

# OPAWL



**Emilia Sugiyama**  
*President*

Summer is officially here, and our league is revved up to full throttle mode. After an almost 2-year hiatus, the league is back and operating like a well-oiled machine! We are stronger and more active than I recall in past years. With many sections and interests to choose from, I hope that you have been participating and having fun at these events. In the next few pages, you will read reports from some of the section leaders. Keep reading...fun stuff going on!

July 4<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner, and you know what that means... It's a time of fireworks, parades, BBQ's and comradery. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July, in the simplest sense, is the birthday of our country and we sure do love to celebrate it. Did you know, according to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, American's eat enough hot dogs on Independence Day that, if lined up, they would cover the distance of Washington, DC to Los Angeles, FIVE TIMES! Whoa! My son would probably eat his way to Washington DC and back! He sure does love hotdogs!

OPAWL will be celebrating this birthday by entering a float in this year's OPA parade. We will be meeting at my home on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, to start decorating the float. If you want to join in on the creative fun, please come on by. Show up starting at 6:00pm and dress in comfy and stable shoes. We are also still in need of candy and lots of it! If you can donate candy (hard candy only- no chocolate), please let me know for pick up or drop off to my house.

Lastly, we will be hosting a *Champagne Brunch Fundraiser* and the theme is perfect for the August weather. It is Blue Hawaii themed so get your vintage tropical dresses, Hawaiian kaftan, Mumus, and leis out of the closet because it is "dress to impress" with prizes to be won for the best dressed lady and man! This event is open to members plus guests. So save the date and please start spreading the word. It is going to be so much fun and you don't want to miss it! See the flyer on page 4. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns of how we can make OPAWL the best!

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# Cake Walk at OPA Fair Day

On June 4th, OPA hosted a community fair at Salem Lutheran Church grounds and we signed up to man a Cakewalk booth. Our OPAWL Cakewalk was a huge success. Everyone agreed that it was the best-attended activity at the fair and it was due in no small part to everyone who donated their time, energy, and wonderful baked goods.

The booth and cakewalk wheel were brightly decorated with banners and balloons--hand-pumped, mind you, by Lisa Shuss, a woman with amazing endurance, and her helpers. We were hopping busy managing excited contestants during the entire event. The wheel of 12 spaces was always filled, running every 15 to 20 minutes, sending winner after smiling winner to the cake kitchen.

The crowds were drawn in with lively music provided by Emily Neubert's boyfriend, Jon Bonafede, and his sound system. Donna Aidekman circulated through the fairgrounds bringing children in at a run from across the field as she called out with her megaphone, "Cakewalk, cakewalk! Come walk and win a cake. Cakewalk starting in 5 minutes!"

We had a wonderful response from 25 members and nonmembers who supplied fabulous cakes and cookies. The donations filled a 30-foot counter with nearly 50 baked goods that dazzled the eye and delighted the winners. It was wonderful to see the joy on so many faces as they picked out their favorite sweet prize.



### *Cake Walk (cont.)*

The OPA Fair was planned as a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the preservation of our historic equestrian community, which is currently seeking to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. Because the OPA board appreciates the League which they feel is integral to the community and a valuable nonprofit organization, they decided to split the profits from our booth with us. We are appreciative of their generosity. We may not have raised a great deal of money from this event, but we did a wonderful job of creating a positive presence and promoting the League. The proceeds are to be directed to our philanthropic fund.

Many thanks go to our army of volunteers: Andrea Furr, Barbara Grabill, Carolyn Aliotta, Cindy Nelson, Cynthia Reina, Diana Des Champs, Donna Aidekman, Emilia Sugiyama, Emily Neubert, Faith Grimm, Jamie Paino-Spence, Judy Denton, Julie Maurer, Julie Shaw, Kate Bonnaud, Kathy Manulkin, Kathy Tovatt, Lisa Shuss, Marcie Dial, Mary Nori, Michelle Schmidt, Olga Gonzales, Pamela George, Patrice Christman, Sharon Butterfield, Susie Nolan, and Teri, Mora. A special thank you goes out to the husbands who lent a hand in setting up, Jon Bonafede, our DJ, and his mom, an accomplished professional baker, who supplied us with the donation of several amazing cakes. We also benefited from the baking generosity of Julie Shaw's nonmember friends, Alise Roberts and Jenny Keller. Thank you, one and all, we could not have done it without you.

*Reported by: Julie Maurer*

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## OPAWL Logo T-Shirt Available for purchase



OPAWL logo t-shirt comes in a beautiful and flattering "peacock" color.

**\$15**

If you would like to purchase your shirt, please contact Emilia Sugiyama at (310)569-4662.

Available sizes are M, L & XL.

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# CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

🍍 *Save the Date* 🍍



## **OPA WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENTS**

### **"BLUE HAWAII" CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER**

August 13, 2022 | 9:00am ~ noon | stay tuned for location  
Dress to Impress "Luau Style" – prizes for best dressed

# OPAWL 2022 Scholarship Recipient Lily Victoria Amidon

The recipient chosen this year of the OPAWL SCC Scholarship is Lily Victoria Amidon. She majored in History and Women’s Studies and has a GPA of 4.0 in the Honors program. Her ultimate goal is in education as a teacher. For this coming fall, she has applied to three UC Universities.

Lily attended Yorba High School and was very active in girl’s Lacrosse team. As team captain, she became an assistant coach. Today, she is the head coach in an Orange County League for girls in grades third through eight.

Her parents are immigrants, and she is the oldest of several siblings. She works to help the family with expenses and volunteers in their community. Lily, like many other students has struggled with depression during the COVID pandemic. She has persevered and was very highly recommended by her professors for her excellent academic performance and eagerness to help her fellow peers.

*Reported by: Rose Rock*

On May 26, 2022, Rose Rock and Emilia Sugiyama attended the recipient/donor reception. Unfortunately, the recipient, Lily, was unable to attend due to her commitment to her academics and preparing for finals. However, they spent some time with some important SCC personnel.



From left to right:

Chancellor Marvin Martinez

Pamela Ralston, PH.D,  
SCC President

Betty Valencia, SCC  
Foundation, Acting President

Rose Rock, OPAWL Scholarship  
Committee

Emilia Sugiyama, OPAWL  
President

# SECTIONS – What are they up too?

## ENTERTAINING IN PEARLS SECTION

What is the group “Entertaining in Pearls” all about? It is group created out of my passion for entertaining, cooking and friendship. The only requirement to attend as a member is that pearls must be worn! Yes, pearls. Whether they are a pair of vintage earrings, a necklace or an heirloom ring, pearls are a must! I love to see the many designs and beauty of the jewelry that is worn by each lady.

The very first ever Entertaining in Pearls, Wine Pairing event was hosted at my Spanish villa home on a beautiful warm evening. As the guests arrived, they were ushered to my outdoor patio by my 12-year-old son where they were welcomed with a glass of bubbly champagne. Soft lounge music played in the background while everyone introduced themselves. Because this section is about learning how to entertain, part of that education is learning how to create an ambiance. Have you ever hosted a dinner or small gathering and were not sure on what decorations to adore the table with? Well, fret no more because Entertaining in Pearls is to the rescue. The ambiance I was going for was something that you might experience while eating al fresco in Napa (since we were sampling wines). My outdoor dining table was decorated with glass vases filled with fresh white roses, blush pink roses and delicate baby’s breath. Flickering candles in gold votives elevated the rustic décor. At each table setting, I placed a pale blue charger topped with a French blue & white linen napkin, a printed menu of the wines and food we would taste that evening as well as one red and one white wine glass and a water glass. These are all items that I already owned except for the fresh flowers. So, if you invest in a few key items, you will be ready to entertain anytime. Simply change out the flowers and the napkins and you can create a different vibe or mood.

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### ENTERTAINING IN PEARLS SECTION (CONT.)

Kate Spain Bonnaud, my partner in crime, was instrumental in the success of the event. She recommended and delivered the wines. But she also provided the notes of the wines which allowed me to create a menu that would enhance the flavors of the food and bring out the essence of the wines. So while I was in the kitchen plating our dish up, she was conducting the educational part of the event by teaching the ladies about the notes, region and grapes of the wine. Kate and I were a match made in heaven....wine + food = happiness!

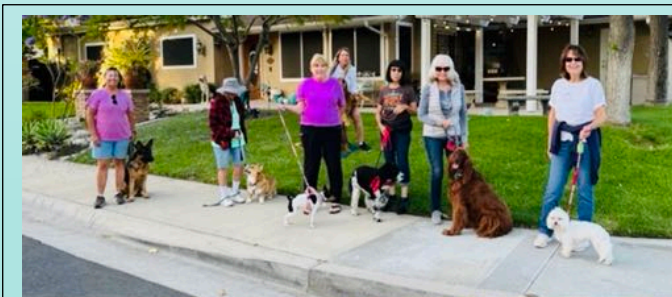
*Reported by: Emilia Sugiyama*



### WALKERS & DOG PACK WALKERS SECTION

So I feel the last several weeks of our Walkers & Dog Pack Walkers Section have been successful!!! We have walking for about 1 hour and we meet up on Tuesday nights at 6:30 on the corner of Stallion and Randall in OPA. The dogs are loving it and they are so many different breeds! As we walk through the streets, we are continually asked by other out walking, "What's this all about?" It gives us an opportunity to be ambassadors in the neighborhood for the Women's League. It has been relaxing and stress free to be out in the fresh air! Feel free to contact Julie Shaw at (714) 329-3477 if you would like to get some fresh air with us!

*Reported by: Julie Shaw*



# SECTIONS LEADERS INFO

**NOTE: Please note that the leader's information is on our website and has been provided several times in the past. It is up to you, the member, to reach out to leaders if you are not receiving any communication. The leaders are doing an amazing job of organization events for you....please be mindful of RSVP's and cancelations on a timely basis. At times, a cost might be associated with an event.**

## LITERATURE GROUP

Leader: Kathy Manulkin  
(714)639-8686

## BRIDGE

Leader: Donna Aidekman  
(714)356-6545

## HOT TROTTERS GROUP

Contact: Sarah Holtz  
(714)478-0155

## BUNCO GROUP

Contact: looking for a leader

## HOMESTEAD & GARDEN

Leader: Pamela Sapetto  
(714)815-7771

## PICKLEBALL

Leader: Tess Breen  
(714)200-3004

## FOODIE LUNCHEON GROUP

On Hiatus

## ENTERTAINING IN PEARLS

Leader: Emilia Sugiyama  
(310)569-4662

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Sheree Haavik
- 9 - Marion Levitt
- 10 - Susie Nolen
- 14 - Stephanie Stringer
- 27 - Marci Dial
- 27 - Faith Grimm



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Jamie Paino-Spence
- 5 - Vickie Noiseux-Homer
- 6 - Tess Breen
- 14 - Cindy Brandom
- 21 - Dorothy Neblett
- 23 - Katie Wagner
- 23 - Kayla McMahon