

OPAWL



Emilia Sugiyama
President

Happy 2023! As we get underway into 2023, I am happy to see our sections busy with activities and scheduled events. I'm looking forward to attending some of them. Remember, if you are not getting any emails from the section leaders, please reach out to them. Their contact information is always available on our website as well as the monthly newsletters.

Currently we have over 130 paid members and growing. It seems each month we gain 1-2 new members and that is very exciting. Some of you may have already noticed that your annual dues have already been paid via PayPal for this coming fiscal year that starts on June 1st. Thank you for paying in advance! Your membership is paid in full. The Board is planning a pre-Cinco de Mayo Social at my house on May 4th to celebrate our members and welcome interested ladies. So get your fiesta gear ready because you know it's going to be a fun time! Ole! Ole!

On January 28th, Carolyn Aliotta and I attended the OPA Annual Meeting and Membership Drive where we hosted a table for potential members. I want to thank Sherry Panttaja for giving us the opportunity to present who OPAWL is and talk about our past achievements. It was great to be able to shine a light on what we are about. Last year we gained several members from that meeting, so we are hoping for a positive outcome once again. At the meeting we also witnessed Julie Maurer get recognized and awarded



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President's Message (cont.)

from OPA for all the community work she has done over the many years. Her list of accomplishments is a long list so I am sure that you will read about it directly from OPA. I fear I won't do it justice, so I'd rather wait patiently for the accurate details.

With our fiscal end-of-year fast approaching (May), we are actively looking at applicants who might want to fulfil a position on the board. This is a great opportunity to showcase your leadership skills and further contribute to the fulfillment of the OPAWL mission. If you feel that you have these great qualities or know of someone who possess them and you want to nominate them for consideration, please do reach out to your current board members. There will be several positions to choose from for next year's Board.

SECTION LEADERS

Dear Members: Please reach out to the section leaders to join activities or for information. They are doing an amazing job of organizing events for us. Keep the sections alive by joining in often and be mindful to make RSVP's and cancelations in a timely manner. At times, a cost is associated with an event and a last-minute cancelation causes difficulties.--Thank you for being considerate of our hardworking organizers!

SECTION LEADERS

Bridge - Leader: Donna Aidekman, (714) 356-6545

Bunco Group – Co-Leaders: Jamie Spence, (562) 708-9309

Karen Ashford, (714) 496-6102

Entertaining In Pearls - Leader: Emilia Sugiyama, (310) 569-4662

Homestead & Garden - Leader: Pamela Sapetto, (714) 815-7771

Hot Trotters Group – Co-Leaders: Sarah Holtz, (714) 478-0155

Julie Maurer, (714) 742-1617

Literature Group - Leader: Kathy Manulkin, (714) 639-8686

Pack Walkers - Leader: Julie Shaw, (714) 329-3447

Pickleball - Leader: Tess Breen, (714) 200-3004

SECTION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Bunco Babes

Our first Bunco game is planned for Feb. 2nd and hosted at Kate Bonnaud's home. All games will be played on the 1st Thursday of each month. Social time starts at 6:30pm and game time at 7:pm. The meeting location changes from month to month with members taking turns to host. You don't need any experience to play this simple and fast-moving dice game. It is well-known for its contagious laughter and the new friendships it fosters. Very simply, the rules go like this. Role – Chat – Repeat! --Yes, *it's that easy*. For more info or to join in on the fun, contact Jamie Spence, (562) 708-9309, jlpainospence@hotmail.com or Karen Ashford, (714) 496-6102, Klasa7506@gmail.com.



Entertaining In Pearls

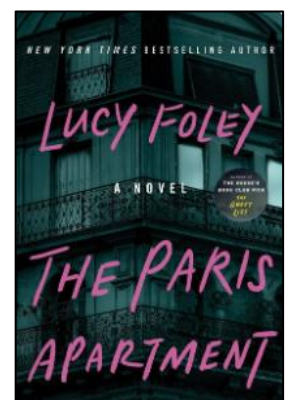


For our first Entertaining in Pearls gathering of 2023, we will start off with a bang AND get a head start to all your entertaining events come this summer. Learn how to host a chic summer garden/backyard party without breaking a sweat or the bank. It will be fun and interactive. This section activity is planned for Thurs. at 5:30pm on Feb. 16th. For more information about this activity or the section, contact leader Emilia Sugiyama, (310) 569-4662.

Literature Group

The current book is a thriller titled, *The Paris Apartment*, written by Lucy Foley. –From the New York Times bestselling author, comes a new locked room mystery, set in a Paris apartment building in which every resident has something to hide... The socialite – The nice guy – The alcoholic – The girl on the verge – The concierge. Everyone's a neighbor. Everyone's a suspect. And everyone knows something they're not telling.

You are invited to pick up the book and meet with the group for a lively discussion. They meet every 4th Tuesday, from 4:pm to 5:pm. For more info call leader Kathy Manulkin, (714) 639-8686.



SECTION NEWS *Cont.*

Pickleball

Pickleball is having a social gathering! The date is Feb. 9th, Thurs. evening, at the Rocking Horse Ridge Clubhouse. An RSVP is a must to gain entry into this gated community. To receive an invitation to the social or more info about this section contact leader, Tess Breen, (714) 200-3004. Hope to see you out on the court!



The Hot Trotters are planning their next quarterly social to discuss and decide on activities and rides for the next few months. Watch for your invitation coming soon! We have been riding every Sunday and recently changed our meeting time to 2:pm. Come join us for a relaxed ride out to the parks or around OPA. For more info on the section, contact co-leaders, Julie Maurer, (714) 742-1617, or Sarah Holtz, (714) 487-0155.

Pack Walkers

This evening walking group is still on hiatus, waiting for brighter and warmer walking weather. When the Pack comes back, they will be out and about on Tues. evenings at 6:30 pm. For info or to be notified of the upcoming walks, contact Julie Shaw, 714-329-3447.



Homestead & Garden



The group's next activity is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for an update. For more information about the section or to receive notifications about upcoming activities, contact leader, Pamela Sapetto, (714) 815-7771.

Bridge

Bridge meets every third Monday at 11:am inside at Moreno's Mexican Restaurant. Contact Donna at djaidekman@aol.com to join this section. --We are very patient players.



MEMBER NEWS & TIDBITS

To share special member news in the newsletter, email it to OPAWomen.org@gmail.com. Contact Chair of Hospitality and Sunshine, Judy Denton at (714) 721-6183, she will reach out with a card or flowers.



We are all wishing "sunshine" to **Suzanne Seegers** who recently faced a health scare but is on the mend. She is well cared for by her loving daughter and is in great spirits. Due to this, she has moved to a senior living community. If you would like to send her a card or a letter, you can send it to Atria, 393 Hospital Road, Room 122, Newport Beach, CA 92663



Congratulations to new mom **Stephanie Stringer** and her husband on the birth of their baby Austin Riley.



Holiday Decorations Each year the lighted Christmas decorations bring smiles and holiday cheer to Orange Park Blvd. Working behind the scenes, we owe Lynn Canton a debt of gratitude for the part she quietly plays in orchestrating their installation and maintaining their condition. This year we can thank her even more for generously offering to store them for us. I hear that her vacant hen house will be this year's storage space. – *Only in OPA, right?!* Thanks, Lynn!

February Birthdays

- 3 Debbie Mongan
- 8 Nancy Flathers
- 8 Marjean Hoyt
- 9 Diane Hoffer
- 12 Carla Garcia
- 19 Elaf Farahat



- 21 Jeannine Brown
- 24 Sharon Butterfield
- 26 Cindy Reina
- 26 Kathy Tovatt
- 28 Britney Sinclear



- APRIL** OPA Family Fair - 4/29
- MAY** ▪ Cinco de Mayo Eve Membership Social - 5/4
- JUNE** ▪ 2023 Membership Year Begins
- JULY** ▪ OPA 4th of July Parade

DUES & MEMBERSHIP

With so many new members joining for the first time last year, we would like to share a little extra information about renewal dues, membership, and the OPAWL membership (fiscal) year.

As we were coming out of COVID last year in January of 2022, the board voted to do something special and extended the normal 12-month membership period to 18 months, which is ending on May 31, 2023. This means that 2023 dues are not due until this June. This puts us back on track with the normal 12-month membership year which starts on June 1, 2023, and will run through to May 31, 2024.

What follows, below, is the membership information from the OPA Women's League web site where new members can join and existing members can renew when it's time. Here's the link for you to visit and where you will find membership forms. [Become A Member](#)

NEW MEMBERSHIP

We invite you to become a member of a fun and giving-back organization in Orange Park Acres. The Orange Park Acres Women's League welcomes all women of ages 18 and above residing in Orange Park Acres and neighboring communities. It's easy to join! Simply complete the Membership Application form and send it along with a check for your annual dues of \$75 to the address listed on the application. If you prefer to make payment with a credit card, use our "Pay Dues With PayPal" payment feature. Memberships paid via PayPal will automatically renew annually. New members joining on, or after, May 1 will be considered paid in full for the year commencing on June 1. The League cannot prorate dues.

A current membership is required to participate in all OPAWL activities and receive the OPAWL newsletter as well as the Membership Roster. OPAWL provides updates regarding activities via Constant Contact and will provide a printed roster that includes contact information for all current members. As a member of the OPAWL, you acknowledge that your name and likeness may appear in some local publications or websites. Your data will not be sold or used for any non-OPAWL-related communication.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Member dues in the amount of \$75 are payable annually on June 1, at the commencement of each fiscal/program year. New members joining on, or after, May 1 will be considered paid in full for the following year. Please note, dues paid by PayPal starting 2022 are set up to auto renew on their anniversary date. If you do not wish to have your membership automatically debited, please mail your renewal check to OPAWL, P.O. Box 2696, Orange, CA 92859. You do not need to complete a new application form unless your contact information or your section interests have changed.

Thank you for your participation and membership. We look forward to another eventful year together!