



# THE BELL TOWER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION

**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 11, 2026**

*Honoring the Heart of Our Mission—Ocean Park's  
Amazing Volunteers*

The 4th Annual Night of Gratitude & Giving is a joyful evening that brings our community together to celebrate generosity, connection, and impact. This special evening combines dancing and an auction with something new and deeply meaningful—honoring the dedicated volunteers who help carry our mission forward. While our organization has served the community since 1881, this night celebrates the spirit of giving that continues to move us today, recognizing those who make our work possible while raising vital support for the future.

In a few weeks you will receive an invitation with more details and a registration form. Additionally, you will receive sponsorship information and details about how to participate as a sponsor.

In the meantime, please mark your calendar. If you have questions or want to volunteer to help, please contact the Association office.

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EARLY SEASON WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES		
Sunday: May 24 10:30 am	<b>Religious Society Worship Service</b> in Porter Hall	Rev. David Robinson
Sunday May 31 10:30 am	<b>Religious Society Worship Service</b> in Porter Hall.	Rev. James Chaloner
Sunday June 7 10:30 am	<b>Religious Society Worship Service</b> in Porter Hall.	Rev. Renee Kaufman
Sunday June 14 10:30 am	<b>Religious Society Worship Service</b> in Porter Hall.	Rev. Vicki Keene

# Tuesdays in the Park

Meets here in Jordan Hall at 7:00 pm

For more information—check our website

 <p><b>June 30</b> Walking Tour of the Ocean Park Town Center (Meet at the Library)</p>	 <p><b>July 7</b> If These Bricks Could Talk- the Biddeford Saco Mill Girls</p>
 <p><b>July 10</b> A Puritan Named Kennedy and the Biblical Basis of Democracy</p>	 <p><b>July 14</b> The Story of Big Nate</p>
 <p><b>July 21</b> "Take a Hike" Trails from Saco Bay to Portland</p>	 <p><b>July 28</b> Ghost Stories and the Other Side</p>
 <p><b>August 4</b> Now that's a Trail The Appalachian Trail</p>	 <p><b>August 11</b> History and Hospitality at the Cummings Guest House</p>
 <p><b>August 18</b> Embracing Hope in Poetry &amp; Art</p>	 <p><b>August 25</b> All Washed Up</p>



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## BLOOD DRIVE

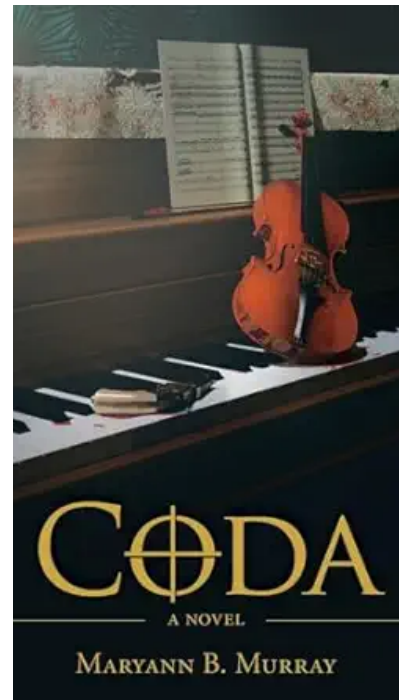
We will be hosting a Blood Drive at Jakeman Hall on Friday, May 29th with the American Red Cross. Sign-up here:

<https://bit.ly/4vba3F4>

## BOOK CLUB

Our next book discussion will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM in Jakeman Hall. Coda by Maryann B. Murray is a historical mystery novel.

In 1894 Montpellier, France, Murder, Missing documents, and a Mysterious Norwegian named Sigerson can only mean one thing: The Game's Afoot!



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - MARCIA COCKER

Marcia joined OPA in 2025 as our Office Administrator, bringing with her decades of experience from her time with the Salvation Army.

An Ocean Park resident, Marcia is a familiar face in the community, and her husband, Jim, serves as our Facilities Manager. When not working in the office Marcia likes to quilt and sew for hospitals and veterans groups.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out these off-season opportunities for residents & friends, in Jakeman unless otherwise specified.

- Mahjong:  
Apr. 21, 28  
May 5, 9  
6:30 - 8:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month—  
Naughty Needles—6:30 pm
- 4th Tuesday of each month—  
Naughty Needles—3:00-5:00 pm
- Every Wednesday at 9:00 am—  
Chair Yoga and other fun exercise activities
- Every Thursday from  
2:00-4:00—Games day



# OPENING SOON!



With the nicer weather comes the opening of many OP favorites!

Cottage Designs - Opens 4/17

Beachside Books & Bowls - Opens 5/1

Ocean Park Subs & Grocery - Opens 5/15

Memorial Library - Fridays & Saturdays 10-2

Soda Fountain - Opens 5/23

We recently announced the OPA Volunteer Appreciation Awards. Members are invited to submit nominations using the following online form:



<https://forms.gle/V67hFT67wSkYsGBH8>

Nominations are extended through April 30, 2026 and will be celebrated at the OPA Dance & Auction on July 11, 2026

**IN MEMORIAM** THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE FRIENDS OF OCEAN PARK WHOSE PASSING HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION SINCE THE PRINTING OF OUR LAST BELL TOWER. TO NOTIFY THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION OF THE PASSING OF A LOVED ONE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OPA@OCEANPARK.ORG OR BY PHONE.

**ELIZABETH HART - SACO, ME - APRIL 18, 2026**

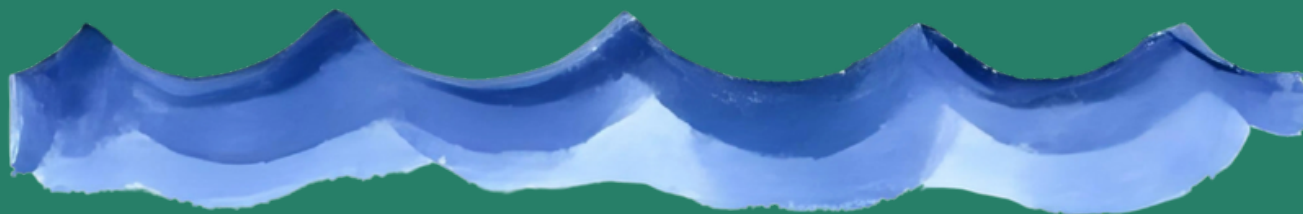
**WILLIAM JOHNSON - SACO, ME - MARCH 15, 2026**

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER:

ADULT (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$175  
 YOUTH (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$50  
 LIFE MEMBER (PER INDIVIDUAL) \$5,000

LEARN MORE ONLINE: [HTTPS://OCEANPARK.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://oceanpark.org/membership)

*TENNIS MEMBERSHIPS ARE ALSO NOW AVAILABLE!  
 \$185 FOR MEMBERS*



## OCEAN PARK TRIVIA



### 1. The Temple was originally called?

A. The Big Temple B. Way of Truth Temple C. OP Temple D. Big Temple

### 2. Which building was built in 1949?

A. Rec Hall B. Jakeman Hall C. Oceanwood D. OOB Pier

### 3. Who was President of OPA during the years of 1952 – 1956?

A. Percy C. Hicks B. Lindley M. Webb C. Victor F. Scalise, Jr. D. Rufus H. Bond

### 4. What is the capacity of Jordan Hall without tables?

A. 35 B. 100 C. 85 D. 80

### 5. In 1636, Thomas Rogers arrived from Salem MA and planted an apple orchard on the hill where \_\_\_\_\_ now runs?

A. Temple Ave. B. Union Ave. C. Tioga Ave. D. Maine Ave.

### LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS:

1. 1929 2. Ataloa  
 3. 1881 4. Rufus Deering 5. Livability