One” strikes.

Santa Rosa Fire Marshal Paul Lowenthal and Brittany Miller, deputy emergency preparedness coordinator, keynote speakers for a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) meeting, reviewed emergency alert systems and gave tips on how to prepare for and respond in case of an earthquake.

Miller and Lowenthal started the presentation with a reminder that Santa Rosa has moved all alerts from Nixle to Civic Ready. Information on how to sign up is at www.srcity.org/CivicReady.

“We’re in the window to have a 7.0 or higher earthquake on the (Rodgers Creek) fault line,” Miller said. In the case of an earthquake, she said to “drop, cover, and hold on, and to resist any instinct to run out the door.” If you’re driving, pull over away from power lines and wait out the earthquake.

Lowenthal said the 2017 fires benefited Santa Rosa during the September earthquake, as the homes and structures that were rebuilt were built to current standards. However, it’s unlikely that Santa Rosa would experience the kind of destruction Turkey did during February’s earthquakes, since homes in Sonoma country are built to seismic code.

Miller and Lowenthal shared some non-structural ways to prepare homes for an earthquake, which included securing non-mounted TVs with earthquake straps, using tacky putty to secure vases or other items to shelves, securing pictures to the wall with double sided Velcro, and moving heavier items off higher shelves.

Miller also said that while evacuations are necessary for fire emergencies, earthquakes will likely require residents to shelter in place until emergency crews can assess the damage to roads and bridgeways. Because of that, Miller said residents should gather enough supplies to last 72 hours to a week. These supplies include a gallon of water per person and pet per day for drinking and sanitation needs, non-perishable foods, a Bunsen burner to heat up food, batteries, flashlight, and even entertainment items to stave off boredom.

Miller also reminded people who work to consider an emergency kit for their office and include clothes and personal hygiene items, and any other items you would need should you not be able to go home.

A video of the presentation can be viewed at oakmontvillage.com under “Videos.”

Go On An Outing With a Neighbor

■News Staff Report

The members of Seniors in Retirement 92 (SIR) are reaching out to Oakmonters who would like to go on an accompanied outing—a trip to a museum or to lunch or dinner.

“We’ve developed this initiative to help those who may feel isolated or alone,” said Bern Lefson, SIR director. “This gives those who are isolated or alone an opportunity to get out and meet some caring people. It is up to the host (SIR member) to determine if this

excursion is paid for by each party or not. Additional benefits include conversation, new ideas, new people and adventure among others.”

The organization is developing a list of Oakmont residents who would like to be invited for an outing, meal, musical play and more. If you are interested in having a SIR member contact you, contact Elizabeth or Bern Lefson at (707) 828-9299 or blefson@gmail.com.

Star of the Valley Bingo

■Pete Hardy

WHEN: Tuesday, March 21 at 4 p.m.

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OVA Board of Directors: Candidates' Statements

In Random Order



DAVID DEARDEN

My name is David Dearden. I am self-nominating for a position as an OVA Board Director during the 2023 election.

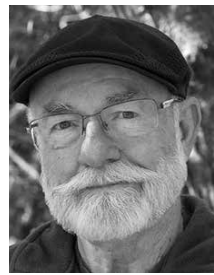
My wife, Katherine Ferar, and I have lived in Oakmont since 2014. Most of my professional life was spent in the Bay Area construction industry where I worked as a carpenter, foreman, superintendent and project manager.

During the past decade, I have had the good fortune to work on a number of OVA committees including: the Architectural Committee, the Landscape Committee, Oakmont Life Long Learning, the Building Construction Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and the Oakmont 2030 Steering Committee.

OVA committee work gives me insights into how Oakmont works, and occasionally doesn't work. As a result, I know the issues Oakmont has faced in the past and I have a good understanding of the challenges the Board will be addressing in the years to come.

One of the most important tasks for the Board will be supporting OVA General Manager, Christel Antone, as she secures better wildfire evacuation routes, manages increasing OVA property insurance rates, and guides staff in providing improved services for members and visitors.

The best part of Oakmont for me is the people I meet and the friends I make. Participation in committees and clubs has given me lots of chances to meet and work with some of Oakmont's most interesting and active members. I look forward to continuing my involvement with Oakmont, perhaps as a Director and I ask for your support.



KEN SMITH

As an OVA Board member my priorities will be fiduciary responsibility, responsive communication, member safety and well-being, renewable energy, and environmental stewardship.

I am a highly experienced natural leader, creative problem solver, and collaborator with over 1500 volunteer hours committed to improving Oakmont.

After studying previous member surveys and leading a working group in the 2030 process, I know Oakmont respondents needs and wants.

On OVA's behalf, I have met with City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County and California State representatives plus PG&E, Sonoma Clean Power, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Sonnen, Eco-Block, Resilient Palisades, Schneider Electric, CMBlu Energy, Climate Center, and others.

Since 2019 as Chair, I led the Oakmont Energy Resilience Committee (OERC) to these accomplishments:

- Carport Solar Arrays at Recreation Center parking lots—at no cost.
- California Energy Commission (CEC) funded 36-month Mobile Backup Energy Storage project for the Central Complex.
- EC funded PG&E-EPRI Solar Energy Community Resilience project for community microgrid control.
- Enrolled OVA in the PG&E Community Microgrid Enablement Program.
- A \$550,000 grant application to California Office of Emergency Services for concept, planning, design, and resource acquisition for a Community Microgrid.
- Registered OVA with the California Public Utilities Commission for community feedback on utilities and CPUC processes.
- Acquired the Central Complex backup generator in 2020.

Additional Committees: 2030 Project Leader/Facilitator of the Environmental Stewardship Working Group; Building Construction Committee since 2019; Architectural Committee member and AC Firewise Inspector since 2022; Recent Firewise Resource Assessor and Long-Range Planning member.

I served on the Board of Governors of the Aspen Meadows Homeowners Association from 2018 to 2021.

After the 2020 Glass Fire, I organized and worked with neighbors to clear decades of high fire risk vegetation along 150+ yards of Badger Creek which meets Sonoma Ecology Center wildfire guidelines.



MARK RANDOL

I wish to be considered for re-election for the Oakmont Village Association (OVA) Board of Directors.

During the past decade, Oakmont has had to contend with numerous challenges from aging infrastructure to wildfires to the likely development of the Elnoka property adjacent to Oakmont. We are also in the midst of a major project which will address the future of Oakmont in the decade ahead. Though there has been some conflict about these and other issues, the community has always been able to turn to dedicated residents to provide thoughtful and wise governance to meet these challenges. It is within that tradition that I hope to serve on behalf of all.

For the past two years, I have served on the OVA Board of Directors and am currently serving as Board president. In the past, I also served for six years as the president of the Oakmont Sunday Symposium where I have given numerous talks on homeland security, immigration, intelligence, terrorism, and historical topics. For the past ten years, I have served as the emergency communicator for the Aspen Meadows neighborhood under the auspices of the Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Oakmont is my home and I care very deeply about its future. Thank you for your consideration of me to serve you and the entire Oakmont community as a member of the association's Board of Directors.

Oakmont Ukesters



■ Florentia Scott

UKESTERS' NEW BEGINNER TUTORIALS START RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 17

The start of the Oakmont Ukesters' new beginner tutorial sessions has been rescheduled to Friday, March 17, 10–11 a.m., in OVA Suite B.

Ukester tutorials are designed for people who have never played ukulele before and wish to get started on a musical journey that can last a lifetime. In seven weekly one-hour lessons, participants will learn how to hold and tune an ukulele, basic strum patterns and chords, and many easy songs.

No experience or musical knowledge necessary. All you need is an ukulele, a burning desire to play it, a music stand, and a tuner. We guarantee that at the end of the first lesson, you will be able to play at least one simple song.

The Oakmont Ukesters are a group of enthusiastic uke players ranging from brand-new tutorial graduates, to experienced players. Our primary objective is to relax and have fun making music together.

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID, flu, and other pernicious bugs that have been going around, the Oakmont Ukesters still require proof of vaccination. Masks are recommended but no longer required.

The session start was originally scheduled for February 27 but had to be changed.

Interested? For more information or to sign up, please leave a message for me at (707) 591-1929, or email hikingscott@yahoo.com.

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■ Rod Clark

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For information or questions e-mail me at pegnrod@sbcglobal.net.

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OLGA YDROGO

My name is Olga Ydrogo and last year I was appointed as a Board member by the current OVA Board of Directors. I am serving as Board Liaison to the Long-Range Planning, 2030 committees as well as the Building Construction Committee. I would like to continue on the OVA board and serving the Oakmont community.

I've lived in California all my life and in Oakmont for 2 years. I'm an avid reader, love to travel, enjoy photography, music and art. While living in Oakmont, I've met many interesting people and made new friends. I'm delighted that Oakmont is a friendly community with opportunities to learn, remain active and volunteer. The natural beauty, overall neighborhood safety and community clubs are some of the wonderful opportunities of living in Oakmont. I want to help Oakmont continue to be a safe, friendly, active community.

My career in manufacturing and high-tech focused on helping teams successfully collaborate. I led many disparate teams to implement new programs responding to changing demands on a global scale. The new programs were essential to keep engineering, finance, HR, manufacturing, and customer service running smoothly. And those teams had many different points of view which, when worked in a collaborative effort, created strong solutions.

Respecting people and understanding their different perspectives is critical to obtaining positive outcomes. I believe working collaboratively is an effective approach to figuring out best solutions.

Oakmont residents have rich experiences, talents and skills that help our community deal with current and future needs. I believe Oakmont's general manager Christel and her staff, working together with the OVA board and volunteers can both manage and enhance our Oakmont community.

As a team player and candidate for the OVA Board, I ask for your vote.



STEVE SPILLMAN

My extensive career in architecture, planning, budgeting, and development has given me a broad understanding of community needs. This business experience enhanced my volunteer service on Oakmont committees, in civic affairs, and on non-profit boards. I'm dedicated to improving safety, health, and financial security for Oakmont, which is imperative for good Oakmont stewardship.

Oakmont Community Development Committee (OCDC), Chair. Several accomplishments that will benefit Oakmont for the long-run include:

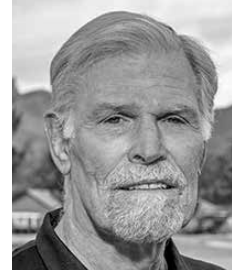
- Worked with on the OVA Board's "Emergency Evacuation Ad Hoc Committee" to promote concerns about Elnoka traffic which evolved into a study to improve future evacuations.
- Worked with the Emergency Evacuation Ad HOC Committee for emergency evacuation routes.
- Worked with the City and County on an Oakmont-Santa Rosa-Sonoma trail.
- Organized a meeting with Oakmont Leadership and City Planners to add safety elements for the Oakmont Community, including the widening of Hwy 12 to Pythian in the City's General Plan for safer evacuations.

Oakmont Long-Range Planning Committee and Oakmont 2030 Committee. As part of Marlena Tremont's 2030 team, I helped envision what Oakmont's future can become.

Prior Civic and Non-Profit Leadership. My past civic leadership roles will help me apply strategic thinking as a member of the OVA Board: Vice Chair, Santa Rosa Board of Community Services; Contributor, Santa Rosa General Plan Update; Chair, City of Mission Viejo Planning/Transportation Commission; Chair, City of Mission Viejo Investment Advisory Commission; Chair, City of Mission Viejo Pension Fund's Board of Trustees Council; Chair, The Urban Land Institute, Marshall Kramer Award.

Education. Purdue University, Everham Scholarship; Kansas State University, Bachelor of Architecture, cum laude; University of Missouri, MBA (investment and finance).

I ask for your vote for the Board.



MATT OLIVER

This is my formal request to be added as a candidate for the Board of Directors. Following is my summary bio representing my qualifications.

I have been in the real estate development and construction business for over 40 years. During those years, I managed hundreds of consultants, vendors and contractors. With those experiences, I established Oliver & Associates over 30 years ago, acting as developer or owners' representative developing and managing properties for new facilities, expansions and relocations, including all aspects of capital improvements and facilities planning and management for commercial, institutional and residential properties; and negotiations and relations with city officials.

Also, I have owned and/or managed development of significant residential projects in San Rafael, Oakland and San Francisco, including historical building redevelopment; and most recently (2021) completing the \$160MM development housing project for the University of San Francisco.

For more information about my past business practices, I recommend viewing my website at www.olivermgmt.com.

For those projects and relations, I focused on bringing sound business judgment to the development, planning, design and engineering, and construction process. And as Owner/Developer, I brought broad and diverse knowledge and experiences.

For my participation with the OVA Board of Directors, I believe my history and earlier experiences can contribute to BOD consideration of matters affecting the OVA community, today and for the future.

Tennis Club

■ Gary Purece



DATES OF FIRST TENNIS TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR

The Oakmont Tennis Club Board set the date for the first social tournament of 2023. The Get Acquainted Mixed Doubles Tournament and Picnic will be on Friday, March 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the West Rec. Tennis Courts (balls are provided by the OTC).

In addition to the tennis, the OTC also announces that the tournament will be followed by a catered picnic lunch at the West Rec. picnic area (BYOB).

This sure-to-be-fun social is free to OTC members. Your spouses/partners are welcome at no charge for this event and are encouraged to join as an OTC social member for future events.

The OTC always welcomes players of all levels. To secure your spot in the Get Acquainted Social Mixed Doubles and Picnic, you must register by Monday, March 27 to [HelloOakmontTennis@gmail.com](mailto>HelloOakmontTennis@gmail.com).

Memberships, both active and social memberships, in the Oakmont Tennis Club are \$20 per person per year.

VOMF

Valley of the Moon Fellowship

■ Robert Larry Hallett

IT'S TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP!

Valley of the Moon Fellowship (VOMF) is a bi-monthly gathering for fellowship, open discussions on items of interest, opportunities for community service, and spiritual reflection and renewal. The group is non-sectarian and is welcoming and inclusive to all.

Please join us on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, from 4-5:30 p.m. We meet at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite B, just around the corner from the OVA office.

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OVA Presents Comedy Night

■Crissi Langwell

On Friday, March 24, Oakmont Village Association presents Comedy Night at the Berger Center. The event will feature three hilarious comedians: Steve Bruner, Derrick Leonard and Sue Alfieri.



Steve Bruner.



Derrick Leonard.



Sue Alfieri.

Steve Bruner has delivered his laser-sharp humor on "Comedy Club Network" (Showtime), "An Evening at the Improv" (A&E), "Into the Night" (ABC), and "The Byron Allen Show" (NBC), to name a few.

Derrick Leonard is a Bay Area native and a past winner of the "Wendy's What's Funny Comedy Competition." He is the creator and host of "Baby Boomers Got Talent" show. His observational dry style of humor has been described as a cross between Bob Newhart and Calvin Coolidge.

Sue Alfieri grew up in a suburb of New York City in a strict Italian-Catholic family. Armed with more than her share of black clothing, meatball recipes, and quick-witted sarcastic responses, during a quarter-life crisis, she moved to San Francisco.

She works all over the Bay Area and has opened for Steve Hytner, Don Friesen and has performed at SF Punchline and Cobbs comedy club.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. show. \$20 tickets will be sold in advance at the OVA office. No reserved table seating.

Oakmont Sunday Symposium



10:30 a.m. Now live in Berger (not zooming)
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■Harriet Palk

Coffee and tea, pastries and fruit will be available for sale in Berger from 9:45-10:15 a.m. before the presentation begins.

MARCH 12: KY BOYD ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS REVIEW

Ky's review is one of the Symposium's interesting and fun events. Ky, a self-professed movieholic who operates the beloved Rialto Cinemas Lakeside, will give us his take on movies and actors nominated for the 2023 Oscars. Bring your own popcorn!

MARCH 19: SARINA PATEL, PHD SHAKE, RATTLE 'N' ROLL! EARTHQUAKES AND OAKMONT!

We've made it through the fires (so far)! But The Big One (earthquake) is still coming. In fact, scientists warn us it's overdue.

Dr. Sarina Patel from the UC Berkeley Seismological Lab will tell us what Oakmont and Santa Rosa can expect when an earthquake comes vibrating through. She'll tell us how to prepare and what to do. You won't want to miss this one!

MARCH 26: KIM BANCROFT PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY'S LEGACY

Kim Bancroft discovered the informative writings of two 19th-century women in her family, the wives of H.H. Bancroft, the founder of The Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. From their stories, Kim penned *Writing Themselves into History: Emily and Matilda Bancroft in Journals and Letters* that reveals the texture of long-ago women's private lives. Kim shares both the social history these women illuminate and her own journey using these archives, setting us on the path for capturing family legacies and memories.

Springtime View in Vineyards



Mustard in bloom brings a bright spring look to vineyards around us. This view was captured by photographer Julie Kiil around Madrone and Arnold Drive in Glen Ellen.

Grief Support Group

■Robert Larry Hallett

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY!

Coping with the loss of a loved one is probably the most difficult challenge we face in life. If you are struggling with grief and loss from a spouse, partner, adult child, sibling, know that you are not alone. Others are trying to cope, as well. Together, we can get through this!

Our group is growing as we continue to provide support to those in need. Please consider joining the weekly Grief Support Group which meets Tuesday mornings from 9-10:15 a.m. at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite B.

This is an open-ended, drop-in group, led by a local hospice bereavement counselor. Come and share with others who are going through similar loss. Find strength in community and hope for the journey!

For more information, please call (310) 415-6133 or email larry.hallett@gmail.com.

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Activities Center. It noted that the heaters, one of which failed, have reached their maximum life expectancy.

Also approved was a contract with Clean Pools to provide service visits twice a week at the Central, East

Rec. and West Rec. pools for \$2,100, or \$700 per pool per month. The resolution noted routine preventative maintenance is designed to avoid the consistent failures which have occurred in recent years.

Feb. 21 OVA Board Meeting At-a-Glance

■ Harriet Palk

CONSENT CALENDAR

Building Construction Committee removed members David Kasten and Richard Harris, both resigned.

Golf Advisory Committee approved the addition of Joanne Fox Phillips.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf Advisory: While not all budgeted goals were achieved in 2022, VOM management is upbeat with the results and remains positive about both operations and opportunities. Acquisition and retention of staff continues to be a challenge. Management feels that it has made progress in recent months.

The lease agreement requires the lessee (VOM) to invest at least \$1 million in capital improvements during the first three years of the agreement which began in September, 2020. VOM, reports it has exceeded that figure. Inflation continued to be a major challenge both in personnel costs and cost of goods sold. Future plans include significant capital investment with improvements in the restaurant, pro shops and on the golf courses.

Recent rains have emphasized the need to prioritize the reroofing of the restaurant and banquet building. Management plans to expand the number of sponsored events open to community and public with emphasis on entertainment events and tournaments. Management needs to be more proactive in community communication concerning walking and pets on the courses.

Volunteer Resource: Committee was planning an open house March 1 to explain Oakmont's culture of volunteerism and to present the opportunities that exist. It will work with clubs who are in need of help. A Volunteer Week is being planned.

Architectural: 1,214 applications were submitted in 2022. So far this year, 146 applications have been received, 16 for solar. Home inspections continue for

fire safety. Some remediation has been completed, some pending.

Announcement of 2023-2024 Board of Directors Candidates: There are six candidates for the four open seats: David Dearden, Olga Ydrogo, Steve Spillman, Mark Randol, Ken Smith and Matt Oliver.

Sheep Grazing Contract: Approved not-to-exceed \$35,000 for 2023.

Pool Vender: Approved enlisting a pool professional for routine maintenance for \$2,100 per month for pool services at each of the OVA pools.

CAC Pool Heater Replacement: Approved not-to-exceed project funding of \$30,000.

Welcome Committee Charter: Approved the charter as submitted.

Oakmont Environmental Sustainability Committee (OESC): The Oakmont Energy Resilience Committee charter is hereby revoked, effective immediately. Chartering and staffing the OESC will be a priority item of business of the OVA BOD following the 2023 election.

Consolidating Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) and Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE): Activities of both will be consolidated. The consolidated effort will be managed by a sub-committee of the Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC).

Oakmont 2030: Endorsed the path forward for Oakmont 2030 to identify and assess opportunities and continue community engagement.

Funds Transfer: OVA has a 2023 operating budget shortfall of \$340,000 due to unanticipated increases in insurance costs. The reversal of the July CIF contribution would at this time reduce the shortfall to \$190,000. A decision on how to provide for the remainder will be made when the 2024 budget is prepared. The July transfer of \$149,900 will be reversed, with the funds moved from the CIF to the operating account.

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The forum was moderated by outgoing board director Heidi Klyn before a near-capacity Berger Center audience. It also was live-streamed and recorded for future on-line viewing. The questions were submitted by Oakmont residents. Participants heard them first during the forum. Klyn, who served two two-years terms, could not run for reelection.

TOP PRIORITIES

Asked about their number one priority as a board member, association General Manager Christel Antone received enthusiastic backing, followed by emphasis on fiduciary responsibility and volunteerism. Randol called for discrete spending, adding that at times the board has to say "No." Spillman called Antone a "tremendous asset," a comment echoed throughout the evening.

Oliver said the next board will face "very critical budget issues" and emphasized the importance of adequate reserves in OVA's budget. Ydrogo said improvements should not be "overly costly."

A proposal by one questioner to submit, for example, any \$1 million capital improvement project to a rank choice vote of OVA members, received a cool reception from the candidates.

Dearden, Spillman, Smith and Randol emphasized the importance of electing competent, trustworthy boards, noting that Oakmont has a representative government. "Elect good people to the board," Randol said. Ydrogo said that while it is important to get the opinions of the community, she is "neutral" on the issue.

The issue of annual dues increases brought no promises, but only pledges to contain expenses as much as possible in an inflationary period. Smith noted the "inevitability of rising costs." Randol said dues may have to increase, but reiterated his caution that some projects may be denied. Spillman said he's "doubtful" that costs can be cut enough to prevent dues increases in view of 9-10% inflation.

OPEN LAND

Asked about ideas for developing remaining open land in Oakmont, the candidates were non-committal. Opinions ranged from Ydrogo's position to continue to preserve Oakmont's "beauty and open space" to Randol's call for more pickleball courts to accommodate the fast-growing support.

Dearden and Smith said they don't want Oakmont to become a developer. Spillman raised the possibility of building 800-square-foot condos for those residents who wish to move into a smaller home. Oliver said that while Oakmont may have to build something, commercial development is a non-starter.

A discussion of OVA responsibilities versus those projects outside the scope of OVA made it clear that the next board, whatever its makeup, will focus on working within OVA boundaries. While Randol said "there are things we cannot do—we're not a city," Ydrogo said the board should not venture outside Oakmont.

Oliver noted the one caveat regarding OVA's sphere of influence. That is its contacts with Burbank Housing and the development of its recently purchased Elnoka property.



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Help with Your Gardening

This is one of a series of articles provided by the Oakmont Technology Learning Center on the use of technology by seniors.

■Shirley Phillips

As a lifelong organic gardener from Illinois, it's fortunate to be living in Oakmont, which is in Plant Hardiness Zone 9. This means we can garden year-round. Even better, there are an abundance of online resources to assist us.

Before you go to a nursery or grab your garden gloves, check with the OVA. There are guidelines on what can and cannot be planted. Either visit the Architectural Office or go to oakmontvillage.com and search on "Do Not Plant List" to find valuable links to assist with Firewise planting. Now on to other websites especially suited for Oakmont gardeners:

Sonoma County Master Gardeners (sonomamg.ucanr.edu): This is a goldmine of information for ALL gardening in Sonoma County with science-based research provided by University of California. In-depth topics include: Food Gardening, (what to plant when, best varieties), Plant Articles, Monthly Garden Tips, Soils and Composting, Waterwise Gardening, etc. If one has to choose only one online resource, SCMG would be it!

University of California Integrated Pest Management (ipm.ucanr.edu): Clicking on the photo that says "Home, garden, turf, and landscape pests" will give great information about garden pests, how to recognize, alternatives to pesticides, and more.

University of California, The California Backyard (homeorchard.ucanr.edu): This has everything you'd ever want to know about growing and caring for fruit trees.

CalScape (calscape.org): This is the California Native Plant Society. Enter your ZIP code and see the recommended native plants for your area. Click on an individual plant for a complete overview.

Sanhedrin Nursery Blog (SanhedrinNursery.com): Although written for Zone 8 in the Willits area, the month by month garden blog has lots of useful information written by Jenny Watts, a California Certified Nursery Professional.

Sonoma Ecology Center (SonomaEcologyCenter.org): This organization is working to keep "a better quality of life" for all residents.

Local Nurseries have helpful websites, with most having online catalogs, plant finders, good descriptions of plants, and more. Some of these nurseries include: California Flora Nursery (Fulton), Urban Tree Farm (Fulton), Harmony Farm Supply (Sebastopol), Prickett's Nursery (near Oakmont and in Healdsburg), Swede's Feeds (Kenwood), Emerisa Gardens (Santa Rosa), and Annies Annuals (Richmond).

Contributing to this article were: Stephanie Wrightson, Carolyn Greene, Vicki Chase and Jenny Watts. To get an electronic copy of this article and clickable links to the listed local nursery websites, visit oakmont-learning.org under Tech Articles.



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2030 Progress Report Due

■Marlena Cannon and Tom Kendrick,
Oakmont 2030 Co-Chairs

A status report on Oakmont 2030 will be delivered Wednesday, March 15 at 1 p.m. in the Berger Center.

Residents are encouraged to attend to learn about how the themes that came out of the Community Conversations this past summer generated over 200 ideas by Working Groups. Those ideas have been categorized and prioritized by criteria developed by residents.

Thirty-one ideas (15 long term and 16 short term) have risen to become the first round and a current focus for further study. There will be future rounds of studying ideas.

Following a 2030 briefing to the OVA Board in February, additional guidelines were identified to ensure that ideas appropriately fall under the board's jurisdiction. As an example, a top priority idea to widen Route 12 for evacuation, is endorsed by the OVA board, but the issue falls under the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Rosa and Cal Trans. OVA can take a role to voice it as a request, work to influence and monitor progress.

This month's meeting will introduce the 31 ideas that are currently the focus and will discuss the process used to establish these idea as first round for review and study. It will also look at the OVA Board's guidelines and some early successes. While some of the ideas/concepts will need a little more exploration, others will require substantial exploration, involving volunteers, and possibly consultants, as well as possible future community conversations, surveys, and other activities throughout 2023.

Many of the long-term ideas affect infrastructure and for these additional research efforts are needed to better understand and evaluate. The results of the research will guide the next steps which may ultimately lead to proposals to the OVA Board for future action, or creation of alternative concepts for consideration, or recognition that there is insufficient merit for further attention.

A Summary Report of Oakmont 2030 activities and an Excel sheet listing all of the proposals that emerged from this Fall's Working Groups will be available on the OakmontVillage.com/2030 website prior to the March 15 Town Hall.



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When making purchases online, Guaraglia urged buyers to look at a business' return policy and if they have an actual business address. He also advised changing passwords every few months and using at least 10 digits.

"If you receive an email from a friend asking for help, ask yourself how close a friend are they and why aren't they contacting a relative instead?" In response to a question, he suggested deleting an email is better than marking it as spam.

Another scam Guaraglia described is when you are selling something online. The example he gave involved a vacation rental when you are sent the deposit by check overnight, which you deposit. Then the buyer cancels and asks you to refund his payment but the check is no good. The scammer may even suggest you keep part of the payment for the inconvenience.

He also cautioned about construction people in your neighborhood who say they are working down the street and noticed your roof or gutter needs repair and they can fix it cheaply. Only work with contractors who are licensed, bonded and insured, he advised.

Asked about credit card readers at gas stations, the retired officer said it is better to go inside and pay. "Most of us don't," he acknowledged, noting he always looks to see if there is tape applied on the slots which makes it more difficult for scammers to access.

Oakmont Singles



■Deb Ponts

Are you single? New to Oakmont? Join our club to mix and mingle with other singles. Our club offers the opportunity to network with other singles that may have your same interests. Develop new friendships, enjoy meals out with Bon Appetit or reserve a seat at a singles table for Oakmont events.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Board election night is Friday, March 17 as part of our March mixer. If you are unable to attend the March mixer, there will be a ballot box at the OVA office through March 16.

Blank ballots will be in the Singles folder for your convenience or you can print the ballot that Alan sent to Single members. Ballots will also be available at the mixer. You need to be a Singles' member to vote.

MARCH MIXER

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IRISH GAMES AND BOARD ELECTION

WHEN: Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

Everyone's a little Irish on St Patrick's Day! Wear some green, put a lit in your laughter and a twinkle in your eye. Prepare to socialize and play Irish themed board games. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (corn beef and cabbage? Irish potatoes?), your beverage of choice, entry key card and proof of Covid vaccine for new members. RSVP to Diane, dianeshnik@comcast.net.

APRIL BON APPETIT

WHEN: Thursday, April 6, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Kina's Kitchen, 19101 Highway 12

This is a fun restaurant with an eclectic menu and a full bar. Choose from burgers, salads, ribs, fish and some Mexican dishes—great margaritas!

We'll be sitting inside, limited to 24 guests, bring cash for your check. Reservation cut-off April 3, RSVP to Marilyn at marilyn_mckeever@hotmail.com.

For membership and name badge information, see the last issue of *The Oakmont News*.

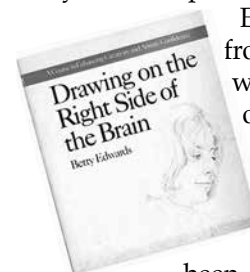
Oakmont Art Association

■Philip Wilkinson

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Another student in the current class said the following: "It has been a delight to take Gail's 8-week class. She is an experienced teacher who has kept our class engaged with new and exciting challenges each week. Gail expertly manages to give each student individual guidance during class. I've learned a great deal about drawing and her classes are giving me the inspiration to continue practicing. If you have secured a place in her upcoming class, you are in for a treat."

Class size is limited to just 12 people and meets in the Art Room of the Central Activities Center on eight consecutive Sunday afternoons, 1:30–3 p.m. A simple materials list will be provided once you're registered.

DATES: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

COST: \$200. Class fills fast—sign up now!

REGISTRATION: To register for the class, contact Dan Fishman at dfishman@pacbell.net

GAIL'S WEBSITE: www.seethegood.net



Movies At Oakmont

WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

HOSTS: Al and Carol Haggerty, Mike McInnis, Jeff Neuman and Deborah Davidson.

NOTE: All films are shown with English subtitles, when possible, free of charge—compliments of OVA.



**MARCH 12 AT 2 PM
GLASS ONION**

Famed Southern detective Benoit Blanc travels to Greece for his latest case. 2022, PG-13, 2:19.



**MARCH 12 AT 7 PM
TOP GUN: MAVERICK**

Maverick is still pushing the envelope, but must confront the past when he leads a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it. 2022, PG-13, 2:10.



**MARCH 19 AT 2 PM
FREEDOM WRITERS**

A young teacher inspires her at-risk students to learn tolerance, apply themselves and pursue education beyond high school. 2007, PG-13, 2:03.



**MARCH 26 AT 2 AND 7 PM
TILL**

Emmett Till is murdered in a brutal 1955 lynching. His mother vows to expose the racism behind the attack and work to have those involved brought to justice. 2022, PG-13, 2:14.



Lifelong Learning

■ Marlena Tremont

SPRING CLASS PREVIEW

Wednesday, March 22

Food and music begin at 2:30 p.m.,
program starts at 3

Come to meet the instructors, hear about the classes and learn about something new.

Never miss a class again! All classes are available in-person or by Zoom and are recorded for class members who have paid. Open an account online when you register.

ANTISEMITISM: THE DYNAMICS AND HISTORY OF THE LONGEST HATRED

Mondays, April 10–May 15, 3–5 p.m.

Berger Center. Cost: \$95

One of Lifelong Learning's most popular classes, Rev. Bruce Bramlett takes students on a 2400-year journey that shows how the hatred of Jews provides a powerful cultural mirror that former students say will "bowl you over."



CALIFORNIA LITERATURE: ECHOES OF MANIFEST DESTINY



Wednesdays,
April 12–May 17, 3–5 p.m.,
Berger Center. Cost: \$95

California literature, like the state itself, is extraordinary and bold.

Oakmont writer, Ida Rae Egli takes students on a literary tour that showcases the famous California writers.

SICILY—THE KEY TO EVERYTHING

Thursdays, April 13–May 18, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center. Cost: \$95



Dr. Douglas Kenning helps students discover Sicily from its mythic roots through its' peak as the wealthiest part of the ancient Greek world that taught civilization to the Romans and later helped to ignite the Renaissance.

MARINE ECOLOGY

Wednesdays, May 24–June 7, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center. Cost: \$50

Marine biologist Isabelle Neylan explores diverse habitats like coral reefs and kelp forests and the marine organisms that live there. Understand the impact of humans and some possible paths to mitigating or addressing those challenges.



Three ways to sign up for concerts: 1. Register online at OakmontLL.org; 2. Fill out the form at the OVA office and put it in the OLL folder; 3. Pay at the door. Make checks payable to Oakmont Lifelong Learning.

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■Mary Blake

COMING EVENTS

The next Tournament is the St. Patrick's Day Tournament on Friday, March 17.

Sign up by March 15 online or on the sign-up sheet on the shed. For the tournament, bring \$3, show up at 12:15 p.m. to bowl at 12:30, and feel free to supplement the usual whites with various shades of green.



From the 2022 St Patrick's Day Tournament. (Photo by Mary Blake)

PRESIDENTS DAY TOURNAMENT

Twenty-five bowlers showed up to bowl for our first tournament of 2023. With Cynthia playing back-up for Eva, that gave us 8 teams on 4 rinks. Winners were:

First place: Greg Goodwin (skip), Irene Y'Anson (second), Liliane Rains (lead).

Second place: Mark Johnston (skip), Bonnie Johnston (second), Michelle Macintosh (lead).

Third place: Steve Pickell (skip), Linda Rubio (second), George Hasa (lead).

Fourth place: Jerry Garland (skip), Mary Blake (second), Ann Miller (lead).

Though it snowed just a couple of days later, we had sunshine and warmth for our opening tournament.



First place skip Greg Goodwin. (Photo by Mary Blake)



Second place skip Mark Johnston. (Photo by Mary Blake)

TIP OF THE DAY:

HOW TO SIGNAL THE SCORE

I'm out of order yet again. This is Tip #16.

You can verbalize the reply but, considering the average age here in Oakmont, that can take significant shouting. Instead, face the bowler and use large clear gestures so your hand signals are clear.

If your team is ahead, pat your shoulder the number of points you're ahead. If your team is behind, pat your thigh the number of points you're behind.

If you're not sure, pat however many points are clear followed by the "it's a measure" signal. To show it's a measure, bring your hands together in front of you and then spread them apart.

A chart of these signals is on the bulletin board by the Bowls Room and on the back page of the 2023 Green Book.

Signal the score when each end is complete. Make sure your skip sees the score and that both seconds are signaling so it's clear they're in agreement. During the end, signal the score (1) when your bowler asks for the score by pointing thumb up then down or (2) if you feel that the score isn't obvious and might affect the bowler's decision.

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Playreaders



■D. Hall

OPEN INVITATION TO PLAYREADERS

Heard about Oakmont Playreaders? The longest-running of Oakmont's clubs and perhaps the most fun of all is Playreaders. But it may not be what you imagined. Playreaders, apart from, say, a book club is the excitement of performance art played out for a faithful audience every week at the Central Activities Center.

It starts when one of the Playreaders selects a play (usually, a modern comedy) and the members who will perform it. They get at least two weeks to read the script and develop their character interpretations before performance. If being a reader isn't of interest, the audiences who regularly watch can vouch for the good time had by all.

The club's repertoire is full of award-winning plays. We've just completed Leonard Gershe's *Butterflies Are Free*, and will present Yasmina Reza's *Art* on March 13. Sandy White produces this play which turns the art world on its head. It features Jim Preston, D. Hall, and Ron White.

Consider this your invitation to join us Mondays at 2 p.m. in Room B of the CAC. We'll try to make it the best hour of your day



The Love List by Norm Foster, produced by Jeff Sheff, and read by Jim Preston, John Dolan, Ron White and Marcel Coder, a fantasy on finding the perfect woman for a middle-aged man. New readers and listeners are always welcome to our group.

Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Beverly Singer

A SECOND SHRED-A-THON

Many Oakmonters were disappointed on January 27 when their important papers didn't get shredded due to a complication with an almost full shredding machine. Because of that mishap, the Kiwanis Club decided to move the date of a second Shred-A-Thon forward in the year to May 18, 9 a.m.-noon at the Berger Center parking lot.

Kiwanis and OVA ask people to remember to only shred important papers you don't want others to see. Please be really careful not to include plastic, metal or cardboard materials. As we found out, these items can give the shredding machine indigestion. Kiwanis members have decided to not include paper bags which take up space in the shredding machine.

The Kiwanis Club is also announcing another eagerly awaited event. Mark your calendar for the annual "Carnitas and Margueritas" dinner event on Saturday, August 19 at the Berger Center.

YWCA Chief Executive Officer, Madeleine Keegan O'Connell, was a recent guest speaker at a breakfast meeting. The Sonoma County YMCA works toward eliminating domestic violence in Sonoma County.



President, Ann Isaacs, presents award and donation to Madeleine Keegan O'Connell.

In Oakmont we should always be on the lookout for senior abuse and outside of Oakmont abuse of adults and children. If you know of instances of abuse, contact the YWCA at (707) 546-1234. The YWCA offers a refuge at their safe house. They have a therapeutic preschool and a 24-hour crisis hotline.

The Kiwanis Club made a large donation to the YWCA thanks to money we earn from you for supporting our events.

Do we sound like a service club you might like to join? Kiwanis members hope so. We need new members. Contact Ann Isaacs, (707) 261-7270 or annisaacs1@att.net.

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Quilting Bee

■Elizabeth McDonnell

DEMONSTRATIONS, SPEAKER AND SHARING

The Bee members at our February meeting discussed possible technique sharing demonstrations. Cherie Gooler offered to demonstrate a self-binding placemat that has the back fabric coming over to the front creating a 1" or 2" border, no binding. She could do a demonstration and/or Saturday workshop. Tomi Speed will demonstrate thread painting. We'll schedule those in the near future.

The latest Telephone Quilt Challenge is underway with seven members participating. There is room for a few more. The 2023 Challenge theme is "How Does Your Garden Grow." The deadline to finish and show those quilts will be December 18.

We had a new member join our ranks. We look forward to getting to know Ethel Steinberger.

Pam McVey announced there were quite a few quilts on display at the recent Citrus Fair in Cloverdale. She read a list of winners and many of us recognized local quilters from the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild.

Joan Chalk showed us two doll quilts she made which will be donated to the Welfare League for their backpack program for children. Celeste White's New Year's resolution was to make quilted and embroidered table toppers or small wall hangings between January and June, one for each month to be completed by the 28th of each month. She showed us two of her creations.

Nancy Murray showed a beautiful quilt she made from her scraps called Byzantine Lozenges. The pattern is from a book her son gave her entitled *Quilts in Ireland* by Kaffe Fassett. Kat's daughter wanted an apron to wear while she is sculpting. Kat made a very cute but practical apron out of pieces of denim scraps.

There is always interest in Helen Anderson's latest



Nancy Murray shows her quilt.

appliqué project. She is currently making baskets with flowers and showed the one she brought with her. She answered questions and discussed her process.

Cherie Gooler had her Furoshiki bag with her. Cherie had demonstrated making these bags at a previous meeting. Cherie said the word "furoshiki" means wrap and it was typically used to take bathing supplies to the bath house.



Helen Anderson's applique project.

The Quilting Bee meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Arts and Crafts room from 1-4 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to machine and hand sew our own projects. For further information please call at (707) 538-2523.

Jewish Interest Group



■Peggy Dombeck

TEHRAN CHILDREN: A HOLOCAUST REFUGEE ODYSSEY

About 250,000 Polish Jews survived World War II by deportation, evacuation, or flight to forced labor camps in Siberia and Arkhangelsk, in Northwestern Russia. They are about 80% of the Polish Jews who survived the war. Mikhal Dekel's book, *Tehran Children: A Holocaust Refugee Odyssey*, tells the story of one of those Jews, her father, and his family, who endured severe hunger, bitter cold, and disease. Most of us know little to nothing of the epic story of these survivors.

Eventually, the Soviets released these people from the labor camps and they were able to make their way to Uzbekistan. The story continues from there in spellbinding fashion to Iran and then to Israel and freedom at last.



Mikhal Dekel.

The Guardian writes: "What makes Dekel's study so valuable is not just its assiduous detailing family's fate during the second world war, but how it also makes us reflect on our current era, with its mass migrations of desperate people fleeing conflict and hardship only to meet inflamed nativism and the desire to shift responsibility for their fate from one country on to the next."

On March 19, Mikhal Dekel will be speaking to the Jewish Interest Group from New York about this incredible story. We encourage everyone to read this book and come with questions for Ms. Dekel. This will take place in the East Rec. Center at 2 p.m. Everyone in Oakmont is invited to attend.

OakMUG



Oakmont Macintosh Users Group

■Peggy Clark

INTERNET SAFETY IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD

Colin Hannigan will join OakMUG's next meeting to talk about tips for protecting yourself online. This meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in the East Rec. Center.

It is estimated that over 3.4 billion phishing emails are sent every day, according to Valimail's Fraud Landscape report for 2019, and the number is only going up. Attend this meeting to learn about tools you can use to keep your passwords secure, provide better privacy, and suggested steps for anyone who has been hacked.

Not a member of OakMUG? No problem, you may join at the door. Membership is \$10 per person per year. Please arrive early to get a good seat.

If you have any questions please email us at: oakmontmacusersgroup@gmail.com.



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Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

What Members Say

Oakmont Health Initiative has found a leader for Friday classes. It took a while. A person was needed who would complement JoRene, who knew what older bodies needed, and who would push but not too much.

OHI again offers three exercise sessions a week under the unique styles of JoRene and Nicole. Three regular exercisers weigh in on what it's like to have a second teacher.

Sue appreciates how "carefully Nicole demonstrates correct body postures so exercisers don't injure muscles or joints." She describes Nicole: "With a wag of her finger, Nicole says, 'not like this,' then demonstrates the wrong way. She follows with, 'this,' all the while, checking to see who takes her advice." Sue says Nicole is "a very careful leader."



Sue.

Kathy gives a shout out for in-person classes, says, "During covid I found myself distracted during Zoom classes." Like Sue, she loves Nicole's style. "I like when she gets on the floor with us and keeps us moving, keeps us working hard! When she says '20 more' after we've already done a lot my muscles burn a good burn. She focuses on form when we're doing weights and makes sure we're doing it correctly."



Kathy and Colleen.

Colleen says, "The way I exercise with Nicole reminds me of how I used to push myself when I was younger. I've gotten soft since moving to Oakmont and don't feel I should use my environment or being older as an excuse to be less fit." She explains that the two instructors complement one another

nicely and that she benefits from each one.

All three exercisers agree: OHI teachers care and motivate; both provide "extraordinary benefit."

Meeting ID: 899 2381 0968, Passcode: 911197.



Lifelong Learning



■Marlena Tremont

AMAZING MUSIC LINE-UP!



GEMELAN SEKAR JAYA CONCERT

March 11, 3 p.m., Berger Center, \$25,
Theater seating

A unique opportunity to learn about and experience a new type of music. This 20-member ensemble of dancers and musicians tell the history and culture of Indonesia, inviting the audience members to participate.

Gemelan Sekar Jaya is the premiere, award-winning, gamelan orchestra outside of Indonesia. An ensemble member has Oakmont parents.

FOLK LEGACY TRIO

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., Berger Center, \$25,
Theater seating

Back by popular demand, former Kingston Trio



singers George Grove and Rick Dougherty team up with Jerry Siggins to perform an evening of songs from the great Folk Era of the '50s through the mid-'70s.

MORE JOY

Friday, May 19, 7 p.m., Berger Center, \$25,
Theater seating

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Three ways to sign up for concerts: 1. Register online at OakmontLL.org; 2. Fill out the form at the OVA office and put it in the OLL folder; 3. Pay at the door. Make checks payable to Oakmont Lifelong Learning.

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Oakmont Democratic Club



■Thomas Amato

NATIONAL LEADER DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AT OAKMONT

Thursday, March 23, the Oakmont Democrat Club is excited to welcome inspiring young national political leader, Lala Wu at East Rec. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a social followed by the program at 7 p.m. Lala will give a brief overview of what Sister District does, its impact, and ongoing plans for defending democracy in our country.

States are the laboratories of democracy, where the rubber hits the road on every issue: voting rights, reproductive justice, climate change, and more. After the Supreme Court overturned Roe in 2022, voters and activists are waking up to the generally less understood, but incredible power of state legislatures.



Lala Wu, Sister District Founder.

Founded 2016, Sister District's builds sustained progressive power in state legislatures across the country by filling critical gaps at every point in the political life cycle. Sister District "sisters" people like us from deep blue districts with carefully targeted races in swing districts, where changing the state legislature will advance progressive policy. State-level candidates are often badly under-resourced, and elections can be decided by a few hundred votes or less. Sister District welcomes volunteers and candidates of all genders.

Lala will explain how Sister District's programs, including their more than 70,000 volunteers, their research, national partnerships, and strategic support initiatives have had major impact in just 6 years—and the foundation they're building for enduring progress. Lala developed strategic partnerships with national organizations such as the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, EMILY's List, Human Rights Campaign, Vote Save America, and more. Find out why there are no off years in elections, and how we can have impact!

Sister District has grown to over 70,000 volunteers across the country. Their volunteers have raised over \$5.7 million in small-dollar donations directly to candidates, and reached out to over 4 million voters via phones, doors, postcards, and texts.

For many, the 2016 presidential election was a wake-up call. For Wu, a practicing lawyer at the time, it inspired a complete career turnaround. "The next morning, I committed to making civic engagement a major part of my life and looked for a volunteer opportunity to sink my teeth into," said Wu. "I had no idea it was the first step in creating a national movement that is now staffed with 16 full time employees supported by thousands of dedicated volunteers." Wu majored in urban studies at Barnard, with a concentration in political science, and minored in economics. After graduating from Berkeley Law in 2011, Lala clerked for federal judges in the Northern District of California and the District of Massachusetts. She turned her lifelong appreciation for the outdoors into a career in environmental law, helping clients navigate the legal channels for clean-energy projects.

Lala serves on the Boards of the AAPI Victory Alliance, Emerging Voters, and TogetherSF, and the Advisory Board of Asian American Women's Political Initiative.

The March 23 meeting will be hybrid and a zoom link will be available on the Oakmont Democrats (oakmontdemclub.com) website. All Oakmonters and their guests are welcome.

Pickleball Corner



■Doc Savarese

PADDLE UP

Is this the time of year when a new paddle for your loved one or yourself is on your list? Does it really matter what paddle you select? I know, you might often hear that it is the Indian, not the arrow.

The fact is that the most important piece to a successful game of pickleball is the paddle. The paddle you play with has a huge impact on your game. The difference between paddles can be due to price, weight, material, shape, core, grip, and skill level.

Pickleball paddle prices can range from about \$20-\$250 (currently). There are a variety of factors that affect cost such as the material of the surface and the core. While budget concerns are legitimate, higher quality paddles are likely to have a more textured surface (best for spin), higher quality core, better vibration dampening, more power/control, and better maneuverability.



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

Paddle shape can vary from standard to elongated, but all paddles must adhere to the maximum surface area of 24". You will likely experience more control with a standard panel (16" x 8") because you will be hitting the ball closer to your hand. Elongated paddles offer more power, reach, and allows for two-handed backhands.

Paddle weight is a personal preference, typically ranging from 7-8.5 ounces. Lite-weight paddles are more maneuverable and offer better control while heavier paddles will give you more power. You should be able to determine your preference by holding the paddle. Experts agree that one of the best ways to know if a paddle is right for you is holding it. Even better, demo the pickleball paddle to determine the best fit.

Personality characteristics are also a determinate in choosing a paddle. If you are a Type A Personality who plays aggressively and likes to attack the ball, then thinner polymer core paddles (10-12 mm) with a fiberglass surface and a grip length of over 5" would be best. If you prefer control over power, then a thicker poly core paddle (15-19 mm) with a graphite/carbon fiber surface would be best. If you want a balance between power and control, choose a middle core thickness (14-15 mm).

The Oakmont Pickleball Club has purchased numerous popular pickleball brands which are offered as demos for club members. Contact me at docsavarese@gmail.com or (707) 349-9065, in order to check out a demo paddle and get friendly advice. Upon selecting a paddle, you'll also get up to a 35% discount on some brands.

New Player Orientation: Arrangements can be made by contacting Nancy Lande at 978-2998 to schedule a session at the East Rec. Demo loaner paddles are available by contacting me at (707) 349-9065. If you know of someone in need of a card to cheer them up or for condolences, please contact Helen Selenati at (707) 595-3413.



Oakmont Progressives

■Thomas Amato

CLIMATE: WILL CALIFORNIA LEAD THE WORLD?

California has the tools and the know-how to remove more climate pollution than we emit by 2030. As goes California, so goes the nation—and hopefully the world.

Woody Hastings, Program Manager at The Climate Center, will share the center's crucial work in this effort and how we can help at the hybrid meeting of the Oakmont Progressives Club at the East Rec. on Monday, March 13, 7 p.m. All Oakmonters are welcome.



Woody Hastings.

Founded in 2001, The Climate Center is a leader in making climate solutions a reality. It works across California with businesses, local governments, labor unions, environmental justice leaders, and other nonprofits to deliver the equitable climate solutions that will ensure a climate-safe future for all. The center conducts research, drafts policy, mobilizes climate advocates, convenes partners across sectors, and helps state leaders make sense of the latest climate science. Its work helps Californians all over the state turn their concern about the climate crisis into action, building support for climate-friendly policies that will create a thriving, healthy California.

In 2019, to build a powerful coalition, The Climate Center launched the Climate-Safe California Campaign. Endorsed by hundreds of businesses, elected officials, and nonprofits, and more than 1,000 individuals, Climate-Safe California offers climate solutions at the speed and scale that science demands. It's a set of policies that would allow California to both remove significant amounts of pollution from the atmosphere by 2030 while creating thousands of jobs and building a more equitable clean energy economy.

With both the resources and knowledge required, California can make this vision a reality—if our elected leaders act with the urgency the climate crisis demands. California must put policies in place as soon as possible to accelerate equitable climate action, putting us on track to remove more climate pollution than we emit while securing resilient communities for all by 2030. That's how we'll keep our friends and loved ones safe from worsening climate disasters, create millions of family-sustaining jobs, and give everyone the chance to thrive in the clean energy economy.

Woody Hastings has worked for The Climate Center since 2010. He is an energy and environmental policy analyst, strategic planner, and community organizer with over thirty years of experience in the non-profit, governmental, and private sectors.

Woody helped lead the formation of California's second Community Choice Agency (CCA): Sonoma Clean Power (SCP). Since the launch of SCP Woody has been working to expand CCA in other parts of California. He has helped lead several projects funded by the California Energy Commission and the National Renewable Energy Lab.

Woody received his bachelor's degree in environmental studies with an emphasis on sustainability and social justice from San Francisco State University. He is also a Fellow of the Leadership Institute for Just and Resilient Communities.

Please join us for the social at 6:30 p.m., and if you can, bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Visit our website at www.oakmontprogressives.org for more information and the zoom link.

Wii Bowling Oakmont Lanes



■Terry Leuthner

Oakmont Lanes Bowling Club is a Bowling League consisting of four-person teams that utilize Nintendo Wii to simulate the experience of bowling without the weight of a bowling ball. Any resident who has the ability of holding a small remote control in their hand while swinging their arm as if they were rolling a bowling ball is able to join.

Anyone interested in joining our club, either as a team bowler or substitute, please call me at (707) 291-3023 or stop by the East Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 1:30–4:30 p.m., to see us in action. We charge \$25 for a ten-week tournament that includes the play-offs. We bowl every Tuesday of the month except for the fourth Tuesday.

Both 1:30 PM League and 3:15 PM League have 6 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls three games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average. Bowler and team results are recorded each week.

See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information, bowling dates, schedules to bring cookies and to set up/tear down equipment.

Starting our Summer League on April 18, the 1:30 and 3:15 Leagues will merge into one League bowling at 1:30 p.m.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

We have three 10-week Team Championship Tournaments a year where the top three teams from the 1:30 League bowl the top three teams from the 3:15 League to determine the Winter, Summer or Fall League Team Champion. Winning team name is engraved on the Team Champion Trophy.

BOWLING CHALLENGES

We have various bowler challenges during the year where a bowler can win a \$5 gift certificate to Safeway if he/she bowls a strike in a determined frame.

RESULTS AS OF FEB. 14 (WEEK #5 WINTER LEAGUE)

1:30 PM League: first place tie, Pocket Hits and Alley Oops; third place, 4 Tops; fourth place, Wii Four; fifth place, Phantom Strikers; sixth place, Strikers.

Men's High Games: Glenn Hewitt, 226; Terry Leuthner, 226; Don Shelhart, 223; Mike Apicella, 218; Gordon Freedman, 213; Frank Schepergerdes, 212; Juan Fuentes, 200.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 300; Peggy Ensley, 278; Sandy Osheroff, 258; Robin Schudel, 245; Diane Price, 224; Beverly Shelhart, 213; Pat Scott, 202; Karen Palmiotti, 201.

3:15 PM League: first place, High Rollers; second place, King Pins; third place, Strikes & Spares; fourth place, Phantom Team.

Men's High Games: Scott Harris, 230; Frank Schepergerdes, 202.

Women's High Games: Sandy Osheroff, 266; Valerie Hulsey, 226; Nicole Reed, 225.

VALENTINE'S DAY CHALLENGE

Bowler won a \$5 gift certificate for Safeway if he/she bowled a strike in the second and eighth frames of a game. Winners are:

1:30 League: Joanne Abrams, Peggy Ensley, Juan Fuentes, Glenn Hewitt, Shirley Jamison, Sandy Osheroff, Diane Price, Beverly Shelhart.

3:15 League: Scott Harris, Valerie Hulsey, Barbara Koch, Sandy Osheroff, Pat Tighe.

Here's your chance to bowl without the weight of a heavy bowling ball. Come by to see us and join in on the fun and camaraderie we all share together.

InvestOAK



■Leonard Grosso

INVESTING IN THE NEW BATTERY TECHNOLOGIES

WHEN: Friday, March 17 from 10–11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Room B, Central Activities Center

The chemical battery was invented by Volta in the 1800s about merely 200 years ago.

The rapid change to use solar and wind power is environmentally positive and less expensive than fossil fueled and nuclear power. This quick switch to renewable energy has made the electrical grid less reliable due to the wide variation in power availability during the day, season and weather vagaries.

Electric utilities need to provide reliable steady power, but are facing challenges in doing so. PG&E has provided unreliable power due to breakdowns in their network caused by storms, fires, flood, planned and unplanned equipment failures. Many of their customers have install their own generation equipment, which includes solar power and backup batteries plus engine generators fueled by fossil fuels. In effect the customers have become self-generators of electric power. In addition, with the proliferation of electric vehicles many self-generators have eliminated the need for the electric utility and gasoline stations. Eventually this may also lead to the minimization of petroleum refineries.

Due to those abrupt changes, utilities have recognized a need to include the use of backup battery systems to provide continuous reliable power. This can only be performed through the use of stored power.

A great deal of exciting research and development is being performed to find power storage devices that will provide reliability and economic operation. If this is not done the electric utility could become as useless as the appendix and extinct as Dodo birds. A discussion of the most promising battery technology will be presented and the firms who are leading the plethora in this new/old industry.

The speaker is a graduate Chemical Engineer with more than a half century of experience in renewable, nuclear, fossil fuels, LNG, "waste to energy" and the electric power industry.

InvestOAK meetings are held on the third Friday of the month. Members can expect an email notice in the days preceding the meeting. For further information or to join the distribution list for meeting notices contact Len.Grosso@Outlook.com.

Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten

LEARN BASIC COUNTRY 2-STEP IN APRIL

WHEN: Wednesdays, April 5, 12 and 19 from 4–5:15 p.m.

WHERE: Lower West Rec. Center

COST: \$10 pp for single class, \$8 pp if two or more classes are purchased at the same time



Country 2-Step is one of the favorite partner dances in Sonoma County especially on Sunday nights at Santa Rosa's Monroe Hall. It is an upbeat and fun partner dance that can be danced to lots of great Country Western music as well as to some Swing music. The basic steps will be taught over the course of the three classes and each class will build on the material taught in the previous session.

At this time, full Covid vaccination plus at least one booster will be required. Face masks will be optional but highly recommended.

Partner dancing has been shown to be good for our muscles, balance, brains and spirit! Please join us for a fun way to get exercise and meet great people.

To register or for any questions, please contact me at twhitten@pacbell.net or (415) 265-7590. Please bring your vaccination card or photo of it to the first class you take.



■Carolita Carr

OH, WHAT A NIGHT

Our February 18 Mardi Gras party is now in the record books. Sold out and so much fun! Oakmont Boomers came through, as usual, with the greatest costumes and dance moves. There was even some time for line dancing. Looking good, guys and gals!

One thing to remember, though. We are back to having fun, so get your reservations in early for all the upcoming dances. The Berger Center only holds so many tables, and we can't manufacture more space. When we hit the reservation limit, that's it. So don't delay, respond as soon as possible when we start taking reservations.

Information and registration for our events can always be found on our website, oakmontboomers.org.

Monday Men's Niners Golf

■Stan Augustine

A WET, BUT WELCOME, START TO THE SEASON

Interested golfers of all skill level are welcomed to join the MMN (Monday Men's Niners). Co-Captains are Tony D'Agosta and Brian Williams, and the Treasurer is Ron Bassolino. Over 45 players are registered (approximately 30 play each week).

To learn more email: tonyandkathy@att.net or brianwilliams25@comcast.com.

Stanford Club of Oakmont



■Wanda Smith

MARCH MEETING TOPIC—EMERGENCY PET PREPAREDNESS

The Stanford Club of Oakmont resumed its events (after hiatus due to COVID-19) at the end of 2022. The Stanford Club of Oakmont is composed of Stanford Alumni, family members, and friends of the University. Club meetings invite members, their guests, and interested individuals.

The 2023 bimonthly meetings were launched with guest speaker Jim Silverman who described his online program of the History of the Sonoma Plaza. The program was created as an interactive web site viewable from a desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or cell phone. It thus allows visitors of the Plaza to view its Plaza history while walking around it.

The Stanford Club guest speaker for March is Julie Atwood. Julie lives in Glen Ellen and is the founder of HALTER, a community emergency preparedness program for a variety of groups including seniors, disabled residents, and their pets. Her "Home & Ranch Readiness Symposium" has been televised in a national documentary.

Julie is the recipient of two FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards at the White House. Her presentation at the March club meeting will be "Animals in Disasters: Personal Preparedness and Community Resources." It will include a description of preparation of pets for an emergency, what to do when you can't evacuate your animals, and contacts for assistance. Julie will also provide Pet Prep Planning Kits to attendees.

The March Club meeting will be on Sunday, March 12 from 4–5:30 p.m., in the Oakmont Central Activities Center (next to the Berger Center). The meeting will be in Room B on the right as you enter the lobby.

If you are interested in attending or joining the club, please contact me at (707) 541-6091.

Oakmont Squares



■Barbara Wooley

SQUARE DANCING 101

What is Square Dancing? Square dancing is a fun and casual social dance consisting of 4 pairs arranged in a square who follow a series of specific, recognized steps announced by a "Caller." No partner is necessary since it is customary to switch partners often to get more dancers on the floor.

What are "Calls?" Calls are named dance moves that are recognized world-wide. Some common calls would be "Do Si Do," "Promenade," "Sashay," and "Grand Square." There are more than 50 calls that are part of a globally recognized list called "Basic" or



Promenade.

"Mainstream," while there are dozens of other, more complicated calls that are referred to as "Plus."

What is a "Caller?" A caller is a person who announces (calls out) dance moves either improvised or in a predetermined sequence. The caller may speak and/or sing their calls. Of course, the calls go hand in hand with the music selected by the caller. Music chosen by callers could include old fashioned reels, classic country, holiday music, and contemporary songs.

Square dancing is a fun way to keep your mind and body active, and to meet new people. Oakmont Squares Club caller, Lawrence Johnstone, uses a "red light-green light" system, alternating dances for beginners with dance tips for the more experienced dancers so that everyone gets to dance at a comfortable and/or challenging level.

Experienced dancers who may be thinking about joining the group are welcome to come dance at the "red light" and/or "green light" levels. A new beginner session will begin in April. Stay tuned for dates.

The Oakmont Squares meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the East Rec. Center. Come dance in a square and make a circle of friends. For information call Jenny at (707) 367-2102.



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■Greg Fauss



THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN A CONVERSATION!

We find ourselves in the middle of the Lenten season, the 40 days preceding Easter. This season includes numerous traditions such as Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course Easter, all of which are celebrated in many different ways.

Perhaps you've long wondered about all that, but never really explored the origins of these holidays nor the Christian faith. Well, now's your chance! Please consider joining us on Alpha!

Alpha is a free forum to listen, learn, ask questions and otherwise explore the Christian faith. The Alpha forum will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on March 15.

If you can't make that date, however, you can still join later.

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others over a free meal, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

Fifteen topics are addressed including "Is There More to Life Than This?," "Who Is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?"

Each meeting begins with a meal, followed by a presentation of the week's topic and an open, safe conversation where all questions are welcome and all opinions are honored. This is not an environment to convince others of your perspective, but rather to listen and explore.

Alpha began in 1991 at an Anglican Church in London and has since been translated into numerous languages and used in nearly every denomination by over 30 million people.

To find out more and register for Alpha, please see our contact information below. On our website you'll find information about various social gatherings, Saturday Prayer at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center, and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the OVA outer office, Suite B.

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Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■Star Power

SIGNS OF SPRING

Just look around at our beautiful Sonoma County, all in bloom with daffodils, brilliant fields of mustard, and lovely camellias. We live in such a wonderful place (unless you have allergies and noticed the Acacia trees are also in bloom).

Speaking of daffodils, some of you may not have heard of Saralee McClelland Kunde. Saralee, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 66, left a lasting legacy for all of us to enjoy. She was known for her vibrant personality and charm and was very involved with the Sonoma County Fair and many, many charities.

Saralee married Richard Kunde of the well-known Kunde wine family. She loved the beauty of our chosen area and planted daffodil varieties all over Sonoma County roads and Highway 101. Since her passing, her avid followers have continued the tradition. Just

look around and say "Hi!" to Saralee and thank her for adding to the beauty of Sonoma County.

Of course, Spring also is the time to eat delicious Pacific Ocean crab, so sweet and succulent. Yes, clubs all over the county are having their annual crab feed fundraisers, including Valley of the Moon Rotary, who just had their Crab Feed on February 25. This was our first Crab Feed in 2 years, thanks to Covid.

The crab (all 500+ lbs. of it) was better than ever. We also had a band which supplied a great vibe to the proceedings. What stood out most, however, was the camaraderie and generosity of those who attended. We are not sure just yet how much was raised but the paddles were flying for live auction items as well as our Fund a Need to provide humanitarian aid to the people of the Ukraine. These funds go directly to the Rotary Club of our sister city in the Ukraine.

Between the live and silent auction items, the raffle and our popular Wine Wall, everyone had a lot of choices as to where to spend their money. This is an early thank-you to our major sponsors, local restaurants, wineries, donors, all those who volunteered and especially to all of you came together to truly make a difference. Thank you all!

VOM Rotary wants to particularly thank Oakmont Gardens for their generous donation as a Presenting Sponsor for the next three years. Be sure to drop in over there and see their big remodel and enjoy a meal at the Bistro. Their Grand Opening will be on Thursday, May 18.

Also, feel free to drop in at one of our Rotary meetings at the East Rec. most Thursday mornings for a cup of coffee, donut and some camaraderie, plus a great speaker. Our meeting starts at 8 a.m., but most of us wander in around 7:30 just for that connection.

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LOCKER RENTALS

Annual Locker Fee \$30 (January 1–December 31). If you wish to rent a locker, come to the OVA office and give us a check, your information and the number of the locker you want to rent. You provide the lock. We can prorate the annual fee. Daily use lockers are free. NOTICE: Weekly locker inspections are done by OVA Maintenance. Locks could be sawed off with no prior notice and locker contents removed on all unpaid lockers. Items will be held in OVA Maintenance office for 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact the OVA Office M-F 707-539-1611

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITER GUIDELINES

The *Oakmont News* welcomes letters of up to 250 words from residents to express opinion, criticism or praise. They must include the writer's name and Oakmont address, although the address won't be published. See details on how to send them at <https://oakmontvillage.com/submit>. While letters to the editor may be edited for length and spelling, they are not edited for accuracy. Opinions are that of the writer and not necessarily the Oakmont Village Association.

POOLS & JACUZZIS

Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
WEST: 7 AM–9 PM
(Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM
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CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM
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JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.
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The Board of Directors of Oakmont Village Association reserves the right to select those articles submitted for publication that seem appropriate to the purpose of this association.

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Men's Bible Study

■Lou Lacson

Gideon International which is based in Nashville, Tennessee was founded July 1, 1899 in Janesville, Wisconsin.

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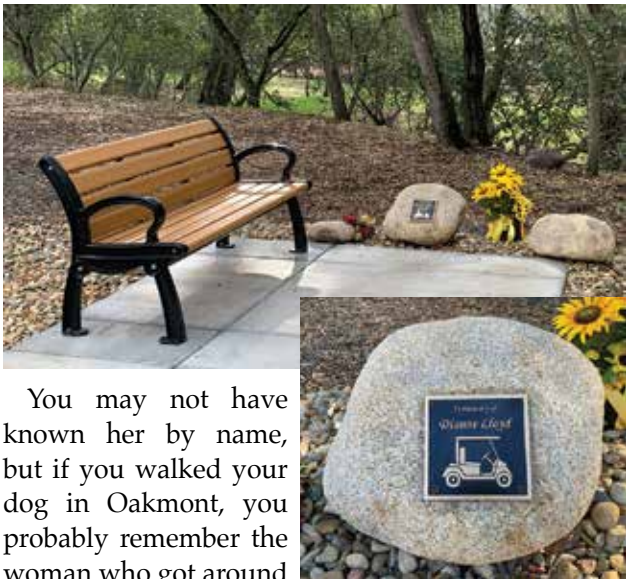
Come and meet Norm Hodgkins, a member of our bible group since 2010 and yes, he is a member of the Gideon International dedicated to spread the Word by passing the bible to everyone who wants to get to know Jesus. Norm will gladly share his experience of this worthy cause.

Meeting times are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center.

Bench Honors Dianne Lloyd and Benefits Community

■Jean Mills

Have you seen the beautiful new bench perched beside Badger Creek at the West Recreation Center? Friends and family of Dianne Lloyd recently dedicated the bench in her honor.



Photos by Jean Mills.

You may not have known her by name, but if you walked your dog in Oakmont, you probably remember the woman who got around on her green golf cart with the bright sunflowers painted on the side and an endless supply of treats for any and all dogs she came upon.

Dianne, who passed away in 2022, served as a substitute water fitness instructor here in Oakmont for years. She also provided golf coaching to Oakmonters who may have thought their golfing years were past them. Dianne inspired so many with her generous spirit, good humor and dogged determination to stay active herself, even though her health challenges gave her the perfect excuse to stay in bed. This bench was donated in her honor because she encouraged people to stay active, even if they did occasionally need to sit and rest for a few minutes.

Funds for this project were contributed by participants in Mary Hastings' Water Aerobics class, members of Oakmont Rainbow Women and Dianne's wife, Sue Carrell. OVA ensured the site would be accessible by sponsoring the concrete pad.

Benches around Oakmont help those with all abilities to enjoy the natural beauty of our wonderful community and to engage with their neighbors. If you are interested in making a contribution for additional benches around Oakmont contact Danielle Hannigan in the OVA Architectural Office at (707) 539-1611 or danielle@oakmontvillage.com.

■Don McPherson

Oakmont Pétanque Club

ELEMENTS OF PÉTANQUE: TEAMWORK

Scoring in pétanque is team-based—one point for every team boule closer than the nearest opposing team's boule—but execution is entirely individual. Each player stands in the circle, alone, and points or shoots. In casual, club-based play where teams are constituted randomly, the team often functions as just a collection of independent players. Each player on his or her own might decide whether to point or shoot, or whether to place the cochonnet short or long. The opportunity for a team strategy to guide individual decision-making gets lost.

The first pointer's throw landing at or very near the cochonnet is effective and intimidating. That suggests that the team member who seems to be pointing best ought to lead off rather than leaving the first throw to whoever decides to step forward or to some notion of taking turns. Players can interchange depending on the situation; they need not throw all their boules before another team member plays. Suppose, for example, that a team has constructed a defensive wall of boules in front of and to the right of the cochonnet: if the opposing team has a left-hander, perhaps that player should point next.

Similarly, allowing each player to shoot, simply if he or she wishes, risks missing all shots and leaving the opposing team with an open front and all their boules. In addition, a team needs to consider "ball count"—how many boules each team has remaining—in deciding whether the next player(s) should point to try to score, point defensively to block, or attempt to shoot out the opposing team's boule.

Allowing each player independently to decide how long or short to place the cochonnet also misses a strategic opportunity. A team should be considering: if they are playing better long or short in a game; if the opponents are playing better long or short; if each team's best shooter is being more effective long or



Jim Tosio, Jean-Michel Poulnot and Linda McPherson discussing team strategy. (Photo by Don McPherson)

short? If a team's opponents aren't performing well at long distances, the cochonnet can be placed long; if a team's strength is short distances, they can place it short; if the opposing team's shooter is more effective short, the cochonnet can be placed long etc.

In competitive tournaments, where players enter as self-selected teams, strategy discussion is the norm. In casual, club-based play, the more players intentionally function as a "team," the greater the likelihood that an effective scoring strategy will guide individual efforts.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT

French in origin, Pétanque (pay-tonk), also known as Boules, has been played in Oakmont since the mid-1980s. The Club, founded in 1996, encourages all Oakmonters who may be interested in playing or learning to play pétanque to come to the court between Berger and the OVA offices at 9:45 a.m. on the Club play days of Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Club play days are casual friendly games with teams randomly assigned. The club has boules to lend while you're learning, and you'll be playing right away.



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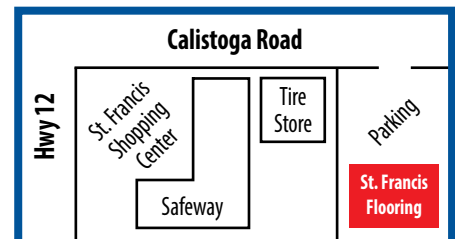
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MARCH 16 INTERMEDIATE HIKE HOOD MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

The Lower Johnson trail to the Lawson Trail climb through oak, chaparral and Sargent cypress woodlands, and wind west across prominent ridge lines with scenic vistas of Sonoma Valley and the Napa hills. While the historic Lawson family cabin and barn were lost in the fire, the natural habitat is showing signs of regeneration.

We'll hike from the upper parking lot and head up the Lower Johnson trail. It's a gradual climb as the trail switchbacks to the top and back. The distance is 6 miles and the elevation change is 1150 feet. Weather permitting, we'll have a snack at the top before we head back down.

Bring water, snack/lunch and poles. Depart Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leaders are Jody Galli, (763) 213-3076 and Colleen Keegan, (925) 487-4014.

MARCH 16 LONG HIKE PALOMARIN TO ALAMERE FALLS

The trail that leads down the cliff and onto the beach is not maintained, however many have used it with no problem. The good news is that the hike along the Coastal Trail from the Palomarin parking lot to the Alamere Falls Shortcut Trail is spectacular. Please watch this video <http://youtu.be/5i5uuUTeFUQ> about the trail to the beach. Low tide so we should have plenty of space on the beach to enjoy the falls. Eight miles out and back with 1,270 feet elevation.

Depart Berger at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Jeff Zalles, (415) 999-5333, jeffzalles@gmail.com.

MARCH 23 I NTERMEDIATE HIKE SONOMA VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Get ready for great views and wild flowers in this wonderful local park. We will hike the ridge trails beginning with the Cougar Trail followed by the Woodland Star trail. From there we will hike around Sutton Lake and come back to the parking area for lunch at the

picnic tables under the trees. The hike is up and down and about five miles.

Bring a regional park pass or \$7, poles, water, and snack or lunch. Depart Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leader is Jean Reed, (707) 538-3874.

MARCH 23 LONG HIKE KORTUM TRAIL TO RED MOUNTAIN

From the parking lot at Wright's Beach, we hike the Kortum Trail to Shell Beach, (toilets), before heading up towards Red Hill. Shortly after a stout uphill section we hike through a magnificent Redwood grove, later breaking out into open country, where we take a clockwise loop around Red Hill. Wonderful views towards the mouth of the Russian River, and then of the ocean as we descend. About 9 miles and 1,000 feet of elevation gain.

Bring layers, lunch, water and, if you prefer, hiking poles. Depart Berger at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Chris Jones, (707) 291-5461.



Hike leader Frank Galli with Long Hikers at Skyline Napa.



Thirty-six Intermediate Hikers at Margaret Spaulding's former property, now part of Hood Regional Park.

Canine Club



■Randi Hulce

WOOFERS YAPPY HOUR DOG WALKS

Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. Off-Site walk—meet at Kenwood Park in front of the Community Church across the street; Friday, March 24 at 10 a.m.—meet Berger Lawn in front of Bulletin Board.

Walks are 1–2 miles (round trip). These are casual, self-paced walks—a chance to breathe and “smell the roses,” or in the dogs' case, smell every bush and weed. Bring water for yourself and pup. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Yappy Hour dog walks are open to all Oakmont residents and all sizes and breeds. Rain cancels!



MEMBERS-ONLY SPRING PICNIC

Save the Date! Plans are underway for the Canine Club Spring Picnic on Saturday, April 8 from noon to 2 p.m. This social event is for members only. If you haven't paid your 2023 dues yet, technically you're not a current active member.

Become a member! Club dues are \$12 individual and \$20 per household. Please make checks payable to Oakmont Canine Club; mail to club Treasurer, Dick Ayres, 6429 Meadow Creek Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. If you prefer, drop off your check in Dick's secure garage mailbox. You may also leave checks in Canine Club folder in OVA office.

NOTE: New Members joining 2023—please include completed membership application with your check. Contact information on that form is needed so you receive future club communications. Obtain form from Canine Club folder in OVA office or download it from club website oakmontcanineclub.org.


SOMETHING NEW ON CANINE CLUB WEBSITE

A Dog Walker/Pet Sitter list has been compiled for Oakmont residents and is available on the club website. On the Home Page to see the link “Click HERE” for List of dog walkers, sitters, and boarders. There is a disclaimer to remind you that Oakmont Canine Club neither recommends nor endorses any individuals or groups on the list. However, it is a good starting place. If you have services to offer, contact periolinger@yahoo.com to be listed.

DOG HAPPENINGS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Annadel Neighbors Magazine Pet Corner: Are you interested in having your pet featured in *Annadel Neighbors Magazine*? Annadel Neighbors has created a “Pet Corner” to appear each edition. Please submit your photo to periolinger@yahoo.com with subject line: Pet Corner. Include pet's name and a brief blurb. Peri will forward to Annadel Neighbors on your behalf.


Dogwood Rummage Sale: Sebastopol Grange, 6000 Sebastopol Ave/Hwy 12, Sebastopol. Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., rain or shine. All funds raised benefit dogwood's mission of supporting animals and people who love them through rescue, rehoming, spay/neuter, and education.





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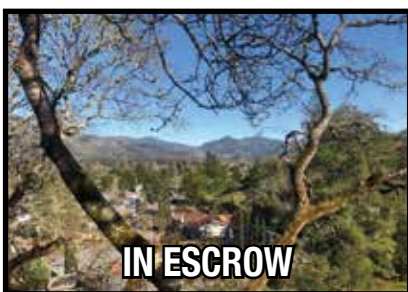
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