

# OPAWL



**Emilia Sugiyama**  
*President*

Aloha dear Members! Our first fundraiser in almost 3 years is underway and I cannot be more pleased at the progress that the committee has made already. When thinking of fundraising, it's important to remember the i's stand for innovation and inspiration, not impossible. In the past, the OPAWL fundraisers have always required lots of sweat and man hours from our members on events like the chili cook-off, home tours and the dreaded garage sales. Well now, you can help replenish our philanthropic funds while sipping on a glass of champagne. Yes, it's that easy! We'll also be serving premium juices and coffee for you to enjoy with the Hawaiian inspired brunch fare.

This event will be talked about for years to come. One, it is being hosted at a magnificent estate in OPA with an enormous sprawling yard and a newly renovated state of the art home. We are grateful for the generosity of Alisha and John DeRossett for allowing us the use of their beautiful home. Second, the amazing team of Bel Event Productions will decorate a show stopping outdoor party with cabanas, umbrellas, bar, and a photo opp spot with Elvis himself! The owner, Eliza, has also generously donated a large portion of their services. Three, you will immediately be transported to Hawaii from the moment you arrive with the sounds of Hawaiian music playing throughout the venue, fresh leis flown in from Hawaii adorning your neck and tropical flavors like mango, kiwi, coconut, pineapple and guavas will tantalize your tastebuds. Lastly, we have a silent auction table like no other with vacation spots, amazing gift baskets and restaurant gift certificates. We will have items that will please all types of bidders so bring your checkbook or credit card.

We are working so hard to bring you an amazing and unique experience and the best part is that you can participate as a guest and not a working volunteer. Since this is our only fundraiser for the year, your support is greatly needed and appreciated. With your help and attendance, you can help make it a success. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation or purchase a ticket for a friend. Remember, it's a tax write-off! The funds raised from this event will carry us on to 2023 so we promise not to ask for any more money from you until then :-). Since it was originally a member's event, it was opened up to

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*President's Message (cont.)*

members first but sadly, ticket sales are moving slowly so therefore, we have decided to open it up to the public. So, I urge you to get your ticket as soon as possible before we are sold out because it will sell out once we go public. **Tickets must be pre-purchased and will not be sold at the door.** Head on over to our website [www.opawomen.org](http://www.opawomen.org) and purchase your ticket today (price shown is per person).

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board will have the annual planning meeting to determine where our philanthropic funds will be distributed to as well as what other social calendar events we will have. We hope that we can report great numbers from this event at the next board meeting because even the smallest gift to charity can make a huge impact and piece by piece, we can help make our community a better place in which to live.

I look forward to seeing you at the Champagne Brunch! ~ Mahalo

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## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

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The OPA 4th of July parade was great fun! We represented OPAWL with a clever float designed to fit the parade theme "Honoring The History of OPA". We created a towering orange tree to stand in the middle of a decorated flatbed trailer where we hung a fun collection of signs, each naming a different neighborhood in OPA. The crowds really liked seeing us and waved and cheered. We returned their enthusiasm with candy—lots of candy!

We should all thank and acknowledge the efforts of Emilia Sugiyama, Sharon Butterfield, Kathy Tovot, Tess Breen and her darling girls. A special thanks goes to Chris Granger of Social Wheels for loaning us the trailer and pulling us in the parade.

*Reported by: Lisa Shuss*

# “BLUE HAWAII” BRUNCH

**OPA WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
*Presents*

**"BLUE HAWAII"  
CHAMPAGNE  
BRUNCH  
FUNDRAISER**

**AUGUST 13, 2022**  
**9:00AM – NOON**  
PRIVATE ESTATE IN OPA

**\$75** TICKET **\$100** WITH FRESH LEI AT THE DOOR

Hawaiian buffet | fresh leis | endless champagne | silent auction  
dress to impress luau style ~ prize for best dressed female and male  
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This Is The Can't  
Miss Grand Event Of  
The Summer

And Everyone  
Is Invited!

See You There!



Event parking will be at Salem Church.  
From there, guests will be whisked  
quickly by shuttles provided  
by OLU Football Team to the  
nearby Estate on Amapola.  
Please note, guest parking is not  
available at the venue itself.



# SECTIONS ~ What are they up to?



## It's Limoncello Time!

The Homestead & Garden group met at Pamela Sapetto's house to create a delightful homemade Italian liqueur called limoncello. We each arrived with the required 8 lemons, a sharp peeler, and high expectations of bringing home an impressive gallon of this sweet citrus aperitif.

We were greeted first by two huge teddy bear dogs before seeing Pamela's cheery face and being ushered into the kitchen where she had set up large shiny jars, ingredients, and a beautiful recipe booklet. We were introduced to Pamela's husband, Martin who guided us through the process with expert instruction and endearing stories of travel and culture. We were told that the recipe was very simple and easy.

As we started peeling our lemons into big jars and sipped champagne, the kitchen was transformed into a lemon scented place of smiling faces and fun conversation. After the peeling was finish, 100 proof vodka was added to the mix to give it a proper kick! Then... well, that was it--for now. You see, the lemon peel must steep in the alcohol for two weeks before the final step. So we covered our jars with cloth and tightened the lids for transport home. Weeks later we will add in a sugary syrup, bottle the golden liquid and *'Voila!'* fresh homemade limoncello to sip at leisure and impress our friends. And by the way, it's best enjoyed very cold, straight out of the freezer where the alcohol keeps it from freezing. -Cheers!



The Homestead & Garden group has discussed many fun activities and they are in the planning. Contact leader Pamela Sapetto, (714) 815-7771, if you would like to join the group. Current members, be sure to watch your email for announcement of the next activity.

*Reported by: Julie Maurer*

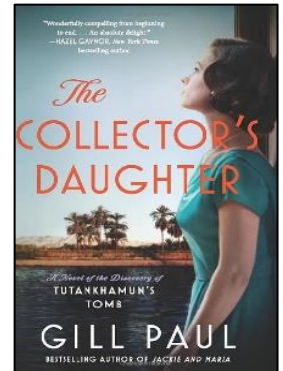


## ~ ... SECTIONS ... ~

**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 organizers!

### **Literature Group**

Leader Kathy Manulkin shared that their latest book is a historical fiction titled, *The Collector's Daughter* by Gill Paul. The book writeup reads, "Bestselling author Gill Paul returns with a brilliant novel about Lady Evelyn Herbert, the woman who took the very first step into the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun, and who lived in the real Downton Abbey, Highclere Castle, and the long after-effects of the Curse of Pharaohs." Kathy invites you to pick up the book and meet them for a lively discussion next month. They meet every 4th Tuesday, from 4:pm to 5:pm. For more info call (714)639-8686.



### **Pack Walkers**



It seems like our 6:30 pm meeting time has been working out for our Pack walks. The evening temp difference just gets cooler, and normally a nice breeze blows. We have been getting a nice turn out of dogs and all of our members have been reaching out to others to come walk with us!! As we walk in the community, we are asked all the time, "What's this all about?" I feel this helps us continue being ambassadors for the Women's League! Another tidbit that has been mentioned to me on several occasions, is how well the dogs have fit in with each other and have settled into proper socialization! Please feel welcome to come and walk and relax with a Pack Walk!! Leader: Julie Shaw, 714-329-3447.

### **Pickleball**

Want to learn how to play Pickleball? Do you know how to play already and want to join a group to play with? Our group is having lots of fun with instructor Chico at the Tustin Hills Racquet Club on Wednesday mornings at 9:am. The reason for the instruction is to initially learn proper technique and the rules of the game. Children of members are welcomed and paddles are borrowed if you don't own one. If you would like to learn how to play Pickleball and participate now or in future times, please contact Section Leader, Tess Breen, (714)200-3004. Hope to see you out on the court!



## ~ ... SECTIONS ~

### **Bridge**



Section Leader Donna Aidekman reported that the group is dark during the month of August because many members will be away traveling. They will meet back again on their usual 3rd Monday schedule starting on Sept. 19th, 11:am to 3:pm at Moreno's. For those new to the game, there is an excellent instructional beginner's class offered at the Tustin Senior Center on Wednesdays, 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Call (714) 573-3340 for information.

### **The Foodies Group**

Is lunch your favorite meal of the day? You aren't alone! At the membership social many ladies signed up for the Foodies Group in the hopes of exploring local restaurants and enjoying good food with fun women. This section has always been a very popular group, but then COVID hit and --poof! The group disappeared. But it doesn't have to stay gone. If you are interested in reviving the section and continuing the hunt for the perfect lunch, contact Sections Director Lisa Shuss, (714) 235-7906, to discuss a game plan.



It's time we gather together and decide which direction we want the group to head. Let's have a little social and brainstorm! We need EVERYBODY to come and share what type of horsy things you like to do. We'll make a long list of fun activities, match up some dates, and then make a plan. Save the date and be at Sarah's house on **Sunday, Aug. 14th at 5:pm**, so we can get this show on the road! If you aren't sure you are signed up with the section, contact Sarah Holtz at [holtz106@mail.chapman.edu](mailto:holtz106@mail.chapman.edu), (714) 487-0155. She will be sending more details out to everybody soon so get on the mailing list!

### **SECTION LEADERS**

- Bridge** - Leader: Donna Aidekman, (714) 356-6545
- Bunco Group** - Looking for a leader. *Are you interested?*
- Entertaining In Pearls** - Leader: Emilia Sugiyama, (310) 569-4662
- Foodies Group** - Looking for a leader. *Let's eat lunch! Interested?*
- Homestead & Garden** - Leader: Pamela Sapetto, (714) 815-7771
- Hot Trotters Group** - Leader: Sarah Holtz, (714) 478-0155
- Literature Group** - Leader: Kathy Manulkin, (714) 639-8686
- Pack Walkers** - Leader: Julie Shaw, (714) 329-3447
- Pickleball** - Leader: Tess Breen, (714) 200-3004

# ATHENA'S LIST

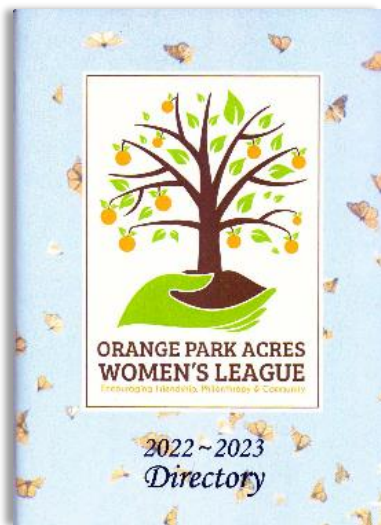
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# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



## 2022 League Directory

Our 2022 League Directory is back from the printers and will be heading your way soon. Debra Welch has been working extra hard to pack over 110 members' contact details into one handy little book. This was a significant challenge for sure and her work on the project is very much appreciated.

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# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

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- 2 Karen Ashford
- 7 Rachel Steen
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- 11 Mahtty Najiri
- 12 Mary McCrink
- 19 Sarah Cone
- 20 Kim Candice



- 20 Mary Nori
- 26 Freda Main
- 26 Miriam Yardumian
- 29 Andie Mills
- 29 Sherry Panttaja
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