

# OAKMONT NEWS

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## Community Rallies to Rescue Escaped Dog After Two-Week Search

■ Crissi Langwell, OVA Communications Director

On the morning of March 10, Oakmont residents began searching for Winston, a black, brown, and white King Charles Cavalier. The small dog had only been with his new owner for a week before he dug a hole under the fence and escaped into unfamiliar territory.



Residents and OVA staff surround Winston, a frightened escaped dog, until a Dogwood volunteer was able to capture him. The dog had been missing for more than two weeks. (Photos by Christel Antone, OVA General Manager)

The community quickly mobilized. Residents posted alerts on social media platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor. One resident, Deb Ray, put up signs throughout Oakmont, offering a reward for Winston's safe return. Rescue non-profit Dogwood was notified and coordinated efforts to find him.

See **DOG RESCUE** on page 4



## Enhancing the Oakmont Golf Course Experience

■ Christel Antone, OVA General Manager



The Golf Course management team is always looking for ways to enhance experiences, both at the restaurant and on the course. By thoughtfully considering feedback, industry best practices, and operational goals, CourseCo continues to refine its offerings to better serve the Oakmont community and beyond.

See **GOLF COURSE** on page 5

## Wally Schilpp Leaves Lasting Imprint on Oakmont

■ Jackie Reinhardt

When Wally Schilpp died March 17, Oakmont lost one of its most dedicated advocates and ardent supporters, but his imprint is all over the community. Wally passed at age 92 after a long illness.

Wally served as vice president of the Resident's Association of the Oakmont Gardens where he relocated in 2021 with his wife, Bev. Early in his tenure at the Gardens, he launched a Music Appreciation class that introduced other residents to the classical music he loved.



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## New Food and Beverage Director at OAK

■ Khiana Schmuhl, VOM General Manager

OAK is excited to announce Katy Moranda as their new food and beverage director. Katy started her career in hospitality scooping ice cream at Alyce's Ice Cream when she was 15 years old. She continued to work there through college at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, where she also worked in the school pub—first as a volunteer, then as the Manager. After graduation, she gained valuable experience working in Boston's financial district during the day and in events/ restaurants at night and on weekends, which made her transition to restaurant general manager a natural fit.

Katy worked in and around her hometown of Marblehead, MA, before an opportunity brought her to San Francisco, where she opened Tiernan's Irish Pub, re-opened the Washington Square Bar & Grill, met her husband Tony, and finally settled down.

After moving to Santa Rosa, she balanced a varied career while prioritizing family. Her roles included Home Care Coordinator at At Your Service, Banquet Captain at Elaine Bell Catering, Catering and Special Events Coordinator at Varennna, and Office Manager at Krist Electric and Lighting. She also served as the Assistant Food and Beverage Director at Oakmont Golf Club from 2015–2017.

Since September 2023, Katy has been the Administrative Assistant at Valley of the Moon and is looking forward to her new role.



## Voting is Underway

■ Oakmont Village Association

New yellow ballots have been sent to the community for the upcoming board election on May 5. These ballots take the place of the original blue ballots due to inadvertent errors in the election packet that was sent in early March. Only the yellow ballots will be counted. Members who have already sent in a blue ballot will need to send in a new yellow ballot for their votes to be counted.

The current OVA board will serve until May 5, when the Annual Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the East Rec Center, and also on Zoom. Following the close of nominations and balloting at approximately 10:05 a.m., the ballots will be counted. Once the vote tabulation is complete, the results of the 2025 Election of Directors will be announced at 2 p.m., the new board members will be seated, and the Annual Meeting will be adjourned.

These seven candidates are running for four open seats on the Oakmont Village Association Board: John DeGroot, Jess Marzak, Tim Nelson, Jeff Neuman, Neill Ray, Karl Turner and Robert Williams.

For all election news and dates, plus candidate statements, please visit [oakmontvillage.com/candidates](http://oakmontvillage.com/candidates).

## Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force (OEPTF)

■ Tom Pugliese

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DRILL—SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 9–11 AM

Our spring drill will simulate a prolonged regional wind event causing power outages, blocked roads, structural damage and the potential for serious injuries. County and City agencies have issued shelter in place orders, which are expected to be in effect for several days. Normal communications are either out or overloaded as is the 911 system.

See **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** on page 4

## Volunteers Needed for OVA Facilities Audit

■ Christel Antone, OVA General Manager

Dear Oakmont Residents,

OVA is looking for volunteers with special expertise to assist in conducting an internal audit of all OVA facilities. This review will complement and enhance our reserve study by giving us a bigger and more detailed picture of what our needs will be going forward.

While our management team is well-equipped to oversee this process, we recognize the value of additional expertise. Your help will provide an extra set of eyes to identify key areas that may require attention, and ultimately speed up the audit process.

We are seeking volunteers with expertise in various fields to assist in this important effort.

See **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on page 6

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## Attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Safe Fair—April 24

■ Katy Carrel, MYN Task Force Co-Chair, Fair Organizer



The 2025 Fire Safe Fair highlights firewise practices and emergency preparedness, with a special focus on what residents can do to keep their homes safe. Some of this year's vendors include the Santa Rosa Fire Department, SoCo Emergency Management, CalFire, State Parks, Red Cross, Halter Project, Fire Safe Sonoma, Sonoma Ecology plus other safety and emergency groups. Oakmont committees providing information at the fair include the Firewise Resource Task Force, OEPFT (Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force for communications), and MYN (Meet Your Neighbors, the official emergency prep task force. The Oakmont Technology Learning Center will also attend and help attendees install and set up emergency alerts and notifications on their cell phones.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The fair is in need of door greeters, general helpers, and clean-up help.

- Greeters: arrive 12:45 p.m.
- Cleanup after the fair: 4:50-5:30 p.m.
- General help during the fair: 1:30-4 p.m.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Danielle Hannigan at [dani@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:dani@oakmontvillage.com).

For general questions about the Fire Safe Fair, contact [myn@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:myn@oakmontvillage.com).

## Sign up for Spring Vaccination Clinics

■ News Staff

Appointments are now available for vaccines clinics on April 25 and May 15 at the Berger from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vaccines offered are second dose 2024-25 COVID (Pfizer), RSV (for ages 60+), Shingles (Shingrix), Pneumonia (Prevnar 20) and Tetanus (Tdap).

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that people aged 65 and older, as well as those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, receive a second dose of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine six months

after their first dose.

You can make an appointment at [www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OakmontSR2024](http://www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OakmontSR2024).

Consent form: [oakmontvillage.com/article/informed-consent-for-immunization](http://oakmontvillage.com/article/informed-consent-for-immunization).

Please bring your consent form with you to the clinic. You can download and print the form at the link above. If you are not insured, please prepay with the Safeway pharmacy by calling (707) 766-9477. Safeway is unable to bill Kaiser members.

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## 2nd Annual Oakmont Habitat Garden Tour

■ Carolyn Greene, Environmental Stewardship Task Force

### SAVE THE DATE

FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10 AM-1 PM

Sponsored by the Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Task Force and a grant from the Oakmont Community Foundation, there will be four gardens highlighted on the 2nd Annual Oakmont Habitat Garden Tour, including Liz Parsons' native plant garden, pictured.

These four featured gardens utilize plants that are firewise, aesthetic and drought resistant and provide habitat for native plants and wildlife. Viewers can also enjoy refreshments and music at each garden.

Event volunteers are needed. Call/text me at (805) 443-7289 to help. Watch for more information in the April 26 *Oakmont News*.



Liz Parsons in her garden. (Photo by Carolyn Greene)

## 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](mailto:welcome@oakmontvillage.com). The Welcome Packet is available at [oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet](http://oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet).



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## WALLY SCHILPP Continued from page 1

A resident of Oakmont for 30 years, Wally had a long history of volunteerism that began with the Architectural Committee which he chaired for two years and spearheaded the updating of Guidelines and Standards. He spent many years representing Oakmont's Community Development Committee and keeping an eye on near neighborhoods, including negotiating land use issues with city officials and developers related to the defunct Elnoka Housing Development adjacent to Oakmont (the property is now owned by Burbank Housing).

"Wally was a cherished member of our community, deeply respected for his vast knowledge and his unwavering dedication to sharing Oakmont's history. He was a trusted source of insight, always willing to offer his expertise whenever questions arose," said Christel Antone, OVA General Manager.

She added that she often turned to Wally for guidance, and his perspective was invaluable in navigating many matters. "His commitment to the community—and to me personally—will always be remembered. He leaves a lasting legacy."

The OVA board tapped Wally three times as nominating committee chair. He also served on the board but quit after 14 months because he felt too little was being accomplished.

Among the problems he was asked to address by the OVA was securing Oakmont pools and facilities which were being used by outsiders. The key card system now in place at the CAC and East and West Recreation Centers are the result of his efforts. In recent years, he was also active in bylaws revision work.

In his spare time, Wally served on the board of the Oakmont Duplicate Bridge Club and was its treasurer for more than a decade. He was also a past president of the Lawn Bowling Club.

But he told others that the most satisfying volunteer job he had was driving prospective buyers around the community who invariably decided to become residents after one of his tours.

Wally is survived by his daughter, Sandy Nobes of Gresham, OR; daughter-in-law, Helen Schilpp, five grandchildren and his wife, Beverly, who has relocated to the Sacramento area.

## DOG RESCUE Continued from page 1

Despite these efforts, Winston proved elusive. Starting from his Oakmont Drive home, he was spotted in Wild Oak, along Annadel Park trails, and on several fire roads. On social media, residents expressed growing concerns about the soggy weather and nearby coyotes, urging anyone who saw Winston to contact Dogwood. However, each time someone approached him, the frightened dog would bolt.

That changed on March 26. After over two weeks of sporadic sightings, Teresa Steward saw Winston dart past her while she was heading to the gym.

"I saw a flyer the day before and recognized him as the missing dog," Steward said. Abandoning her workout, Steward followed Winston in her car for about a half mile until he took refuge behind a bush at a home on Oak Leaf Drive. She quickly called her partner, who then contacted Deb Ray. Within a short time, a group of over 20 volunteers had assembled to help.

Under Dogwood's guidance, residents—along with OVA staff members Christel Antone, Todd O'Donnell, Anita Roraus, and Gil Perez—used mesh fencing to surround Winston, preventing his escape. Two and a half hours after he was spotted, an exhausted Winston was finally secured when a Dogwood volunteer managed to capture him.

Recognizing that the energetic cavalier was more than she could manage, his original owner decided to relinquish him. Following vet care, Winston rested in the home of a foster family before being adopted and renamed by an active couple who have another cavalier. Known now as Ranger, this adventurous cavalier has settled comfortably into his new home.

## 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](http://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.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Our Emergency Communications team has been activated, and our radio networks are live. Neighborhoods with radio volunteers wearing yellow vests and carrying walkie-talkies will be contacting residents to check on their well-being. If assistance is required, these "Zone Communicators" will exercise our radio network to request assistance from within Oakmont or from County and City resources through our radio network that has direct access to the County Emergency Operations Center and Redcom. Updates on the status of the emergency from official sources will be shared with residents also through our radio network.

The purpose of these regular drills is to practice and reinforce message handling capabilities and radio protocol. Our goal is to exercise and stress our processes and systems to identify areas for potential improvement.

More neighborhoods are becoming organized under the MYN (Meet Your Neighbors) program. We encourage their involvement in our drills so that they become Oakmont-wide emergency preparedness events and not just communications exercises.

If you do not see a volunteer wearing a yellow vest in your neighborhood it may be because your neighborhood lacks radio coverage. Prior radio experience is not required. We provide radios and training to use them. The time commitment is about 9 hours annually.

Email [OakmontW6OVA@gmail.com](mailto:OakmontW6OVA@gmail.com) if you would like more information about volunteering as a neighborhood radio volunteer on our Emergency Communications team.



### APRIL 17: INTERMEDIATE HIKE WEST ANNADEL LOOP

This is a 6-mile loop hike with 800 ft. elevation gain. We'll meet at Berger Center at 9 a.m. for check-in, and then drive over our in separate cars to the community gardens on Stonebridge. Entering Annadel from Channel Drive, we'll climb North Burma trail to Live Oak trail to Lake Ilsanjo.

We'll stop at the dam for lunch. Following lunch, we'll follow Warren Richardson FR to Steve's S trail (or continue on Richardson FR) to Channel Drive trail back to our cars. Bring lunch, water, hiking poles. Heavy rain cancels.

Leave Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leader is Linne McAleer, (415) 847-4420.

### APRIL 24: LONG HIKE GOODSPEED TO GUNSIGHT ROCK— OUT AND BACK

We'll begin at the Adobe Canyon Goodspeed/Nattkemper trailhead and climb the 3.5-mile ascent culminating on Gunsight Rock for lunch. We will then return back to our cars in this 4 plus hour trek. This 6.5-mile 2200 ft elevation gain popular hike culminates with spectacular Sonoma Valley vistas. Not to be missed!

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View from Gunsight Rock.



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Hiking the Oat Hill Mine Trail.

### APRIL 17: LONG HIKE OAT HILL MINE TRAIL IN CALISTOGA

The Oat Hill Mine Trail starts in Calistoga and extends largely uphill for four plus miles. The hike includes a mix of small stones, an area of dirt that softens the pace and some pools filled by lots of cross streams. There's 1,500 feet of elevation with unexpected shifts in the scenery; also, there's two small hikes off-trail if some of us want to catch another view.

We'll plan a lunch at Holm's place. Along the way, we might have the chance to see a gorgeously serene cloud bank resting over Calistoga. Prepare for a little scrambling so consider walking sticks. Hike leader is David Steinberger, (909) 480-5809.



## at the VOM Golf Club



■ Superintendent Andy Tittle, Golf Professional James Perkins, and General Manager Khiana Schmuhl

Visit [playvom.com](http://playvom.com) for up-to-date information about happenings at the golf course and OAK restaurant.

### UPDATED HOURS OF OPERATION

Valley of the Moon Golf Shop: Monday–Sunday, 6:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Sugarloaf Course Golf Shop: Monday–Sunday, 6:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

### RANGE CARD SALE

April 25: \$100 range cards (\$50 savings)

### UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo Golf Event—Sunday, May 4: Valley of the Moon Golf Course, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun. Valley of the Moon Members—\$35 per player; non-members—\$80 per player. Includes Green Fee, Shared Cart Fee, Range Balls, Prize Fund, and a Taco Bar Lunch with Margarita after the round.

**April Merchandise Sales:** In honor of the first major of the 2025 season, we will have several sales to celebrate The Masters and the start of the golfing season. Swing by the golf shop today!

### OAK

Updated Hours of Operation: Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Happy Hour: Monday–Thursday, 3–5 p.m.; all day on Sundays.

New Menu: Check out our new lunch and dinner menus at [playvom.com/the-club/dining](http://playvom.com/the-club/dining).

Lunch Menu: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Dinner Menu: 4–7 p.m.

**Taco Tuesdays:** Taco Tuesdays are back at OAK! \$4.50 per taco with drink purchase.

Baja Fish Tacos: Fried local fish, avocado salsa verde, pickled onions

Steak Tacos: Marinated flank steak, avocado salsa verde, queso fresco, pickled onions

Shrimp Tacos: Mango salsa, lime crema, cilantro

#### April Dinner Specials:

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## GOLF COURSE

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### WHAT'S NEW?

**A Refreshed Menu:** A variety of new and delicious options, along with some old favorites, have been added. The new menu launched in the first week of April.

Lunch Hours: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Dinner Hours: 4–7 p.m.

Menu Link: [www.playvom.com/the-club/dining](http://www.playvom.com/the-club/dining)

**Updated Hours of Operation for OAK:** Monday–Saturday 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Happy Hour:** Monday–Thursday, 3–5 p.m.; all day on Sundays

**New Leadership Addition:** OAK is excited to welcome Katy Moranda as the new Food and Beverage Director. Katy, who previously served as Assistant Food and Beverage Director in 2017 and later as an Administrative Assistant at the Valley of the Moon in 2023, brings a wealth of hospitality experience and will play a key role in enhancing service and quality.

**Ponds Cleanup and Maintenance Plan:** A comprehensive and ongoing effort to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the course. This plan includes regular cleaning of the ponds, removal of debris, and maintenance of the surrounding areas to ensure clear, healthy water and a visually appealing environment. These efforts not only improve the aesthetic appeal of the course but also contribute to the overall health of the ecosystem, supporting local wildlife and creating a more enjoyable experience for golfers and visitors. Currently, the regulatory permitting process for this work is underway, ensuring that all actions comply with local environmental guidelines and regulations.

**New Outdoor Furniture:** Providing guests with a more comfortable and stylish space to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings on the deck of the banquet room. This enhancement not only improves the overall dining and social experience but also helps promote the venue, attracting more customers and encouraging longer visits.

**Sand in Bunkers:** Fresh, high-quality sand is being added to the bunkers throughout the course to improve playability and overall course conditions. This enhancement ensures that the bunkers provide a more consistent and predictable playing surface, offering golfers a fairer challenge. The updated sand not only improves the visual appeal of the bunkers but also helps prevent erosion and compaction, which can impact playability. These efforts are part of an ongoing commitment to maintaining the course to standards, ensuring a better experience for players and preserving the integrity of the course for years to come.

Special events also continue to gain popularity, with many events selling out, including the highly successful sold-out trivia night. See the OAK article for details on upcoming events.

Golf Course Management recently completed their Q1 survey, and a significant portion of the feedback praised the excellent condition of the course, with many highlighting the ongoing improvements to the fairways, greens, and bunkers. In addition, several respondents commented on the staff and restaurant operations. These valuable insights will help guide further enhancements to both the course and restaurant, while also ensuring continued support for our dedicated staff in providing a positive experience.

As these amenities continue to evolve and improve, the ongoing communication and collaboration between OVA leadership and Golf Course management highlight our shared commitment to providing exceptional experiences for both Oakmont residents and the broader public.



■Carolita Carr

### NEIL DIAMOND SUPERSTAR

WHERE: Berger Center

WHEN: Saturday, April 26

TIME: Doors open at 5 p.m. Concert begins at 6:30

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

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### JOIN BOOMERS NOW!

Don't miss any of our upcoming events. Joining is simple and only costs \$15 per year. As a member, you get an inside track to all of our parties. See "oakmontboomers.org" for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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#### Key areas of need are:

- Structural Engineering: Evaluating the integrity of buildings, foundations, roofs, and walls.
- Mechanical and Building Systems (HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical): Reviewing HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical wiring, fire protection systems, and AV systems.
- Safety and Compliance: Assessing fire safety, ADA compliance, and emergency preparedness.
- Environmental Sustainability: Analyzing water conservation, energy efficiency, and ecological practices.

**Time Commitment:** Volunteers will be asked to participate in on-site reviews, which will take place over the next few months. Specific time slots and tasks will be assigned based on expertise.

**How You Can Help:** If you have expertise in any of these areas and are willing to volunteer your time, please contact OVA Facilities Operations Manager Todd O'Donnell by May 2 at Todd@oakmontvillage.com. Your contributions will be invaluable in producing an accurate audit of the Facilities and Common Areas, which will then be presented to the board and community to help guide future informed decision-making for maintaining Oakmont's existing infrastructure.

We truly appreciate your support and involvement. Together, we can help ensure Oakmont continues to thrive as a great place to live.

As always, thank you for your commitment to Oakmont.

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## Oakmont Craft Guild

■Jan Decock

### OAKMONT ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The semi-annual Oakmont Arts and Crafts Fair is being held on May 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Over 40 local Artists will be selling many different types of unique hand-crafted gifts, just in time for Mother's Day.

"Birriera King" Mexican Food Truck will be offering a delicious menu including breakfast burritos. An added feature will be pet nail trims by Heather for only \$20. Heather is well known in Oakmont and we're glad to offer the convenience of an easy, no-appt-needed way to get your pet's nails trimmed. Dogs on leash, cats in carriers, please.

Vendor applications are still accepted. You can pick one up in the OVA office or request one via email at jdecock99@yahoo.com. We're also looking for someone interested in providing baked goods for sale. Get your application in early, as the Craft Fair fills up quickly.

Free to Oakmont residents, outside Oakmont residents pay a \$20 fee. For further questions, please contact me at jdecock99@yahoo.com.

See you there!

## Café Mortel



■Linda Suhr

### ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES EVENT WITH SONOMA COUNTY END-OF-LIFE DOULA ALLIANCE

If you had a medical emergency and were incapacitated, would those around you know your wishes for treatment—what you would want and, perhaps more importantly, what you would not want? Now is a good time to review your Advance Health Care Directives and think about whether a POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is right for you. And do you know about Dementia Directives?

These important documents state your wishes for medical care and name the person who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself. After finishing up your taxes, it's a great time to review these important documents.

In recognition of National Healthcare Decisions Day, members of Sonoma County End of Life Doula Alliance will be available at the Berger Center, Room G, on Thursday, April 17, between 1-3 p.m. with information, resources and sample templates for Advance Health Care Directives. Drop in anytime with your questions about these vital documents.

## Jewish Interest Group



■Howard Sidorsky

### WHAT MADE YOUR PASSOVER FUNNY, UNIQUE, AND JOYOUS?

On April 20 at 2pm in the East Rec Center, the Jewish Interest Group will meet and discuss our Passover experiences. While the Jewish Interest Group is best known for bringing knowledgeable speakers to the Oakmont community, this month we are featuring the best speakers of all- You, our audience. We are meeting at the conclusion of Passover, so we would like to hear your Passover memories. Tell us how you celebrated as a kid, any special traditions you and your families observed, anything Passover related. If you have great recipes, bring 'em! (There's always next year.) This is a chance for you to share with our Jewish community. So come to our post-Passover event. We would love to hear your stories.

Bring a nosh to share, or maybe something to drink. And if you can come at 1:30 to help set up, it would be appreciated.

## Star of the Valley Church

■Barbara Gasparini

### DEMENIA CAREGIVING ESSENTIALS

Star of the Valley Church is hosting a half-day forum on Dementia Caregiving Essentials, presented by Alzheimer's Association and sponsored by Tweenen Eldercare Advisors, on Thursday, May 15 from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Complimentary lunch is included.

This half-day education forum, will offer insights into identifying the role of caregivers, building a support team, planning for future care changes, and exploring various respite care and housing options.

The forum will be held at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa. The forum is free, and registration is required. To register, go to [tinyurl.com/CaregivingEssentials2025](http://tinyurl.com/CaregivingEssentials2025) or call (707) 573-1210.

## Field Report from a Newly Certified Volunteer Firewise Assessor

■Peg Stone, Firewise Resource Task Force

I've tramped around houses in gray drizzle, peered under eaves under sunshine and met lovely people I would never have encountered among Oakmont's 4,700 residents. All because I decided to join the volunteers making our community Firewise by providing free firewise assessments.

This word "assessment" is exact. Assessors are advisory only and don't report any issues to the OVA Architectural Committee. That is what I like best about the assessor's job. We are neighbors helping neighbors who want to be better prepared for the next firestorm. Practical suggestions for protecting your home is what an assessor does.

Since 2017 I think we all regard fires as the biggest existential threat to Oakmont. I get to work with a spirited band of volunteers following wildfire mitigation science. Written reports with photos of a home's exterior provide practical recommendations to fire harden properties. We are instructors on ways we can be safer, one home at a time.

Certification to be an OVA Firewise assessor includes 10 hours of studying videos the committee has gathered, and working through a curriculum put together by the National Volunteer Firefighters Council.

Simultaneously, I began observing the assessment process, shadowing several experienced assessors during their site visits. I gradually started taking notes and pictures, talking the resident through what we observed, and drafting the follow-up report. The science is fascinating, talking with people concerned about their homes is rewarding, and writing up those reports not difficult.

Assessors all have a slightly different style, but everyone points out the same findings due to our certification training program. An assessment on site with the homeowner takes one hour, and the report is completed in another hour.

We stay completely outside peoples' homes, making a complete circuit around the structure with the homeowner, talking about what observe and suggest a variety of ways to make the home less likely to catch fire. Through this process, I've also discovered a number of pretty inexpensive ways to improve my own home.

I've gotten more than I expected out of joining Firewise. The monthly meetings are short. OVA's Firewise team is welcoming and supportive. The tasks are practical and helpful to the people who ask for assistance. This is a very satisfying way to build that special spirit that makes Oakmont uniquely welcoming and supportive, neighbor-to-neighbor.

## Oakmont Gardens Residents' Association

■ Judy Dumm

### TRIBUTE TO WALLY SCHILPP

Oakmont Village lost a cherished curmudgeon this March. For 14 years, Wally Schilpp stood as a steadfast opponent of the developer planning to build high-rise apartments on the 68-acre site just outside Oakmont. He was determined to prevent the influx of traffic, a concern shared by many other Oakmont residents. Wally organized protest groups, led buses of residents to City Council meetings, and participated in City planning discussions. Together, they succeeded—Elnoka remains unbuilt to this day.



At Oakmont Gardens, most of us knew Wally for the classical music videos and commentaries he shared every Monday afternoon, as well as the “weird stuff” he presented during folk music sessions on occasional Saturdays. His extensive video and CD collection was

legendary. When I asked him how he came to love classical music, of course, it was a long story!

Wally's passion for music began with his German father, a self-described “bad violinist,” who directed the choir at the University of Puget Sound. In 1923, his father received the ebony and brass conductor's baton that Wally proudly holds in the accompanying photo.

Wally began music lessons at age 5. His mother wanted him to learn piano, while his father insisted on violin, as the family owned a treasured heirloom violin. Wally learned both instruments. His older brother, nine years his senior, would pay him 5 cents an hour to crank their Victrola, especially to play Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*. Saturdays were filled with opera broadcasts blaring from the radio as his mother cleaned the house, while Sundays brought the New York Philharmonic, with young Wally enthusiastically conducting along with his dad's baton.

As he grew older, Wally's father encouraged him to master chess, while his mother insisted he learn bridge. Unsurprisingly, Wally excelled at both, becoming an Oakmont bridge champion for decades.

In recent years, Wally became known for always wearing his bedroom slippers. He often recounted a story from his childhood, around age 11 or 12, when he met Albert Einstein on a snowy morning while clearing a sidewalk. Einstein stepped out of a car wearing slippers. When Wally asked why he wasn't wearing shoes, Einstein replied, “With shoes, you have to put on socks, then the shoes, and tie the laces. I don't want to waste time on all that.”

Wally remained perpetually busy with volunteer work, athletics, business ventures, storytelling, and, of course, bridge games. The Oakmont Village Association (OVA) often sought his historical knowledge and expertise, as he maintained meticulously organized board documents. We were fortunate to have him serve on the Oakmont Gardens Residents' Council, where his insight was invaluable.

Last week, the Oakmont Gardens men's Koffee Klatch spent their meeting reminiscing about Wally, sharing stories and fond memories of his wit and wisdom. He even found some amusement in being affectionately known as our “favorite curmudgeon.”

## Bellarosa Strings Plays the Music of The Beatles

■ OVA Staff

The OVA is excited to announce its next concert event, Bellarosa Strings, happening on April 17. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person and can be purchased in advance at the OVA office.



Bellarosa Strings.

An exceptional concert featuring the music of Beatles classics like “Here Comes the Sun,” “Hey Jude” and “Let It Be” performed by a five-piece ensemble of guitar, violins, viola, and cello. Bellarosa Strings is a distinguished collective based in Santa Rosa, specializing in pop and rock instrumental covers.

Known for their unique twist on classics, they perform throughout Northern California, from Sonoma to Carmel. With appearances on “The Bachelor” and alongside Smokey Robinson, Bellarosa Strings enhances events with classically rooted performances from a contemporary perspective.

This is a Beatles experience for all tastes and not to be missed.

## Conservatives Club

■ Jane Gyorgy

### THE RESULTS ARE IN

The Conservatives Club held its monthly meeting on March 25, featuring a presentation by Alison Moon about the Convention of States. Attendees participated in a discussion and viewed a PowerPoint presentation.

In addition to the speaker presentation, members reviewed the results of a recent club survey. The survey reflected preferences on meeting frequency, structure, and areas of interest, with a strong emphasis on education about current issues. Members who volunteered for club activities such as communications, events, and outreach will be contacted by the steering committee.

The Conservatives Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4–6 p.m. at the Berger Center (6633 Oakmont Dr). Members will receive invitations to RSVP. Non-members interested in attending may email [TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com](mailto:TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com) with their full name and guest details.



## Shred-A-Thon Returns April 28

■ News Staff

After two previous cancellations, the Shred-A-Thon is back! The event will take place on Monday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Berger Center Parking Lot.

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Oakmont, this popular event offers residents a free and secure way to dispose of old tax documents and other sensitive financial papers.

### Important Guidelines:

- No metal items allowed: Please remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings before arrival. The shredding truck cannot handle metal and may be damaged.

- No slides, x-rays, or similar materials: These items can jam the machine and will not be accepted.

### How it works:

Kiwanis volunteers will collect up to five boxes per car. They'll take the contents to the shredding truck, then return your empty boxes to your vehicle. Volunteers will inspect boxes for prohibited items, so please double-check before coming.

Proceeds from the Shred-A-Thon support local children through the programs of the Kiwanis Club of Oakmont, part of the national Kiwanis organization dedicated to serving children.

For more information, visit [kiwanisclubofoakmont.org](http://kiwanisclubofoakmont.org) or email [kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com).

## Oakmont HEARS Hearing Education, Advocacy, Research, Support



■ Richard Osborne

### HEARING APPS FOR SMARTPHONE

There is a plethora of hearing apps for your smartphone. At our March meeting, we conducted an overview of the major ones. Plus, we showed how to install them.

The most interest is in the free apps like “Live Transcribe,” Ava, Otter, and CaptionCall which use Automatic Speech to Text (ASR) to convert spoken words into text on your screen.

Others can alert you to a dangerously loud environment. Also, we found the Roger device (not a smartphone app) and captions under PowerPoint and Zoom (again not a smartphone app) to be useful.

Our next meeting will be in June, but you can contact us via email to [oakmonthears@gmail.com](mailto:oakmonthears@gmail.com).



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Join us for a unique afternoon performance of Chinese music and dance performance by members the Santa Rosa Chinese Christian Church playing traditional instruments like the Er Hu (two string instrument) and Gu Zeng (Chinese plucked Zither), along with duets, a Chorus and Cultural Dancers. Lite refreshments served.



The Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club is one of Oakmont's newest and most exciting clubs, founded a little more than a year ago by John Tan, Heidi Klyn and Anne Marie Siu Yuan. Our mission is to share AP heritage and culture with the Oakmont community by providing a variety of social, cultural and educational events showcasing various customs and traditions. We recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Asian Pacific immigrants.

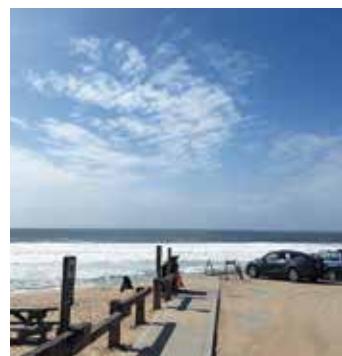
We enjoy members-only monthly lunches at various

**Rovers RV Club** 

■ Mary Montague

**ROVERS ADVENTURE**

The Oakmont Rovers RV Club had a great weekend in March when we traveled to Monterey. Thank you to Teresa and Jim for organizing the trip. They found excellent camping sites at Marina Dunes RV and had a great itinerary of sites to see.



We used the Clubhouse for our nightly 5 p.m. gatherings for food and drinks. There were many adventures: Monterey Bay Aquarium, The Cannery, The

Wharf, and the Mission at Carmel. Lots of walks for the dogs and beaches to explore. We had seven rigs and three furry friends as well.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jeff Hickman at [jeff@hickman.cc](mailto:jeff@hickman.cc) or (707) 282-9350. Check out our website [oakmontrovers.com](http://oakmontrovers.com).



Photos by Mary Montague.



## Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

local Asian restaurants along with workshops like Dumpling Making with Virginia and Terrie. Everyone is welcome to join, with a focus on AP influences. Our dues are \$15 per year and we are a 501c3 Non-Profit.

For more information and full details on our upcoming events, please visit our website at [apoakmont.org](http://apoakmont.org).



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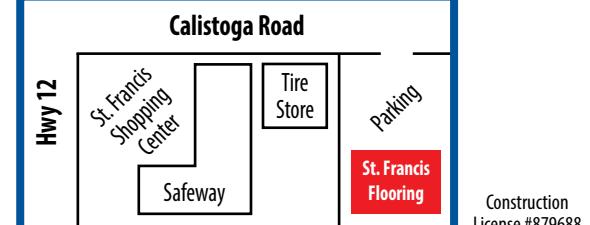
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## Holy Week Services



**Palm Sunday April 13th 10am**

Join us as the Sunday School children help lead the service with a triumphant entry!

**Good Friday**

**April 18th**

**7pm**

Combined with poignant choral and instrumental music, congregational singing and dramatic readings, we remember when the world was plunged into darkness before the light dawned in the Resurrection.



**Sunday, April 20th**

**Sunrise Service- 6 AM**

**English Worship- 10 AM**

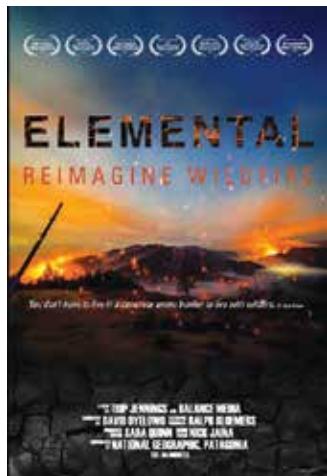
**Fijian Worship - 12 PM**



## Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire—A Firewise Special Showing

On Thursday, May 1 at 1 p.m. Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force and the Firewise Resource Committee have arranged a special showing of the documentary *Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire* at the Berger Center.

*Elemental* (2023) highlights the need to rethink our approach to wildfires and preparedness. Featuring stories like the Paradise fire and expert insights, it explores fire ecology, indigenous practices, and home safety. Former U.S. Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck calls it a visually powerful guide to protecting fire-prone communities.



After the showing of the film, there will be a panel discussion with panelists Roberta McIntyre (CEO of Firesafe Sonoma), Stuart Mitchell (Wildfire Mitigation Expert), and Firewise leaders Dave Watts and Iris Harrell.

## Oakmont Garden Club

■Patty McHugh

### HONEYBEES, NATIVE BEES, ESSENTIAL POLLINATORS IN OUR GARDENS

"For the bees a flower is a fountain of life, and to the flower a bee is a messenger of love."—Kahlil Gibran

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m. Social, 10–11 a.m. Program, Q&A follows

**WHERE:** East Rec. Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

**SPEAKER:** Shannan Carr, Program Director, Sonoma County Beekeepers Association

Shannon will talk about the Sonoma County Beekeepers Association programs, about honey bees and native bees, and about the importance of having a healthy ecosystem that supports pollinators. It is said, "Bees are nature's magicians—pollination powers the planet."

Shannon has been the director of the Sonoma County Beekeepers Association for four years and loves "working with our members, educating our community on the importance of pollinators and habitat, and knowing that the work we [SCBA] are doing is making a positive impact on the environment." Their website is [www.sonomabees.org](http://www.sonomabees.org).

Please Note: This will be our last meeting before the summer break—we will be back in September with another great presentation. We will provide an overview of upcoming programs later in the Summer. Happy Spring All!



## Playreaders

■D. Hall



### CATCH WANDA IF YOU CAN

April sees both sides of the theater masque muses for Oakmont Playreaders. The fascinating and disturbing *When the World Was Green*, by Sam Shepard played first; then it's followed by the raucously funny *Wanda's Visit*, by Christopher Durang.

Sarah Shankman and I played out Shepard's work which centered on an interviewer obsessed with a man on death row.

If you're lucky, you can get a seat at April 14 *Wanda's Visit*, produced by Sandy White. It's the tale of a houseguest you definitely don't want, and features White, Marcel Coder, Wes Doerr, and John Dolan.

Two more exciting productions are on tap for May. Join us the first two Mondays of every month at 2 p.m. in Room B (Birch) of the Central Activities Center.

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■ Mary Piumarta

### LUCK OF THE IRISH

Winners of the St. Patrick's Day Bocce Tournament were Mike O'Leary, Terry Bryant, Maureen McGettigan and Bruce Aiken. They celebrated their victory with festive green Jello shots!

The 50/50 raffle prize of \$25 was won by Larry Schlee.



■ Greg Fauss

### PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

Easter is coming, but first we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week and then Easter.



Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA.

During Holy Week we remember the dramatic final days of Jesus' life that ultimately changed and continue to change individuals, families, communities, societies, nations and history. On Palm Sunday Jesus was celebrated as he entered Jerusalem, but by Thursday, after his final supper with his close friends, the tides turned dramatically and Jesus was betrayed, arrested, unjustly condemned to death, and crucified on Friday.

And then came Sunday and with it his resurrection. For all those who entrust their lives to Jesus it brought a new life full of love, hope, joy and the calling to contribute to positive change.

If all this didn't actually happen, then we are foolish. But if it is in fact historical, then it's at least something to consider and potentially to embrace.

With that in mind we encourage you to join us this Palm Sunday and Easter. You and your guests, both young and old, will be warmly welcomed.

Or visit us at any of our regular Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec Center. For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Saturday Prayer meeting, monthly potlucks and other gatherings go to [www.occsantarosa.org](http://www.occsantarosa.org), write us at [occsantarosa@gmail.com](mailto:occsantarosa@gmail.com) or call us at (707) 595-0166.

### Bocce Club



Photo by Mary Piumarta.

Want to join the fun? Come to the Tax Tournament on Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. Who knows—you might win enough to cover your taxes!

If you're not a Bocce Club member and want to learn the game, join us for New Member Day on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the courts.

For more information, contact Pat Paulson at (707) 953-6691. To join the club, complete an application at the OVA office and pay the \$20 membership fee (cash).

Spring is here, making it the perfect time to get some exercise, meet new friends, and have a great time!

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■ Randi Hulce

## Canine Club




### SPRING IS HERE— MORE TIME TO WALK YOUR DOG!

Yes, you may walk your dog on the VOM Golf Course, but please follow the guidelines. Walking hours are reserved from daybreak to 7 a.m., which is before golf play begins. Additionally, there is an afternoon walking schedule on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 45 minutes before sunset.

During walking hours, dogs are allowed on both courses but must always be on a leash. Remember to pick up after your dogs. Bicycle riding is not allowed on the courses at any time. Schedules are subject to change. Go to [Playvom.com](http://Playvom.com) for current schedule or contact the golf course at (707) 539-0415.



### CHANGES AT THE DOG PARK

Happy Tails Dog Park (6302 Stone Bridge Rd, behind the Community Garden) is open daily from sunrise to sunset for all Oakmont residents.

On March 1 changes became effective for Small

Dog hours, days, and times. Days are now increased from Wednesdays and Sundays to daily for dogs weighing 25 lbs. or less. We also have summer and winter hours:

- Winter Hours: 3–4 p.m., November 1–April 30
- Summer Hours: 9–10 a.m., May 1–October 31

We kindly request that dog owners with breeds larger than 25 lbs. abide by the 1-hour daily window for small dogs. Small dog owners see this as a safety issue, so we encourage respect for their concerns.

#### Dog Park Play Dates (rain cancels!):

- Rescue Dogs/Mixed Breed: Sat., April 26, 10 a.m.–noon (35 lbs. or more)
- Poodle/Havanese/Bichon: Sat. May 31, 10 a.m.–noon

#### JOIN US

You are invited to join the 170-plus members of the Oakmont Canine Club. The annual fee is \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households. Application forms can be found in the Canine Club Folder in the OVA Office. Make check payable to the Oakmont Canine Club and place check in the club folder.

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## Oakmont Vets Club

■ Paul Gowins

### GET READY TO SWING! APRIL 18 FUNDRAISER FOR OUR VETS

Mark your calendars, Oakmont! On Friday, April 18, our favorite swing band, Death and Taxes, is returning to the Berger Center for one last big fundraiser to send our hero vets off in style! Doors open at 5 p.m., and music and dancing is at 7 p.m. Get your tickets now, shine up your dance shoes, and grab a partner for a night of fantastic music, dancing, and support for our veterans.



*Death and Taxes will perform April 18 at the Berger.*

Tickets are only \$30 (just leave a check in the vets' club box in the OVA office, or email [pngowins@yahoo.com](mailto:pngowins@yahoo.com) for reservations), or \$35 at the door. BYOB and snacks—there won't be a food truck. Don't wait—tickets are limited and selling fast!



and show our love and gratitude for their service!

#### More Ways to Get Involved:

- Join the airport send-off party on April 28 or the welcome-home celebration on April 31.
- Visit [nbhonorflight.org](http://nbhonorflight.org) for details.

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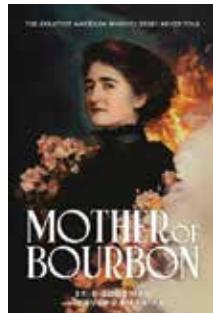
Berger Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr.  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, \$3 donation  
[www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org](http://www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org)

■ Judie Coleman

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

**APRIL 13: ERIC GOODMAN**  
**MOTHER OF BOURBON: THE GREATEST AMERICAN WHISKEY STORY NEVER TOLD**

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**APRIL 27: LISA WALTERS**  
**BETTER RELATIONSHIPS? HORSES CAN HELP!**



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**MAY 4: WEN CHEN**  
**CHINA AND NORTH KOREA AND THE IMPACT ON THE U.S.**

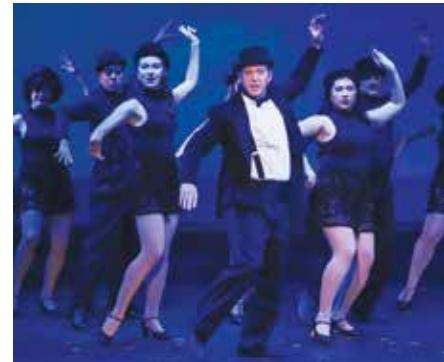


For over 60 years, China has funded the Kim regime by contributing 90% of North Korea's export income, providing (behind the scenes) material and technology for North Korea's nuclear power. China uses this relationship as a bargaining chip with the U.S. Understanding how China functions in the world will help to understand our relationship with China.



**MAY 18: EMILY CORNELIUS (AND FRIENDS)**

**SNEAK PEEK: WHAT'S UP AT THE 6TH STREET PLAYHOUSE**



Yowza! We all love the 6th Street Playhouse—the oldest community theatre in Sonoma County. Its mission is to "engage, inspire and educate" ... and they sure do! In a lively, high-energy presentation, Emily Cornelius (and some of her friends) will tell us what the Playhouse is all about, and give us a live preview of their summer shows. Hang onto your hat! This will be fun!

## Movies At Oakmont

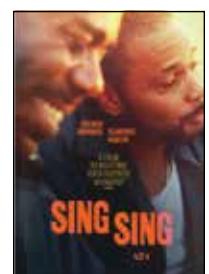


WHERE: Berger Center  
SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays at 2 p.m.  
HOSTS: Mike McInnis, Deborah Davidson, Jeff Neuman and Barbara Marquardt.

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

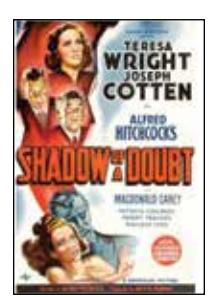
**APRIL 13: SING SING**

Divine G, imprisoned at Sing Sing for a crime he didn't commit, finds purpose by acting in a theatre group with other incarcerated men in this story of resilience, humanity, and the transformative power of art. 2023, R 1:47.



**APRIL 20: SHADOW OF A DOUBT**

Tie-in with History of Santa Rosa class—Alfred Hitchcock. A teenage girl, overjoyed when her uncle comes to visit the family in their quiet California town, slowly begins to suspect that he is the "Merry Widow" killer sought by the authorities. 1943, PG 1:48.

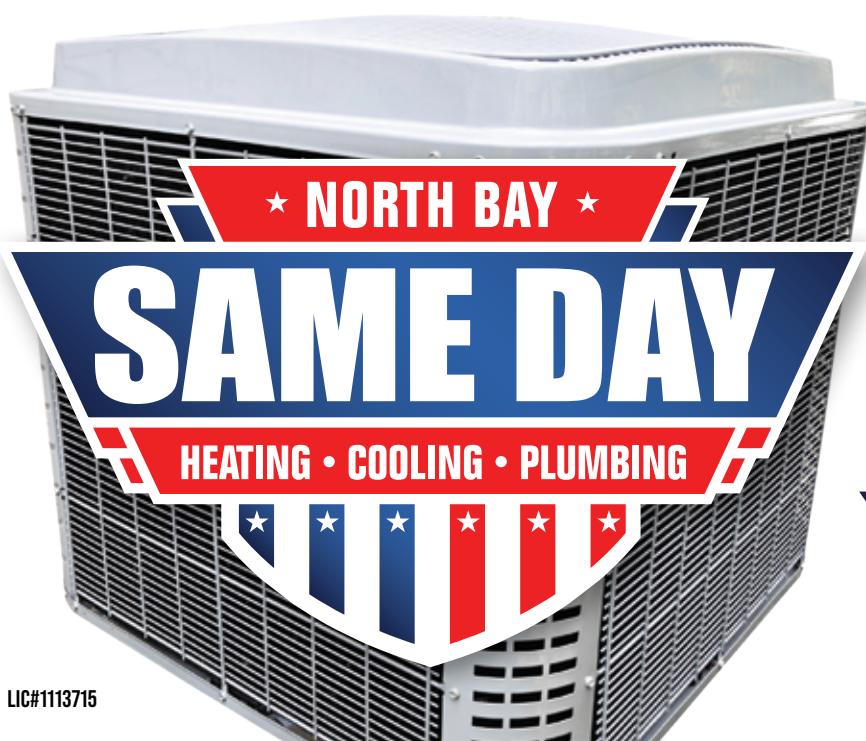


**APRIL 27: JUROR #2**

While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer. 2023, R 1:47.



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## Oakmont Podcasting Club

■Bob Bushanky

### LEARN ABOUT PODCASTING

Are you curious about podcasting or already have ideas to share? Join us at OVA Suite B at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 21 to explore the possibility of forming a podcasting club right here in Oakmont!

This is an opportunity to connect and learn about podcasting together. A local resident who has written a book wants to share their story through podcasting, and another, who hosted a political talk radio show

for six years called "Politics: A Love Story," would like to talk about—naturally—politics. While neither has podcasting experience, they are eager to dive in and learn with others.

The goal of this meeting is to gauge interest and bring together those who want to create, collaborate, and learn the art of podcasting. If this sounds intriguing, please e-mail me at [erb@mcn.org.](mailto:erb@mcn.org) to express your interest or get more details.



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### 6574 Stone Bridge Road

Adorable and well cared for Poplar plan is close to many of the community's amenities. This home has been recently painted inside and out and features dual-pane windows, new carpet and new vinyl flooring. The bright and cheerful kitchen features white cabinets and appliances, a new microwave and farmhouse sink, and floor-to-ceiling walk-in pantry. The living and dining area with gas-burning fireplace opens to the private fenced patio and adjoining utility room with washer/dryer hookups, and lots of storage space. 2-car garage. This home is immaculate and ready for its new owner.

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## Pickleball Corner

■Peter Copen

### OAKMONT DUO GRAB VICTORY AND GOLDEN TICKET

On February 26, Oakmont's own Stephanie Alton and Michael Prudhomme ventured to Roseville, CA for the playing of the 2025 APP Sacramento Open. This event was special in that it offered not only stiff competition, but also a Golden Ticket to the USA Pickleball Nationals. Nationals is the premier professional and amateur tournament in the sport of pickleball; the event draws players from around the country. The venue for the 2025 event has yet to be decided.



Graphic by Peter Copen.

Stephanie and Michael were scheduled to play in the 65+/3.0 division. To win their bracket, Stephanie and Michael would have to play through two tiers. A three-match Round Robin followed by a playoff. In the Round Robin, Steph and Michael won their first match handily, 15-5. They then faced their toughest match, against a pair of players from the State of Washington. Steph and Michael played tough, prevailing 15-12. They then disposed of their third opponents by a wide margin, 15-2.

In the playoff, Michael and Steph defeated the #4 team, setting up a rematch in the final with the Washington pair. After dropping the first game 11-2, Stephanie and Michael responded heartily with a pair of 11-6 games to win the ultimate match.

Victorious in both the Round Robin and playoff, Stephanie and Michael earned the Golden Ticket. As mentioned, the Nationals' location has yet to be determined, but the pathway for Steph and Michael is rock solid.



Photo by Rick Saal.

**New Player Orientation:** 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Contact Victoria Dettman, (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. Mentoring: Barbara Ricossa, [ricossa@ymail.com](mailto:ricossa@ymail.com). Visit our WWW site: <https://oakmontpickleballclub.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](mailto:bvhuckins@gmail.com).



## Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Richard Osborne

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR KIWANIS MEETINGS

Each month, we highlight fantastic speakers and their contributions to helping children in Sonoma County. This month, we're excited to share the list of upcoming speakers. We hope you'll join us to hear from those who interest you—or even attend all of them!

April 17: Visual Aids—Jill Vannilia

April 24: Living Room—Althea Larson

Join us at our Thursday Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m. (yes, it's early, but our mission is worth it!).

Contact us by Email: [kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com); Website: [kiwanisclubofoakmont.org](http://kiwanisclubofoakmont.org).

We look forward to seeing you there!



Photo by Rich Osborne.

## Parkinson's Support Group

■Christine Nota

### OAKMONT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES TO GROW

The Oakmont Parkinson's Support Group meets the first Friday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. at West Recreation Center, Upper Floor Meeting Room.

The group includes people with Parkinson's and partners (spouses, family, friends). All are welcome. Group discussions include challenges and solutions. Many meetings include speakers and demonstrations. The group also hosts fun activities which builds friendships and community. The May 2 meeting will focus on transportation options for those who don't drive. The group exercises together once a week and plays Ping Pong for fun and therapy twice a week.

The group exercises together every Tuesday 9:30-10:30 a.m. The class is taught by PD-Connect, a nonprofit based in Sonoma/Marin Counties. PD-Connect focuses on living well despite Parkinson's Disease and using exercise as medicine to delay the disease. Research has shown this is possible. PD-Connect says that "exercise is the medicine but not all exercise is created equal", which is the value of exercising with an experienced PD-Connect physical therapist. People with other conditions/limitations have joined and are very welcome.

**Schedule for Exercise Class:** East Rec. Center—April 15, 22, 29, May 13, 20 and 27; Sugarloaf Clubroom (557 Oak Vista Court)—May 6.

For more info contact me at [chrisnota@gmail.com](mailto:chrisnota@gmail.com).

■Denise Lindsey

### SAVE THE DATES

**Bingo:** Thursday, May 8 and Thursday, July 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Dr. Free for members. Bingo cards: \$2 each. Prizes: Pretzels provided by Wooden Petal. RSVP: [omgclub2025@gmail.com](mailto:omgclub2025@gmail.com).

**Jason Love Comedy Night:** Friday, May 23, 5-7 p.m. East Rec Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr. Tickets: \$20 each.

**Spike Sikes & His Awesome Hotcakes:** Friday, June 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont

## Confirmation

■John Phillips, Fitness Instructor

A few months ago, a member brought in an article titled "Movement as Medicine: The Importance of Staying Active as We Age" by Todd Weizenberg, MD. It was included in the Sonoma Health booklet as an insert in the Press Democrat newspaper. I was delighted to read it because I like to ensure I'm on the right track. The article confirmed my suspicions: it's crucial for us to continue moving with purpose to stay young and healthy.

Dr. Weizenberg emphasizes that simply moving isn't enough—we need to move with purpose. He uses yoga as an example, highlighting its purpose of engaging the core, stretching, and strengthening joints. In contrast, movement at work, like sitting or lying around, lacks a specific purpose for the body.

He also underscores the importance of exercise for individuals with arthritis to maintain muscle mass and flexibility, which can help reduce joint pain and discomfort. The alternative is to sit or lie around, which can lead to weight gain and muscle loss, making movement even more challenging.

So, in essence, keep moving!

If you have any questions about this article or any other fitness-related inquiries, please visit the Fitness Center or contact me at (707) 494-9086 or email [wkuout2@aol.com](mailto:wkuout2@aol.com).

Remember, I offer Orientations every other Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m., and Seminars on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 3 p.m.. I look forward to seeing you all at the Center.

## Bunco Ladies Night

■Barbara Wooley

### SPRINGTIME FUN!

Are you looking for a fun, low stress activity for the spring? Come on over and try Bunco—the fun, easy, no skill required dice game. New to Bunco? No worries; beginners are always welcome. Within a few rolls of the dice, you will be an expert player. Come on over and give it a shot. Bring a friend! All are welcome.

Usual nights are the second and fourth Monday of each month, however, there are exceptions, so always check your Oakmont calendar. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. for check-in. Games run from 7-9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Card Room—Central Activity Center  
**WHEN:** Second and fourth Monday of each month. April dates are Apr. 14 and 28

**TIME:** 6:45 p.m. Play is about 1-1/2-2 hrs.

**FEE:** A \$5 fee/night is required for each participant

**CONTACT:** Jill Butler, (760) 468-1743, Email [jillivannili@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jillivannili@sbcglobal.net)



Marybeth Eaton and Sue Waid.  
(Photo by Barbara Wooley)



■Charlene Bunas

### EXERCISE YOUR TAX TURMOIL AWAY

Annual events often are stressful. Consider birthdays and anniversaries, holidays and those stay-too-long out of town guests. Think of taxes.

Taxes deliver their own anxieties: not having the paperwork necessary to complete form 1040, etc., not paying enough... or too much; and, being fined for being late. This nightmare can lead to procrastination, poor preparation and fines for missed deadlines. Results: overeating/drinking, poor sleep and crabby days.

Well, don't be taxed!

Tackle anxiety by exercising with others at Oakmont Health Initiative classes.

Come to Berger Center Monday, Wednesday and

Friday mornings, 9 a.m.

(Zoom) for an hour of de-stressing. Guaranteed, Nicole leads light free weight

concentrating on exercises (Photo by author)

Jorene and Nicole offer will help you forget about taxes. And, once your body has been taxed, in a good way, you'll face those annual IRS duties with confidence.

An added benefit

for exerciser Mary: she

found an accountant

via another OHI

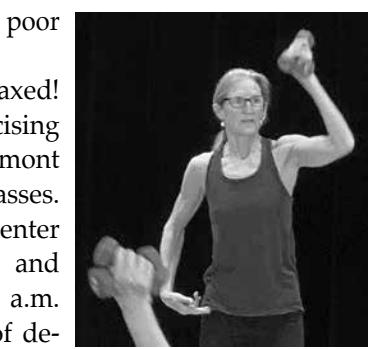
member. OHI network

came through again.

The benefits of these life enhancing classes could be taxed as a pure luxury. They could be taxed, but aren't.

The classes are free,

although exercisers



JoRene leads an exercise to relax.  
(Photo by author)

are encouraged to make gifts to: 1) Oakmont Health Initiative through Oakmont Community Foundation (no income taxes on the distribution of contributions from annual RMD); 2) directly to OHI account at Umpqua Bank (give to one of board members for deposit); 3) directly to JoRene and Nicole with a note of appreciation.

Exerciser Gary calculated how much he and his wife (pre-Oakmont living) spent on gym memberships and tuition for SRJC fitness classes and concludes, "Contribution to OHI is an easy decision, besides I give from my RMD."

Taxes are inevitable. Face them with knowledge that exercising reduces negative effects of stress and increases brain chemicals that help lessen pain.

Meeting ID: 832 5893 6515. Passcode: 053432.

## Oakmont Movers and Groovers



Dr. Tickets: \$20 each.

**Country Band (TBD):** Friday, September 5, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Dr. Tickets: TBD.

**Table Reservations:** If you plan to enjoy the event with a group, reserve a table for 4 (limited availability) or 8. Provide all names in your party on the reservation form along with your payment in the event envelope at the OVA office. Each member may bring one guest. Feel free to bring your drinks and snacks.

### BECOME A MEMBER

If you're not a member, now is the perfect time to join. Annual dues are \$10 each. The sign-up sheet is in the folder at the OVA office. Pay by cash or check (payable to OMG). Place it in the envelope marked "Membership."

We can't wait to see you at our events for a night full of fun and friendship!

Questions: Email [omgclub2025@gmail.com](mailto:omgclub2025@gmail.com) or call (530) 444-0734.

## Meditation

■ Joanne Davey

### MEDITATING TOGETHER

#### WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"I do not understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us."—Anne Lamott

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.

## 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 Terry 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 play-offs.

2 p.m. League: 8 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average. See [www.oakmontlanes.com](http://www.oakmontlanes.com) for club information, bowling dates, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help setup at 1 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates for April: Apr 15 (Week #1 Summer League), 29. No Bowling Apr. 22 (fourth Tuesday).

### ST. PATRICK'S CHALLENGE

Challenge where a bowler must bowl a strike in the first and seventh frames (St. Patrick's Day 3/17) to win a \$5 gift certificate to Safeway. Winners are: Joanne Abrams, Carolita Carr, Charlie Ensley, Peggy Ensley, Vickie Jackanich, Elisabeth LaPointe, Sandy Osheroff, Lynda Rebsamen, Frank Schepengerdes, Robin Schudel, Pat Scott and Don Shelhart.

### RESULTS AS OF APRIL 1

#### (WEEK #10, FINAL WINTER LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 278; Frank Schepengerdes, 253; Gordon Freedman, 226; Charlie Ensley, 224; Scott Harris, 209.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 276; Peggy Ensley, 267; Diane Price, 263; Robin Schudel, 257; Sandy Osheroff, 249; Laurel Earles, 248; Shirley Jamison, 238; Karen Palmiotti, 223; Pat Scott, 214; Carolita Carr, 213; Marie Haverson, 209.

Oakmont Lanes is now in our 17th year. Thanks to everyone who has made Oakmont Lanes so successful with all the fun and camaraderie you share together.

If you're thinking of joining us, now is the time. Most of us have all bowled on a bowling league some time in our lives and here's your chance to do it again without the weight of a heavy bowling ball. Come by to see us in action and join in on the fun.

## Tennis Club



■ Diane Curtis

### THE ELUSIVE PLAYER

Looking for court partners or opponents? Just want to hit a few balls with someone of like abilities? The Oakmont Tennis Club (OTC) is compiling a list of members seeking other players. Once on the list, it's up to you to make court arrangements, but OTC will send you names and contact info for people on the list. The more names we have, the more successful this partner connection program will be. If interested, send your name, best contact info, and playing level to [otctennislist@gmail.com](mailto:otctennislist@gmail.com).

### SAVE THESE DATES

**Friday, April 25:** Spring Fling Mixer. It's a mixed doubles blind-draw. Starting time will be determined once we know how many players sign up. RSVP to [hellooakmonttennis@gmail.com](mailto:hellooakmonttennis@gmail.com)

**Friday, June 27** (yes, in June—we like to plan ahead): OTC Social Fundraiser at the Berger Center. Good company, great music, tasty nibbles. BYOB. Invite a friend. Or two. Or three. Why a fundraiser? The modest \$20-a-year dues don't pay for everything the club needs, such as tournament prizes, tennis balls, a portion of the cost of the Winter Social, recognition gifts for outgoing members of the board, and other court amenities. Details to come.

### MORE INDIAN WELLS NOTES

The ball kids are a show unto themselves. They're like a precision drill team just getting on the court, and even away from the court, they still walk in formation through the grounds. One ball girl enthused about how she was assigned to Stadium 1 for the day because she had earned points doing a good job on the less prestigious courts. The honor was even more special for her because it put her close to one of her favorites, Maria Sakkari of Greece.

## Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■ John Brodey

### RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE

No, this is not about personal hygiene or some deferred grooming maintenance involving unruly nose hairs. It's more about the fact that no matter how much we immerse ourselves in the beauty that surrounds us, we can miss things.

I like to think I take full advantage of what we have. I may have more photos of the Valley of the Moon than anyone you know. I'm addicted to sunrises/sets, nature, clouds and vistas. So how come, I have never made it to the Robert Ferguson Observatory right here in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park?

Salvation came at a recent VOM Rotary Club breakfast meeting in the form of an appearance by Stephanie Derammelaere (not a typo), the Executive Director of the RFO. Despite having a name that no two people can pronounce the same way, she is certainly the right person for the job. With purpose and enthusiasm, she walked us through the history and evolution of the facility going back some 40 years.

It is a busy place and not just on full moons or solar eclipses. They have a world class line up of instruments including the largest telescope in northern California. Their schedule is filled with events and regular activities, even daytime programs for school kids. There's also a campground in front of the observatory. They have only two employees but with 200 docents who are well versed in everything one might see in the heavens, visitors can learn about what is happening above our heads. They even offer regular classes on related subjects for those hungry for more.

Please go to their two websites: [rfo.org](http://rfo.org) and [info@rfo.org](mailto:info@rfo.org), which contain everything you need to know. I can't wait to go... I'll see you there.

## Ikebana

■ Kathy Carter

### LEARN THE ART OF IKEBANA— JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING

The art of Japanese flower arranging, Ikebana, is centuries old. Over these centuries, many schools with their own unique style have emerged.

A class on Ikebana is currently being offered at the Central Activities Center in the art room on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The next class will be on Wednesday, April 23.

The class is being taught by Ron Kodo Brown, a certified teacher of the Sogetsu (Grass Moon) school of Ikebana. Ron has been a student and teacher of Sogetsu Ikebana for over 40 years. He holds the second highest rank in the school, KOMON. He has exhibited for many organizations in the Bay Area and in various states in the US, as well as several foreign countries.

These Ikebana classes will focus on utilizing plant materials that each student has readily available to them. The goal is to learn Ikebana in a relaxed and friendly environment. Fee for the class is \$25 per session. The classes are ongoing with seasonal themes. You do not need to attend each class, and only need to pay for the ones that you attend.

Those interested in attending these classes should contact Ron Kodo Brown directly via email at: [kodobrown@gmail.com](mailto:kodobrown@gmail.com).

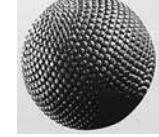
## Oakmont Pétanque Club

■ Don McPherson

### THE EVOLUTION OF BOULES

A set of three boules—hard, hollow metal balls weighing about 1.5 pounds each—is the only equipment required for playing Pétanque. The modern boule is the product of a highly sophisticated manufacturing process in which a piece of steel bar is forged into a disk and then into half-spheres welded together. The ball is then plated with an alloy, turned on a lathe to precision size and weight measurements, often striated with a distinctive pattern, stamped with the manufacturer's name or mark, and sometimes personalized with engraved initials.

But Pétanque is descended directly from the 19th century game Boule Lyonnaise, which used boules made from hard boxwood roots. Damage from play on rough surfaces led to reinforcement with widely spaced hand-forged nails. By the 1850s, cheaper machine-made nails made it possible to cover the entire surface of "boules cloutées" (nailed balls) in a smooth paving or overlapping scale pattern.



Historic boule on pedestal.

The boule thus became a metal sphere of nail heads distinguished by different head shapes, colors, and patterns. According to an article in the Wordpress blog "All About Pétanque," manufacturers began to introduce all-metal boules around 1920. By 1925 metal boules were approved for competition and by 1935 all-metal boules became the standard for competitive play, with nailed boules permitted. Since 1959, French Pétanque Federation rules have required use of all-metal boules.

Today, antique boules cloutées are sold at high prices as decorative objets d'art.

### PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT

French in origin, Pétanque (pay-tonk), also known as Boules, has been played in Oakmont since the late 1980s. The club, founded in 1996, encourages interested Oakmonters 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 assigned. The club has boules to lend while you're learning, and you'll be playing right away.



■ Joseph Pundyk

APRIL 18:

### WHAT ABOUT THOSE TARIFFS?

The next meeting of InvestOAK on April 18 will occur after the new tariffs from the administration will be defined and administered. These tariffs will likely affect the stock markets and economies of most of the world. At this time tariffs have been lodged on steel, aluminum and foreign made autos. By the next meeting some of the effects will become evident and are predicted to have strong results for the U.S. economy and investors results.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Which countries will be affected the most by the tariffs
- Will the tariffs lower the National Debt and decrease the budget deficit
- Safer Fixed Investments including corporate and municipal bonds
- Preferred stocks
- Discussion of foreign stock markets including European and Asian

This, along with our shared insights will be the focus of our discussion. Also included will be a catch-up summary of the results of the full first Quarter of 2025.

The meeting will be held in the usual location, the Birch Room of the Central Activity Center at 10am, but please come early to assure a seat.



■ Marie Haverson

### SHA BOOM PRESENTS: CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

It's time to gather your maracas, ponchos, and sombreros and join us for a festive night as Sha Boom Events Club celebrates Cinco de Mayo early on May 3. This lively event promises an evening of fun, music, and prizes for the best-dressed couple, the best-dressed lady, and the best-dressed gentleman. Don't miss out on the excitement of a spirited conga line!

The festivities begin as doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., featuring a delicious menu catered by Cielito Lindo. Guests can look forward to chips and salsa, steak and chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, and tacos with both crispy and flour tortillas. Following dinner, the celebration continues with live music by the fantastic Magic Band from 7-9:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$55 per person. To secure your spot, please make checks payable to Sha Boom Events Club and include the names of all attendees in a single envelope to ensure you are seated together. Each table accommodates up to eight people.

You can submit your envelope in one of three ways: 1. Drop it off at the OVA office in the Sha Boom folder; 2. Place it in Marie Haverson's mailbox, located at the far-right corner of her driveway; 3. Mail it to Marie Haverson, 7111 Oak Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (707) 539-6666.

This Cinco de Mayo celebration promises to be a night filled with laughter, music, and memorable moments. We can't wait to see you there!



## Oakmont Singles Social Club



■ Bailey Penzotti

### FUN AND GAMES AND GOOD EATS APRIL MIXER

WHEN: Friday April 18, 6 p.m.

LOCATION: East Rec. Center

Spring has sprung and life is renewed. However, it can still be chilly outside so we're going to have fun and games inside. Never have I ever seen such great possibilities for laughter and ways to get to know each other.

Wear your name badge, bring a springtime appetizer or dessert to share and your fun inspired beverage of choice.

RSVP via our website, [www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org) by April 14 at 12 noon. If no computer or ability to register using your smart phone, feel free to email Bailey at [bailey.osc1@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.osc1@gmail.com). We will continue to offer website help, if you are having any difficulty. Bring your devices and we'll see how we can help you.

### MAY BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, May 1

RESTAURANT: Hang Ah Dim Sum, 2130 Armory Dr., Santa Rosa, <https://www.hangahdimsum.com>

Great Dim Sum without driving to San Francisco, this restaurant is run and managed by the same family who prepares their food to be inviting and consistent. At this Bon Appetite outing, there will be a pre-ordered meal to share with plenty of different platters to sample the variety of their offerings. We will share the cost equally (except for individual drinks) which should be around \$27-30 per person for the meal. Drinks are paid separately by each member.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash for all because the restaurant will not provide separate checks! Reservation cutoff is April 28. RSVP at [www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org) or email Simone Smith, [ssmith8151@aol.com](mailto: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 as you.

For more Oakmont Singles Social Club membership visit our website at [www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org).



VP Alan Schackman waiting for the blocks to fall.  
(Photo by Kat Stephens)

## Balance and Strength

■ Valerie Hulsey

### MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

Balance and Strength class is held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec Center. There is a \$5 drop-in fee for classes. 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.

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WEST: 7 AM-9 PM

(Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)

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(Closes 7 PM Mondays for cleaning)

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CENTRAL POOL HOURS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 18:

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Email: [rebecca.hermosillo@sonoma-county.org](mailto:rebecca.hermosillo@sonoma-county.org)

Address: 575 Administration Drive, Rm. 100A, Santa Rosa 95403

### City Councilwoman Dianna MacDonald, District 3

Email: [dmacdonald@sccity.org](mailto:dmacdonald@sccity.org)

Address: City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Ave., Rm. 10, Santa Rosa 95404

■Robin Jurs

**WHAT'S UP WITH THE DEMS?**

The Oakmont Democratic Club (ODC) continues to grow, thanks to the participation and engagement of our members. We are committed to providing opportunities for discussion, education, and community involvement—one step at a time, one voice at a time, one letter at a time. Every effort makes a difference.

Our collaboration with the Oakmont Progressives, working together as the Oakmont Democratic Alliance (ODA), has created a vibrant space for those looking to connect and participate in civic activities. Visit

**Oakmont Democratic Club**

OakmontDemocraticAlliance.org for updates on events, articles, and recordings that keep members informed.

ODA Program Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the ERC. Socializing begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. Bring finger food to share! ODA Socials take place on the fourth Thursday of each month, same time, same place.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, April 14:** A guest speaker from the Working Families Party (WFP) will join us to share insights on civic engagement and community-driven

initiatives. Join us for an informative evening.

**Thursday, April 24:** Our next social gathering. Connect with fellow members for discussions, film screenings, community projects, or letter-writing activities. Check the ODA website for details as the date approaches.

The ODC has recently joined a new community coalition, the Sonoma County Solidarity Coalition, which brings together local organizations to share information and coordinate efforts on civic participation. We look forward to collaborating with this group to support our community.

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■ Marlena Tremont

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**WHO: Press Democrat's Kerry Benefield**

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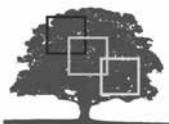


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## Oakmont Squares



■Barbara Wooley

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to the Oakmont Squares newest graduates. Several new club members joined the Oakmont Squares with little to no experience, while others are 20+ year veterans looking to brush up their skills. Over four months, graduates were taught the 50 calls that make up the Mainstream level of Square Dancing. The graduation ceremony included members of the fall and winter classes.



Left to right: Janet Mogel, Lawrence Johnstone (caller), Dick Breinlinger, Karen Wilson (not pictured Jeanne Breinlinger). (Photo by Karen Martin)

New classes begin periodically and will be announced in the future. If you would like to join a new class or have questions, please reach out to Jenny (see below).

Experienced dancers who may be thinking about joining the group or dropping in from time to time are welcome to come dance at Mainstream Level. No partner is necessary since it is customary to switch partners often to get more dancers on the floor.

The Oakmont Squares meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the East Rec Center. Donation is \$8 per person/night or \$25 for the month.

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## Grandparents' Club

■Leslie Brockman

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Don't miss the fun! Grandparents' Club Easter Eggstravaganza is a popular event every year, and this year is no exception.

On April 19 from 1-2:30 p.m., the Berger Plaza will be teeming with excitement as grandchildren (from toddler through teens) will be hunting for toy/candy-filled plastic eggs, selecting their own Beanie Baby and other prizes, bouncing in one of the two Bounce Houses, getting their faces painted and their own Balloon Animal. Such fun packed into 90 minutes!



Children gather their eggs on the Greensward.  
(Photo by Kathy Sowers)

Registration opened on March 1 and continues through April 15. The best way to register is to go to our website: [www.oakmontgrandparents.org](http://www.oakmontgrandparents.org) and either create an account or log into your already-established account. On the Events Page, register your grandchild(ren) and also find a slot where you can volunteer to help during the event. If you've not computer savvy yet, you may get a paper registration

form in our folder at the OVA office.

Prices are \$10 per child for non-club members and \$7 for Grandparents' Club members. All are welcome and we hope to see you and your grandchildren there.

You are also invited to attend our next Grandparents' Club meeting on April 22 at 4 p.m. in the East Rec. Center.

Questions? Text me at (949) 683-7725 or email [oakmont.grandparents@gmail.com](mailto:oakmont.grandparents@gmail.com).

Grandparents' Website: [Oakmontgrandparentsclub.org](http://Oakmontgrandparentsclub.org).



A happy young lady gets her face painted. (Photo by Julie Kiel)

## Current Events



■Tina Lewis

This is a very important time 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, 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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