

Oakland World Wings Chapter November, 2021
Newsletter from President Louise Diracles

We are hoping to have an OAK World Wings Holiday Party
depending on health regulations etc. on

Wednesday, December 15th from noon to 2:30

at Marilyn Kaplan's home.

R.S.V.P: to Marilyn Kaplan

Plan on bringing a hearty hors d'oeuvres, a bottle that you want to drink or share, a wrapped gift for the drawing worth at least \$15 or more, money or a check to World Wings Int'l. to buy raffle tickets for the drawing for the gifts. Stay tuned for instructions on how to support Hope Hospice and A Friendly Manor.

It is with great sadness that I announce our beloved member Sylvia Ortlieb's passing at Atria Valley View at the age of 86. Sylvia was so loved!! I'm sure everyone remembers the care and expertise she used in compiling our scrapbooks which now reside at the Miami Museum. Sylvia hosted Bunco parties to everyone's delight.



Sylvia's sons:
Jim Ortlieb
Rob Ortlieb

Celebration of Life Service Remembering Sylvia Ortlieb

Sunday, November 21, 2021 2:00PM

Saint Mathew Church

399 Wiget Lane

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Reception following Service



In lieu of flowers, please send remembrances to:
Hope Lutheran Church 1001 Golden Rain Road Walnut Creek, CA 94595 or
American Parkinson Disease Association at www.apdaparkinson.org



Sylvia with her son Rob Ortlieb

Else let me know that her handsome husband, Jauire Welsh, passed away at 1:45 am on October 20, 2021. He died peacefully at home and Else was with Jauire. Jauire was just shy of 97 years old. What an accomplishment!



Ingrid Templeton, Else and Jauire Welsh hosting one of our holiday parties.

Jauire passed away peacefully with his wife Else by his side just shy of 97.

He was born in Harris, Kansas to parents Joseph and Hannah Welsh. He was their only child. They moved to Osawatomie where Jauire graduated from high school in 1942. He joined the Navy and was a WWII veteran. He moved to California, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1953 and from Stanford with a MBA in 1955. He was hired by Dow Chemical Co. and worked in sales and marketing management for 30 years. His first marriage ended in divorce. He later married Else, his wife of 45 years.

He played the clarinet, oboe and bassoon. In high school he won first prize in the National Bassoon Competition. He played in the UC Berkeley Symphony Orchestra and he loved the Big Band music. In his younger days he played tennis. Later he became an ardent bowler. He loved gardening and enjoyed the roses and the fruit and berries growing in the backyard. He was an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since 1982. He was on the Church Council for many years. Later he became the first Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1525 in Clayton and went on to become District Commander. Else was a Pan Am flight attendant. They had good travel benefits and traveled to many destinations. One of his favorite places was Norway, where they spent time every summer with Else's family. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Else, sons Jauire

Randall, "Randy" (Pam) and Erik (Anna), his daughter Valerie (Joel) and grandchildren Christina, Alaina, Evan, Lily and Bjørn.

A memorial service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4000 Clayton Rd., Concord on Nov.13th at 11am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1525, PO Box 79, Clayton, CA.

Don't miss Rebecca Sprecher's podcast where she mentions our own Patrice Otten's meeting of Beatles' Paul McCartney at Tree Tops in Africa.
<https://podcast.thepanammuseum.org/1836491/9405762-episode-7-supersonic-transport-an-angry-jfk-and-flying-the-line>

For those who remember Paula Zoe Helfrich, here's the link to Julia Cooke's article about her:

https://magazine.atavist.com/the-improbable-life-of-paula-zoe-helfrich/?fbclid=IwAR0P3krMF-nH_W1NiJOgCCewU2Z-wvrQ1tl9q-7UiL9Bx4K7K3DShmjLu-4

Dorothy Megeath has a new townhouse. Please refer to the roster for her new address and phone.

From Dorothy:

I was just reading the following letter from Lake Tahoe Chapter. They have joined Reno chapter now. I spoke with Joan LeBlanc, my dear friend. I was sad to hear her husband JJ passed away a year ago. I just thought I would share the following with members who know those in Lake Tahoe Chapter, my alma mater.

Dorothy Megeath
Oakland Chapter
[LAKE TAHOE](#)

It is with a sad heart we must disband due to an ever-decreasing membership.

The Tahoe Chapter has kept many friends close. Many of our too small Chapter have joined the Reno Chapter of WWI. We are happy to help the Reno Chapter grow and in contributing to their philanthropic efforts. We look forward to making new friendships and keeping the old.

Hopefully we will see our friends from the other WWI Chapters in the future.

Lake Tahoe has/is experiencing severe smoke from the Dixie and Caldor fires, one to our North and one to the South.

Wishing you all the best,

Joan LeBlanc
President, Lake Tahoe Chapter

Genie Pratt is looking for a roommate for the Merry Times in the Maritimes Cruise Oct. 3rd, 2022. Please call her.

Dorothy Megeath is retiring from teaching November 18, 2021.
Congratulations from all of us!!!

From Marilyn Grega:
Young vs S.O.S.
October 11, 2021

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic.
It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here !"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look !"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seem to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter.

Dedicated to all my friends who are like me, now realizing that it is time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.



Mr 3A refused to wear his mask, so I gave him a new window seat in the terminal where he watched his plane depart without him.

Good for you, Mildred!

Save the Date
World Wings Marin
Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 5 Sunday 11:30
McInnis Golf Club

Contact Sue Berlin: worldwingsmarin@gmail.com

Thank you to all who participated in the International Charity Drawing!!!
Love from Louise Diracles, OAK WW President