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Community Action to Reduce Waste Workshop

■Lesli Lee, Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Task Force



Marie Kay Hansen and Lesli Lee put waste in its place. (Photo by Carolyn Greene)

WHEN: Monday, October 13
WHERE: Upper West Rec Center
TIME: 3–5 p.m.
Or join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID 879 5748 1582; Passcode 930695/
Celebrate North Bay Zero Waste Month (September 27–October 21) with a fun Oakmont eco-event in partnership

with our local waste management company Recology. Get tips about recycling, composting, and resource conservation.

Come ask questions, share ideas, and explore practical and easy ways to reduce landfill waste and protect our environment. Please bring one item that you have a question about for a fun waste quiz/sorting activity. There will be sweet treats for in-person attendees!

Oakmont Volunteer Helpers OVH

■Matt Zwerling

AGING IN PLACE PRESENTS ESTATE PLANNING—THE BASICS

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

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

Why is an estate plan important? While we may not be overly comfortable thinking about this form of planning, the cliché "You can't take it with you" applies here. Learn about protecting your property and your legacy. T

he forum will address definitions and differences, as well as reasons for having a plan. Although this is not an event to obtain legal advice for your particular situation, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to share thoughts with others at your table.

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

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

Members May Now Opt-In to Electronic Voting

■Oakmont Village Association



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

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

See **ELECTRONIC VOTING** on page 5

Oakmont Technology Learning Center (OTLC)

■Virginia Katz

LET'S CHAT ABOUT AI: EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS WITH TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY

Curious about artificial intelligence and how it's shaping our daily lives? Join us for an engaging lecture, "Let's Chat About AI: Everyday Conversations with Tomorrow's Technology," on Friday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at the Berger Center.

The featured speaker, Cathy Balach, an AI specialist and leader in AI applications, will guide us through today's capabilities of artificial intelligence—what it can do, what it can't (yet), and how it impacts everything from smart assistants to healthcare and beyond. Cathy brings practical expertise and clear insights, making AI understandable for everyone, whether you are tech-savvy or just curious.

In addition to the free lecture, participants will have the opportunity to continue their learning with a free hands-on AI class on Friday, October 31, at 2 p.m. at the Berger. This follow-up session will provide a chance to experiment directly with AI tools and applications. Sign-ups for the October 31 class will be available at the October 24 lecture.

This program is sponsored by the Oakmont Technology Learning Center with support from a grant by the Oakmont Community Foundation and assistance from the Oakmont Sunday Symposium.

Don't miss this chance to explore AI in a friendly, approachable setting.

Zinsco Electrical Panels—A Home Safety and Insurance Risk

■Susan Miller, LOMAA

Zinsco electrical panels (also known as Sylvania) were popular in the 1970s when many homes in Oakmont were built. It was later learned that these panels had flaws, such as faulty circuit breakers which failed to trip, aluminum components and corrosion, breakers melting to bus bars, and inadequate response to modern electrical demands. Moreover, even if a Zinsco panel appears functional, replacement is recommended.



Examples of a Zinsco (Sylvania GTE) panel.

These panels have distinctive qualities which make them fairly recognizable, such as color-coded breaker handles (e.g., blue, red, green) or a vertical layout (www.electrica-inc.com). It is strongly recommended to consult with a professional electrician for identification and replacement.

According to Assistant Fire Marshall Jared McDaniel, "Updating old electrical panels is always a good practice in terms of home fire and electrical safety, but not typically required by the Building Codes unless your home is undergoing significant renovations."

Insurance companies are starting to change the equation, however. Rachel Adams, of the George Peterson Insurance Agency, notes that Zinsco panels have become an issue for insurance underwriters within the last 18–24 months. Therefore, if your insurance policy is not automatically renewed, one of the questions asked will be, "Do you have a Zinsco panel?" If the answer is yes, getting insurance may still be possible, but it will be at a higher cost, Adams notes.

This also holds true for sub-HOAs which seek to get insurance renewed as a group. If even one homeowner has not updated their panel, Adams shared that insurance may cost a significant amount more, if it is even possible to get insurance as a group, which may not be the case.

If and when you opt to make the change, the work needs to be done to Code so a permit will be required, the work must be done by a licensed electrician, and a follow-up inspection will be performed. An electrician will be able to pull the permits for you and schedule the inspection with the city (srcity.org). This will ensure that your home is brought in line with current safety standards.

Insurance companies may also require a copy of the permit, the final inspection certificate, the paid invoices and photos of the new panel to verify that the work was properly done, so keep a copy of all records as you go through this process (www.caibaycen.com). PG&E will coordinate power shutoff while the panel is being replaced.

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In conclusion, Zinsco panels are a factor in insurance renewal and home safety. If you have a Zinsco or other outdated panel, your insurance company may only give you thirty to sixty days to replace it. Therefore, it is essential to plan carefully so that you can tackle this prudently within your budget and timeline.

QUICK CHECKLIST

Check if you have one:

- Labels: Zinsco, GTE-Sylvania, or Sylvania
- Brightly colored breaker handles, vertical layout

Know the risks:

- Breakers may fail to trip—fire hazard
- Corrosion, overheating, and arcing possible—even if panel looks fine
- Insurance companies are flagging these panels

Take Action:

- Get a licensed electrician to identify and inspect
- Plan now for replacement—before an insurance deadline or failure
- Ask about rebates or HOA group contracts to lower costs

TIP: Replacement improves both safety and insurability. Acting early avoids last-minute expenses and coverage issues.

28-Day Review: Amendment to OVA Election Rules

■Oakmont Village Association

At the Sept. 16 OVA Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the association’s election rules to authorize electronic voting and ballot delivery, which is now subject to the 28-day member review and comment period required under California Civil Code Section 4360.

Upon final approval following the member review period, the association shall implement an Internet-based electronic voting system for all membership votes, including but not limited to the election of directors, amendments to governing documents, and other matters requiring member approval.

To participate, members must affirmatively opt-in electronic voting by submitting a signed “Consent to Electronic Voting” form. Members who do not opt-in will continue to receive paper ballots and vote by mail or in person.

Please visit the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com, the bulletin board at the Berger Center, or the OVA office to view the approved amendments to the OVA election rules.



Meet Your Neighbors

■George McKinney

STAY SAFE DURING WILDFIRE SEASON: ENCOURAGE FAMILY TO USE WATCH DUTY

As we in Oakmont know all too well, living in Sonoma County means living with the reality of wildfire threats. In recent years, our community has faced repeated evacuations, rapidly changing conditions, and the daunting task of staying informed in the midst of emergencies. For many older adults, managing instant updates and making quick evacuation decisions can be stressful and overwhelming.

One simple step can make a big difference: ask your family members who live outside the area to download and subscribe to the Watch Duty app. This free app is staffed by trained citizen reporters and provides real-time wildfire updates, including fire size, location, and evacuation notices. Many Oakmont residents already use it, but having family on the app as well creates an important layer of support.

Here’s how it helps:

- Family members who follow local fire reports on Watch Duty can monitor threats to Oakmont from afar.
- They can help interpret which official updates are most urgent.
- They can call or text to remind residents if an evacuation order or warning is issued—even if those residents haven’t seen the notice right away.
- They provide peace of mind, knowing that loved ones are engaged and watching over our safety.

Evacuations often have to happen quickly, and stress can cloud judgment. With trusted family members monitoring events in real time, Oakmont residents gain an extra level of reassurance and guidance when every minute counts.

Please consider asking your children, grandchildren, siblings, or close friends outside Sonoma County to download Watch Duty. It takes just a few minutes to install on either iPhone or Android devices, and it is completely free to use.

By working together and empowering our families to stay informed, we can make Oakmont a safer community during wildfire season.





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Fall Vaccine Clinic

■News Staff

The new 2025-26 COVID vaccine will be available at Oakmont's fall clinic on Thursday, Oct. 16. The clinic will also offer 2025-26 Flu, RSV and pneumonia vaccines.

You can make an appointment at www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OakmontSR2025.

Please bring your medical and prescription card to the clinic and a printed consent form available to download online when you book your appointment. Otherwise, copies of the consent forms will be available at the clinic, or you can also download it from the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com/article/informed-consent-for-immunization.

The 2025-26 COVID vaccine has been updated to target new variants of the virus.

Safeway is unable to bill for Kaiser members. If you are a Kaiser member, please contact your provider.

Conservatives Club

■Jane Gyorgy



NORTH BAY YOUNG REPUBLICANS ARE OUR OCTOBER FEATURED SPEAKERS

We are pleased to announce our first fall meeting, scheduled for October 28, 4-6 p.m., at the Berger Center. The featured speakers are from the North Bay Young Republicans. They will be sharing their news, perspectives, and actions that the younger generations find appealing.

Unfortunately, the assassination of Charlie Kirk of Turning Point USA makes hearing their perspective all the more compelling. TPUSA is a similar youth-oriented organization, which has, over the years, been intertwined with the Young Republicans on both the state and national levels. The discussion will focus, but not be limited to, the paths forward for both organizations in spreading the messages of personal freedom, lower taxation, limited government, and personal responsibility.

We are so proud to have these brave, energetic, and committed young people present their program to us in Oakmont. Come, see, and hear from this new generation about the threats they see they are facing on their campuses, and hear their ideas on countering them. We urge all Oakmonters to be present for this inspiring meeting. As the hipsters say, "be there or be square!"

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

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

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the club and do not reflect the official policy or position of the Oakmont Village Association.



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OAK at the VOM Golf Club



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

Fall has arrived at Valley of the Moon Club, and with it comes exciting updates on the course, fresh dining specials, and festive events at OAK. Whether you're a golf enthusiast or simply looking for great food and entertainment, there's something for everyone this fall.

Be sure to visit our website at playvom.com for information on all these events, or call us at (707) 539-0415.

ON THE COURSE

Phase one of our pond cleanup project is underway and Waterworks has finished working on Valley of the Moon hole #13 pond. They will move to Valley of the Moon hole #17 and Sugarloaf hole #18 in the coming weeks. The pond cleanup will primarily focus on the mechanical removal of the overgrown bullrush and tule aquatic plants and then plans will later be determined to treat the lakes to ensure that the active red fern (azola) will be managed.

Lastly, we have received the permit required to proceed forward with our dam repair project. The work is expected to start on October 6, and we will keep the VOM irrigation lake (behind #2 teebox) completely dry between now and once the work has been finished.

SALES AND PROMOTIONS

Golfers can look forward to October savings and events. On October 10, the popular Range Card Sale returns, offering 12 large buckets for \$100 (normally \$150). Merchandise from Adidas, Footjoy, and IBKUL is also on sale all month long to make room for new fall and holiday arrivals.

Twilight Players Club members will soon see a benefit: beginning in November, discounted \$22 rates start at noon instead of 1 p.m.

AT OAK

Dining at OAK this October comes with plenty of flavor and fun. Every Thursday features a different dinner special, ranging from French dip sandwiches to steak fajitas. The Monday Music series continues, with performances by Second St. Band, Relish, O and The Riots, and a special Halloween party with The Magic Band on October 27. Live music runs 5-7 p.m., with doors opening at 4 p.m. (\$10 cover at the door).

October also brings unique events. Paint Night on October 28 invites guests to create their own 16 x 20 canvas masterpiece with guidance from Painted Cellars Sonoma County (\$45 per person). On October 22, Happy Hour on the Patio offers cocktail tastings, charcuterie, and live jazz for \$20.

And don't miss OAK's Magical Halloween Bash on October 27, featuring live music, a monster buffet, and a costume contest. Tickets are \$40 until October 15, then \$50.

And for those prepping their kitchenware for the holidays, Chef's Sharpening visits the OAK parking lot the last Wednesday of each month. This month it will be on Oct. 26.

Speaking of the holidays...

THANKSGIVING BUFFET

Looking ahead, OAK will host a Thanksgiving buffet in addition to Thanksgiving-to-go orders. Party platters are also now available—perfect for the holidays.

PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

It's not too early to book your Christmas party at Valley of the Moon Club. With sweeping views, customizable menus, and festive décor, the club offers an unforgettable holiday setting. Space is limited, so reserve your date soon by contacting Vanessa at vjade@fairviewevents.com or (707) 312-2242.

From course improvements to festive gatherings, Valley of the Moon Club and OAK are brimming with autumn activities. Don't miss a season full of golf, dining, and celebration.

Time to Tidy Those Hedges!

■Danielle Hannigan, AC Office Staff

The Architectural Committee has noticed a number of overgrown hedges throughout the community and would like to remind all residents to review and follow the Fence Policy guidelines regarding hedge and shrub heights. Keeping your hedges neatly trimmed not only improves curb appeal but also helps maintain clear sightlines and consistency throughout Oakmont.

Here's a quick refresher on the hedge height standards:

- Side and backyard for homes not on the golf course: Maximum 6 ft. tall
- Side and backyard for golf course homes: Maximum 4 ft. tall.

Please take a moment to evaluate your landscaping and give your hedges a haircut if needed. Your efforts help ensure that our community remains beautiful, safe, and in harmony with the established guidelines. We appreciate you doing your part!

Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO BOWL?

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

DAILY DRAW

As the days cool off (finally!), we move our daily draw from mornings to afternoons. As of Wednesday, October 1, Daily Draw is at 12:30 p.m. Bowlers should be there at 12:15.

OPEN SINGLES WE HAVE A WINNER!

In the first round, we had 12 bowlers and 6 winners: David Aiken, Gerry Macintosh, Jim Krause, Bruce Rolland, Tom Ternullo, and Steve Pickell.

In the second round, our winners were Steve Pickell, Jim Krause and Tom Ternullo, with Tom also winning the bye.

In the third round, Jim K beat Steve, going on to face Tom.

And, in the final round, Tom beat Jim K to be our Open Singles Tournament Champion.



Jim Krause and Tom Ternullo face each other in the final round of the Open Singles Tournament. (Photo by Gerry Macintosh)

END OF SUMMER BBQ

Our last After 5 Social was the End of Summer BBQ. We had a good turn-out and great food. Thanks to all who made these events possible through the year!

NOVICE SINGLES

The first round of the Novice Singles was Thursday morning, October 2.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at our Member Meeting in November. We have four open positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Director. If you're interested in running for any of these positions, contact our Nominating Committee (there will be an e-blast with their names).

COMING EVENTS

Halloween Pizza Bowl and Dinner: Thursday, October 30, 3 p.m. Bowl (10 ends), 5:15 Pizza dinner
Thanksgiving: Tuesday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.

Member Meeting: Monday, November 10 at noon, East Rec Center

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

Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com.

Website: <http://www.oakmontlawnbowling.com>.



■Jim Brewer

OCF FUNDS ART AND AI INITIATIVES

Fresh from a successful health and wellness fair, The Oakmont Community Foundation, at its Sept. 3 board meeting, approved \$3,000 in grants to two Oakmont organizations.

The board approved a grant for \$2,000 to the Oakmont Art Association for a bus to go to the Legion of Honors in San Francisco in January. The event is on a first-come, first-served basis open to all in Oakmont. Information on signing up to go on the trip will be available via the Art Association.

A \$1000 grant was approved for the Oakmont Technical Learning Center, a group putting together an AI package, starting with a speaker and then a class on working with AI. "This lecture and hands-on class are made possible from a grant from Oakmont Community Foundation," said Virginia Katz of the tech center. "Without the foundation these programs would not be available free of charge to the community. Thank you from the whole community!"

The Oakmont Community Foundation distributed more than \$11,000 to clubs and community organizations last year as part of its mission to provide financial support for groups or individuals who have ideas for educational and charitable projects or events that benefit the residents of Oakmont. The grants included cultural dance events, an author luncheon, caregiver support and grief groups.

Tax-deductible donations to the OCF may be directed to the General Fund for directors to award grants to eligible applicants. Also encouraged are donations designated by the donors for a specific club, group or activity. You can also donate funds to a group or to OCF in honor of or in memory of someone.

Donations can be mailed to OCF at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A, delivered to the OVA office, or made online at www.oakmontcommunityfoundation.org. To discuss a proposal, contact an OCF director at foundationboard2007@gmail.com.

Oakmont Emergency Preparedness Task Force (OEPTF)

■Tom Pugliese

GET READY FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DRILL

The next Emergency Communications Drill is set for Saturday, October 25, 9-110 a.m.

Our fall drill will simulate a magnitude 6.8 earthquake on the Hayward and Rodgers Creek faults causing power outages, blocked roads, structural damage and the potential for serious injuries. County and City agencies have issued shelter in place orders, which are expected to be in effect for several days. Normal communications are either out or overloaded as is the 911 system.

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

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

If you do not see a volunteer wearing a yellow vest in your neighborhood it may be because your neighborhood lacks radio coverage. Prior radio experience is not required. We provide radios and training to use them. The time commitment is about 9 hours annually. Email OakmontW6OVA@gmail.com if you would like more information about volunteering as a neighborhood radio volunteer on our Emergency Communications team.

OVA Employee Appreciation Fund

■Oakmont Village Association

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

Donations will be distributed at year-end. Members who wish to donate may contribute via check by December 12 to the OVA Office at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A.

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

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

InvestOAK



■Joseph Pundyk

MEETING DISCUSSION ON INVESTING IN REAL ESTATE

In addition to our monthly Market Review the main subject of our October 17 meeting will be investment in real estate.

Join us for an engaging talk on how multifamily real estate can complement a traditional stock and bond portfolio, offering diversification, attractive risk-adjusted returns, and valuable tax benefits. We'll also explore today's real estate cycle, explain meaning of "cap rates", and how property investments can act as a hedge against inflation.

Other considerations include the following:

- Typical Minimum Investment Amounts
- Typical Time for Returns
- Liquidation of the Partnership
- What does the process of Syndication mean?

If there is time, we will also review what's happening in Cyber Currencies, whose use is exploding. A full presentation has been prepared on this subject for the November meeting.

Please join the next InvestOAK meeting for a lively discussion on Friday, October 17, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Birch Room at the Central Activity Center.

Travel and Adventure Club

■September Holstad

OCTOBER MEETING

The next Travel and Adventure Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 22, from 3-5 p.m. in the West Rec. upper level. We're excited to welcome two guest presenters who bring decades of expertise in unique travel experiences.

African Travel, Inc.: This is a long-established luxury safari operator specializing exclusively in Africa. Their team members have lived and traveled extensively throughout the continent, and together, they bring more than 300 years of combined experience in luxury African travel. With this deep knowledge, they design memorable and meaningful safari adventures tailored to each traveler, reflecting their motto: "We know Africa."

AmaWaterways: This is a family-owned and operated company that has spent more than 20 years perfecting the art of river cruising. Recognized by Cruise Critic as "Best River Cruise Line," AmaWaterways is known for its innovative itineraries, award-winning service, and immersive cultural experiences. Their cruises span Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America, offering travelers a unique way to explore the world by water.

We hope you'll join us on October 22 to learn more about these two distinguished companies and the travel opportunities they offer.

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

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

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

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

For questions, contact Amber Mariani at electronicvoting@oakmontvillage.com or call (707) 539-1611 ext. 108.



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■Judy Walker

OUR 2025–2026 STARTS SOON

By the time you read this we'll be fast approaching the opening concert of yet another season. To me, this represents feelings of anticipation, excitement and a certain amount of trepidation that everything works out as planned.

As previously announced, our October 23 performance features the Aznavoorian Duo making their second appearance at Oakmont. They have planned a delightful program of music by Schumann, Schubert and Bach.



Aznavoorian Duo.

One of the duo's programmed pieces, the Schubert "Arpeggione Sonata" is an interesting work, not just for the music but because of the instrument that Schubert chose to utilize. The Arpeggione was a six-stringed instrument, fretted and tuned like a guitar but bowed like a cello—therefore sometimes referred to as a guitar-violincello. The name resulted from the fact that the instrument is well suited to the playing of arpeggios (or broken chords). It became briefly popular during the mid-19th century but faded away later.

The only notable extant composition is the Schubert work now played almost exclusively on the cello with piano accompaniment. Since the cello only has four strings, the original music for six strings becomes more compressed and thus very difficult to play. However, in the hands of the expert cellist Ani Aznavoorian, that will not be a problem!

The second half of the concert will be devoted to one of the most iconic works for solo cello—Bach's cello suite number one. Discovered by Pablo Casals in the early twentieth century, all six suites have been performed and recorded by many renowned cellists, each presenting their own interpretation in a very personal way. These works have been described as "amongst the most profound of all classical music works." I'm so glad we have a chance to hear the most well-known one on our stage.

The recital concludes with Gaspar Cassado's "Requiebos," which depicts flirtatious exchanges between two lovers.

I really hope we can maintain some of the momentum achieved at our late July free piano recital when the hall was completely filled with a very appreciative audience. We will continue to sell our full and mini-season passes at this concert and of course donations are always welcome. Please visit our website for expanded information about our organization: <http://www.musicatoakmont.org>.

And finally, to celebrate the start of another season, we will hold a simple wine and snacks reception at the end of the concert where we can mingle with each other, and also with the artists.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

WHEN: Thursday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

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

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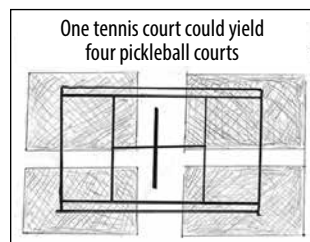
■Peter Copen

COURTING PICKLEBALL

All over the U.S. tennis courts are quietly becoming something else... pickleball paradise!

According to a recent study conducted by *The New York Times* using aerial photography, (How Pickleball Took Over Thousands of Tennis Courts, as Seen From the Sky, by Ethan Singer, NY Times, Sept. 1, 2025) 8,000 tennis courts have been converted to 26,000 pickleball courts since 2017. The majority of those conversions came after 2020, and by 2024, an average of 14 pickleball courts were being built or drawn over tennis courts every single day.

Aerial footage reveals that there are many ways to put pickleball court lines on top of tennis courts. You can fit two, three, or even four pickleball courts (see graphic) on one tennis court.



Graphics by Peter Copen.

According to the study, while the rate of creating new pickleball courts has not dropped, for the first time in years there has been a decline in new pickleball courts painted onto tennis courts.

That makes sense, as the pickleball community is getting more and more used to playing on courts solely devoted to pickleball!



But remember when you had to make lines with tape every time you wanted to play? Or put up a moveable net on the tennis courts like we did 9 years ago at East Rec.? We've come a long way baby!

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 Progressives and Oakmont Democratic Clubs

■Ed Biglin and Tom Amato

On Monday, Oct. 13, at the East Rec Center, the Oakmont Progressives and the Oakmont Democratic Alliance will meet to examine Prop 50 in detail and take questions. The meeting will start with a social at 6:30 and presentations at 7 p.m. As always, feel free to bring libations of your choice and light appetizers to share.

In July 2025, President Trump asked Texas' Gov. Abbott to redraw the state's congressional map to provide five more House seats for Republicans. On August 28, the Texas legislature passed Abbott's plan, and he signed it into law shortly thereafter (AP News). In September, CA Governor Newsom proposed the "Election Rigging Response Act" to place on the November ballot a measure to temporarily redraw California's districts to provide five additional Democratic seats (CBS News).

At this meeting, we will have a presentation about the ramifications of a Yes or No Vote on Prop 50. All Oakmonters are welcome to join us, particularly if you are on the fence.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 23, at the East Rec Center, 6:30 p.m., the Oakmont Democratic Alliance will host its second Bingo fundraiser (\$25 for two cards) with prizes! With all that is crazy and frustrating, sometimes we need to laugh and have some fun. Join us for Bingo and socializing.

Find ways to engage with the Democratic Alliance at www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org.

Wii Bowling Oakmont Lanes



■Terry Leuthner

Oakmont Lanes Bowling Club is a Bowling League consisting of four-person teams that utilize Nintendo Wii to simulate the experience of bowling without the weight of a bowling ball. Any resident who has the ability of holding a small remote control in their hand while swinging their arm as if they were rolling a bowling ball will be able to join.

Anyone interested in joining our club, either as a team bowler or substitute, please call me at (707) 291-3023 or stop by the East Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 2–3:30 p.m. (no bowling fourth Tuesdays) to see us in action. We charge \$25 for a 10-week tournament that includes the playoffs. 2 p.m. League: 8 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average.

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

Bowling dates for October: Oct. 14 (week #9), 21 (week #10). No bowling Oct. 28 (fourth Tuesday).

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

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

Singles Social Club: Sept. 19, Oakmont Lanes set up four lanes for the Singles Social Club members. They had a good time experiencing the fun of Wii Bowling. Thanks to Robin Schudel, Carolita Carr and Howard Sidorsky for helping with the set up and providing bowling instructions.

RESULTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 (WEEK #7, FALL LEAGUE)

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

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 236; Glenn Hewitt, 235; Mike Earles, 226; Terry Leuthner, 211.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 299; Peggy Ensley, 267; Vickie Jackanich, 232; Carolita Carr, 225; Laurel Earles, 216; Diane Price, 214; Pat Scott, 213; Joanne Bender, 210; Robin Schudel, 202.

Oakmont Lanes is now in our 17th year. Thanks to everyone who has made Oakmont Lanes so successful with all the fun and camaraderie you share together. If you're thinking of joining us, now is the time. Most of us have all bowled on a bowling league some time in our lives and here's your chance to do it again without the weight of a heavy bowling ball. Come see us in action and join in the fun.

Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

The sun may not be shining as much as we have enjoyed the past few months but the water at the west pool is toasty warm, so please join us for 50 minutes of exercise and fun.

There is a drop-in fee of \$8 and classes are held Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you soon.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

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

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



Canine Club



■Steve Huntley

UPCOMING DOGGIE EVENTS

The next special Happy Tails Dog Park play date is the Doxie/Maltese Play Date on Saturday October 25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. And yes, until the end of October the dog park is still currently reserved for small dogs, 25 lbs. or less, for 1 hour each day from 9–10 a.m. And then it flips. Beginning on November 1 and through April 30, 2026 (winter hours), the dog park is reserved for small dogs less than 25 lbs. from 3–4 p.m. every day of the week.

The 4th Annual Canine Club Membership Appreciation Party, held on October 8 at the Wild Oak Saddle Club, was a Howl-in' Success! Good times, good food, good speaker, good prize giveaways!



Bella.

We have a couple of local events outside of Oakmont coming up that only dog lovers could love:

Russian River Vineyards in Forestville is hosting a Happy Hour Community Night Benefit for Dogwood Animal Rescue Project on October 15, 5–7:30 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.dogwoodanimalrescue.org/events/>.

And the Humane Society of Sonoma County is hosting their annual Not So Scary HOWL-o-ween costume contest and parade in Healdsburg's Town Square on October 18, 12–2 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.humanesocietysoco.org/get-involved/howl-o-ween/>.

Remember, you do not need to own a dog to be a member of the Oakmont Canine Club, you only need to have a love of dogs. Not yet a member of canine club? Just download a membership application from the club's website at <http://www.oakmontcanineclub.org> or grab one from the Canine Club folder in the OVA office.

Annual membership is only \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households. Benefits include Peri's weekly newsletter, an annual club picnic, annual Members' Appreciation Party at the Wild Oak Saddle Club, and various other social events throughout the year.

Oakmont Men's Group

■Gordon Freedman

FORMING A SECOND SUPPORT GROUP

Oakmont Men's Group is organizing a new group for men interested in exploring aging issues with other men in a bi-weekly group meeting. Potential problems of you or your spouse/partner's health physical as well as mental challenges, loss of mate, and other changes and other challenges in our senior years are all issues we discuss. If you are lacking a forum to discuss men's issues with other men in a safe and confidential place, we are taking names for a second group.

Our present group meets twice a month for two hours on the first and third Mondays from 1–3 p.m. to help and support the members of our group that would like to share their issues and receive feedback. There are no attendance requirements, dues or fees.

Our group is non-religious and non-political. Oakmont Men's Group began in September of 2011 as a support group for men in Oakmont. The group is open to all men in Oakmont married, single, straight or gay.

Our founder has had 10 years of experience with the Marin Suicide Hot Line as well as three years as a facilitator with the Center of Attitudinal Healing in Sausalito working with health issues for the individual or spouse/partner.

If interested, please call me at (415) 971-1233 or e-mail at: gordonfreedman36@yahoo.com to discuss your joining our new group.

Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti

OCTOBER MIXER—HALLOWEEN EVE!

DATE AND TIME: Friday, October 17, 6 p.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

October is a full month in the fall with the leaves turning brown and dropping on the ground. Daylight is shortening and Night skies are lengthening. It is at the beginning of the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the Christian liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed. In popular culture, Halloween has become a celebration of horror and is associated with the macabre and the supernatural.

For this month's mixer, we're having a Halloween-Eve Party with prizes for best costume, best Halloween-themed dessert and appetizer. We will also have a very special guest performance by the theatre students of Maria Carillo High School!

With your haunting attendance, please bring a Halloween themed appetizer or dessert to share (a little extra to share with our special guests), and your beverage of choice. To be eligible for a prize for best dessert or appetizer, your contribution needs to be homemade. Need an idea? How about Bailey's puking pumpkin guacamole appetizer.

RSVP via our website, <http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org> by October 13 at 5 p.m. or feel free to email Kat at KAT9433@icloud.com.

NOVEMBER BON APPETIT OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, November 6

RESTAURANT: The Bird, 4776 Sonoma Hwy, Santa Rosa

November is gobble, gobble, gobble time. And we're going out to enjoy a meal from the former "Willy Bird Restaurant." For more than 40 years, they've served Sonoma County's favorite Willie Bird's turkey dishes and American cuisine including turkey dip, smoked fried turkey wedge salad, turkey soup, turkey scaloppini, turkey pot pie and their special Thanksgiving Dinner (served year-round). They have a full bar and serve slow smoked BBQ on Fridays. It may look like a page out of "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," especially the divey part, but good things come in different places. Our very own VP Alan Schackman will attest to the yumminess of this restaurant. So, let's get together to start the season right with some gobble, gobble, gobble.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks. Meet at Berger Center parking lot by 5:30 p.m. to carpool to the restaurant. Reservation cutoff is September 29 or when the 20 slots are filled. If there are 20 members confirmed before this date, you will be placed on a waitlist.

RSVP on our website at <http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org> or email Simone Smith at ssmith8151@aol.com.

DO YOU LIVE IN OAKMONT? ARE YOU SINGLE?

If so, join our club to mix and mingle with other Singles. Oakmont Singles Club offers the opportunity to network with other singles who may have your same interests as you. For more Oakmont Singles Social Club membership visit our website at <http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org>.

Tennis Club



■Diane Curtis

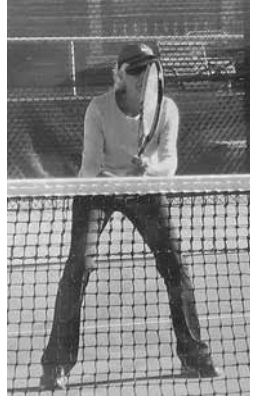
THE NITTY-GRITTY OF EVENTS

When there's an Oakmont Tennis Club event, whether it's a tournament, a social or even an informal tennis birthday lunch, it's a sure thing that Maureen Pennal is involved.

A 10+-year Oakmont resident who has played tennis here all those years, Maureen is OTC's Events Director. She conceives events—some of them quite elaborate—makes sure, along with board members Frank and Judy Passaglia, that there is enough food, drinks, tablecloths, cups, plates and tennis balls (she keeps a ready stash in her house) and prizes for participants, finds team leaders and helps pair partners.

She's usually the one to explain to players how the latest competition is to be played—ad/no ad, which court, how many sets. However, the most demanding part of her tasks has nothing to do with logistics or supplies. "Getting players to listen to directions is probably the most challenging," she laughs.

Maureen grew up in San Francisco and can claim a sparkling start to work life: she was a touring figure skater with the Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies after having won a gold medal in the Pacific Coast Championships. She later worked as a bank teller and then executive assistant at a number of firms.



Maureen Pennal.



Maureen is fourth from the left as a Follies skater.

It was during her free time that she took up tennis. She and her young son would go to a neighborhood park, where he would play and she would hit balls with locals and then later practice in the parking space below their apartment. She mostly taught herself but credits Oakmont's Tony Agocs with helping her reach a higher level.

She now plays about four times a week. Asked what one piece of advice she'd give to players, she answers, "Keep your racquet head up with your eyes on the ball as you turn to strike your intended target."

Annual Oakmont Tennis Club Meeting: 3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, West Rec Center.

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Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

We are back on schedule so the Balance and Fitness class is held every Friday at 9:30 at the East Rec Center. Everyone is welcome to join the classes. There is a \$5 drop-in fee and don't forget to bring your TheraBand for strengthening. If you don't have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

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

Jazz Club Classes

■Michael James

CHILL OUT WITH US IN NOVEMBER

We are excited to have Jim Munger perform at our November monthly meeting! Jim performs with Relish, a well-known band that plays for many clubs' special events in Oakmont. With so much to offer, Jim sings, plays guitar and writes music, which is what we will focus on during our monthly meeting.



On November 5 from 2-3 p.m., he will entertain us with his favorite songs and share some of his stories about why music is so important to him. From 3-4 p.m., he will invite us to learn how to play some original songs and jam with him on songs we all know and love. Bring your instrument (guitar, uke, etc.) for the second hour.

Jim Munger's musical life began in earnest at the age of 13 when his family gave him a used, but beautiful, guitar. In his teen years, during the folk era, he learned hundreds of songs and began writing songs on his own. He played professionally in Northern California in the early 70s before becoming a teacher and school administrator for his working career.

Fortunately, his work left room to continue with music whether teaching, writing, or just playing. A band was always somewhere in the background. Now, Jim and his wife live in Oakmont and retirement has brought him the opportunity to focus on music more deeply. Whether it's house concerts, sing-alongs or rocking with Relish, something musical is always going on.

His latest challenge is trying to learn some new skills like playing Bossa Nova and writing songs about our current world experiences. It all makes him feel very lucky to be able to continue his musical journey.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 5

WHERE: East Recreation Center

TIME: 2-3 p.m. performance, 3-4 p.m. workshop

COST: Suggested donation \$5

Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

2025 BOULE FIGHT FOR SANTA ROSA BRAGGING RIGHTS



2025 Boule Fight: Oakmont match captain Don McPherson (left) congratulates Pétanque La Rose's match captain Bernard Passemar on PLR's victory. (Photo by Sherry Labate)

Pétanque La Rose club of Santa Rosa prevailed over Oakmont Pétanque Club for the third consecutive year in the 2025 "Boule Fight for Santa Rosa Bragging Rights."

PLR won the two-day home-and-home tournament 12 games to 6. Each club fielded three triples teams which played one game each against the other club's three teams.

In PLR's home match at Bekins Field at the Santa Rosa YMCA on September 14, Oakmont had lost narrowly 4-5, but the game scores were close and PLR finished with a modest +15-point differential. Oakmont entered its home match on September 20 with a good chance to claim tournament victory if they could win 5-4 or better.

The three Oakmont teams played competitively in the match but consistently fell short of victory and lost 7-2. Over the three years of the Boule Fight

tournament the two clubs have formed a friendly relationship, and everyone enjoyed the good-spirited competition and mutual hospitality.

Oakmont players were: Pi'i Edwards, Judith Fleenor, Richard Goodwin, Ellean Huff, Sherry Labate, Colleen Littell, Linda McPherson, Don McPherson, Fred Martin, Rachel Meserve, Barbara Newton, Jean-Michel Poulnot, Bill Whetstone, and back-ups Gordon Blumenfeld and Gail Ruder.

PÉTANQUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Pétanque World Championship in Rome on September 17-19, Thailand continued its strong showing in international competition by winning the Men's and Women's Doubles and Women's Singles. Madagascar won the Mixed Doubles. Italy's Diego Rizzi won an exciting Men's Singles final in front of an enthusiastic home crowd.

PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT

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



Oakmont Home Match 2025: Oakmont teams in white, Pétanque La Rose teams in blue. (Photo by Max Hinchman)

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Hikers



■Scott Finn

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

OCTOBER 16: INTERMEDIATE HIKE TAYLOR MOUNTAIN

Starting from the Kawana Springs Trailhead, we will explore some of the newer trails on the eastern side of Taylor Mountain, with splendid views of Bennett and Hood Mountains, and Mt. St. Helena.



View going up Taylor Mountain.

From the Eastern Trail, we will go down the Kawana Springs Trail, then ascend Lower Colgan, Barn Fork and Colgan Highlands to East Knoll. We will cross to the Western Trail via Colgan Highlands, where we will stop for lunch at a nice view spot, then continue to Western via Sky Lupine before

descending to the parking lot via Todd Creek. Trails are nicely shaded most of the way. No benches or picnic tables, so bring a cloth or plastic sheet to sit on by the trail if desired.

Bring sunhat, sunscreen, lunch, water, poles if needed, cameras. Porta-a-potties at the trailhead, with another about a mile along the trail. Leave Berger at 9 a.m. Hike leader is Florentia Scott, (707) 591-1929, hikingscott@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 16: MOUNT KONOCTI NEW HIKE!

Get ready for this 7.6-mile, 1,958 ft. elevation, and 4.5-5-hour estimated hike out and back up to Mount Konocti. A steady climb along a winding dirt road through open brush, past mature orchards, under towering oak forests to reveal stunning views from Wright Peak, elevation 4,299 feet at the top of Mount Konocti. Views of Mt. St. Helena, the remote Snow Mountain Region, and—on a clear day—the Sutter Buttes and Mount Lassen.

Mt. Konocti is a prominent mountain and dormant volcano on the south side of Clear Lake, a lake in Northern California. It is a recognizable part of the landscape and is an excellent hike with fun history and beautiful views. The mountain has five distinct peaks, with four of the five at around 4,000 feet in elevation.

The trailhead is located at Mt. Konocti County Park. The drive to Kelseyville and Mount Konocti County Park takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Please remember to bring lunch, plenty of water, and hiking poles if you like. Depart Berger Center at 8 a.m. Hike leader is Janet McCann, (707) 328 6637.

OCTOBER 23: LONG HIKE MT. ST. HELENA SUMMIT

The first mile is shaded along the Robert Lewis Stevenson memorial trail passing by the author's 1880 honeymoon site. From there we follow the exposed service road to the summit and back. Poles may be helpful for the rocky scramble just before the service road. About 9.8 miles and 2,116 ft. of elevation.

Bring water, sunscreen and lunch. Hike leader is Frank Galli, (763) 360-9756.



Top of Mount Saint Helena.

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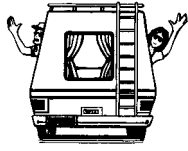
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Rovers RV Club



■Mary Montague

ROVERS' POTLUCK

On Saturday, October 25, the Rovers RV Club will be having our Fall Potluck Dinner. It will be held at the East Rec. Room at 5 p.m. Please contact Jeff Hickman if you would like to join us. You can reach Jeff at his email. jeff@hickman.cc or wjhickman@gmail.com, or (707) 282-9350.

We took a trip to Casini Ranch in Duncan Mills September 9-12. We had five rigs. Enjoyed great weather. We went to Korbel Winery for a great tour and had lunch at the Korbel Deli. We also ventured to Fort Ross State Park and it was beautiful at the coast. Shay, our furry friend who belongs to Steve, was welcomed as well. We finished the trip off with a wonderful dinner in which Mark and Sharon Brandt provided a great pulled pork dinner.

Looking forward to a trip possibly in October.



Photo by Mary Montague.

Oakmont Craft Guild

■Jan Decock

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Oakmont's Fall Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featured will be over 40 local makers including jewelry, art, photography, homemade jams, and fudge, plants, books, fabric and crochet goods and accessories, ceramics, wood creations, birdhouses, tumblers, Halloween Trick or Treat bags, candles, body products, cards, Bella Rosa organic coffee (fresh & bags for sale), Artisan baked goods and Doris' Kitchen Taco Truck!

Plenty of free parking and lots of great gift ideas. For questions, please contact me at jdecoc99@yahoo.com.

Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

SPOKEN LIKE A PRO

It takes stamina to be grandma-in-charge for two wee ones. It takes almost as much stamina to travel in Paris with Jovie and Evan as pre-teenagers. And yet, Diane loves her role. She also loves that she's fit enough to answer the "grandma please help" call.



Diane in Paris.

Diane is convinced exercise is one secret to a healthy life. In her hometown of Sacramento, she began exercising not in a gym but at the ballet bar. She was six.

She was an obsessed ballet student, member of Sacramento ballet company who eventually found her way not as a classical ballerina in American Ballet Theatre but as member of Mickey's Dance Troop in Disneyland. There, she danced her passion every single day.

Marriage, a move to Santa Rosa with two tykes meant a pause from dance. A short pause; between

naps and pre-school schedules, mommy joined the YMCA. "But, being a student of aerobics wasn't quite enough," so she trained, got certified and taught for over 25 years. "Step Aerobics became kind of my favorite." She concludes, "I think many exercise instructors are frustrated ex-dancers."



Diane at OHI class.

Another big win for Diane's tenure at the Y: beginning an almost four demand long friendship with JoRene. "I've always been aware of what an amazing person and instructor she is."

After 43 years in the same home, Diane and hubby Mark moved to Oakmont. Diane wasted no time finding OHI and the Hiking Club. In Women's Yoga this capable woman has found yet another avenue to apply her leadership skills.

"We are so fortunate to have JoRene, Nicole and amazing sub, John Ross. They make it look easy, but I know first-hand how much time and effort goes into what they bring to us."

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Oakmont Vets Club

■Paul Gowins

HONORING OUR OAKMONT VETERANS

In one short month from now we will once again be solemnly honoring our revered veterans. Oakmont has a standing tradition now of honoring this special observance held every year on the 11th month, and the 11th day, at the 11th hour, in remembrance of the designated time set for the first Armistice Day observance at the end of WWI. Our national celebration has remained enshrined on our calendars and hearts, as it has been since the holiday was made official in 1971 by Congressional act.

As we have done for some years past now, we will once more have a special feature to our Veterans' Day program that we call the Hall of Heroes. Following last year's successful display practice, we will again have our Heroes posters with pictures and stories displayed beginning October 15 in the lobby of the CAC until we move it to the Berger on November 10 to proudly display there through the 11th. Hope to see you there!

But this year we want to add emphasis to attract

some members from our more recent arenas of duty and conflict to engage and celebrate those younger veterans among us who served in tours in Desert Storm in the Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and any of the other stations of duty that came after the '70s. We have not had enough of those faces and voices represented in our Vets Club ranks until now, and we hope, and need to encourage you all to join us now.

To every veteran—past and present—we say thank you for your courage and sacrifice. Your dedication will never be forgotten.

The Oakmont Veterans Club will honor our own courageous veterans. Come to the CAC lobby to view those veterans who proudly wore their uniform for our nation and read their stories.

Please note: This year there will not be an Oakmont Veterans Day Parade. We hope you will join us on Nov. 11 in the Berger Center that day for a commemorative event honoring our vets. More information will be presented in the next issue of the *Oakmont News*.



Last year's Hall of Heroes. (Photo by Pat Hendricks)

Oakmont Sunday Symposium

Berger Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr.
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www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org

■Judie Coleman

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

OCTOBER 12: SHANNON CARR, SONOMA COUNTY BEE KEEPERS ASSOC. *THE AMAZING BUZZ ON BEES*



Ever wonder what really happens inside a beehive? The (very) short life of a honeybee is a remarkable journey—from a tiny egg to a vital member of a highly organized colony. From nurse bees to foragers, queens to drones, every bee has a job—and every stage of their short life has a purpose.

Honeybees may be small, but their role in our world is enormous. They are truly among nature's most important and awe-inspiring creatures. Come hear the buzz on bees!

OCTOBER 19: LANCE COTTRELL *CRYPTOCURRENCY FOR DUMMIES*

Digital money is no longer the future—it's the present. From Bitcoin to Ethereum, crypto is reshaping everything from banking to buying a cup of coffee. But what exactly is it? Why does it matter?



Even if you never get involved in it, you will want to join Lance Cottrell for an engaging, no-jargon, plain English talk that unpacks what everyone should know and understand about this confusing new financial frontier.

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



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



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Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

■John Tan

GUS LEE COMING TO OAKMONT

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

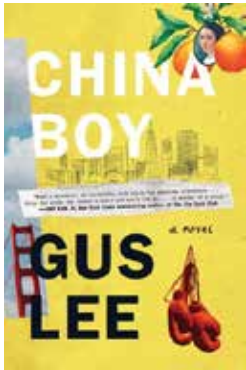


Gus Lee.

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

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

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



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

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

Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

This is a very important time to discuss current events! Please join us every Friday from 1–2:30 p.m. at the East Rec. Come in person if you can; join on Zoom if you can't. If you come in person, a donation of \$1 is requested.

Issues discussed range from local to national to international. All sides of issues are encouraged.

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

If you want to be put on the mailing list, including Zoom, email tinales31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

Soroptimist International Oakmont Wine Country



■Karin Fitz Sanford, Co-Chair

ANNUAL AUTHORS' BOOK FAIRE: AUTHOR SIGHTING AHEAD!

Check out over 35 author exhibitors at our fourth annual Authors' Book Faire on November 15. Hosted by the Soroptimist International of Oakmont Wine Country (SIOWC), the popular event will be held from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Dr.

Entrance is free for book lovers of all ages. This year's Faire will showcase award-winning novelists, journalists, first-time authors, poets, and thought leaders from across Sonoma County and beyond. They will be on hand to sign and sell their books, with subject matter ranging from Hollywood history and travel to historical fiction, self-help, science,

mysteries, and memoirs.

Light refreshments will be available, as well as food service by Tri Tip Trolley.

New this year: Spotlight Author Readings, featuring over 15 authors discussing their books and answering questions in adjacent rooms.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Authors look forward to the opportunity to personally meet you, while supporting this deserving fundraiser.

Mark your calendar now—this is an afternoon of storytelling you won't want to miss!



Standing, L to R: Karin Fitz Sanford, Lally Pia, Matt Brown, Nadine Condon, Judith Rivers Moore, Jeanne Miller, Ana Manwaring, Geoff Canham, and Laurie Jacobson.

Seated, L to R: Pamela Reitman, Barbara Phelan, Cathy Fisher, Lori Pappas, David Schmidt, Liz O'Connell, Julie Bennett, Astrid Harper, Justina Fruiht, and Roger McPherson.

Not pictured: Christine Banihashemi, Catharine Bramkamp, Lisa Diaz-McQuaid, Jane Fitcher, Mary Gardner, Les Gee, Ronald Gibbs, Eric Goodman, Cynthia Goodwin, Paul Gullixson, Laura McHale Holland, Yvonne Horn, Joanne Howard, Carol Jacobson, Linda Lambert, Nancy Martin, Melissa Masters, Radhika Paliwa, Elizabeth Quiroz, and Rebecca Randolph. (Photo by Mindy Breslin Photography)

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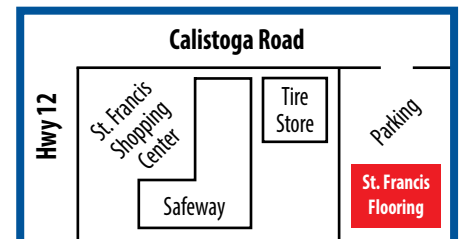
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WHERE: Berger Center
 SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays at 2 p.m.
 HOSTS: Mike McInnis, Deborah Davidson, Jeff Neuman and Barbara Marquardt.

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



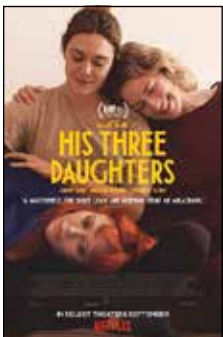
OCTOBER 12: WOLFS

Two rival fixers cross paths when they're both called in to help cover up a prominent New York official's misstep. Over one explosive night, they'll have to set aside their petty grievances and their egos to finish the job. 2024, R, 1:48.



OCTOBER 19: IT ENDS WITH US

When a woman's first love suddenly reenters her life, her relationship with a charming, but abusive neurosurgeon is upended and she realizes she must learn to rely on her own strength to make an impossible choice for her future. 2024, PG-13, 2:10.



OCTOBER 26: HIS THREE DAUGHTERS

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

Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



Richard Osborne

INSTALLATION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2025-2026

The Kiwanis Club of Oakmont held a special meeting and potluck dinner on Sunday, September 28 in the East Rec Center to celebrate the installation of our 2025-2026 Officers and Directors. Richard Della Maggiora, Lieutenant Governor for Northern California, officiated the installation ceremony.

We are proud to announce our incoming leadership: President, Richard Osborne; Past President, Jim Stewart; Treasurer, Sherrie Conrad; Secretary, Fran Lazzarini; Directors, Charles Ensley, Ann Isaacs, Tricia Shindledecker, and Bev Singer.

Let us extend our best wishes to these dedicated individuals as they begin their service to the children of Sonoma County.

The Kiwanis Club of Oakmont is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We meet Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Berger Center Fireside Room, and we warmly welcome guests and prospective members.

For more information, contact us at: kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com.

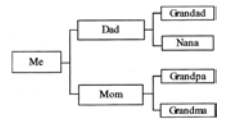


Richard Della Maggiora (left) and Rich Osborne.



Sherri Conrad (left) and Gaye Watt.

Genealogy Club



George McKinney

DNA SIMPLIFIED

The Oakmont Genealogy Club will hold its next meeting on October 27 at 1 p.m., both in person at East and online via Zoom (see below for Zoom details).

This session will focus on the topic of DNA in genealogy. Originally, genetic genealogy was a complex subject, often difficult to grasp without advanced knowledge. This meeting aims to simplify those concepts for everyone.



We will begin with a straightforward explanation of what is examined when you submit your DNA for testing and how your DNA is compared to others. The discussion will then cover how these comparisons can help identify possible relationships—such as first cousins or uncles—and how to determine the most accurate connections. Additionally, we'll explore how DNA evidence can resolve some traditional genealogical research challenges.

The meeting will conclude with an overview of the leading DNA testing companies, with a strong recommendation for AncestryDNA.

Please remember, any conclusions drawn from DNA testing should always be supported by documented facts whenever possible.

Here's the sign-in information if you want to attend by Zoom: Meeting ID 862 2760 9536; Passcode 030213.

The Oakmont Genealogy Club provides a place to learn about topics in genealogical research and share our own work. It is open to all residents and their guests. If you want to be on our mailing list, contact us at oakmontancestry@gmail.com. Our website is oakmontgenclub.org.

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Ladies Bunco Night

■Barbara Wooley

ROLL, CHAT, SNACK, LAUGH!

Ladies Bunco Night is a popular and fun activity held twice a month for Oakmont residents and their guests. Bunco is a simple, no-skill-required, dice game that is played with partners. You do not need to arrive with a partner since partners change with each round of play!

Beginners are always welcome! It takes less than 5 minutes to master the game. Even better, several players win cash prizes at the end of each night!



Wooley sisters: Patty Hajdu and Sharon Duncan.
(Photo by Barbara Wooley)

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

WHERE: Card Room, Central Activity Center

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:45 p.m. (play is about 1-1/2 to 2 hrs.)

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: Jill Butler, (760) 468-1743; Email: jillivannili@sbcglobal.net

Oakmont Garden Club

■Patty McHugh



CONTAINER GARDENING

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

WHERE: East Rec., 7902 Oakmont Drive

SPEAKER: Nancy Crevaling, Sonoma County Master Gardener

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

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

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

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

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

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

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■Star Power

COME ONE, COME ALL

Oh my, October is flying by. Then comes November, a busy month for most. One celebration is Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11 when the Oakmont Veterans Club will celebrate with a commemorative event at the Berger Center.

Another celebration honoring our veterans is put on by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Santa Rosa. They will be having their annual Veterans Tribute Luncheon on Friday, November 14 at the Veterans Memorial Building from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

This event has been going on for the last 21 years (except for COVID years) and is always a patriotic program with a marching band, color guard, military vehicles on display, speakers and a delicious brown-bag lunch provided all these years by our own Oakmont Village Market. In the past, they have provided lunches for 500-700 people. They're amazing.

The tickets for this event are \$20 and we hope you will buy two—one for yourself and one for a veteran so they can attend for free. If you don't know a veteran just return one ticket to me and I will make sure it is given to a vet.

You have time to get a ticket from any Rotarian or Kiwanian. Look for the flyers about this event posted around Oakmont and downtown.

Another way to get a ticket or two is to drop by a Valley of the Moon Rotary meeting. They're held most Thursdays at 8–9 a.m. at the East Rec. Come early and look for me—I have the tickets available. Stay and have a light breakfast, coffee and enjoy our meeting.

The VOM Rotary meeting on October 23 features speaker Jackie Ryan talking about the Oakmont Community Foundation. On October 30 is Susan Ferran speaking about First Responders.

Playreaders



■D. Hall

WEDDING'S OVER; CLOISTERS NEXT

Even if you missed Act 1, you'll get a big kick out of Act 2 of Oakmont Playreaders' *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, by Alan Ball. It's on for Monday, October 13 at 2 p.m. in Room B (Birch) of the Central Activities Center. The play recounts an afternoon of wit and comedy by five bridesmaids unflinchingly enduring a wedding nobody likes. The cast includes: Marcel Coder, Sarah Shankman, Osha Hayden, Ginny Smith, Leslie Tuche and Steven Levin. Jim Preston and D. Hall directed.

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

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

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

Bocce Club



■Mary Piumarta

The Bocce Club Board met to discuss plans and changes to hours, dues, and events.

Beginning November 1, regular club times and hours will change to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 p.m. The courts are open to all others after these hours. New member orientation will continue on the first Tuesday of each month.

The next tournament and potluck will be held on October 11. Come out and enjoy the Fall weather and some Bocce Club camaraderie.

Note that membership dues will increase to \$25 per year beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

Plans are underway for the Holiday Party on December 13 at the East Rec. Center. Dinner, catered by The Bird, will include a choice of Salmon or Rib Eye. Music will be provided by The O'Hara Brothers. Price is \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. So, circle your calendar and plan on a festive evening in December. More information and sign-up will be included in the next newsletter.

Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Marilyn Noah

OCTOBER DINNER AT THE SADDLE CLUB

The next Cal Alumni Club dinner is on Thursday, October 16, at 5 p.m. at the Wild Oak Saddle Club. Our October speaker will be announced on the Cal Alumni Club website, www.caloakmont.org.

The menu is beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, buttered noodles, roasted vegetables, garden salad and bread and butter. Dessert will be pumpkin cake. Feel free to bring a wine of your choice.

Cost is \$62 per person. Members can register and pay for dinner on www.caloakmont.org.

Dinners often sell out so if interested in attending, don't delay! Guests are welcome at our dinners; contact oakmontcalalums@gmail.com for details on registering as a non-member guest.

The Cal Alumni Club fundraises to support scholarships for UC Berkeley students including scholarships for Santa Rosa Junior College students transferring to Cal. We meet for dinner at the Wild Oak Saddle Club every month except June, November and December. Our annual fundraiser is a popular wine tasting in June, and we coordinate a Big Game party every year with Stanford alums. Cal graduates and friends of Cal are welcome to join the Alumni Club.

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

MEDITATING TOGETHER WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"Your goal is not to battle with the mind, but to witness the mind."—Swami Muktananda

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, Room B: This is a 35-min. meditation. This session frequently begins with a short 15-20-minute talk about various aspects of meditation.

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



Oakmont Movers and Groovers



■Denise Lindsey

BINGO AT THE EAST REC. CENTER

Join us for an unforgettable night of fun for BINGO. Wooden Petal will provide pretzels. You may also bring snacks and drinks.

DATE: Saturday, October 11

TIME: Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and Bingo will begin from 5–6:30 p.m.

WHERE: East Recreation Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

TICKETS: Admission is free. Each OMG member is allowed to bring one non-member as a guest. You can buy Bingo cards for \$2 each that evening. Seating is limited, so it is recommended that you RSVP to omgclub2025@gmail.com. Table reservations for 8 should include the names of those in your party.

Oakmont residents who are not members of the OMG Club are welcome as walk-ins, if seats are available. Non-members who are not guests of a club member will pay \$3 per Bingo card.

We want to thank everyone for being a part of our community. Your enthusiasm and support make all the difference. We cannot wait to see you at our events for a night full of fun and friendship!

Questions: Email me at omgclub2025@gmail.com or call (530) 444-0734.

What Can the Firewise Task Force Do for You?

■Iris Harrell

FIREWISE TASK FORCE

When a trained volunteer Firewise assessor visits your home, you'll receive a free, private report that includes photos and recommendations for improving your home's resistance to wildfire.

Important: Firewise assessments are strictly educational and not tied to enforcement. Our goal is to help you, the homeowner, better understand how to protect your property.

You'll also receive the latest information we've gathered about insurance coverage, including some new emerging standards and the things that may lead companies to deny coverage. Assessors can provide a list of vetted handypersons recommended by other Oakmonters for fire-related home improvements, as well as suggestions for low-cost materials and upgrades.

They can also explain the Firewise requirements that *are* enforced by the OVA Architectural Committee during compliance inspections—helping to distinguish between what's recommended and what's required.

And, of course, your assessor brings empathy and understanding. They're Oakmont residents too, facing the same wildfire safety challenges at their own homes.

To request an educational Firewise assessment, email Danielle Hannigan at the OVA office: dani@oakmontvillage.com.

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Oakmont Car Club

■Stuart Odell

REV UP YOUR SOCIAL LIFE: JOIN THE OAKMONT CAR CLUB

Most Oakmont residents know about the Oakmont Car Club's spectacular annual Memorial Day weekend car show, where over 120 classic cars, historic vehicles, and hot rods transform our community into an automotive wonderland. Families and friends gather for an afternoon filled with great food, music, and endless car talk that brings together enthusiasts of all ages.

But what you might not know is that the OCC's activities extend far beyond this signature event. Throughout the year, the club organizes fascinating trips to local Bay Area car collections and workshops, giving members behind-the-scenes access to some incredible automotive treasures. Members also regularly meet up at other car shows and gatherings throughout the summer, creating a network of friendships built around our shared passion for automobiles.

The heart of the OCC beats strongest during our weekly Tuesday meetings from 8:30–10 a.m. in the OVA card room in the Berger Center. While cars are certainly the main topic of conversation, these gatherings are relaxed affairs where members discuss everything and anything that comes to mind. It's this welcoming, informal atmosphere that makes the club special.

As one of the newest (and younger) members, having moved to Oakmont just last year, I've been impressed by the wealth of knowledge our veteran members bring to every meeting. Many have been involved with the OCC and the greater North Bay car culture for decades, sharing invaluable experience and wisdom that benefits everyone.

Whether you're a lifelong car enthusiast or someone who simply appreciates beautiful machines and good company, the Oakmont Car Club welcomes you. Stop by one of our Tuesday meetings to meet our members, check out some amazing rides, and maybe share your own automotive story.

After all, every car has a story, and every story deserves to be shared.

Spirituality Collaborative

■Geoff Canham

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The Spirituality Collaborative welcomes visitors to all our meetings who are interested in discussing the spiritual life. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. in the CAC, Birch Room.

We begin with a short meditation to bring our focus into the circle. At most meetings we have a topic of interest to the group to start our conversations. We often share resources, experiences or ideas and inspirations, and we value the sharing, diversity and collaboration of understanding and appreciation.

If you value shared reflective conversations, please join us at one of our upcoming meetings. Our October 14 meeting will have a discussion topic of Gratitude and Spirituality. Please join our conversation.

Contact Sue Aiken at slaiken5440@gmail.com or me at gcanham@cs.com.

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■Richard Osborne

DO YOU HAVE HEARING LOSS? YES YOU DO

You've heard it from your spouse. Maybe your friends have hinted at it. If you're still working, you might notice you're not quite keeping up with conversations at the office. Well, guess what—they're all right. You do have hearing loss.

How do I know? Because here in Oakmont, nearly everyone does. It's the natural effect of aging, and as much as you might want to deny it, hearing loss is part of the journey.

You see, we don't really "hear with our ears"—we hear with our brains. As we age, the nerves that carry sound signals to the brain begin to weaken. High frequencies are often the first to go. That's why your grandchildren might seem harder to understand, or why your spouse's voice (if she's a woman) doesn't come through as clearly. Friends notice when you don't respond. Colleagues may seem harder to follow in a noisy environment.

So, now what? You could keep putting it off. After all, you're retired—who needs sharp hearing? But here's the truth: untreated hearing loss leads to more than missed conversations. It is strongly linked to dementia, and it fuels isolation—which means fewer friends, less joy, and often more frustration in daily life. Think about how often you've avoided restaurants, group gatherings, or even simple chats because the noise was too much.

The good news? While there's no cure, there is tremendous improvement available. Medicare makes hearing care affordable—sometimes even free. A reputable audiologist can guide you, and today's hearing devices are discreet, powerful, and life changing.

So don't wait. Take the step. Hear your grandchildren again. Enjoy dinner with friends. Reconnect with life. You'll be amazed at what you've been missing.

Oakmont Grief Support

■Candace English, Facilitator

OPEN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Oakmont Grief Support is a community which extends help and understanding to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. We meet every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Suite B of the Oakmont administration offices, where we share and listen to personal accounts of what we have experienced.

We've learned that profound grief is a natural result of having loved and created a life together with partners, children, family and friends—a life that is now forever changed. We are ready to embrace your truth, regardless of where you are on your journey of living a new reality without that special person.

I am an Oakmont resident and trained grief therapist with 25 years of experience. What is shared in our circle remains confidential. Please join us. We are here for each other, and here for you.

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There are three OVA bulletin boards, one at each recreation center, where OVA events can be posted. Please bring in notices to the Events Coordinator at the OVA Office. Size is limited to 8.5"x5.5". Items "For Sale", "For Rent" or "Want to Buy" can be put on a 3"x5" card and left at the OVA Office.

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

GUEST PASSES

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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We provide the following services to Oakmont Residents:

- Transportation to medical/dental appointments, including pet appointments, in Santa Rosa only
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COORDINATOR Rides to Medical Appointments

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Mon.–Fri. medical rides before 9 AM or after 4 PM are subject to limited volunteer driver availability. No service on weekends or holidays. Please call at least three full working days prior to appointment.
We regret that we are unable to provide either wheelchair or emergency service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITER GUIDELINES

The *Oakmont News* welcomes letters of up to 250 words from residents to express opinion, criticism or praise. They must include the writer's name and Oakmont address, although the address won't be published. See details on how to send them at <https://oakmontvillage.com/submit>. While letters to the editor may be edited for length and spelling, they are not edited for accuracy. Opinions are that of the writer and not necessarily the Oakmont Village Association.

POOLS & JACUZZIS

Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.
 WEST: 7 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)
 EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Mondays for cleaning)
 CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM
 (Closes 7 PM Tuesdays for cleaning)
 JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.
 CENTRAL POOL HOURS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 18:
 Labor Day–Memorial Day: 11 AM–2 PM daily
 Memorial Day–Labor Day: 12–4 PM daily
 Children must be accompanied by an OVA member/resident or adult with a valid guest pool access card.
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Oak Creek RV & Self Storage
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LIBRARY

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr.
 Hours: Daily 6 AM–9 PM. Closed Christmas Day. It is run by volunteers. All donations are gladly accepted. Materials we cannot use will be passed on to others.

OAKMONT COMMUNITY GARDEN ON STONEBRIDGE

For more info on signing up, email Oakmontcommunitygarden@gmail.com. Contact for current availability.

HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK

6302 Stone Bridge Rd
 Open to residents of Oakmont Village Association from sunrise to sunset. Small Dog Hours are from 9–10 AM every days.

FITNESS CENTER

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OVA BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

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

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE IN OAKMONT

- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
- Sonoma County Transit #30 bus goes to Memorial and Kaiser Hospitals and downtown Santa Rosa. Returns via Oakmont to Sonoma.
- Schedules available at OVA office.

BE ON OVA E-MAIL LIST

Know what's going on in Oakmont. You'll receive the weekly "Inside Oakmont" newsletter, Board Meeting notices and agendas, special notices and meeting announcements. To join the OVA's e-mail list, visit oakmontvillage.com/inside and enter your information to subscribe.

Oakmont Art Association

■ Bob Tanner, Trip Coordinator

OAA BUS TRIP TO LEGION OF HONOR MUSEUM

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

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

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

The bus will leave the Berger parking lot promptly at 8:45 a.m. for an 11 a.m. entry time and return by approximately 4:30 p.m. Tickets are not refundable.



Legion of Honor Museum.

Lunch is not included but the museum restaurant has good meals. The deadline for signups is January 6. We expect this will be a very popular trip so sign up as early as you can. The last trip sold out a month

before the trip date and had a long waiting list.

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

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We also desire to be a safe place for people to explore their spirituality. Ultimately, we want to help each other get to where Jesus wants us to go.

Our Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center. For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Thursday evening survey of the Christian faith—Alpha, our Saturday Prayer meeting, and other gatherings go to <http://www.occsantarosa.org>, write us at occsantarosa@gmail.com or call us at (707) 595-0166.

Star of the Valley Church

■Peter Hardy

UPCOMING EVENTS BINGO

Star of the Valley will host its monthly Bingo on Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 4 p.m. Guests are asked to arrive before 3:45 p.m. to allow time to purchase dinner and bingo cards, as the games will begin promptly. This month's dinner will feature a baked potato bar with chili and dessert. The cost is \$10 for dinner, and bingo cards will be available for \$2 each. All are welcome, and those who do not wish to play are encouraged to join for dinner and conversation.

CALAMARI AND CHICKEN DINNER

Later in the month, Star of the Valley will host its Calamari and Chicken Dinner on Thursday, October 30. Appetizers and a no-host bar will be available at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The meal will include salad and rolls, a choice of calamari or chicken, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert. The cost is \$25 per person.

Reservations for the Calamari and Chicken Dinner may be made by calling me at (707) 480-5094. If I am unavailable, please leave your name, phone number, entrée choice, and the same information for any guests.

The final date for reservations is Monday, October 27, at 5 p.m. Payment will be collected at the door. A 50/50 raffle will also be held during the event for those interested.

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Instructor: Craig Griffeath

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

WHEN: Friday, November 7 from 7–9 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center. Theater seating. Free.

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

WHEN: Thursday, December 4 from 7–9 p.m.

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

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

WHEN: Thursday, December 18 from 7–9 p.m.

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

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



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