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Oakmont Car Club

■Mike Murphy, Car Show Coordinator

23RD ANNUAL OAKMONT CAR SHOW ROLLS IN SATURDAY, MAY 23

Get ready, car lovers—the engines are revving for the 23rd Annual Oakmont Car Show, happening Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Berger Center parking lot!

This year's show promises to be bigger and bolder than ever with over 120 stunning classic cars on display from timeless vintage icons to sleek performance legends. Among the highlights: a 1966 Ford Thunderbird Convertible, 1971 Porsche 911, a 1953 Lancia Aurelia B20 Coupe, 1935 Ford 3-Window Coupe (NASCAR Hall of Fame #10), 1972 De Tomaso Pantera, to name just a few.



Photo by Julie Kiil.

The Oakmont Car Show has become the community's most popular annual event, and we're thrilled to bring together such an exceptional lineup.

While you admire the chrome and craftsmanship, enjoy live music with "Jaydub and Dino" plus classic eats—burgers, hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks served up by the Oakmont Market.

Admission is free for spectators, and \$15 for car entries—a contribution that helps the Oakmont Car Club support valuable local charities year after year.

Primary Election Voting at East Recreation Center

■Oakmont Village Association

The East Recreation Center will be reserved for voting in the June Primary Election on Friday, May 29 through Tuesday, June 2. The facility building will be closed for all other events.

Residents who wish to drop off their ballots for the Primary Election can do so at the East Recreation Center on the following days:

- Early Voting Days: Saturday, May 30 through Monday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Election Day: Tuesday, June 2, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

President's Message

■Steve Spanier, OVA Board President

NEXT STEPS FOR OVA BOARD

With the help of all those who are interested in contributing, our board will soon begin tackling Oakmont's most pressing issues. These include:

- The Berger project and, more broadly, how it may or may not fit into a broader strategy for satisfying the needs and desires of Oakmont residents;
- Improving resident safety from fires, earthquakes and other disasters;
- Addressing golf course lease issues and understanding how golf fits into Oakmont's future;
- Determining next steps in our ongoing effort to alter Oakmont's governing documents;
- Conducting a thorough post-mortem of our new election process to improve Oakmont's ability to vote with increased frequency and confidence;
- Determining how Oakmont's facilities can optimally serve our population;
- Reviewing with a fresh eye how Oakmont's staff and board communicate with our residents and, equally importantly, how you can communicate with us.



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"Let's Talk Santa Rosa" Town Hall

■Oakmont Village Association

Residents are invited to attend an upcoming Town Hall meeting with representatives from the City of Santa Rosa on Thursday, June 4, at 2 p.m. at the Berger Center.

The event is part of the City's "Let's Talk Santa Rosa" community engagement campaign, which has included a city-wide survey designed to gather feedback from residents ahead of the upcoming budget season. City leaders hope the survey results will help them better understand community priorities as the City Council begins studying and deliberating how to best serve Santa Rosa's residents and visitors.

Fill out the survey at srcity.org/4314/Lets-Talk-Santa-Rosa.

During the meeting, members of the city's leadership team will present the survey findings and discuss priorities for the city budget. Following the presentation, city representatives will open the floor to questions from attendees. The meeting is expected to run approximately 30 minutes, with time afterwards for questions.

A Family Swim



Oakmont resident Ron Kaufman caught this goose and her babies taking a family swim near the 17th hole at the Valley of the Moon course in April.

June Event Explores Latest in Alzheimer's Research and Care

■Jackie Ryan

The community is invited to attend a special educational event and fundraiser benefiting the Alzheimer's Association on Wednesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. at the Berger Center.

Claire Day, chief mission and program strategy officer for the Alzheimer's Association, will highlight the latest advancements in Alzheimer's research, treatment, care and risk reduction strategies.

See **JUNE EVENT** on page 5

OVA Board to Lay Out Berger Options at Upcoming Town Hall

■News Staff

The OVA Board of Directors is doing a deeper dive into the Berger assessment project and will present more details to the community at a Town Hall tentatively scheduled for June 8, 1 p.m. at the Berger Center.

Steve Spanier, OVA board president, said that while replacement of the Berger's heating and cooling system is "critical in nature," a plan is being put in place to answer all the questions the board and community have about the project, which was recently presented by ESG, an engineering firm currently consulting with OVA.

The Berger assessment includes the immediate replacement of the HVAC system. ESG also outlined a second option to do reserve-related work, and a third that adds additional items, such as the expansion of the Berger footprint to increase seating capacity. Their presentation also outlined estimated costs, including potential dues increases for each option.

"We don't want the perfect to be the enemy of the good," said Spanier. "We're also trying to understand how we can ensure that this kind of an emergency situation happens as infrequently as possible." He said the OVA's legal team, which has been reviewing a contract submitted by the OVA Board, identified a number of areas for discussion.



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We'll also initiate or continue a number of board and staff training opportunities. These will include instruction on HOA law, teamwork and servant leadership. I'll soon meet one on one with each Director to find out how I can help them achieve success in their board roles. I'll hold a similar meeting with GM Christel to talk about how we can work together to increase staff success and job satisfaction.

You'll be hearing much more about these and other improvement opportunities over the coming months, but I'd like to conclude my remarks by speaking briefly about building what I perceive to be a necessary foundation under all these issues. I believe that, without this foundation, we'll go back and forth endlessly on Oakmont's problems, wasting time and money. For lack of a better term, let's call that foundation "organizational altruism."

"It is in giving that we receive." I believe most of us prefer this "life philosophy," if you will, to the life philosophy characterized by "it is in grabbing—hopefully faster than the other guy—that we receive." Yet grabbing rather than giving seems to be all around us.

You may be thinking that life philosophies have nothing to do with the concrete issues I mentioned earlier. You may ask the very valid question: "what does giving have to do with the Berger center project?"

On the surface, Oakmont is a bunch of houses occupied by a bunch of people who use a bunch of shared facilities. That's true, of course, but I prefer to regard Oakmont as a community in the truest, deepest sense of the word. We can each give to other Oakmont residents and many of us do. That's gratifying. But we can also give to Oakmont itself. And that's also gratifying.

How do we give to Oakmont? We do this by thinking of Oakmont as a living, breathing institution that nurtures us, regardless of our needs. We do this by helping to ensure Oakmont's long-term viability, so that future residents may also be nurtured. I believe this "pay it forward" philosophy is very, very gratifying.

I'd like to invite all who are interested to consider how you can help improve this living institution we all share by giving of yourselves. There are many ways to give and these will be delineated and defined in the coming months.

My vision for Oakmont—admittedly aspirational—is that we are a bubble of gratitude, giving and sanity in a troubled world. If you'd like to contribute to making that vision a reality, please send the following message to askova@oakmontvillage.com: "I'd like to give; please tell me how." We'll be building that list soon and will provide it to all who recognize the rewards that come to those who serve.

If we all row this boat together, we can make swift progress toward making Oakmont a haven of peace and joy.

Speaking on behalf of the new board, I'd like to thank you all for trusting us to be the stewards of this wonderful community we all share. We'll work hard on your behalf and hope many of you will choose to work with us.



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

All events and information can be found at playvom.com or call (707) 539-0415. To keep up to date on all Valley of the Moon Club news, sign up for the VOM newsletter at www.playvom.com/contact/newsletter-signup.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paint Night: Sunflowers, May 26, 5–7 p.m.: \$45/person. Paint an original sunflower design with guidance—no experience needed, all supplies included. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner and drinks available for purchase. Register at paintedcellarssoco.com.

Comedy Night, June 5: Next Stop Comedy at the OAK featuring headliner Steve Ausberne and Andrew Holmgren. Tickets at nextstopcomedy.com/events.

Music on the Green, June 7: Dance to music by The Floorshakers at the VOM driving range, starting at 3 p.m. Free, with food to purchase.

Grill and Chill Summer Series, June 10: Street-style tacos on the patio with Chef Fred! \$20/plate includes 3 tacos and a canned wine or beer. More pop-up events all summer—stay tuned!

MONDAY LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

June 1: O & The Riots Band

June 15: Showcase Band

June 29: Relish Band

Reservations: (707) 539-0415 ext. 6 or mmangano@playvom.com.

THURSDAY DINNER SPECIAL

May 28: BBQ Pulled Pork and Hot Link with baked beans, slaw, cornbread, grilled squash—\$25.

KNIFE AND TOOL SHARPENING

Last Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., OAK Banquet parking lot (7035 Oakmont Drive). \$8/knife, \$14/garden tool.

TRIVIA TUESDAY—JUNE 2

Trivia Tuesday is the most fun you'll have on a weeknight—get competitive, enjoy some food, and sip on drinks! Since December, our host has personally curated all questions and revamped the experience into a trivia revival. Formatted like Jeopardy with categories and points, teams use whiteboards to submit answers before time runs out. Winning team members each receive a \$20 gift card usable anywhere on the property. Teams of up to 8 encouraged, but all sizes and solo players welcome.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Trivia runs from 5–7 p.m. \$10 cash cover charge at the door.

Contact Marisa to reserve your spot: (707)539-0415 ext. 2 or mmangano@playvom.com.

Reminders: Please refrain from fishing in golf course ponds. Walking hours at playvom.com. Golf instruction info at playvom.com/golf/instruction.

Oakmont Craft Guild

■Jan Decock

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Join us for Oakmont's Spring Craft Fair on May 30 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive. This indoor/outdoor event runs rain or shine and features 40+ local vendors. Food and drinks from Wine Country Cafe and Deli will be available for purchase outside, with delicious baked goods offered inside. Live music and shaded seating round out the afternoon, and plenty of free parking is available.

Vendor spots for this event are full, but if you're interested in participating in a future fair, email me at jdecoc99@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list for the October 17 Fall Craft Fair.

Free Music and Dancing at Music on the Green

■OVA Staff

The OVA and Valley of the Moon Golf Club are excited to kick off their annual Music on the Green event on Sunday, June 7 at the VOM driving range at 7025 Oakmont Drive. Starting at 3 p.m., this free event will have food and beverage available for pre-sale or day of event.

Music kicks off at 4 p.m. with The Floorshakers, a Bay Area band with great vocalists and a vibrant horn section. Dance the afternoon away to funk, soul, and rock n roll.

This year's menu includes the following:

- BBQ Chicken Sando, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw—\$20
- Burger, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw—\$20
- Hot Dog, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw—\$20
- Chicken Caesar Wrap, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw—\$20
- Glass of Wine/Select Beer/Margaritas—\$10
- Bottle of Select Wine—\$30

Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to the event. No outside food or beverage, please.

Why Homes Burn in a Wildfire

■Roger Biery, Firewise Task Force

What poses the greatest risk to homes in Oakmont Village during a wildfire? Flying embers. To appreciate the significance of this threat it is necessary to understand the various ways homes can ignite during a wildfire.

With certain exceptions for some homes on the outside perimeter of Oakmont, the first house to catch fire in a contiguous cluster of homes will ignite directly or indirectly from flying embers. Direct ignition occurs, for example, when embers enter the attic or crawl space through vents, or accumulate around the foundation at the base of combustible siding.

Indirect ignition occurs when embers ignite landscaping or something else near the home, such as a combustible fence, shed or furniture, which then ignites the home via direct flame contact or radiant heat, the other two ways fire spreads.

During the 2017 Tubbs Fire, it was flying embers that crossed six lanes of Highway 101 to reach Coffey Park, where the fire spread structure-to-structure via embers, flames and radiant heat, destroying most of the homes in that community.

Within Oakmont Village, a suburban setting very similar to Coffey Park, flames and radiant heat will not cross a street, but flying embers will, potentially igniting another vulnerable house in another cluster, where flames and radiant heat will be able to ignite adjacent homes.

Protecting every home in Oakmont Village from flying embers could potentially prevent any home from burning during a wildfire. This is, of course, far easier said than done. But research shows (reported in an article titled "Fire risk to structures in California's Wildland-Urban Interface" published in the 28 August 2025 edition of *Nature Communications* magazine available online at www.nature.com/articles/s41467-025-63386-2) that having defensible space, especially within five feet of the home, known as Zone Zero, combined with the hardening of homes in various ways, are proven to reduce losses during wildfires. The same study has also found that "substantial reductions in losses are achievable when community-wide actions can be applied."

To learn more about the actions you can take to minimize community risk in Oakmont, visit us on the web at oakmontvillage.com/firewise-actions.

New to Oakmont?

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

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

Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

Please note that on Friday, May 29 Current Events will meet for one time only in the Birch Room at the Central Activity Center. Zoom will not be available on that day. The meeting time, donation and Happy Hour at OAK will be the same as usual.

Except for May 29, Current Events meets every Friday at the East Rec from 1–2:30 p.m. Come in person if you can; join on Zoom if you can't. If you come in person, a donation of \$2 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.

Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Charles Ensley

CHOP'S TEEN CLUB SERVES AREA YOUTH

Located in Railroad Square, Chop's Teen Club was founded in 1998 through a legacy gift from Charles ("Chop") DeMeo, and has grown into a vital nonprofit resource for Sonoma County youth. Oakmont resident Katie Ruppe, Community Engagement and Events Manager, shared an update on Chop's at a recent Kiwanis breakfast meeting. In its 21,000 square foot facility, teens from Windsor down to south Santa Rosa are involved in after-school activities and workshops in art, college and career exploration, culinary, leadership, music and recording, sports & recreation, and technology and gaming.

A unique feature of Chop's is their Work Ready Program. Offered year-round in eight-week sessions, it prepares teens for employment in adulthood through a blend of classroom learning and hands-on work experience. Graduates earn a professional portfolio, a work-ready certificate, a food-handling certificate, and a \$200 completion award.

Participants in their culinary program get on-the-job experience such as when they serve carnitas at Kiwanis' annual Carnitas and Margarita fundraising dinner, coming on Saturday, August 8 in Berger Center. At our carnitas dinners, we have received generous donations in our tip jar for the teen's efforts.



Oakmont Kiwanis president Bob Isaacs presenting a \$1,000 check for Chop's to Katie Ruppe. (Photo by Charles Ensley)

Other speakers at our Thursday morning breakfast meetings in Berger Center were Madeline Keegan O'Connor, CEO of YWCA Sonoma County on May 14, speaking about their Safe House, and on May 21 Kelly Grudzien, Library Tech at Luther Burbank Elementary School, where our club provides the only funds for books for their school library.

We meet at 8 a.m. for breakfast, at 8:30 for club business and a program at 9. Guests are always welcome for a free breakfast. For more information contact me at (707) 623-9564.

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■Star Power

CHANGES ARE A-COMIN'!

Since it began in 2000, Valley of the Moon Rotary has always been an early morning club, amidst complaints from folks that didn't like getting up early, but for years this time frame accommodated the many members still in the work force.

With a lot of help from our Oakmont Event Coordinator, Anita, our Rotary Club will soon be a Happy Hour club. Beginning August 10, we will only meet twice a month on the second and third Mondays, from 4–5 p.m. and we will be in the upstairs room at the West Rec.

The Happy Hour will begin at 3:30 p.m. serving a

little wine, beer, snacks and of course sparkling water with the meeting actually beginning at 4 p.m. which will include our usual great speakers.

The new Rotary year begins on July 1 and our new president, Jim Allen, will preside over our Thursday morning meetings at the East Rec. until July 23. Jim is looking forward to our new club hours and he has a lot of exciting projects to talk about during his reign.

We hope these changes will entice many of you to consider joining Valley of the Moon Rotary or, at least, come by for a visit and learn how Rotary changes the world. Something to think about!

Jazz Club Concerts



■Michael James

THE BEST JAZZ IN SONOMA COUNTY, THE BENNETT FRIEDMAN QUARTET

The Jazz Club presents the Bennett Friedman Quartet, from Sonoma County, at the Berger Center on Thursday, June 11 from 6–8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bennett Friedman attended Berklee College of Music (Boston) and San Francisco State University where he received BA and MA degrees in music. He served three years in the U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C., and upon returning to the Bay Area, he joined the staff orchestra at the Circle Star Theater and also played in jazz venues. Bennett has performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross and many other pop stars and has been teaching Jazz Studies at Santa Rosa Junior College since 1977.



Bennett Friedman.

Randy Vincent has been teaching jazz guitar at Sonoma State University since 1981 and is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has performed with Bobby Hutcherson, Joe Henderson and Dizzy Gillespie. Randy is an Oakmont resident and has published six books on jazz guitar methods through Sher Music Company.

Josh Fossgreen, a Bay Area electric bassist, has over twenty years of performing, recording and touring experience. His style is grounded but agile, playfully dancing between supportive simplicity and adventurous melodicism. You can hear Josh playing around the Bay Area with the funk-pop band Burrows & Dilbeck, and various jazz combos.

Kendrick Freeman has a background in both drum set and hand drums and his flexibility has allowed him to work in various settings with singer/songwriters, jazz and new acoustic artists. His recent work includes the Beatle Jazz Project and freelance work in jazz, Latin jazz and roots Americana settings.

Tickets are \$25 each. Pay with cash or check, payable to Michael James Music, at the OVA office. Fill out the information card located in an envelope in the green Jazz Club file and place the payment with completed card in the envelope in the red Jazz Club file. Tickets will be under your name, at the door, on the night of the performance.

Seating is cabaret style. Bring your own food and drink and sit with your friends and neighbors!

For more information call me at (559) 707-2750.

Progressives Club



■Susan Bercu

A FUN AND INFORMATIVE SEASON

Free film and popcorn! *Mr. Nobody Against Putin*, 2026 Oscar Winner for the Best Documentary Feature Film will be shown at the Oakmont Democratic Alliance (ODA) monthly social event on May 28, 6:30 p.m.—Social (bring drinks to share), 7–8:30 p.m.—event, East Rec. Center.



A Russian teacher secretly documents his small-town school's transformation into a war recruitment center during the Ukraine invasion, revealing the ethical dilemmas educators face amid propaganda and militarization.

We invite you to this impactful 90-minute film. We will start promptly so there is time to share your thoughts afterward in this friendly environment. RSVP www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, June 2: CA Primary Election ballots due. We recommend that you vote early and drop off your ballot.

CA Jungle Primary for Governor... what's that? A nonpartisan primary, top two primary, or jungle primary is a primary election in which all candidates for the same elected office run against each other at once, regardless of political party. This distinguishes them from partisan primaries, which are segregated by political party. This is the first round of a two-round system. As opposed to most two-round systems, the first round is a primary held before Election Day, and the second round is not optional. Keep up with who is in this heated race on reliable news media.

Monday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. (social), 7–8:30 p.m. (event), East Rec Center: Susan Gorin, former Sonoma County Supervisor and Oakmont resident, will reflect on her decades of public service, and explore the budget, school closures and other local issues facing Sonoma County residents. With so much attention being paid to state and federal issues, we tend to lose sight of what is happening in our own backyard. Our own Susan Gorin will bring us up to date on the many challenges facing Santa Rosa and Sonoma County. Details at www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org.

Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m., Berger Center: More Joy! Will perform "Detour." Tickets are going fast for our immensely popular local musician/singer group. Reserve today at www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org/event-details/more-joy-detour.

Monday, Aug. 10: Annual Progressives Picnic, West Rec. Center Picnic Area. Details TBA.

Oakmont Democratic Alliance (ODA) is the umbrella organization that hosts Oakmont events with the Oakmont Democratic Club and Oakmont Progressive Club. Info at www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org.

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Spanier said the board will also take under consideration any displacement costs caused by work at the Berger during a 10-month anticipated design/permitting process and conduct a value analysis of the other proposed options, as well as the impact on other projects going forward.

INSURANCE

The OVA Board approved the 2026–27 Property Insurance Renewal Proposal, which reflected a favorable premium reduction.

General Manager Christel Antone said that the California insurance market continues to present significant challenges for homeowner associations, particularly those with wildfire exposure, aging infrastructure and large shared facilities. In recent years, many traditional admitted California carriers have reduced their participation in the HOA market, narrowed coverage offerings, increased deductibles or declined to quote altogether.

“Many large California HOAs are increasingly required to utilize layered insurance programs, drawing from both admitted and non-admitted carriers, as we do,” Antone said. “That’s simply what’s necessary to maintain adequate protection and coverage limits.”

OVA management, the board, the current broker, and insurance professionals will continue to review the Association’s coverage structure in an effort to balance financial responsibility, carrier stability, coverage adequacy, deductibles and long-term risk management for the community.

GOGO GRANDPARENT

Moving forward with GoGo Grandparent, a transportation program that could replace Bus 16, is still in the works but is currently delayed while OVA negotiates the contract. Bus 16 will continue to run for at least the next two months. Antone said that she is in conversations with the City about their upcoming budget cuts that may affect Bus 16, making it even more urgent for OVA to seek out alternative transportation options.

WEST REC. POOL

Resurfacing at the West Rec. pool is still underway and should be complete on schedule by June 1.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The board approved four new members for the Long-Range Planning Committee—Joy Bellomo, Frank Galli, Susan Gorin and John McCarthy.

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Following her presentation, Raj Kalra, MD, founder and CEO of Aroha Memory Care by MD Senior Wellness, will present “Living Well with Dementia: Rethinking Memory Care, Wellness, and Community Support.” Dr. Kalra is a board-certified physician and currently chairs the executive leadership team for the Alzheimer’s Association. His work focuses on rehabilitation, lifestyle medicine, dementia care and innovative wellness-based approaches to senior living and memory care.

“This event is about education, hope, and bringing our community together to better support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer’s disease and dementia,” Dr. Kalra said.

Following the educational presentations, guests are invited to a special reception and community engagement fundraiser benefiting the Sonoma-Marin Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The reception will feature live music, curated wine tasting, appetizers, silent auction experiences, and local vendors who support memory care and senior wellness needs throughout the community.

“This free event focuses on learning about new advances in treatment and lifestyle approaches to Alzheimer’s,” said Dr. Kalra. “But it also as much about bringing the community together for a fun afternoon of connection and support.”

Registration is encouraged. To register, visit tinyurl.com/AdvScience2026 or call (707) 573-1210.

Rock and Roll Piano Virtuoso Coming to the Berger Center

■Oakmont Village Association



Oakmont’s Berger Center will host an evening of classic rock and roll when performer Jared Freiburg brings his show “Kings of the Keys” to the stage on Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the OVA office.

Freiburg’s high-energy show pays tribute to music’s most iconic piano legends, including Ray Charles, Fats Domino, Billy Joel, Elton John, Nat King Cole, Little Richard, and Jerry Lee Lewis, taking audiences on a nostalgic ride through the golden era of rock and roll.

Freiburg is perhaps best known for portraying Jerry Lee Lewis in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Million Dollar Quartet*, a role he performed for five years while touring the world on land and sea. His connection to Lewis runs deep. Growing up in Des Moines, Iowa, Freiburg was introduced

to Lewis’s style as a young teenager and developed what he describes as a serious obsession with both Lewis’s music and the 1950s era as a whole. While his peers listened to contemporary pop, Freiburg was immersing himself in the artists and sounds of the 50s and 60s, spending hours at the piano each day.

He went on to study Jazz Performance in Southern California, where he landed his first opportunity to portray Lewis professionally in the touring production of *Million Dollar Quartet*. In 2021, when the show’s originating creative team developed a sequel—*Million Dollar Quartet Christmas*—they called on Freiburg once again to reprise the role for its world debut tour. He is featured on the production’s 2022 cast recording.

Since his run with *Million Dollar Quartet*, Freiburg has been traveling the world in his own show, performing in theaters, concert venues, and performing arts centers. “Kings of the Keys” promises an evening filled with piano mastery and a parade of beloved golden oldies. They are the kind of songs, as Freiburg puts it, that live on through generations.

Canine Club

■Steven Huntley

2026 OAKMUTT DOGGY DAY DOG SHOW

We’re on: Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Berger Greensward Lawn and Patio! Enter your doggie to win a prize or just come and enjoy the fun!



Meg.

You do not need to be a Canine Club member for you and your dog to participate. This is for all Oakmont residents and their dogs.

To enter your dog in the show simply complete a registration form and put it in the Registration Forms—Complete Folder at the OVA office. Forms can be picked up in the OVA office or downloaded from the Canine Club website at www.oakmontcanineclub.org. The registration deadline is June 1.

Categories are Best Costume, Fastest Dog-Large (greater than 25 lbs.), Fastest Dog-Small (less than 25 lbs.), Best Trick, Best Senior (over 10 years old), and Happiest Dog with the Waggiest Tail.

This year’s show will begin with a brief demonstration

of agility and scent work. There will also be a Caricature Artist on hand to sketch your pups. We will have local vendors and raffle prizes all for your enjoyment. Bring plenty of cash so you can buy lots of raffle tickets.



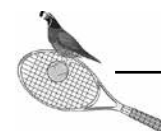
Summer.

In other news, the next special play date at the Happy Tails Dog Park is the Poodle/Havanese/Bichon Mix Play Date on Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.–noon.

Not a member of the Oakmont Canine Club? You can join now! Annual membership dues are only \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households. Go to www.oakmontcanineclub.org for more information on how to join this exciting club! Benefits include a weekly newsletter, an annual club picnic, annual Members’ Appreciation Party at the Wild Oak Saddle Club, and various other social events throughout the year.

Just remember, you can always trust your dog to guard your house, but you can never trust your dog to guard your sandwich.

Tennis Club



■Diane Curtis

HATFIELDS VS. MCCOYS TOURNEY YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!

It’s the two-team tennis showdown modeled after that 19th century rivalry of rivalries between the Hatfields and McCoys. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 30, at 9 a.m. and mosey on down to the West Courts with your weapon of choice (Head, Wilson, Babolet, Yonex, even Prince) and you may dress Appalachian mountaineer if you so choose. There will be none of the carnage of the original confrontations, but there will be competition, and,

no doubt, not a few infuriating drop shots. The team with the greatest number of points will earn a pizza party.

Frank Passaglia and Doug Smith will be the opposing team leaders, determined to bring their group to victory through resolute, but still good-natured, fun and supportive play. Please RSVP by May 25 to hellooakmonttennis@gmail.com.

So, what was the original feud all about? It lasted from the 1860s to the 1890s around the Kentucky-West Virginia border (the Hatfields lived in West Virginia, the McCoys in Kentucky). It involved everything from fatal Civil War differences and a stolen pig to disputes over timber and property rights, as well as a Southern version of Romeo and Juliet. This was no genteel decades-long quarrel. With kidnappings, ambushes, arson and no shortage of firearms, more than a dozen people, including McCoy children, lost their lives. In the end, eight Hatfields received life sentences, and one of their allies was executed by hanging.



Hikers



■Colleen Keegan

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not. Bring water, lunch, hat, layers, sunscreen, and poles if you use them. Go to our website at www.oakmonthikingclub.org to join, get hike details, see photos, register for a hike and more. The annual membership is only \$15. Keep checking website for the latest updates.

MAY 28: LONG HIKE SAN FRANCISCO PRESIDIO



Presidio.

Coastal views, GG Bridge close up and from afar, and Tunnel Tops Park with expansive views of the Bay from armchairs for lunch. Iconic views of the City, headlands and beaches, old defensive batteries, and mansions of the rich and sometimes famous. Distance approximately 10.9

miles, and 1100 feet elevation.

Leave Berger at 8 a.m. sharp. Hike leader is Martin Johns, (330) 815-5167.

MAY 28: INTERMEDIATE HIKE SALT POINT STATE PARK

Beautiful scenic hike along the bluffs from Gerstle Cove to Stump Beach. Fantastic Tafoni rock formations, abundant wildflowers, lovely secluded beach. Distance about 6 miles, approximately 650 feet elevation. Stream crossings and narrow spots with poison oak. Long pants and sleeves recommended.

State Park pass or \$9 per vehicle. Leave Berger 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Florentia Scott, (707) 591-1929.

JUNE 4: LONG HIKE ANNADEL FREY CANYON LAWNDALE LOOP

We will start up scenic Frey Canyon to join the Rhyolite Trail. At the junction of Marsh Trail we take a clockwise route on the Old Ridge Trail and Ridge Trail before arriving at the picnic tables on the Marsh Trail for lunch. From there we follow the Lawndale trail, eventually heading towards the East Rec. Center. Approximately 8 miles and 1,300 feet elevation.

Leave Berger at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Scott Finn, (619) 884-0977.

JUNE 4: INTERMEDIATE HIKE HEART'S DESIRE TO SHELL BEACH

Starting at Heart's Desire Beach near Inverness, we will take trails to Shell Beach, where we will have lunch. Lovely forest path between beaches through patches of Huckleberries with great views of Tomales Bay. 8.5 miles, 1200 feet elevation.

State Park Pass or \$8 per vehicle. Leave Berger 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Florentia Scott (707) 591-1929.

JUNE 4: SHORT HIKE WEST SANTA ROSA CREEK

Exploring, birding and pastoral views along a level shady path. About 3 miles. Check OHC website June 3 for updates.

Depart Berger 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Carolyn Greene, (805) 443-7289.

Sleep Apnea

■Bob Flandermeyer

SLEEP APNEA WELCOMES DR. ACKROYD

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 2, at 1 p.m. in Berger Room G. Greg Ackroyd, MD will be there to advise us on sleep issues, especially the use of our CPAP machines and masks.

Please bring your equipment if it will help you get specific knowledge about your situation. Dr. Ackroyd will conduct the meeting. Bring a pad and pencil for notes we learn from each other.

Music at Oakmont



■Judy Walker

WELCOMING HANS BOEPPLE BACK TO OAKMONT

As previously recorded, our May concert will feature the well-respected Bay Area pianist and teacher, Hans Boepple. Despite a formidable performance history including appearances with over 40 symphony orchestras worldwide, teaching has been Mr. Boepple's true focus and his greatest love. Now semi-retired as a professor of Music at Santa Clara University since 1978, he was instrumental in launching the successful career of many pianists who went on to win major prizes domestically and internationally.



Hans Boepple, piano.

His upcoming performance at Oakmont focuses on three major works by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

The Bach Partita No. 4 in D major consists of a set of six dances typical of the Baroque era. The dances are prefaced by an Overture, which is divided into two contrasting sections—the majestic exclamatory opening, followed by a lively fugue. The entire work provides a marvelous overview of Bach's creative keyboard genius.

This will be followed by one of Beethoven's finest piano sonatas of his earlier period, which perfectly

illustrates the elements of lyricism, tragedy, poetry and humor so prevalent in Beethoven's best works. I once heard Mr. Boepple remark in a master class some years back that if the Opus 10, no. 3 had been given a name, such as the Pathétique, the Moonlight and the Waldstein for example, it would have received far greater attention.

The final music on the program highlights the last of Brahms' three sets of piano pieces or Klavierstücke. Though not composed as highly virtuosic music in the style of Liszt for example, they consist of dense complicated themes which need to be unraveled to unveil the beautiful inner voices and contrasting moods, and are a true test of the player's interpretive and pianistic skills.

At this event we are proud to announce Music at Oakmont's 2026-2027 concert season, the 36th in our history. I think you'll be pleased with the roster of fine artists we have managed to engage as we continue the Music at Oakmont legacy. Full season and mini-passes will be available to purchase.

So, please join us for our closing concert of the current season and to review what we are offering for the future.

WHEN: Thursday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center, Oakmont

ADMISSION: \$35 (cash or check only), or with season pass

Oakmont Art Association

■Linda O'Connor

A YEAR IN REVIEW AND JUNE PROGRAM

The Oakmont Art Association enjoyed a vibrant and enriching year, marked by a diverse slate of programs, engaging presentations, and shared artistic exploration. Month after month, we gathered to deepen our understanding of art across cultures, time periods, and disciplines—guided by a lineup of truly exceptional presenters.

Our journey began with a sweeping look at museums around the world, offering a global perspective on how art is preserved, interpreted, and experienced. From there, we turned to more focused studies, including a compelling exploration of the relationship between Édouard Manet and Berthe Morisot, shedding light on their artistic dialogue and lasting influence on Impressionism.

The intersection of disciplines emerged as a theme throughout the year. A fascinating program on medicine depicted in art examined how illness, healing, and the human body have been portrayed across centuries. Another presentation on space and perspective revealed the technical and conceptual breakthroughs that allow artists to create depth and dimension on flat surfaces.

History and culture were also front and center. Our session on art and the American Revolution highlighted how visual culture both shaped and reflected a pivotal moment in history. Meanwhile, programs dedicated to masters such as Michelangelo and Monet—particularly Monet in Venice—offered deeper appreciation of their techniques, contexts, and enduring legacies.

We also explored specific artistic methods, including the art of frescoes, which illuminated the challenges and beauty of this ancient technique. Each presentation was enriched by knowledgeable and passionate speakers who brought clarity, enthusiasm, and insight to every topic. Beyond the lecture series, we organized two educational bus trips to museums, giving members the opportunity to experience great works of art firsthand. These outings were not only

informative but also fostered camaraderie and shared inspiration among participants.

In addition to our educational programming, we strengthened our sense of community through two enjoyable social events, as well as monthly art shares that provided members the opportunity to showcase their own work, exchange ideas, and support one another's creative growth. A highlight of the year was our well-attended and highly successful art show, which celebrated the talent within our membership and drew enthusiastic participation.

Closing out our 2025-26 OAA season we are pleased to invite you to our June presentation. Picasso is a household name that practically stands for "artist." But how much do you know about the man and his development across more than 70 years of creating art? As we look at about 50 of his 50,000 works, we'll explore this prolific figure, his many styles, and how events in his life influenced his art.



Pablo Picasso.

Gail Mardfin is an active member of AWS, the Art Workshop of Western Sonoma County and is once again teaching art to contemporaries who have the time and inclination to be exploring their own creativity. This brings her great joy, as she is a natural born teacher! She has taught Oakmont art classes for five years, often bringing art-history perspectives into her studio courses. Researching Picasso more deeply led her to a greater appreciation of the artist, and she invites you to discover why and how he became a household name.

WHEN: June 5, 10 a.m. refreshments, 10:30 a.m. program
WHERE: Berger Center

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that the Oakmont Art Association continues to thrive as a community of curious, engaged, and art-loving individuals. With such a strong foundation of programming and participation, we look forward to another year of discovery and connection through the arts.

Playreaders

■D. Hall



These *Shining Lives* by Melanie Marnich. Readers were: (top row) Mark Parsons, Steven Levin, Sarah Shankman, Leslie Tuche; (bottom row) Penny Mackenzie and Marcel Coder. (Photo by John Dolan)

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW READERS TO SHINE

Penny Mackenzie and Sandy White completed their production of *These Shining Lives*, by Melanie Marnich, on May 11. The stirring drama featured Steven Levin, Mark Parsons, Sarah Shankman, Marcel Coder, Leslie Tuche, and Penny MacKenzie.

June will be “new readers” month for Oakmont Playreaders as they present *And Then There Were None*, by Agatha Christie. It’s an opportunity for newcomers who have not read before to put a toe in the water of playreading, and Christie is a wonderful place to start. If you liked her *Ten Little Indians*, you will love *And Then There Were None*.

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!

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

Oakmont Boomers

■Carolita Carr

RONSTADT REVOLUTION—LINDA RONSTADT TRIBUTE BAND

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, doors open at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

COST: \$25 per person. Each member may bring one non-member guest.

BRING: The beverage of your choice and snacks to share.

Tri Tip Trolley will be onsite to sell delicious menu choices.

The Ronstadt Revolution provides a joyful, and inspiring show. You will clap, sing and dance like it was 1975. This band will play all your favorite songs, and



play them magnificently, with passion, grit, and authenticity. This is a not-to-be-missed show.

While registering on oakmontboomers.org is the best

way to guarantee a seat, if you get your paper slip in our folder at the OVA the same day as we go live on the website, you usually can get in; however, due to the Memorial Day holiday, the OVA could be closed.

Our events sell out within hours of going online. Please just try the website. Also, make sure you are a current member. If you experience trouble purchasing on the site, it might be that you need to renew.

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Pickleball Corner

■Peter Copen

PICKLED NEWS FROM HERE AND ABROAD

Pickleball in France: France's pickleball story is not really about surprise growth as much as overall legitimacy. In January, the French Tennis Federation received the sport's official ministerial delegation, giving it the authority to organize, structure, and grow pickleball nationally. France is now treating pickleball less like a novelty and more like a real racket-sport category, with rules, licenses, rankings, and competition pathways.



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

What makes the story more interesting is that this did not happen quietly. *Le Monde* reported last year that pickleball had become the subject of a fight between the French tennis and badminton worlds over who would control it, a sign that the sport had grown important enough for established federations to want it. France now appears to have its answer. Tres bien!

Pickleball in the U.S.: For years, pickleball looked like a space problem: too many players, not enough dedicated places to put them. Now, it is starting to look like a space solution. Seattle has allocated \$2.1 million

for a dedicated pickleball facility at Magnuson Park by 2026, while Sterling Heights, Michigan is turning an existing commercial building into a municipally operated indoor pickleball hub, with a \$10 million total investment and a July 2026 target opening.

That is a meaningful shift. Cities are no longer just squeezing pickleball into leftover space; they are

repurposing real estate around it.

Forward!

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: oakmontpickleballclub.com.

Oakmont Eco-Friendly Garden and Firewise Home Tour

■Lesli Lee, Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Task Force

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 10 AM-1 PM

Can a home and its surrounding landscape be firewise, attractive and provide habitat for native plants and wildlife? Come be inspired by this tour which is sponsored by the Oakmont Firewise and Environmental Stewardship Task Forces, with support from the Oakmont Community Foundation. The goal is to provide Eco-friendly and Firewise examples to help us all move toward combining them at our homes. A tour showing both matters because:

Seeing is believing. Homeowners worried about wildfire, drought, chemicals, or habitat loss often think these issues are at odds. But seeing real gardens full of plants that support pollinators and wildlife and seeing gardens with firewise landscaping demonstrates that they can also be beautiful and water-wise. No brochure or photo convinces people the way a neighbor's thriving garden does. A tour removes the "but will it work here?" doubt. "Use of firewise or habitat plants" means more when you can see and touch examples.

It meets people where they are. Some Oakmonters come for the butterflies; others come because their insurance company is pressuring them; both leave with overlapping solutions of beauty, safety and habitat value.

It builds community resilience. Both habitat and firewise landscaping work best when whole neighborhoods participate. Both practices create connected systems that transcend property lines — fire doesn't stop at wood fences, and wildlife needs spaces bigger than any single yard. A neighborhood acting together reduces the weak links that undermine everyone's individual effort. A tour also inspires conversations and change.

"Working together and learning from each other will help make us and the planet safer simultaneously," said Iris Harrell, Firewise Task Force Chair.

Eco-friendly gardens—emphasize habitat and sustainable landscaping practices: 1) Santa Rosa Fire Station #7, 6590 Stone Bridge Rd.; 2) 6390 Meadowridge Dr (music and refreshments)

Firewise homes—emphasize home hardening and landscaping practices recommended to reduce risk from wildfire: 1) 444 Oak Vista Dr.; 2) 353 Laurel Leaf Pl.

Eco-friendly and Firewise: 404 Oak Mesa Court.

Out of respect and privacy of occupants, please do not visit the homes/gardens before the tour on May 24. Wear sturdy walking shoes for uneven garden surfaces.

For information or to volunteer to greet visitors call (805) 443-7289.



Pre-Vent embers with 1/8" metal screen (this one has lowered cover). (Photo by Louisa Knabe)

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.



MAY 24: NOUVELLE VAGUE

The behind the scenes of the filming of Jean-Luc Godard's *Breathless* (1960), a landmark of the French New Wave film movement. 2025, R, 1:46.

MAY 31: KANDAHAR

A CIA operative and his translator flee from special forces in Afghanistan after exposing a covert mission. 2023, R, 1:59.



JUNE 7: THE VAULT

Follows a genius engineering graduate who is interested in the Bank of Spain's safe. 2021, R, 1:58.

JUNE 14: IS THIS THING ON?

As their marriage unravels, Alex faces middle age and divorce, seeking new purpose in the New York comedy scene. Meanwhile, his wife Tess confronts sacrifices made for their family, forcing them to navigate co-parenting and identities. 2025, R, 2:01.



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Rovers RV Club



■Mary Montague

ROVERS GET ON THE ROAD

Spring is here. Let's get our rigs out! Oakmont Rovers would like you to join us on our upcoming trips we have planned.

First Spring Potluck: Monday, June 8, 5 p.m. at West Rec. Please reach out to Jeff@hickman.cc if you can join us.

First outing for 2026: A trip to Plymouth, CA, June 14-18. We will be staying at 49er Village in gold country.

Second trip: We are traveling back to Fort Bragg, CA, September 20-24. We will be staying at Pomo RV Park and Campground.

Please reach out to Jeff Hickman, (707) 282-9350 or Jeff@hickman.cc, regarding the potluck or camp outings. Fun group to travel with and always great food and trips planned during the day.



49er Village RV Community.

Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti

JUNE MIXER

TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

DATE AND TIME: Friday, June 19, 5 p.m.

WHERE: Central Rec. Picnic Area

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



Actually, there is one thing to bring to the annual picnic. Please support the Homeless Veterans by bringing a donation of hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, wash cloths, sox (large sizes) and men's underwear (large sizes). These simple necessities will be greatly appreciated by our homeless vets. OSSC members Alan Schackman and Diane Soshnik (also Veterans Club member) will be there to accept these donations and thank you for your generosity!

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

RSVP via our website, www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org by June 15 at 12 noon. If no computer or ability to register using your smart phone, feel free to email me at bailey.osc1@gmail.com no later than June 15 at 12 noon.

JUNE BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, June 4 at 5:15 p.m.

RESTAURANT: Caffe Giostra, 1390 N McDowell Blvd, Suite L, Petaluma

Caffe Giostra is a family-owned restaurant proudly serving our community for 29 years. Their commitment to authentic flavors and warm hospitality has made them a cherished gathering place for generations. Their menu features a diverse selection of comfort food classics and globally inspired dishes, catering to a wide range of tastes and preferences.

Indulge in Caffe Giostra's flavorful Fettuccini Gamberi, Eggplant Parmigiana featuring layers of breaded eggplant, marinara sauce, and melted mozzarella cheese or discover pure indulgence with their signature Salmon Piccata. You'll want to dive into succulent, flaky salmon fillets, expertly sautéed and laced with a delightful piccata sauce. It's paired with flavorful roasted vegetables and creamy garlic mashed potatoes, each bite creates a symphony of flavors that will captivate your palate.

Our reservation is for maximum of 20 members. Registration is open until June 1 at 5 p.m. or when the 20 slots are filled, whichever comes first. If there are 20 members confirmed before this date, you will be placed on a waitlist.

Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks! Meet at Berger Center parking lot by 5:15 p.m. to carpool to the restaurant. RSVP on our website or email Simone Smith at ssmith8151@aol.com.

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Sheep Coming, High Weed Mowing Started

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager

With the arrival of warmer weather, it's crucial to tackle the issue of high weeds and overgrown grass in our community. Proper management of our green spaces not only enhances the neighborhood's aesthetic appeal but also reduces fire hazards and promotes a healthy environment. The OVA has commenced high

weed mowing using mechanical equipment.

Starting this week, you will also see sheep grazing in areas around Oakmont to help manage the vegetation. We want to remind residents that feeding the sheep is not permitted, as some plants outside the fenced off areas are poisonous to the sheep. Thank



The sheep are coming to Oakmont! Sheep have been helping manage Oakmont vegetation for several years. This year's flock will soon be munching grasses on OVA common grounds in the beginning of June. (Photo from June 2025 by Gilardo Perez, Maintenance Supervisor)

Oakmont Quilting Bees

■Linda O'Connor

OUR BUSY BEES

The last two meetings of the Oakmont Quilting Bees have been buzzing with creativity, inspiration, and an enthusiastic turnout. We've welcomed both new and returning members—some discovering us for the first time and others happily reconnecting through these pages.

April featured a delightful "trunk show" presented by longtime member Tomi, who shared nearly 40 years of quilting history through her beautiful collection of work. Her quilting journey reflected not only changing styles and techniques, but also the passion and dedication that keeps quilters constantly learning and creating.

Members also brought recently completed projects as well as a few long-forgotten treasures rediscovered from storage. Quilters understand that unfinished projects—fondly called UFOs (UnFinished Objects)—have a way of patiently waiting for their moment.

Our first May meeting introduced something truly extraordinary when Bob shared his stunning Hawaiian

Feather art. He explained the painstaking process of gathering hundreds of feathers and hand stitching them into ceremonial capes and headdresses. The pieces were breathtaking works of art and history. When asked if he had ever worn them, Bob laughed and replied that the garments were ceremonial and, fortunately, he had never needed such a ceremony.

Carol and Mary Ann shared treasured pieces from years past, while Sherry and Joan proudly displayed quilts we had watched evolve from "works in progress" to finished masterpieces. Linda showcased a spectacular butterfly quilt, years in the making, while both Linda and Julia added even more newly completed quilts to the show-and-tell table.

Meanwhile, many members are hard at work on our newest "telephone quilt" challenge. Curious what that means? Visit our blog to see photos and explanations of past projects: <https://pinotandpiecing.wordpress.com>.

For more information, contact Liz McDonnell, (707) 538-2523.



Photos by Liz McDonnell.

you for keeping the sheep safe as they continue grazing our high weed areas.

We conduct the high weed mow in alignment with the declaration of fire season by the Fire Dept, ensuring that our efforts are timely and effective in reducing fire risks.

We encourage all homeowners to ensure their private properties are also well-maintained. Here are some tips for keeping your yards in top shape:

- Regular Mowing: Keep your grass trimmed to a manageable height.

- Weeding: Remove weeds regularly to prevent them from spreading.

- Debris Removal: Clear any fallen leaves, branches, or other debris that can contribute to overgrowth.

Maintaining the beauty and safety of our community is a collective effort. If you have any concerns or notice areas that require attention, please contact the OVA admin office at askova@oakmontvillage.com.

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Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

FROM WHINE TO SHINE

Though she'd been away from exercise for three years (she'd been busy), she was determined to get away from moaning at mornings and sighing her nights away.

She chose a Wednesday morning OHI class. Her tights and top matched her new shoes. She brought weights and water and arrived at 9 a.m. Warming up to upbeat music was a "welcome home." She chastised herself for the long procrastination. "No excuses, this time," she muttered to no one in particular. She was a determined returnee.



And found after warm-ups, aerobic, weights, bands and brain games exhausting. She couldn't catch her breath, her muscles cramped, her legs were lead and her feet seemed glued to Berger floor.

Floor work was her nemesis. She borrowed a mat, got down... and couldn't get back up. Humiliated at the kind understanding of two "regulars," she accepted their help. Disheartened and defeated, she left... To return. After a six-month hiatus she was back. This time she brought with her a new attitude.

She'd rearranged priorities and views of what makes achievement. Her goal was to exercise for 15 minutes. When her watch chimed the time, she knew she could have gone for another five... but also knew it took discipline to stay with a goal. She left class, invigorated.

Next week she was back for 30 and remained at that time for three months.

Does she now go the full 65 minutes? Her surprise answer: "I no longer look at what I haven't done; I look at what I have done. I cut the whine short; I look at what makes me shine. I love moving my body. I love being with up-beat men and women. I love knowing I'm in charge of how I experience my life."

Zoom: 850 1489 7161/998608.

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

MEDITATING TOGETHER WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."—Anne Lamott

Our meditation circle is growing! 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, Birch Room: 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. Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome.

We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.

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

Strength and Balance

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

The Balance and Strength class is held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec. Center. Not only do we work on our balance skills we have lots of fun doing so. The laughter in the room is always contagious.

Everyone is welcome to join the class. There is a \$10 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.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Marilyn Noah

DRINK WINE AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT

The Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont is holding its annual wine tasting on Thursday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at Berger Center. Everyone is invited to be part of this very enjoyable afternoon. All proceeds go toward funding scholarships to UC Berkeley for local students. Attendees can also feel good about supporting nearby wineries during stressful times for the industry.

This year's event features both new and returning local wineries, at least six and possibly seven. There will be appetizers and music performed by the Mello Tones. This year the Mello Tones plan to have their vocalist, Marissa, be part of their program. There will be a silent auction of affordable and fun local experiences and items.

Thanks to those who attended last year's Cal Alumni Club wine tasting, four scholarships were awarded to Santa Rosa Junior College students transferring to UC Berkeley last fall semester. Two future teachers were part of the winners' group, as well as an Astrophysics major who has been volunteering at Ferguson Observatory in the hills across from Oakmont.

Plan ahead! Tickets to the event are \$30 prior to June 10 and \$40 at the door. Advance tickets are available now and may be purchased at www.caloakmont.org.



Lifelong Learning



■Marlena Tremont

CELEBRATING TWO DECADES OF DISCOVERY FEATURING PRESS DEMOCRAT COLUMNIST, KERRY BENEFIELD

Sat., June 20, 2-4 p.m., Berger Center. Cost: \$10.

For 20 years, Oakmont Lifelong Learning has been a cornerstone of educational enrichment and community connection. More than 12,000 students have taken a seat in hundreds of classes and concerts—all supported by passionate volunteers and visionary leadership. Join us as we celebrate our first two decades of discovery.



Kerry Benefield.

Our program features Kerry Benefield, a member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning team reporting on the 2017 wildfires in our hometown *Press Democrat*. Now, she writes a human-interest column on people and places in Sonoma, always "on the hunt for the brightest, most beautiful, weirdest and wildest stories you know."

The day will include music, light refreshments by Chef Karl Turner, wines by Trattore Farms, giveaways and more!

To RSVP, go to OakmontLL.org, fill out a form with your payment in the OVA office or pay at the door.

Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

WILL WE SEE YOU AT THE POOL??

Classes are continuing to meet at the Central pool and with such a large pool there is lots of room for everyone. The weather is getting warmer and the pool is actually toasty warm.

Mary is expected to return to teaching on May 25 and will teach Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for 50 minutes of exercise and fun. There is a drop-in fee of \$10. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Julie's Friday water exercise class continues all year round currently at the Central pool at 10:10 a.m. every Friday. All fitness levels are welcome! \$10 drop-in fee.



■Larry Souza

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

WHEN: Saturday, July 4, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: At the Berger Center

TICKETS: \$25 per person

Bring snacks and BYOB.

Entertainment will be provided by the Coffey Park Band, specializing in classic rock from the 1960s through the 1980s.

To reserve your seat, make checks payable to Sha Boom Events Club. Please include the names of those you'd like to be seated with. Tables are arranged in groups of 8. Place your envelope in the Sha Boom folder at the OVA office.

Questions? Contact me at (707) 327-7208.

It's going to be a fun-filled evening—get your tickets early before they sell out!

Travel and Adventure Club

■September Holstad

PEG MELNIK PRESENTS A 2027 OCEANIA WINE CRUISE

Peg Melnik, Wine Writer and Educator, will be hosting a cruise from Lisbon to Southampton (London) April 24, 2027. She will be joined by Anthony Beckman, winemaker at Balletto and Dustin Valette from Valette wines. They will be hosting on *Oceania Insignia*. There will be special inclusions with a wine reception, wine dinners and wine seminars. Included ports of call on the cruise are Porto, La Coruna, Bilbao, Biarritz, Bordeaux, Saint-Malo and Guernsey in the UK.

Peg will be presenting at the May 27 Travel and Adventure Club meeting. Please come and learn about this wonderful cruise for wine lovers.

The Travel and Adventure Club is open to all Oakmont residents and there is no club fee. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, November and December) at the West Rec. upper level from 3-5 p.m. Come join us and bring a friend.

Please note: The date of the meeting was listed incorrectly in the last *Oakmont News*. The correct date for the meeting is May 27.



Visual Aids Workshop

■Jill Butler

HANDMADE BOOKS FOR BLIND CHILDREN

Come visit Visual Aids Workshop at the West Rec. where we create tactile books that introduce early learning concepts for blind and visually impaired children. Each book is handcrafted with raised Braille and tactile covers to help young learners engage with concepts through touch.

Come see how we bring these early learning concepts to life and experience the joy of providing accessible education to all children around the world. We would love to have you join us every Monday morning 9–11 a.m. upstairs at the West Rec. building. Contact info: jillivannili2503@gmail.com.



Trisha Mitchell, Jann Jakubiec, Jennifer Leland and Sharon Von Dollen. (Photo by Jill Butler)

Café Mortel



■Linda Suhr

HOSPICE OFFERS SERVICES WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED MOST

When I moved to Oakmont ten years ago with my partner, who was in the moderate stage of dementia, I had no idea of the support I would receive from the community. When we ran into others while walking our dog, and he said something... bizarre, these sweet people would smile and roll right along with the conversation. They understood. I was so grateful!

One friend would take him for a drive and out to lunch, which gave him new stimulation and me a few hours of desperately needed respite. These small acts of kindness and support boosted my stamina and my ability to care for him.

Another kind of caring came along when my partner was near life's end. Hospice provided the essential support—medical, emotional, spiritual—he and I needed most at this tender time. Several hospices serve our area. Providence at Home with Compassus is one.

Café Mortel is pleased to host Natalie Bondi, Hospice Care Consultant, and Michelle McCready, Hospice Supervisor, from Providence at Home with Compassus to tell us about the services that hospice offers. They will also discuss your right to choose which hospice to use as well as who pays for hospice.

Join Café Mortel with your hospice questions and to learn more about this valuable service on Wednesday, June 10, from 3–4:15 p.m. in the East Rec. Center. For more information, contact linda@autumnoflifepanning.com.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM (MERP)

On second Saturdays, donate your new or gently used medical equipment and supplies to Medical Equipment Recycling Program (MERP) at the Oakmont Farmers Market. We accept wheelchairs, walkers with seats, adult diapers and more! We're sorry but we cannot accept crutches, aluminum walkers, used commodes, CPAP or ostomy supplies.

Come on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m.–12 noon. Volunteers needed! Info: linda@autumnoflifepanning.com.

Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

WHERE TO STAND DURING PLAY

When not in the circle throwing, where should teammates and opponents stand? To be sure, the answer can be problematic in tournament situations where games are played in immediately adjacent lanes since staying out of another court is essential.

In informal, friendly games, there is no official enforcement of the Rules, only the opportunity to chide others about proper behavior. But both the Rules and sporting expectations are clear and consistent about where players may stand when another is in the circle to throw:

First, only the player throwing and that player's teammates are permitted to be in the area between the circle and the cochonnet—for example, to fill a divot, or suggest the swing line, or point out an obstacle, like a twig, or identify a *donnée* (landing spot).

Second, teammates and opponents must stand either behind the circle or behind the cochonnet and in both cases to the extent space permits, two meters to one side or the other. In general, teammates should stand together and opponents should stand together. Before and after a player throws, this facilitates conferring on strategy and tactics.

Where not to stand: not directly behind or beside the player in the circle (it's creepy!); not in the line of vision ahead and to the side of the player in the circle; not directly behind the cochonnet and directly in the throwing player's field of vision (both are distracting).

Also important is how to stand when another player is in the circle to throw: silent and still.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

Pétanque (pay-tonk), also known as Boules, has been a feature of organized play in Oakmont since the 1980s. The club, founded as an OVA organization 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 chosen. The club has boules to lend while you're learning, and you'll be playing right away.



Steven Payette stands behind the circle and 2 meters to the left of throwing player Jack Pernet.

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 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 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 June: June 9 (week #5), 16 (week #6). No bowling June 2 (Election).

CINCO DE MAYO CHALLENGE

A bowler received a \$5 gift card to Safeway if they bowled a strike in the fifth and eighth frames of a game, hence Cinco de Mayo 5/5/26, 5 + (2+6=8). Winners are: Joanne Abrams, Joanne Bender, Joe Bernal, Laurel Earles, Charlie Ensley, Gordon Freedman, Valerie Hulse, Vickie Jackanich, Shirley Jamison, Robin Schudel, Don Shelhart, and Howard Sidorsky.

RESULTS AS OF MAY 12 (WEEK #4 SUMMER LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Gordon Freedman, 259; Charlie Ensley, 249; Joe Bernal, 244; Richard Adamczyk, 243; Don Shelhart, 234; Glenn Hewitt, 224; Mike Earles, 210.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 300 (100th 300 game, congratulations Joanne); Sandy Osheroff, 268; Robin Schudel, 268; Shirley Jamison, 244; Pat Scott, 237; Valerie Hulse, 234; Peggy Ensley, 233; Laurel Earles, 223; Donnarose Ilecki, 220; Karen Palmiotti, 215; Joanne Bender, 202; Vickie Jackanich, 202.

If you're thinking of joining us, we started our Summer 2026 League on April 14. 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 on all the fun.

Conservatives Club



■Jane Gyorgy

PRIMARIES AND FIREARMS FOCUS FOR MAY AND JUNE

May's meeting will feature Steve Lucanic, District 1 representative of the Sonoma County Republicans, who will break down the upcoming primary and general election.

Lucanic is expected to emphasize the need for grassroots involvement. He states that "all concerned members of the party are needed at all levels to volunteer and help." He is also encouraging the audience to keep an eye on the upcoming Sonoma Republicans of God Bless America's 250th year Celebration, scheduled for July 5th from 12–3 p.m.

Looking ahead, the June 23 meeting promises to be just as informative. The topic? "Firearms: laws vs myths (and what to be on the lookout for), liability insurance, and training."

Our June speaker will be Bryan Kinney, founder of AAO, a firearms training company. Kinney brings

a serious list of credentials (including BSIS, TFF, TIF, AICC, NRA & CRPA to name just a few) and describes his approach as a learning experience that is "individualized to focus on building skills for each member of classes." He has been the keynote speaker at many conferences around the state.

He notes that AAO prepares people for "situational awareness in real life settings" and incorporates both "traditional learning styles as well as hands-on experiences," and online concealed carry classes for both CA residents and non-residents.

Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 4–6 p.m. at the Berger (6633 Oakmont Dr). Food and beverages are welcome!

Non-members: Please email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com and include your and your guest(s) full name.

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Come for the conversation, stay for the community!

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LOCKER RENTALS

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

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The following are OVA Guest Pass types and duration: 1) Guest from outside Sonoma County—up to 90 days; 2) House sitters—up to 90 days (OVA host must present written request to OVA Office for approval prior to visit); 3) Guests living in Sonoma County—2 days per card, and no more than 3 cards per month. Guest cards are available during regular hours in the OVA Office for a \$30 non-refundable fee. Guests accompanied by their Oakmont host are not required to have a Guest Pass.

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Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
 WEST: 7 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
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 CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM
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 CENTRAL POOL HOURS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 18:
 Labor Day–Memorial Day: 11 AM–2 PM daily
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- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
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Oakmont Movers and Groovers



■Denise Lindsey



PRIDE AND JOY SF

During its many years of phenomenal success, Pride and Joy has remained the most popular party band on the Bay Area music scene. This group is the Pride of the Bay Area and a Joy to anyone who loves to dance. They have achieved this by presenting the most timeless pop/soul music of our time in an electrifying high-style show that pulls the audience directly into the heart of their performance.

This band can play anywhere from the most popular clubs on the circuit to wedding receptions, the top society parties and corporate events. Everybody, everywhere, instantly relates to the music.

"It's always been natural for us to reach out and draw in the audience. We make the people feel they're part of the performance because they are. That's what Pride and Joy has always been about: creating a great feeling in the room. That's as important a part of our show as the work we put into our look, choreography, and arrangements."

As evidence of Pride and Joy's across-the-board staying power, the band regularly sells out engagements at San Francisco's premier nightclub, Bimbo's 365 Club, The Fox Theatre in Redwood City, and The Mystic Theatre in Petaluma. In addition, they have played venues in Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Houston, and engagements throughout California.

DATE: Friday, June 5

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Oakmont Village Central Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive

TICKETS: Member \$30; Non-member \$35

Feel free to bring your drinks and snacks to enhance your experience.

SIR Branch #92



■Liz O'Connell

DAVID TETT, BUSHTRACKS EXPEDITIONS, SPEAKS ON WILD ECONOMIES CATERED LUNCHEON

DATE: Tuesday, June 9

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Berger Center

CATERED LUNCHEON: \$35

SPEAKER: David Tett, Bushtracks Expeditions, "Wild Economies; How Nature, People, and Travel Shape Africa's Future"



David Tett.

All men and women are welcome.

Finding a lion in water is an unusual and remarkable sight even for David Tett, a sixth generation Zimbabwean, founder of a boutique safari and expedition company, hosting thoughtful journeys to some of the world's most remarkable and wild places. David has spent three decades offering experiences that blend cultural immersion, natural wonder and rare access. All with some amazing stories!



Great Plains, Botswana.

Come listen to David recount where he has taken guests on tiger safaris, to the coral waters of the Seychelles, and to the historic Swahili coast of Kenya's Lamu Archipelago. Hear how his approach to travel is defined by curiosity, respect for place, and the belief that the most memorable journeys are shaped by insight, access, and care.

David's long-standing relationships with aviation partners, expert guides, conservationists, and local communities tie together how tourists, nature, and travel shape Africa's Future.

Contact Sherry Maggers at smagers9@gmail.com for luncheon menu and reservations.

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PENTECOST, UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

In the Christian tradition Pentecost is one the lesser known, but very important holidays. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, he left the earth and went up into heaven. For ten depressing days his followers hid out in fear. And then came Pentecost, the arrival of the Spirit of God in dramatic fashion on those first believers. On that day over 3,000 people believed and so began the church.



Painting by Johann Michael Rottmayr.

We welcome you to celebrate Pentecost on May 24 and then the next week to join us on May 31 for a potluck and a recent, first-hand report on Ukrainian and Middle-Eastern events and their effects in Europe.

Our Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center.

For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, occasional meetings in Oakmont Gardens, Saturday Prayer, and other gatherings go to www.occstarosa.org, write us at occstarosa@gmail.com or call us at (707) 595-0166.



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