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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, date still to be determined. (Photo from June 2023 by Gilardo Perez, Maintenance Supervisor)

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 the high weed mowing using mechanical equipment.

In the coming weeks, 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 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.

See **SHEEP** on page 5

Reporter Callout

■New Staff

Do you have a keen eye on what's happening in our community and a passion for writing? Oakmont News is looking to expand its team of reporters.

If you're interested and want to learn more, email the editorial team at edit@oakmontvillage.com.

Children's Central Pool Hours Extended for Summer

■OVA Staff

Extended pool hours for children are now in effect from 12 noon to 4 p.m. every day at the Central Pool. The new times started Memorial Day weekend and will continue through Labor Day weekend. The Central Pool is the only facility pool in Oakmont that invites guests under the age of 17. The OVA welcomes residents' grandchildren and young guests to enjoy a few extra hours of swimming at this facility during these warmer months.

Because we know there will be an increase in our pool's visitors, please review these facility pool rules:

- Children (17 years of age or younger) must be accompanied by an Oakmont resident or an adult 18 years or older with a valid guest card during children's hours.
- All pool patrons must shower before entering the pool.
- No food or drink (other than water in a plastic bottle), and no glass is allowed in the pool area.
- No jumping or diving into the pool, nor running on the pool deck.
- Children under the age of 18 are not allowed in the Jacuzzis.
- No diapered children allowed in the pool.
- All guests must have a guest card or be accompanied by an Oakmont resident.
- Capacity limit of Central Pool is 60 guests.

See **POOL HOURS** on page 3



The Oakmont Community Foundation (OCF) presented the Sue Millar Volunteer of the Year Award \$1000 to Volunteer Helpers and Meet Your Neighbors. The grant, named for the late Sue Millar who led the Foundation, is given to organizations chosen by OVA's Volunteer(s) of the Year. From left, Dave Watts chair of the Firewise Committee, OCF President Jackie Ryan, and Katy Carrel, co-chair of MYN. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

Oakmont Car Show

The Oakmont Car Show saw around 118 cars in Oakmont's biggest event on Saturday, May 25. (Photos by Julie Kiil)



Jim and Greg Pardini and their 1953 Chevy Bell Air Sedan.



1938 La Salle Series 50 Coup used as a Taxi by Ed Farber of Sonoma.



Jim Stewart and his 1972 Porsche 911 T.

OVA Admin Office Hours Have Changed

■OVA Staff

The OVA Admin Office is now closed between 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. This change only affects the admin office hours and not those of the architectural or maintenance offices, which remain the same.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the new office hours, please don't hesitate to contact us at askova@oakmontvillage.com.

New office hours:

- Admin office: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m. (closed from 12–1 p.m.)
- Architectural Office: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m.; Friday—Closed
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Please note that holidays may impact these hours.



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Arts and Craft Fair

Gloomy foggy weather didn't keep the crowds away from a great Arts & Craft Fair Saturday, May 18. (Photos by Julie Kiil)



Fireside Chat

■Heidi Klyn

Everyone is invited to attend this chat, meet some of the board members and let us know your concerns and ideas.

WHEN: Thursday, June 20

WHERE: Berger Center **TIME:** 6:30-8 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

NEW PEDESTRIAN SAFETY LIGHTS AT PYTHIAN AND OAK TRAIL DRIVE

GM Christel Antone, the city of Santa Rosa traffic and engineering (Rob Sprinkle) and I had pedestrian safety flashing lights installed at the crosswalk at Pythian and Oak Trail Drive. This will allow pedestrians to cross safely at the marked crosswalk. One will press the button marked on the pole to activate the flashing LED lights to alert motorists that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk.

California DMV rules state that you must slow down or stop when a pedestrian is at or near a crosswalk, marked or not. Take time to be kind! We are an adult community and should respect everyone's right to walk/cross safely at any corner or crossing. Distracted drivers, i.e. on their cell phone or late for a Tee time/dining, is not an excuse to avoid the law or your neighbors' safety.

Please pay attention to your surroundings and be respectful of everyone, animals included, when you are driving in Oakmont. Remember that the speed limit is 25, Oakmont-wide.

Again, thanks to all that were involved in providing a new safety system for all.
Gary Tucker

OVA Presents "Phantom of the Opera" Star

■News Staff

On Thursday, June 27, Oakmont will get a taste of the music of the night when Franc D'Ambrosio performs Broadway favorites from the Berger stage. Best known for his portrayal of the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning *The Phantom of the Opera*, D'Ambrosio will



perform a medley of favorites from the musical, plus classics from other Broadway shows like *Oklahoma*, *Hamilton*, and *The Book of Mormon*, among others.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 6 p.m. Seating is theater style. Tickets are \$35, available in the OVA office.

POOL HOURS Continued from page 1

If you have questions about the rules or believe someone is violating the rules, please email askova@oakmontvillage.com, or contact the OVA Office at (707) 539-1611. We ask residents to not police the pools themselves, but to allow the OVA staff to handle any misuse of our facilities.



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InvestOAK



■Joe Pundyk

ARE COMMODITY PRICE INCREASES AFFECTING INFLATION?

The Chairman of the Federal Reserve Governors, Jerome Powell said early last week, that "Inflation has been more difficult to contain than originally thought." On Thursday, May 23 the major US market indexes sharply dropped. And Friday the indexes recovered from most of their losses.

This major market indecision is possibly being caused by the rise in such basic commodities in metals, key agricultural products and construction materials. Another important factor is government spending.

These issues will be examined in the next session of InvestOAK on Friday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in Room B of the CAC.

Oakmont Democratic Club



■Robin Jurs

GEARING UP FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The Oakmont Democratic Alliance (ODA), a coalition of the Oakmont Democratic Club, Oakmont Progressives, Persisters, Sister District and Standing for Justice, meets each month to discuss critical issues related to the November election. We welcome your participation. Please join us at any or all of the following events (go to Oakmontdemocraticalliance.org for updates and details):

June 10: ODA—Gearing up for Action with Central Valley Matters and Preparing for the Walk-a-thon, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

June 15: Sister District—Poker for Democracy Party, ERC, 6–9 p.m.

June 22: Walk-a-thon for Democracy, WRC, 8 a.m.–noon. (register online at oakmontdemocraticalliance.org)

July 1: Postcarding with Persisters, WRC, 2–4 p.m.

July 25: ODA—How to talk to people about the issues and voting, ERC, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

August 5: Postcarding with Persisters, WRC, 2–4 p.m.

August 10: ODA Picnic, WRC in the afternoon

August TBD: Fundraiser with Adam Gray, "our" House of Representatives candidate from Central Valley, other guest speakers to be announced

Other events to be planned: Oakmont canvassing, Central Valley canvassing, Phone banking, fundraising.

We encourage you to get involved. Everything we do is to ensure a future for our children and grandchildren where they can thrive. It is going to take everyone working together all the way up to the election.

Please join us. And, as always, whatever you do, bring a friend along. See you there.

Oakmont Cat Care Coop



■Mary Ellen King

NEED CARE FOR KITTY WHILE YOU ARE AWAY?

Join the Oakmont Cat Care Coop and share the care! For Oakmont residents only. Active participation for over 15 years.

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



Sister District Project of Oakmont

■Carolita Carr

POKER FOR DEMOCRACY

WHEN: Saturday, June 15

TIME: 6–8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oakmont

DONATION REQUESTED: \$25

Join the Oakmont Sister District club for Poker for Democracy, our most popular event. Whether you are a card shark or just want to have a fun time with fun people, you'll have a good time! We will provide a lasagna dinner (with a vegetarian option), but feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Play will feature Texas Hold'em and Dealer's Choice tables. Betting ranges from \$.25–\$1 with a three-raise limit. We recommend starting with \$20 worth of chips, which can be purchased at the event.

For registration go to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sd155-pa-kim-poker-sonomace>.

The location and other information for the event will be emailed to you after registration. Beginners are welcome and may attend an orientation at 6 p.m. Questions? Email sd.sonomacountyeast@gmail.com.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Marilyn Noah

WINE TASTING— WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 3 PM AT EAST REC.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont is hosting a wine tasting at East Rec on Wednesday, June 19, from 3–5 p.m. Multiple local small wineries will be pouring and appetizers will be served. A silent auction will be part of the event.

Proceeds go to support scholarships for Santa Rosa Junior College students who will be transferring to UC Berkeley.

Cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For advance tickets, contact Linda Williams at oakmontcalalums@gmail.com or (707) 322-6272.



■Denise Bickert

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Do you appreciate sharing good food and wine with friends? The Dinner for Eight group is a great way to meet new people and enjoy dinner. The next rotation is July to December.

Over the six months each group of eight meets four times, rotating hosts. The host couple provides the main course and the others bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Each couple brings a bottle of wine to share. The groups are assigned but each group sets the dates and food assignments over the six-month period. There are subs available in the event someone cannot make all four dinners.

We currently have 5 groups, but people drop out or sometimes skip a rotation. In addition, we can form additional groups. Dinner for Eight is a subset of the Boomers Club and we ask that you are a current Boomers member to participate. You can find Boomer membership information on the website oakmontboomers.org.

I will be contacting current members by email. For potential new members, if you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact me at denisebickert@comcast.net or (707) 623-7413.

Bon Appetit!

Playreaders



■D. Hall

ROMANTIC COMEDIES IN PERFORMANCE

June begins with two romantic comedies, followed by a little gallows humor as Oakmont Playreaders continues its full-house run.

On June 3, I presented two one-act romantic comedies, *Fishing for Fate* by Dagny Collier, and *Tender Offer* by Wendy Wasserstein. The first involved a strange cab ride, and the second a touching reconnect between a father and daughter. Lisa and Michael Erwin starred in both.

On June 10, we'll see Marcel Coder's delayed *Not My Cup of Tea* by Albert Groff, a short tale of daughter derangement.

In July, it's *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon, featuring John Dolan and Jim Preston.

Join Playreaders the first two Mondays of every month in Room B of the Central Activities Center at 2 p.m. First-come, first-seated.

Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

DAILY DRAW

Monday through Saturday, show up at 9:15 a.m. to bowl at 9:30.

OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, May 14, we had the first round of our Open Pairs Tournament. We had 16 bowlers on 4 rinks. The winners of the first round were: Jim Krause (skip) and James Chang, Mark Johnston (skip) and Mary Blake, Bonnie Johnston (skip) and Pam Dempsey, Richard Goodwin (skip) and John Jaye.

On the next round, Richard and John defeated Jim K and James, Bonnie and Pam defeated Mark and Mary. And in the final round, Bonnie and Pam defeated Richard and John to be the best open pairs in all of Oakmont!



Back row—Richard Goodwin and John Jaye; front row—Pam Dempsey, Mark Johnston, and Bonnie Johnston.

Based on the skill of all the bowlers involved, this must have been an amazing game to watch. Bonnie hadn't really wanted to bowl as skip, but graciously agreed to. We may need to have her play skip more often.

NEW CLUB SHIRTS

Kevin Johnson has been researching a new club shirt, with a lighter, but SPF 50, fabric for hot summer days. The shirt would have simple green stripes on one shoulder but otherwise are white enough to use in tournaments. Price would be \$29.50, a little more for large sizes. We need to order at least 12, so he needs to know if there's enough interest before proceeding. Contact Kevin if you're interested in a new club shirt.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 13: Vet/Novice Pairs

Thursday, June 11: After 5 Potluck

Tuesday, June 25: Men's Triples

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

Performing Arts Workshop



■ Sherri Hoefling

HAVE YOU GOT A TALENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW OFF?

WHO: You and your Oakmont friends

WHAT: First Wednesday Open Mic

WHERE: Upper East Rec.

WHEN: First Wednesday of every month, 6 p.m., next one is July 3

MORE INFO: Sherri Hoefling, (707) 236-5500 or Jim Munger, (707) 775-8943

OAKMONT PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP, WHAT IS IT?

Our goal is to provide a space for people interested in the performing arts to practice their craft. There is no substitute for time under the lights, or in front on a microphone, to accelerate your growth as a performer. We are creating a safe space for anyone to show their talents, we will not be critiquing your performance although you are welcome to ask for opinions from those in attendance.

We have reserved the Upper East Rec the first Wednesday of each month and will host an Open Mic. Starting at 5:45pm you can sign up for a 6-minute time slot and performances will start no later than 6pm but hopefully earlier. If less than 10 people sign up, your performance time could be expanded. We have the hall until 10 p.m. Sound system will be provided but if you need guitar amps, music stands, special stool, etc., please bring it.

We look forward to hearing Oakmont's many talented musicians and we hope others will come show off their talents. Are you a comedian? How about a story teller? Juggler? Ventriloquist? (Please, no fire dancers, it makes Oakmonters nervous). Let's see what you've got.

If this sounds like fun, you do not need to perform to attend. Every performance needs an audience. There is no charge for this event. Please come see our version of Oakmont's Got Talent.

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.

See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information, bowling dates, weekly results and team schedules to bring cookies and help set up at 1:15 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates for June: June 11 (week #5), 18 (week #6). No Bowling June 25 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF MAY 14 (WEEK #3 SUMMER LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Gordon Freedman, 243; Larry Souza, 235; Scott Harris, 228; Don Shelhart, 225; Terry Leuthner, 224; Mike Apicella, 214; Juan Fuentes, 204; Glenn Hewitt, 203.

Women's High Games: Vickie Jackanich, 247; Sandy Osheroff, 246; Diane Price, 245; Rhonda D'Agostini, 226; Carolita Carr, 225; Karen Palmiotti, 224; Peggy Ensley, 223; Elisabeth LaPointe, 221; Pat Scott, 215; Jeanne Harden, 208; Robin Schudel, 204; Barbara Koch, 202.

Most of us have all bowled on a bowling league some time in our lives and here's your chance to do it again without the weight of a heavy bowling ball. Come by to see us in action.

Pickleball Corner



■ Peter Copen

PLAY PICKLEBALL—LIVE 9.7 MORE YEARS!

Do people who play pickleball live longer? A Mayo Clinic study notably found that playing tennis or pickleball and badminton increased the life expectancy of participants by 9.7 years and 6.2 years, respectively.

What is the healthiest sport for longevity? Swing a racket, live longer?

Exercising solo is great, but if you want to live longer, team sports should be in the mix, according to the results of a study published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings, with tennis, badminton and soccer all better for longevity than cycling, swimming, jogging or time pumping iron.

Do people who play paddle sports live longer? One widely publicized 2017 study of more than 80,000 British men and women found that those who played racket sports tended to outlive those who jogged.

Is 70 too old to play pickleball? No. A 70-year-old can play pickleball. The sport's adaptability suits all ages, including seniors. It provides low-impact exercise, improves balance and flexibility, and nurtures social connection, offering a holistic approach to well-being. Age is just a number, and pickleball knows it.

Is pickleball a lifelong sport? Pickleball is truly a lifetime sport, as one can play it well into their 80s. Not too many sports can be played competitively from childhood into your advanced senior age, but Pickleball is one sport that fits into that category extremely well.

Why do old people like pickleball? Pickleball is gentle on your joints. Compared to high-impact activities, you don't have to run or jump much. Therefore, it's a good option for seniors since there's a lower risk of joint stress and injury.

New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Arrangements can be made by contacting Victoria Dettman at (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. For mentoring, contact Barbara Ricossa at ricossa@ymail.com.



Cartoon by Peter Copen.



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- 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.

Can't get to Church?

Watch the Catholic TV Mass

Sundays

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6:00 AM: KTSF - CH 26

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Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

This is a very important year to discuss current events! Please join us every Friday from 1–2:30 p.m. at the East Rec. to hear all sides of issues from local to international. Come in person if you can; join us on Zoom if you can't.

Following the meeting join us at OAK for Happy Hour. This has become very popular, giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

If you are not on the Zoom mailing list and wish to be, or if you have questions, email tinaleswis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■Hilary Gruendle



HAPPENING AT OAK AND VOM GOLF CLUB

TRY THE EARLY BREAKFAST AT OAK

OAK is opening for weekend breakfast at 7 a.m., Fridays through Sundays. For now, these early breakfast options are only for these three days, but if the early hour mealtimes prove popular, OAK may include other days of the week, too.

KNIFE SHARPENING ON JUNE 26

Every month, on the last Wednesday of the month, stop by the parking lot of OAK for knife and garden tool sharpening. This month, knife sharpening is on Wednesday, June 26. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain cancels.

The fees: \$7 per knife any size including serrated, \$7 for scissors, \$12 for most garden tools, trimmers, loppers, and choppers.

LIVE MUSIC MONDAYS

Come to OAK on Mondays for live music between 5–7 p.m. Reservations required, \$8 cover charge. Here's who you can look forward to seeing next:

June 17: Second Street Band

June 24: Glory Dayz featuring Frankie Adel from Sha na na

DINE FOR A DEAL

And, of course, don't miss out on our favorite days of the week. Taco Tuesdays offer up a \$3 beef taco with beverage purchase. And Thirsty Thursday, treat yourself to a \$3 Draft Coors Light.

When you dine at OAK, don't forget that all Oakmont residents receive a 10% discount when they tell their server.

Visit www.playvom.com for all upcoming events and happenings at OAK and Valley of the Moon Club.



■Marie Haverson

SHA-BOOM EVENTS CLUB PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY BBQ

WHEN: Thurs., July 4. Doors open 4 p.m., dinner 5–6 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center **COST:** \$40 each person

MUSIC: Second Street Band

MENU: BBQ chicken by Charlie's BBQ, The Boss Hot Dog, Green Salad, Mac and Cheese, Coffee and Lemon Water

Please make your checks payable to Sha-Boom Events Club and place in folder at the OVA office or mail to Ray Haverson, 7111 Oak Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

For more information call (707) 539-6666.

Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti



Director Simone Smith tries her hand at playing Petanque. (Photo by Don with Oakmont Petanque Club)

JUNE MIXER ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 5 p.m.

WHERE: Central Activities Center (CAC) Patio! (facing the golf course)

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

Something new that we're asking picnic goers to do is to bring a donation to support the Sonoma County Veterans Outreach Drive. The Oakmont Veteran's Club joined with other Sonoma County Veterans Clubs to help veterans and their families. We have several veterans in our club and it's a great opportunity to support all veterans.

What is needed: (for men and women vets) new packaged underwear and socks, hotel sized toiletries, large bars of soap and washcloths. We will have a place to accept your kind gifts. Feel free to contact Alan or Bailey for more information.

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!

Please RSVP to proslyn49@aol.com by June 17!

JUNE BON APPETIT (SINGLES ONLY) UPDATE! THURSDAY, JUNE 13

TIME: Meet at 5:45 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: Yeti Restaurant, 190 Farmer's Lane / Hwy 12, Santa Rosa. www.yeticuisine.com/food.

Located at the intersection of Hwy. 12 and Farmer's Lane. Yeti offers a variety of Indian and Nepalese Cuisine with choices to satisfy you whether a carnivore, poultry addict, vegetarian and/or practicing gluten free. Lots of spices to wake up the senses.

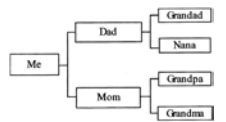
Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks!

RSVP Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com or (650) 966-1997.

DO YOU LIVE IN OAKMONT? ARE YOU SINGLE?

If so, join our club to mix and mingle with other Singles. Oakmont Singles Club offers the opportunity to network with other singles who may have your same interests. For more Oakmont Singles Social Club membership information, contact President Deb Ponts at dponts707@gmail.com.

Genealogy Club



■Melinda Price

SHARING STORIES OF INTERESTING FAMILY EVENTS

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 24 in the East Rec. It will also be available by Zoom, so watch your emails for the info you'll need to access it.

We'll share stories of members of our family, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., who have an interesting event in their life, or an interesting life overall. Bonnie Anderson will share the story of her great-great-grandmother who was an OB-GYN doctor at Ellis Island.

We're asking anyone who has a story to share to send a picture of the person, if they have one, to George McKinney at: georgewmck@gmail.com.

The Oakmont Genealogy Club meets from 1–3 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and December) both via Zoom and live in the East Rec. There are no club dues, and anyone who is interested in their family history can join.

For information about genealogy research or club activities, please visit our website at: www.oakmontgenclub.org. Past programs are posted there as well as tips and internet links.

Email us at: oakmontancestry@gmail.com if you have research questions or would like to receive our e-newsletter.

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■John Brodey

SUPER TROUPER

When Amy Miller walks into a room, you'd better buckle up. Amy is the co-founder and creative director of the Transcendence Theater Company, aka Broadway Under the Stars. Most of you know of this national treasure in our midst. Those who are newly settled in Oakmont are in for a treat.

The summer programs featuring world class talented singers and dancers doing a different themed show each month of the summer have earned the title of best outdoor theater in the country. Until last year, home has been the beautiful stone shell of the old winery in Jack London.

During a recent visit to our Thursday VOM Rotary breakfast, Amy was accompanied by two members of the cast to provide a little morning entertainment and they didn't need any prompting to entertain us with a couple of songs. She also discussed the parks department's move to suspend their use of Jack London pending an assessment of any potential environmental impacts. Literally hitting the road in search of another venue was especially difficult considering they were leaving a perfect spot and the unique needs required to put on a program.

With the assessment dragging on, the team had to find another location for this summer. They found it in Sonoma at the "field of dreams," an open area just two blocks north of the square. It comes with conditions which will only allow them to do four shows (Th., Fr., Sa., Su.) twice a month. Sadly, the assessment seems to be excessive given that the pristine condition of the grounds.

We need to see Transcendence return home. You can help by visiting www.friendsoftranscendence.org to see how. And for more info go to www.transcendencetheatre.org and see this summer's schedule.

Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper

THESE PAWS ARE MADE FOR WALKING!

It's no secret. Just look around. An estimated 56% of dogs in the U.S. are overweight or obese. Walking a dog twice a day helps control weight while building stronger muscles, bones and joints. It also reduces the risks of arthritis, skin infections, heart disease and diabetes.

Dog walks deliver other benefits. They expose dogs to new smells and sounds, enrichment that provides mental stimulation. Walks also strengthen bonds with the owner (especially if the cell phone is left unanswered). And they offer a chance to throw in some extra training or to reinforce behavior already taught.



Dogs aren't the only beneficiaries of walks. The physical and mental benefits for people are well known.

MEET, WALK, SOCIALIZE

Yappy Hour Dog Walks are self-paced walks of about 1 to 2 miles.

• Linda's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Monday, June 17, 9 a.m. Meet at the west corner of Oakmont Dr. and Greenfield Circle.

• PJ's Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Friday, June 28, 9 a.m. Meet at corner of Oakmont Dr. and Singing Brook.

AT HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK

Havanese/Bichon Alert! The Dog Park is reserved on June 29 from 10 a.m. to noon for a play date with these lively little dogs.

RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Visit the club website (<http://www.oakmontcanineclub.org/>) for a variety of resources in and outside of Oakmont. Have your dog included in the Photo Gallery by e-mailing Steve Huntley a photo, the name of the dog, the word "Photo," and the words "Photo Gallery" in the subject line. Mail to shuntley@huntleyenvironmental.com.

JUNE 8 EVENT

Dogwood Animal Rescue Project is holding their Annual Spring Meet and Greet Event on June 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the south end of the Berger lawn.

Café Mortel



■Linda Suhr

SOLO AGING WORKSHOP COMING TO OAKMONT IN FALL OF 2024

Dr. Sara Zeff Geber, author of *Essential Retirement Planning for Solo Agers*, will be facilitating a workshop in Oakmont for solo agers who want to discuss and elevate their plans for the future. The workshop will run monthly for six months, starting in September. This is a live workshop—it will take place in-person only and not be available on Zoom.

Each month the workshop will focus on a different aspect of planning. Participants will benefit from the knowledge and thought leadership of Dr. Geber as well as other local experts in the fields of law, finance and eldercare. Participants will be expected to commit to all six workshop meetings which will take place in Oakmont on Saturday mornings. Because of the highly interactive and personal nature of the workshop, enrollment is limited to 18 solo agers (older adults who do not have children or other family available to help them in later life).

If interested, please contact Dr. Geber directly. She will provide information on the fee, answer questions about the workshop, and handle registration. Contact her at Sara@LifeEncore.com.

NEXT MEETING

Café Mortel will meet on Wednesday, June 12 from 3–4:15 p.m. in the East Rec. This will be an open-ended discussion about aspects of the end of life. All Oakmonters are welcome.

For those interested, we will meet earlier on June 12 at 2 p.m. in the East Rec. to discuss the film, *The Last Ecstatic Days*. For more information and to view this film on your own beforehand, go to <https://kinema.com/films/the-last-ecstatic-days-a-q-p2>.

Constitution Club



■Jane Gyorgy

CHANGE OF FOCUS

Given the interest expressed over time, especially at our April 23 meeting, to transition from the "Constitution Club" into what might be called the "Conservative Conversations" club, we have changed the focus of our June 25 gathering. This change entails a shift towards more politically focused discussions and the potential formation of political action groups.

Various ideas are being explored, from casual, sociable gatherings to a structured format with speakers and political action groups. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our club. Remember, we meet only once every other month, on even months, on the fourth Tuesday between 4-6 p.m. in the Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive. We are also considering more frequent gatherings to accommodate your interests.

If you are not a member, please email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com, provide your area code and phone number, and indicate your ability to receive texts. We do not use your email for anything other than meeting invitations and meeting reminders.

Five dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to ensure a smooth transition. They are actively working on getting phone numbers to reach out to each of you before the June gathering, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to gathering your ideas and interest in the change of focus.

Our June 25 gathering has been completely revised to accommodate the volunteer's findings and new members. We are thrilled about the changes and are excited to have secured a speaker, Cheryl Giurlani, President of Santa Rosa Republican Women Federated (est., 1945), to talk about the changes we are considering and her experience with a more politically focused organization. We can't wait to share these exciting developments with you.

Oakmont Progressives



■Linda Suhr

WALK FOR DEMOCRACY

On Saturday, June 22, beginning at 8 a.m. at the West Rec. Picnic Area, walkers will join with family, friends and neighbors to complete the Oakmont Walkathon for Democracy: Your Vote; Their Future.

Walkers can enlist others to sponsor them by the mile, or they can sponsor themselves, choosing one of three walk routes within Oakmont: one under a mile-long, another nearly two miles, and the third nearly three miles long.

All are invited to join the fun and support 2024 democratic causes across California. Funds raised will go to, among other causes, the group Central Valley Matters, which is a coalition of over 30 California volunteer groups and organizes to guarantee fair election results and voter access to election polls.

Register and get information at OakmontDemocraticAlliance.org/Walkathon, or call (707) 978-5131.

Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

■Anne Marie Siu Yuan

DOCUMENTARY CARVED IN SILENCE WITH FILMMAKER FELICIA LOWE

DATE: Wednesday, July 10

TIME: 2–4 p.m.; door open 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: East Rec. COST: Free

Carved in Silence tells the story of Chinese immigrants who were detained at the United States Immigration Station at Angel Island in San Francisco Bay during the little-known Chinese Exclusion era.

The Chinese Exclusion Act was a United States federal law signed by President Chester A. Arthur on May 6, 1882, prohibiting all immigration of Chinese laborers for 10 years. The law made exceptions for merchants, teachers, students, travelers and diplomats. It was the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States. The law remained in force until the passage of the Magnuson Act in 1943, which repealed the exclusion and allowed 105 Chinese immigrants to enter the United States each year.

Felicia Lowe is an award-winning independent media producer, director, and writer with 40 years of production experience. Her documentaries *Chinese Couplets*, *Carved in Silence*, *Chinatown and China: Land of My Father* reveal the unique experiences of Chinese in America while underscoring our common humanity. Prior to producing documentaries, she was one of the first Asian female television news reporters and worked in children's programming. A descendent of Angel Island detainees, she's been a leader in the preservation and restoration of this National Historic Landmark.

Please join us for this free documentary screening, followed by Q&A with filmmaker Felicia Lowe.

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Hikers



■Scott Finn

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not and the annual membership is only \$15. Go to our website at www.oakmonthikingclub.org to join the club, get hike details, club information, photos and more.

For a complete description of each hike and to register, please keep checking our website for updates.

LONG HIKE: JUNE 13 SEA TO SKY TO RUSSIAN GULCH TO RAPTOR RIDGE LOOP WITH OPTIONAL 6-MILE ADDITION TO POLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT

We will begin our hike in Jenner Headlands Preserve. Our loop will begin clockwise to capitalize on the stunning views. This trail is well maintained with beautiful scenery and wildlife and adds a great bird watching opportunity. There are some hilly and exposed areas, while others are shaded and in tall pines and redwoods. The total hike is 9 miles with an elevation gain of 1,800 feet.

The optional extended hike to Pole Mountain will total 3600 elevation gain and provide amazing 360-degree views of the coast and conifer forest. Bring the usual lunch, liquids, layers and polls if you need



Russian River meets the Pacific Ocean.

them. Hike leaders are Peggy Clark, (650) 274-4137 and Chris Sork, (707) 495-3196 for the extension. Please note early start time of 8 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE HIKE: JUNE 13 WEST COUNTY REGIONAL TRAIL/BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Starting in Forestville, we will hike a 5-mile out-back along a mostly level paved path with views of farms, pastures, and vineyards. The West County Regional Trail is built on land that was once the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railway. Bring a picnic lunch for the end of the trail. Optional self-guided visit to the Hallberg Butterfly Garden (\$5)—must reserve on the website. See separate entry—space is limited.

Leave Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leader is Marilyn Pahr, (707) 541-6430.

LONG HIKE: JUNE 20 BEST OF JACK LONDON STATE PARK

Nice hike that is mostly shaded and has excellent views. Majestic redwoods, misty forests and many wildflowers. From the Jack London State Historic Park parking lot, we will hike to Camp Via on the Vineyard Trail and then a steep climb to Sonoma Ridge on the Trap Trail. After exploring a portion of the Sonoma East Slope trail, we will return to the parking area on the Mountain and Lake Trails. Approximately 11.5 miles and 2,300 elevation change.

Bring plenty of water, lunch/snack, layers and poles, if you use them. Long pants and tick repellent recommended due to a few trails starting to get overgrown with grass. Leave the Berger parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader: is John Schwonke, (707) 292-7359.

INTERMEDIATE HIKE: JUNE 27 HISTORIC OLOMPALI STATE PARK

The Grateful Dead lived here back in the day!



Grateful Dead House.

Historic Olompali State Park in Novato is back open now after a long closure. Former home of the Grateful Dead and before that the Grateful Miwok, and even a commune. We'll visit the Miwok Village along the Miwok trail and then part of the upper Miwok trail. With any luck, I'll get a ranger to open the museum for us.

Bring poles and a lunch as we will dine alfresco on the picnic tables at the conclusion of the hike. About 6.5 miles and 900 feet of elevation. Early start at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader is Gary Andersen, (360) 778-9604. Please RSVP.

LONG HIKE: JUNE 27 ANNADEL STATE PARK: A THROUGH HIKE INCLUDING HENRY'S KNOB AND LAKE ILSANJO

A through hike in Annadel taking in the views from Henry's Knob and passing Lake Ilsanjo. We will leave cars by the community gardens and drive to the top of Oak Mesa to start. 8 miles and 1,100 feet elevation gain.

Bring poles lunch and water. Leave the Berger parking lot at 8.30 a.m. Hike leader is Martin Johns, (330) 815-5167.



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Jewish Interest Group



■Howard Sidorsky

TWO ADDITIONAL VIEWS FROM ISRAEL SUNDAY, JUNE 16, EAST REC. CENTER AT 2 PM



Michael Harris.

Dr. Michael Harris will speak about his volunteer trip to Israel in March. He will discuss the experience working in some of the communities in the Gaza envelope that had been invaded on October 7, as well as what it was like being in Israel during this challenging time.

In July our meeting has been changed from July 21 to July 7. We

will have a very interesting speaker, Rachel Canar, talking about Nature Israel. She will be talking about why Israel is environmentally important and globally relevant to what is happening in the world today. Rachel will be make a presentation on July 7 at 2 p.m.



Rachel Canar.

As usual, bring a snack or beverage to share. Coming early to help set up is always appreciated at 1:30 p.m. Everyone in Oakmont and their guests are invited to all JIG sessions.



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The Oakmont Sunday Symposium board celebrated the finale of its record-breaking 30th anniversary season on May 19 with a performance by Transcendence Theatre Company cast members. The symposium fall programs resume September 8. (Photo by Julie Kiiil)

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Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

2024 SANTA ROSA BRAGGING RIGHTS

The 2024 “Boule Fight for Santa Rosa Bragging Rights” was a nail-biter, with Oakmont winning its home match 5 games to 4 but narrowly dropping the two-match tournament 8-10 to Santa Rosa. The outcome of the tournament was decided by the last boule of the last end of the last game.

In Santa Rosa’s home match Oakmont had lost 3-6, but the game scores were close. Oakmont entered its home match with a good chance to claim tournament victory if they could win 6-3 or better. The three Oakmont teams posted an impressively strong 5-1 game lead going into the final round but stalled at 5 wins.

The final game was tied 9-9 with one end left to play. Oakmont’s last boule rolled into scoring position, but Santa Rosa shot out the Oakmont point with its last boule to win the game. Oakmont finished with a +6-point tournament differential, but failing to get the sixth win, fell 8-10 for the tournament.



Steven Payette (left), Oakmont Pétanque Club Chair, congratulates Bernard Passemar, Pétanque La Rose captain, on Santa Rosa’s victory in the 2024 “Boule Fight for Santa Rosa Bragging Rights” tournament.

Oakmont players were: Pi’i Edwards, Steve Edwards, Richard Goodwin, Ellean Huff, Jim Knapp, Linda McPherson, Don McPherson, Rachel Meserve,

Barbara Newton, Steven Payette, Jean-Michel Poulnot, Jim Tosio, and back-up Maureen Pennal.

EVENING PÉTANQUE JUNE 13

The Evening Pétanque potluck dessert social kicks off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 with informal socializing. Casual play begins around 6:45 p.m. Please bring: a dessert, fruit or snack to share; your own table service; and your own beverage of choice.

SINGLES CLUB TRIES PÉTANQUE

The club hosted a demonstration for the Oakmont Singles Social Club’s May 17 meeting. About two dozen Singles Club members participated in an introductory demonstration led by Steven Payette, Linda McPherson, Don McPherson, and Margi Nielsen. Singles Social Club members then played in three competitive, enthusiastic games that all ended in 5-4 scores.



Two dozen Oakmont Singles Social Club members participated in a Pétanque demonstration followed by enthusiastic play as an activity for the May 17 Singles Club meeting.

Lifelong Learning

■Marlena Tremont

LUNCH AND LEARN: FROM BURGERS TO HAUTE CUISINE 19TH CENTURY COOKING

Instructor: Dr. Bertram Gordon
Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Berger Center
1-day session. Cost: \$47 includes lunch



The hamburger goes back to Steak Tartare in Central Asia and “Hamburg Beef” and “Hamburg Steak,” in early 19th century American menus. The modern American hamburger takes off in popularity during the late 19th century and with the coming of McDonalds in the mid-20th century, it becomes a symbol of the United States.

In contrast with the humble hamburger is the rise of “La Grande Cuisine,” or “high cooking,” elaborate preparations associated with the Grand Hotels, as well as spas at Vichy and Evian in France, and Baden Baden and Wiesbaden in Germany, all promoting an international hotel French-inspired cuisine. Menus become collectors’ items, exemplified by the New York Public Library’s extensive collection and shown in class.

To register go to OakmontLL.org, fill out the form in the OLL folder at the OVA office or pay at the door. Please indicate your preference for a hamburger or a veggie burger.

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Picture was taken at the first Parkinson's Exercise Class in Oakmont on May 15. (Photo by Chris Nota)

Oakmont Parkinson's Support Group

■Christine Nota

ADDITIONAL PARKINSON'S EXERCISE CLASSES IN OAKMONT

The Oakmont Parkinson's Support Group is hosting two more Parkinson's specific exercise classes. The next classes will be June 13, 2-3 p.m. and June 26, 10-11 a.m., East Recreation Center. Anyone with Parkinson's Disease or a similar movement disorder are invited to attend.

The class will be taught by a non-profit, PD-Connect based in Marin County. PD-Connect focuses on living

well despite Parkinson's Disease and using exercise as medicine to delay the disease.

Research has shown this is possible. PD-Connect says that "exercise is the medicine but not all exercise is created equal," which is the value of exercising with an experienced PD-Connect physical therapist.

Oakmont Parkinson's Support Group in partnership with PD-Connect hope to schedule regular weekly classes starting in July. Stay tuned. For more information contact me at chrisnota@gmail.com.

Oakmont Squares



■Barbara Wooley

DANCE FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Square Dancing has changed. Gone are the fiddlers and live bands, replaced by sophisticated sound systems and recorded music. The barns and fields have given way to modern air-conditioned halls, hotel ballrooms and convention centers.

Today's Square Dancing is a fun activity, set to a wide variety of music that offers great social interaction while providing both physical exercise and mental stimulation. A pleasant mix of Classic Rock, Top 40, Country, Latin, and "Oldies" is used at most Square Dances today. Everyone can find his or her favorite music at a Square Dance today.



Newbies Deb Scharping, Doug Smith and Steve Pimental. (Photo by Barbara Wooley)

Just as the music is a blend of styles, so are the dancers. It doesn't matter who you are, or what you do, just that you like having a good time with friendly people. There are organized square dance clubs all over the world that include camping square dance clubs, gay square dance clubs, singles square dance clubs, and family square dance clubs.

It's a great form of exercise and stress relief. An evening of dance could equal three to five miles of walking and burn 300 to 800 calories. As a bonus, you can't think about the day's worries when you are listening for, and responding to, the calls.

So, you have nothing to lose and plenty to gain—better health, new friends, and a fun form of recreation. If this sounds like something you would like to learn more about, please contact Jenny, (707-367-2102). The current class is now closed, but new classes begin periodically and will be announced in the future. Experienced Mainstream dancers are always welcomed.

The Oakmont Squares meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the East Rec. Center. A fee of \$8 per person/night or \$25 for the month pays our amazing caller, Lawrence Johnstone.



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PATRICE AND ANNA BECOME OHI FRIENDS



Anna and Patrice concentrate on chair exercise. (Photo by C. Bunas)



Patrice and Anna smile for camera. (Photo by C. Bunas)

OHI regular, Patrice comes to exercise class with a serious focus unlike many. Here's her story: "I was drawn to the Oakmont Health Initiative because I need exercise to help control a chronic disease. Exercising helps soften the stiffness that plagues my health situation."

In joining, "I found a great group of others who have reached out to me with care. Many of these students are older and they are impressive! Three days a week, they show up, no excuses, follow the two Instructors with the energy of young kids. I have fabulous role models."

"For people who don't exercise, I say 'give it a

try.' This isn't a class where you're in a lot of pain afterwards. Instructors offer exercise modifications for dealing with injuries or joint replacements. They know our issues!"

Patrice never misses a class, often exercising near Anna.

Anna moved to Oakmont from Sunnyvale where she lived with and cared for her elderly father. He died January 2022 and she had hip surgery in June. At this point she'd reached the proverbial "fork in the road." Where would she settle?

She knew little about Sonoma County, less about Santa Rosa and nothing about Oakmont. But... her sister lives in Windsor and that was a start.

Oakmont was something to explore. She liked what she saw and bought her first ever home! "Fortunately," she says "I couldn't have found a better group of neighbors. They cheerfully announced, 'now we must have a party.'"

To hasten recovery, Anna joined OHI. She loves hiking and wants to return to her beloved Century Rides. She says the exercises in these classes have been invaluable. As a matter of fact, she's already back to hiking.

Duplicate Bridge Club



■Jackie Reinhardt

SETS SPECIAL GAME JUNE 14

A championship game is scheduled for Friday, June 14, for the Oakmont Duplicate Bridge Club. Players can earn extra masterpoints and will enjoy refreshments in the cardroom of the CAC. The game starts at 12:30 p.m. Fees remain the same: \$5 for each player.

The club recently upgraded its game to include new scoring devices, bidding boxes and side tables. The club participates in the Common Game on Fridays with other bridge groups who play the same boards. All boards are shuffled by machine ahead of the game and a printout is provided at the conclusion of the game showing results.

The championship games, which award extra masterpoints, will be a quarterly event, according to Jim Oswald, club president. But all players, whether belonging to the ACBL or not, are invited to participate in the club's games every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and on Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

The Oakmont Duplicate Bridge Club is open to residents and their invited guests. Players who need partners should contact Becky Eddy at (714) 838-4863.

Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

We are now enjoying sunny mornings and the West Pool is toasty warm for our terrific Water Aerobics class.

Mary teaches Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. There is laughter and fun in the pool and sometimes in the Hot Tub not to mention this is great way to exercise with no strain on your body.

Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is not sponsoring these classes so there is an \$8 drop-in fee for all classes. Hope to see you there.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Julie's water exercise class continues at the West Recreation Center pool every Friday at 10:10 a.m. Come ready for a fun, musical, aquatic experience! All levels welcome. \$8 drop-in fee.



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Music kicks off at 4 p.m. This year's musical guest is Rock & Roll Rhythm Revue, a lively group of musicians with influences that include rock and roll, jump blues, and rockabilly. Get your dancing shoes on because this band will keep you on your feet.

This year's menu includes the following: Wine, beer and margaritas—\$10; BBQ chicken plate—Chicken, coleslaw, roll, butter—\$20; Grilled vegetable plate—Veggies, roll, butter—\$10.

Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket to the event, and cash for food and beverage. An onsite bar is available. No outside food or beverage, please.

Ladies Bunco Night

■Barbara Wooley



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

WHERE: Card Room—Central Activity Center

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (check Oakmont Events Calendar)

TIME: 6:45 p.m. (play is about 1-1/2 to 2 hrs.)

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Passages



Bob Pelton, Sept. 6, 1944–Mar. 20, 2024.
He was an Oakmont resident for 12 years.

Please contact OVA Communications Director Crissi Langwell by e-mail at crissi@oakmontvillage.com, to publish the name and date of death of your loved one in the *Oakmont News*.

Movies At Oakmont



WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

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

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

JUNE 9 AT 2 PM SMOKE SIGNALS

Arnold rescued Thomas from a fire when he was a child. Thomas thinks of Arnold as a hero, while Arnold's son Victor resents his father's alcoholism, violence and abandonment of his family. 2018, PG-13, 1:29.



JUNE 16 AT 2 PM THE LAST DUEL

The Knight Jean de Carrouges must settle the dispute over his wife Marguerite by challenging his former friend to a duel to the death. 2021, R, 2:32.



JUNE 23 AT 2 PM THE CALL OF THE WILD

A sled dog struggles for survival in the wilds of the Yukon. 2020, PG, 1:40.



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Table Tennis Club



■Tom Kelber

COMPETITIVE JUICE WITH YOUR FUN

So, who invented table tennis, also known as ping pong or whiff whaff? This honor goes to Englishman David Foster. He patented the first table tennis-style game called Parlour Table Games in England in 1890. This not only included popular lawn tennis (old table tennis), but also cricket and football.

My first exposure to table tennis came at about age 7, with a younger brother of 5. Our parents had a table in our living room (no furniture), and we played mixed doubles after dinner. The losing team did the dishes—so we tried hard to win. We also learned to lose gracefully, and most of all to have fun. Competition is good, as long as it's friendly and you learn.

Many of us remember the game as 21 points, and may still play that way. But in 2001 the game evolved to an 11-point game. Where were we 23 years ago when that memo came out? So, the Oakmont TT Club now plays our games to 11—just an explanation.

OVA just installed a safety door at the top of our stairwell to improve safety for everyone. They are also looking to gradually replace our aging tables with newer, better ones. Huzzah!

We play in the West Rec. upstairs almost every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the fourth Sunday of each month from 3–5:30 p.m. Please come give it a try with us; we'll be happy to show you around. We compete, but we're here to have fun.

Here is a link to our club page: <https://oakmontvillage.com/article/author/table-tennis-club>.

Caregiver Support Group

■Vickie Jackanich

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE?

If you are caring for a family member in physical or mental decline, join with others to share, ask questions and learn resources. Alexis Glidewell LCSW is our licensed facilitator.

Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, from 10:30 a.m. till noon in Central Activities Center, Room B.

For information contact me at (707) 595 -3054 or dicnvc@comcast.net.

MYN

■Katy Carrel

FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASSE IN JUNE

THURS., JUNE 27

11 AM–12:30 PM, CAC ROOM B

Best Fire Inc. will teach how to use your fire extinguisher, and important things like which is the correct type of extinguisher, kitchen vs. garage. Cost is \$15 per person; payment will secure your RSVP.

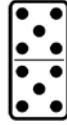
Make checks payable to "Best Fire." You can put your check in the MYN file in the OVA office or bring it to a monthly meeting and give to Katy or Matt.

Class size is limited to 25. First 45 minutes will be in a classroom (CAC room B), then we'll move out to the parking lot where everyone will have the opportunity to put out a live fire with a real fire extinguisher.

You can bring your extinguishers for evaluation—they will dispose of them properly if not serviceable and can service them (for a small fee) if you have the type of extinguisher that can be serviced.

Best Fire Equipment will take orders for new, quality extinguishers that are the correct type of extinguisher. You can pay with cash or a check and take a new extinguisher home with you. Orders paid via credit card will be delivered sometime later to the OVA office where you can pick up. Email MYN to sign up: MYNoakmont@gmail.com.

Domino Club



■Brian Huckins

MIX THOSE DOMINOES

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

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



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

Looking for players of all abilities to join. Please contact me at (415) 602-9083 or bvhuckins@gmail.com.



■Judith Walker

ENJOY A FREE SUMMER CONCERT

WHEN: Saturday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

ADMISSION: Free (donations gratefully accepted)

We have an excellent opportunity to present an additional summer concert outside of our regular 2022–2024 season which was recently completed.

Our performer will be the esteemed pianist and music educator Hans Boepple, whose career spans 50 years after making his debut with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of 10 together with his 12-year-old brother, playing Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals."

He subsequently performed more than 40 concertos with major US symphony orchestras including the Denver, Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Opera House. His critically acclaimed appearances have earned him a place on the Steinway International Artist Roster and his live performances have been broadcast by National Public Radio and Voice of America.

Hans Boepple holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano performance from Indiana University School of Music where he continued his career as full-time member of the piano faculty from 1974–1978. He subsequently was hired as Professor of Music at Santa Clara University where he still teaches. He balances his performance activities with those of a successful and dedicated teacher. His students have been awarded more than 175 state, national and international awards. He is also in high demand as an adjudicator at various piano competitions as well as lecturer and producer of master classes.

The program consists of J.S. Bach's "Goldberg Variations," considered one of the masterpieces of keyboard literature, followed by the complete set of Chopin "Preludes."

For all our Oakmont music enthusiasts plus those of you who might be curious about hearing a classical music concert for the first time, this is your opportunity to experience a delightful program performed by an outstanding pianist at no cost. So please join us for this event.

Bocce Club



■Ellean Huff

The first summer evening bocce member-only event will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share, a chair and BYOB. Two games will follow.

We play Bocce Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Come out and join the fun!

Meals on Wheels— Substitute Drivers Needed

■Connie Medeiros

Meals on Wheels is sponsored by Council on Aging and delivers meals to Oakmont residents Monday through Friday. Meals are picked up at the COA facility at Kawana Springs Road each morning and delivered to Oakmont residents. The time involved is about 2-3 hours.

We are looking for a few people who would like to be substitute drivers—filling in when our regularly scheduled drivers are unable to deliver. If you are interested in being a substitute driver or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Olivia Kinzler at oliviak51@outlook.com or Connie Medeiros at almccm@yahoo.com.

Just For Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

ABOUT THE JUST FOR FUN GAMES CLUB

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games including board games, card games, tile games and dice games! We meet every Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Card and Game Room at the CAC. There are multiple games being played at the same time, so you will always be able to choose what game you want to play.

It's never too serious, because we play games Just for Fun! Sometimes we play online. To do so, we use Zoom for communication and the website Board Game Arena for the games. We send out a weekly email notice, so if we will be on zoom, we'll let you know.

The club has a large collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. We like to teach how to play the games too. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. For more information contact us at Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net or call me at (707) 843-3053.

HAND AND FOOT

We play Hand and Foot in person each week. Please come and join us. The more players, the better the experience! If you would like to learn to play Hand and Foot, send us an email so we can schedule lessons: Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net.

BOARD AND CARD GAMES

As stated above, we play lots of other games too, including board games, card games and tile games. What would you like to play? Learn how to play



new games, or teach us how to play your game!

Some of our favorite games are: Wingspan, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Splendor, Cubirds, Rummykub, Saint Petersburg and Carcassonne. There are so many games out there.

SIR Branch #92

■Bern Lefson

EXPANDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

SIR 92 is about social activities that enhance friendships, learning and, thus, extending one's life. Now we are adding an additional reason for joining our club: helping our greater community by being at the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB). We have joined with the Santa Rosa SIR branch #17 to box food and make food containers at REFB. We help the less fortunate to have food on their table.

Our members who have been working at REFB find doing this useful and fun. Here is what member Gary says about volunteering at the Food Bank. "First, there is a great need for distributing good fruits and vegetables within the poorer in our community. This is one way I can help. It's a 'feel good' activity—a good reward for putting in a few hours. Secondly, it's most enjoyable doing it with a group. When I heard about SIR scheduling the first Thursday each month, I saw it as a way to share time with like-minded guys (and some women—including my wife). Basically, volunteering is a good activity for us retired folk."

Consider joining the group of SIRs on the first Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon. The next opportunity will be Thursday, June 6. Chairs are available for those who prefer not to stand. Tying the food bags is a non-stress activity that can be done sitting. Let Bob Reuther, rareuther@yahoo.com, know you are coming so you will be directed to the SIR attendees.

We welcome SIR members and friends who wish to participate in a "good activity for us retired or semi-retired folk." Interested in joining SIR 92? You may contact our membership chair at fred_merrill2@hotmail.com or see our website: www.sir92oakmont.org.

Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

Mary teaches the Strength and Balance class every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec Center. The classes are not sponsored by the Santa Rosa Jr. College (SRJC) so there is a \$5 drop-in fee for each class.

Classes are limited to 72 people so come early to ensure you get a chair. Bring your Theraband for strengthening, if you do not have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

Bring water and come and have some fun and improve your balance at the same time.

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."—Confucius

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

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. in the CAC Building, Room B. This is a 35-min. meditation. This session frequently begins with a short 15-20-minute talk about various aspects of meditation.

Tuesdays: 4 p.m. in the CAC Building, Art Room. A 30-min. meditation.

If you have questions, please contact Trisha Mitchell, (650) 255-4026, or Liz Buckley, (707) 538-3235.

Oakmont Vets Club



■David Moore

SONOMA COUNTY VETERANS OUTREACH

The Oakmont Veterans Club has been trying to connect with other veteran groups that provide assistance to veterans in our area. The Sonoma County Veterans Outreach has a dynamic program designed to assist homeless veterans. They have found excellent contacts among food outlets that provide donated food or food priced pennies on the dollar.

They have recently rented a 1600 sq. ft. warehouse with an 8 x 16 ft food cooler. Additionally, the warehouse holds a variety of military surplus items including sleeping bags, light coats, backpacks, military boots and wool socks. Toiletries and comfort kits are also stocked. The warehouse is located at 3999 Santa Rosa Ave in Santa Rosa.

Their efforts to locate homeless veterans have taken them into Lake County and cities as far away as Ukiah. They estimate that there are about 700 to 1,000 veterans on the streets or in the woods in our

region that they serve. Their monthly gasoline bills to travel among the veterans is about \$700/month. Their other large expense is the warehouse rental of \$1200/month.

They are in constant need of: new packaged underwear, socks, toiletries (hotel size), large bars of soap, washcloths and civilian sleeping bags. We will be setting up collection barrels for these items. Dates and times to be announced.

Cash and check donations are greatly appreciated. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 223, is assisting with financial management. Checks should be made payable to VVA Chapter 223. The memo line should read: Sonoma County Vets Outreach. Checks may be left in the Oakmont Veterans Club folder at the OVA office.

Oakmont Veterans Club Outreach team contact information: Karen DeGroot, (707) 974-6455; Pat Hendricks, (707) 321-2369; Diane Soshnik, (707) 800-7983.

Walking Hours at Valley of the Moon Golf Course

■News Staff

If you have interest in walking the golf course pathways, please be mindful of the walking schedule. Walking hours are reserved from daybreak to 7 a.m., which is before golf play begins. Additionally, there is an afternoon walking schedule on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 45 minutes before sunset.

Schedules are subject to change. Please visit

playvom.com for current schedule, or contact the golf course at (707) 539-0415.

During walking hours, dogs are also allowed on the courses, but must be on leash at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dogs.

Bicycle riding is not permitted on the courses at any time.

Oakmont Birders

■Barbara Kendrick

THE DELIGHTFULLY COMMON ROBIN

It's easy to overlook the beauty and significance of things that are common. We see or hear them so often that they seem to disappear into the background of our experience. That's the case with the American Robin. In nearly all the contiguous United States, Robins are around all year. They are easy to see and unmistakable—even those among us with zero interest in nature can identify a Robin. They are the epitome of a common bird.

So why bother writing about them? Because like many other ubiquitous and overlooked things—friendly microbes, indoor plumbing, gravity—they have valuable features. Robins, for example, are the standard for judging bird size. When you ask for help identifying a bird you have just seen, chances are the first question will be, "Was it bigger or smaller than a Robin?" They also have a well-known, melodically upbeat song, often translated as "Cheerily, cheerily,

cheer up, cheerily, cheer up." Again, their song is a standard against which some other birdsong is compared. A Black-Headed Grosbeak's song, for example, is described as a "drunken" or "operatic Robin," since they add many slurs and flourishes to the Robin's baseline. The Western Tanager's song is described as a "hoarse Robin."

Another good feature: you needn't bother putting out birdseed to attract Robins to your yard—they prefer insects, berries, and fruits. They're especially great with worms—it's fun to watch

them hop along, stop to listen intently, then thrust their beak into the grass and wrestle out a big earthworm.

The next time you see a Robin, take a moment to really look at it. They truly are handsome birds, even if they're omnipresent.

Have a question about birds? Want a "Birds Seen in Oakmont" checklist? Send an e-mail to bkendrick@jps.net.



A Robin doing what it does best—collecting worms. (Photo courtesy of Tom Grey)

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.

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

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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.

STREET CLEANING

City streets in Oakmont are cleaned by the city early on the fourth Friday of each month. Residents who want their streets swept should avoid street parking overnight on those days.

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- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
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Always online via Zoom and in-person when possible. All residents are welcome. Information to join online is e-blasted out to the community for every meeting along with the in-person location when applicable. Sign up for e-blasts from OVA at oakmontvillage.com/inside.

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Mr. Bearde was one of the lead singers in the band "The Sensations." In the '80s he was featured in a staged radio play starring Danny Glover and developed a strong interest in acting. However, music continued to

Jazz Club 

be his main love.

In 1986 he became part of Bobby McFerrin's groundbreaking a cappella "Voicestra" and spent 10 plus years on the road. He then became featured vocalist and narrator for Vincent Herring's "Story of Jazz Orchestra," highlighting the 100-year history of recorded jazz music. Mr. Bearde now is performing concerts around our country.

Grammy awarded pianist Larry Dunlap has arranged the collection of songs for the performance and they are many of legendary composer, producer, arranger, and songwriter Burt Bacharach's most loved.

Nicolas Bearde's ability to emit true emotions is absolute magic. Larry Dunlap's arrangements are receiving rave reviews and are especially lovely.

Melecio Magdaluyo (sax and flute), Dan Feiszeli

(bass), and Jason Lewis (drums) complete this dream group of musicians.

You will not want to miss this performance!

WHEN: Saturday, August 10, 7 p.m. (doors open 6:30)

WHERE: Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive

TICKETS: \$35, available in OVA Office.

Tables for 8 may be reserved. Cabaret seating, dancing. Drinks and snacks permitted.

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Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Supporting children of all ages locally and around the world is the goal of Kiwanis Clubs. You are also supporting that goal. Thank you.

At the Maria Carrillo High School Senior Awards Night program, Kiwanis members were proud to present a college scholarship to Ava D'Anzica Himes, past president of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club at the high school. Ava led the Key Club in many fundraisers to support the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, The Living Room for homeless mothers and children, and the Y.W.C.A. Home for families with domestic violence problems.

Oakmont Kiwanis members will also present Hope of America awards at Kenwood and Luther Burbank Elementary Schools.

To earn funds to support the many local children's agencies, Oakmont Kiwanis members are planning our biggest fundraiser, The Carnitas and Margaritas Fiesta on Saturday, August 3, 5 p.m. at the Berger Center. Once again, we will have help serving the food from the wonderful youth who belong to the CHOPS Teen Club. If you came to the last couple of Fiestas, you had a chance to see how efficient they are. CHOPS has after-school programs for teenagers in a lovely building close to Railroad Square. Kiwanis is glad to be one of their supporters.

Come join us. Become a member even if you can't attend all the breakfast meetings. There are always fundraisers to help out with. For information contact President Ann Isaacs, (916) 261-7270 or email annisaacs1@att.net.



Kiwanis members collecting for the Food Bank. (Photo by Beverly Singer)

Oakmont Art Association

■Elizabeth Kern

JAPANESE PRINTS IN TRANSITION: FROM FLOATING WORLD TO MODERN WORLD

JUNE 14, BERGER CENTER, 10:30 AM

When feudal military rule in Japan came to an end in 1868, it ushered in a period of modernization and exchange with other nations. As Japan's society shifted, so did its print culture. The delicately colored woodblock prints of actors, courtesans, and scenic views that had flourished for over a century were replaced with brightly colored images of Western architecture and technology, Victorian fashions, and modern military warfare.

This exhibition highlights that stylistic transition by presenting examples from both eras, as well as the work of artist Tsukioka Yoshitoshi, whose distinctive, sometimes eccentric images serve as a link between the two styles.



From Japanese Prints in Transition exhibit.

Japanese Prints in Transition features works from the permanent collection of the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts that haven't been displayed for more than a decade.

Presenter, Legion of Honor Docent Kathryn Zupsic has been an art educator for over 25 years, working as a docent and lecturer for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the de Young Museum, Legion of Honor, and SFMOMA. She heads up the virtual Art Talks program for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

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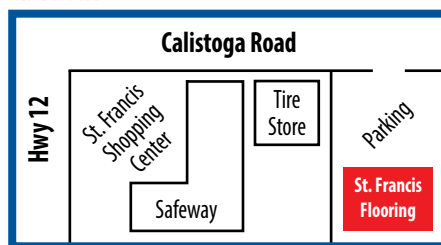
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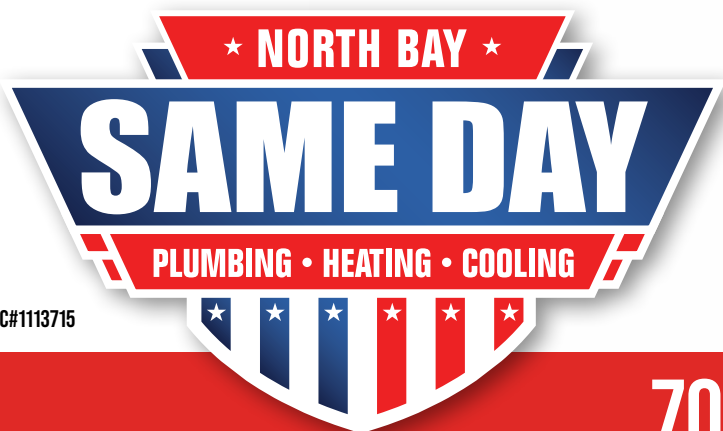
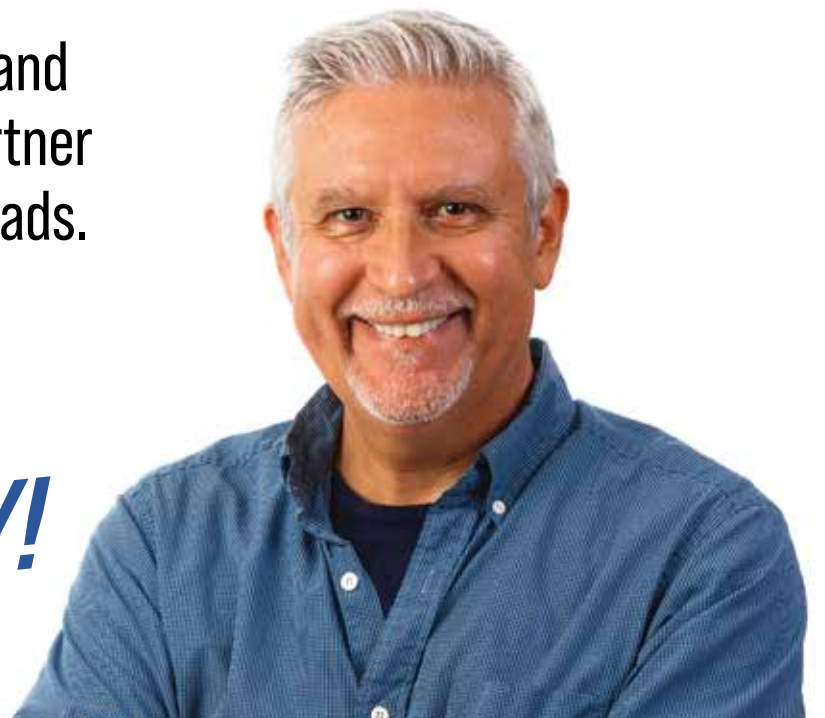


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