

# Wednesday Etc. Wire

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## President's Message

Hello All!

Hope you found some special treasures at our Holiday Street Faire this past month! We had a great selection of books and puzzles, jewelry, special foods, "treasures," and many beautiful baskets, as well as two big prizes donated by a wonderful club member. Congratulations to Mary Taggart, who won the grand prize

"Fall Wreath" & \$350 cash gift, and to Kathy McClure, who won the grand prize "Holiday Wreath" and \$350 cash gift.



Mary Taggart,  
Grand Prize Winner  
"Fall Wreath"



Kathy McClure,  
Grand Prize Winner  
"Holiday Wreath"

to everyone for making this an outstanding and fun event!

At the end of the day, I was able to buy several things I had been watching: A baby doll that my granddaughter will love, a beautiful glass tray that I absolutely do not need, several 1000-piece puzzles to keep me busy on winter nights, etc. And I found a fascinating book by Mardy Grothe, called *Oxymoronica*, written almost 20 years ago but still funny and thought-provoking. Here are a few samples from the oxymorons included, for a laugh or to get you thinking in a new way. Can you guess who said each one?

- The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you've got it made.
- Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.
- Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.
- Let us all be happy and live within our means – even if we have to borrow the money to do it.
- Old age is the most unexpected of all the things that can happen to a person.
- Bachelor's wives and old maid's children are always perfect.

If you want to know who said it (historical figure, movie star, politician, singer, writer, etc.), get in touch with me and I will have the answer for you, taken from this interesting little book!

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Many thanks to all who worked to create this wonderful event: Linda Freeman organized the setting and the volunteers and got us all involved in the effort; Ruth Stewart and Rita Johnson wrapped or received beautiful baskets prepared by the Interest Groups and individual members; Joanne Thomas, with the capable help of Lynn Cramer, prepared and displayed the beautiful jewelry; Faye Wilkerson organized all sorts of books, puzzles, and games; Connie Griffin offered beautiful hand-painted vases and hand-made bowl "cozies"; Barbara Shaw handled crafts and plants; Marianne Dozer, Dian Andrew and Ginny Seipel set up the food display table; Shirley Tweedell arranged for the special big baskets and set up the grand prize Fall Wreath and Holiday Wreath tables; and many other members contributed by donating items, bringing food, selling tickets, serving as cashiers, and helping out in many different ways. Thanks

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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You won't want to miss the **December 13 Holiday Luncheon** and musical performance by the talented singer **Hannah Arevalo**, and special treats for those attending. Remember to bring a toy for the **"Toys for Tots" Program**, which helps military families give their children a great Holiday.

Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Enjoy and be thankful for all that you have experienced and will experience in the future. We are so lucky to be alive, even when things in the world are challenging. It's the only and best life each of us will have! Live it well! Happy Holidays to you and yours!

— **Barbara Moely**

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Or (cell) (504) 914-3322



## SUNSHINE NEWS

**Ruth Stewart** and her family and friends are very thankful that her TAVR heart surgery went very well, and she is at home recovering nicely. Please pray for **Kathy Pedrotti** who has pending surgery.

If you know of anyone who needs a little "sunshine," is ill, has had surgery, or is suffering from a loss, please contact Sunshine Chair, Barbara Shaw at barbara@guyshaw.com or (858) 485-8314. Or please contact Sunshine Chair, Dian Andrew at cda7850@hotmail.com or (858) 487-8790.

## FUN THINGS TO DO BULLETIN BOARD

- 1 A Rummikube Interest Group will start play in January 2024. For more information, please contact Ruth Stewart at ruthstew269@yahoo.com
- 2 Reminder: A new "Travel Destinations" Interest Group has been formed and they meet every first Tuesday in the Frank Lenfesy Room at the Rancho Bernardo Library. For further information, please contact Linda Freeman at Lcfree22@gmail.com or call/text 858.775.8830.

## NEW WEDNESDAY ETC. DIRECTORY

Thank you, Jo Willis, for our new Club Directory 2023-2024, which has been published. Jo Willis distributed copies at the November 8th Luncheon, and the other copies will be mailed. We have 109 members registered to date. For information, please contact Jo Willis, Membership Chair, at jowillis91919@gmail.com or (858) 204-8603.

## WEDNESDAY ETC. INTEREST GROUPS ARE HAVING FUN!

Our Wednesday Etc. Interest groups are having fun this season getting together with friends. Two of the Interest Groups are featured in this WIRE.

### THE BOOK CLUB

At their monthly meeting on October 25, the Wednesday Etc. BOOK CLUB enjoyed hosting a special writer – Tamara Leitner --who wrote the book, "Don't Say A Thing." Tammy is a San Diego raised lady, a 12-time Emmy Award-Winning broadcast and print investigative Journalist, and the daughter of Wednesday Etc. member, Judy Leitner!



Chris Giulianotti, Karen McGurk, Kathleen Slevin, Judy Leitner, Jan Murray, Sally Fallon, Linda Freeman, Faye Wilkerson, and author, Tamara Leitner.

### THE MEXICAN TRAIN GROUP

In October, the Mexican Train Group were together at Barbara Moely's home in Poway to play this fun game. Thank you, Barbara, for hosting our Mexican Train Group.



Stephanie Colson, Sharon Saindon, and Lynn Cramer



TOYS FOR TOTS  
December 13, 2023  
**LUNCHEON**

Featuring Singer & Actress

## HANNAH AREVALO

We are honored to have the very talented singer and actress, Hannah Arevalo, perform for the Wednesday Etc. 's Holiday Luncheon. Hannah is privileged to have performed with many of classical music's most renowned artists and composers. She has toured with Andrea Bocelli, as well as the Boston Pops Orchestra. Her theatre credits include "Annie" (Sophie), The Sound of Music (Mother Abbess), and Big River (Miss Watson/soloist). While attending California State University, Fullerton, Hannah was a member of the University and Chamber Singers and toured Australia and Europe.

### **VACCINATED MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY**

#### **TO MAKE A RESERVATION**

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO:

**DOTTI AULETTA** at [dotssd@icloud.com](mailto:dotssd@icloud.com)

or call Dotti at (760) 567-7409 (with your Menu Choice)

**OR**

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO:

**JANICE MURRAY** at [janicemurray13@yahoo.com](mailto:janicemurray13@yahoo.com)

or call Janice at (916) 995-7099 (with your Menu Choice)

**ATTENTION: NEW PAYMENT METHOD IN EFFECT NOW –**

**DO NOT MAIL YOUR \$35 CHECK.**

**YOU MUST PAY AT THE DOOR BY CHECK.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECK FOR \$35.00**

**(Payable to Wednesday Etc.).**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY AT 5:00 P.M.  
PRIOR TO THE WEDNESDAY ETC. LUNCHEON.**

The venues we use require a head count and we must pay them whether you attend or not. This includes "pay at the door" reservations.  
Thank you in advance for your understanding and compliance.



### **WHEN**

**Wednesday, December 13**

**Social 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch Service 11:30 a.m.**

**Entertainment 12:15 p.m.**

### **WHERE**

**The Heights Golf Club**

16066 Bernardo Heights Pkwy.  
San Diego, CA 92128

### **ENTRÉES**

**NY Strip Steak**

with a Mushroom Demi-Glaze,  
Mashed Potatoes &  
Seasonal Vegetables

**OR**

**Vegetarian:**

**Butternut Squash Risotto**

**Chef's Choice Dessert**

**Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade,  
Arnold Palmers**

# THE HOLIDAY STREET FAIRE

**November 8, 2023**

Wednesday Etc.'s Annual Fundraising Luncheon Event was held at The Heights Golf Club on November 8, 2023. There were delicious baked goods, interesting craft items, good books, challenging puzzles, fun games, beautiful treasures, and pretty jewelry for sale. The beautiful donated personal and Interest Group baskets were a huge success. It was exciting to await the calling of the winning raffle ticket numbers, especially for the Fall and Holiday Wreaths grand prizes with \$350 cash gifts. This was another successful day for our Club as a good time was had by all. Oh, and I forgot to mention the delicious lunch, which was a wonderful treat of turkey with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie. Yum! (by Faye Wilkerson)

## HAPPY RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS



**Marcia Sower**  
– Beth Califano & Betty Gibson's Pasta Basket!



**Sally Edwards**  
– Mexican Train Money Basket



**Pat Roberts**  
– Kathy McClure's Gelson's Wine Basket



**Dian Andrew**  
– Wonderful Book Club Basket



**Faye Wilkerson**  
– Jan Murray's Wine Basket



**Corinne Lines**  
– Hand & Foot #1 Basket



**Diane Silva**  
– Bunco #2 Silver Wreath & Gift Cards



**ML Bennett**  
– "Mani-Pedi" Basket



**Jan Ruff**  
– Dian Andrew's "Teapot & Cup" Basket



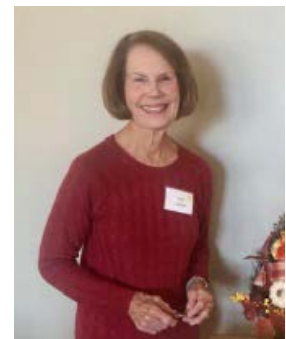
**Barbara Moely**  
– Board Members' "Sunflower" Basket



**Sharon Saindon**  
– Claire Robertson's Health & Nutrition Basket



**Sandy McManus**  
– Kathy McClure & Ruth Stewart's Wine Basket



**Judy Leitner**  
won the lovely Mah Jongg Basket

# MORE HOLIDAY STREET FAIRE

November 8, 2023



**Shirley Tweedell & Beautiful Basket Table!**



**Sharon Malloy & Fall Wreath Table**



**Arlene Siravo  
& the Holiday Wreath Table**



**Dian Andrew  
& the Delicious Baked Goods Table!**



**Connie Griffin & Vicky Hansen**



**Claire Robertson & Marsha Bercuson  
– Wonderful Cashiers!**



**Shirley Tweedell & Ginny Seipel**



**Barbara Shaw – Ticket seller!**



**Faye Wilkerson & her  
Fabulous Book Table!**

# Interest Group Activities

## **BOARD MEETING** December 6, 2023

The Board Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, December 6, at **10:00 a.m.** at the home of Rita Johnson, 17812 Corte Huasco #62, RB, rejohnson0308@gmail.com. **Please RSVP to Barbara at moely@tulane.edu or (858) 883-2908.**

## **BOOK CLUB** CANCELLED

The Wednesday Etc. Book Club usually meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Our book meeting is cancelled for December 27. See everyone in January 2024. **For more information, please contact Sally Fallon at sallyfallon75@gmail.com or (619) 997-9447; or Karen McGurk at kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net.**

## **FUN SOCIAL BRIDGE** CANCELLED

The Fun Social Bridge group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The meeting for December is cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday. For information, please contact Rita Johnson at rejohnson0308@gmail.com or (858) 349-3069.

## **2ND TUESDAY BUNCO** December 12, 2023

The 2nd Tuesday Bunco Group #1 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 12:00 Noon, on Tuesday, December 12, and will include a Lite Holiday Lunch and a \$20 Gift Exchange at the home of Diane Silva, 3177 Via Montaneta, Escondido, (760) 291-0010, dsilva869@aol.com. **PLEASE RSVP to JOANNE THOMAS IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT, at joannethomas45@gmail.com or (858) 485-9432.** (Joanne Thomas is the leader of the Second Tuesday Bunco Group.)

## **4TH TUESDAY BUNCO** December 19, 2023

The Bunco Group #2 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We will be going for **LUNCH AT HOORAH'S IN RB** on December 19 (a week earlier). Time is to be determined. **PLEASE RSVP TO MARY TAGGART IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT, at marytaggart@yahoo.com or (858) 487-5007.** (Mary is the leader of this group.)

## **CANASTA** December 22, 2023

The Canasta group meets on the fourth Friday of the

month. The next meeting will be on Friday, December 22, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Madelyn Reina, 13571 Sunset View, Poway. (858-472-4073), madelynreina@gmail.com. **For information contact Sharon Saindon at s.saindon@yahoo.com or (760) 703-1710.** (Sharon is the leader of this group.)

## **HAND & FOOT #1** CANCELLED

The Hand & Foot #1 Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Hand & Foot #1 meeting is cancelled for December 28, 2023. **For information, please contact Carolyn Burchell at cburchell@san.rr.com or (858) 217-6162.** (Carolyn Burchell is the leader of this group.)

## **HAND & FOOT #2** December 7, 2023

The Hand and Foot #2 Group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at the home of Madelyn Reina, 13571 Sunset View, Poway, madelynreina@gmail.com, (858) 472-4073. **Please let Lynn Cramer know if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND, at (lynvin63@gmail.com or (858) 674-0759.** (Lynn is the leader of this group.)

## **MAH-JONGETTES** December 20, 2023

The Mah-Jongettes meet on the third Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, at the home of Diane Moore, 12809 Via Moura, (858) 432-4389. **PLEASE RSVP to Carolyn Burchell if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND, at cburchell@san.rr.com or (858) 217-6162.** (Carolyn Burchell is leader of this group.)

## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS** December 15, 2023

The Mexican Train group meets on the third Friday of the month. We will meet on Friday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Rita Johnson, 17812 Corte Huasco #62, (858)349-3069, rejohnson0308@gmail.com. **Please let Barbara Moely know if you plan to attend or not by emailing her at moely@tulane.edu or phoning her at (858) 883-2898 or (504) 914-3322.** (Barbara Moely is the leader of this group.)

## **POKER** December 21, 2023

The Poker group meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December

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**POKER INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITY**  
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21, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Saindon, 13137 Woodmont St., Poway. **PLEASE RSVP TO SHARON SAINDON IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT AT s.saindon@yahoo.com or (760) 703-1710.** (Sharon is leader for the Poker group.)

**TRAVEL DESTINATIONS December 5, 2023**

The Wednesday Etc. Travel Destinations group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Library, upstairs in the Frank Lenfesty Room. Our subject for this meeting will be "USA River Cruising (Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio, Columbia, St. Lawrence, etc.). **Please RSVP to Linda Freeman at Lcfree22@gmail.com or (858) 775-8830.**



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE KIDS!**

It's that time of the year again! The U.S. Marine Corps' annual **"TOYS FOR TOTS" HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN** is in full swing. **Please bring an UNWRAPPED GIFT for a young person for Christmas to our December 13th Luncheon.** There is always a shortage of gifts for older kids, over 10 years old. These donated toys are for the kids that are in financially troubled families in the San Diego area.

Two donation boxes will be placed at the door of The Heights Golf Club at our December 13th Luncheon, and Donation \$\$ envelopes will also be placed on the tables. Many thanks for your help for our "Toys for Tots" yearly event.

**DECEMBER 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 1:00 pm TRAVEL DESTINATIONS RB Library Second Floor	6 10:00 am BOARD MEETING Rita Johnson	7 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #2 Madelyn Reina	8	9
10	11	12 12:00 pm Lite Lunch \$20 Gift Exchange 2ND TUESDAY BUNCO Diane Silva	13 11:00 am LUNCHEON The Heights Golf Club Featuring Singer Hannah Arevalo	14	15 1:00 pm MEXICAN TRAIN Rita Johnson	16
17	18	19 12:00 pm 4TH TUESDAY BUNCO HOORAH'S in RB Time TBA Week Earlier	20 1:00 pm MAH-JONGGETTES Diane Moore	21 1:00 pm POKER Sharon Saindon	22 1:00 pm CANASTA Madelyn Reina	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 9:30 am BOOK CLUB CANCELLED 1:00 pm FUN SOCIAL BRIDGE CANCELLED	28 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #1 CANCELLED	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE						