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Electrical Panel Safety Reminder

■ Oakmont Village Association

Homeowners are encouraged to have their electrical panels checked by a licensed electrician, especially if their homes still have the original equipment. Over time, some older panel models have been reported by industry sources to have performance or reliability concerns.

An inspection can help ensure your system is operating safely and may also be helpful for insurance purposes.

LOMAA recently published an article on updating old electrical panels, which you can read at oakmontvillage.com/lomaa under "Articles" in the Library tab.

Note: OVA does not inspect or endorse specific products or contractors. This information is provided for general awareness only.

Remembering Evelyn King George

■ Leslie Brockman and News Staff

APRIL 1, 1929–OCTOBER 5, 2025

Longtime Oakmont resident Evelyn King George passed away on October 5, leaving behind a legacy of creativity and volunteerism.

Evelyn was a model of community involvement in her years living in Oakmont. She was elected to serve on the OVA Board of Directors in 2012 and also served as a project manager on several community remodeling efforts, including upgrades to the East Rec. Center bar and kitchen, the men's and women's locker rooms, and many more. She was named Oakmont Volunteer of the Year for her leadership.



See **EVELYN** on page 5

President's Message

■ Matt Oliver, OVA Board President



CENTRAL COMPLEX PLANNING CONTINUES

When our community began discussions on the Central Complex Master Planning, multiple options and concepts with varying levels of complexity were presented to us. OVA boards, our management and dedicated user groups and the community at large have all contributed valuable input for taking next steps. The possibilities range from planning options, analysis of potential remodeling and expansion, to facilities repurposing and potential new construction. From the beginning, our goal for this undertaking has always been to ensure that Oakmont's Central Complex evolves in alignment

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Members May Now Opt-In to Electronic Voting

■ Oakmont Village Association

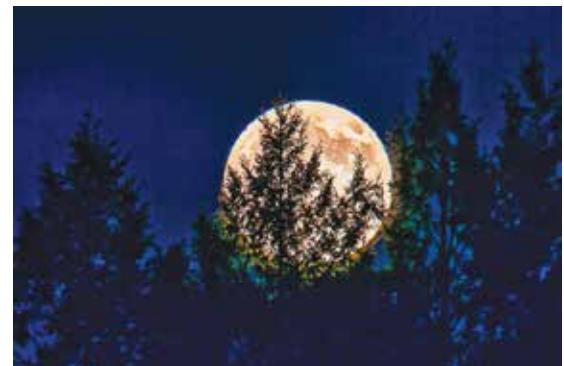


Oakmont members now have the option to vote electronically starting with the 2026 OVA Board of Directors election. To participate, members must opt in by completing and returning the Electronic Voting Consent Form, which will be mailed to every Oakmont household, available at the OVA office, and posted on the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com/electronicvoting. The attached QR code will lead you to the online consent form.

The OVA office must receive the opt-in form by January 5, 2026 for it to apply to the April 2026 election. Members need to opt in only once to be eligible to vote electronically in future elections. Forms received after this date will not apply to the upcoming election but will remain valid for future elections.

See **ELECTRONIC VOTING** on page 5

October Harvest Supermoon



Oakmont resident Paul Roque captured this stunning view of the moon rising over trees in Jack London Historic State Park.

At-a-Glance Summary October 21 OVA Board Meeting

■ Harriet Palk

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OVA Board President discussed potential next steps for the Central Complex planning. See president's report for more information.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

The board approved the fiscal year 2026 budget as presented, with Director Williams voting no. The budget, which will be received by members before the fiscal year begins, calls for increasing the monthly dues from \$128.50 to \$134 per member per month as recommended. Net operating expense and fund transfers are \$7.526 Million. The asset replacement fund is \$800,000, and the Capital Improvement Fund is \$900,000. The largest increases are in personnel and administration, accounting for anticipated changes in personnel, including two staff additions.

NEW 2026 ELECTION RULES

The board adopted the updated 2026 Election Rules, that are compliant with all applicable provisions of the Davis-Stirling Act and AB 2159. The new rules allow for members to opt-in to electronic voting. The rules will be revisited to address candidate campaign signs on vehicles.

FACILITY EXPENDITURE

The board approved resurfacing the West Rec pool and spa, including handrails, and replacing the coping and tile. The work is not to exceed \$120,000, and it was planned as part of the reserve study.

ARTIFICIAL TURF

The board approved converting the shuffleboard area to artificial turf. Although the courts had been scheduled for repair, their limited use prompted the board to pursue a more functional use of the space. Recent paving work addressed uneven pavement that had created a safety concern but was considered a temporary measure. Installation of artificial turf is expected to cost approximately \$35,000, with a not-to-exceed limit of \$40,000. Funding will come from the reserve study.



"Hall of Heroes" Display

The Veterans Club's "Hall of Heroes" is currently on display in the CAC lobby, and will move to the Berger on Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day event. Read details of the event on page 8. (Photo by Crissi Langwell, OVA Staff)

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with community needs, enhanced functionality and maintaining our remarkable sense of place.

As background, the 2023 Board of Directors tasked OVA management with exploring Master Plan concepts. "User Groups" were formed to take a deeper dive into community feedback. Ultimately, their insights and work helped to inform the concepts Archilogix developed.

At the direction of the board, the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) gathered and summarized community feedback for three design concepts. They then recommended to the Board exploring Concept 3, the choice that offered the greatest number of possibilities and options, based on that community feedback.

What's next? Prioritizing lots of ideas. There is no lack of good ideas for Oakmont's future. Now we face the task of prioritizing those ideas.

The board will use a structured approach to balance Oakmont's long-term possibilities with urgent needs and requirements. Those two sides of the equation should also illuminate an understanding of project dependencies. For example, committing to or giving one project high priority may trigger the need to address issues in a different project. As we assess community needs and wants, and facilities requirements, we'll be looking at the long-term value, safety and sustainability of every idea. Those ideas with merit must also be driven by cost projections and a clear approach to funding strategies.

Over the coming months, there will be Board Workshops, where directors can vet ideas, examining those that have the greatest feasibility, means of funding and suitability. And we will have Town Halls to allow members to weigh in on potential design and usability variations.

Stay involved as this process moves forward so that our planning and our actions remain flexible and relevant.

■ Matt Zwerling

Oakmont Volunteer Helpers OVH

AGING IN PLACE PRESENTS ESTATE PLANNING—THE BASICS

The mission of the Oakmont Aging in Place group is to host educational forums focused on aging safely and gracefully, addressing issues which impact and are of concern for many Oakmont residents.

Estate Planning—The Basics will be the next topic explored. Bill Sweeney, an Oakmont resident, will speak about Wills, Trusts, and Probate, the critical components of estate planning. A lawyer for 50 years, and a former legal counsel for the State of California, Bill's last 25 years of practice focused on estate planning.

Why is an estate plan important? While we may

not be overly comfortable thinking about this form of planning, the cliché "You can't take it with you" applies here. Learn about protecting your property and your legacy. The forum will address definitions and differences, as well as reasons for having a plan. Although this is not an event to obtain legal advice for your particular situation, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to share thoughts with others at your table.

DATE: Saturday, November 1 **TIME:** 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
LOCATION: West Rec. Center

There will be light refreshments. Bring a friend. Bring a family member.

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OAKMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The board approved the reappointing of the Oakmont Community Development Committee Charter, which will include appointing members to that committee. The OCDC keeps the board informed of nearby developments and projects that could potentially impact Oakmont.

PICKLEBALL DISCUSSION

Director Ray shared that there are ongoing conversations with tennis and pickleball club chairs and would like to see a solution in the near future.

TASK FORCE

AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governing Documents: Modest turnout at Town Hall; video available on oakmontvillage.com/gdc. Fireside chats to get resident input are in progress.

Firewise: 30% of Oakmont homes have been assessed for educational firewise efforts; working with realtors to help them help their clients; four certified Firewise assessors attended Marin County's Ember Stomp Fair to become aware of more firewise products and local vendors that provide services needed for firewise mitigation.

Oakmont Environmental Stewardship: 13 of the 14 planted oaks and one of the six buckeyes are growing; collaborating with management about the area outside the Community Garden fence; inside area continues to be maintained; working on creek issues; some need for more recycle and compost trash bins at event sites. More information on the OESTF committee page on the OVA website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The board approved the formation of the Strategies for Independence Club, which will focus mainly on financial planning for the future and health care.



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Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) Seeking New Members

■ Monica Heath, LRPC

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is looking for new members who are interested in developing an overall plan for Oakmont that will help determine the direction and future of our community over the next decades. The goal of the LRPC is to create a strategic roadmap, with resident feedback, that anticipates services, needs, and wants of future generations of Oakmont residents and help prepare for those needs, including technology, land use, facilities, and opportunities to enhance the operation and communication needs of the community.

LRPC volunteers serve as a crucial connection to listening and recognizing residents current and future needs. This is an especially great opportunity for new residents to get involved in shaping the Oakmont future in which they will live. Experience in project management, planning, or communications is helpful but not required. The most essential skill: listening to others.

If you are interested, please submit a brief statement of interest and brief résumé, including relevant experience, by noon on December 1, to askOVA@oakmontvillage.com.

Oakmont Technology Learning Center (OTLC)

■ John Tan

E-SIM TECHNOLOGY TRAVELLING IN EUROPE WITHOUT YOUR USA CELLULAR SERVICE

Preparing for travel to Europe with your smartphone? What do you do when your smartphone provider doesn't have service in Europe? Or, you forgot to turn this feature before you left home. US phone providers cannot turn this feature on unless you are actually in the US. It costs about \$10 per month, plus data fees.

This year we went to Germany for three months. That is a long time without having any cellphone service. I decided to try sim or e-sim chip engaged. Sim or e-sim cards can provide you with internet and call services at a minimum price. My phone (iPhone Xs Max) can keep its current sim card. However, I could install an electronic type of e-sim chip. It is a software-driven device, no physical unit.

How does this work? Once I connected my smartphone to the internet, by hotspot or someone's home router, I did some research. There are companies that can provide you exactly what you want to spend within your budget. Top providers for European e-sims include Airalo, Saily, and Holafly, with options ranging from region-specific to continental plans, and major carriers like Orange and Vodafone also offering solutions.

To use an e-sim, ensure your phone is compatible and unlocked, then purchase a plan online and activate it upon arrival. How do you choose? I sent out a request to some friends who have traveled internationally and asked for their recommendations.

A friend recommended Travelgoogoo which is a Singaporean-based company, has several options in Europe that is compatible to access and has friendly customer service. It was inexpensive and can be upgraded when needed. This company uses the text application called WhatsApp, which is free, that you can use wherever you're connected to the internet (WiFi) for support. On their webpage, their staff seemed to be quite helpful. My plan was a \$15 activation fee and included 3-6 gigs of data which lasted 30 days and I was able to use in Germany. That's enough for basic communications for what I needed.

OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■ Khiana Schmuhl,
General Manager, Valley of the Moon Club

As the holidays approach, Valley of the Moon Club has a full lineup of events and activities for golfers and guests to enjoy. Whether you're looking to celebrate Thanksgiving on the greens, improve your swing, or start planning your next tournament, there's something for everyone this season.

THANKSGIVING GOLF

Spend your Thanksgiving morning outdoors! Tee times are available on the Valley of the Moon Course from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 27.

The \$79 rate includes green fee, shared cart, and a small bucket of range balls. Carts must be returned by 3 p.m. The Sugarloaf Course will be closed that day, but the driving range will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Golf Shop from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Book your tee time by calling (707) 539-0415.

THANKSGIVING BUFFET AND TO-GO ORDERS

After your round, head over to OAK for a delicious Thanksgiving buffet featuring carved turkey, apple cornbread stuffing, bacon brown sugar Brussels sprouts, pecan and apple pie, and more.

The buffet will be served at 12 p.m. on November 27. Cost is \$65 per adult and \$35 per child. To-go orders must be placed by Saturday, November 22 at 5 p.m.

Reservations are required—call (707) 539-0415 ext. 5 to reserve.

WINTER LESSON PACKAGES

Golf pros James Perkins, PGA, and Khiana Schmuhl, LPGA, are offering a special Winter Lesson Package—three 45-minute lessons for \$200 (a \$70 savings).

This offer is valid from November 1 through December 31, and all lessons must be completed by March 31.

To schedule lessons, call (707) 539-0415 (James at ext. 3 or Khiana at ext. 4).

PAINT NIGHTS AT VALLEY OF THE MOON

Get creative this season with Valley of the Moon Paint Nights, hosted by Painted Cellars. Each session includes step-by-step guidance from a professional artist, all supplies, and food and drinks available for purchase.

Upcoming dates: November 25 and December 30. Learn more and reserve your spot at www.paintedcellarssoco.com.

PLAN YOUR 2026 GOLF OUTING

It's never too early to plan your next group golf event! Valley of the Moon is Sonoma County's premier venue for tournaments and outings, offering professional event planning, scoring, personalized cart tags, contest holes, and more.

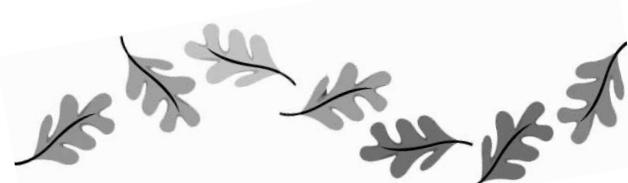
For details, contact the golf staff at (707) 539-0415 ext. 4.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Ring in 2026 with an unforgettable evening at OAK! Enjoy live music by Eddie & The Fog from 6-9 p.m., a buffet dinner, champagne toast, and a festive ball drop at 9 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$105 to \$125, depending on purchase date. Tickets are available at OAK starting October 1.

For more information, contact Katy Moranda at kmoranda@playvom.com or call (707) 539-0415 ext. 2.



Governing Documents: Get Involved, Be Heard

■ Jerry Gladstone, OVA-GDC Board Liaison

The Board of Directors appointed a standing committee to modify and update the OVA Governing Documents (Bylaws and CC&Rs). Why? To ensure they comply with the law, to make it easier to navigate and understand, and to better reflect Community Preferences.

There are three distinct steps to the process: modifying the vote Quorum/Thresholds to make it possible to pass a change, creating a streamlined process to make them comply with the law without burdening the membership, and gathering Oakmont Community input—your chance to suggest changes or modifications.

The entire process is monitored and checked by a dedicated Adams-Stirling attorney team and of course all changes will be put to community vote.

There has already been a Town Hall and a Fireside Chat. More informational sessions are scheduled (see Oakmont News, Oakmont website, askGDC@oakmontvillage.com, Inside Oakmont email blast, etc.).

Please get involved and informed so that OVA may move forward. The present Governing Documents are 60 years old and were written by the Oakmont Developers for their benefit. Time to update and modify for the OVA membership's benefit.

Playreaders



■ D. Hall

PRIESTS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD AT PLAYREADERS

Marcel Coder, Sarah Shankman, Osha Hayden, Ginny Smith, Leslie Tuche and Steven Levin—those were the five women and one man in Alan Ball's *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, which appeared on Oakmont Playreaders' stage in October. Jim Preston and D. Hall directed.

In November, *Mass Appeal* by Bill C. Davis, will be staged on November 3 and 10. It's about conflicting priorities between clergymen. John Dolan and Jim Preston are featured.

Oakmont Playreaders has a terrific group of men and women who read plays aloud and even do a bit of amateur acting before small audiences. Right now, we have a specific need for more men with a bit of the acting urge to fill out our casts. Is that you? No need to memorize lines! We read from a script. We are a friendly, supportive, totally unthreatening group and we just have fun. Come and see! For more information, call John at (831) 521-7627.

See Oakmont Playreaders the first two Mondays of every month in Room B (Birch) of the Central Activities Center at 2 p.m.



In October's play readers were: standing, Marcel Coder, Osha Hayden, Steven Levin; seated, Leslie Tuche, Sarah Shankman and Ginny Smith. (Photo by John Dolan)

Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force (OEPTF)

■ Tom Pugliese

GET READY FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DRILL

The next Emergency Communications Drill is set for Saturday, October 25, 9–11 a.m.

Our fall drill will simulate a magnitude 6.8 earthquake on the Hayward and Rodgers Creek faults 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.

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 visible to check on residents' well-being. If assistance is required, these "Zone Communicators" will use their radios 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.

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 if you would like more information about volunteering as a neighborhood radio volunteer on our Emergency Communications team.



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Invitation to Participate in "Winter Wonderland on the Plaza"

■ OVA Staff

The Oakmont Village Association is delighted to announce the return of "Winter Wonderland on the Plaza," our 2nd annual tree lighting and festive holiday display event! This winter, the plaza outside the Berger Auditorium will once again be transformed into a sparkling Winter Wonderland Tree Grove—and OVA clubs are invited to be part of the magic.

OVA is inviting clubs to sponsor a holiday tree for \$60. Each sponsored tree offers a wonderful opportunity to showcase your club's creativity, holiday cheer, and unique personality. A total of 40 trees will be available, and all will be beautifully displayed for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the season.

Participating clubs will be responsible for decorating their trees with LED lights and weather-resistant decorations. To keep the display safe and long-lasting, please avoid glass or edible ornaments, or any decorations that could be ruined by winter weather. OVA staff will be monitoring decoration use, and are happy to provide guidance and ideas to help make your tree shine in the grove.

The OVA has reserved the dates of Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3 for participating clubs to decorate their trees in the Berger Plaza.

Then on the evening of Wednesday, December 3, Oakmont residents are invited to the official lighting of the trees, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This moment will mark the start of our Winter Wonderland, filling the plaza with warmth and cheer as we light up the night, enjoy cookies and hot cocoa, and celebrate the holidays together.

Last year's Winter Wonderland Tree Grove was a heartwarming highlight of the holiday season, bringing joy and connection to the community. We're thrilled to continue this new Oakmont tradition and look forward to seeing how each club adds its own festive touch this year.

To reserve your tree, please stop by the OVA office to complete a sponsorship form. The deadline to sign up is November 30. Spots are limited—so be sure to secure your tree early. Questions? Contact Amber Mariani at amber@oakmontvillage.com, or call her at (707) 539-1611 ext. 108.

Thank you for helping make Oakmont's holiday season bright. We can't wait to see your club's creativity light up the plaza!

ELECTRONIC VOTING

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Electronic voting will be conducted through Pro Elections, OVA's Inspector of Elections, using a secure, third-party system in full compliance with California Civil Code. This ensures ballots are safe, private, and properly managed.

Electronic voting offers several benefits, including the convenience of ballots delivered directly to your inbox, the security of a trusted system, and the timely delivery of election materials without the risk of postal delays.

Participation in electronic voting is voluntary. Members who do not return the opt-in form will continue to receive a traditional paper ballot by mail. Paper ballots remain available for anyone who prefers them. If you would prefer to continue voting by paper ballot, you do not need to do anything.

Consent forms can be filled out online at oakmontvillage.com/electronicvoting, or they may be printed and filled out, then returned by mail or dropped off at the OVA office (Oakmont Village Association, 6637 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409), or emailed to electronicvoting@oakmontvillage.com. Forms will be available at the OVA office.

Questions? Contact Amber Mariani at electronicvoting@oakmontvillage.com or call (707) 539-1611 ext. 108.

OVA Employee Appreciation Fund

■ Oakmont Village Association

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 12 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.

EVELYN

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Evelyn became a charter member of Oakmont's Grandparents' Club shortly after it was begun by Carol Cotton, George McKinney, and Van Nason. She co-created Oakmont's first Easter egg hunt in 2005 with Nason, a tradition that continues to this day. It was Evelyn who suggested the event's current name, the Easter Eggstravaganza. She was an active member of the Grandparents' Club until just recently, when her health prevented her from participating.

Before Oakmont, Evelyn led an accomplished life in the performing arts. Born in 1929, she grew up in Miami, Florida, where she discovered her love for the stage. After years of dance, drama, and debate, she auditioned and was accepted at the world-renowned American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, where her classmates included Don Rickles, Grace Kelly, and Mary MacArthur (daughter of Helen Hayes).

Her professional acting career spanned more than 100 theater productions, with television appearances on "Hallmark Hall of Fame," "Playhouse 90," "Dragnet," "Dr. Kildare," "The Doris Day Show," "High Chaparral," and "All in the Family." She also appeared in films including *A Face in the Crowd*, *A Guide for the Married Man*, *Mr. Buddwing*, *Scream*, *Evelyn Scream*, and *The Checkered Flag*. Over the years, she worked with industry legends like Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal, Walter Matthau, James Garner, Harvey Korman, and Don Knotts.

Reflecting on her years of community service, Evelyn once shared, "Devoting my time to worthy causes in Oakmont has filled my life with untold happiness. If you feel bored, unappreciated, or unfulfilled, let me encourage you to become a volunteer. It doesn't matter what you gratuitously devote your time and effort to. Whenever you involve yourself, it will bring a tremendous amount of joy to your life, as it has mine."

Evelyn moved to Oakmont in 2004 to be closer to family. She is survived by daughter Nikarre Redcoff, son-in-law Michael Lacy, and grandchildren Aidy and Cian Lacy.

A Memorial Service was held on October 18.

WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR

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Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■ Charlene Bunas

HIP HIP AWAY: A CHEER FOR EXERCISE

Oakmont Health Initiative classes might have 70 eager exercisers, but none are more dedicated than long-time member, Donna. Though high school cheerleading was her exercise of choice, she did begin classes in the 70s. "Step classes were a favorite, until my knees told me it was time to stop."

"That's when I joined JoRene's classes." The year was 2009. She and her husband Jim had just arrived in Oakmont, fleeing the fervor of Silicon Valley and the humidity of the east coast.

Donna knew about that weather—she was born in Boston. She got her BA in Math and her Masters in Education and taught high school math. Her husband's job caused a move to San Jose and they lived there until retirement. They found their perfect Oakmont home... on the golf course.

And Donna found perfection in OHI classes. She never misses a chance for the fun, especially Halloween fun. "These classes are ideal: gauged to our age group, but still challenging. I attribute my good health and flexibility to a consistent dedication to exercise. I also do water aerobics and Pilates. I've had four joint replacements, and after each one, my goal was to return to aerobics."

"The best thing for me in Oakmont is friends. The community has been so supportive, especially after Jim's death." She pauses and then talks a bit about being a widow. "Almost every day has something scheduled. It's important for me to keep busy." She volunteers at Assistance League in Railroad Square several days a week and zips around in her red Tesla, "Ruby K," to meet friends at the Saddle Club.

Always the cheerleader, Donna's enthusiasm is contagious.

OHI classes: Mon., Wed., Fri. mornings, Berger, 9 a.m. If needed, check with health professional. Zoom: 850 1489 7161/998608.



Photo by writer.

Star of the Valley Church

■ Barbara Gasparini

COME TO THE SECOND ANNUAL STAR OF THE VALLEY HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Need holiday or Christmas gifts? You are sure to find lots of unique and creative items for special friends and relatives at the Star of the Valley Holiday Craft Fair.

WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

WHERE: Monsignor Fahey Parish Center at Star of the Valley Parish, 545 White Oak Dr. (Oakmont)

A variety of local vendors will offer items perfect for holiday gifting. We will have greeting cards, wood wall hangings, assorted wooden trays and products, Christmas ornaments, tea towels, lavender products, fragrant soaps and hand creams, jewelry, quilted items, pottery, hostess gifts, pet gifts, jams, holiday pies and a variety of baked goods.

We also have many beautiful and interesting raffle items, including gift cards to local high-end restaurants, along with lovely wine baskets, Christmas centerpieces, holiday table runner with matching napkins and a fabulous Victorian doll house fully furnished.

Come, explore, shop and spark your holiday spirit!

Oakmont Singles Social Club

■ Alan Schackman

NOVEMBER MIXER—GIVING THANKS

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, November 23, 4 p.m.

WHERE: 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 will be through our website, <http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org>. Your cost is to be determined. We're still in the planning stages.

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 Homeless Veterans outreach holiday drive.

The absolute deadline for RSVP for our mixer is Monday, November 17. If having trouble in navigating our website, please contact me at alans25028@hotmail.com. If no computer, feel free to email Kat at KAT9433@icloud.com for RSVP and payment options. No guests and no walk ins will be allowed!

Remember to wear your name badge to the East Rec. Center.

NOVEMBER BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, November 6; Meet at the Berger Center Parking Lot at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to The Bird.

RESTAURANT: The Bird, 4776 Sonoma Hwy, Santa Rosa

November is gobble, gobble, gobble time. And we're going out to enjoy a meal from the former "Willy Bird Restaurant." For more than 40 years, they've served Sonoma County's favorite Willie Bird's turkey dishes and American cuisine including turkey dip, smoked fried turkey wedge salad, turkey soup, turkey scaloppini, turkey pot pie and their special Thanksgiving Dinner (served year-round).

They have a full bar and serve slow smoked BBQ on Fridays. It may look like a page out of "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," especially the divey part, but good things come in different places. I will attest to the yumminess of this restaurant. So, let's get together to start the season right with some gobble, gobble, gobble.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks! Meet at Berger Center parking lot by 5:30 p.m. to carpool to the restaurant. Reservation cutoff is when the 20 slots are filled. If there are 20 members confirmed, you will be placed on a waitlist. RSVP on our website at <http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org> or email Simone Smith at 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.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org.



Oakmont Movers and Groovers



■ Denise Lindsey

VODKA TASTING, PJ PARTY AND GAME NIGHT!

WHERE: East Rec. Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

WHEN: Thursday, November 20, doors open at 5 p.m.

Slip into your favorite pajamas, loungewear, sweats, or that legendary Hugh Hefner smoking jacket (in good taste, of course). We're mixing laughter, games, vodka flights, and plenty of OMG-style fun!

- Vodka tastings and surprises
- Fun games and lighthearted competitions
- Great company, comfy vibes, and questionable fashion choices

Bring your own snacks and drinks—and maybe a friend who can still play a game after two shots.

RSVP by November 10th to: omgclub2025@gmail.com. Include a fun factoid about yourself when you reply! You may bring a guest, or reserve a table for eight and make it a party within a party.

2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Renew or become a member—just \$10 per person. The sign-up sheet for new members is in the OVA office folder. Pay cash or check payable to OMG.

Perfect time to secure your spot for another year of shenanigans!

Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

■ John Tan

GUS LEE COMING TO OAKMONT

The Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club is proud to welcome acclaimed author Gus Lee as the featured guest at their next meeting on Wednesday, November 12, from 2–4 p.m. at the West Rec Center.

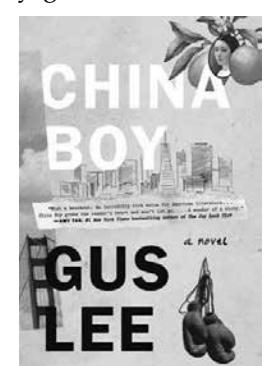
Lee's path to becoming a writer was anything but ordinary. After attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he went on to study East Asian History and later earned a law degree from the University of California, Davis.

In 1989, what began as a private family memoir at his daughter's request unexpectedly grew into his first novel, *China Boy*.

"My daughter asked me to write a family journal and it turned out to be *China Boy*," he explained in an interview. "Say you always wanted to bat .300 but had never played a game before. You're at the ballpark and they let you hit. Everything they pitch, you hit, and you didn't even know you could hit before. That's the way I feel about writing. I never had any literary training, did any workshops. *China Boy* just happened."

China Boy introduced readers to Kai Ting, the American-born son of Chinese immigrants growing up in San Francisco's Panhandle neighborhood. The novel received widespread acclaim, with the *New York Times* Book Review likening it to Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* and Günter Grass' *The Tin Drum*. *Time* magazine hailed it as "delightful," and it remained a bestseller for six months while earning a place on the *New York Times* list of Best 100 Books of 1991.

Don't miss this special opportunity to hear from Gus Lee about his journey as a writer and the stories that shaped his work. This free event is open to Oakmont residents and their guests.



■ Mary Piumarta

CHANGE IS COMING

Starting November 1, the Bocce Club days/hours will change to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 pm.

All other times are open to OVA members and guests. Court reservations must be made by contacting Bob Swift at (707) 548-5409. For players who wish to learn the game, come to the courts on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and join in the fun. For more information, contact Pat Paulson at 707-953-6691

The Fall Tournament was held on Saturday, October 11. Following the tournament, a potluck was held at the West Rec. Center. It was a great way to enjoy a beautiful Fall day.

Plans are underway for the Holiday Party at the East Rec. Center on December 13 at 5 p.m. Dinner will be catered and served by The Bird. Dinner includes a choice of Salmon or Rib eye with all the sides and dessert. Price is \$50 for Bocce Club members and \$65 for non-members.

Bocce Club

At the potluck. (Photo by Mary Piumarta)



Fall Tournament winners (L to R: standing, Bruce Aiken, Tony D'Agosta, Tony Saram, Maureen McGettigan; seated, Barbara Newton, Pat Paulson and Len Piumarta. (Photo by Mary Piumarta)

■ Bob Tanner, Trip Coordinator



Legion of Honor Museum.

OAA BUS TRIP TO**LEGION OF HONOR MUSEUM**

WHAT: Bus trip to the Legion of Honor Museum to see the Manet and Morisot Exhibition

Oakmont Art Association

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

TICKETS: \$10 (Legion of Honor members), \$35 (all others)

The trip will be open to Oakmont Art Association members, as well as any Oakmont resident. The Oakmont Community Foundation, once again, is making a significant contribution to the cost of the trip. We really appreciate their help in making the trip affordable.

The bus will leave the Berger parking lot promptly at 8:45 a.m. for an 11 a.m. entry time and return by approximately 4:30 p.m. Tickets are not refundable. Lunch is not included but the museum restaurant has good meals. The deadline for signups is January 6. We expect this will be a very popular trip so sign up as early as you can. The last trip sold out a month

before the trip date and had a long waiting list.

Make your check (no cash please) payable to the Oakmont Art Association, \$10 for Legion of Honor members (include your membership number), or \$35 for non-members. Include your telephone number, email address and a contact person in the event of an emergency. You can take your check to the OVA office and leave it in the OAA club folder or mail to my address at 5997 Stone Bridge Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

If you have questions, contact me at bob.tanner100@gmail.com or call (707) 806-2100 for more information.

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Pickleball Corner



■Peter Copen

LOVIN' PICKLEBALL



Graphic by Peter Copen.

In lieu of articles, this column will now include some previous cartoons that capture our love for this sport.

Pickleball at Oakmont is for Oakmont residents and their guests only! New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Contact Victoria Dettman, (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. Visit our website: <https://oakmontpickleballclub.com>.

Oakmont Birders

■Barbara Kendrick

BIRDS WORTH WATCHING: NORTHERN FLICKERS

The Northern Flicker, a large member of the Woodpecker family, could have been dreamed up by Salvador Dali.

This striking bird comes in two types: the Red-Shafted lives in the Western US and the Yellow-Shafted in the East. Both types shun the black-and-white color scheme shared by most Woodpeckers. Instead, they have warm, brownish-gray bodies—and then things get imaginative.



Female Flicker showing underwing color. (Photo by Tom Grey)

The Red-Shafted Flicker, seen often in Oakmont, sports a prominent black crescent on its breast, black polka dots on its chest and belly, and black bars on its back. Males have a jaunty red Dali-esque moustache extending out from a longish, down-curved beak. When flying, this Flicker reveals a surprising salmon-red on the underside of its wings and tail—like a vampire whose black cape swirls open to show a red lining. And the Flicker's final fashion statement: a large white patch on its rump, very visible when it flies.



Male Flicker with black crescent and red moustache. (Photo by Tom Grey)

Occasionally in winter we're visited by Eastern Yellow-Shafted Flickers. They look very similar to the Red-Shafted but are gold-colored under their wings and tail.

Flickers are considered a keystone species because they excavate many of the tree nesting holes that other birds depend upon. But unlike most woodpeckers, they spend a good amount of time on the ground, foraging for ants and ant larvae, which they go after with long sticky tongues. When ants are scarce, they hunt other insects, and they also eat berries and seeds in the winter.

Look for Northern Flickers perched high in trees, where they call "Kee-ew," or on the ground. Keep watching until they fly, flashing their lovely salmon undersides and white rumps. They're a gratifyingly easy bird to see and learn.

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



Oakmont Vets Club



■Paul Gowins

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY EVENT TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 10 AM IN THE BERGER

In just several weeks' time we will once again proudly gather in the Berger Center in recognition and honor to veterans from all times and places. Remembering their commitment to duty on our behalf, the date is Monday, November 11. The program begins promptly at 10 a.m., so make sure you're there early enough for coffee and donuts provided McBride Realty. Also, look through the posters, photos, and stories from Vets here in Oakmont. Our Rotarians and the Kiwanis Club will greet and even help you to a seat.

Once again, the New Horizons and Sonoma Hometown Bands will entertain us with especially chosen music. Additionally, as a special harmonious

treat, Maria Carrillo's choral group will sing our National Anthem and close with "America the Beautiful."



At the 2023 Veterans Day event. (Photo by Julie Kiel)

Our featured speaker this year will be none other than current Vets Club Leader John De Groot. He was chosen because as he tells it, he couldn't find anyone else to willingly share even a part of their yearlong tour in Vietnam. Oh! And incidentally, John just so happened to be a helicopter door gunner. His talk and Power Point presentation will not only be riveting and thought provoking, but probably cathartic for him as well.

Regular weekly play takes place every Thursday at 10 a.m. in Suite B. All levels welcome and instruction provided to beginners.



Mahjong players enjoyed a morning of play on the patio at Los Molcajetes restaurant (across from Oliver's), followed by lunch inside. Staff is always welcoming and the food is wonderful.

After our program, Oakmont Gardens will again treat veterans to lunch. A small donation from non-veterans will be appreciated. We'll need a headcount though for planning. You can text or call (707) 974-8898 or give Oakmont Gardens front desk a call at: (707) 538-1914.

Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

Mary's fitness class is held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec. Center. Everyone is welcome to join. There is a \$5 drop-in fee and don't forget to bring your TheraBand for strengthening. If you don't 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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■Judie Coleman

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

OCTOBER 26: IRIS HARRELL AND GENE NOWICKI YOUR FOREVER HOME STARTS NOW

 Who says safety isn't sexy? Safe design isn't just for Grandma's house. From wobbly toddlers to aging knees, we all benefit from homes that are thoughtfully built. Whether you're renovating or just rearranging, smart design can make your space more livable, lovable, and future-ready. A few clever choices today can ensure that your home is resilient and ready for whatever life brings you.

NOVEMBER 2 (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS): ANNIE BARBOUR DON'T GET DROPPED! THE CHANGING RULES OF HOME OWNERS' INSURANCE

The ever-changing requirements from insurance companies--and with new state laws coming soon,

homeowners in wildfire zones like Oakmont are at real risk of losing coverage. Learn what's happening now and what you must do to keep your home insured.

NOVEMBER 9: TOM JORDE SHIFTING BOUNDARIES: THE PRESIDENCY AND EVOLVING POWER



In this timely talk, Prof. Jorde will examine the steady—and sometimes startling—growth of presidential power under the current administration. From declarations of various emergencies, executive orders, challenges to congressional and agency authority, and from affirming SCOTUS decisions, Prof. Jorde will examine how the Executive branch is evolving. He will explore how the precedents that are being set will impact the future of American Democracy.



Lifelong Learning



■Marlena Tremont

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Back by popular demand, the **Maria Carrillo Jazz Group** presents instrumental music of the 20s, 30s, and 40s including variations in Latin-inspired tunes, funk, and rock. Show Oakmont's generosity by cheering and donating to this award-winning high school group.

WHEN: Friday, November 7, 7–9 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center. Theater seating. Free.



Maria Carrillo Jazz Group.

Hella Fitzgerald brings the sounds of jazz, blues, funk and R & B to Oakmont. Do you love vintage tinged soul music? This one's for you.

WHEN: Thursday, December 4, 7–9 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center. Table seating. Tickets \$25.

Barbara Higbie Winter Solstice Concert: a joyful celebration of the holiday season with an award-winning fiddler and her energetic band mates on guitar, vocals, percussion, bass, and cello.

WHEN: Thursday, December 18, 7–9 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center. Theater seating. Tickets \$35.



Barbara Higbie.

WINTER 2026 CLASS PREVIEW

WHEN: Wednesday, December 10; 2:30 p.m. music and refreshments; 3 p.m. Program begins

WHERE: Berger Center

The classes being previewed are:

- Race, Class and Gender in the American Experience
- Genetics for Non-Scientists
- The Neurology of Aging
- Playful Poetry
- Musical Theater

To register for classes or concerts, go to OakmontLL.org, complete a flyer in the OVA office or pay at the door.

Purchase multiple classes for the same person at the same time and save 25%.

Music at Oakmont

■Judy Walker



CURTIS ON TOUR

WHEN: Thursday, November 6 at 1 p.m. (please note change of date and time)

WHERE: Berger Center

ADMISSION: \$35 (cash or check only), or with Season Pass

Over a number of years, it has been our privilege to present a unique group of musicians from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. The school promotes an annual tour by chamber ensembles consisting of current members of their teaching staff or notable alumni, together with specially selected top students.

It's interesting to note that the typical acceptance rate at Curtis is about 3% of the candidates that apply. So, obviously, those that do get chosen are tremendously talented (Yuja Wang and Lang Lang are great examples). Curtis underscores the concept of learning by doing and students are exposed to multiple performance

opportunities as part of the curriculum. Better still, if accepted, each student receives a full scholarship at no cost for their entire stay at Curtis.

Once more we have a chance to experience young players and Curtis staff perform on our stage to share their joy of music and to help launch the careers of these talented students. This time, the group includes the esteemed President of the Curtis Institute, Roberto Diaz. As an internationally recognized viola player, he will be joined by Juliette Tachino, an award-winning soprano and Curtis alumni, together with current students Tzi-Yu on clarinet and Lynne Ye on piano.

This year's venture is titled "Curtis on Tour: Bernstein, Bruch and Schubert," which of course gives a clue about their program. Their performance here will include Leonard Bernstein's clarinet sonata, selections from Max Bruch's Eight Pieces for viola, clarinet and piano plus the gorgeous Schubert composition for soprano, clarinet and piano known as "Shepherd on the Rock." For full program details, please visit our website: www.musicatoakmont.org.

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, this concert will take place at a different date and time than previously announced. It is now scheduled for Thursday, November 6, instead of Saturday, November 8. The start time will be 1 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at this interesting event.

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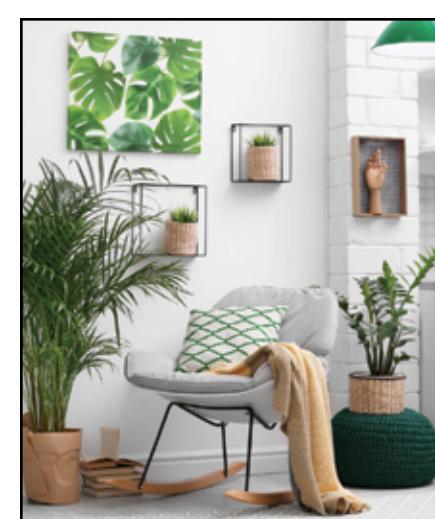
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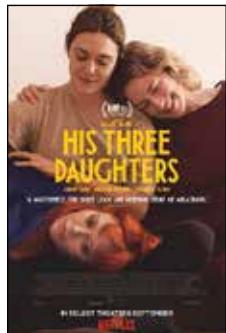
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Movies At Oakmont



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

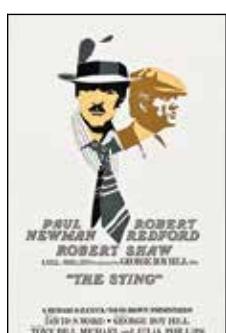


NOTE: All films are shown with English subtitles, when possible, free of charge—compliments of the OVA.

OCTOBER 26 HIS THREE DAUGHTERS

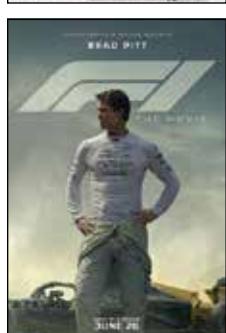
This tense, touching and funny portrait of family dynamics follows three estranged sisters as they converge in a New York apartment to care for their ailing father and try to mend their own broken relationship with one another. 2023, R, 1:41.

Two tributes to Robert Redford, passed this September at age 89



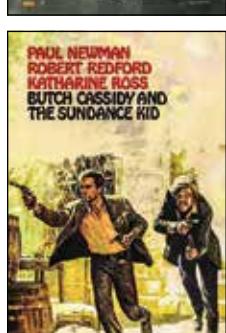
NOVEMBER 2 THE STING

Robert Redford: Two grifters team up to pull off the ultimate con. 1973, PG, 2:09.



NOVEMBER 9 F1: THE MOVIE

Brad Pitt: A Formula One driver comes out of retirement to mentor and team up with a younger driver. 2025, PG-13, 2:35.



NOVEMBER 16 BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID

Robert Redford and Paul Newman: In 1890s Wyoming, Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid lead a band of outlaws. When a train robbery goes wrong, they find themselves on the run with a posse hard on their heels. 1969, PG, 1:50.

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■ Greg Fauss



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REFORMATION AND REMEMBRANCE

As October draws to a close, many Christians celebrate two back-to-back holidays.

October 31 is Reformation Day, commemorating Martin Luther's effort to reform the church by posting 95 Theses (or grievances) on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. The need for personal and societal reformation continues to this day.

On November 1 All Saints Day is celebrated. Going back as far as the 4th century, Christians have remembered and honored those who have gone before us in death. It is also a day to celebrate and look forward to our future reunion.

Oakmont Community Church will celebrate this day on November 2. We encourage you to join us we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.

Our Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center. For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Thursday evening survey of the



Door of the Schlosskirche in Wittenberg.

Christian faith—Alpha, our Saturday Prayer meeting, and other gatherings go to <http://www.occsantarosa.org>, write us at occsantarosa@gmail.com or call (707) 595-0166.



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 <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.

OCTOBER 30: LONG HIKE ANNADEL LOOP HIKE: HENRY'S KNOB AND BACK

The hike will start from the Berger Center on foot through Wild Oak to the Richardson Trail and looping to Henry's Knob and Lake Ilsanjo. We will return via the North Burma Trail and down Channel Drive. Approximately 10.2 miles and 1,250 ft. of elevation gain.

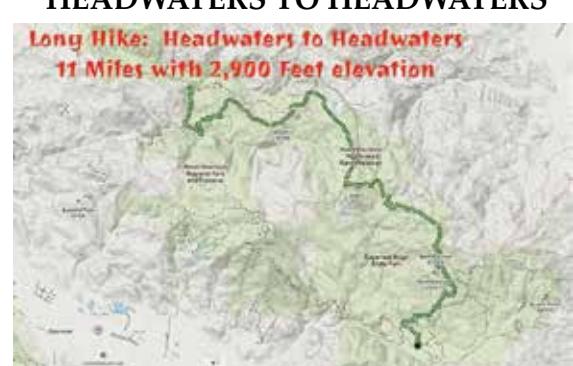
Bring Layers, poles, water, and lunch. Hike leader is John Schwonke, (707) 292-7359.



Lake Ilsanjo Vista.

NOVEMBER 6: LONG HIKE HEADWATERS TO HEADWATERS

Long Hike: Headwaters to Headwaters
11 Miles with 2,900 Feet elevation



Headwaters to Headwaters Trail Map.

We have special permission for this one as we hike portions of Hood Regional that are not yet open to the public. You will get to see monuments placed to honor the legacy of the McCormick family descendants. This hike is a real opportunity to see land that many people have yet to see. We climb some good size hills including Red Hill, Hill 2530 (Big Hill) and Bald Mountain. Lunch will be on the top of Hill 2530.

Bring plenty of water, poles and your lunch and I'll bring Bonnie's Brownies. About 11 miles and 2,900 feet. Departs Berger at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Gary Andersen, (360) 778-9604.

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■ John Brodey

TEN HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR BRAIN

My paternal grandmother was right out of central casting. A bit pudgy, she was soft and cuddly and could kill anyone with kindness and food (at least one cat). She loved everyone. I remember some pleasant Sunday evenings resting my head in her lap after dinner and getting the best head scratches ever.

She lived to be 95 and though I then lived in Boston, I would stop in St. Louis to visit her once or twice a year. Towards the end, she was in a nursing home, and it was my first experience with dementia. Once there, her decline became precipitous. The last time I saw her, I walked into her room and sat down. She looked at me with some uncertainty and asked: "Are you a friend of my son John's?" It was hard to get my head around this as my dad had died when I was 10. I couldn't bear trying to sort things out. I simply said, "Yes, I am a good friend of his and he asked me to send you his love."

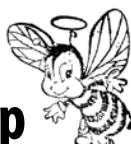
I mention this as the speaker at a recent club breakfast was Shelly Dombroski of the Alzheimer's Association. Their annual charity walk took place in early October and she took this opportunity to share some current talking points about the disease. From 2020 to 2022, deaths from Alz/dementia increased by 142%. Seven million American's are living with the disease at a cost of \$384 billion for 2025.

Apart from supporting ongoing research for a cure, the one thing we all can do is follow the 10 healthy habits for our brains:

- Challenge your mind
- Continue your education
- Protect your head
- Control your blood pressure
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Get moving
- Don't smoke
- Manage diabetes
- Eat right
- Sleep well

For further details and suggestions check out alz.org/healthyhabits. Get busy!

Current Events Discussion Group



■ 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. Come in person if you can; join on Zoom if you can't. If you come in person, a donation of \$1 is requested.

Issues discussed range from local to national to international. All sides of issues are encouraged. Following the meeting join us at Oak for Happy Hour. This has become very popular, giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

If you want to be put on the mailing list, including Zoom, email tinalewis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739. Please note that on November 7 there will be a special function so no regular meeting. Also, Current Events will not meet on November 28, the day after Thanksgiving.

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 [## Lawn Bowling](http://oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident>Welcome packet.</p>
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■ Mary Blake

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO BOWL?

Email us at oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com. Training is about three lessons followed by a practice game and membership is \$20 per year.

DAILY DRAW

Daily Draw is at 12:30 p.m. Bowlers should be there at 12:15.

NOVICE SINGLES

The first round of the Novice Singles, after being rescheduled twice, was Tuesday afternoon, October 7. We had 7 bowlers. Jane Beauchamp won the bye. Of the remaining 6 bowlers, the first-round winners were Bruce Rolland, Barbara Serafin, and Gary Wickel. In the next round, Barbara will play Jane and Bruce will play Gary.



Bruce Rolland, Janet Johnson (marker) and Brian McKeehan. (Photo by Mary Blake)



Gary Wickel, Wilma Rolland and Michelle Macintosh (marker). (Photo by Mary Blake)

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at our Member Meeting on November 10. We have five open positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and two Director. As I write this, the candidates for the positions are: President—Jim (JB) Brewer, Vice President—Michelle Macintosh, Treasurer—Pam Dempsey, Director (2-year term)—Richard Goodwin, Director (completing the 1 year remaining in JB's term)—Barbara Serafin. Ballots are in the Bowls Room.

HALLOWEEN BOWL AND DINNER

Halloween is almost upon us! Bowling will start at 3 p.m. If the numbers work out, we'll bowl pairs, and 10 ends, leaving time for food.

Dinner will be at 5:15 p.m.

As always, you can bowl, or have dinner, or, of course, do both! Sign up on the shed to bowl. Sign up in the bowls room to have dinner.

COMING EVENTS

Halloween Pizza Bowl and Dinner: Thursday, October 30, 3 p.m. bowl (10 ends), 5:15 Pizza dinner

Thanksgiving Tournament: Tuesday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.

Member Meeting: Monday, November 10 at 12, East Rec. Center

2025 Awards Gala and Holiday Party: Friday, December 5 at 5 p.m., Berger Center

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



Oakmont Garden Club



■ Patty McHugh

CONTAINER GARDENING

WHEN: Wednesday, November 12, 9:30 a.m. Social, 10-11 a.m. Presentation, Q&A follows

WHERE: East Rec., 7902 Oakmont Drive

SPEAKER: Nancy Crevaling, Sonoma County Master Gardener

Nancy will cover the benefits of container gardening, what makes a suitable container, the vast types of plants that grow well in them and the best way to plant and maintain them.

Nancy has been a Master Gardener since 2009. She has been food gardening in a variety of containers since the 1970's and loves the flexibility it has given her in both apartments and houses with limited gardening space. She will have samples on hand and demonstrate how to plant a container that is healthy for you and the environment.

Container gardening is perfect for Oakmont gardeners, as many of us have limited garden space. As we age, we all know that regular bending and kneeling required for in-ground gardens can take its toll on our joints. But if you love gardening, whether it be vegetables or flowers or both, container gardens may be the answer.

Container gardening has a great many advantages, and a grouping of pots and plants can be stunning. Consider potting up a few for holiday gifts—so thoughtful and always appreciated.

Even if you've been gardening in pots for years, it doesn't hurt to have a refresher from a Master Gardener expert. Make a list of your questions and, if not covered in Nancy's presentation, ask in the Q&A session at the end of the presentation. Your questions and shared experiences benefit us all.

This presentation is our last for the year 2025. We'll be back in January with another seasonal-timed program.

Oakmont Men's Group

■ Art Fichtenberg, Administrator
(successor of Founder Gordon Freedman)

Over the last 14 + years, our 12-person Oakmont Men's Group has become very popular and often has a waiting list. Therefore, we will be organizing a new group for men, along the same lines as our existing group. Like our existing group, the new group will meet twice a month and will focus our discussions on issues relevant with aging men.

Such issues include, but are not limited to, the challenges of acceptance of diminished physical abilities, development of new hobbies and interests, health problems that you or your spouse/partner are facing, how aging effects relationships, the mental challenges of aging, the loss of a mate, and many other challenges that aging presents.

If you need a forum to discuss men's issues with other men in a safe and confidential place, you are invited to contact us and have your name placed on our waiting lists.

Our present group meets twice a month for two hours on the first and third Mondays from 1-3 p.m. There are no attendance requirements or dues. Our group is non-religious, non-political, and open to all men of Oakmont, married, single, gay or straight. This group has two openings, which will most likely be filled from our existing waiting list.

Once the two positions are filled, we will continue to seek new members to form the second group. Once five men have connected with us and been interviewed, the second group will begin operation.

If interested, or need more information, please contact me at (707) 484-1051 or email me at afichtenberg@aol.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: 8 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average.

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

Bowling dates for October: Oct. 21 (week #10). No bowling Oct. 28 (fourth Tuesday).

Bowling dates for November: Nov. 4 (week #11), 11 (week #12, Veterans Day Challenge), 18 (week #13). No bowling Nov. 25 (fourth Tuesday).

Bowling dates for December: Dec. 2, Fall League 2025 Championship Tournament at 2 p.m.; Dec. 4, Bowling Christmas Party, East Recreation, 5-8:30 p.m.

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

Results are: first place, King Pins; second place, Alley Oops; third place, Strikers; fourth place, 4 Tops; fifth Place, Wii Four; sixth place, Pocket Hits; seventh place, High Rollers; eighth place, Ghosts.

Men's High Games: Glenn Hewitt, 245; Rob Warren, 237; Charlie Ensley, 221; Scott Harris, 207; Richard Adamczyk, 204.

Women's High Games: Sandy Osheroff, 247; Diane Price, 246; Laurel Earles, 229; Joanne Abrams, 227; Robin Schudel, 227; Vickie Jackanich, 226; Joanne Bender, 219; Pat Scott, 215; Peggy Ensley, 210.

RESULTS AS OF OCTOBER 14 (WEEK #9, FALL LEAGUE)

Results are: first place, Strikers; second place tie, 4 Tops and King Pins; fourth place, Alley Oops; fifth Place tie, Pocket Hits and Wii Four; seventh place, High Rollers; eighth place, Ghosts.

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 256; Glenn Hewitt, 233; Richard Adamczyk, 223; Scott Harris, 220; Mike Earles, 212.

Women's High Games: Sandy Osheroff, 278; Joanne Abrams, 245; Joanne Bender, 223; Barbara Koch, 218; Robin Schudel, 216; Shirley Jamison, 208; Donnarose Ilecki, 204; Vickie Jackanich, 204; Pat Scott, 201; Carol Garneau, 200.

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 see us in action and join in the fun.

Water Fitness

■Valerie Hulsey

Rain or shine, the water is warm 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 through Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Tennis Club



■Diane Curtis

CLOSE EYE ON THE COURTS

As Court Maintenance Director of the OTC, Arnie Herskovic has been listener-in-chief about court condition complaints. And if he hasn't already addressed an issue himself, which is usually the case, he sees to it, in partnership with the OVA, that remedies are in place. Hence, some of the nicest tennis courts in the Bay Area that include new resurfacing, a fancy VAPTR drying machine, new nets, new benches and new awnings on the west courts.

Arnie is stepping down after three years in the post (he previously was vice president), but he'll still be speeding across the courts and making impossible shots and, no doubt, helping Pete Hogan squeegee the east courts. He'll also continue corralling future Alcaraz and Gauffs at the Grandparents' Week tennis lessons, which he organizes and leads and where his Petaluma grandchildren, Grace and Henry, have a good time every summer.

Arnie and his wife Karen have lived in Oakmont for 13 years. They moved here from Eureka, where he put his master's degree in economics and regional planning to good use by being the go-to person, in both government and the private sector, to get projects off the ground through help in getting politicians on board, securing financing, attaining permits and adhering to environmental regulations. Projects included the first-in-the-U.S. women-owned brewery and a revamped waterfront as well as those involving major infrastructure, the airport, affordable housing, a food bank, museum, hotel and senior center.

One of Arnie's current endeavors is as a classroom speaker for the Sonoma State-based Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust.

The sport of choice in Eureka was racquetball because of the weather but in Oakmont it's biking, hiking, the gym and tennis, which includes 20 minutes of warmup exercises. The most important attribute in tennis, he says, is hand-eye coordination.

Silver Guys of Oakmont

■D. Hall

HALLOWEEN COSTUME POTLUCK IN OAKMONT

Silver Guys of Oakmont are hosting a Halloween Party along with the Rainbow Women on October 31 at the East Rec. Center. The event will begin at 4 p.m. We are asking those attending to wear costumes, but they are not required.

Bring a carved pumpkins to show your talent at creating a unique piece of art. No candles but tea lights would be appropriate. Pumpkins will be placed on the window ledges, north and south side of room, for best display.

It will be a potluck, so prepare your best Halloween creation—appetizer, salad, main, or dessert. Oh, most important, your witches brew to share.



FRIDAY CLASSES

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).

Conservatives Club



■Jane Gyorgy

UNITED WE STAND, FIRST,

WE MUST LEARN TO FULLY LISTEN

On September 25, instead of our regular meeting, the Conservative Club and the Democratic Alliance united in an evening interactive presentation/workshop titled "Skills for Disagreeing Better," hosted by Braver Angels. The workshop goals were to understand the values and concerns from your political views and those of others. We also learned better listening skills by hearing the other side, even when you disagree. With a maximum of 70 attendees, including equal numbers of Red and Blue-leaning participants, both clubs were well represented.

Using preset conservative and liberal values and concerns for conversations, and applying the four skills of LAPP (Listen, Acknowledge, Pivot, and Perspective), Reds and Blues paired up at each table to practice these skills. A social mixer with snacks and drinks preceded the meeting. It was truly a great meeting as we learned we share some of the same values.

People expressed interest in holding some of the other Braver Angels workshops to further community building and spread goodwill among opposing views! Frequency could be semi-annually, tri-annually, or even quarterly. It could be the start of something big! Braver Angels also offers e-courses: braverangels.org/what-we-do/take-an-ecourse.

Our featured speaker for our first fall meeting will be Chris Colmbe, who will address the Potter Dam Project. According to Colmbe, this project could have dire consequences on our water supply.

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. in the Berger (6633 Oakmont Dr). Food and beverage welcome.

Members, please RSVP to the emailed invitation with a response of YES, NO, or MAYBE. Non-members, please email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com and include your full name and that of your guest(s).

Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

GET READY TO RUMBA IN NOVEMBER!

WHAT: Beginning Rumba Partner Dance Classes

WHEN: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 and 19 from 4-5:15 p.m.



WHERE: Lower West Rec.

COST: \$10 pp for single class; \$8 pp for 2 or more classes purchased at the same time

In November, come join the fun on Wednesday afternoons and learn the basic steps of the rhythmic Rumba. Rumba is a Latin dance that is danced to slower music. The dance evolved from the Latin music made popular in the United States in the 1930's by orchestra leaders such as Xavier Cugat. Besides slower Latin music, there are also a lot of contemporary non-Latin songs that Rumba can be danced to including some by Celine Dion, James Taylor, Sting, The Eagles and Taylor Swift. A Rumba can even be danced to some slower Country songs!

No partners or experience are required. Classes will meet for three sessions in November to learn the most basic steps. Each class after the first will build on the material taught in the first week. We will rotate partners during the classes, although rotating is optional. Also, any ladies that want to lead and any men that want to follow are very welcome.

Join us for a fun way to get exercise and meet great people. A number of studies have indicated 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 is definitely good for our muscles, balance, brains and spirit!

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OVA BOARD MEETINGS

Townhalls 1st Tuesdays of the month and board meetings 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 1 PM

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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EARLY DOG MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

The Oakmont Canine Club always welcomes new members regardless of whether you have a dog or not. If you join the club as a new member after October 1 of



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any given year your membership automatically carries through to the end of the following year. For current members, early renewals of your annual dues are discounted to \$10 for individuals and \$16 for households if you renew your membership before December 15, 2025. Regular membership dues are \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households. Go to <http://www.oakmontcanineclub.org> for more information.

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The next special Happy Tails Dog Park play date is the Big Dog Play Date on Saturday, November 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Big Dog Play Date is for dogs of any breed weighing 35 lbs. or more. Until the end of October the dog park is reserved for small dogs, 25 lbs. or less, for one hour each day from 9-10 a.m. Beginning on November 1 and through April 30, 2026 (winter hours), the dog park is reserved for small dogs less than 25 lbs. from 3-4 p.m. every day of the week.

Thank you to all Canine Club members and special guests who attended the hugely successful Canine Club Members' Appreciation Party held at the Wild Oak Saddle Club on October 8. Great turnout, food,

drink, doggie gossip, and special presentation by Alicia McElroy Collins, founder of the K9 Activity Club (www.k9activityclub.com), located right here in Santa Rosa.



Summer.

A reminder to all that the Humane Society of Sonoma County has two free vaccine clinics. The Santa Rosa clinic is open on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting at 1 p.m., and the Healdsburg clinic is open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 2-4 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.humanesocietyso.co.org>.

Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop

■Jill Butler

LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS VISUAL AIDS

On Monday, September 15, Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop was honored to welcome Barry Bialkoski and Phyllis Rogers from the Santa Rosa and Montgomery Village Lions Club. They have been a benevolent supporter of Oakmont Visual Aids for many years, including an amazing donation of our INDX V5 Embosser that we use to Braille all of our books and materials. This year, the Lions Club made a kind and generous cash donation to our group.



L to R: Barry Bialkoski, Jill Butler, and Phyllis Rogers.

OVAW is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers who hand make books and other teaching materials. There are 34 items in our catalog all of which are free to anyone working with children who are blind or visually impaired.

Our group welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer or just visit our amazing workshop. We meet every Monday morning at West Rec. Center from 9-11 a.m. For more information about our service group, contact us at www.ovaw1971@gmail.com.

■Don McPherson

OKTOBERFEST 2025

The October 4 Oktoberfest celebration began on mild, sunny day with the seventh annual Oktoberfest tournament, the last of the 2025 season. Tournament Director and Club Chair Steven Payette handled registration and randomization of teams with the Club's iconic "Fanny" looking on. Fanny, "the Goddess of Pétanque," is the focal point of a traditional ritual that follows any 0-13 shutout loss. Fortunately, there were no Oktoberfest shutouts.

Fifteen club members competed in three triples teams and three doubles teams, necessitated by an odd number of players registered. The level of competition was high with most games decided by four points or fewer and scores often advancing single point by single point.

In the first round, Barbara Lowell and Linda McPherson defeated Steven Payette and Paul Ryan; Judith Fleenor and Don McPherson defeated Colleen Littell, Barbara Newton, and Jackie Ryan; and Max Hinchman, Ellean Huff, and Bill Whetstone defeated Fred Martin, Ro Nicholson, and Gail Ruder.

In the playoff round, Fleenor/D. McPherson defeated Hinchman/Huff/Whetstone to win first place. Lowell/L. McPherson defeated Littell/Newton/J. Ryan to take third place; and Payette/P. Ryan defeated Martin/Nicholson/Ruder to take fifth place.

A potluck picnic lunch at the courts followed the announcement of winners and photos.

Pétanque in Oakmont Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

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



Oktoberfest Tournament (L to R): Don McPherson, Judith Fleenor (first place), Ellean Huff, Bill Whetstone, Max Hinchman (second place). Foreground: Fanny du Jardin.



Oktoberfest Tournament (L to R): Colleen Littell, Barbara Newton (fourth place); Barbara Lowell, Linda McPherson (third place). Foreground: Fanny du Jardin. Missing: Jackie Ryan.



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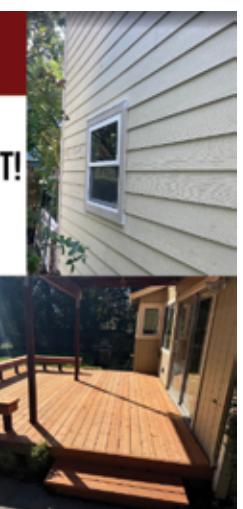
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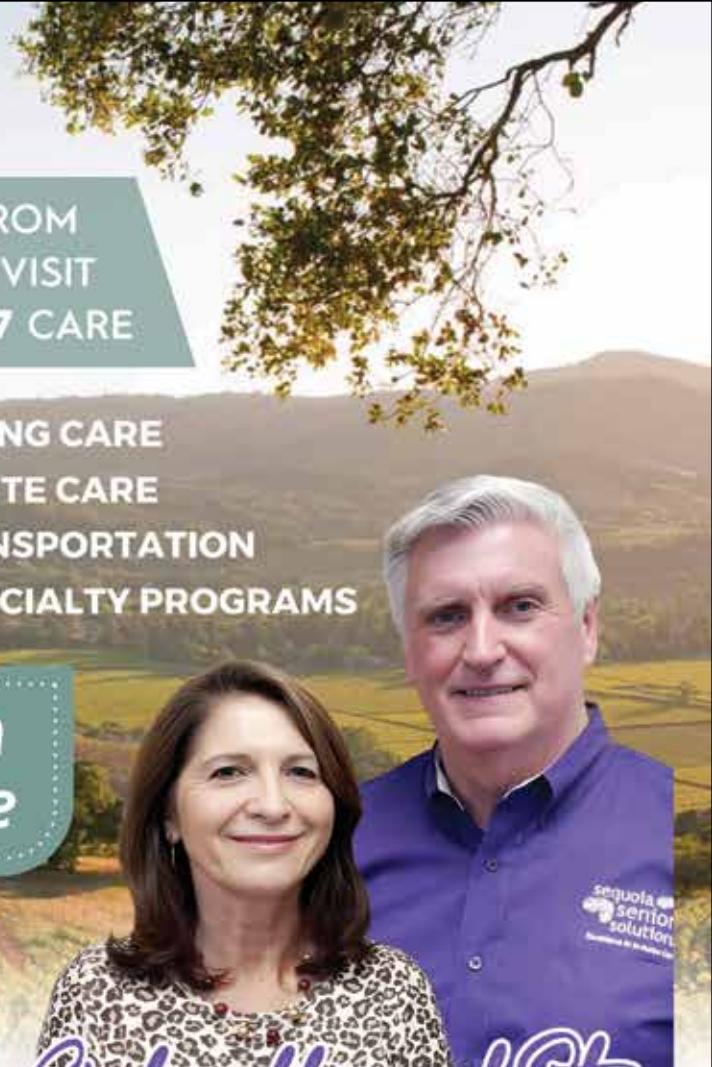
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