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A human being is a part of the whole called the “universe,” a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of...consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of Nature in all its beauty. Nobody is able to achieve this completely, but the striving for such achievement is in itself part of the liberation and a foundation for inner security.

~~~~~Albert Einstein

*French Polynesia July 1985*



**Waiting for  
Next Year!\*\*\***







**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2020**  
 at 9:30 am

Please join this Virtual meeting via ZOOM,  
 hosted by Ken Johnson. Residents wishing to attend  
 should contact Ken by email: kjohnson99@aol.com

## LIBRARY NOTES

### BOOKS SELECTED FOR NOVEMBER 2020

#### Fiction

**THE EVENING AND THE MORNING** Ken Follett  
**HIS ONLY WIFE** Peace Adzo Medie  
**SIMON THE FIDDLER\*\*** Paulette Jiles

#### Mystery

**THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT\*** Susan Hill

#### Biography

**THE REBEL CINDERELLA\*** Adam Hochschild  
**DISLOYAL\*** Michael Cohen

#### Our Own

**MY RETIREMENT: Pictorial of Jane**  
**Ipsen's Tenure**  
 Residents & Ch. Grace Merrill

#### U. S. HISTORY

**O AMERICA: Discovery in a New Land**  
 William Least Heat-Moon

#### Russian History

**AGENT SONYA** Ben Macintyre

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### DVDs CHOSEN FOR

#### NOVEMBER 2020

**LEAN ON PETE**

**BABYLON BERLIN (Seasons 1 & 2)**

**CODE UNKNOWN**

**NATIONAL TREASURE (1 & 2)**

## Lending Library on Schulte Road managed by Lorraine Schmit



If there is a sin against life, it consists  
 perhaps not so much in despairing of  
 life as in hoping for another life and  
 in eluding the implacable grandeur of  
 this life.  
*Albert Camus*

### NEW/SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Hersch & Shirley Loomis | Beverly Hamilton       |
| Barbara Fowble          | James & Betty Kasson   |
| Sandy Storm             | Roberta Bialek-Elliott |
| Martin & Karen Wiskoff  |                        |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|       |            |       |           |
|-------|------------|-------|-----------|
| 11/27 | Barbara B. | 11/30 | Pat T.    |
| 11/28 | Janet M.   | 12/7  | Sylva C.  |
| 11/28 | Murray Y.  | 12/7  | Carol B.  |
| 11/30 | Pat M.     | 12/7  | Sherry M. |
| 11/30 | Janet M.   |       |           |

### IN MEMORIAM

11/14 Betsy Breuleux



# TAHITI

## PARADISE FOUND!

Tahiti: The name itself conjures up various images of tropical islands, clear blue lagoons, coral reefs, friendly natives, thatch huts, and all the Polynesian mystique! Modern-day visitors will not be disappointed. Their visions do become a reality. All of the above is true. No structure can be built in the Tahitian Islands taller than the highest coconut tree.

There are 133,000 inhabitants in Papeete, the capital of the French Overseas Territory. Tahiti has a total population of 280,000 for all the islands. The official languages are French and Tahitian. Almost everyone involved in the tourist trade speaks English.

Qantas, Air New Zealand, and Air Tahiti are just some of the major airlines that fly into French Polynesia, F'aaa International Airport with even more flights during high season (Sep. thru Dec.) It is approximately an eight and half hour flight from Los Angeles.

Beyond cost and time considerations, the most important thought to keep in mind when picking Tahiti or French Polynesia as a vacation destination is what your motive is? Relaxation, history of this area, or to study a culture that is so different from ours? There are many more considerations, but these are just a few that might encourage you to come to this beautiful spot in the world.

Papeete is 30 minutes from the airport to the very busy tropical port town, complete with early-morning markets. Don't miss it! It looks a lot like Hawaii did 100 years ago. Much more relaxed and charming. A must-see is the waterfront of Papeete. A long curved quay with a walkway all along its length. Boats from all over the world anchor all along the quay. All of them are filled with people that love to sail long distances to reach this port. Here they rest, recover, and enjoy life at a very slow pace, one of the great spots in this world. This is the main street of this town, which is garlanded with lush tropical trees.

Papeete at night is transformed into a magical sight. The lights from the restaurants and bars dance gaily in the reflecting waters of the nearby bay. Ships, boats, and rafts dock along the quay with their bobbing hulls and lights strung in the riggings. This adds to the lively and

gay atmosphere. And there is always music in the air.

When shopping, use the many Public Markets. They are filled with local art, crafts, and local clothing. There is an abundance of wonderful fruit and vegetables. Great photo opportunity.

Leaving Papeete, the interior of the island is a mountainous wilderness of sheer cliffs, captivating villages, plunging waterfalls which drop in shaded cool pools of clear water. The beaches here are fabulous, either composed of black or white coral sands. Be sure to take a snorkel and mask. The underwater exploring is fascinating. The fish are beautiful, and the water is warm and clear.

One main road rings the island by the shore. Most of the habitats reside near the water. Near the road are

picturesque clusters of native straw and or tin-roofed homes called "fares." Several competent tour operators on the island offer half-day tours or full-day circle island tours. It is a great way to spend your money and your time. The guides are multi-lingual, and the information and sights are incomparable. Lots of local stories and gossip!



The relaxed lifestyle of the Tahitians, which has not changed much since Captain Bligh touched the shores here in 1788, is in direct contrast to our own fast-paced technological lifestyle. It offers excellent relaxation, time to slow down and enjoy this tropical gem.

Many visitors combine Tahiti with a visit to one of the numerous outlying islands. Moorea is the closest (11 miles) and is accessible by either boat or air. This is an ideal day trip from Papeete. Bora Bora is another popular island (165 miles from Papeete). This island boasts one of the loveliest lagoons in all of Polynesia.

The Best aspect of traveling to the South Pacific that I most enjoy is what to pack? A bathing suit or two, shorts, t-shirts, a camera, and tanning lotion will suffice. Of course, a night out will require more traditional wear, but never formal. It is possible that you could be packed and ready to go in a half-hour! Happy travels.

*Lari Newbury*



# breakfast with lorraine



What could be better for the first meal back in our beautiful dining room this past October than conversation with Lorraine. How is it being retired from head of the Residents' Garden? "It is being free of responsibility", "enjoying whatever comes with the day". The various moods of Nature such as the "blue moon" last night—it was a long month, and the full moon has lasted longer than usual. Lorraine is in tune with nature and can explain all this. She knew she could "slip away" after 10 years of shepherding the garden as the people involved there, under the guidance of Diane Nelson are so great at knowing what's needed and doing it. "Do you remember Sophia Gasser?" she asked. She noticed the little chapel (Hollow Hills Chapel) was full of dust and cobwebs. So, of course, Lorraine took the Chapel under her wing. With the help of Leon and Sheila Cooper it became a little gem. Lorraine knows the constellations in the night sky and the names of even the littlest birds (the little Bushtit birds) that come in flocks and feed and bathe at her upturned saucer accommodations while she relaxes in her hammock. She is also in charge of the Neighborhood Lending

Library of Schulte Road which she coordinates with the Monterey Mobile Book Library. Sometimes more books have been added by the neighbors, and sometimes someone takes what they like and doesn't return them. Monterey County always acknowledges what Lorraine needs for the library.

And the walnuts that are the secret star of Schulte Road. The walnut trees were planted years ago, and now are harvested by squirrels and Lorraine. She tells the story of the recent harvest (this comes naturally to Lorraine as she grew up in a family of five children on a farm in Iowa) which this year has been abundant. She gets up early when they are in season, before traffic might crush those on the road, collects them, and stores the day's cache at the shed in the Garden until her day's work there is done and she can take them home. One enterprising squirrel found the pile, and Lorraine and Diane observed him leaving the shed with as many as he could carry, one even under his arm. He looked at the two women squarely, as if to say "And what are you going to do about it?" and left, going up a tree to make his own hiding place.

And the nuts are not in little pieces, they are perfect halves when Lorraine shells them. What does she do with all those nuts? She packs them up and mails them to family members. She gave me a sample—simply delicious! More flavorful than commercial walnuts, no bitter after taste. Of course, she advised, you have to eat them right away as they do not preserve well. Perfect. And in tune with Nature.

We wish Lorraine well in her third retirement, you'll have to sit down and talk with her to find out about the other two. Good luck and Good Health, Lorraine!

*Selma Petker*

Many Thanks to the Manor for enabling me to be part of the Residents' Garden 2009-2020...  
A HAPPY CAMPER, LORRAINE SCHMIT

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