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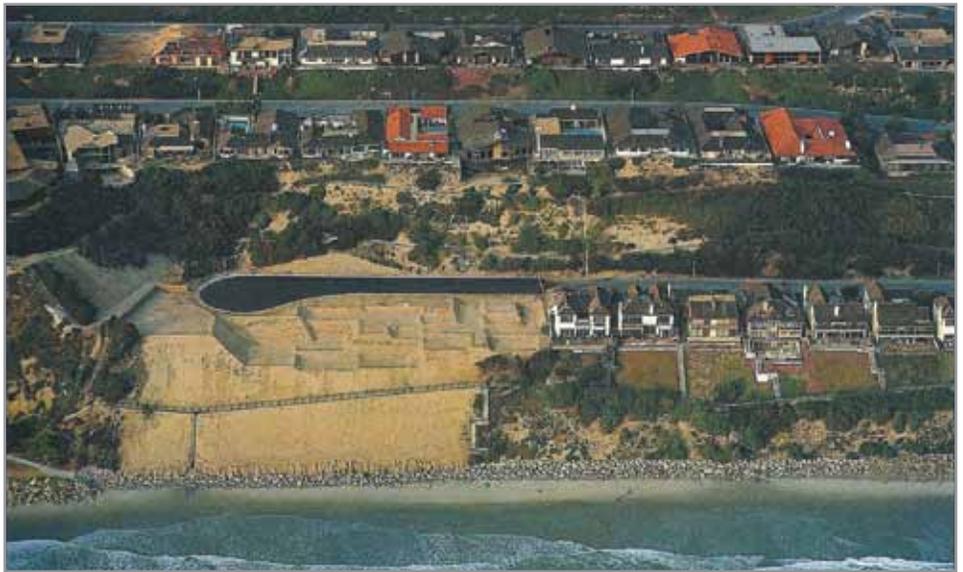
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## NIGUEL SHORES IN 1981

The photograph at right was taken from a book called *California from the Air—The Golden Coast* with aerial photography by Baron Wolman. The book was published in 1981 by Chronicle Books in San Francisco. The caption on the photo is “Dana Point, Orange County.” It does seem a strange view to represent the city of Dana Point with its distinctive harbor and towering cliffs. The book is in the collection of the Dana Point Historical Society and during one of my recent afternoons in its Museum as a docent, I was leafing through it and came upon the photo. Of course one immediately recognizes it as our own Niguel Shores’ bit of that Golden Coast. The north end of Breakers Isle is in the foreground and two streets of custom homes above. The visible section of Breakers Isle has been graded for lots after having been built up with some fill. I have heard it mentioned that there had been some slope erosion necessitating the fill and the regrading. Perhaps someone can explain the different levels of grading shown in the photograph and can tell us more about its geological history.



It is interesting to note that by 1981 all but one of the visible lots in the custom homes has been built on. Those with remodeled versions may be able to see what the original home looked like.

This photo will be added to our Niguel Shores History and if anyone has others of interest, they also could be added to our historical record which is now on the website. Please let me know: [mccrowl33@gmail.com](mailto:mccrowl33@gmail.com).

—Mary Crowl

## GM REPORT

### 2014 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

Nominations for the 2014 Annual Election are in and we have four (4) candidates running for three (3) open positions. The candidates running for these positions are: Steve Leonard, Richard Rajaratnam, Bob Russell and Jeanie Sticher. Join me in thanking each of these candidates for volunteering to serve on the Board. The *Seashore News* is publishing information about each one, so be sure to read their statements in this issue. (See pages 5 and 6 for the can-

didate bios.) In addition to reading about each candidate, please plan on attending the “Meet the Candidates” forum scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Club-House. This event will provide you with an opportunity to hear about and ask questions of each candidate.

The Annual Meeting Notice and Ballots will be mailed to all homeowners by April 18. It is important for everyone to vote. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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# NIGUEL SHORES

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**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH:**

April is National Volunteer Month and Niguel Shores is blessed with many wonderful residents who volunteer within our community. Without our volunteers many of the things you enjoy about living here would not be possible. If you don't currently volunteer but are passionate about working with people and having fun at the same time, volunteering in your community may be just the thing for you. Communities are more successful when there is a broad base of active volunteers. Below are several reasons why volunteering may be beneficial not only to you personally but to Niguel Shores.

- **Protect your self-interests.** Protect your property values and the quality of life in your community by becoming involved, contributing, and understanding how your community operates.
- **Be sociable.** Meet your neighbors, make friends and exchange opinions.
- **Give back.** It is a wonderful feeling to help others.
- **Have some fun.** Association work isn't drudgery. It is fun! Accomplishing good things with your neighbors. Just ask those who already volunteer.
- **Get educated about your Association.** Learn how it is done—we will train you.
- **Express yourself.** Help with creative projects using the talents you have.

If you believe that you can make a difference and contribute to making Niguel Shores a better place to live please join those who already work with us to make our community so special.

Please join me in expressing sincere thanks to all who volunteer; both within NSCA and outside our gates throughout the area, committing their time to make our community a better place to live. We wouldn't be the great community we are without our active volunteers. We look forward to seeing more residents becoming volunteers.

**A FEW REMINDERS REGARDING OUR FAVORITE FURRY FRIENDS**

Why Scoop the Poop? Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you are tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the common area or a neighbor's lawn, please remember uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents that feed on pet waste. Also, the appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much, but how quickly. Please remember to comply with our rules and regulations regarding pets in order to keep our community a beautiful place to live.

When dogs are off their own property they must be on a leash. This is not only a rule within our community; it is enforced as part of Orange County Codified Ordinance (OCCO). For more details and information regarding restraint of dogs, refer to OCCO 4-1-45 Restraint of Dogs. In addition, while walking your dog on a leash remember that leads and leashes (including retractable) must not be longer than six (6) feet in length to comply with the ordinance.

**Wishing all of you, your families and friends a very Happy Easter from the Niguel Shores Staff.**

—Marla Miller

*In Memoriam*

**Gretchen Rask**

*(Mrs. Peter Rask)*

**March 2014**

*Brigantine Resident*

*Member Board of Directors 2005-07*

*Member Finance Committee, Page Turners,*

*Oreo Cookie Book Club, Garden Club,*

*Women's Club, Women's Golf*

*In Memoriam*

**Jack Broering**

**March 2014**

*Longtime resident of Manta Court*

*Member Board of Directors 1993-95*

*Member Men's Club, Men's Golf*

*WWII Veteran – Fighter Pilot*

*Capt. U. S. Marine Corps*

# BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

## MARCH 5, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Updated litigation disclosure statement
  - Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2014
  - Proposal for additional plant material – front entry
    - Red curb on Manta Court
  - Adjustment to corporate credit card limits
  - Additional observation deck repair funds
    - Request for IDR

**DISAPPROVED:** none

**HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:** none

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Delinquency report
- Proposed rule changes
- Master Landscape project
  - Gatehouse project
- Correspondence from homeowner
  - Manager's report

### TABLED:

- Turf reduction and irrigation repairs
- Abalone slope plant material
- Flag pole relocation

## MARCH 19, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2014
  - Record Date for Election
  - Board Election Candidates
- Referral of one (1) account to legal for collections
  - Irrigation valve wire repair
- Fiore Racobs and Powers annual retainer agreement
  - Emergency removal on one (1) tree
  - Owner request for reimbursement

**DISAPPROVED:** none

**HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:** none

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master Landscape project
  - Gatehouse project
- Two (2) homeowner correspondences to the Board
  - Manager's report

**TABLED:** none

## MARCH 5, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2013

### DISAPPROVED:

- Request for reimbursement for tire damage

### HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Two (2) hearings to suspend privileges for delinquent assessments

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Financial reports

**TABLED:** none

## MARCH 19, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

### ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

### APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2014

**DISAPPROVED:** none

### HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Two (2) hearings for violations of Rule 6405

### REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence

**TABLED:** none

***NOTE:** The NSCA Board of Directors meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted. The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance. In addition, the General Session and Executive Session agendas for the next Board Meeting will also be posted on the Friday prior to the next meeting.*

**REMINDERS:** THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2014

# CANDIDATE BIOS

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## STEVE LEONARD

Steve has lived in Niguel Shores on Brigantine since 1976. He grew up in Kansas City, graduated from Texas Christian University. After college he joined the Coast Guard Reserve. Civilian flight training led to a 37-year career as an airline pilot for TWA with most of that career flying out of Los Angeles.

In the mid 80's Steve and Sally rented out their Brigantine home and lived in Paris, France for two years and, from there, Steve commuted back to the U.S. for his pilot's job. He eventually retired from American Airlines which had taken over TWA a few years earlier. Steve still loves to travel for fun and follows a workout routine to keep in shape for it.

Steve has been active in various areas of Niguel Shores having served seven years on the Traffic and Safety Committee, was chair of an ad hoc Committee to enlarge the Beach Bluff area, and had worked on a refurbishment committee back in 1987. He served in various officer positions in the Men's Club and recently was president for one year.



He now is seeking a second and final term on the Board. The plans are being finalized to remodel the Mariner gatehouse instead of an earlier plan to totally replace the existing one. This will enlarge it without the much higher cost to replace it.

The Mariner slope has been totally revamped with water saving plants and added trees. The existing trees half way up the slope are planned to grow much larger and will be the size of the removed pine trees. Our water conservation program will lower our water usage significantly.

The last two years has seen prudent fiscal spending and I am proud that our reserves have increased to a respectable 87 percent funded. I hope to concentrate on bringing our reserves to 100 percent in the next two years.

This generation of homeowners has been asked in the last several years to pay for expensive additions to our community. Now I think is the time to maintain the appearance of the Shores and take a pause on expensive projects.

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## RICHARD RAJARATNAM, MD FRCS FACS

I wish to serve to maintain the high levels of exceptionalism in community living by adhering to the "Bill of Rights" of "HOA Home Front" by Richard Sonober.

I have been a surgeon for the past 37 years in head and neck surgery. I recently (2013) retired as medical director of Kaiser Permanente (after 30 years of service). I am presently head of the Office of Clinical Transformation at LLU. I have had many roles in the medical, governmental, social and volunteer communities. (Resident of Moonsail Drive)

## BOB RUSSELL

Bob Russell is an incumbent Board member. The following is an updated biography that was originally published in the April 2012 issue (He is a resident of Brigantine):

Bob Russell grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts, earned his undergraduate degree in Textile engineering and Design from the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation, Bob was recruited by Burlington Industries and moved to New York City to begin his career in the textile and design industry. He worked for a variety of clothing manufacturing and design firms and traveled widely in this business. He eventually left New York for Seattle and formed his own sportswear manufacturing and design company.

Presently, Bob runs Xterra Gear, a web store that designs and sells high-end athletic apparel for triathletes. In search of a warmer climate



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and marina for their sailboat Bob and his wife, Rebecca, moved from Seattle to Niguel Shores in 1995. Like most residents, Bob feels Niguel Shores is a wonderful community. On his street, in particular, he appreciates the true sense of community and neighborhood they have found in their many years as residents of Niguel Shores. Bob served on the Maintenance Committee for 12 years and has helped organize the Men's Club 4th of July Pancake Breakfast.

Bob has decided to run again for a position on the Niguel Shores Board because he believes that, in order to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy here, residents need to step up and become involved. The three areas that

continue to interest him are landscape plans, remodeling issues and good communication between the Board and the community.

Bob believes that, as a community, we should not allow the expansion of homes that will infringe on current residents and advocates rules and policies to protect all properties. Our landscape plans must continue to preserve and maintain our slopes, remain economically sound with water and irrigation and be considerate of the aesthetics of the project. Finally, Bob would like to see improved communication between the Board and the community. He feels it is important to keep residents informed of decisions that impact them.

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## JEANNIE STICHER

Currently Chairman of the Finance Committee, Jeannie Sticher has agreed to be a candidate for the Niguel Shores Board of Directors. Jeannie was born in Chicago, grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Central University of Oklahoma from which she received a B.S. Degree in Textiles and Clothing with a Minor in Marketing. She worked for The Gap stores in developing effective sales techniques for seven years and then moved to Mars, Incorporated in Dallas as a Sales Representative. This position required frequent moves in the U. S. and, eventually, a transfer to Warsaw, Poland. Jeannie arrived in Poland just as the country was being liberated and headed up a sales team selling Mars products.

Once returned to the U.S., Jeannie filled a sales and marketing position for Mars in New Jersey and, while there, completed an executive MBA program at American University in Washington, D.C. She was promoted to Global Vice President at Mars and put in charge of the Walmart Inc. account and spent the next four years in Bentonville, Arkansas, where Walmart's corporate headquarters is located.

A subsequent career change took Jeannie to Chicago where she worked part-time as an adjunct Professor of Marketing at DePaul University. In 2009, she decided to seek a warmer climate and moved to California and into

Niguel Shores as a resident of Manta Court. Her experience and talents quickly drew her into local volunteer work as secretary of the Sea Terrace II Board, the Women's Club Board, and the Emergency Preparedness Committee and, lately, as Chair of our Finance Committee. She has also served as president of the Ocean Institute's Sand Dollar Club, and represented the Club on the Ocean Institute Board for two years. She currently teaches at UC Irvine within the International Program and recently launched an on-line course titled *Designing and Launching Your Career.*"

Jeannie's experience as Chair of the Finance Committee and Secretary of the Sea Terrace II Board has led to her interest in serving on the Board of Directors. Jeannie is very committed to ensuring the short and long term financial viability of Niguel Shores and thanks the past and current Finance Committee members for their diligence and commitment, recommending and implementing sound strategies and cooperation between the Committees, Board and Management Team of Niguel Shores.

Jeannie believes that the diversity of residents within Niguel Shores is its strongest asset and is committed to working toward the current maintenance and future enhancements that will ensure its recognized high value in the Orange County area.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### A “Potpourri” of things to do in your family:

How many of you would be interested in participating in a CPR & AED class if we could arrange for it to be held in the Niguel Shores ClubHouse. A nominal fee of around \$25 would probably be charged and the class would be taught by a Certified Instructor. The time frame would be between 3-4 hours. Send me an E-Mail at [k.wellbrock@cox.net](mailto:k.wellbrock@cox.net) and we will compile a list of those interested to determine moving forward.

As Spring is upon us, be aware of swarms and nests of bees on your streets as you walk and children play. They can set up shop in sprinkler boxes on hillsides and other receptacles along our streets and swarm at will. If you see them, stay clear and report them to the NS office.

Even though daylight hours will continue to lengthen into the fall, if you walk, ride a bike, or play in the streets of our community, **please** watch out for cars and alert them by wearing a blinking light or carrying a flashlight beginning at twilight. How many times have you encountered someone in the street at the last moment that you didn't see until that last moment?

Burst pipe!!! Do you have a master shutoff for your water supply? Make sure you know where it is in the event of a broken pipe, and then turn on the lowest faucet in the house to drain out of the faucet instead of through the leaking pipe. **And**, if the leak causes a puddle or a flooding situation, make sure you turn off the electricity if any wires are exposed to the water before you start the cleanup. When you call the plumber for repairs make sure he shows you where the shutoff is or install one that's in a quick and convenient spot for easy access.

On my routine walks, I like to make it a habit of picking up neighbor's newspapers on their driveways if they've forgotten to cancel them while on vacation or just away for the weekend. They can be a sure sign that no one is home. I'll bet your neighbor won't complain if you just put them in a corner out of sight on their front entry.

If you haven't already stopped using your furnace for the season (Hey, it's Springtime ) but soon will, it might be a good idea to have your furnace checked out before it's needed next season. Many companies have off season specials for tune ups that will prepare you in advance for next season. Gas valves, dirty filters, inaccurate thermostats, fan motors, etc. are worth a look see. **But**, also beware of scams that try to sell you something you don't need. Call a trusted heating contractor. While you're at it, have your water heater checked out too.

**Hey**, this list can go on forever. Make sure your house and family member are **prepared** for any issues by making routine checks of house, car, and all issues that can impact your family.

And, please, if you have tips/suggestions/personal experiences, post them on the Niguel Shores website so all of us can benefit.

—*Kent Wellbrock*

## MAINTENANCE

**Offering Free Pavers:** When our Mariner Drive entrance landscaping was re-done, 388 pavers from a walkway were removed. They were saved and stacked in our Maintenance Yard. Because we have yet to figure out how and/or where to use them and they are taking up much needed space, it was decided that we would offer the bricks to anyone wanting them. See photo on page 15 for shape and color. Each brick is 8.25”x 5.5”x 2.25” and they are free! The only stipulation is that if you want them, you must haul them off yourself. If interested, please contact the Facilities Manager at [GCooley@niguelshores.org](mailto:GCooley@niguelshores.org) or the office to make arrangements for procuring them.

**Home Owner Requests:** Niguel Shores consists of a large amount of area to be covered and to be overseen by our management, our landscapers, our maintenance staff, and our various committees. As a homeowner or a tenant living here, it is imperative that you let us know by way of a Homeowner Request Form when something needs to be fixed or corrected. These forms can be obtained from the office or printed from our website. This is the most effective way of getting your issue handled in a timely manner. If you go to a Board member or a staff member your concern often takes more time to be resolved because it takes time to then travel through the proper channels.

**Fines will be imposed:** Summer is approaching so we anticipate a lot more use of our pool and spa area. We ask that you please use pool diapers on your younger children and make sure your older children are using our bathroom facilities when necessary. Mandatory pool and spa closures due to sanitary conditions are an inconvenience to everyone.

—*Suzanne Enis*

## RECREATION

**Garage Sale April 5, 9:00 a.m. to noon:** Friday April 4 is the last day to pick up maps in the office.

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## **Livingroom Concert – Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.:**

What an evening we have planned for you. A “Livingroom Concert” with Jon Troast, a singer-songwriter in a classic Troubadour style. We are fortunate to have him thanks to his connections with Gary and Nancy Tinnes. He is on a spring tour and can be heard at [www.jontroast.com/bio](http://www.jontroast.com/bio). I know you will be waiting at the door to hear him for only \$5 in our ClubHouse “Living Room.” Bring your own refreshments and beverage to enjoy during the evening.



Jon Troast

**Taco Night – Saturday, May 3, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.:** We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with our Taco Night and DJ Music. How lucky we are to have the bluff area to provide these wonderful parties for all the family. The tickets are in the office for \$10. *Tickets will not be sold at the Taco Night so be sure to get your tickets ahead of time in the office.*

**Memorial Day – Sunday, May 25, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.:** Remember we will celebrate with a BBQ for Memorial Day on Sunday May 25, as always, thanks to Bob Borland and his Committee. When you BBQ the meal you brought, you can visit with your neighbors.

It is so nice to have new “young” members on the Recreation Committee. They are full of ideas for all ages. Watch for new things happening—like last month at the Movie Night.

Mark your calendars for the **In-N-Out Night on June 14**, then our big **4th of July Celebration**.

—Carol Yocom

## TRAFFIC & SAFETY

**Dogs on Leash:** In researching this topic I learned that virtually every city and county in California has a leash law governing the control of unconfined dogs. The city of Dana Point has such a law, and our own HOA has a rule that virtually mirrors it. In essence, the law reflects that unless our dog is confined, it must be restricted by a leash no longer than six feet.

Several websites reflect, more often than not, that in many communities these leash laws are not continuously enforced unless violations are conspicuous and or complaints are received. Unfortunately we are in a similar position. We are currently experiencing complaints of flagrant and conspicuous disregard of our leash rule. Hopefully, with

the help of our patrol personnel, who will be contacting violators, we can achieve voluntary compliance or handle the issue administratively within our own community.

**Keep Locking Those Cars:** Year to date we have received no reports of any thefts from parked cars in our neighborhoods. The reason for this is that breaking into a locked car can result in a felony arrest and prosecution. The thieves prone to commit this sort of crime understand that their potential for being arrested is greatly reduced by entering only unlocked cars as the crime is normally only a misdemeanor and criteria for such an arrest is such that it is less likely.

**Notify New Guests and Service People:** Please notify guests and service folks that have not been to our community before to enter at the proper gate that can accommodate them. Quite often GPS directs them to either the Selva or Cabrillo Gate. Then either of two things occur: they do not read the posted sign and someone comes by and tells them how to get in or, they become frustrated and try to tailgate someone else that enters. In the latter case, they more than likely have their tires punctured by the spikes popping up.

—Tim Murphy

## WWW.NIGUELSHORES.ORG

In addition to being a great source of information about what is happening socially in our community, the Niguel Shores website is also a wonderful resource for residents who have specific questions or concerns about the policies and procedures of the community.

On the home page of our website, you will see a list of headings along the top of page. Those headings are all pull downs that will lead you to lots of information and, in some cases the actual forms you may need, without ever having to leave the comforts of your computer. In addition to the obvious Calendar tab that lists all meetings and social events, you will see the Forms tab. This leads to a drop down menu for all kinds of resources for homeowners, from service request forms, architectural review forms when considering a remodel or renovation project, a *Seashore News* ad request form for both business advertisements and personal ads, as well as the forms you need if you are planning an event and would like to utilize our beautiful facilities.

All of the Clubs and Committees have drop downs on the website; you can take a look at our gallery of photos of past events, as well as locating past issues of our *Seashore News*. This is also where you will find the increasingly popular “Voice of the People” link, which will give you a chance to voice your comments or read what others are saying.

—Patti Staudenbaur

# CLUBS

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club met on Monday, March 17. Our thanks to Carmen Murphy, Chris Daley, JoAnn Webb and other volunteers for the beautiful food spread. Being St Patrick's Day, many were decked out in green.

We saw a beautiful movie on humming birds. Why humming birds at the Garden Club, you ask? Because, humming birds are responsible for the pollination of 8000 species of flowers.



These birds, all 350 species, are native to the Americas. They pollinate 1000 flowers a day!

They travel twice a year from Mexico in the winter to as far north as Alaska, across the Gulf of Mexico. They are the smallest birds in the avian family and the only ones that can hover, fly backwards and turn on a dime! To make your garden humming bird friendly plant a nectar garden. This will attract these birds as well as the Monarch butterfly. Some of the flowers to consider are lavender, the Gloriosa daisy, sun flowers, butterfly weed, asters, cone flower and the butterfly bush. First set out the plants in full sun. When roots are established, most take moderate water. The sun flower, however, needs regular water.

Another reminder about the field trip to the Huntington Gardens on April 16: The bus and admission is \$40. We will depart from the parking lot of the ClubHouse at 10:30 a.m. There is an additional \$11 charge for those who want a docent guided tour. There is a tea room where a buffet lunch will cost \$30. There are also two additional cafeterias where lunch can be bought.

The Garden Club also has a meeting on April 21 for the 2014 election of officers.

And finally: *Why do melons have fancy weddings? Because they cantaloupe!*

—Lakshman Sehgal

## MEN'S CLUB

Good things are happening at the Shores Men's Club and you are invited to join the fun and fellowship. There is always a delicious complete breakfast, usually served hot, with coffee and juice provided for a bargain \$3. There is almost always a speaker and the first three speakers for President Al Thome's new term of service have been outstanding to enlighten and entertain.

The first of these speakers, provided by new club Vice President and Program Director Bill Tally, was James Fullenkamp of Edward Jones Investments who provided enlightening understanding of the American Economy by demonstrating and explaining stock market valuations since 1906 to the present.

The next meeting featured Dr. Carl Kukkonen, CEO of VIASPACE Inc. who works with biomass energy. He explained biomass and objectively put all sources of energy into perspective, including relative strengths and weaknesses.

The Club was honored during the third meeting with speaker Commander Tim Moy of the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. He is one of only three commanders in the Sheriff's Department and is just one step below chief. He explained how our peace keepers, 3,800 members strong, work and travel in a cooperative and effective manner to go where most needed. Attendees were paying close attention to each of the three outstanding speakers. Each of the speakers followed up by answering probing questions from the audience.

There is always a golf report provided by Roy Dohner about tournaments played at various local clubs and a sunshine report where we learn about needs of members. The Men's Club is growing and if you have not yet attended or have not been there for a while, it is certainly worth a visit. The Club meets every first and third Tuesday from 8:00 until 9:30 a.m. Come a little early to meet your neighbors. If you would like contact information for any of the three speakers, you can email Secretary C.W. Gruenig at [gruenig1@gmail.com](mailto:gruenig1@gmail.com).

—C. W. Gruenig

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The April luncheon will be on the 10th at 12:00 noon in the ClubHouse. Bob Doll will be our speaker/entertainer. Bob is a businessman currently with *South County Magazine* and has a sideline as a comedian and actor who performs regularly and teaches at the Camino Real Playhouse in San Juan Capistrano—our charming little local theater. Bob, a New Yorker by birth, has performed in Disney's California Adventure, the Irvine Improv and the Comedy Store so, you see, he is well experienced to entertain us and tell us about the theater in San Juan. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, eat and be amused.

You will receive by e-mail your invitation to the luncheon on April 3. Please respond by Sunday, April 6 whether or not you will be attending. If you plan to attend, you will be notified by e-mail if it is your turn to bring a salad.

We are pleased to announce that the Women's Club has recently adopted the Friends of the Dana Point Library as its organization for charitable giving. The Club recently donated \$400 to the Friends and will continue with

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a regular annual donation as funds are available. The Club also was pleased to present an appreciation to our excellent

Maintenance Crew members who are always willing to help with a smile and regularly prepare the room for our

luncheons and meetings. Many thanks again from all of us.

—*Mary Crowl*

## ACTIVITIES

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### BRIDGE NEWS

Our group enjoys getting together for bridge every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and hopes you will consider joining us either as a regular player or as a substitute. We attract players from outside our community who are wintering in beautiful southern California. We have our first male player, who is from Portland and is an inspiration to all of us. After winning a few times, he will be headed back to Portland at the end of March and we will miss his instruction, which we relish. We had an email from our former player Francesca, who has gone back to England and says she is enjoying tennis and bridge every day!! If you are interested in joining us, please give Helen a call at 496-4230.

#### **Our recent winners at Bridge are:**

Feb. 26 Dorothy Horany, Helen Campbell and Trudy Buck  
Mar. 5 Dale Williamson, Sally King and Margaret Brugger  
Mar. 12 Dale Williamson, Helen Campbell and Jane Olson  
Mar. 19 Judy Bates, Dale Williamson and Jeannie Bookai

—*Helen Campbell*

### OREO BOOK CLUB

Held at the home of Chafer and Phyllis Tezer on March 19, the group discussed the book *The Favored Daughter* by Fawzia Koofi. Lakshman Sehgal recommended this book because part of India and Afghanistan share an early history. The author of the book recounted the difficulties of life under the Taliban and the fierce infighting Afghan groups. Her courage in persisting in politics in spite of assignation threats was noted. The abuse of woman in Afghan culture was noted, though papered over by the author. The superiority of American and Western culture over tribal conduct codes was debated. The next meeting will be at the home of Rich Schwartz and we will discuss *The Sultan's Shadow* by Christine Bird on the third Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. We mourn the death of a second Club member, Gretchen Rask, who always was an intelligent and thoughtful voice in our meetings.

—*Norton Schwartz*

### PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners Book Club will meet this month to discuss, *Mary Coin*, by Marisa Silver. Based on the iconic

photograph taken of a migrant worker and her children in the 1930s by Dorothea Lange. Silver constructs her novel around three characters: Mary Coin, an Oklahoma farm wife; Vera Dare, a portraitist who found her true calling in the faces of those who moved from camp to camp in search of work; and Walker Dodge, a professor who begins an exhaustive search of his own family's history after his father's death. The story begins in the 1930's and moves to current times.

The Monday groups will meet on April 28 and the Thursday afternoon group will meet on May 1. Members will receive information regarding their locations from the coordinators. For more information about Page Turners contact: Phyllis Tezer: ctezer@cox.net, 496-4710 -Monday morning. Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net- 661-6267-Monday afternoon. Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net-496-9546-Thursday afternoon.

—*Lisa Buchner*

### LIBRARY

*Attention to all our Niguel Shores neighbors. A celebration of authors, readers and libraries is planned for April 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Irvine Marriott. The keynote speaker will be Marlo Thomas. Please stop by the Library for more information. Hope to see you there.*

*Programs scheduled for April are as follows.*

#### **Children and Teens:**

**Imagination Celebration.** Saturday, April 12 through Sunday May 25. Children can come to the library and create art to be displayed throughout the library. Teens are invited to participate in our Post-It Note Art Project.

#### **Children:**

**Preschool Story Time.** Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. on April 15, 22, 29.

**Toddler Story Time.** Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. on April 15, 22, 29.

**Read to a Dog.** Saturday, 11:00 a.m. April 19.

**Sunshine Readers' PJ Story Time.** Monday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. April 28.

# ACTIVITIES

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## Adults:

**Knowing the 10 signs of Alzheimer's Disease.** Friday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m.

**Joseph Campbell Mythological RoundTable.** Wednesday April 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact: carolyn.millar@gmail.com

**Jonestown Survivor Presentation** by author Laura Johnston Kohl, Thursday April 24, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kohl is one of 87 survivors on November 18, 1978 when 914 members of Peoples Temple and four visiting Americans died in Guyana, South America.

## Displays:

During the entire month of April, **Tribute Elephants Colori and Kingdom** as well as Laura Seeley's *March On* (a collaboration of 38 artists) are still on exhibit at the Dana Point Library.

—Susan Pina, Librarian

# SPORTS

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## WOMEN'S GOLF

Fun Day was fun again and the day was a jewel, better than the best summer day. The game of the day was called Scramble. This is a team game. Each person drives her ball, the best drive is chosen, and each player hits from that same place. The best shot is chosen again, and each person hits from that spot. The game continues in this vein. Three teams played. Team number Three won with a score of 36 for the nine holes. On the winning team were Val Mitchell, Marlene Lynch, Liz Kelsch and JoAnne Webb. Other winners were: Longest drive, Val Mitchell, Closest to the pin on #8, Pam Strayer, Birdie, Pam Strayer.

After golf during our luncheon meeting Pam Strayer presented each of us with a new roster which was perfect for our group. On the front was a picture of one of our dear deer friends scrutinizing us with big brown doe eyes.

Joan Beyer announced that our annual memorial tournament is set for Monday July 14. Lunch will be at Gemmell's in Dana Point.

Golf Captains for April are Pam Strayer (499-4737) and Judy Boitano (661-9495) Please call one of them to sign up or to cancel.

Did you know? Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two double bogies to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

— Liz Kelsch

## MEN'S GOLF

We had a great tournament on February 25 at Talega Golf Club in San Clemente. The weather was good and the course in fine shape. The game that day was "1, 2, 3 Foursome". The 1st hole score is best net of the four players. The 2nd hole score is 2 best net scores of the four players. The 3rd hole score is 3 best net scores of the four

players. The remaining holes are scored in same rotation as 1st three holes. First Place went to the team of Roy Dohner, Morry Dohner, and Gary Katsuki. Second Place went to the team of Dennis Rosene, Bill Johnson, and Bill Verbrugge. Closest to the pin went to Bill Verbrugge on hole # 8 and John Monson on hole #17.

Our next Tournament was held on March 11 at Twin Oaks Golf Club in San Marcos. The game was "Team Combined Net" score of each foursome. We had 16 players make the trip to one of the group's favorite courses. First Place went to the team of Roy Dohner, Kent Wellbrock, Charlie Clark, and Larry Wellikson. Second Place went to the team of Dennis Rosene, Mike Roberts, Paul Wager, and John Monson. Closest to the pin went to Roy Dohner on hole # 7 and hole #17

The next Tournament will be held on April 22 at Tijeras Creek.

We welcome anyone who wants to join our group. We have golfers of every skill level from single digit handicaps to very high handicaps. Our only requirement is that you have fun. For more information contact Roy Dohner at roy@dohner.com, or Bob Russell at russler65@gmail.com.

Exceptions to the rules of golf—Experimental Shot: When a ball comes to rest in a lie that precludes the execution of a conventional golf stroke, a player may elect to attempt an experimental shot incorporating an innovative manner of gripping or swinging the club or a novel means of addressing the ball. If as a result of this inventive and enterprising play the ball fails to move at all, or comes to rest in a position substantially worse than the one it previously occupied, he may then declare his ball unplayable and proceed to drop it in the nearest playable lie without assessing an additional stroke, provided he clearly states before commencing his swing that his sole motivation in undertaking what appears to be a greedy and idiotic shot is an unselfish desire to add a hitherto unknown method of striking the ball to the general body of golfing knowledge for the ultimate benefit of players everywhere.

— Bob Russell

# Travel Tidbits . . . Words of Caution

*"The World is a book and those who do not travel read only one page" —St. Augustine*

Travel has many faces and forms. Why do we go? To get away from it all? For a change of scenery? To see something of special interest? To learn, to relax, to have fun? There are many reasons. A "trip" can be a day in LA at the Natural History Museum enjoying the "Silk Road" exhibit or a day in Palm Springs enjoying a farewell performance of the fabled Follies. But if you want more of an adventure and have deep pockets how about a couple of nights in a super deluxe SUBMARINE hotel. A British tour company recently christened a huge underwater vessel that will pick you up on the Caribbean island of your choice and treat you to an experience most of us will never have. The vessel has big windows, couches, flat screen TV, a bar and king size bed. On board a butler with champagne awaits as does a private chef. There is



a two night minimum and the cost is \$145,000 per person per night plus airfare. Anchors Away!

A few travel statistics about Baby Boomers (1946-1964). They spend \$157 billion a year on travel and take an average of 3.7 trips a year. According to *Forbes*, the hottest trends among boomers are 1) Ecotourism. They look for companies that work closely with the local residents for their benefit in protecting and preserving their natural resources. 2) Adventure. Boomers don't think of themselves as aging. 3) Medical Tourism is a \$40 billion a year business for Boomers who want to look and feel like Gen Xers (1965-1982).

There is a trip to suit every taste, so pack your bag and have a good time...



—Barbara Milner C.T.C., [bmilner39@gmail.com](mailto:bmilner39@gmail.com)

## Carol's Cuisine Corner



*After the egg hunts, take everyone to a nice brunch. In our area we have a variety of restaurants available to enjoy with family and friends. Make your reservation early.*

**South of Nicks:** 110 N. El Camino, San Clemente, 429-2299. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Brick:** 216 N. El Camino, San Clemente, 429-1199. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Carmelita Kitchen:** 217 Broadway, Laguna Beach, 715-1829. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Zov's Cafe and Bakery:** 21123 Newport Coast Dr., Newport Beach, 760-9687. Hours: Breakfast, 8:00

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner to 9:00 p.m.

**Flemings:** 455 Newport Center Dr., Newport Beach, 720-9633. Hours: Easter brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cannery:** 3010 Lafayette Rd., Newport Beach, 566-0060. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Five Crowns:** 3801 E. Coast Hwy., Corona Del Mar, 760-0331. Easter Brunch hours not available at printing time.

**Bayside:** 900 Bayside Dr., Newport Beach, 721-1222. Hours: Easter Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Jack's:** 24462 Del Prado, Dana Point, 489-1903. Easter Brunch hours not available at printing time.

**Las Brisas:** 361 Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach, 497-5434. Hours: Brunch 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Wind and Sea:** 34699 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, 496-6500. Hours: Easter Brunch 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Meals to please everyone this Easter. Remember those reservations. Bon Appetite with the Easter celebration! Carol Yocom*

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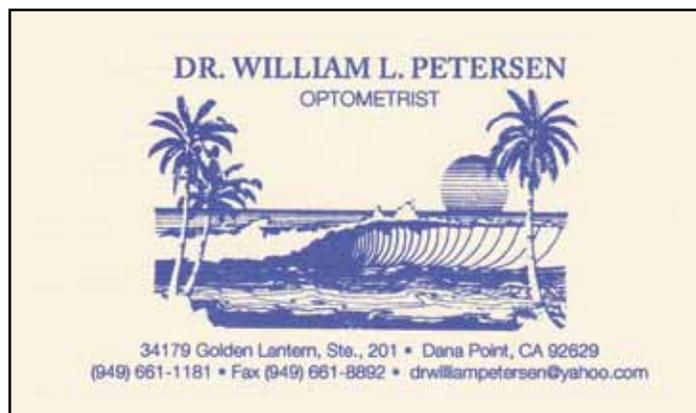
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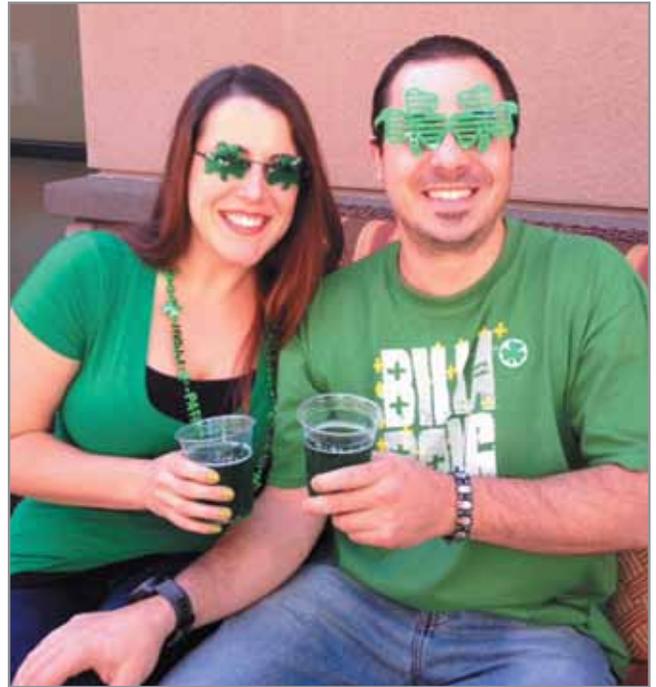


Niguel Shores Sunset



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## St. Patrick's Day Fun!



St. Patrick's Day Revelers at the ClubHouse.



**Saturday, April 5  
9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Sign-up sheets for sellers are available in the office. Maps of the participating homes can be obtained on the Friday prior to the event.

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