

Wednesday Etc. Wire

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President's Message

Hello to All!

Is history interesting to you? Has your interest increased as you have accumulated more years of personal history? That certainly has been the case for me. But now, the accomplishments of people long ago, as well as those of recent years, become more fascinating all the time. Our wonderful February Luncheon speaker, Historian Linda Canada, gave us a vivid picture of the early history of San Diego, focusing on the women who made important contributions to the development of the city.



Barbara Shaw, Barbara Moely, Historian Linda Canada, and Lynn Cramer

We have all heard something about Horticulturist **Kate O. Sessions**, the “Mother of Balboa Park” for her efforts to create a beautiful place in the heart of the city, involving 1400 acres of land - starting with a fascinating story of an agreement with Kate Sessions to donate 100 trees each year in exchange for leasing 30 acres for her nursery.



Bronze Statue of Kate Sessions erected in Balboa Park in 1998.

But did you know about the work **Mary Coulston** did to design the actual park – she was a noted forestry and landscape writer hired to work with Kate Sessions on park improvements. Her accomplishments achieved in two years are very noteworthy.

Bea Evenson fought to preserve historical sites, including buildings in Balboa Park that had been part of the 1915 Exposition.

Other important work for the city was done by **Lydia Knapp Horton**, who raised funding for the first public library building, obtaining a worthy donation from Carnegie in 1899 to support the effort.

Belle Jennings Benchley was Director of the San Diego Zoo from 1927 to 1953. She is responsible for developing the zoo from a small collection of animals into an innovative, world-class zoo. For most of her career, she was the only woman zoo director in the world.

Ellen Browning Scripps was an American journalist and philanthropist, whose contributions to San Diego culture and life are extensive. Think of every institution you know that has the name “Scripps” – hospitals, research and oceanographic institutes, schools, colleges, libraries etc. that she founded or helped develop. The list is too long to include here. Google her to find out how she shaped the City of San Diego through her generous contributions – impacts that continue to be important today.

If these women are interesting to you, more information can be found online. Especially, see the Journal of San Diego History, published since 1955 by the San Diego History Center, which can be accessed at <https://sandiegohistory.org/journal-san-diego-history/>

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At our March 8th Luncheon, we will learn about the wonderful senior organization called OASIS, which offers opportunities for senior involvement in a whole variety of classes and events. Learn about the programs and about the new Oasis Center that will be opening soon in Rancho Bernardo. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Diane Moore

Diane Moore was very excited to win the beautiful Valentine Basket at the February 8th Luncheon, and Carolyn Burchell won \$10 from the Joker's Wild Drawing.

(Irish proverb)

May your troubles be less,
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.

— **Barbara Moely**

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

If you change your contact information or need more membership information, please contact Jo Willis, Membership Chair, at (858) 673-9758 or jowillis91919@gmail.com.

DONATIONS OF FOOD & TOILETRY ITEMS NEEDED AT MARCH 8TH LUNCHEON



Please help support the MOM Military Outreach Ministries by bringing non-perishable food, such as canned foods, peanut butter, and boxed food, to our March Luncheon. Toiletry items are needed also, such as soap, bath gel, toothpaste, shampoo, and baby diapers. Barbara Chavez, Director of the San Diego MOM Military Outreach Ministries, will be attending the March Luncheon to personally thank you and accept your donations. This is a non-denominational, nonprofit organization that provides food, toiletries, and baby items for junior enlisted military personnel. This is a very worthwhile dedicated charity, and they need our support. (www.sandiegomom.org)

2023-24 NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Wednesday Etc. Nominating Committee has been formed with five members, headed once again by Lynn Cramer. The Nominating Committee will be undertaking the monumental task of seeking and encouraging members to volunteer for Board positions for the new term, September 2023-June 2024. Thank you, Lynn Cramer, Rita Johnson, Connie Griffin, Dian Andrew, and Ruth Stewart.

Do you have an interest in planning fun and interesting events, or keeping records? Most of all, do you seek new experiences with friendly people? Please consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve on the Board for the upcoming one-year term, September 2023-June 2024. Lots of help and training is provided for all the positions. We will be holding elections and voting in May 2023. For more information, please contact Lynn Cramer, the Nominating Committee Chairman, at lynvin63@gmail.com or (858) 703-7664.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME BRUNCH *Wednesday, May 3, 2023*

Save the date of Wednesday, May 3, on your calendars. Planning for our New Members Brunch is underway. Please stay tuned for more information soon.

MYSTERY DINNER FOR ALL *Friday, May 12, 2023*

The "Mystery Dinner" will be presented once again by David & Connie Griffin on Friday, May 12, and will be held at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo. The mystery story will confound and amaze you, while you enjoy a pleasant dinner with Wednesday Etc. friends.

A DAY AT THE RACES *Thursday, August 10, 2023*

Please make your reservations now for an afternoon of fun with your friends at the Del Mar Racetrack on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Reserve a table for four at \$68 (\$17 per person). Guests are welcome, and lunch is on your own at the table. Deadline is end of March for reservations. To reserve your table, please contact Marianne Dozer at maridozer21@sbcglobal.net or (760) 518-2161.



March 8, 2023

LUNCHEON

Featuring

SIMONA VALANCIUTE **PRESIDENT & CEO OF** **SAN DIEGO OASIS CENTER**

We are happy to have Simona Valanciute, President and CEO of the San Diego Oasis Center, come and speak to us about a new North County Oasis Center opening in Rancho Bernardo set for May 2023.

San Diego Oasis is an educational program for adults 50-plus who want to continue to learn and be productive throughout life. Membership is free, open to anyone 50 and older. Class fees range from free to \$20. More information is available at SanDiegoOasis.org.

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, March 8

Social 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Service 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment 12:15 p.m.

WHERE

The Heights Golf Club

(formerly Bernardo Heights Country Club)

16066 Bernardo Heights Pkwy.

San Diego, CA 92128

ENTRÉES

**St. Paddy's Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Red Potatoes, & Carrots**

OR

**Vegetarian & Gluten-Free
Penne Pasta Primavera**

Chef's Choice Dessert

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

FIRST MARDI GRAS DINNER

The first Wednesday Etc. Mardi Gras Dinner was held on Friday, February 4, and was attended by 15 wonderfully costumed and lively guests! Many of them appear in the photos below. Louisiana Chef, Barbara Moely, and her son David hosted the delicious six-course Cajun/Creol dinner which was served

impeccably by Wednesday Etc. ladies, Connie, Rita, Ruth, and Arlene. We enjoyed hearing Barbara and her son David speak about the historical "Mardi Gras" traditions and celebrations held in Louisiana. We look forward to two more dinners on Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 18.



Kathleen Slevin, Diane Moore, Carolyn Treibol, Lynn Cramer, and Joanne Thomas



Dotti Auletta, Diane Moore, Shirley Lanthier, and Sandy Bolger



An Historic Mardi Gras Dinner Celebration!



Chef Barbara Moely and son David



Servers: Ruth Stewart, Connie Griffin, Rita Johnson, and Arlene Siravo



Interest Group Activities

Please Check Dates Carefully

BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2023

This month's Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, at the home of Jo Willis, 12367 Cornwallis Square, San Diego 92128. Please RSVP to Jo Willis at jowillis91919@gmail.com or (858) 673-9758.

BOOK CLUB

March 22, 2023

The Wednesday Etc. Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Members will meet on Wednesday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. at Poway Lake. **The book title will be "The Mark of the Assassin" by Daniel Silva.** Faye Wilkerson will be hosting. For more information, please contact Sally Fallon at sallyfallon75@gmail.com or (619) 997-9447, or Karen McGurk at kmcgurkrn@sbcglobal.net.

2ND TUESDAY BUNCO #1

March 14, 2023

The next meeting will be held at 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the home of Lynn Cramer, 12132 Royal Birkdale Row, #306, lynvin63@gmail.com, or (858) 674-0759. **Please carpool if possible as parking is limited. PLEASE RSVP to JOANNE THOMAS IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT, at joannethomas45@gmail.com or (858) 485-9432.** Joanne Thomas is the new leader for the Second Tuesday Bunco Group. (Joanne is leader of this group.)

4TH TUESDAY BUNCO #2

March 28, 2023

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, starting at 12:00 Noon (**snacks only, no lunch**) at the home of Stephanie Colson, 12620 Via Galacia, RB, or (858) 722-7768. **PLEASE RSVP TO MARY TAGGART IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT,** at marytaggart@yahoo.com or (858) 487-5007. (Mary is leader of this group.)

CANASTA

March 24, 2023

The Canasta group meets on the fourth Friday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at the home of Lea Haggerty, 18028 Avenida Arozra, RB, flhaggerty@gmail.com or (858) 487-8790. **PLEASE RSVP TO Sharon Saindon IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT,** at s.saindon@yahoo.com or (760) 703-1710. (Sharon is leader of this group.)

HAND & FOOT #1

March 23, 2023

The Hand & Foot #1 group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Hand & Foot #1 group will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23. Hostess will be Arlene Siravo, 17812 Corte Huasco, #62, RB, arlenemsiravo@yahoo.com or (610) 608-1950. **Please RSVP to Carolyn Burchell IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT.** For more information about this group, please contact Carolyn Burchell at cburchell@san.rr.com or (858) 217-6162.

HAND & FOOT #2

March 2, 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, March 2, at the home of Dian Andrew, 18253 Verano Dr., RB, cda7850@hotmail.com, or (858) 487-8790. **Please let Lynn Cramer know if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND,** at lynvin63@gmail.com or (858) 674-0759. (Lynn is leader of this group.)

MAH-JONGGETTES

March 15, 2023

The Mah-Jonggettes meet on the third Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the home of Arlene Tilly (Game Room), 3645 Vista De La Canada, Escondido 92029, (858) 755-7885, arlenetilly@gmail.com. **PLEASE RSVP to Shirley Tweedell if you CAN or CANNOT ATTEND,** at stweedell@san.rr.com or (619) 997-6523. (Shirley is leader of this group.)

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS

March 17, 2023

The Mexican Train group meets on the third Friday of the month. We will be meeting on Friday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Vicky Hansen, 10446 Orozco Road, San Diego, vh4sunshine@gmail.com or (858) 268-7919. **PLEASE CARPOOL TO VICKY'S HOUSE as you take I-15 to I-52 Freeway. Use Mapquest for directions. Please RSVP to Madelyn Reina IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT.** For more information about this group, please contact Madelyn Reina at madelynreina@gmail.com or (858) 472-4073. (Madelyn is leader of this group.)

POKER

March 16, 2023

The Poker group meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of TBA. **PLEASE RSVP TO SHARON SAINDON AT s.saindon@yahoo.com or (760) 703-1710 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR NOT.** (Sharon is leader of this group.)



SUNSHINE NEWS

*Every day is a new beginning.
Take a deep breath, smile, and start again.*

Prayers are needed for Wednesday Etc. members Rose Marie Dishman & her husband, and Janet Atkin, who is ill. Please continue to pray for Arilla St. Laurent and Joan Al-Nasser and husband Farouk.

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 Join Shirley Lanthier and Shirley Tweedell on Saturday, March 18, for Lamb's Players Theatre in Coronado, 2 p.m. Matinee, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" Musical Show, which has been extended through March.
 - www.lamsplayers.org or (619) 437-6000
- 2 Join Shirley Lanthier and Shirley Tweedell on April 19, for a "3 CASINO HOPPER" Trip (picks up at Rancho Bernardo Transit)
 - Daytripper Tours (619) 334-3394 or (800) 679-8747, www.DayTripper.com

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am BOARD MEETING Jo Willis	2 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #2 Dian Andrew	3	4
4	6	7	8 11:00 am LUNCHEON The Heights Golf Club	9	10	11
12	13	14 12:50 pm BUNCO #1 Lynn Cramer	15 1:00 pm MAH-JONGGETTES Arlene Tilley	16 1:00 pm POKER TBA	17 1:00 pm MEXICAN TRAIN Vicky Hansen ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19	20	21	22 9:30 am BOOK CLUB Poway Lake	23 1:00 pm HAND & FOOT #1 Arlene Siravo	24 1:00 pm CANASTA Lea Haggarty	25
26	27	28 12:00 pm BUNCO #2 (Snacks Only) Stephanie Colson				