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Tell Us If It's Broken. We'll Fix it.

■OVA Staff

OVA has introduced a new, user-friendly system to help residents report maintenance issues at Oakmont's community facilities. Starting this week, QR codes will be posted at the Central, Berger, East, and West facilities.

How It Works:

1. Scan: Use smart phone's camera to scan the QR code located in the facility.

2. Report: A link will lead to the OVA maintenance portal, MaintainX. Here, residents can describe the issue, specify its location, and upload photos if necessary.

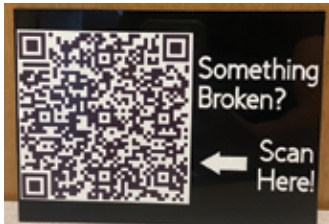
3. Submit: Once report is submitted, it goes directly to the OVA maintenance team for prompt attention.

Benefits of the New System:

- Convenience: Residents can easily report issues from within the facility.
- Efficiency: The digital report provides detailed information and visual evidence for quicker resolution.
- Direct Reporting: This new system ensures maintenance requests are addressed promptly.

There is also a link to report a maintenance issue on the OVA website's facilities page at oakmontvillage.com/facilities.

For more information about this new system, please visit the facility page on the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com/facilities or contact us at (707) 539-1611 or email askova@oakmontvillage.com.



QR codes leading to a maintenance portal will be posted at the Central, Berger, East, and West facilities. (Photo by Trace Hernandez)

Aroha Memory Care Groundbreaking Ceremony

■Jackie Ryan

SEPTEMBER 20, 3–6 PM,
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Learn about the new 22-room memory care home opening in Fall 2025. Enjoy live music, light snacks, wine tastings, and a silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Association of Sonoma-Marin.

For more details and to RSVP, visit arohamemorycare.com.

Invitation to Participate in "Christmas on the Plaza"

■OVA Staff

During the winter holiday season, Oakmont Village Association is excited to announce the inaugural year of "Christmas on the Plaza," a festive new holiday display event. In the winter months, the OVA is transforming the plaza outside the Berger Auditorium into a Christmas Tree Grove, and the association would love for OVA clubs to be part of this special celebration.

The OVA is inviting clubs to sponsor a tree for \$75. Each sponsored tree will be an opportunity to showcase your club's creativity and holiday spirit, and even incorporate the theme of your club. There are 40 trees available, and they will be prominently displayed for all to enjoy throughout the season.

Each club that chooses to participate will be responsible for decorating the tree with LED lights and water-resistant decorations. To ensure the safety and durability of the display, the OVA asks that no glass ornaments be used. OVA staff is here to support you with decorating ideas and to help make your tree a standout in the grove.

The Christmas Tree Grove will be a beautiful addition to the community, creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere for visitors and seasonal events. It is the hope of the OVA that this holiday display event will become a cherished tradition in our community.

To reserve your tree, please email AskOVA@oakmontvillage.com, or stop by the office to fill out the sponsorship form. Deadline to sign up is October 15. Given the limited number of trees, the OVA encourages clubs to secure their spot early.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to the holiday cheer in our community. We look forward to seeing your club's unique and festive tree in the grove!

Oakmonter Loves All Things Jack London

■Carolyn Green

Less than 15 minutes down the road from Oakmont lies a magical place, featuring shady redwood groves, creeks and a seasonal lake, expansive views, vineyards, meadows, 29 miles of meandering trails and historic buildings, including the Pig Palace, Winery Ruins, Wolf House, Cottage and House of Happy Walls—all within Jack London State Historic Park (JLSHP) in Glen Ellen.

Not surprisingly, Oakmont has a long association with the park, where many

regularly visit, hike and volunteer. Indeed, more than 30 Oakmonters regularly volunteer at the park. Take Bern Lefson, who is one of the most active. The retired aerospace manager and 13-year Oakmont resident has been volunteering at for almost as long and is the Park's 2018 Star Volunteer of the Year. Known affectionately as the Keystone Volunteer, Lefson's record tells the story—more than 2,700 hours driving visitors on carts, leading private tours and serving as council chair.

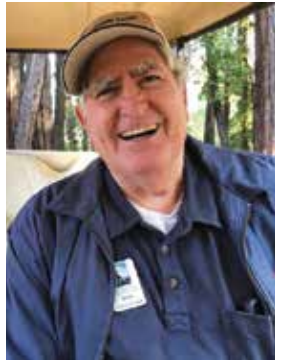
Lefson has his reasons for pitching in. "I find Jack London (and his wife Charmian) fascinating—farmers, sailors and world travelers, oyster pirates, raconteurs and, oh yes, world-famous authors," he said. "I enjoy meeting people from all over the world who have also been enchanted by stories by and about the Londons and sharing the stories that make Jack and Charmian come alive. My favorite park location is the Wolf House—a magical place rich in beauty and history."

Though JLSHP is a state park, it receives little state funding, mostly through in-kind services. The park has been in the news since a lawsuit was filed against the State Parks for alleged inadequate environmental review, forcing the relocation of Transcendence Theater Company's popular summer performances since 2023 and resulting in a revenue loss of almost \$100,000 a year, according to Susan St. Marie, director of Program and Volunteer Management.

St. Marie says the park has had to become very creative in uncovering new funding sources. She says there are many ways Oakmonters can help, including visiting (\$10 day park pass), becoming a member via a tax-deductible donation (a \$59 membership includes an annual park pass), booking an event at the park or scheduling a special tour or sponsoring a bench or picnic table.

The park's major annual fundraiser gala, "Yesterday's Tomorrow," will be held on Saturday, September 21. Tickets are available on the park's website at jacklondonpark.com.

"The park has so much to offer everyone, and we encourage regular visits to see what's new, especially in the House of Happy Walls' world-class museum, which was completely renovated in 2018 entirely with private funding," said St. Marie. "In 2023, we had more than 80,000 visitors. Oakmonters have always been a significant portion of our visitor and volunteer community, and we invite the local community to visit often. It's always a 'wow experience.'"



Oakmonter Bern Lefson has contributed more than 2,700 hours of volunteering at Jack London Historic State Park. (Photo by Susan St. Marie)

Meet Your Neighbors (MYN)

■Katy Carrel

MYN FOCUSES ON SUB-HOAS

Meet Your Neighbors (MYN) provides emergency preparedness and disaster response education in Oakmont. MYN leaders are asking for your help in establishing emergency preparedness protocols in every neighborhood, and transition them to MYN.

Recently MYN has been focusing attention on Oakmont's sub-HOAs, which amount to nearly half of our friends and neighbors. To establish sub-HOAs as "official" MYN neighborhoods and increase participation, MYN is in discussions with sub-HOA leaders. So far, 11 of the 37 sub-HOAs have 100% MYN coverage; the remaining 26 sub-HOAs have either partial or no coverage.

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Oakmont Technology Learning Center (OTLC)

■Linda Canar

CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, SO DON'T MISS OUT!

Classes begin September 16 in the OTLC classroom. New classes have just been added to the schedule. To learn all about the classes being offered, please go to our website at <https://www.oakmonttcl.org>.

Select classes from the menu and browse through the listing of classes. When you find a class that you like, click on the Details button and read all the information about this particular class. Use the Book Now button to sign up for this class. The first time you register you will need to enter all your contact information. After that it is in the system.

You will need to enter your credit card information to check out. If you encounter any problems registering, please contact Peggy Clark at 650-274-1437 or pegprod@icloud.com.

Some of the new classes include:

Choosing The iPhone That's Best for You: This course will explore the key considerations for

upgrading your iPhone, including an overview of the current models and various purchasing options available. Also, a discussion on the introduction of Apple Intelligence (AI) in the iPhone 16 and its potential impact on your decision-making process.

Google Apps Overview: Learn the full range of Google capabilities and how to make the best use of them. These features include Google Drive in the Cloud, Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Contacts, Calendar, Images, Keep, file sharing, calendar sharing, and other Google apps.

New to Genealogy? Build Your Family Tree: This new class provides an introduction to genealogical research with a focus on using Internet sources to obtain genealogical research information. This class is particularly appropriate for a new genealogy researcher to start their own family tree, and will combine lectures and demonstrations.

To see the entire listing of our fall classes go to: <https://www.oakmonttcl.org>.

Oakmont Simulated Emergency Drill

■Tom Pugliese, Emergency Preparedness Committee

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9-11 AM

The Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Committee (OEPC) is conducting a simulated emergency drill to exercise our radio communications volunteers and MYN organized neighborhoods. The scenario will be a 7.6 earthquake centered on the Hayward and Rodger's Creek faults that has caused major damage to Oakmont. Electricity, water, and natural gas are cut off, the internet is down, and cell phone service has been disrupted or is severely overloaded.

We have been advised to shelter in place until the full extent of the damage is understood and conditions have been stabilized, which may take several days.

In an actual emergency, using our radio networks, radio volunteers monitor and report on conditions in their neighborhood, relay information to residents as the emergency progresses and request assistance from outside responders as needed. Our neighborhood radio volunteers communicate with other OEPC volunteers at each of the Rec Centers who are in contact with County and City Emergency Operations Centers to supplement 911 services which are overloaded.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION

Neighborhood radio operators will be wearing yellow vests and carrying walkie-talkies. They will go to the neighborhood meeting place to assess the need for assistance.

To participate in this exercise, you can create a simulated condition that requires assistance from Oakmont resources or first responder support for life or property threatening conditions and give it to the radio volunteer to report.

If you don't see a radio volunteer, you may not have one in your neighborhood. Only about 50% of the Oakmont neighborhoods have radio coverage. You or someone in your neighborhood may consider joining our communications team. We provide the radios and training. Very little of your time is required to establish you as a critical resource for your neighbors.

Contact us at OakmontERT@gmail.com to learn more.

Valley of the Moon Rotary



■John Brodey

JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE WON

If you are a friend of Rotary, have been to our fundraisers (the Crab Feed) or just read some of our articles on these pages, you probably know that eradicating Polio has been a mission of Rotary International's for a long time now. Our Polio Plus project and alliances with the Bill Gates Foundation, international health organizations, etc., brought us to the very brink of victory, with only limited cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan remaining.

The outward reach to vaccinate children in the most remote and backward areas of the world has not been easy. It's been a long battle, but recent events in the Mideast now show us how tenuous this goal is. Areas impacted by strife, unrest, military conflict have made possible the reappearance of Polio in Gaza. This unexpected development raises the specter of a

widespread outbreak. Urgency is the key word and it's been reassuring to see how quickly action has begun to vaccinate the 640,000 children under 10.

Rotary along with WHO and other aid agencies helped assemble a well-coordinated game plan which has been implemented. Other countries have stepped as the recent donation of \$5 million by the Sultan of the UAE illustrates. Administering the two doses necessary to each child within a limited time is an enormous task but thankfully everyone has learned what's at stake. It's this kind of response that still lends hope to seeing a day when children and parents can be freed from the ravages of Polio.

We'd love to have you join us any Thursday at the East Rec. Center for our breakfast meeting. We file in around 7:30 a.m. so we have a chance to visit followed by the ringing of the bell at 8. We'd love to see you!

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MYN has much to offer, including a robust website with a wealth of information, and assistance in establishing MYN. Emergency preparedness isn't just an individual effort, it's a community endeavor. Neighborhoods can come together to organize drills, workshops, and information-sharing sessions. During a disaster, MYN neighborhoods may foster a sense of unity and create a safety net that can prove invaluable during times of crisis.

If you are in a neighborhood/sub-HOA ready to get involved, we invite you to:

- Visit our website at OakmontVillage.com/MYN to get a sense of what we have to offer.
- Reach out to the leadership team at MYN@oakmontvillage.com.
- Find some dates that would work for a pre-meeting with your leadership team; we will bring ours.
- Launch your MYN experience with discussion and resources to help with emergency preparedness and disaster response.

Only together can we make Oakmont a safer community, and it starts with neighbors meeting and helping neighbors.

Oakmont Grief Support Group

■Russ McCracken, Leader

GRIEVING A LOSS? HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you are grieving the loss of someone close to you, the Oakmont Grief Support Group offers you an informal and caring environment where you can talk about your loss. The group meets every Monday morning from 9–10:30 a.m. at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite B. I am a trained grief counselor and Oakmont resident.

Oakmont Sunday Symposium



10:30 a.m. Now live in Berger (not zooming)
\$3 donation requested, for Oakmont residents and their guests
Go to www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org for more info and updates

■Harriet Palk

Coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale in Berger from 9:45–10:15 a.m. before the presentation begins.

SEPTEMBER 15: ANDRE LARUE RACE AND GENDER IN SCHOOL: TEACH IT OR BAN IT?

One of the political hot spots in today's world is teaching about race and gender in schools. Why is this so controversial?

After receiving a B.A. and an M.A. in history, Andre was on the faculty of Santa Rosa Junior College from 1990 to 2020 where his classes on race and gender became among the most popular courses in the History program. He will walk us through why this is such a critical and important topic and relevant for understanding our current culture wars and the politics of polarization.



SEPTEMBER 22: GREG SARRIS, CHAIRMAN, FEDERATION OF INDIANS OF GRATON RANCHERIA THE FORGETTERS



How do you pass on your family history to the next generation? With stories. Greg's book, *The Forgetters*, relays his tribe's history and tenants with astonishing, comforting, startling and inspiring stories that deepen our love for the world we all share. Greg is an exciting, commanding and compelling speaker. This talk will touch your hearts, and you will be glad you came.

SEPTEMBER 29: FRANCESCO LECCE-CHONG, SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY CONDUCTOR MUSIC AS DIPLOMACY

Stepping from behind his podium at the Green Center, Symphony Director Francesco Lecce-Chong will show us how music works to soften international hostilities through shared interests and friendship. In making music, we realize that we have more in common than in difference.

Francesco, considered one of the "fast rising talents" and who has appeared with orchestras worldwide, will take us on a musical journey and show how music transcends our politics and boundaries.



Lifelong Learning

■Marlena Tremont

CLASSES START NEXT WEEK JAPANESE PAPER AND FABRIC MARBLING INSTRUCTOR: ROBERT MAHAR

Online registration only; limit—24 students. Wednesdays, Sept. 18–25, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center, 2-week session. Cost: \$40, plus \$35 for supplies (paid in class).

Explore the Japanese art of suminagashi, a Japanese marbling technique that creates beautifully muted patterns of color to be transferred onto paper and fabric. Make your own stationary and accordion fold book.

THE HOLLYWOOD RENAISSANCE OF 1967 INSTRUCTOR: TERRY EBINGER

Thursdays, Sept. 19–Oct. 10, 2–5 p.m., East Rec., 4-week session. Cost: \$95. Note early start time.

Dive deeply into the cinematic revolution of 1967 by exploring *Bonnie & Clyde*, *Cool Hand Luke*, *In the Heat of the Night*, and *The Graduate*.



SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY INSTRUCTOR: WENDY CILMAN AND SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY MUSICIANS

Wednesdays, Oct. 2–23, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center, 3-week session, bonus fourth class. Cost: \$50.

Different members of the Santa Rosa Symphony will discuss the role of their instrument in symphonic music and in the opening concert on the season. An optional fourth class after the concert will be taught by conductor Lecce-Chong.

CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC POLICY INSTRUCTOR: JON HAVEMAN

Mondays, Oct. 14–Nov. 4, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center, 4-week session. Cost: \$65.

Explore three pressing policy issues—immigration, the federal debt, and healthcare—by looking at their origin, the underlying data and evidence, and what policy levers are available to deal with them.



DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR: DENNIS DRAYNA

Thursdays, Oct. 17–Nov. 7, East Rec., 4-week session. Cost: \$65.

An easy-to-understand exploration of the discovery and development of pharmaceuticals including new treatments and approaches including gene therapy, gene editing, stem cells, brain implants and precision medicine.

MADS TOLLING TRIO

WHEN: Friday, October 11, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

TICKETS: \$25. Theater seating.

Register at OakmontLL.org, leave a check in the OLL folder at the OVA office or pay at the door.



Pickleball Corner

■Peter Copen

THE SENIOR EDGE

If you're a senior pickleball player, you've likely faced the challenge of going up against younger, faster, and more agile opponents. While it might seem daunting, the good news is that your experience and strategic thinking can give you an edge.

Here are five key tips to help you outsmart younger players on the court:

1. **Prioritize Placement and Precise Targeting Over Power:** Younger players often rely on their speed and power, but as a senior player, you can counteract this by focusing on precision. Instead of trying to match their pace, concentrate on placing your shots accurately.

Focus on targeting the middle of the court, where communication between younger, doubles players can break down. Aim for their backhand side often the weaker shot.

2. **Keep the Ball in Play:** Avoid going for the lines or extreme angles that can backfire, and instead, focus on consistency. The longer the rally, the more likely they are to get impatient and make an error.

3. **Play the Soft Game:** Engage younger players in a soft game emphasizing dinks and drop shots. Avoid getting into "paddle battles" or fast-paced exchanges where their quicker reflexes will shine.

4. **Avoid Lobs and Drop Volleys:** While lobs might work against other seniors, they're less effective against younger players who can quickly track down the ball and counter with an overhead smash.

5. **Target Their Feet:** When hitting your fourth shot or any volley, aim for the younger player's feet as they move toward the NVZ. This forces them to make awkward returns and prevents them from gaining the upper hand at the net.

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.



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■Judith Walker

WELCOME TO OUR OPENING CONCERT OF THE NEW SEASON

After our usual summer hiatus, Music at Oakmont is getting ready for the first concert of our 2024–2025 season starting in October. This will highlight the Alexander String Quartet with guest pianist John Novacek. It's an especially appealing combination allowing us to present one of the best piano quintets ever written. Our next *Oakmont News* article will provide more details on the program.



Pianist John Novacek.

The Alexander String Quartet has been since 1999 a vital artistic ensemble based in the Bay Area but known and respected globally. Founded in New York City in 1981 leading to their Carnegie Hall debut that spring, they went on to perform at major venues in the US, Europe and Asia. They concurrently trained generations of gifted performers including many emerging string quartets across the globe.



Alexander String Quartet.

Over the years they have collaborated with major artists such as pianist Joyce Yang, violinist Midori, singer Joyce DiDonato, and clarinetist Richard Stolzman, as well as assisting a number of contemporary composers in bringing their works to the stage and the recording studio.

John Novacek, a highly regarded collaborative artist will join the quartet for this concert. He has appeared with many of the best musicians in the world including Joshua Bell and Yo-Yo Ma. He greatly impressed us at a prior performance here a few years ago and we're glad to welcome him back.

We will be offering a special celebration at this, our first concert of the season, so stay tuned for more news on that later. Please save the date and be sure to join us for this memorable concert. Additional information can be found on our website: www.musicatoakmont.org.

WHEN: Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center, Oakmont

ADMISSION: \$30 at door (cash or check only) or with season pass



Tri-Tip Trolley Food Truck in Oakmont

■OVA Staff

Head to the Berger parking lot for a delicious meal on select days from Tri-Tip Trolley. Check out the menu here: triptrolley.com.

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

Dinner, 4:30–7 p.m.: Wednesdays, September 11, 18 and 25; Saturday, September 28.

Playreaders



■D. Hall

PLAYREADERS PRESENT SLOW FOOD, A TENDER RESTAURANT COMEDY

They're history now, but the plays presented by Oakmont Playreaders this month featured a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama and a comedy trio. On September 2, Star Power staged Edward Albee's *Seascape*, starring Margaret Applegate, Jeff Sheff, Wes Doerr and Sandy White. This is where the humans meet the lizards.

Then, on September 9, Osha Hayden staged *Presenting Guns, Love, and an Unexpected Roommate*, by local playwrights Linda Loveland Reid and Crissi Langwell. These short plays featured Osha Hayden, D. Hall, Ginna Zoellner and John Dolan.

On October 7, enjoy a tender and uproarious restaurant comedy *Slow Food* by Wendy MacLeod. In this play, a vacationing couple celebrates their anniversary at a Greek restaurant in Palm Springs—but will the marriage survive the service? As a wacky waiter insinuates his way into their meal—and their lives—as the couple examine their past and their future together. This play stars Sandy White (also its producer,) John Dolan and Steven Levin.

Oakmont Playreaders' ever-more-sophisticated staging of play reading has drawn full houses most of this year. Get there early for a seat on the first two Mondays of every month at 2 p.m. in Room B of the Central Activities Center.



Characters from the wacky *Actor's Nightmare*: Lisa Erwin, Ginna Zoellner, Sandy Shankman, D. Hall, Michael Erwin, Marcel Coder and Jim Preston. (Photo by John Dolan)

Oakmont Futures



■Marlena Tremont

THE LATEST ON

OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: CAC Room B and Zoom

To connect to this meeting by Zoom go to the Futures Club website (oakmontfuture.com) and click on the link in the middle of the page.

Considerable research has been done that shows that unmanaged hearing loss has a broad impact on well-being and quality of life and is a risk factor for cognitive decline.



Learn what you can do from Oakmont resident, Rich Osborne, who will share his findings from a recent Hearing Loss Association conference on Over the Counter (OTC) hearing aids. Rich is the Oakmont President of the HEARS (Hearing, Education, Advocacy, Research, and Support) Club.

The Oakmont Futures Club holds regular meetings throughout the year focused on how on-going changes technology can help your well-being and health. For more information or to view links of previous meetings, go to OakmontFuture.com.

Terrie Mui is the new director of the Futures Club. She is a relatively new Oakmont resident and escapee from the Silicon Valley Communication Satellites industry. Send your ideas for future meeting topics to Terrie at futureoakmont@gmail.com.

Jazz Club



■Dolora Hurst

WORLD CLASS MUSICIANS

This will be one of the most outstanding concerts to be offered anywhere. Each of these musicians is a world-class performer. The group has been assembled by the famous vocalist, Jamie Davis. Jamie received a Grammy award this year and has just returned from a booking in Dubai Arabia. He has truly played most places in the world as a former Count Basie singer.



Jamie Davis.

Pianist Glenn Pearson was the musical band director for the world-renowned Boys Choir of Harlem for 11 years. He is now pianist for the Count Basie band.

Leon Joyce was drummer for one of the best-known musicians in the world, Ramsey Lewis for 10 years. He organized, produced and played the drums for a program aired nationwide on PBS in April 2010.

Saxophonist Richard Howell has performed on the Tonight Show, jazz festivals around the world, the Royal Albert Hall in London, and jazz programs in Africa. Chris Amberger, bassist, composer and educator, has toured the world with jazz greats, including Cal Tjader, Rosemary Clooney, Art Blakey and The Jazz Messengers, as well as the George Shearing Quintet.

We will have five of the most talented and famous jazz musicians in the world on our Oakmont stage playing together as a band. You will not want to miss this concert.

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 7 p.m. (doors open 6:30)

WHERE: Berger Center Auditorium, 6633 Oakmont Drive

TICKETS: \$40. Tickets available in OVA Office. Tables for 8 may be reserved. Names held at door.

INFORMATION: (707) 537-7720

Cabaret seating, dancing. Drinks and snacks permitted.



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Billiards Club

■Steven Dieterle

LABOR OF LOVE!

The Billiards Club held a 9 Ball Double Elimination Tournament on August 29.

The field of 10 players was strong, full of previous tournament winners and runner ups. However, Mike Nerat started strong winning his beginning matches making him the player to beat. As play continued Mike continued to win all his matches placing him into the finals.

Mike has had limited playing time since the Covid pandemic, but apparently has slowly worked himself back into shape playing pool again.

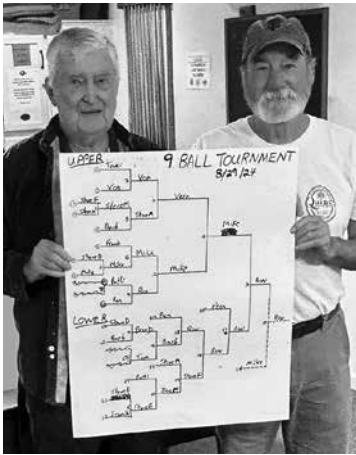
The play down of the rest of the participants brought Ron Holladay and Vern Dahl together. After losing one match they both went on to win the rest of their matches. These two have never met in the semifinals. The winner would play Mike Nerat in the final match(s). As it turned out, Ron Holladay won a very competitive match with Vern and moved into the finals. At this point Ron would need to win back-to-back matches against Mike because of the double elimination format.

Ron is our club's resident "activist" who enjoys challenging the current status quo of rules used and looks to change them when he feels it's appropriate. He has never won a club tournament before.

Congratulations goes to Ron Holladay after winning two closely contested matches against Mike, to win the tournament. It's Ron's first championship!

In the lead up to celebrating Labor Day, a day for looking back and feeling respected for the hard work and accomplishments done for the year, Ron has now earned the respect of his fellow club members for being a Oakmont club tournament winner. Appropriate Labor Day quote: "You always pass failure on your way to success."

Thanks to all the players who participated in this tournament and making it a fun and competitive event.



Winner Ron Holladay, left, and runner-up Mike Nerat, right.

Oakmont Art Association

■Kathy Byrne

SANTA ROSA OPEN STUDIOS

Four members of the Oakmont Art Association will be taking part in the first Santa Rosa Open Studios. Their studios will be open Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15. They also will be open the following weekend of September 21 and 22. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. You can go to the map at sropestudios.com to view the website that includes all the artists.

I will be offering watercolors and prints. My address is 9120 Oak Trail Circle, Studio #68. You can click on my name to see my info and can further click on the Facebook app to see more of my work.

Cherie Gooler will be offering art quilts and greeting cards. Her address is 324 Mountain Vista Court, Studio #69. You can also view her at sropestudios.com.

Richard Winston will be offering paintings. His address is 7971 Oakmont Drive, Studio #71. You can also view him at sropestudios.com.

Mark Ballow will be offering mixed media and painting. His address is 7971 Oakmont Drive, Studio #70. He will be sharing space at the same address with Richard Winston, Studio #71. You can view his work at sropestudios.com.

Just For Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

MEEPLE IN GAMES WHAT ARE MEEPLE? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

Meeple are the people like markers that lots of board games use to keep track of points, position, etc. The word "meeple" is kind of a contraction of two words: "My People"—Meeple! Meeple come in all sorts of colors, sizes and shapes that include people, animals, money and anything else that a game needs.



The Game Crafter.

Come join us and let's talk Meeple.

ABOUT THE JUST FOR FUN GAMES CLUB:

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games including board games, card games, tile games and dice games! We meet every Saturday at 1 p.m. in the CAC Card and Game Room. There are multiple games being played at the same time, so you will always be able to choose what game you want to play. It's never too serious—because we play games Just for Fun!

The club has a good collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. Some of our favorite games are: Wingspan, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Splendor, Cubbirds, Rummykub, Saint Petersburg, Carcassonne Hand and Foot. There are so many games out there to play... something for everyone. What would you like to play? We'll teach you how to play or you can teach us how to play your game!

Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. Just show up. It's that easy! For more information or to get on the email list contact us at Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net or me at (707) 843-3053.

Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

LEARN TO CHA CHA IN OCTOBER!



WHAT: Beginning Cha Cha Partner Dance Classes

WHEN: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16 and 23

TIME: 4-5:15 p.m.

WHERE: Lower West Rec.

COST: \$10 pp for single class; \$8 pp for two or more classes purchased at same time

Cha Cha is an upbeat and lively partner dance that grew out of the Mambo from Cuba in the 1950's. Besides Latin songs, there are also a lot of contemporary pop songs that have a Cha Cha beat including songs by Elton John, Santana, Earth Wind and Fire, Madonna and Lady Gaga.

No partners or experience are required. We will rotate partners during the classes, although rotating is optional. Classes will meet for 4 sessions in October to learn the most basic steps. If you can't make it to all four classes, it is at least best to come to the first two classes since each week after the first will build on the material taught in the 1st week. A fifth class is possible on Oct. 30 if there is interest. 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. 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.



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■Greg Fauss

ALPHA AND A PRESENTATION ON UKRAINIAN WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

I (Pastor Greg) recently returned from helping to facilitate a camp in Germany for widows and orphans from Ukraine. It was a very moving experience and I learned a lot. I will give a presentation on it at our regular potluck lunch at noon on Sunday, September 22nd. Everyone is welcome.

And speaking of welcoming, Alpha begins a few days earlier. Alpha is a ten-week series of safe discussions following a presentation on some aspect of the Christian faith. Each meeting begins with a meal and light conversation. It's especially intended for anyone exploring faith, refreshing their faith or desiring to return to it.

It all begins on September 19 with dinner and continues every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Oakmont Gardens. We encourage people to come with a friend and make new friends.

To register or for questions please see our website, which includes information about our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center, our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Saturday Prayer, monthly potlucks and other gatherings. Go to www.occsantarosa.org, write us at occsantarosa@gmail.com or call at (707) 595-0166.

Oakmont Garden Club

■Patty McHugh

IKEBANA, THE JAPANESE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT BY RON "KODO" BROWN

WHEN: Wednesday, October 9, 9:30 a.m. Social, 10-11 a.m. Program, O&A follows

WHERE: East Rec Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

A long-time fixture in the Bay Area world of Ikebana, Ron Brown brings innovative, inspiring enthusiasm to Ikebana audiences and his students. Ron's journey in Ikebana began as an outgrowth of his interest in ceramics and the utilitarian use of ceramic vessels for esthetic purposes. He studied with renowned Ikebana teachers beginning with Sogetsu Ikebana



in 1979 studying under Burleigh Fedanzo. In 1986 he became a student of Shuko Kobayashi. In 2007, he became a student of Kika Shibata and continues to study with her today. Ron holds the rank of Komon.

Since his retirement from a 35-year career in the wine industry in Sonoma and Napa counties, Ron has been actively pursuing his passion and love of Ikebana as a second career. Ron teaches Ikebana classes in Sonoma and Marin Counties and demonstrates and exhibits for many groups throughout California and beyond. He teaches a monthly class at Oakmont.

Ron has been a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter #31 of Ikebana International for over 40 years and currently serves as the Co-President of the Chapter.

Ron is noted for creating Ikebana with found or discarded objects and rusted metal pieces. He likes the contrast of the rusted, pitted metal surfaces with fresh plant material. Scouring construction sites, scrap yards, and culverts, he collects items for his metal assemblages.

At the October 9 presentation, Ron will create arrangements in a variety of styles including the basic styles of Sogetsu Ikebana in the low bowl and others in the tall vase, Nageire. He will then be doing some freestyle arrangements using some of his favorite materials.

Oakmont Birders

■Barbara Kendrick

AMERICAN BITTERN VISITS VALLEY OF THE MOON GOLF COURSE

Sharp-eyed Oakmont birder Carol Legg recently spotted an American Bittern visiting a sand trap on the 13th hole of the VOM golf course. She also saw one there last year – so maybe it’s becoming a hangout! Bitterns are secretive and notoriously hard to see, as their posture and coloration help them blend in well with dense reeds and cattails of their preferred marshy habitats. Having one visit a sand trap is a surprise and a great opportunity to see an otherwise elusive bird.

The American Bittern is part of the heron family, around the size of a snowy egret but lacking its slender grace. It has a stocky body, a long-pointed bill, and yellow legs, with an overall streaky brown

and buff coloration, including pronounced brown stripes on its head and breast. By extending or contracting its relatively long neck, it can achieve two distinct appearances: tall and thin, or compact like a football. When it wants to disappear among the reeds, it elongates its neck and points its bill upward, becoming as skinny as possible and allowing its vertical stripes to create perfect camouflage.

Bitterns hunt by standing stock-still for very long periods, waiting for a fish or insect to wander close, and then stabbing it with lightning speed. When they do move about, it’s with great deliberation and, as bird expert David Sibley writes, an “agonizingly slow gait.”

American Bitterns are here year-round in Northern California. In the spring breeding season, in Annadel Park’s Ledson Marsh you can sometimes hear their

unique call—a weird booming or “oomph-kah-loomph” sound, more like a frog than a bird. Altogether a wonderfully strange creature! We’re lucky to have one in Oakmont.

Have questions about birds? Want a “Birds Seen in Oakmont” checklist? E-mail bkendrick@jps.net.



American Bittern on a very slow walk. (Courtesy of Tom Grey)



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Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper

WELCOME TO AUTUMN

As we inch into fall, the days shorten, temperatures cool, and foliage bursts into color. What better way to celebrate autumn than to join other dog lovers at



the annual Members Appreciation Party. There you will find a view of autumnal color from the Wild Oak Saddle Club, good food, and the chance to win a prize. Attendance is limited to active members of the Canine Club.

It's a good time to become a member if you haven't already done so. Benefits include a weekly newsletter featuring dog-related activities as well as articles on wellness, training, and behavior, an Annual Spring Picnic for active members, an annual Dog Show offering discounted rates to members, and a dedicated website.

To join, write a check to the Canine Club for \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households, and place it in the club folder in the OVA office.

YAPPY HOUR DOG WALKS

Open to all Oakmont residents and all dog breeds and sizes, these dog walks are self-paced walks of about 1 to 2 miles.

Linda's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Monday, September 16, 9 a.m. Meet at the corner of Oakmont Drive and Singing Brook.

PJ's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Friday September 27, 9 a.m. Meet at the West Rec. parking area.

WALKING THE GOLF COURSE

If you walk the golf course, please remember that dogs must be leashed. Observe the approved hours: each day from daybreak to 7 a.m.; on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 45 minutes before sunset. To access the current schedule or to contact the golf course, visit playvom.com or call (707) 539-0415.

EVENT OUTSIDE OF OAKMONT

The Blessing of the Animals takes place at St. Francis Winery (100 Pythian Road at Highway 12) on Friday, October 6 from 2-5 p.m.

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Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti, Priscilla Roslyn and Simone Smith

LUAU THEMED MIXER WITH AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m. **WHERE:** East Rec.

Dust off your Aloha wear! Our very own member, Steph Brucker, will join her Hula Mai Dancers to entertain us, and then invite our members to join in an instructional dance of traditional Hawaiian dance. Dress in your favorite tropical garb, bring Hawaiian themed food to share, and your beverage of choice. Following the presentation, the club will sponsor an ice cream social.

Please. RSVP on our website at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org by September 16. You may also email Priscilla at proslyn49@aol.com. Please remember to wear your name badge.

In case you missed the August mixer introducing our new website, please bring your charged devices to meet with one of our advisors, to learn how to navigate the process. This is for your benefit!

OCTOBER BON APETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, October 3 meet at 5:30 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: 19Ten Bar & Provisions, 115 4th St., Santa Rosa, <https://19ten.com/menu/>

19Ten Bar & Provisions is located in the old, faded Hotel Oliver build in 1910 in Santa Rosa. From their steel framed concrete bar, modern lighting, graffiti artwork, stone counter tops, hardwood floors and luscious booths and chairs, this will give you a feel unlike any other restaurant around. Enjoy their craft cocktails, excellent wine list and their "New American menu designed for sharing a dining experience."

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks! Reservation cutoff is October 1. RSVP on our new website at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org or email Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com.

DO YOU LIVE IN OAKMONT? ARE YOU SINGLE?

Oakmont Singles Club offers the opportunity to network with other singles holding similar interests. For more info, visit www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org.



Deb Ponts enjoying the August Bon Apetite outing to Sazon Peruvian Cuisine and Deli. (Photo by Bailey Penzotti)

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Asian-Pacific Heritage and Cultural

■ Gary Andersen

EVENING OF JAPANESE MUSIC, HISTORY & CULTURE WITH IKEBANA CONTEST

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 21, 4:30–8 p.m.

PLACE: Berger Center

Dedicated to our Sonoma County Japanese American neighbors and open to all Oakmont residents and their guests. Bring your own food and drink. Complimentary tea and Japanese Mochi dessert will be served. Tickets are \$25. Dinner music by Gary Sugiyama's Cedar Mountain Band, followed by the

Kamishibai story of two Sonoma County Japanese school children during the 1940's. Shirley Muramoto will play her beautiful traditional Japanese 13 string Koto instrument (her mother learned how to play the Koto while in the internment camp and passed the tradition on to Shirley).

Educator, black belt judo instructor and origami master Henry Kaku will share his incredible family story of resilience.

I will share the story of Sonoma's Frank Matsuyama



Shirley Muramoto and an Ikebana Floral Arrangement.

who immigrated here alone at the age of 16 in 1903. Frank's marriage in 1912 was one of the first Japanese/Caucasian marriages in California. Frank was a true entrepreneur who was employed by several California police departments to train officers in the martial art of Yawara.

The evening will conclude with our own Sonoma Taiko Drummers and the traditional Japanese Obon Dance led by Sebastopol instructor Diane Ono.

The Ikebana floral arrangement contest will be on display for all Oakmont residents to view free from 2–4 p.m. in the Berger Center Room G, along with Asian photography and textiles for sale by Judy Bellah. Everyone coming to see the Ikebana arrangements will be given a ballot to vote for their one favorite. Prize winners will be announced at 7 p.m. To enter the Ikebana contest, contact me at (360) 778-9604.

Event tickets are \$25, obtained by filling out a payment form at our OVA club folder or on line at: www.asianpacificheritagecultureclub.org.



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Critter Cam Club

■John Tan

CRITTERS ALIVE

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Hawk in John Tan's backyard. (Photo by John Tan)

The Critter Cam Club, one of the newest clubs in Oakmont, is a gathering of wildlife enthusiasts who share photos and videos of our local wildlife with each other, along with learning about the local species in our community. The information we gather may also be useful to our neighboring parks, nature organizations and real estate agents and their clients.

If this interests you, join us! Email me at crittercamclub@gmail.com and include "Critter Cam Club" in the subject line. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the OVA Administration Office, Room B, 2-4 p.m. Call if you have any questions, (415) 717-2995.



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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.

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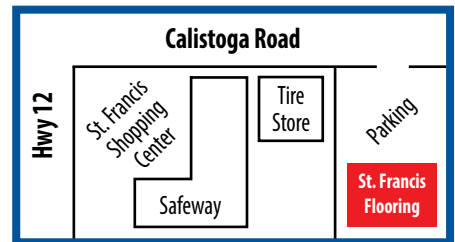
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Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

JOIN US MONDAY EVENING!

We'd love to introduce you to lawn bowling, so we're holding an Open House.

WHERE: On the Bowling Green, next to the Central Activity Center

WHEN: Monday, September 16, from 5-7 p.m.

WHO: Open to all Oakmont residents. This is a gentle, outdoor exercise. There's some walking, some standing, some bending and some sitting.

We'll show you around the Green. There will be a



Women's Singles Final—Marilyn Garland, Steve Pickell (marker), and Bonnie Johnston (winner).



Bowlers in the Women's Singles Tournament.

demonstration game in progress so you can see what a game is like. And we'll have trainers and equipment so you can roll a few bowls to see if this is the sport for you. It should be a beautiful evening. We'll have light snacks and beverages and a wonderful view of the mountains around us.

And after that? If you find this is something you'd like to do, we'll set you up with free lessons so you can learn more of the rules and improve your skills. Membership is \$20 per year. We have club equipment you can use and we also have used equipment you can buy if you'd like to have your own set.

WHAT IS LAWN BOWLING?

Depictions of lawn bowls can be found in ancient Egyptian artworks, including tomb paintings and hieroglyphs. The ancient Greeks also bowled and it later became popular among Romans. The object is to have your team's bowls (aka balls) end up closest to the target. The bowls aren't round and curve as they roll, making the game much more interesting.

WOMEN'S SINGLES WINNER

Bonnie Johnston rolled against Marilyn Garland to become the Women's Singles champion. To quote Marilyn: "Bonnie was awesome!"

Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com. Website: www.oakmontlawnbowling.com.

Domino Club



■Brian Huckins

MIX THOSE DOMINOS

The Oakmont Domino Club meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Central Activity Center Card Room.

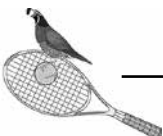
We play the popular Five-up Game (more commonly referred to as the San Francisco Five-up Game). Two, three or four can play. The four handed or partners game is our preferred format. A slight wager has been known to add to the interest.

It is easy to learn and anyone who can add, subtract and divide can play the game. The fundamentals are simple and can be learned quickly. The finer points can be managed with a little study and practice.

Looking for players of all abilities to join. Lessons are available.

Please contact me at (415) 602-9083 or bvhuckins@gmail.com.

Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

GET READY FOR ACTION

The temperature is cooling, and it is much better "tennis weather"—whatever that is—although the searing heat didn't stop play only brought some time adjustments.

So, where is this leading? To a busy schedule of Tennis Club events for Autumn, when the leaves on the trees will be turning colors to provide a glorious background for the West Courts.

The kickoff—it's football season, too—for a busy couple of months will be the annual Ten Beer Social, a sort of free-wheeling annual event on Friday, September 20, where players show up with appetizers and beverages and make up matches. Time for this is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., allegedly so people can make it after work. Does anyone still work?

Then on Saturday, October 19, there will be a Men's Doubles Tournament with a little, just a little, more formality. Partners will be made up by drawing playing cards and partners will switch after sets. This will be followed by a Women's Doubles event on the following Saturday, October 26.

Of course, same rules: partners by draw and switch after sets.

All of this activity will be on the West Courts. The spare-no-expenses Tennis Board is digging deep to come up with appropriate prizes for the winners of the Men's and Women's tournaments, and there will be actual winners.

Meanwhile, back on late Sunday afternoons when the shadows are falling on the West Courts, Cindy Fischer and Reed Davis have started what they hope will become a tradition: Margaritas and lots of nibbles plus several hours of tennis. It can't miss.

The board also has begun to stir with plans for a Winter Social in January. That's a ways away so put back your calendar schedules for now.



The Sunday Afternoon Margaritas Group on Sept 1. That's Reed second on the left, Cindy second on the right. (Photo by Lou Lacson)

Slot-Car Club

■Ray Wells

Hi, I'm Ray Wells, an Oakmont resident for 20 years. I propose to start a Slot-Car Club using a temporary Carrera track in one of the Rec. centers, to race for one day every six months. Twenty Oakmont resident members are needed to qualify for a new club, so I need 19 volunteers.

Today's toy tracks are digital, allowing six cars on a 2-lane track with lane-changers to pass and authentic pit-stops. At the moment I assemble a 100' track in my living-room quarterly for my grandkids to play on. We run mostly Carrera GTD cars with magnets removed as the painted track has good grip. It needs more scenery and extra portable tables to debut at a Rec. Center.

Google "East Bay Slot Car Club" to see videos of a similar story.

An inaugural meeting is set for October 10, 10 a.m. in the Berger Center, Room B. If there is enough support, we could plan the first event. Race days will be open to Oakmont residents and guests, as well as club members.

If you have interest, please e-mail me at Raywingit@comcast.net and definitely mark your calendar for the first meeting.

Oakmont Democratic Club



■Susan Bercu

KNOW YOUR BALLOT!

Cast your vote wisely! The November 5th General Election is almost here! We are all knowledgeable and ecstatic about the dynamic duo at the top: Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. Down ballot races and propositions could not be more vital this year.

Do you know the statewide and local measures, initiatives, and candidates that will appear on the ballot? What are they? How do they affect us? Why care about school boards/trustees?



Your questions will be addressed at this informative event on Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., East Rec Center. The Oakmont Democratic Alliance (umbrella organization including Democratic Club, Progressives, PerSisters, Sister District and Standing for Justice) will host an instructive presentation where all these measures and initiatives will be clearly defined. Several spokespeople and candidates will talk and hold Q&A. You and friends are invited! Please bring a snack and beverage to share.

NEXT UP: FUNDRAISER "WALK (OR HANG OUT) FOR DEMOCRACY" SUN., SEPT. 15, 9-11 AM, HOWARTH PARK

This event is hosted by the Sister District Project. Donations go directly to candidates running for state legislature in swing states. Bring friends and family. Beverages and home baked goods provided. For information email sd.sonoma-county-east@gmail.com.

All you "joyful warriors" are invited to sign up to volunteer and participate in more exciting opportunities. In this momentous election with our freedom and our democracy at stake, we can win with the mobilization of you, your neighbors, friends and family!

We are all needed in this fight to win! Check out the Oakmont Democratic Alliance website for fundraising events and ways you can volunteer and canvass to gain control of congress at <https://www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org>.

You have influence! Call and email your elected officials to let them know your stand on issues. Contact information is on the Democratic Club website at <https://www.oakmontdemclub.org/resources>.

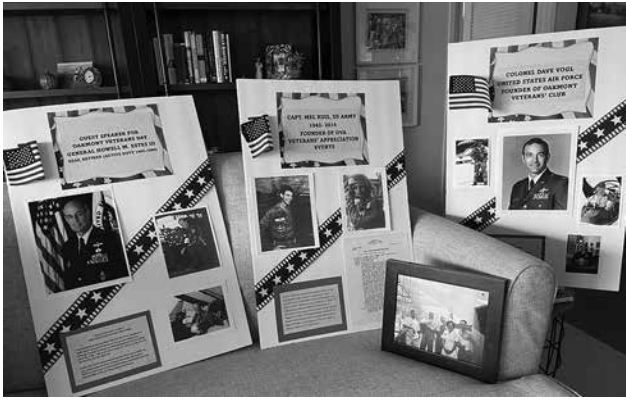
Oakmont Vets Club

■Paul Gowins and Pat Hendricks

ARE YOU AN OAKMONT VETERAN?

The Oakmont Veterans Club would like to honor you this coming Veterans Day! We would like to thank you for your service by displaying your picture along with your bio in our Hall of Honor. For the month of October, the Veteran's Club will display in the CAC our Oakmont veterans' pictures, to also include those veterans who have deceased.

Please bring your veteran picture and bio (with name, service branch, and years of service) to the OVA Administrative office during the month of September. (Note: that office is closed between 12 and 1 p.m. daily). Your picture will be scanned and filed later. Your picture will then be returned to you.



Last year's display. (Photo by Pat Hendricks)

Karen DeGroot and Pat Hendricks will make posters from the photos to display at the CAC for the month of October. Your story will also be displayed in the Hall of Honor, and the Berger Center on Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day Parade celebrations. Thank you for your service!

For more information call Karen DeGroot, (707) 974-6455 or Pat Hendricks, (707) 321-2369.

Also, on the topic of Veterans Day, we will host a special parade in Oakmont this year (the route TBA), and we are looking for drivers with vintage vehicles that will be carrying some of our Honoree Veterans along the parade route. If you want to be one of those drivers, or have a nominee for an honored veteran, contact Mike Murphy, mmurphy99@gmail.com or (408) 221-1284; or contact Michael Hudson, Swiftvet17@gmail.com or (303) 570-5405. If you have a vintage vehicle to drive you will also need to fill out this form for the OVA at the following link: <https://oakmontvillage.com/article/veterans-car-application>.

Next issue we will resume reporting all of our usual club news topics of interest and focus on our club's two vital partnerships.

Vaccine Clinic Coming Up This Fall

■OVA Staff

OVA is once again hosting a series of Vaccine Clinic Days at the Berger Center this fall. Upcoming dates are Thursday, Sept. 19; Thursday, Oct. 3; and Tuesday, Oct. 29. All clinics will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This vaccine clinic is offering the following vaccines: FLU 2024-25 (Standard and High Dose for 65+ years old), COVID 2024-25 (if available), Prevnar 20 and RSV.

You can make an appointment at www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OakmontSR2024.

Please bring your medical and prescription card to the clinic at the time of your appointment plus the printed version of the consent form you receive at the time of booking your appointment. There will also be consent forms at the clinic, or you can download it at the link below.

If you are not insured, please prepay with the Safeway pharmacy by calling (707) 766-9477. Safeway is unable to bill for Kaiser members.

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. We charge \$25 for a 10-week Tournament that includes the playoffs.

2 p.m. League: 10 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, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help setup at 1:15 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates: Sept. 17 (week #5). No bowling Sept. 24 (fourth Tuesday). Oct. 1 (week #6), 8 (week #7), 15 (week #8) 29 (week #9). No bowling Oct. 22 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF SEPT. 3 (WEEK #3 FALL LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 254; Glenn Hewitt, 247; Larry Souza, 243; Scott Harris, 223; Mike Apicella, 216; Charlie Ensley, 214; Frank Schepergerdes, 213; Richard Adamczyk, 210.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 279; Rhonda D'Agostini, 252; Valerie Hulse, 236; Peggy Ensley, 234; Sandy Osheroff, 228; Diane Price, 208; Flicia Laden, 207; Donnarose Ilecki, 204; Carolita Carr, 201, Marie Haverson, 201.

InvestOAK



■Joe Pundyk

CHOOSING A SUCCESSOR EXECUTOR

In our next meeting of InvestOAK on Friday, September 20 a speaker from the Santa Rosa Council on Aging will provide an interesting discussion on choosing a successor executor for your will and trust in case the chosen executor cannot perform their duty.

The Council on Aging has been providing fiduciary services to older adults for 50 years. Their Financial Services Team include the Director, Professional Licensed Fiduciaries, Financial Case Managers, Record Manager, and Accounts Coordinator. Their team works closely together to ensure your estate plan is implemented correctly and your final wishes are carried out as you had intended.

There is a possibility that one's executor doesn't survive forever, and it could be prudent to have a substitute successor in your trust or will. We expect the presentation will be lively, no pun intended and expect lots of questions and hopefully solid answers.

After the presentation Joe will provide the financial results for the last few months that will indicate the U.S. and world market's performance and the strength of our economy.

The InvestOAK Club meets the third Friday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Central Activity Center, Room B. Try to arrive early to assure a seat so you don't miss the fun!

Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

CELEBRATING ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

With just the October 19 Oktoberfest tournament and potluck picnic lunch event remaining in the 2024 season, the Oakmont Pétanque Club is celebrating another very successful year. The club held its second annual home and home match tournament against another club, Santa Rosa's Pétanque La Rose. A full slate of players participated in the Springtime and Bastille Day tournaments, and members enjoyed continuing the tradition of two Evening Pétanque social/play nights in June and August.

The bi-weekly club column continues in the *Oakmont News* in addition to regular e-newsletters to members. The club continues to welcome new members, expanding the Roster to a record-high 73 members, and looks forward to a strong finish to the 2024 season and enthusiastic planning for 2025.



Tom Bonomi pointing in the recent Bastille Day Tournament with opposing teammates Barbara Lowell, Barbara Newton, and Ernest Culver looking on.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

French in origin, Pétanque (pay-tonk), also known in the United Kingdom as Boules, has been a feature of organized play in Oakmont since the 1980s. The club, founded as an OVA organization in 1996, encourages all Oakmonters 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. Club Play days are casual friendly games with teams randomly chosen. The club has boules to lend while you're learning, and you'll be playing right away.

Anyone, regardless of experience, is welcome to enjoy the challenge and camaraderie of a simple game that is inexpensive, fun to play, learned quickly, and endlessly fascinating in its deeper levels of execution and strategy. No membership dues are required—just sign up to be on the club roster.

Oakmont Cat Care Coop



■Mary Ellen King

NEED CARE FOR KITTY WHILE YOU ARE AWAY?

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For information and to get on the list contact me at (707) 849-1581.



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.

SEPTEMBER 19: LONG HIKE MOONWALK AT SUGARLOAF RIDGE STATE PARK

Attention Long Hikers: to shake things up, plan a Full Moon Hike leaving Berger at 5 p.m. We'll

start at the Ferguson Observatory parking lot and immediately start the uphill trek toward Bald Mountain. The moon will accompany us as soon as it rises (but after we get going). There's a great opportunity to view the moon's presentation of light and beauty.



Full Moon Hike on Bald Mountain.

After our stop at Bald Mountain, we'll circle around to Gray Pine trail to start our descent

completing a total distance of six-and-a-half miles with an elevation of 1558'. Bring water, something to replenish your appetite, a good headlamp and walking poles. The hike down is sometimes slippery due to the mixture of dirt and small pebbles. Hike leader is David Steinberger, dmstein.723@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 19: INTERMEDIATE HIKE CHANSLOR RANCH—BODEGA BAY

Ocean views, wetlands and horses! Sonoma County Regional Parks newest acquisition, Chanslor Ranch, is nestled in the hills along Highway 1, featuring ponds and wetlands, coastal grassland, ocean views, and Salmon Creek as it flows into the sea. Two intermediate levels of hikes with both walking along the Pond Trail, Osprey and Salmon Creek trails. One hike is 5 miles with some steep undulating spots along the Salmon Creek trail, 400 ft. elev. Option 2, a 6-mile trek with 750–1000 ft. elevation that only does part of Salmon but includes the Vista Trail with two optional higher elevation viewpoints.



Salmon Creek at Chanslor Ranch.

Bring poles, sunscreen and lunch. Temporarily no fee. Leave the Berger at 8:30 a.m. Rain or muddy conditions cancels. Hike leaders are Marilyn and John Pahr, (707) 541-6430.

SEPTEMBER 26: LONG HIKE LOOP THRU AND AROUND MUIR WOODS

Starting at the Mountain Home Inn, we'll hike down into the park and then up and around the opposite ridge. From Panoramic Drive, we'll hike down to join the Bootjack Loop into Muir Woods to enjoy the redwoods and observe the park's wildlife, aka tourists. Then we will escape up to the ridge where we'll loop back to where we began. About 8 miles and 1200' of climbing.

Hike leader is Jeff Zalles, (415) 999-5333, jeffzalles@gmail.com.

Sister District of Oakmont



■Carolita Carr

JOIN SISTER DISTRICT SONOMA COUNTY EAST FOR A WALK FOR DEMOCRACY!

WHERE: Howarth Park, Santa Rosa—exact location shared on registration

WHEN: Sunday, September 15 from 8–11 a.m.

Come join us for a walk in the park—by yourselves or with a group—or just gather in a nice place together for good morning refreshments! We've reserved a beautiful spot with plenty of space for you, pets on leash, your kids, family, and friends. We provide coffee, juice, homemade baked goods, one raffle ticket, and the option to walk alone or with others. Raffle items may include: wine from our wine tasting event, homemade jam, wine paraphernalia, and more! If you want to hang out with us, please bring a camp chair for your comfort.

All donations go directly to our candidates, running for state legislature in swing states.

How to Register: go to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sd155-kim-gresham-240915-sonomace>, make your donation and you will be registered. Return email will provide further information.

NEXT EVENT: POKER FOR DEMOCRACY!

WHERE: Oakmont—exact location shared on registration

WHEN: Saturday, September 28, 6–8:30 p.m.

Want to have a good time while helping to preserve American democracy? Join us for our most popular event, friendly rounds of poker, food, beverages, and camaraderie! You do not have to be a poker player to enjoy this evening. Whether you are a card shark or just want to have a fun time with fun people, you'll have a good time!

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Details coming soon, here and on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SisterDistrictSonomaCountyEast>.

Questions? Email sd.sonomacountyeast@gmail.com.

Oakmont Spiritual Collaborative

■Sue Aiken

JOIN OTHERS IN EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

You are always welcome to join our regularly scheduled meetings in Room B in the CAC on second and fourth Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.

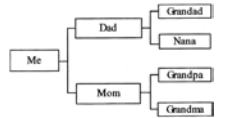
We begin each session with a 5-minute guided meditation to center ourselves to be present with all in the room. In some cases, we have a reading to open our discussion. Or we may have an individual check-in from which a topic emerges. When we close our circle each week, we put forth an idea or suggestion for the topic for the next session.

Our discussions are meant to be inclusive, nonjudgmental, with individuals both sharing and in support of one another. It is an opportunity to explore spirituality both through sharing personal experiences and often with sharing of expertise whether through a video or perhaps reading of a book or other reading material.

Questions? Please contact me at slaiken5440@gmail.com or Geoffrey Canham at gcanham@cs.com.



Genealogy Club



■George McKinney

SHARE STORIES OF WWI, ROARING 20S, AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The Oakmont Genealogy Club will meet September 23 at 1 p.m. and on Zoom.

Genealogy research is about understanding the lives of those who came before us. All are welcome to come whether you're a member of the Genealogy Club or not.

We're sharing family stories and mementos of the early 20th century at this meeting. Think about everything from dance marathons to flapper clothing. We've got a Gibson Girl and someone who performed at the White House for President Roosevelt.



Think about your grandmother's favorite recipes. And your grandfather's railroad watch. Do you have clothing or jewelry from your grandmother? Do you have an old car from the family?

How about wedding pictures? If you have pictures to share, send them to oakmontancestry@gmail.com and we'll have them posted.

This is probably a meeting that's best in person, but if you need to be on Zoom, here's the sign in information:

Meeting ID: 862 2760 9536. Passcode: 030213.



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Soroptimist International Oakmont Wine Country



■Cynthia Goodwin

AUTHORS SIGHTING AHEAD: AUTHORS BOOK FAIRE!

Soroptimist International of Oakmont Wine Country (SIOWC) is excited to announce their Third Annual Authors Book Faire on November 9, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Berger Center located at 6633 Oakmont Dr. Santa Rosa.

Entrance is free to the public, and all are welcome! Authors, who have published works, will be available to sign and sell their books.

This venue has been very well received over the years with 41 talented authors participating in November! This year interest has been high, with a wide variety of genres being offered, including first-time writers to authors with an extensive bibliography. In the past two years hundreds of people attended and purchased books at this enjoyable and lively event. In addition, this year Hamilton Family Wine and Dino's Greek Food will be serving wine and food.

Authors look forward to the opportunity to personally meet you, while supporting this

fundraiser! Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Participating Authors:

Top Row Standing, L to R: Joshua Goodwin and Henry, Karin Fitz Sanford, Wanda Smith, Jaime Zukowski, Dale Brandon, Marie O'Neill, Rebecca Rosenberg, Mara Johnstone, Jane Futcher, Pamela Heck, Gino Medeiros, Richard Boyd and Les Gee.

Bottom Row Seated, L to R: Cynthia Goodwin, Christina Goodwin, Don Franceschi, Yvonne Horn, Julie Bennett, Jenny Watts, Marcy Fox, Tony Navarra, Will Chubb, Diana Morgan Dean, Astrid Harper, Benita Mattioli, Kimberly Hubenette and Liz Quiroz.

Not pictured: Crissi Langwell, Linda Dodwell, Chrisine Banihashemi, Anne E. Biden, Paul Gullixson, Nadine Condon, Mark Tate, Thonie Hevron, Joanne Phillips, Kim Korte, Elisa Stancil Levine, Nancy Martin, Eric Goodman, CK Gallagher.



Photo by Mindy Breslin Photography.

Movies At Oakmont



WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

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

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

SEPTEMBER 15 AT 2 PM EZRA

Comedian Max co-parents autistic son Ezra with ex-wife Jenna. Faced with crucial decisions about Ezra's future, Max and Ezra go on a life-changing cross-country road trip. 2023, R, 1:41.



SEPTEMBER 22 AT 2 PM THELMA

When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. 2024, PG-13, 1:38.



SEPTEMBER 29 AT 2 PM THE TASTE OF THINGS

The story of Eugenie, an esteemed cook, and Dodin—the fine gourmet chef she has been working for over the last 20 years. 2023, PG-13, 2:15.





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