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Oakmont Vets Club

■Paul Gowins

ARE YOU READY FOR A PARADE?

Our annual Veterans' Day Parade through Oakmont has become a community icon that we all enjoy for the spectacle with all of the related events. This year's event is on Monday, November 11, with the parade kicking off at 9:30 a.m., followed by a special program in the Berger.

There has been a lot of work put into this event, as many of you know, but there are still things left to prepare and arrange. We could use your help to finalize those details. We need volunteers to help with the events. If you can help, contact Michael Hudson at: swiftvet17@gmail.com or (303) 570-5405.

If you have a vintage car/military/emergency vehicle you want to drive in the parade, contact Michael Murphy at mpmurphy99@gmail.com. We still have room for Honored Vets to ride in some of the vehicles in the parade. If you are interested, contact Michael Hudson listed above.

Also, we still need more veterans' pics and bios to display in the Hall

of Honor. Please bring yours to the OVA office to be copied and returned to you. For details and information about the events, look for specifics in the upcoming October newsletter and on the Oakmont web blast in the weeks ahead. You will also soon find details and info on the club website that will launch officially soon. Watch for it at oakmontvetsclub.org. And we're excited to share that our West Oakmont neighbors have been included in our parade route. See the map on page 7 for details.

Don't forget after the parade and ceremonies Oakmont Garden is offering a bar-b-que that is free for veterans, and \$10 for all others. It will be tasty great fun to get us all into the swing of the season.

Let's raise our flags for patriotic pride and come out to watch the parade. Please don't forget to continue our support of our partners, the Honor Flight, and Sonoma Outreach in the crush of all the excitement!



Coast Guard Two Rock—Petaluma at the 2023 Veterans' Day Parade. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

See **VETS PARADE MAP** on page 7

Emergency Drill Readies Oakmont for Earthquake

■News Staff

Photos by Julie Kiil.



George McKinney and Jim Knapp volunteer as Ham Operators at the West Rec. Center.

The Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force (OEPTF) held a simulated emergency drill on Saturday, Oct. 5 to exercise radio communications volunteers and MYN organized neighborhoods. OEPTF provides radios and training to residents who volunteer for the communications team.

The Saturday drill simulated a 7.6 earthquake centered on the Hayward and Rodger's Creek faults affecting the whole Bay Area and the vicinity around Santa



Zone Communicator Nancy McDonald reports on an incident in the West zone.

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Vaccine Clinic Coming to Oakmont

■OVA Staff

The last of the OVA's current series of Vaccine Clinic Days is coming up Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Berger Center. The clinic added 400 more appointments to this date, so be sure to make an appointment if you haven't yet.

This clinic is offering the following vaccines: FLU 2024-25 (Standard and High Dose for 65+ years old), COVID 2024-25, 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 from the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com.

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

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EAST REC. DECK REPLACEMENT

Approved East Rec Pond dock replacement with handrails for \$21,600.

CENTRAL COMPLEX PROJECT

Directors Oliver and Ydrogo provided updates to help residents understand the current status of the Central Complex Master Planning project.

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At-a-Glance Summary—October 15 OVA Board Meeting

■Harriet Palk

2025 ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board has approved the 2025 annual budget, which includes an increase in monthly assessments from \$125 to \$128.50. This change will take effect in January, 2025.

BOARD REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Seven resumes have been received and are currently under review. Interviews will be conducted, and a new director will be appointed at the November board meeting to succeed Director

Nine and Wine

Katy Moranda and Denise Rose rallied their club members in Nine and Wine to raise more than \$1500 for scholarships to support the First Tee Scholarship program. The Oakmont group has 160 members who play on the Sugarloaf course.



Photo by Maureen McGettigan.

First Tee is a nationwide golf-based program that enables kids to build lifelong skills, including leadership, friendship and career explorations, to better meet life's challenges.

GM Report: Pools and Spas

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager



We would like to provide an update on the progress with our pools and spas. We've been working diligently to resolve long-standing issues that have impacted their operation, and we are not holding off on any work

that would delay the functioning and continuous operations of the pools and spas. Some of the main challenges we've been addressing include:

- Aging equipment
- Deferred maintenance

See **GM REPORT** on page 3



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GM Report: Role of Communications Task Force

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager

Over the past few months, our staff and Task Forces have been working diligently to improve our community’s operations and communication. I’d like to take a moment to recognize the progress made by the Communications Task Force (CTF). As many of you are aware, the board recently approved the transition of several operational board committees into Task Forces to foster more

effective collaboration with the General Manager, who oversees HOA operations. The CTF has been a key player in this initiative, focusing on enhancing communication within our community.

Some notable updates from the CTF include their mission to strengthen internal communications while supporting OVA’s operational efforts through clear and consistent messaging. The Task Force works closely with Communications Director Crissi Langwell on content creation, helping to produce engaging newsletters and updates to the website. Additionally, the CTF collaborates with Crissi to assist groups and clubs in promoting community events.

To ensure their efforts are effective, the CTF will continually monitor communication channels and seek feedback from members to improve engagement. From my involvement with the Task Force, I see their role as essential not only in facilitating operational collaboration between the General Manager and the Board, but also in shaping the communication strategy for our entire community.

Looking ahead, I would like to propose to the board the formal re-establishment of a Communications Committee under the Board’s purview. This would enable the committee to support the Board and other committees in critical areas such as crafting clear messages, developing a strategic communication plan to enhance transparency and engagement, and encouraging resident participation through focus groups and public forums.

This committee would have a dual role: serving as a Board committee to assist with communications across the Board and its committees while also functioning as an operational task force to support the General Manager, staff, and other task forces. I believe this structure would significantly strengthen our communication efforts and benefit both the Board and the community as a whole.

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- Installation of residential-grade equipment instead of commercial-grade
- The use of discontinued parts

These factors have caused frequent breakdowns and made it difficult to maintain consistent availability of our facilities.

Since our pools are heated and open year-round, it’s essential that we have the correct equipment in place to ensure continuous operation. Like you, we want to see the pools running smoothly as soon as possible. This has been a particularly challenging time for OVAs Facility Operations Manager Todd and me—especially Todd—but he is fully committed to resolving these issues with long-term, permanent solutions. We also understand how frustrating this situation has been for those who rely on the pools.

We want to assure you that we’re working closely with consultants and industry professionals to make well-informed decisions and implement lasting fixes. Our priority is to tackle the root causes of these problems rather than applying temporary solutions that provide only short-term relief. This approach will not only be more cost-effective but moreover, will also help ensure our pools and spas remain consistently operational, minimizing downtime and improving reliability.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we carry out these necessary improvements. Please rest assured that we are fully dedicated to making our pools and spas reliable, functional, and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

OVA Employee Appreciation Fund

As the seasons change and the holidays approach, many of our members have asked, “What can we do to recognize the work of the OVA staff?” In 2016, the OVA Board approved the Employee Appreciation Fund to recognize the non-management team with a special thank-you in the form of a holiday bonus gift.

Donations will be distributed at year-end. Members who wish to donate may contribute via check by December 13 to the OVA Office at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A.

Please make checks payable to OVA, and on the memo line, please write “EMP APP Fund” (OVA Employee Appreciation Fund).

The team at the OVA office is fortunate to work with the wonderful residents who make our job so enjoyable.

Small Actions Can Reduce Wildfire Risks

■Dave Watts, Firewise Resource Committee Chair

Oakmont is surrounded by mountains, forests and vineyards but this location brings with it wildfire risks. Although we cannot eliminate all wildfire risks there are some simple and inexpensive actions that can be taken that help to reduce wildfire risks.

“Think small because that is what is going to get you,” emphasizes Dr. Stephen Quarles, a well-respected fire scientist. Dr. Quarles points out that “a push broom on fire against wood siding can ignite a home.” We tend to overlook small items, but we must pay closer attention to them.

Fire experts from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety inform us that the majority of homes losses in a wildfire are the result of embers that ignite combustibles within five feet of a home. Small combustibles act as kindling which ignite larger combustibles such as wood siding. Fire experts are all in agreement that we need to keep the area within five feet of a home as clear of combustible materials as possible.

Firewise U.S.A. experts recommend that all combustibles be removed that are within five feet of any structure: remove small items such as dry leaves and needles that are on the ground, on the roof or in rain gutters; remove leaves and needles at the base of exterior siding; remove all wood mulches that are within five feet of a structure; remove combustibles away from structures such as brooms, rakes, plastic waste cans, wood furniture, seat cushions, wood piles and natural fiber mats; remove all combustible materials from under decks; keep the base of wood fences clear of wood mulches; and have good seals on all garage and entry doors.

Finally replacing 1/4-inch mesh screen vents with 1/8-inch mesh screen vents is one of the least expensive but very effective home hardening action that can be taken. Todd Lando a wildfire mitigation specialist with the Marin Fire Department puts it this way, “Replacing 1/4-inch mesh vents with 1/8-inch mesh vents gives you the biggest bang for your buck.”

A Firewise Resource Committee assessor can help a homeowner to understand wildfire risks. Request an educational assessment on the OVA’s website at oakmontvillage.com/docs, or contact the OVA Office at (707) 539-1611.

Oakmont’s Firewise Resource Committee’s motto is “Be Firewise: What You Do Makes A Difference!” Doing small and inexpensive actions can help reduce a home’s wildfire risk and consequently our community’s wildfire risks.

LRPC Seeks to Fill Vacancies

■Rex Fuller, LRPC Chair

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is looking for new members to fill vacancies. As a member of the LRPC you can help shape the future of our community. The LRPC charter states:

“The committee’s primary purposes are: (1) to advise the OVA Board of Directors and (2) to research and prepare recommendations that will assist the OVA Manager and the OVA Board of Directors in meeting the Association’s facility and staffing needs. The committee focuses on a rolling 10-year period with emphasis on the next 5 years.”

The purview of the committee includes facility utilization, long range planning, and consideration of major upgrades, or new construction.

Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly meetings and contribute to discussions.
- Provide input on community projects and future goals.

Ideal Candidates:

- Have interest or experience in planning, development, or community leadership.
- Can collaborate and think strategically about long-term needs.

If you are interested, please submit a brief statement of interest and brief résumé, including relevant experience, by noon on December 2, to askOVA@oakmontvillage.com.

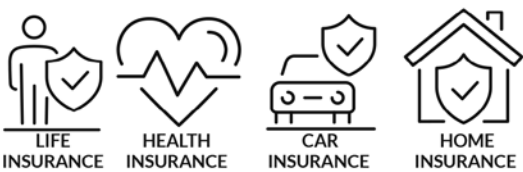


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OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■Khiana Schmuhl,
Valley of the Moon Club General Manager

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To take advantage of this great promotion please email or call one of our instructors below: James Perkins, PGA, jperkins@playvom.com, (707) 539-0415 extension 3; Khiana Schmuhl, LPGA, kschmuhl@playvom.com, (707) 539-0415 extension 4.

SPEND THANKSGIVING AT OAK

WHAT: Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet and To-Go Orders

TIME: 2 p.m. dine-in seating

PRICE: \$55 Per Adult / \$30 Per Child

MENU: Roasted Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans w/toasted almonds, turkey gravy (on side); tri colored roasted beet salad w/goat cheese, spinach salad w/pomegranate and blood orange; sweet potatoes w/marshmallows, cranberry sauce, apple sage stuffing, yeast rolls; assorted desserts; water, coffee, decaf, hot tea beverage station

To-go orders must be placed by Saturday, November 23, 5 p.m.

Both dine-in and to-go options require reservations: call (707) 539-0415 ext. 5 to book.

THANKSGIVING HOURS OF OPERATION

Sugarloaf Golf Course and Golf Shop- closed.

Valley of the Moon Golf Shop: 6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Driving Range: 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT GOLF OUTING

8:30 a.m. shotgun start. \$50 per player includes 18 holes at Valley of the Moon Course green fee, shared golf cart and range balls, Carts must be in by 1 p.m.

BLACK FRIDAY GOLF SHOP SALES

Range Card Flash Sale: \$100 range cards (\$40 savings) November 29–December 1. Blowout sales on men's and ladies' apparel November 27–December 1.

LIVE MUSIC AT OAK

November 4: Second Street Band

November 11: No music

November 18: The 7th Sons

November 25: Highway 12 Band

All Music Mondays 5–7 p.m., cash cover charge \$8 at the door.

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Rosa. The exercise included a scenario of large-scale structural failures, closed roads, intermittent power failures, loss of 911 service, structure fires, spot fires, broken water mains, gas leaks, injuries and associated medical problems, plus spotty and overloaded cell service. Neighborhood radio operators wearing yellow vests and carrying walkie talkies met in their zone neighborhoods to assess the need for assistance, along with the help of neighbors who participated in the simulated emergency drill.

New to Oakmont?

Meet with a volunteer from the New Resident Welcome Committee to learn about everything Oakmont—from governing rules, important phone numbers, activities, services, facilities and emergency prep.

Contact us at welcome@oakmontvillage.com. The Welcome Packet is available at oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet.

AARP® Tax-Aide Services

■Diane Ethier

TAX-AIDE PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Tax filing season is still months away, but the Sonoma County Tax-Aide Program is gearing up by seeking additional volunteers who want to serve their community through this program, sponsored by the AARP Foundation and the IRS. Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation and electronic filing, focusing on serving older adults with low to moderate incomes. The program ensures that taxpayers receive any tax credits and tax refunds that they are entitled to, without having to use a paid preparer or do their tax return online.

Volunteers are needed to prepare tax returns; greet clients and help them organize their tax paperwork; and/or work from home, making appointments. No prior tax experience necessary as training is provided.

Volunteers receive full training, generally in December and January, for the upcoming tax filing season. The amount of training required depends on the position, and includes IRS certification. The time commitment is five hours per week during the tax filing season, February 1 through April 15.

Tax-Aide Sonoma County will be holding at least three new volunteer orientation meetings this Fall at the Franklin Park Clubhouse, 2095 Franklin Ave, in Santa Rosa: Monday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to noon; Thursday, November 21 from 1–3 p.m.; and Tuesday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. New volunteers only need to attend one meeting.

For more information or to reserve a spot at one of the upcoming orientation meetings, text or call the district phone number, (707) 327-2401, or send an email to TaxAideSonomaCounty@gmail.com.

AARP membership is not required of either volunteers or taxpayers who receive assistance, and service is offered to taxpayers of all ages. Visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide for details.

Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

INTRODUCTION TO WEST COAST SWING



West Coast Swing 101

WHAT: Beginning West Coast Swing Partner Dance Classes

WHEN: Wednesdays
November 6, 13 and 20

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

West Coast Swing (WCS) is the official state dance of California and is a popular partner dance in Sonoma County as well as throughout the US and internationally. WCS was started in California in the 1940's and is a smooth Swing dance that is usually danced to slower music than Jitterbug Swing. It is a fun and versatile dance that can be danced to a wide range of music including Rhythm and Blues, Country, Disco, Rock and contemporary Pop tunes.

These classes will be geared towards those who have never done WCS before or those who want a review of the most basic 4-5 steps. The sessions are intended as an introduction to WCS. As before, no partners or experience are required. We will generally 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.

Aside from being fun and a great way to get exercise, a number of studies have shown that partner dancing on a regular basis may reduce the possibility of cognitive decline and may actually increase mental acuity. Some even say that "dancing makes you smarter!" It can also help improve balance and our spirits.

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



■Carolita Carr

TRIVIA NIGHT

WHAT: Evening of Trivia Games

WHERE: Berger Center

WHEN: Thursday, November 7

TIME: Doors open at 6 p.m.; Trivia play begins at 6:30

COST: No charge, each member may bring one non-member guest

BRING: The beverage of your choice and snacks to share

Don't miss out on our annual Trivia Night. Come test your knowledge of the Boomer Era. Questions will be relevant to Boomers in the following categories: Music, Movies, TV, Geography, and History. The questions will cover from the 50s through the 80s.

Teams may consist of two up to a maximum of eight persons. Prizes will be awarded to the team with the most correct answers.

Space is limited, so register early at oakmontboomers.org. Registration closes at 3 p.m. on Monday, November 4.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any Oakmont resident. Membership is \$15 per person, per year and payable on our website, oakmontboomers.org.

Café Mortel



■Linda Suhr

SUPPORTING FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS LIVING WITH A LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS

Caring for or visiting a seriously ill family member or friend at home can be a deeply emotional and challenging experience. It requires compassion, patience, and resilience. By being prepared and informed, you can provide meaningful support and comfort during this challenging time.



Jim Monahan
M.Ed.

Café Mortel is pleased to bring an outstanding speaker to address this topic to our November meeting. Jim Monahan, M.Ed., has over 30 years of hospice and palliative care experience, including executive leadership, bereavement support, patient care, and volunteering. He has served as President of the Texas and New Mexico Hospice Organization. Currently, he chairs

the Association for Death Education and Counseling's Conference Planning Committee.

His current work with the Mayo Clinic includes working with a Mayo researcher on a protocol to support grieving caregivers. Jim has been a National Trainer for AARP and a Regional Trainer for the American Cancer Society teaching bereavement support. He has published works on grief and loss related to AIDS, widows' grief, and parental grief in various journals and books.

This presentation aims to provide guidance, practical tips and ideas for emotional support to ensure that you can offer the best care and companionship possible during such critical times. We will discuss how to prepare for a visit with a friend or neighbor who is seriously ill. We will also discuss active listening techniques for being present while listening to concerns and feelings and ways to uplift their spirits and create a more positive environment.

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, November 13 from 3–4:15 p.m. Please note—this meeting will take place on Zoom only. We will not meet in person. All are welcome!

Meeting ID: 897 2651 0578. Passcode: 402772.

For questions email me at linda@autumnoflifepanning.com.

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 3 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: Oct. 29 (week #9, Halloween Challenge); Nov. 5 (week #10), 12 (week #11, Veterans' Day Challenge) and 19 (week #12, Thanksgiving Challenge). No bowling Nov. 26 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF OCTOBER 8 (WEEK #7 FALL LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Dave Handbury, 246; Don Shelhart, 246; Terry Leuthner, 237; Scott Harris, 229; Gordon Freedman, 224; Glenn Hewitt, 216; Rich Laden, 214; Charlie Ensley, 213.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 268; Sandy Osheroff, 256; Valerie Hulsey, 247; Diane Price, 247; Robin Schudel, 246; Vickie Jackanich, 245; Rhonda D'Agostini, 233; Peggy Ensley, 216; Nicole Reed, 213; Carolita Carr, 212; Marilyn Levene, 212; Karen Palmiotti, 211; Laurel Earles, 206; Donnarose Ilecki, 202.

Oakmont Pétanque Club

■ Don McPherson

WILL PÉTANQUE BE AN OLYMPIC SPORT?

Pétanque enthusiasts were hopeful that the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris would be the perfect time to make France's favorite pastime an Olympic sport. Instead, the Olympic Organizing Committee added breakdancing, which joined surfing, sport climbing, and skateboarding that had already been included as exhibition sports for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

The World Confederation of Boules Sports entered a united but unsuccessful bid for Paris 2024 on behalf of the four related sports of Pétanque, its older antecedent Boule Lyonnaise, and its Italian cousins Volo, and Raffa, an older form of modern Bocce. World Bowls, an international lawn bowling federation, officially supported the campaign.

Ironically, the closest any of the boules sports has come to being recognized was the 1900 Paris Games when Bocce Volo ("flying balls"), similar to the older French game of Boule Lyonnaise, was an official exhibition sport. In Volo the ball is delivered with an athletic run-up and thrown overhand, palm down instead of rolled, palm up from a stationary stance like modern Bocce.

An estimated 200 million players participate in the associated sports through 262 national and regional federations in 165 countries. Boules Sports are already present in the largest multi-sport global events: World Games, Mediterranean Games, Asian Indoor Games, S.E.A Games, All Africa Games, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games, Islands Games (Indian Ocean), and Asian Beach Games, so the World Confederation remains optimistic about the Olympics and has renewed its bid for the 2028 Los Angeles games.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

Pétanque (pay-tonk), has been a feature of organized play in Oakmont since the 1980s. Club play days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9:45 a.m. at the courts between Berger and the OVA offices. The club has boules to lend and you'll be playing right away.

Star of the Valley Catholic Church

■ Peter Hardy

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Star of the Valley Catholic Church will host its annual Neighbor to Neighbor Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 10 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years. Breakfast includes a glass of sparkling wine or a mimosa (for adults) all-you-can-eat eggs, sausage or ham, pancakes, orange juice and coffee.

The breakfast supports our Neighbor to Neighbor Program providing food to 45 families on a weekly basis, sponsors one room for homeless families at the Caritas Center through Catholic Charities and provides Safeway Gift Cards and Target Cards at Christmas time for 150-170 families. All net proceeds are given to the Neighbor to Neighbor Program for its yearly operation.

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Cost modeling, included in the original \$85,000 contract with ArchiLOGIX, is currently underway. The board emphasized that this project is still in the exploration phase, with much more to be examined.

No decisions or commitments have been made at this time. Once the cost modeling is completed, the board will further explore the findings and discuss the next steps in the master planning project, preparing to present the information to the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved Silver Toes Pilates Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governing Documents/Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Update: The committee is actively defining its scope and responsibilities in the charter, with the goal of presenting an updated draft charter at the November board meeting. Meanwhile, the committee is progressing on several parallel tasks, including developing a Communications Plan and drafting a timeline, both of which will be shared with the community in the near future.

Environmental Stewardship: Reduce invasive species and overgrown fuels in nine creeks for improved wildfire safety and rainwater flow, thereby reducing opportunities for erosion, flooding and fire damage. OVA purchased additional bins for compost and recycling for the West Rec, East Rec and Central Activities Center patio picnic area and six Recology staked signs to more clearly label waste containers at outdoor food events at which waste ambassadors help neighbors learn "what goes where" and sort waste into proper containers, reducing contamination and improving landfill diversion.

Working on a Best Practices/Recommendations for Waste Management document for community-wide distribution. Ongoing maintenance of 14 oak enclosures, utilizing barrels and hoses, on the parcourse off Stone Bridge Rd., along with a demonstration showcasing the difference between mowed and un-mowed native grasses to offer visual inspiration for potential future landscaping.

Thirteen plants have been planted in the native area and the pollinator area of the community garden. A grant covers the costs for landscape artists and materials.



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■Susan Bercu

ELECTION NIGHT WATCH PARTY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6-9 PM BERGER CENTER

The Democratic Alliance extends a warm welcome to all Oakmonters, friends and family. Please join us in this celebration of our combined efforts to Vote Blue from the top to down ballots. We congratulate all who did the hard work of staying politically informed and active, which is the mission of the Alliance through events, activities, newsletters, and websites.

We volunteered to secure a bright future for our grandchildren! We campaigned for candidates and issues, attended fundraisers, generously opened our wallets, knocked on doors, wrote thousands of postcards, made phone calls, sent texts, talked with family, friends and neighbors, and encouraged people to vote in this historically important election.



This is a free event. To help us plan, we appreciate your RSVP at www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

Please bring finger foods, snacks and drinks to share. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. At 6, the election returns will be shown in real time on the large screen. Relax on the couches or sit comfortably at the long tables where you can nosh and socialize. Enjoy beautiful piano tunes that will be provided by Oakmont's extraordinary musician Louise Bettner.

A New Way Forward requires our continued vigilance! Find future events and sign up to volunteer. Information at: www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org

Let your elected officials know your stand on issues. Contact information is on Democratic Club website: www.oakmontdemclub.org/resources.

Conversational Spanish Classes for Beginners

■Mirla Abraham

Are you interested in learning conversational Spanish? Starting Oct. 30, beginning classes will be offered in Suite B at the OVA Office every Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

I will be teaching the class. I am a native Spanish speaker and a retired Spanish teacher who would love to share this language with you.

Feel free to show up to class. If you have questions, email me at kurtelis101@yahoo.com.

Silver Guys of Oakmont

■D. Hall

ANOTHER NOVEMBER, ANOTHER POTLUCK

Silver Guys of Oakmont and their invited guests will convene for a fall potluck from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 10 in the East Recreation Center. As usual, bring food and beverage to share.

Silver Guys of Oakmont provides an opportunity for Oakmont gay men and their friends to enjoy non-political, social, educational, and community activities. All men in Oakmont are welcomed.

Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper

PLAN AHEAD

The 170-plus members of the Canine Club enjoy a host of benefits: a weekly newsletter, a dedicated website, an annual Spring Picnic with free food and prizes, discounted rates for Oakmutt Doggy Day, and an annual Member Appreciation Party.



To enjoy it all, join the club or renew your membership. Dues are \$10 per person and \$16 per household if you pay before December 31. After that, the fee is \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households.

To join or renew, make a check payable to the Oakmont Canine Club, and place it in the Canine Club folder in the OVA Office.

YAPPY HOUR DOG WALKS

Linda's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Monday, November 11, 10 a.m. Meet at the East Rec. parking lot.

PJ's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Friday, November 29, 10 a.m. Meet at the Catholic Church parking lot.

AT THE DOG PARK

Happy Tails Dog Park is the only place in Oakmont that your dog can run leash-free. Be sure to pick up waste in the park and along the path that leads up to it. Cleaning out the water dishes when you enter helps to prevent disease. And please observe the "no treats or food" rule.

You can also help by volunteering to spend one hour a week performing routine clean-up and, if necessary, reporting maintenance and human or dog behavioral issues to Peri Olinger. Contact Peri at periolinger@yahoo.com or (707) 479-6961.

Remember that the park is reserved for small dogs (25 pounds or less) every Wednesday and Sunday from 3-4 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dogwood Animal Rescue Project is holding a dog adoption event at the Berger Center on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

INTERESTED IN LAWN BOWLING?

Email us at oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com, we'll teach you how.

DAILY DRAW

Our Daily Draw is Monday through Saturday. Due to a heat wave in early October, we delayed shifting to afternoons. With cooler weather settling in, bowling is at 12:30 p.m. Show up at 12:15 to bowl at 12:30.

SAVE THE DATE

Help make lawn bowling ornaments for our Christmas Tree. We've reserved our tree, and the committee has crafted a design for the ornaments. Join us on Thursday, November 7, from 1-4 p.m. in the Art Room in the Central Activity Center. We bring the supplies. No artistic talent is needed.

NOVICE SINGLES UPDATE

The final round of the Novice Singles Tournament was between Jane Beauchamp and David Aiken. Though she had less experience, Jane put up a good fight. But David has been often bowling on a par with our best experienced bowlers and, In the end, David proved himself to be our best novice bowler.

■Greg Fauss



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HONOR

There are still settings where people are honored, but sometimes it feels to me as if we show less honor to one another than we did decades ago.

While Halloween is the most well-known October holiday, the holiday celebrated by the church in October is All Saints Day. "Saints" refers not to perfect people, but rather to those who have acknowledged their imperfection and relied on God's mercy in life... and death.

On All Saints' Day, we remember those who have passed. We honor people no matter how "good" or "bad" they were, nor based on what they achieved, nor even how they voted. They shared life with us and that is enough. But added to that is the recognition that there is something from their memory that can be inspiring and honored.

We invite you to our potluck on Oct. 27 where we can share about a loved one who's passed on. We also invite you to our Sunday service on Nov. 3, when there will be another opportunity to show honor.

Of special note, our Nov. 3 service will be in the West Rec. Center.

Our regular Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center. For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Saturday Prayer, monthly potlucks and other gatherings go to www.occantarosa.org, write us at occantarosa@gmail.com or call at (707) 595-0166.

Congratulations to both of them for a great game and to David for winning the tournament.

COMING UP

The Halloween Fun Tournament is Wednesday October 30. Bowling will be at 3:30 p.m. (\$3) and dinner at about 5 p.m. (\$12). RSVP!

Our Member Meeting will be at noon on Thursday, November 11, at East Rec. We'll provide lunch. The agenda will include the election for our board and approval of the modifications made to our by-laws. Because no one has come forward to run against our incumbents, the election will be a show of hands to approve the slate. If you do wish to run, make your intentions known at the meeting.

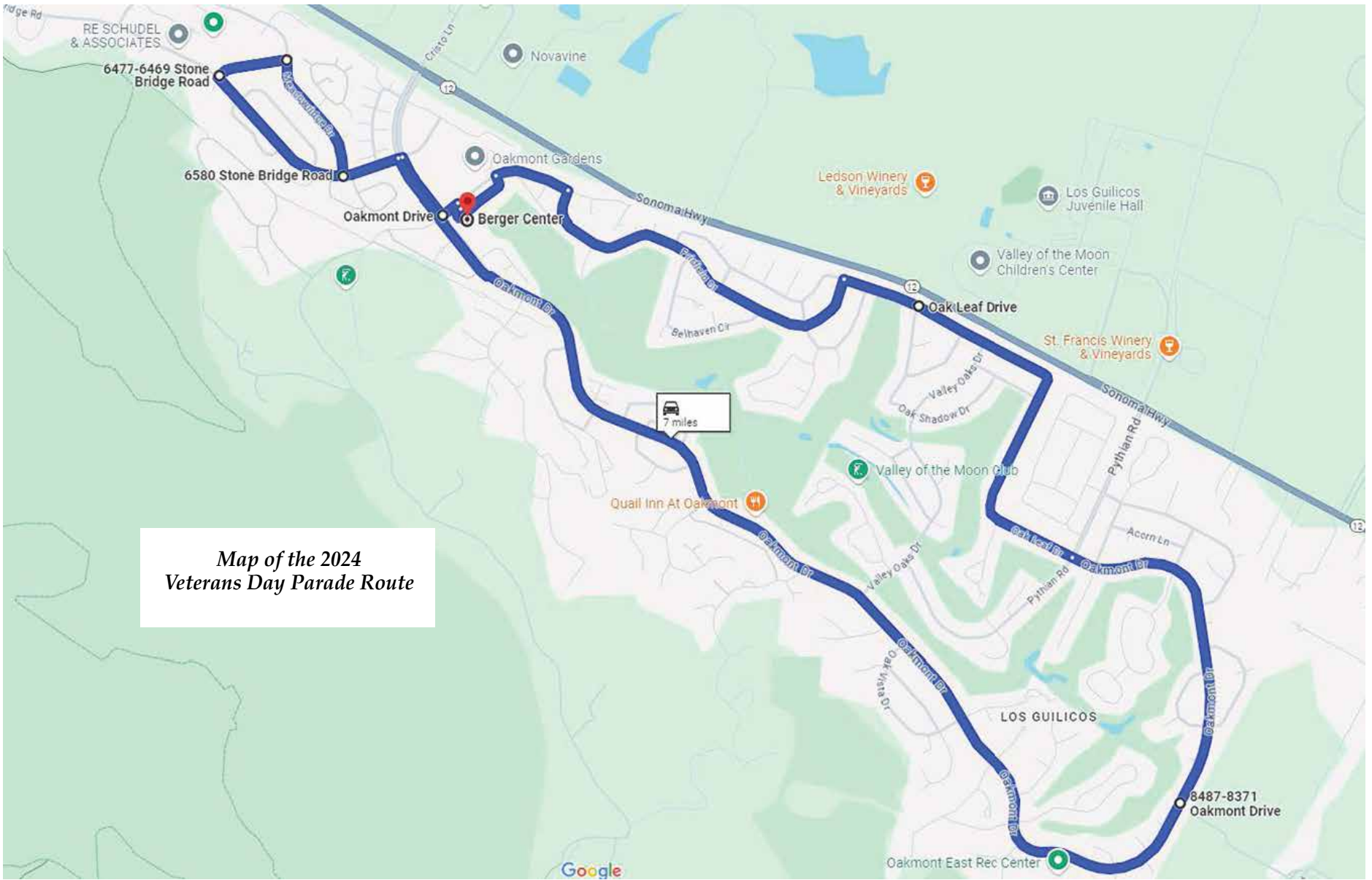
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Jane Beauchamp (2nd place novice) and David Aiken (first place novice). (Photo by Pam Dempsey)



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■Harriet Palk

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

OCTOBER 27: IRIS HARRELL HOME INSURANCE: SHOULD YOU WORRY?

Thousands of homeowners in our area may lose their homeowners' insurance. If your insurance was cancelled or might be, now is the time for you to figure out what your best options are.

Iris, a retired builder and general contractor and designer for more than three decades, will walk us through her experience of how the process works. She'll cover her personal thoughts on how to tell the viability of different insurance companies, what criteria they use and what you should and should not do.



NOVEMBER 3: JULIE ATWOOD THE HALTER PROJECT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

In emergencies, such as wildfires and earthquakes, after our family and ourselves, what do we do for our beloved pets? What do we pack for them and how much? Should we board them or keep them at our side?



Julie is a community activist with the HALTER Project, a Sonoma County grassroots initiative dedicated to facilitating training for first responders to safely handle animals in emergencies and providing education resources for people and their animals.

NOVEMBER 10: RODNEY JACKSON AND DARLA HILLARD SNOW LEOPARDS

Considered sacred to the indigenous people in the mountains of Central and South Asia, these majestic wild cats are threatened almost to extinction by poachers and habitat destruction. Snow leopards are "keystone" animals. If they thrive, so will countless other species, as well as the ecology.



Rodney, the world's foremost expert on wild snow leopards and their high-mountain habitat, and Darla have spent decades helping the local villagers and researchers live in harmony with these powerful and beautiful animals.



Oakmont Futures

■George McKinney

LEARN ABOUT NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Substantial rebates on heat pumps and other energy efficiency home modifications are available to many Oakmont residents through a new government program.

Learn how to save energy, money and the planet at the next Futures Club meeting on November 19 at 10 a.m. in East Rec.

To learn more, sign up for more details about the upcoming program at futureoakmont@gmail.com.

Join the Green Team: Waste Management Volunteers Needed

■Lesli Lee, Environmental Stewardship Task Force

Great news! All OVA indoor and outdoor facilities now have recycling and compost bins provided or available. Please use them when enjoying your food event.

The Environmental Stewardship Task Force's Waste management team is looking for volunteers from each Oakmont club to act as waste ambassadors. Be an eco-hero: help educate fellow neighbors at food events. Estimated time of help: 15-30 min./event depending on number of attendees. For questions/more info, contact me at oakmontenvirostewardship@gmail.com.



Landfill pollution is reduced by composting at Mockingbird Circle's summer potluck party. (Photo by Lesli Lee)

Playreaders



■D. Hall

SUMMER END IN NOVEMBER

A two-part presentation of Eric Chappell's *Summer End* is the November presentation by Oakmont Playreaders, courtesy of producer Ginny Smith.

In this play, set for November 4 and 11, characters named Emily Baines and May Brewer share a room in a retirement home. Emily's previous roommate, Belle, died not long ago. Iron-willed, but forgetful, Emily is certain that Bella was murdered by one of the carers, and she has evidence to prove it. When

her evidence disappears and Bella's sapphire ring is found among her possessions, Emily cannot remember enough about her own past actions to stop the finger of suspicion pointing at her. It is not until May is attacked that the mystery is solved.

Featured in this production are: Ginna Zoellner, Sarah Shankman, Marcel Coder, Jonathan Hayden, and Ginny Smith.

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Slot-Car Club

■Ray Wells

SLOT-CAR RACE 1 WINNERS

Founding members Ray Wells, Michael O’Leary, Eric Okholm and Rick Saal in the winners’ circle at the first race of the OSCC. Mike won the trophy for most laps using the Black Team cars. Lane changers were a challenge for most drivers new to pressing two buttons on a hand controller. Triggering too late you missed it, going too fast landed on the floor.

The club needs 12 more members to be recognized by the OVA. When we become official, we plan a Watkins Glenn track for a whole day of racing in 30-minute periods, including Open Practice, a grand-kids race, and a Team race with four stages. The current 12 cars are 1/32 Carrera digital GTD with magnets removed.

Contact me at raywingit@comcast.net to join.



Photo by Michael O’Leary.

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.

Oakmont Garden Club



■Patty McHugh

MAKING A LIVING SUCCULENT WREATH

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 13, 9:30–10 a.m. Social, 10–11 a.m. Program, Q&A follows

WHERE: East Rec Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

SPEAKER: Kim Pearson, Master Gardener

We welcome Kim Pearson to share her passion working with succulents. She demonstrated succulent wreath making and potted succulent pumpkins to us back in November 2019. It was a wildly popular program, and we know you will find it both useful and fun.



In this presentation Kim will create a living succulent wreath and share great tips for design and working with succulents. She will talk about succulents and how they are a resistant landscape plant for our summer dry climate. She will also bring examples of other succulent crafts. This program will inspire you to go home and try your hand at the craft—they make great holiday décor and treasured gifts.

Kim has done several succulent wreath workshops at Sonoma Botanical Garden (formerly Quarry Hill) and has an upcoming succulent workshop on November 20 at the Sebastopol Art Center. Spots are limited so enroll early.

Kim is a Master Gardener and has designed several demonstration gardens for the Master Gardeners including 9 years at the County Fair to show gardeners that low water plants can be a beautiful and sustainable option. Kim is also a Garden Sense consultant for the Master Gardeners. The Garden Sense program offers free home garden visits to Sonoma County gardeners to help with water saving, plant selection and fire safety. Check out the MG website.

Please Note: This is a regular Garden Club meeting and is intended for members only. While we always welcome one-time visitors, if you have already visited us this season, please consider joining at this meeting—good for 2025.



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 at triptrolley.com.

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

Dinner, 4:30–7 p.m.: Tuesday, Oct. 29

Dinner, 3–5 p.m.: Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Music at Oakmont



■Rosemary Waller



AGAVE’S OAKMONT DEBUT

For our November concert, we will be showcasing the Bay Area based string ensemble Agave which will be making its Music at Oakmont debut.

This Grammy-nominated ensemble specializes in string chamber music of the 17th to 20th centuries. Now in its 16th season, Agave continues to be a unique and innovative voice in the historical performance and chamber music communities nationally and internationally.

For this concert, the instrumentalists include violin, viola, cello, baroque guitar and harpsichord. The group plays on what is often referred to as “original” or “period” instruments which generally means utilizing instruments similar to those that were around at the time the music was composed. Typical features include the use of gut strings instead of metal and a shorter bow. Also, the harpsichord is a core member of the ensemble contributing to the fundamental harmonic line. There is little or no use of vibrato which results in a different timbre than that of modern-day ensembles, providing greater clarity and purity of sound.

For its performance here, they will be focusing on music primarily from the Baroque period with works dating from approximately 1650 to 1750—an age rich in musical invention and prolific output by amazing composers. We will cover the details of the program in a subsequent article.

Music at Oakmont has not presented this type of music very often, even though there is a following in the area, so please take the opportunity to join us, especially if you’re an aficionado of this genre or just curious to explore the range of emotions this music expresses—from pathos to sheer joy.

WHEN: Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

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



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Movies At Oakmont



WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays at 2 p.m.

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 the OVA.



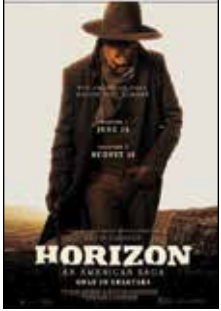
OCTOBER 27 INSIDE OUT 2

Riley is entering puberty and experiencing brand new, more complex emotions. As she tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced. 2024, PG, 1:36.



NOVEMBER 3 EIFFEL

The government is asking Eiffel to design something spectacular for the 1889 Paris World Fair, but Eiffel simply wants to design the subway. Everything changes when Eiffel crosses paths with a woman from Arun's past. 2021, R, 1:48.



NOVEMBER 10 HORIZON: AN AMERICAN SAGA CH 1

Chronicles a 15-year span of pre- and post-Civil War expansion and settlement of the American west. 2024, R, 3:01.

Oakmont Art Association

Elizabeth Kern / Legion of Honor

MARY CASSATT: ARTIST AT WORK A TALK BY ALFRED ESCOFFIER, DOCENT, LEGION OF HONOR

WHEN: November 8, 10:30 a.m., refreshments served at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

Mary Cassatt (1844–1926) was the most celebrated woman artist of her era and the only American to join the French Impressionist movement. Too often dismissed as a sentimental painter of mothers and children, Cassatt was in fact a bold modernist pioneer and an aesthetically radical painter, pastelist, and printmaker. Her work in every medium is characterized by ceaseless experimentation and change.



Painting by Mary Cassatt.

Smuggling a radical aesthetic program under cover of acceptably "feminine" subject matter, Cassatt produced images of "women's work" that also testify to the work of the woman who made them. Mary Cassatt at Work delves into the artist's materials and processes, exploring the daring, iterative methods she used to give form to her ideas.

Alfred Escoffier is a graduate of the 2011 Docent class at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco where he gives tours to children and adults at both the Legion of Honor and the de Young. He earned his AB in Art History at Stanford and is pleased to be using his art history in his volunteer work.

He was the library director of the Burlingame Public Library for nearly 20 years. He lives in Sonoma with his partner and a labradoodle named Sylvie.

Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



Beverly Singer

USN RET. CAPT. BRETT CROZIER SPEAKS OUT

The Santa Rosa Veterans' Tribute Luncheon is Thursday, November 7, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Garrett Building—Brookwood Ave. entrance. The keynote speaker is Capt. Brett Crozier, USN ret.

Do you remember the story of Capt. Crozier standing up for the sailors on his ship during the first of the Covid crisis? If not, you will want to hear him speak.

Tickets are free to veterans and \$20 to other guests. Call or text (707) 484-5808. This program is presented by the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Santa Rosa. Veterans may contact any Santa Rosa Rotary or Kiwanis Club to obtain tickets. Also featured will be the famous Elsie



USN Ret. Capt. Brett E. Crozier.

Allen High School Drumline Marching Band.

You can contact Kiwanis members Jim Stewart, (707) 755-3756 or Rich Osborne, (303) 304-9262 for tickets or information.

At a recent Kiwanis meeting.

Rich Osborne presented a program on "Over the Counter Hearing Aids." Rich has a wealth of information on hearing loss. He told of the HEARS Club in Oakmont. The club can help one cope with hearing loss. Contact Rich for meeting times.

And you are always invited to join Kiwanians for breakfast and a meeting every Thursday, 8 a.m. at the Berger Center. Contact Jim Stewart by phone or text, (707) 755-3756.



Charles Ensley (left) presenting an award to Rich Osbourne. (Photo by Beverly Singer)

VOM Women Niners

Debra Kiddoo

FALL FROLIC ON SUGARLOAF

The VOM Women Niners welcomed the change in season with a Fall Frolic golf tournament and lunch September 26, followed by a membership meeting. Everyone was a winner—the weather was perfect for golfing, several teams won the two-person best net game and there were two 50-50 raffle winners!

We also played the Niners Club Championship on Oct. 3 and 10 this year. We have a Halloween dress-up golf event and a Holiday party still to look forward to before the end of 2024.

We would love to have you join our golf club. Since we are nearing the end of the year, we invite you to play as a guest during open golf on Thursday mornings from 9–10 a.m. (sign up in the Sugarloaf Golf Club) for the remainder of this year. Then, start your new year off by joining us for nine holes of golf, fun and fellowship weekly beginning January, 2025.

For more information about the VOM Women Niners please contact Kathy Camp, Captain, at kcreate4u@yahoo.com or (707) 318-1121.



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Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

MULTIPLE MEANS OF GETTING FIT

At Oakmont Health Initiative, there are two regular instructors, each with her own style of teaching, both with one goal to achieve: to foster physical fitness. For everyone entering one of the three weekly classes (Monday, Wednesday Friday, Berger, 9 a.m., Zoom, see OHI website or *Oakmont News*) Nicole or JoRene greet them with warmth and encouragement. Last summer, when both women took summer breaks, ballroom dance instructor, John Ross proved that samba, rumba and Charleston were very effective ways of increasing heart rate while decreasing stress.



John Ross, a popular substitute. (Photo by Charlene Bunas)

Regulars at the class agree that there are multiple means of getting fit and that consistent attendance is what guarantees workout variety.



Gary, Nicole and Troy at class. (Photo by Charlene Bunas)

Nicole is sure to use free weights. Students provide their own or borrow from OHI. She introduces an exercise without using weights so students learn correct form. Next step: correct form, using weights. Exercise too easy? Get heavier weights! Too tough? Reduce weight. Shoulders, upper, lower arms, back, legs, core: all are worked with weights.

JoRene begins classes with warm-ups and works up to aerobic. Weights, bands, balls, and chairs keep exercises fresh and challenging. Then she'll throw in a brain challenge. Example: "What are homonyms?" She always works on physical as well as mental fitness.

When John Ross comes to Oakmont, it's with dance steps. For one hour, non-stop Latin music blaring, the class follows his lead in complicated steps, arm movements and pace. The class cannot help but laugh. Dance is confusing, but oh, so fun.

One secret to enjoying these classes: let everything else go: worries, anxieties, check-off lists and any other distraction. The only way to follow these teachers is total concentration.

Bocce Club

■Maureen McGettigan



AUTUMN BOCCÉ TOURNAMENT WINNERS

On October 12, the bocce ball club had their Autumn Bocce Tournament. The winners were Kathy Camp and Tony A'gosta. The other winners were Marguerita Sarram, Terry Bryant, Tony Sarram and Jean Reed.

The bocce ball club will change its playing times from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 1. The next Falling Leaves Tournament is on Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. at the West Rec courts. The Christmas dinner is on Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

If interested in attending the Christmas party, contact Ellean Huff, (707) 536-9460.

Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

The weather is still good and the water even better, so please join us at the West pool for 50 minutes of exercise and fun.

There is a drop-in fee of \$8 and classes are held Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Newcomers are encouraged to join one or both of these smaller classes. We look forward to seeing you soon.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Julie's water exercise class continues at the West Pool every Friday at 10:10 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$8 per class.

Or you can exercise to a recording for free on Friday at 8:50 a.m. (no instructor).

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

MEDITATING TOGETHER WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear."—Rumi

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

Saturdays at 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 at 4 p.m. in the CAC Building, Art Room: A 30-min. meditation. We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.

If you have questions, please contact Trisha Mitchell, (650) 255-4026.

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■Star Power

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYBODY!

BOO! Driving around Oakmont, I noticed a lot of scary sights in the yards of those fond of Halloween. Not for me. I'm such a wimp. Never did like scary or gory things.

My mom understood that silly part of me. She always dressed me as Bugs Bunny or Cinderella. You know, cute stuff. And then I became the mom of two boys! That changed everything. I had to bow down to ghosts, goblins, pirates and bloody things. Now I'm alone and can fill my house and my heart with kitten and puppy-like things.

This year the clocks don't get set back until after spooky-time so the little ones can make their way around to trick-or-treat before it's too dark. Just a reminder, though, in case you forgot—Sunday, November 3 the date. Fall back, Spring forward!

Recently, VOM Rotary had an interesting speaker that you might find helpful if you're like me and just don't quite comprehend the Medicare thing. The organization that will counsel you, free of charge, is HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program). I'm definitely going to sign up and take advantage of this great service. To learn about them and how to sign up, just type in those initials and the information is there. I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one of retirement age that doesn't have a handle on Medicare. Just sayin'.

We welcome guests to drop in for a light breakfast and friendly camaraderie on most Thursday mornings at the East Rec. Our meetings begin at 8 a.m. and run about an hour, but we encourage folks to come a bit earlier to chat.

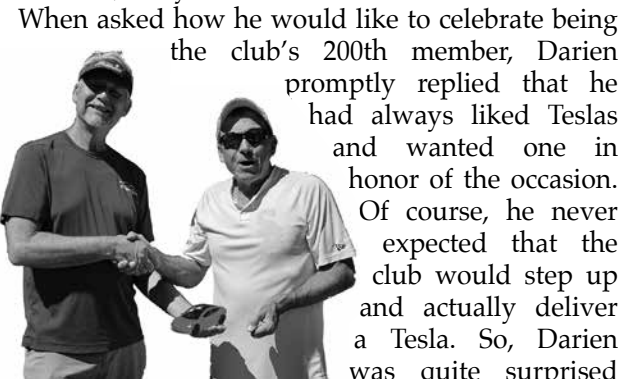
Pickleball Corner



■Tim Smith

OAKMONT PICKLEBALL CLUB CELEBRATES 200TH MEMBER WITH HUMOR

Oakmont Pickleball Club celebrated a milestone recently as it passed the 200-member mark for the first time since the club's founding. OPC marked the occasion by awarding Frank Darien, member number 200, with a brand-new, shiny red model of a Tesla Model X.



Frank Darien, OPC's 200th member (right), receives a toy model of a brand new Tesla Model X from OPC president Tim Smith. (Photo by Tim Smith)

When asked how he would like to celebrate being the club's 200th member, Darien promptly replied that he had always liked Teslas and wanted one in honor of the occasion. Of course, he never expected that the club would step up and actually deliver a Tesla. So, Darien was quite surprised when OPC president Tim Smith arranged to meet him to hand over the new Tesla. Literally. It fits in his hand.

"To some, we are known as the 'dreaded' pickleball club," Smith explained, "but we take great care of our members and go to great lengths to welcome new ones into the sport and into our club."

As of September, the club's membership stood at 206. Growth in the club has been fueled at least partially by continued growth in the sport nationally.

Pickleball has been recognized as the fastest growing sport in the US in recent years. It is a favorite among senior players, many of whom can no longer play more demanding sports that tax their aging bodies.

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. Mentoring, contact Barbara Ricossa at ricossa@ymail.com. Visit our website at: oakmontpickleballclub.com.

Rovers RV Club



■Mary Montague

If you would like to meet some fellow RVers and go on some adventures, we would love to have you join our club. Rovers will be having a Fall Potluck on Saturday, November 9 at the East Recreation Center.

For more information about our club, reach out to Jeff Hickman at jeff@hickman.cc. Feel free to fill out a membership form at the OVA office. Check out our website oakmontrovers.com.

Hope you will join us.

Balance and Strength Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

You're invited to join us at the Balance and Strength class every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec. Center. There is a drop-in fee of \$5.

Don't forget to 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.



Lifelong Learning



■Marlena Tremont



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To buy tickets, go to OakmontLL.org, leave a check in the OLL folder at the OVA office or pay at the door.

WINTER 2025 CLASS PREVIEW SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: Wednesday, December 11

WHERE: Berger Center

TIME: 2:30 p.m. music and refreshments, program begins at 3 p.m.

Jazz Club

■Michael James

LIVE MUSIC EVERY MONTH!

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m., join the Jazz Club at the East Rec. Center when we will feature the guitar expertise of Robert Jones at our monthly meeting. Robert has been teaching guitar since 1991 and has been performing electric and acoustic guitar music since 1977. He was born in New York where he fell in love with the Beatles and the song "Norwegian Wood," which is still one of his favorite songs.

His family relocated to Spain, where he lived until the age of 17, and learned to love flamenco guitar. By the end of the 1980s, he had relocated to California and began teaching guitar lessons in a local music store in Santa Rosa while also playing Latin jazz with the band Tropical Caliente. Robert is well versed in many guitar styles, including finger picking, and enjoys all styles including the romantic period of classical music such as Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

You will enjoy hearing rock to classic and flamenco to jazz fusion, so please join us Nov. 6 from 2-3 p.m. We also encourage you to bring your own guitar, uke, drum or voice to sing with us from 3-4 p.m. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Make the holidays special by signing up for music lessons with Michael James! This year the Jazz Club is offering a one-hour weekly group class on holiday music. You will be using your own instrument or voice every Friday for a fun-filled morning of music beginning November 1 for six weeks.

Learn how to play and sing songs that include "Jingle Bells," "Feliz Navidad," "Prayer of Thanksgiving," "The Dreidel Song," and "Mele Kalikimaka." Learn melody, chords and rhythm. Beginner to advanced are welcome. Cost is \$5 per class or \$25 for six weeks.

Contact me at (559) 707-2750 or mjamesblue71147@gmail.com.



Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

CHEERS FOR THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

I know it takes time to prepare to vote on November 5, all that reading on national offices, state offices, city offices, state propositions, city propositions, district propositions, wow. Civic duty is tough sometimes.

But hopefully you will also start thinking about and attending the much-less complicated Tennis Club's Annual Meeting on November 14 at the Berger Center, from 3-4:30 p.m. where there will be an election, too.

The board has four members who are voted in and the positions are currently held by John Hughson (president), Frank Passaglia (vice president), Dave Coar (treasurer) and Judy Passaglia (secretary).

Dave is leaving and treasurer's position will be open.

My guess (and it's only a guess) is that John, Frank and Judy will be returned and even though I have not seen any signs outside Oakmont houses, I figure there might be a hot battle for the treasurer post.

The nominating committee of Rex Fuller, Maureen Pennal and Arnie Herskovic is looking for candidates



Typical Sunday Afternoon at West Courts (Frank Zuniga, far right, has said farewell to the group).

for treasurer, and for all positions for that matter. Besides the four voted-in officers, the club also has some top-notch committee chiefs: Rex (membership), Maureen (social) and Arnie (maintenance).

Besides the election, the board will also take up the budget and discuss plans for the coming months.

If you want to attend the meeting and just stare at the ceiling, you will still be able to enjoy some awfully good (again a guess) refreshments.

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.

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giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

Note that there will be no meeting on Friday, Nov. 1.

On Friday, November 8 there will be no regular meeting. The annual Current Events luncheon will be held on that day at 1 p.m. at the East Rec. Reservations required.

There will be no meeting the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29.

If you have questions, email tinalewis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

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 Soroptimist will host a cork craft table, as well as 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 Banhashemi, Anne E. Belden, Paul Gullixson, Nadine Condon, Mark Tate, Thonie Hevron, Joanne Phillips, Kim Korte, Elisa Stancil Levine, Nancy Martin, Eric Goodman, CK Gallagher



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Oakmont Village Association

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

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Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
WEST: 7 AM–9 PM
(Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM
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JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.
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OVA BOARD MEETINGS

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Always online via Zoom and in-person when possible. All residents are welcome. Information to join online is e-blasted out to the community for every meeting along with the in-person location when applicable. Sign up for e-blasts from OVA at oakmontvillage.com/inside.

The Board of Directors of Oakmont Village Association reserves the right to select those articles submitted for publication that seem appropriate to the purpose of this association.

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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.

OCTOBER 31: INTERMEDIATE HIKE TOLAY LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Explore early Fall colors on the upper East side on a 5-mile out and back via the Causeway and East Ridge Trail to the 3 Bridges Vista Point. Gradual 500 ft. elev. gain culminating in great views of the Tolay Lake Valley, vineyards and San Francisco Bay with picnic lunch at the top.

Prepare for possibly muddy trails. If the Causeway is flooded, we will hike the West Ridge Trail. Regional Park Pass or \$7. Leave Berger at 9. Hike leaders are John and Marilyn Pahr, (707) 541-6430.



Lake Sonoma view from trail.

OCTOBER 31: LONG HIKE SOUTH LAKE SONOMA TRAIL

The South Lake Trail along Lake Sonoma is the perfect place to be on Halloween. This hike is 10 miles from Skaggs Springs Vista to Old Skaggs Springs Road. There is no access between trailheads except by boat. The little used trail hillside has grown to a spooky chaparral and forest.

This is a one-way hike. One group starts at the Vista lot trailhead and the other starts at the Old Skaggs Springs Road Trailhead. 10 miles with 2,100 ft elevation gain. One hour to the first starting point.

Bring sustenance and an extra pair of socks for a creek crossing (Costumes Optional!). Depart Berger 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is John Ferreira, (650) 766-0497.

NOVEMBER 7: SHORT HIKE OAKMONT'S HIDDEN PATHS

A right-at-home walk of about 3 miles on paved and dirt paths, stairs (with a rail), ups and downs with views. Rain cancels.

Leave Berger 9 a.m. Hike leader is local author and international travel writer Yvonne Horn, (707) 322-9248.

NOVEMBER 7: LONG HIKE TRIONE-ANNADEL STATE PARK

Explore the hidden and seldom hiked trails in Trione-Annadel State Park. Highlights include Frey Canyon entrance into the park via Rhyolite to Marsh, Two Quarry, where we enter the Magic Carpet, Santa's Sleigh, Henry's plaque, spectacular valley views, and reconnect to lower Quarry, and exit from Richardson Trail. Estimated elevation gain 1500 ft. and 9-mile length.



Trione-Annadel Vista.

You won't want to skip this hike! Leave Berger Parking Lot at 830 a.m., bring water, lunch and poles if preferred. Hike leader is Chris Sork, (707) 495-3196.

Oakmont Gardens Residents' Association (OGRA)

■OGRA Board

OGRA HAS TAKEN ON NEW ENERGY

The residents in Oakmont Gardens have elected new leadership to their association board.

John Derby was elected president to serve with newly elected board members: Richard Virkstis, vice president; Kathy Johnson, secretary; and Carol Cotton, treasurer. Jone Fujihara, Janet Rattray and Norm Ast are the other three directors on the seven-member board. Their new term began October 16.

Derby has a proven track record of success with many nonprofits here and in his native Hawaii. John and Lyn Derby bought an Oakmont home 18 years ago and just moved to Oakmont Gardens about a year and a half ago. He started a weekly Koffee Klatch for the men to gather for conversation. John is the bass player in four Oakmont musical groups and enjoys golf between gigs.



Photo by Tom McMahon.

"We are all enjoying the completely renovated building and Independent Living apartments here," Derby said. "It is a luxury to have all your needs handled for you. No shopping, cooking, cleaning, or laundry—it's all taken care of. Several Oakmont friends have moved over here, too. And we've gotten to know the people we'll spend the rest of our lives with."

Derby and the new board look forward to working with management to enhance Oakmont Gardens' array of amenities and activities. Derby expressed enthusiasm about joining the OGRA Board: "I am honored to be a part of the team and look forward to contributing to Oakmont Gardens' growth and success."

OGRA was formed over 30 years ago and has served Oakmont Gardens residents for many years. Its members are all independent living and assisted living residents and are members of the OVA. Oakmont Gardens was thoroughly renovated and is now approaching capacity. Soon, there will again be a waiting list to get in.

Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti



Bailey's Patterned Roll Up Cake with Triple Ginger Cookies.

GIVING THANKS! NOVEMBER MIXER ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m.

LOCATION: East Rec. Center

Once again, Oakmont Singles will gather for a wonderful catered Thanksgiving Meal to celebrate all that we are grateful for. There will be food, fun with door prizes, a candy count, and background music for your listening pleasure.

As always, it's BYOB. To RSVP, sign up through our website, www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org, and follow the instructions to pay \$35 (extra cost per person for this annual event).

This time of the year is difficult for many people. In an effort to ease their burden and give a form of normalcy in their lives, please bring a donation of various items they may use such as travel sized personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste), bars of soap, socks, underwear, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, etc., for a gift to our Sonoma County Veterans Outreach Holiday Drive.

The absolute deadline to sign up for our mixer is Monday, November 18. If having trouble in navigating our website, please contact Alan at alans25028@hotmail.com. If no computer, RSVP to Priscilla, proslyn49@aol.com for RSVP and payment options. No guests and no walk-ins will be allowed!

Remember to wear your name badge and bring your key for entry to the East Rec. Center.

NOVEMBER BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, November 7—meet at 5:30 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, kirinsr.com

"There are secrets to mastering sweet and sour soup, and Kirin has mastered them." At this Bon Appetite outing, there will be a pre-ordered meal to share with plenty of different platters. We will share the cost equally (except for individual drinks) which should be around \$25 per person.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash. Reservation cutoff is November 4. RSVP at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org or email Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com.

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 Oakmont Singles Social Club membership visit our website at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org.





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