

Wednesday Etc. Wire

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President's Message

Hello All,

Wednesday Etc. finished out 2023 with a fabulous December 13th Luncheon held at The Heights Golf Club, with Hannah Arevalo's wonderful singing and holiday treats from our favorite table decorator, Diane Silva. Several of us agreed that Hannah sounded even better than she did the last time she entertained us, which is saying a LOT. What a talented and lovely lady! And the selection of songs was wonderful – very moving and beautiful, many of them new to us.

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**Program Chair Lynne Cramer
and Singer Hannah Arevalo**

Thank you for your donations for the "Toys for Tots" program! By the end of the Luncheon two huge boxes were piled high with gifts. Club members were generous with monetary contributions as well. All these gifts will help make the holidays special for children of families in need in San Diego. Thanks to Rita Johnson and Connie Griffin for arranging this special event again this year. It was my pleasure to meet the two outstanding young people from the Marine Corps Reserve, Sgt. Baker and Sgt. Valdespino, who attended the Luncheon to receive and thank us for the donations.



**Sgt. Baker, Rita Johnson,
and Sgt. Valdespino**

Hope you have enjoyed the holidays!
Hope you found just the right gift for every person who is special in your

life. And I hope Santa brought you just what you had been wanting!

I found a few quotes online that may inspire you for 2024:

*Approach the new year with
resolve to find the opportunities
hidden in each new day.*

*Tomorrow is the first blank
page of a 365-page book.
Write a good one.*

*May your walls know joy,
may every room hold laughter,
and every window be open
to great possibilities.*

Wishing you a wonderful New Year! Our January Luncheon will feature Kitty Morse, an award-winning author, and a person of many interests and accomplishments. Looking forward to learning about her most recent achievement, the uncovering of "lost" parts of her family's history. Hope to see you there!

— **Barbara Moely**

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WEDNESDAY ETC. MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to all the members who have renewed their memberships for our new term 2023-2024, and a very special welcome to the following new members: **Alice Balfrey, Diana Rick, Carol Lundmark, Felicia Rosler, Suellen Hering, Susan Otos, Anna (Cathy) Brennan, and Bev Tjosvold.** The new Wednesday Etc. Club Directory has been published. For membership information, please contact Jo Willis, Membership Chair, at jowillis91919@gmail.com or (858) 204-8603.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOARD POSITIONS NEXT TERM!

The Wednesday Etc. Nominating Committee is asking for volunteers to accept positions on the Wednesday Etc. Board of Directors for the next term, September 2024 - June 2025. We will be holding elections and voting in May 2024. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board or nominating another member to serve for a one-year term. Our long-time Newsletter Editor, Ruth Stewart, is retiring in July, as well as our very efficient Treasurer, Linda Freeman, so we need your help.

Training and help will be offered for all positions. Serving on the Board is a special time to meet and work with friends to ensure that our fantastic ladies social club remains top-of-the-line. For more information, please contact Barbara Moely at moely@tulane.edu or Lynn Cramer at lynvin63@gmail.com as soon as possible.



SUNSHINE NEWS

Please pray for **Jo Willis** who is having treatment for her left shoulder and arm, and please pray for all of our Wednesday Etc. members for a happy and healthy New Year 2024.

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

THE RUMMIKUBE GROUP will have their first meeting on Friday, January 12, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Ruth Stewart, 16675 Roca Dr., RB. If you would like to attend, please send an RSVP to Ruth at ruthstew269@yahoo.com or (858) 451-2722. We will need two extra Rummikube sets – please let Ruth know if you can bring a game set.

Here is my travel wish list:

A EUROPEAN "DANUBE RIVER" CRUISE (7-10 days) in 2024 or 2025. Cruise down the Danube, the "King of Rivers," in Germany, Austria, and Hungary, with private tour shore excursions, lovely hotels and dinners, musical performances, and much more. Please contact me, Vicky Hansen, on my cell at (858) 877-0166.

WEDNESDAY ETC. INTEREST GROUPS HELD LOVELY GATHERINGS FOR THE 2023 YEAR!

Many thanks to all the hostesses who shared their homes and served delicious treats and lunches for all the Board Meetings and Interest Group Activities for 2023. The holiday gatherings were extra special and enjoyed very much.



Diane Moore and her Surprise Birthday Cake at Hand & Foot #2



Mary Taggart's 4th Tuesday Bunco Holiday Table



Lynne Katzfey, Barbara Shaw, and Julie Amodeo at 4th Tuesday Holiday Bunco



Sharon Saindon at Hand & Foot #1 with Game Table Ready to Play



Ladies enjoying Sharon Saindon's Holiday Chili and Corn Bread Lunch at Hand & Foot #1



January 10, 2024 LUNCHEON

Featuring **KITTY MORSE**

WHO IS KITTY MORSE?

Award-winning author Kitty Morse was born in Casablanca, Morocco, of a French mother and British father, and emigrated to the United States in 1964 at the age of seventeen to attend college. While studying for her Master's Degree at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Kitty catered Moroccan diffas, or banquets, and went on to teach the intricacies of Moroccan cuisine in cooking schools and department stores nationwide. Kitty is the author of two memoirs with recipes, and nine cookbooks.

Kitty's career as an author, lecturer, travel writer, cooking teacher, and tour organizer is outstanding, and spans more than twenty-five years. Her monthly newsletter, "The Kasbah Chronicles," is now in its thirteenth year. She hosted two television series of her own, and she has appeared on national television in the U.S. and abroad. Kitty is today a staff writer for the award-winning online magazine, "Wine Dine and Travel."

FOR OUR JANUARY LUNCHEON, Vista author Kitty Morse will talk about her discovery of a special family trove of notebooks, recipes and accounts of the Holocaust era (April to December 1940) that inspired her to write her poignant memoir called "*Bitter Sweet: A Wartime Journal and Heirloom Recipes from Occupied France*." Kitty Morse translated these family documents into English and adapted and tested over 60 of the recipes for the American kitchen.

VACCINATED MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO:

DOTTI AULETTA at 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

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,
January 10**

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

Chicken Enchiladas

with Rice and Beans

OR

Vegetarian:

Cheese Enchiladas

Chef's Choice Dessert

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

Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheon on December 13, held at The Heights Golf Club, was a very festive and a very joyous occasion with beautiful holiday decorations, a delicious lunch, and a beautiful musical presentation by the lovely singer Hannah Arevalo.



Interest Group Activities

BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2024

The Board Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, January 3, at **10:00 a.m.** at the home of Connie Griffin, 12655 Gate Dr., (858) 6653-7004. Carpooling is recommended. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Barbara Moely at moely@tulane.edu or (858) 883-2908.**

BOOK CLUB

January 24, 2024

The Wednesday Etc. Book Club usually meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Our next book meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, at the home of Linda Freeman, 17423 Bernardo Vista Dr., San Diego 92128. Our book for January is *"Her Lost Words"* by Stephanie Marie Thornton. The meeting will be hosted by Mary Ellison. 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

January 24, 2024

The Fun Social Bridge group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, at the home of Rita Johnson for Arlene Siravo, 17812 Corte Huasco #62, RB, rejohnson0308@gmail.com, (858-349-3069). **Please RSVP to Rita.** (Rita Johnson is the leader of Fun Social Bridge.)

2ND TUESDAY BUNCO

January 9, 2024

The 2nd Tuesday Bunco Group #1 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, at the home of Joanne Thomas. **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 Second Tuesday Bunco.)

4TH TUESDAY BUNCO

January 23, 2024

The Bunco Group #2 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, at the home of Julie Amodeo, 18594 Locksley St., San Diego, 92128, (858) 485-9743. **PLEASE RSVP TO MARY TAGGART IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT, at maryktaggart@yahoo.com or (858) 487-5007.** (Mary Taggart is the leader of 4th Tuesday Bunco.)

CANASTA

January 26, 2024

The Canasta group meets on the fourth Friday of the month. The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, at the home of Lynn Cramer, 12132 Roayl Birkdale Row, #306, (858) 703-7664. Carpooling is suggested as parking is limited. **For information contact Sharon Saindon at s.saindon@yahoo.com or (760) 703-1710.** (Sharon Saindon is the leader of Canasta.)

HAND & FOOT #1

January 25, 2024

The Hand & Foot #1 Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Hand & Foot #1 meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, at the home of Carolyn Burchell, 17927 Avenida Cordillera, RB. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Carolyn Burchell at cburchell@san.rr.com or (858) 217-6162.** (Carolyn Burchell is the leader of Hand & Foot #1.)

HAND & FOOT #2

January 4, 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, January 4, at the home of Vicky Hansen, 10446 Orozco Rd., San Diego, (858) 877-0166. We will be carpooling. **Please let Lynn Cramer know if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND, at lynvin63@gmail.com or (858) 674-0759.** (Lynn Cramer is the leader of Hand & Foot #2.)

MAH-JONGETTES

January 17, 2024

The Mah-Jongettes meet on the third Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, at the home of Lynn Cramer, 12132 Royal Birkdale Row, #306, (858) 703-7664. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. **PLEASE RSVP to Carolyn Burchell if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND, at cburchell@san.rr.com or (858) 217-6162.** (Carolyn Burchell is the leader of the Mah-Jongettes.)

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS

January 19, 2024

The Mexican Train group meets on the third Friday of the month. We will meet on Friday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Colson, 12620 Via Galacia, San Diego, 92128, (858-722-7768, scolson100@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 Mexican Train.)

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POKER **January 18, 2024**

The Poker group meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 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 the leader of Poker cards.)

RUMMIKUBE **January 12, 2024**

The Rummikube group will hold its first meeting on the second Friday of the month, January 12, at 1:00 p.m. at the condo of Ruth Stewart, 16675 Roca Dr., RB (Seven Oaks Senior Community). Lots of parking available on the street. If you want to attend, please RSVP to Ruth at ruthstew269@yahoo.com, or (858) 451-2722 as soon as possible. We will need two extra Rummikube sets. Please let Ruth know if you can bring a game set.

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS JAN CANCELLED

The Wednesday Etc. Travel Destinations group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. However, their January meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on February 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Library, upstairs in the Frank Lenfesty Room. **Please RSVP to Linda Freeman at Lcfree22@gmail.com or (858) 775-8830.** (Linda Freeman is the leader of Travel Destinations.)



JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 1:00 pm TRAVEL DESTINATIONS CANCELLED	3 10:00 am BOARD MEETING Connie Griffin (Carpool if possible)	4 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #2 Vicky Hansen	5	6
7	8	9 1:00 pm 2ND TUESDAY BUNCO Joanne Thomas	10 11:00 am LUNCHEON The Heights Golf Club	11	12 1:00 pm RUMMIKUBE Ruth Stewart	13
14	15	16	17 1:00 pm MAH-JONGGETTES Lynn Cramer	18 1:00 pm POKER Sharon Saindon	19 1:00 pm MEXICAN TRAIN Stephanie Colson	20
21	22	23 12:00 pm 4TH TUESDAY BUNCO Julie Amodeo	24 9:30 am BOOK CLUB Linda Freeman 1:00 pm FUN SOCIAL BRIDGE Rita Johnson	25 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #1 Carol Burchell	26 1:00 pm CANASTA Lynn Cramer	27
28	29	30	31	FEB 1	2	3