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User Groups



The results of User Group work were on display through May 22, at the Central Activity Center, showcasing needs, preferences, and aspirations articulated by both user groups and community members who responded to OVA's general manager. These working documents will serve as a foundation for Archilogix as the community planners produce design concepts, which will be presented to the community and Board of Directors in the coming months. (Photo by Crissi Langwell)

OVA Committees Updated

■Marty Thompson

The volunteer member committees that make Oakmont function have been in the focus of the new OVA Board in its first months, President Heidi Klyn told directors at their May 22 meeting. Since the April board election, Klynn reported, the 11 standing committees are at work with new board member liaisons. "We are so thankful to all those volunteers who make Oakmont run smoothly and help us."

Work underway includes the Communications Committee redesigning Oakmont's website. She encouraged people to go on the site and make suggestions.

The board saluted Pat Barclay who has stepped down after 12 years as chairman of the Oakmont Emergency Communications Committee. He has been succeeded by Jeff Neuman. The committee reported that 50 resident volunteers took part in OEPC's spring drill. Neuman said emergency communications equipment is being installed at the CAC to allow Oakmont volunteers to communicate directly with the county emergency center.

Klyn said the board will hold a Fireside Chat in the Berger Center on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. "Board members will be there to answer questions and hear any ideas

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Update on Planned Development Policy Statement Amendment

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager

As discussed during the community meeting held on January 26 at the Berger, the OVA Board granted approval for the submission of an application initiated last year aimed at amending a Policy statement within the 1963 Planned Development Document. This amendment, pertaining to Planned Development 63-001 Policy Statement, seeks to modernize the policy by furnishing up-to-date boundary maps and streamlining regulatory and financial barriers for allowable uses within the Planned Development Area. The primary alteration concerns the timing of when a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) becomes necessary.



A sign located on Pythian Drive announces notice of a public hearing by the City of Santa Rosa to address an OVA Planned Development Policy Statement Amendment. (Photo by Christel Antone)

The potential advantages of this amendment encompass increased flexibility to promote mixed-use projects, integration of sustainable practices, and responsiveness to evolving community needs. It bolsters support for local businesses, enhances public spaces, safeguards historic or cultural assets, diminishes regulatory hurdles, boosts tax revenue, and underscores the importance of community involvement.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The proposal entails revising the Oakmont Planned Development Policy Statement to update maps, aligning with the City's Zoning Code for land use permitting requirements, and permitting uses compatible with the Parks and Recreation General Plan land use designation by default.

Part of the application process entails temporarily installing signs in the local area to provide notice to the members of the community. These signs will be taken down in the upcoming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact askova@oakmontvillage.com.

Geese



A mama goose takes her brood for a swim near the 17th hole at Valley of the Moon Golf Course. (Photo by Ron Kaufman)

21st Annual Oakmont Car Show

■News Staff

From vintage to classic and modern, the 21st Annual Oakmont Car Show happens on Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Berger parking lot. Oakmont's largest annual event, this year's show will offer a unique array of highly collectible cars, including hot rods and the popular 1940 Packard Woody station wagon.



Oakmont residents Carol Johnson, Kathy Mueklin and Tricia Mitchell, admire owner Mike Chirhart's 1912 "Brass Era" Model T at the 2023 Car Show. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

Change to OVA Admin Office Hours, Starting June 2

■OVA Staff

Starting June 2, the OVA Admin office will be closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. This change only affects the admin office hours and not those of the architectural or maintenance offices, which remain the same.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the new office hours, please don't hesitate to contact us at askova@oakmontvillage.com.

New office hours starting June 2:

- Admin office: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m. (closed from 12–1 p.m.)
- Architectural Office: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m.; Friday—Closed
- Maintenance Office: Saturday through Friday, 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Please note that holidays may impact these hours.



Meet Wiley's Wish Animal Rescue

Wiley's Wish is a Northern California-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to rescuing and adopting out dogs from high-kill shelters in California. From the Bay to L.A., we save innocent lives from euthanasia as a result of the state-wide overcrowded shelter crisis. To foster, adopt or to learn more, visit www.wileyswish.com.

In this issue, we're introducing three dogs available for adoption now!

Meet Lili, Delilah and Freyja. In perfect health; current on all vaccines/Rabies. In search of their forever homes.

Lili



- 1.5 year old Labrador Retriever/Shepherd mix
- 45-50 lbs.
- Spayed
- Excellent health
- Fun, playful, LOVING
- Wonderful family dog

Delilah



- GRADUATED BOARD & TRAIN WITH HONORS!
- 1.5 year old pit/boxer mix
- 40 lbs.
- Spayed
- Excellent health
- Athletic, smart, people

Freyja

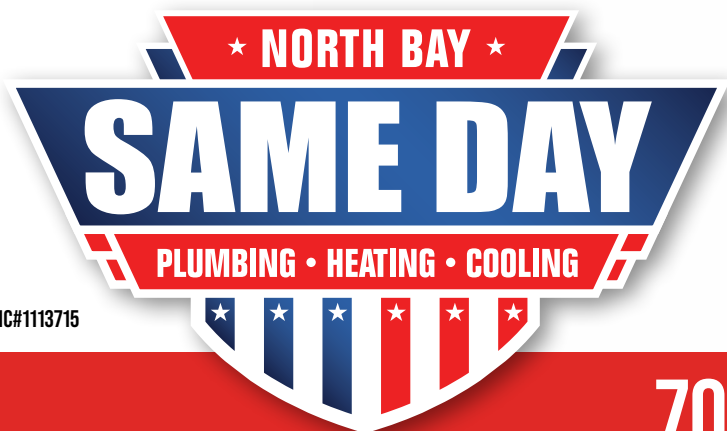
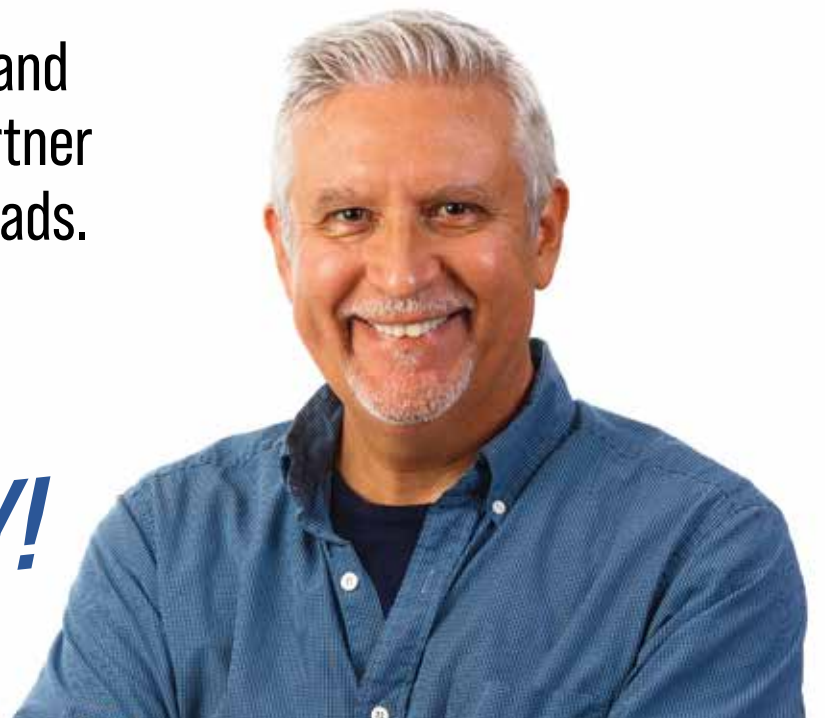


- 1 year old Shepherd/Catahoula/Husky mix
- 50 lbs.
- Spayed
- Excellent health
- Shy, loving sweetheart
- Agile, inquisitive, lovely

Contact Wiley's Wish at (603) 609-8594, wileyswish@gmail.com or visit www.wileyswish.com to fill out a foster or adoption application.

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At-a-Glance Summary of May 21 OVA Board Meeting

■Harriet Palk

CONSENT CALENDAR

Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee: Appointed Jeff Neuman as chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Emergency Preparedness: Pat Barclay recently resigned as chair for personal reasons. OEPC Board unanimously selected Jeff Neuman as new chair. A spring emergency drill April 13 saw Oakmont's radio comm stations activated by 50 resident volunteers. The drill simulated a devastating high-wind event resulting in tree and structure damage and some minor injuries.

The drill provided high confidence of functioning effectively during a disaster, but more zone communicators are needed. Sonoma County has approved Oakmont as a County Information/ Incident Command Post. The next step is installation of county equipment in the CAC to enable direct contact the county Emergency Operations Center.

Golf Advisory: On May 14, the committee met with golf course General Manager Hilary Gruendle and Regional Executive Lance Iwanaka to review current operations and financial performance during the first quarter, a difficult time, primarily because of rain almost every weekend affecting play and maintenance. Management is pleased with the activity at OAK.

Regular and special events are increasingly being taken advantage of by residents and usually sell

out. A breakfast program has been instituted on a test basis with encouraging results. In light of the revenue hole created during the first quarter, several capital expenses of the CapEx plans were pushed out one more year.

As many as 12 trees either fell or had to be removed. A dog is being used to help control the geese on the courses; although he is certified and licensed to convince the geese there must be more peaceful places to congregate. He is specifically trained not to chase gaggles with goslings.

Architectural Committee: Working with 75 homes to address non-compliance. The most common infractions are for Juniper, tree-pruning requirements and ladder fuel. Issues with wood mulch in the 0-5 ft. defensible space are noted. A need continues for greater community awareness and adherence to fire safety guidelines.

TREASURER

Several applications have been received, but not all board members have been able to interview every candidate. A decision is expected next month.

COMMITTEE REFINEMENT

An in-depth assessment is being made to determine if committees are no longer necessary, if there are committees that perhaps should have new charters and generally to learn how committees are utilized.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was taken aback to learn that on Friday, May 10, the driver from the Redwood Empire Food Bank discovered that someone had maliciously placed their dog's waste in the food barrel by the Berger! He had to handle the mess to salvage the food. Such behavior is appalling and unacceptable. It sends a message that the residents of Oakmont disregard the needs of those less fortunate, which is entirely untrue. I take pride in the weekly donations we make to the Food Bank.

Nevertheless, we have taken the necessary steps to address this issue by removing the food barrel from in front of the Berger and replacing it with a sign explaining why it was removed. It's crucial for dog owners to responsibly dispose of their pets' waste in a bag and in the appropriate garbage can, not on donations meant for those in need.

Sincerely,
Bern Lefson

Meals on Wheels— Substitute Drivers Needed

■Connie Medeiros

Meals on Wheels is sponsored by Council on Aging and delivers meals to Oakmont residents Monday through Friday. Meals are picked up at the COA facility at Kawana Springs Road each morning and delivered to Oakmont residents. The time involved is about 2-3 hours.

We are looking for a few people who would like to be substitute drivers—filling in when our regularly scheduled drivers are unable to deliver. If you are interested in being a substitute driver or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Olivia Kinzler at oliviak51@outlook.com or Connie Medeiros at almccm@yahoo.com.

Walking Hours at Valley of the Moon Golf Course

■News Staff

If you have interest in walking the golf course pathways, please be mindful of the walking schedule. Walking hours are reserved from daybreak to 7 a.m., which is before golf play begins. Additionally, there is an afternoon walking schedule on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 45 minutes before sunset.

Schedules are subject to change. Please visit

playvom.com for current schedule, or contact the golf course at (707) 539-0415.

During walking hours, dogs are also allowed on the courses, but must be on leash at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dogs.

Bicycle riding is not permitted on the courses at any time.



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AMERICA'S LUXURY FIREPLACE

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you have, she said." It also will be an opportunity to provide feedback on space usage ideas that have been gathered by volunteers in brainstorming sessions this year.

The board heard an update on golf operations, and it was announced a community town hall on golf will be held on Sept. 12.



Can't get to Church?

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Sundays

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6:00 AM: KTSF - CH 26

Or Watch Anytime

Fatherharry.org

OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■ Hilary Gruendle

KNIFE SHARPENING ON MAY 29

Every month, on the last Wednesday of the month, stop by the parking lot of OAK for knife and garden tool sharpening. This month, knife sharpening is on Wednesday, May 29. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain cancels.

The fees: \$7 per knife any size including serrated, \$7 for scissors, \$12 for most garden tools, trimmers, loppers, and choppers.

TRY THE EARLY BREAKFAST AT OAK

OAK is opening for weekend breakfast at 7 a.m., Fridays through Sundays. For now, these early breakfast options are only for these three days, but if the early hour mealtimes prove popular, OAK may include other days of the week, too.

The breakfast menu includes Oakmont favorites like Steak and Eggs, the OAK Breakfast, and the Golfer Breakfast Sandwich.

CHAMPAGNE TASTING ON JUNE 6

Sip your sparkle on Thursday, June 6 with a fun and festive champagne tasting, 5-6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call (707) 539-0415.

LIVE MUSIC MONDAYS

Our calendar is full of your favorite bands, 5-7 p.m. Reservations required, \$8 cover charge.

June 3: Jami Jamison

June 17: Second Street Band

June 24: Glory Dayz featuring Frankie Adel from Sha na na

DINE FOR A DEAL

And, of course, don't miss out on our favorite days of the week. Taco Tuesdays offer up a \$3 beef taco with beverage purchase. And Thirsty Thursday, treat yourself to a \$3 Draft Coors Light.

When you dine at OAK, don't forget that all Oakmont residents receive a 10% discount when they tell their server.

Visit www.playvom.com for all upcoming events and happenings at OAK and Valley of the Moon Club.

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Oakmont Pétanque Club

■ Don McPherson

2024 SANTA ROSA BRAGGING RIGHTS

The first match of the second annual "Boule Fight for Santa Rosa Bragging Rights" Tournament between Oakmont Pétanque Club and Pétanque La Rose from Santa Rosa concluded on May 5 with Pétanque La Rose winning 6-3 (+13-point differential) on its home terrain.

At this home-and-home matchup, each club fields three triples teams to play nine games on each of two match days. Total games won decides the championship with total point differential breaking any tie.

Oakmont's home match was Sunday, May 19. Results will be reported in the next issue.



Players from Oakmont Pétanque Club and Pétanque La Rose of Santa Rosa exchange greetings and information before their May 5 match at the Montgomery High School softball diamond, Pétanque La Rose's temporary home terrain.

In the 2023 inaugural Boule Fight, home field advantage was an evident factor. Pétanque La Rose won its home match 7-2 with a +37-point differential. But Oakmont turned the tables 6-3 on its home terrain with a +29-point differential. While each club won one match, Pétanque La Rose won the Tournament 10-8 with a narrow +8-point differential for all games played.

EVENING PÉTANQUE JUNE 13

All members and significant others are cordially invited to the summer's first Evening Pétanque potluck dessert social and play at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. Following informal socializing, casual play will begin around 6:45 p.m. Please bring: a dessert, fruit or snack to share; your own table service; and your own beverage of choice.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

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

Lawn Bowling



■ Mary Blake



Our 2024 Open Pairs Tournament Bowlers.

Daily Draw: Monday through Saturday, show up at 9:15 a.m. to bowl at 9:30.

OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, May 14, we had the first round of our Open Pairs Tournament. We had 16 bowlers on 4 rinks. The winners of the first round were: Jim Krause (skip) and James Chang, Mark Johnston (skip) and Mary Blake, Bonnie Johnston (skip) and Pam Dempsey, Richard Goodwin (skip) and John Jaye.

NEW CLUB SHIRTS

Kevin Johnson has been researching a new club shirt, with a lighter, but SPF 50, fabric for hot summer days. The shirt would have simple green stripes on one shoulder but otherwise are white enough to use in tournaments. Price would be \$29.50, a little more for large sizes.

We need to order at least 12, so he needs to know if there's enough interest before proceeding. Contact Kevin if you're interested in a new club shirt.

TRAINING

Besides training new bowlers, Topher Gayle is offering refresher/upgrade classes to anyone who would like a little more training before joining daily draw or who would like more information on bowling other positions. He's also looking into offering courses for improving skills. Let Topher know if you're interested.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day Tournament
Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1: Sonoma Wine Country Games

Thursday, June 13: Vet/Novice Pairs

Thursday, June 11: After 5 P otluck

Tuesday, June 25: Men's Triples

Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com.

Website: www.oakmontlawnbowling.com.

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■Katy Carrel

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASSES IN JUNE
FRI., JUNE 7 AND THURS., JUNE 27
11 AM-12:30 PM, CAC ROOM B**

Best Fire Inc. will teach how to use your fire extinguisher, and important things like which is the correct type of extinguisher, kitchen vs. garage. Cost is \$15 per person; payment will secure your RSVP.

Make checks payable to "Best Fire." You can put your check in the MYN file in the OVA office or bring it to a monthly meeting and give to Katy or Matt.

Class size is limited to 25. First 45 minutes will be in a classroom (CAC room B), then we'll move out to the parking lot where everyone will have the opportunity to put out a live fire with a real fire extinguisher.

You can bring your extinguishers for evaluation—they will dispose of them properly if not serviceable and can service them (for a small fee) if you have the type of extinguisher that can be serviced.

Best Fire Equipment will take orders for new, quality extinguishers that are the correct type of extinguisher. You can pay with cash or a check and take a new extinguisher home with you. Orders paid via credit card will be delivered sometime later to the OVA office where you can pick up. Email MYN to sign up: MYNoakmont@gmail.com.



Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

**SWING INTO SUMMER WITH
JITTERBUG SWING**

WHAT: Beginning Jitterbug Swing partner dance classes

WHEN: Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17 and 24 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

Come learn some basic, fun and easy moves for Jitterbug Swing that will get you dancing together and twirling with a smile on your face. Jitterbug Swing (also called Single Time Swing) is an upbeat, fun and versatile dance that can be danced to many types of music ranging from Big Band music to Rock 'n Roll Oldies as well as many contemporary and Country tunes. Many of the basic steps can even be modified to be danced to slow ballad type music.

No partners or experience are required. Classes will meet for four sessions in June to learn the most basic steps. Then classes will continue with another three sessions in July for those who want to learn more intermediate steps. As always, it is best to come to the very first class since each week after that we will build on the material taught in the 1st week. We will rotate partners during the classes, although rotating will be optional. Also, any ladies that want to lead and any men that want to follow are very welcome.

Join us for a fun way to get exercise and meet great people. Some studies also indicate that partner dancing may actually increase mental acuity and reduce the possibility of cognitive decline as new nerve connections are made in the brain. It is definitely good for our muscles, balance, brains and spirit!

To register or for any questions, please contact me at twhitten@pacbell.net or call (415) 265-7590.



■Carolita Carr



**ILLEAGLES IN OAKMONT
COMING UP NEXT**

WHAT: Illeagles **WHERE:** Berger Center

WHEN: Thursday night, June 27

TIME: Doors open 6:00 p.m., music begins at 6:30

COST: \$30 per person. Each member may bring one non-member guest.

FOOD TRUCK: Tips Tri-Tip Trolley and BYOB

From rockers "Life in the Fast Lane" and "Heartache Tonight," to swooning ballads "Desperado" and "Best of My Love," Illeagles not only reproduce the soaring guitars, multi-part harmonies and tightness of the original band, but also add their own brand of swagger and energy that keeps fans coming back over and over. It's commonplace for a majority of the audience to start singing along on the first song, and continuing to sing until the show is over (or they lose their voices).

Go to our website (oakmontboomers.org) to register. Act now, this event will sell out fast.

Food Truck info: In order to expedite food truck ordering, check out their menu at tritiptrolley.com. Know what you want before you get to the order point.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to Oakmont or have simply forgotten to renew your membership, joining is easy. The cost is \$15 per person, and you can sign up by visiting our website, oakmontboomers.org.

**Valley of the Moon
Rotary Club**



■Star Power

THE END IS NEAR

Well, hopefully not for the world, but the end of June marks the end of a Rotary year. How fast this year has gone by.

June 27 will be the last meeting for Valley of the Moon Rotary's current president, David Beach, who will hand the gavel over to President-Elect Fred Merrill.

President David has done a wonderful job taking the reins during difficult times after a membership drop since the beginning of COVID. Little by little, folks are hearing about the innovative and helpful things Rotary is doing for our community and worldwide and are joining to make a difference during this turbulent time. This, too, shall pass.

You may have seen our President-Elect Fred Merrill riding his bike daily around Oakmont and much further. He's a smiling, friendly guy with tons of energy and a devoted Rotarian. Our members anticipate a very good year for VOM Rotary.

We welcome visitors to drop in and experience a Rotary meeting at the East Rec. Center almost every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. The meetings actually start at 8 a.m., but we serve coffee and a light breakfast and socialize a bit before the meeting begins. Come and smile with us.



■Judith Walker

ENJOY A FREE SUMMER CONCERT

WHEN: Saturday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

ADMISSION: Free (donations gratefully accepted)

We have an excellent opportunity to present an additional summer concert outside of our regular 2022-2024 season which was recently completed.



Our performer will be the esteemed pianist and music educator Hans Boepple, whose career spans 50 years after making his debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of 10 together with his 12-year-old brother, playing Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals." He subsequently performed

more than 40 concertos with major US symphony orchestras including the Denver, Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Opera House. His critically acclaimed appearances have earned him a place on the Steinway International Artist Roster and his live performances have been broadcast by National Public Radio and Voice of America.

Hans Boepple holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano performance from Indiana University School of Music where he continued his career as full-time member of the piano faculty from 1974-1978. He subsequently was hired as Professor of Music at Santa Clara University where he still teaches. He balances his performance activities with those of a successful and dedicated teacher. His students have been awarded more than 175 state, national and international awards. He is also in high demand as an adjudicator at various piano competitions as well as lecturer and producer of master classes.

The program consists of J.S. Bach's "Goldberg Variations," considered one of the masterpieces of keyboard literature, followed by the complete set of Chopin "Preludes."

For all our Oakmont music enthusiasts plus those of you who might be curious about hearing a classical music concert for the first time, this is your opportunity to experience a delightful program performed by an outstanding pianist at no cost. So please join us for this event.

Sleep Apnea

■Bob Flandermeyer

**SLEEP APNEA WELCOMES GUEST
SPEAKER GREG ACKROYD, MD**

Friends, the next meeting of the Sleep Apnea Group is on Tuesday, June 4. We meet the first Tuesday of even numbered months in Berger Room G at 1 p.m.

Dr. Greg Ackroyd of Providence Sleep Medicine, 585 W. College, Santa Rosa, will be our guest speaker. He is a remarkable resource and has been very generous with his time and knowledge.

Our last meeting had a full room! Come early and bring your questions and equipment. We discover that we learn from each other and have time to ask further questions we had not thought of earlier. We will discuss the use of a Sleep Diary.

This is a remarkable opportunity to improve your health and live longer.

Bring your equipment: masks, power cords, and machines. They illustrate the questions you have, and it helps to have a pen and paper for notes.

For questions contact me at (707) 694-8018.

Pickleball Corner



■Peter Copen

CREATIVE USES FOR OLD PICKLEBALLS

Got old pickleballs lying around? Instead of tossing them in the trash, why not give them a second life?

Here are six ways you can turn those old balls into something new and exciting!

1. Help drainage in plants: Place old pickleballs at the bottom of plant pots before adding soil.

They help improve drainage and aeration, which is crucial for root health, especially in potted plants where overwatering can be an issue.

2. Art Projects: Assemble used pickleballs into unique sculptures or mosaic wall pieces. You can glue them together to form figures or abstract shapes, adding a playful touch to gardens or indoor spaces.

3. Holiday Ornaments: Paint pickleballs with festive colors and designs. Add hooks and hang them on your Christmas tree or around the house during the holidays. This is a great activity to get kids involved in holiday preparations.

4. Pet Toys: Old pickleballs can be made into an interactive toy for pets. By drilling a hole and filling the balls with treats, pets can roll the ball around to slowly dispense their treats, providing mental stimulation and physical activity.

5. Massage Rollers: For a simple DIY massage tool, place several old pickleballs into a long sock and tie it off. Roll it under your feet or over sore muscles to help relieve tension.

6. Crafts for Kids: Use pickleballs in craft projects with children. They can be decorated as planets for a model solar system, turned into maracas by filling them with beads and attaching handles, or even used in building projects to represent different structural elements.

New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Arrangements can be made by contacting Victoria Dettman at (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. For mentoring, contact Barbara Ricossa at ricossa@ymail.com.

Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

■Curtis Chong

Interested in Asian Pacific food, film, arts, dance and music? Interested in sharing your interests and knowledge? Interested in having a fun time and learning about Asian Pacific culture?

New Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture club started the end of 2023 in Oakmont and is looking for new members to join. Membership is \$15/year. The website for our events and membership is: <https://www.asianpacificheritagecultureclub.org/>

Our mission is to share Asian Pacific heritage and culture with the Oakmont community by providing a variety of social, cultural and educational events showcasing various customs and traditions. Everyone is welcome to join.

Upcoming June events include the following:

June 12, 2 p.m.: General Meeting, Central Activities Center (CAC), Room B.

June 26, noon: Restaurant location to be determined. Previous lunches have included China Village, Kirin Restaurant, and Shogun Restaurant.

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 will be 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 2–3:30 p.m. (no bowling fourth Tuesdays) to see us in action.

See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information, bowling dates, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help set up at 1:15 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates for June: June 4 (week #4), 11 (week #5), 18 (week #6). No bowling June 25 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF MAY 7 (WEEK #1 SUMMER LEAGUE)

2 p.m. League: first place tie, Pocket Hits, 4 Tops, Wii Four and Pin Pushers; fifth place, King Pins; sixth place, High Rollers; seventh place tie, Alley Oops, Strikers, Phantom Strikers and Ghosts.

Men's High Games: Gordon Freedman, 269; Glenn Hewitt, 258; Larry Souza, 256; Rich Laden, 236; Don Shelhart, 230; Mike Apicella, 210.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 300; Sandy Osheroff, 279; Vickie Jackanich, 247; Rhonda D'Agostini, 244; Diane Price, 238; Peggy Ensley, 235; Pat Scott, 225; Felicia Laden, 222; Nicole Reed, 222; Carolita Carr, 219; Euroasia Delgado, 217; Laurel Earles, 209.

Most of us have all bowled on a bowling league some time in our lives and here's your chance to do it again without the weight of a heavy bowling ball.

Oakmont Music Lovers

■Judith Walker

THE MAGIC OF PIAZZOLLA

WHEN: Tuesday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

ADMISSION: Free—donations gratefully accepted

For our final event of the season, we welcome back Jean Wong, one of our favorite presenters. She has put together a fascinating collection of photos and video clips examining the extraordinary life and times of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla who was once accused of being the "assassin" of tango.

Jean's talk will trace his evolution and see how, with his "gladiator" mentality, he shockingly broke away from traditional Argentine tango by fusing a vision of jazz, classical and tango. His New Tango features elements of soaring operatic melodies, Bach-inspired fugues, and urgent rhythms that evoked Bartok and Stravinsky.

Jean Wong is a pianist and member of the Upbeat Trio and Twenty Fingers and has performed with the Vintage House Singers, Sonoma Theater Alliance, and Oakmont Symposium. An award-winning writer, one of her poems has been set to music by composer Georg Hajdu and is currently played internationally. Like most pianists, Jean, at a young age, never did get a strong foundation in rhythm and time value, so studying Piazzolla's music for the last two years, has been challenging and instructive!

Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting session to close out our season.



Branch #92

■Bern Lefson

EXPANDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

SIR 92 is about social activities that enhance friendships, learning and, thus, extending one's life. Now we are adding an additional reason for joining our club: helping our greater community by being at the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB). We have joined with the Santa Rosa SIR branch #17 to box food and make food containers at REFB. We help the less fortunate to have food on their table.

Our members who have been working at REFB find doing this useful and fun. Here is what member Gary says about volunteering at the Food Bank. "First, there is a great need for distributing good fruits and vegetables within the poorer in our community. This is one way I can help. It's a 'feel good' activity—a good reward for putting in a few hours. Secondly, it's most enjoyable doing it with a group. When I heard about SIR scheduling the first Thursday each month, I saw it as a way to share time with like-minded guys (and some women—including my wife). Basically, volunteering is a good activity for us retired folk."

Consider joining the group of SIRs on the first Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon. The next opportunity will be Thursday, June 6. Chairs are available for those who prefer not to stand. Tying the food bags is a non-stress activity that can be done sitting. Let Bob Reuther, rareuther@yahoo.com, know you are coming so you will be directed to the SIR attendees.

We welcome SIR members and friends who wish to participate in a "good activity for us retired or semi-retired folk." Interested in joining SIR 92? You may contact our membership chair at fred_merrill2@hotmail.com or see our website: www.sir92oakmont.org.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Marilyn Noah

WINE TASTING—

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 3 PM AT EAST REC.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont is hosting a wine tasting at East Rec on Wednesday, June 19, from 3–5 p.m. Multiple local small wineries will be pouring and appetizers will be served. A silent auction will be part of the event.

Proceeds go to support scholarships for Santa Rosa Junior College students who will be transferring to UC Berkeley.

Cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For advance tickets, contact Linda Williams at oakmontcalalums@gmail.com or (707) 322-6272.

Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

This is a very important year to discuss current events! Please join us every Friday from 1–2:30 p.m. at the East Rec. to hear all sides of issues from local to international. Come in person if you can; join us on Zoom if you can't.

Following the meeting join us at OAK for Happy Hour. This has become very popular, giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

If you are not on the Zoom mailing list and wish to be, or if you have questions, email tinalewis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

Spirit Days Celebration



The OVA Staff are now celebrating Spirit Days, with a new theme each month. On May 15, staff dressed up in 1980s style. Pictured L-R: Todd O'Donnell, Dawn McFarland, Dana Walters, Christel Antone, Anita Roraus, Chandra London, Ali Pulido, Crissi Langwell, Trace Hernandez, Danielle Hannigan and Gil Perez. The next Spirit Day is on June 12 with an "Aloha" theme. (Photo by OVA staff member Steven Hernandez)

OVA Presents "Phantom of the Opera" Star

■ News Staff

On Thursday, June 27, Oakmont will get a taste of the music of the night when Franc D'Ambrosio performs Broadway favorites from the Berger stage. Best known for his portrayal of the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony



Award-winning *The Phantom of the Opera*, D'Ambrosio will perform a medley of favorites from the musical, plus classics from other Broadway shows like *Oklahoma*, *Hamilton*, and *The Book of Mormon*, among others.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 6 p.m. Seating is theater style. Tickets are \$35, available in the OVA office.



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Bocce Club



■Elean Huff

Sixteen members played in the Mothers' Day Tournament on May 11. The winners are pictured below.



Left to right is Darcy Stephens, Barbara Serafin and Barbara Newton.



Left to right is Jean Reed, Tony D'Agosta, Kathy Camp, Bob Baciocco, Betty Van Voorhies and Penny Hopkins.

Next up is the women-versus men Battle of the Sexes Tournament on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. Tournaments are limited to the first 24 participants to secure a tag, so be sure to get to the courts early. Come on women, I have been playing for 5 years and we have yet to beat the men. This is the year!

The first summer evening bocce member-only event will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share, a chair and BYOB. Two games will follow.

We play Bocce Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Come out and join the fun!

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The band performed 11 songs celebrating the heritage of the students by integrating traditional songs from around the world. Generous Oakmonters donated over \$1,200 to the marimba program in Santa Rosa City Schools. Thank you!



LUNCH AND LEARN: FROM BURGERS TO HAUTE CUISINE 19TH CENTURY COOKING

Instructor: Dr. Bertram Gordon

Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Berger Center 5-hour session. Cost: \$47 includes lunch from 1–2 p.m.

How about burgers in the Berger? Join us for this five-hour Lunch and Learn class on 19th century cooking that will explore the intriguing history of the humble hamburger that became widely popular at the same time that French inspired "haute cuisine" was taking storm in Europe's finest hotels and spas.



Bertram M. (Bert) Gordon is Professor Emeritus of History at Mills College and author of *Food and France: What Food Studies Can Teach Us about History*.

To register go to OakmontLL.org, fill out the form in the OLL folder at the OVA office or pay at the door. Please indicate your preference for a hamburger or a veggie burger.



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Quilting Bee

■Elizabeth McDonnell

JANET SHORE CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

On April 24, Oakmont resident Janet Shore turned 100 years old. A luncheon celebration was held at the Kenwood Depot with over 100 family, friends and members of the quilting community. Janet's favorite flower is a sunflower, so cake, balloons and festive fascinators were the de rigueur of the day. Cherie Gooler held a workshop for the Oakmont Quilting Bee at which we all made sunflower fascinators to wear to the party.

Janet became interested in quilting in 1973 after a lifetime of sewing experience, and never looked back. Over the years she attended classes taught by master quilters and meetings of national and international quilt-related organizations. Her most memorable trips were to England, the 1996 Quilt Expo in Palais des Lyon, France, and Japan where she met many quilters and toured textile studios of traditional Shibori and batik artisans.

Janet's quilts appeared in numerous local, regional and international exhibitions, shows and publications and has judged and curated quilt shows. She was a founding member of the East Bay Heritage Quilters



Janet with son Jim.



Janet with members of the Bee.

in 1978, serving as president and various other board positions through the 1980s. She was also a board member of the California Heritage Quilt Project and served as a regional representative on the Studio Art Quilt Associates board.

Throughout her five decades of involvement with quilting, Janet has been a remarkable force for public education and appreciation for quilting as an artform, for elevating and preserving quilting traditions.

In 2001 Janet moved from the East Bay to Oakmont and is a member of the Oakmont Quilting Bee and the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild.

Janet sums up her quilting experiences saying, "I just make quilts and I love quilters. Quilters and quilting have enriched my life."

And you, Janet, have enriched the lives of all of us.

Movies At Oakmont



WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

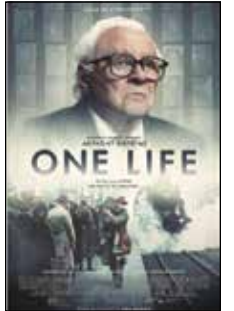
HOSTS: Mike McInnis, Deborah Davidson, Jeff Neuman, Ylysa Snyder and Barbara Marquardt.

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

MAY 26 AT 2 PM

ONE LIFE

A young London broker, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued over 600 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. 2023, PG-13, 1:50.



JUNE 2 AT 2 PM

THE GENTLEMEN

An American expat tries to sell off his highly profitable marijuana empire in London, triggering plots, schemes, bribery and blackmail in an attempt to steal his domain out from under him. 2019, R, 1:53.



JUNE 9 AT 2 PM

SMOKE SIGNALS

Arnold rescued Thomas from a fire when he was a child. Thomas thinks of Arnold as a hero, while Arnold's son Victor resents his father's alcoholism, violence and abandonment of his family. 2018, PG-13, 1:29.



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■Marie Haverson

SHA-BOOM EVENTS CLUB PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BBQ

WHEN: Thurs., July 4. Doors open 4 p.m., dinner 5–6 p.m.
WHERE: Berger Center **COST:** \$40 each person
MUSIC: Second Street Band
MENU: BBQ chicken by Charlie’s BBQ, The Boss Hot Dog, Green Salad, Mac and Cheese, Coffee and Lemon Water

Please make your checks payable to Sha-Boom Events Club and place in folder at the OVA office or mail to Ray Haverson, 7111 Oak Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409.
 For more information call (707) 539-6666.



Music on the Green Featuring Rock & Roll Rhythm Revue

■OVA Staff

The OVA and Valley of the Moon Golf Club are pleased to kick off their annual Music on the Green event on Sunday, June 9 at the VOM driving range at 7025 Oakmont Drive. Starting at 3 p.m., this free event will have food and beverage available for purchase, either by pre-sale at the golf shop starting May 27, or by cash only on the day of the event.

Music kicks off at 4 p.m. This year’s musical guest is Rock & Roll Rhythm Revue, a lively group of musicians with influences that include rock and roll, jump blues, and rockabilly. Get your dancing shoes on because this band will keep you on your feet.

This year’s menu includes the following: Wine, beer and margaritas—\$10; BBQ chicken plate—Chicken, coleslaw, roll, butter—\$20; Grilled vegetable plate—Veggies, roll, butter—\$10.

Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to the event, and cash for food and beverage. An onsite bar is available. No outside food or beverage, please.

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Oakmont Singles Social Club

■Bailey Penzotti, Priscilla Roslyn and Simone Smith

JUNE MIXER—ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 5 p.m.
WHERE: Central Activities Center (CAC) Patio (facing the golf course)

Once again, we kick off the summer by gathering for a festive Summer Picnic, sponsored by the Oakmont Singles Social Club. All you need to bring is your beverage of choice, and a happy intention of mixing and mingling with fellow Oakmont Singles!

Please note the time and location, as it is different than most of our Singles Mixers. You must be a fully paid member to participate in this summer event. No guests and no walk ins allowed.

Please RSVP to proslyn 49@aol.com by June 17.

JUNE BON APPETIT (SINGLES ONLY)

DATE: Update! Thursday, June 13
TIME: Meet at 5:45 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: Yeti Restaurant, 190 Farmer’s Lane/ Hwy 12, Santa Rosa; <https://www.yeticuisine.com/food>

Located at the intersection of Hwy. 12 and Farmer’s Lane, Yeti offers a variety of Indian and Nepalese Cuisine with choices to satisfy you whether a carnivore, poultry addict, vegetarian and/or practicing gluten free. Lots of spices to wake up the senses.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the



2024 OSCC Board Members: Front Row—Joan Bergman, Joe Bernal, Cheryl Malseed, Vicki Kalish, Alan Schackman; Back row—Simone Smith, Priscilla Roslyn, Bailey Penzotti and Deb Ponts. (Photo by Alan Schackman)

restaurant will not provide separate checks! Reservation cutoff is June 10. RSVP Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com or (650) 966-1997.

Do you live in Oakmont? Are you Single? If so, join our club to mix and mingle with other Singles. Oakmont Singles Club offers the opportunity to network with other singles who may have your same interests. For more membership information, contact President Deb Ponts at dponts707@gmail.com.

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■Valerie Hulsey

We are now enjoying sunny mornings and the West Pool is toasty warm for our terrific Water Aerobics class.

Mary teaches Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. There is laughter and fun in the pool and sometimes in the Hot Tub not to mention this is great way to exercise with no strain on your body.

Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is not sponsoring these classes so there is an \$8 drop-in fee for all classes. Hope to see you there.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Julie's water exercise class continues at the West Recreation Center pool every Friday at 10:10 a.m. Come ready for a fun, musical, aquatic experience! All levels welcome. \$8 drop-in fee.

Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

Once a month, the players in the Tuesday and Thursday contingent at the East Courts gather for lunch to celebrate a birthday, or in some cases two birthdays, as was the case for May.

The celebrants in May were Kay Kim and Dave Norris, sort of a mixed doubles, or something like that. The venue was China Village in the Safeway Plaza. Choice of location is up to the celebrants. The particular day of the birthday does not matter, you just had to have been born in that month, which cuts down on having to think about what day you were born on.



Peter Hogan counts money while Dave Norris blows out candles. (Photo by Maureen Pennal)

Grand Master of all this fun and frivolity is Peter Hogan, one of whose many duties is collecting the money to pay for the honored guests' meals. The more people, the less tab. There were 16 folks at the May lunch, which made Peter very happy.



Celebrant Kay Kim, center, Gerry Smith (left) and Lou Lacson (right).

Besides the gratis meal, the celebrants also get to blow out candles on a cake or cakes provided by Maureen Pennal.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch or at the Tennis Club Board, there are plans afoot to have another Tenbeer Social, an annual event, sometime in June, possibly June 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. It will be drop-in and mix, very informal.

Players bring their own beverages and goodies to share, sweet or savory. The late hours are for those who work to make it to the West Courts.

In the tennis world that exists outside the serene Oakmont Village, the French Open begins May 25. And did you hear that Novak Djokovic, while signing autographs at the Italian Open, got hit on the head by a water bottle which fell from a backpack? He lost the next day to Alejandro Tabilio.



Meditation

■Joanne Davey

WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."—Confucius

We invite you to join one or both of our weekly drop-in meditation sessions which have been taking place for many years. Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome. We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. in the CAC Building, Room B. This is a 35-min. meditation. This session frequently begins with a short 15-20-minute talk about various aspects of meditation.

Tuesdays: 4 p.m. in the CAC Building, Art Room. A 30-min. meditation.

If you have questions, please contact Trisha Mitchell, (650) 255-4026, or Liz Buckley, (707) 538-3235.

Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

Mary teaches the Strength and Balance class every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec Center. The classes are not sponsored by the Santa Rosa Jr. College (SRJC) so there is a \$5 drop-in fee for each class.

Classes are limited to 72 people so come early to ensure you get a chair. Bring your Theraband for strengthening, if you do not have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

Bring water and come and have some fun and improve your balance at the same time.

Performing Arts Workshop



■Sherri Hoefling

OPEN MIC PROVES OAKMONT'S GOT TALENT!

WHO: You and your Oakmont friends
WHAT: First Wednesday Open Mic
WHERE: Upper East Rec.
WHEN: First Wednesday of every month, 6 p.m., next month is June 5
MORE INFO: Sherri Hoefling, (707) 236-5500 or Jim Munger, (707) 775-8943

The May Open Mic was a grand success! We had 11 acts and 79 audience members! We are growing every month!

I would like to compliment all those brave souls who got up on stage at the East Rec. in May and created a wonderful evening. My thanks to RELISH the band, who was there to play after the Open Mic folks were done. It was interesting to see the many levels of performers. For some, this was a first venture and really brought forth the stage fright.

Although this is difficult for some people, this is what Open Mic is all about: finding your voice and being able to get up in front of people. Take heart brave souls, next month it will be easier! And for those more seasoned performers, thanks for coming and sharing your talents.

Please join us at 6 p.m. each first Wednesday in upper East Rec. All residents are encouraged to come "show your stuff." There will probably be a lot of musicians, but we hope the many talents of Oakmont will shine. Comedians, poets, storytellers, jugglers? Sign up at the door starting at 5:45 p.m., first performer about 6 p.m. Slots will be 2 songs or 6 minutes. If less than 10 people sign up to perform your stage time could increase. Sound system will be provided but if you need guitar amps, music stands, special stool, etc., please bring it.



■Charlene Bunas

BALANCING ACT

As calendars flip from May to June, summer traditions take priorities: longer days, warmer weather, outdoor BBQ's, hiking, biking, swimming and much more. Reunions (family, school, old buddies) are often in summer. Outdoor performances are a special part of summer.

It takes a lot of energy to enjoy laid-back summer activities, when the "livin' is easy" and that laid back summer stamina requires exercise. It's been proven repeatedly that the way to have energy is to exercise and rest, in balance. Another way to look at balance: not falling.

Walk plank; work with partners; kick, keep limbs and hips flexible: all add to physical balance. Not falling. Not failing.

New and experienced students never know what the two instructors are going to use as a challenge during Monday, Wednesday and Friday class.

Clair says, "These three hours a week are a gift, from me to me. I use each session and focus on just following the leader." Both women offer appropriate routines for "exercisers of a certain age." Both teachers lead classes in routines that emphasize balance, stamina, muscle mass and bone building.



Jorene, as an example. (Photo by author)

All the while, they wise-crack, "isn't this fun?" Or "another 80 to go." Or "bodies love to exercise!" Nicole asks if protein breakfasts were eaten. JoRene reminds classes that positive endorphins are pumping through the body as exercise continues. Neither leader lets up, instead instructing individual students to "know your body."



Nicole leads the group. (Photo by author)

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Oakmont Cat Care Coop



■Mary Ellen King

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Table Tennis Club



■Tom Kelber

COMPETITIVE JUICE WITH YOUR FUN

So, who invented table tennis, also known as ping pong or whiff whaff? This honor goes to Englishman David Foster. He patented the first table tennis-style game called Parlour Table Games in England in 1890. This not only included popular lawn tennis (old table tennis), but also cricket and football.

My first exposure to table tennis came at about age 7, with a younger brother of 5. Our parents had a table in our living room (no furniture), and we played mixed doubles after dinner. The losing team did the dishes—so we tried hard to win. We also learned to lose gracefully, and most of all to have fun. Competition is good, as long as it's friendly and you learn.

Many of us remember the game as 21 points, and may still play that way. But in 2001 the game evolved to an 11-point game. Where were we 23 years ago when that memo came out? So, the Oakmont TT Club now plays our games to 11—just an explanation.

OVA just installed a safety door at the top of our stairwell to improve safety for everyone. They are also looking to gradually replace our aging tables with newer, better ones. Huzzah!

We play in the West Rec. upstairs almost every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the fourth Sunday of each month from 3–5:30 p.m. Please come give it a try with us; we'll be happy to show you around. We compete, but we're here to have fun.

Here is a link to our club page: <https://oakmontvillage.com/article/author/table-tennis-club>.

Jazz Club



■Michael James

SPRING INTO SUMMER WITH LIVE MUSIC!

We are so happy with the participating audiences that have been attending our club meetings each month. Last month we planned on a performance and sing-along with Jenny Watts, however she became ill and was unable to perform. J. Althea stepped in and gave us a wonderful sing-along ragtime medley.

Therefore, for our June meeting, Jenny Watts will be giving us a special performance that you won't want to miss! She will play a variety of classical songs followed by a sing-along of Broadway musical songs from *West Side Story*, *Cabaret* and *Ain't Misbehavin'*.

Jenny Watts grew up in Burlingame, California, where she studied piano privately for ten years. She primarily studied classical music but also became interested in jazz and songs from musicals. She and her husband Dave moved to Willits in 1981 where they raised two children and owned and operated a retail nursery for 37 years.

Jenny taught piano for over 30 years during this time, and became an accompanist for many groups and events in Willits. She accompanied the Willits High School Vocal Ensemble for seven years, and worked with local choral directors, accompanying their choirs and students. She was the pianist for several musicals including *Grease*, *Oliver* and *Gypsy*, and was the pianist at Willits Methodist Church for five years.

She is now retired and a resident of Oakmont since 2018. She enjoys playing piano-cello duos with her friend Abigail Summers, a professional cellist, and sharing her music with others.

During the second hour of our meeting, we will learn music theory. Bring your favorite instrument, and if you don't have one, we will have one for you to borrow. Let's have fun learning music together!

WHEN: Wednesday, June 5, 2–4 p.m.

WHERE: East Recreation Center

PARTICIPATION: At your comfort level

Oakmont Vets Club



■David Moore

SONOMA COUNTY VETERANS OUTREACH

The Oakmont Veterans Club has been trying to connect with other veteran groups that provide assistance to veterans in our area. The Sonoma County Veterans Outreach has a dynamic program designed to assist homeless veterans. They have found excellent contacts among food outlets that provide donated food or food priced pennies on the dollar.

They have recently rented a 1600 sq. ft. warehouse with an 8 x 16 ft food cooler. Additionally, the warehouse holds a variety of military surplus items including sleeping bags, light coats, backpacks, military boots and wool socks. Toiletries and comfort kits are also stocked. The warehouse is located at 3999 Santa Rosa Ave in Santa Rosa.

Their efforts to locate homeless veterans have taken them into Lake County and cities as far away as Ukiah. They estimate that there are about 700 to 1,000 veterans on the streets or in the woods in our

region that they serve. Their monthly gasoline bills to travel among the veterans is about \$700/month. Their other large expense is the warehouse rental of \$1200/month.

They are in constant need of: new packaged underwear, socks, toiletries (hotel size), large bars of soap, washcloths and civilian sleeping bags. We will be setting up collection barrels for these items. Dates and times to be announced.

Cash and check donations are greatly appreciated. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 223, is assisting with financial management. Checks should be made payable to VVA Chapter 223. The memo line should read: Sonoma County Vets Outreach. Checks may be left in the Oakmont Veterans Club folder at the OVA office.

Oakmont Veterans Club Outreach team contact information: Karen DeGroot, (707) 974-6455; Pat Hendricks, (707) 321-2369; Diane Soshnik, (707) 800-7983.

Hikers



■Scott Finn

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not and the annual membership is only \$15. Go to our website at www.oakmonthikingclub.org to join the club, get hike details, club information, photos and more.

For a complete description of each hike and to register, please keep checking our website for updates.

INTERMEDIATE HIKE: MAY 30 HOOD MOUNTAIN EXCURSION OVER THE LOWER JOHNSON AND LAWSON TRAILS

The Lower Johnson trail to the Lawson Trail climbs through oak, chaparral and Sargent cypress woodlands, and winds west across prominent ridge lines with scenic vistas of Sonoma Valley and Napa hills. We'll hike from the upper parking lot and head up the Lower Johnson trail. We will be on the road going uphill for a short while. Then it's a gradual climb as the trail switchbacks to the top and back.

The distance is 6 miles and the elevation gain is 1150 feet. Weather permitting; we'll have a snack at the top before we head back down. Bring water, snack/lunch and poles if you use them. Heavy rain cancels. Hike leaders are Jody Galli, (763) 213-3076 and Colleen Keegan, (925) 487-4014.

LONG HIKE: MAY 30 SAN FRANCISCO PARKS: PRESIDIO AND LAND'S END

We will leave Berger at 8 a.m. sharp. This is a new route and includes the Tunnel Tops Park opened last year over highway 101, encompassing iconic views of the city, Golden Gate Bridge, SF Bay, headlands and beaches, golf courses and Presidio landmarks. Distance will be about 9 miles, and 1000 feet elevation gain. Expect trails and sidewalks and quite a few steps,



Land's End Trail.

including the infamous "sand ladder" from Baker Beach. Only you know if poles will help you on that!

Dress for the forecast including wind. Bring water and lunch. Return time depends on traffic. Hike leader is Martin Johns, (330) 815-5167.

SHORT HIKE: JUNE 6 JACK LONDON STATE HISTORIC PARK

Discover the historic area once owned by the famous and prolific author, Jack London on a special docent-led walk. We'll visit the House of Happy Walls Museum, Beauty Ranch and wander up a shady path to a small lake, about 3 miles with some elevation gain/loss along rocky walking paths. JLSHP Parking Fee: \$10 or CA State Park Pass.

Bring water, optional poles. Depart Berger 8:30 a.m. (note earlier departure time). Hike leader is Susan Novak, (707) 569-6016.



Jack London Vineyards in early November sun.

LONG HIKE: JUNE 6 BOTHE-NAPA VALLEY STATE PARK

Bothe-Napa Park is located a few miles from Calistoga. The park includes a shady redwood trail, Coyote Peak (1170 feet), and a mix of easy-going and tougher terrain. The hike is primarily a loop, but there's a back-and-forth trail that's one mile each way. Ritchey Creek was flowing as of early May. Lots of contrast between charred redwoods and their mighty efforts to get green again.

The hike is eight miles in total. There's some intrusive poison oak so wear long pants. Bring water, lunch, poles and a hat. Hike leader is David Steinberger, (909) 480-5809.

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Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper

TIME'S UP

You have just a few more days to enroll in the fun competition on Oakmutt Doggy Day. The deadline for pre-registration is May 28 for this June 1 event.

If the competition is not your thing, drop by the Berger Center lawn for the raffle, microchipping, or drawings by a caricature artist. Pick up flyers and registration forms from the Canine Club folder in the OVA office or download them from the Canine Club website: www.oakmontcanineclub.org.

THANKS TO ALL

The Annual Spring Picnic was a resounding success. Thanks to all who contributed great food. And congratulations to prize winners in the raffles.

MEET, WALK, SOCIALIZE

Join Linda and PJ for more Yappy Hour Dog Walks. Note time changes.

- PJ's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Friday, May 31, 9 a.m. Meet at Catholic Church parking lot.

- Linda's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Monday, June 17, 9 a.m. Meet at west corner of Oakmont Dr., Greenfield Circle.



LEASH-FREE

Happy Tails Dog Park is a great resource. Practicing good dog park etiquette enhances safety and health for all.

- Watching your dog alerts you to possible problems and the need to pick up after him.
- When entering the park, it is polite to allow others to exit first.
- Discourage your dog from joining a "mob" at the entrance. Dogs facing a crowd are often fearful or uncertain.
- Remember that the park is reserved for small dogs (25 pounds or less) every Wednesday and Sunday from 3-4 p.m.
- Please do not bring food or treats into the park.
- Remove your dog's leash when entering. Dogs on leash feel vulnerable, unable to escape.

ADOPTION EVENT

Dogwood Animal Rescue will hold an adoption event at the Berger lawn on June 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Sister District Project of Oakmont

■Howard Sidorsky

UPCOMING EVENT

June 15: Poker for Democracy, East Rec. Center, \$20 entry, \$20 for chips. If you are serious about poker or just a novice, it doesn't matter. There will be a table for you. You can take your winnings or you can donate them to our candidate. Come prepared for a great time.

Caregiver Support Group

■Vickie Jackanich

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Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, from 10:30 a.m. till noon in Central Activities Center, Room B.

For information contact me at (707) 595-3054 or dicnvc@comcast.net.

Constitution Club



■Jane Gyorgy

CHANGE OF FOCUS

Given the interest expressed over time, especially at our April 23 meeting, to transition from the "Constitution Club" into what might be called the "Conservative Conversations" club, we have changed the focus of our June 25 gathering. This change entails a shift towards more politically focused discussions and the potential formation of political action groups.

Various ideas are being explored, from casual, sociable gatherings to a structured format with speakers and political action groups. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our club. Remember, we meet only once every other month, on even months, on the fourth Tuesday between 4-6 p.m. in the Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive. We are also considering more frequent gatherings to accommodate your interests.

If you are not a member, please email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com, provide your area code and phone number, and indicate your ability to receive texts. We do not use your email for anything other than meeting invitations and meeting reminders.

Five dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to ensure a smooth transition. They are actively working on getting phone numbers to reach out to each of you before the June gathering, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to gathering your ideas and interest in the change of focus.

Our June 25 gathering has been completely revised to accommodate the volunteer's findings and new members. We are thrilled about the changes and are excited to have secured a speaker, Cheryl Giurlani, President of Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated (est., 1945), to talk about the changes we are considering and her experience with a more politically focused organization. We can't wait to share these exciting developments with you.



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MEMORIAL DAY

This Memorial Day marks the beginning of the Summer season and is predicted to be the busiest in 20 years. If you happen to be in Oakmont and are not traveling this weekend you might consider yourself fortunate!



Special Operations Memorial at MacDill AFB in Florida.
(Photo by G. Fauss)

And if you're here and have the time, we welcome any and all to join us for a special Memorial Potluck at noon on Sunday, May 26. We plan to give attention to this somber holiday as we remember those who gave their lives for us. We'll also see a presentation on what is currently happening in Ukraine.

For more information about our Sunday Services, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Thursday viewing of *The Chosen* movie, Saturday Prayer and other gatherings visit our website at www.occsantarosa.org, write us at occsantarosa@gmail.com or call at (707) 595-0166.

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Playreaders



■D. Hall

WACKY COMEDY IN MAY FOLLOWED BE ROMANTIC COMEDIES IN JUNE

It was literally a laugh a minute when Oakmont Playreaders presented Ginna Zoellner's production of *A Hotel on Marvin Gardens* by Nagle Jackson. The wacky comedy was staged the first two Mondays of May—a fitting welcome to the spring season.

On June 3, I will present two one-act romantic comedies, *Fishing for Fate* by Dagny Collier and *Tender Offer* by Wendy Wasserstein. Lisa and Michael Erwin star in both.

On June 10, we'll see Marcel Coder's delayed *Not My Cup of Tea* by Albert Groff, and in July, it's *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon.

Join Playreaders the first two Mondays of every month in Room B of the Central Activities Center at 2 p.m. First-come, first-seated.

In May a full-house audience enjoyed Nagle Jackson's A House on Marvin Gardens. A good time was had by all. Readers were Marcel Coder, Ginna Zoellner, Steven Levin, John Dolan and Yvonne Horn. (Photo by Playreaders member)



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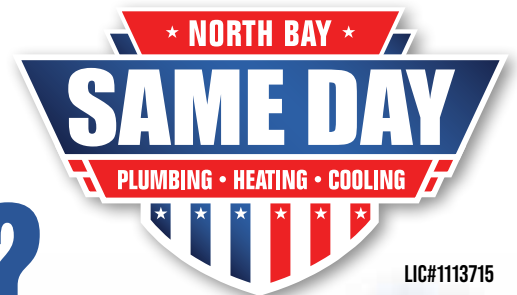
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