President’s Message:
It's September and we're off and running for a fabulous OAC year! Check out the September Calendar of Events and Programs Section and the October Calendar Preview below.

This month, we're going to play – DID YOU KNOW THAT?

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- on the Member Page of the OAC Website, you can find a link to the OAC HANDBOOK and a link to the CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS for 2016-2017.
- in the HANDBOOK, “TBD” after Chairs means “to be determined,” but that these members stepped up and volunteered to fill these positions:
  September 8 HDL – Cindy McCauley, Teresa Rea, Diane Ward
  October 13 HDL – Judy Kerry
  November 10 HDL – Carol Price and Mary Jo Sorensen
  January 28 Crab Fest – Nancy Bloom, Kathryn Olson, Kelli Tonnesen
- Susan Tighe stepped up to become Recording Secretary for Board Meetings after a vacancy in the Board due to a member’s illness.
- Lana Kennings stepped up to join Joann Mannion as Co-Chair of Ways & Means.
- we still need volunteers to step up for the following positions:
  December 8 – Village Edibles Market Chair
  April 13 HDL – Chairs
  Volunteer Recruiter to work with Myrna Lane to send out emails
- as part of “Looking Back” this year, the Newsletter will offer a new feature “In Our Rear View Mirror” where members will share historical anecdotes about the Club.

And, just a reminder, if you are a Chair of an Event or Program, please contact Lee or Dave, our Building Managers, to notify them of set-up needs. Their contact information is:
Karel (Lee) Lewis: (415) 924-9583 (cell) oacsetup@gmail.com
Dave Boston: (415) 203-8959 (cell) davidwboston@aol.com

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Club, and don’t forget to contact me or Susan Johnson (1st VP) if you want to “step up” and volunteer!

Best,
Maria Hilakos Hanke, President
mhilakoshanke@gmail.com (415) 531-5231
**CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Thursday, September 8th**
12:30 p.m.  **Home Day Luncheon - Honoring Past Presidents**  
*Lunch Chairs: Cindy McCauley, Teresa Rea and Diane Ward*

Program:  **History of Women’s Clubs** – Come and learn about the long diverse and fascinating social, cultural and political history of the rise of women’s clubs in the United States and how women crafted spaces of shared interest and activism.  

Guest speaker **Dr. Anthea Hartig**, CEO of the California Historical Society will take us on a journey of discovery, as we get ready to celebrate our Club’s 115th Anniversary in 2017.

*Program Chair: Patty Smith*

**Thursday, September 15th**
1:00 p.m.  **Literary Arts Section**  
Program  **Leaning on the Arc; A Personal History of Criminal Defense** –

Come hear renowned criminal defense attorney **Gerald Schwartzbach** speak about his 45-year career defending the famous, such as Robert Blake, as well as the indigent. Author of the fascinating memoir *Leaning on the Arc; A Personal History of Criminal Defense*, Mr Schwartzbach is “an excellent, highly accomplished, practical, idealistic criminal defense lawyer, as committed to his clients, the proper functioning of the criminal justice system and the rule of law, as any lawyer could be.” (Robert Helman).

Please tell a friend and bring a friend to this FREE Public Event at the Club,

*Program Chair: Patti Melin*

**Thursday, September 22nd**
1:00 p.m.  **Guest Tea**  
*Tea Chairs: Robin Blanchfield, Pauline Nacamuli and the AV Team.***

Program:  **Lantern Projects** – When **Gail Uikema** retired as Piedmont School Superintendent she founded this non-profit that raises funds for small projects around the world. She will speak about this one person organization that now has over 300 projects in 70 countries.

*Program Chair: Barbara Derich*
OUTREACH APPLICATIONS

The Outreach Committee is looking forward to responding to feedback from the 2016 Member Survey asking for more visible, higher-impact grants for our community. We are excited about some of the requests we already anticipate receiving, such as the repair of the Depot Clock Tower, originally donated to the people of Mill Valley by the Mill Valley Fireman’s Association in 1929.

SO........ Applications will be available for Outreach grants starting September 1. Go to the OAC member page for the form and instructions or call Pam Keon, Outreach Chair.

We’re very much looking forward to seeing your applications for organizations and projects that reflect the OAC’s role as a civic and cultural leader by:
- furthering the Club’s purposes
  * preservation of natural scenery;
  * beautification of public ground;
  * protection of wildlife;
  * support the development of attractive and accessible outdoor spaces such as parks, playgrounds and natural landmarks; and other “civic, literary and charitable work”; and

- making significant contributions to our community.

THE DEADLINE FOR OUTREACH GRANTS IS SEPTEMBER 30.

Pre-Pay Pre-Reserve Your Home Day Luncheons

Save time and money with a Standing Reservation for all eight Home day Luncheons plus the Closing Lunch.

To enjoy a reduced rate of $12 per lunch and a pre-made reservation for all nine luncheons, just send in your check to the Club, attention: Membership Director, Melissa Kurtz. It needs to be received by Friday, September 2. You may either mail it to the Club or drop it in the OAC mailbox just inside the back gate by the green refuse bins. The amount is $108. Past Presidents may pay $96, as they are honored guests at the September Luncheon.

By having a Standing Reservation, you will no longer need to make a reservation by the Monday before the luncheon or remember to bring $15 to pay for a reserved lunch ($18 unreserved). The only thing you will need to do upon arrival at a lunch is check your name off the Pre-Paid list near the box of nametags.

As always with reservations, please be sure to call or email Clara Hinderberger or Ann Shea to cancel your reservation if you cannot attend so someone on the wait list can take your place. A cancelled pre-paid reservation will not be refunded but will be treated as a donation.

RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER HDL IS FRIDAY, SEPT. 2nd.
The Hats have it!! Many thanks to the 3 C's and their crew for a fantastic luncheon! From left to right, in the hats of course, Carol Werschky, Cathy Blumberg and Colette Weil Parrinello, Co-Chairs of the Birthday Luncheon.

Stories from our past! Historical anecdotes about THE OUTDOOR ART CLUB

“Community Service began with Helen Hahn, a member of The Outdoor Art Club since 1958. Helen has always been a do-er. She was the Chairman of the Red Cross Knitting Group during the Second World War.

Helen’s mother was blind and living in a local nursing home. Helen made a number of “useful objects” for her, such as knitted slippers, shawls, bags for her belongings. Her mother’s friends in the home requested Helen to make some for them as well, and she did.

One day, when she was playing bridge with friends at the Club, she complained of the expenses of the materials for making so many “useful objects” for the people at the house. Her friends, Virginia Spalding and Carol Long, agreed to help pay for materials, and this effort expanded into the Club's Garden Section, where Helen was a member.

By 1966, when Virginia Spalding was Club President, she succeeded in making this very worthwhile work an official Section of the Club, to be known as Community Service. Dorothy George was first Chairman, tho Dorothy admitted that Helen did most of the year’s work.”

The above excerpt is from an originally hand-typed article discovered in the CS cabinet several years ago and will be placed in the OAC Archives. We have a list of the CS Chairs from 1966 through 1989, and Mary Wilson has agreed to help me update that important list of ladies.

Sally Porter, Past Community Service Chair
October Calendar Preview
Mark your calendar

**Wednesday, Oct. 5** – New Member Orientation

**Thursday, Oct. 6** - **State of the City** – Mayor John McCauley and City Manager Jim McCann will discuss reasons behind the many changes and exciting improvements now taking place in Mill Valley as well as participate in a Q & A with the audience. This is an open to the public program being brought to us by the Civics & Conservation Committee. Tell your neighbours and friends and encourage them to attend.

**Thursday, Oct. 13** HDL – Program: Marin Theatre Company with Artistic Director Jasson Minadakis who will speak of MTC’s 50th Anniversary Season as well as the three pillars on which MTC stands: art, education and community outreach.

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**THE RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING!!!!**

Please start saving those give-away items for our rummage sale. We will take just about anything but no books or clothes. Call Mim Hodge if you would like items picked up. We will start accepting things at the Club in November.

**Treasures:** kitchen items, collectibles, artwork, silver, jewellery, linens, Small pieces of furniture, sporting equipment, rugs, décor, tools etc.

If 400 members gave 4 items each and we sold each item for $4 we would make $6,400! See how it adds up. Be a part of the sale!

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**Save the Date!**

**Fashion Matinee**

at the Outdoor Art Club

**Runway Fashions from Local Designers**

J’Amy Tarr * Rebecca Bruce * Sarah Head * Lynn Tallerico

Outerwear  Artistic Dresses  Unique Jewelry  Handbags & Totes

October 20, 2016 ~ $40/person ~ Guests Welcome!

**RAFFLE** featuring custom theme baskets and items donated by **Worth New York Trunk Show** and **The Cashmere Sale**
The Joy of Volunteering!

Susan Johnson, 1st Vice President:

What makes the OAC the vibrant, joyous, purposeful place that it is? You! The members and what we do together. From the beginning of the OAC in 1902, the women of this Club have been united in their efforts to do good work in our community by contributing their talents and energy. On the day we are voted into membership we make the commitment to do the same, and that means volunteering. In past years the requirement has been 20 hours per year for the first two years of membership. The volunteer requirement was revised in 2015. New members as of September 2015 must volunteer 20 hours per year for the first two (2) years of membership plus ten (10) volunteer hours per year for the following eight (8) years. At the New Member Orientation members learn how to record their hours on the OAC website. Directions are in the Handbook as well. This is a convenient way for the member and the First Vice President to track the number of hours worked. All members are encouraged to continue to record their volunteer hours and work done serving on committees, being a Board member, or participating at events after having met the required hours.

So many of our members give far beyond 20 hours per year. We often find the pleasure of contributing builds a sense of community. We experience greater satisfaction in using our intellect and energy for the purposeful activities promoted through the OAC. What better place than the OAC to find new friends, or perhaps reconnect with women we knew at different times in our lives.

Volunteering takes many forms. Most are not too difficult. Consider chairing a luncheon, tea, committee or event. Sign up to work on a kitchen crew. All the members look forward to the delicious luncheons and Guest Teas. This is the year of the Garden Tour, April 27th. All members will be called on to volunteer in some capacity. This is also the year of the 115th Anniversary Celebration, May 17th. Much work needs to be done to prepare the Club for this extraordinary event. When you are asked, be ready to sign up.

Here are some other ideas:

- Craft items for the Village Market. This can be done at home.
- Bake items for Guest Teas.
- Provide appetizers for events.
- Work on luncheons and teas.
- Docent for tours.
- Help mail notices to members who do not receive email.
- Work in the garden weeding, deadheading.
- Sew items for Community Service.
- Help with recycling and composting at luncheons and teas.
- Help with publicity.
- Champion a cause, like making the OAC a ‘Green Business’. If you see something that needs doing, jump right in and make it happen!

Take the initiative to contribute. One job of the First Vice President is to monitor the volunteers and their work. Throughout the year I would like to submit articles to the newsletter highlighting the
work being done. So let me know what is happening and where you see opportunities. In your handbook and on the website you can see all the dates of luncheons, teas, and events where your help will be needed. It is not too early to get out your calendar and commit to a date. Let me know and I will submit your name. My email is: susancaj@comcast.net.

LOST AND FOUND!

Lost and Found articles will be placed in the library at the September 8th luncheon. If your favorite sweater, scarf, umbrella or even seat cushion has disappeared, you might want to check the items displayed. Please let Joan Murray or Lynda Chittenden know if you recognize anything that might belong to someone you know.

HANDCRAFTERS GROUP

All members are welcome to the new Open Crafts Work Session Group, which will have its first meeting on **Wednesday, September 14th from 10-12 in the OAC Library**. This is a gathering to work on your own individual projects, gather ideas for new ones and to enjoy the camaraderie of friends. Please bring your own project and materials. We will discuss possible days and times for a monthly or bimonthly gathering.

_The Village Crafts Market_ group’s next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th from 2 to 3:30 in the OAC Library. We will have updates and project progress reports. Finished items can be turned in to Melissa for inventorying and pricing. In October will be assembling our “Monkey Business”, preparing apple and cranberry chutney and marmalade and creating displays. The projects presented thus far have been FANTASTIC! All projects are “DUE IN” at our meeting on October 24th 2-3:30. Would anyone be willing to create a flyer for the Village Crafts Market on November 10th? Please call Susan or Christy with questions or offers to help!

Susan Reynolds at susan94941@gmail.com Christy Herrmann at ckh10@aol.com

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET

This is a reminder to vote on the OAC Operating & Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. If you haven’t voted yet, please go to the email the OAC sent to you on August 7, 2016 and follow the links in that email. Or, you may vote at the General Membership meeting on September 8, 2016. If you received a ballot in the mail, please return it by September 6. Your vote is important.

TELEPHONE DONATION NEEDED!

We need to replace the OAC office phone. If you have a phone with caller ID features, and are willing to donate it, please contact Martha Hagler mhagler72@sbcglobal.net or 415-378-8967. She’ll come look at it and pick it up. Thanks!
**MAHJONGG**
Come join the Mahjongg group every Tuesday afternoon at the club from 1 to 4 pm – Guests Welcome!

Are you interested in learning to play this fun game? Group lessons will be offered in October.

Contact Gale Weisman
gweisman@sprintmail.com

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**Start the New Club Year Right with**

**CALBERBS!**

Er, I mean SCRABBLE. Have fun while improving your mind with real-time, interpersonal, offline Scrabble! Although most see Scrabble as a word game, it is actually a strategy game, requiring players to use both sides of their brains for anagramming (see title), spatial relationships, fast calculations of alternate scores, and memorization of obscure but winning 2-letter words.

Our OAC group is small but friendly, competitive but not cutthroat. We are happy to provide tutelage and tips, including that 2-letter word list, to all levels of players at tables of 2, 3, or 4, depending upon how much camaraderie is desired.

We meet only once a month, on the third Monday (Sept. 18) at 2 p.m. on the sun porch. If you have questions, please contact Lauri Harper, 415.388.9284,

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**Mother a member of the OAC?**
**Daughter a member of the OAC?**

This year at our pre-Mother’s Day luncheon, we’d like to celebrate our Mother – Daughter connections. Here are the pairs we have so far:

**Mother**
- Mildred Erskine PP 1936
- Melva Schroeder PP 1941
- Zaida Hartman PP 1959
- Elinor Smith PP 1960
- Connie Rider PP 1982
- Marilyn Monardo PP 1989
- Joan Ford
- Lucille Graver
- Nida Devoto
- Diane Ward
- Jane Jett
- Charlaine Shackelford
- Margot Harker
- Connie Kroeck
- Katharine Mills
- Carolyne Wickham
- Mary Polite
- Eleanor Hagler
- Dorothy Killion
- Elsi Harper
- Pat Larson

**Daughter**
- Katie Mills PP 1963
- Alice Saxton PP 2002
- Harriet Kostic
- Stephanie Newhall
- Suzan White & Vicci Cox
- Terry Nevin
- Stephanie O’Lone
- Linda Graver Lathan
- Andrea Devoto
- Laurel Ward
- Peggy Jett
- Linda Dunn
- Lisa Vinson
- Tracey Lee Brown
- Merri Burns
- Stephanie Witt
- Pam Fisco
- Martha Hagler
- Ann Killion
- Lauri Harper
- Teresa Larson

Please let us know if there are others to add to this list.

Terry Nevin: terrynevin@yahoo.com or 415.302.9733
Linda Lathan: llathan@pacbell.net or 415.388.3102

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**CONDOLENCES**

Sincere condolences to the family of Mary Vogelheim, OAC member since 1987. Mary was an active member of the OAC serving on the Board as Ways & Means Chair, as well as volunteering in many club activities.