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FROM THE HELM

Update on Dovey vs. Niguel Shores Community Association litigation:

The judge has issued a preliminary injunction preventing the Community from implementing the change to the CC&Rs that was overwhelmingly approved by 95 percent of those Niguel Shores property owners voting on the amendment. In her order staying implementation of the amendment, the judge noted that “Association has had a duty to maintain and repair the Breakers Isle slopes for several decades” and “There is little harm in requiring the Association to maintain the status quo pending the litigation.” Consequently, the Board has voted unanimously to direct our attorneys to continue all necessary preparations

for the trial scheduled for October 24, 2014. The trial will address all the issues under contention: the plaintiffs’ preliminary injunction preventing the Community from granting an easement to Orange County to repair the revetment; the Community’s Cross Complaint seeking relief from any obligation to maintain or repair the Breakers Isle slope if at trial the court finds that the Association lacks the authority to assign its easement to the County, and a decision on the implementation of voter approved CC&R amendment. Prior to the October trial there will be mediation with the plaintiffs and county to see if any of the issues in contention can be addressed by mutual agreement.

—John Dougherty

DANA POINT TOWN CENTER — A PREVIEW

You all have seen and experienced the massive street construction while driving south on Del Prado Street or north on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) (currently one way streets but due to change with the new Town Center—more on that later). Here I will try to inform you of the current status of Dana Point’s new “Town Center”.

Let me first start with—Where is the Town Center? Before I jump into that question, a little history. In earlier times the road now called PCH in our town was a well traveled, unpaved road called the El Camino Real and there was a rest stop (around La Plaza) for weary travelers. That area evolved into a collection of restaurants and shops. This road was renamed the Roosevelt Highway in the early 20th century, paved, and later renamed the Pacific Coast Highway. When a new town was promoted in this area a street grid, oriented toward the ocean, was established, and the streets were named “Lantern” streets recalling the coastal lore about lanterns illuminating the coastline for ships traveling offshore at night. This area of the early shops and restaurants is now considered Dana Point’s historic heart.



Sign on PCH at east end of Town Center

I now return to the original question above. We have all driven up PCH past McDonald’s and seen the sign shown here at the intersection where Del Prado and PCH come together again, which is Copper Lantern. While the sign location does not mean that behind the sign is the “Town Center” it does signify the actual beginning of the designated area that will encompass what will become the new Town Center. To describe that designated area, the south end will be at that sign location, then going north the total area between Del Prado Street and PCH (including both sides of each street and the alleys behind each of these streets) will be included all the way



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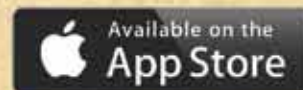
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2014 Annual Meeting & Election Dates

A reminder that nominations for the Board candidates need to be submitted to the NSCA office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11. Candidates can still run for office after this day, but they will miss the cutoff date to be formally listed on the ballot that is mailed out to homeowners. If you love this community and want to keep the Association running effectively and efficiently, please consider serving on the Board and offering your time and commitment for a great purpose.

Please mark your calendars for “**Meet the Candidates Night**” scheduled for Wednesday April 15 at 6:00 p.m. This provides an opportunity for homeowners to hear from each candidate and ask questions. This year we have scheduled the Meet the Candidates Night prior to mailing the ballots so everyone can be prepared to vote once the ballot is received. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the ClubHouse.

Professional Manager: Last month my article explained what makes a good board member so I thought I would give you a little insight on working with a professional manager. A professional manager works closely with the Board and as the Board sets policies and establishes a direction for the association, the manager sees that the policies are implemented.

A few ways the professional manager assists the Board include:

- Managing human resources: compliance with Equal Employment guidelines, payroll, reviews and hiring.
- Coordinating with association contractors: landscaping, streets, gates, patrol service, janitorial, electrical, architect, etc., including proposals and screening of association contractors.
- Advising the Board of regulatory issues and compliance requirements: fair housing procedures, fair debt collection practices, FCC regulations.
- Coordinating member/Board communication: posting notices of meetings, newsletter/website postings, receive official communication on behalf of Board.
- Managing office operations: accounts payable and receivable, bookkeeping, filing.
- Managing association finances: budgeting, assessment collection, reserve analysis, pursuing delinquencies.
- Working with accountants and auditors to maintain the association’s financial viability.
- Working with insurance companies to file or settle claims.

A qualified manager will work productively with the Board to help them preserve the community assets and provide assistance with operational and financial matters. All

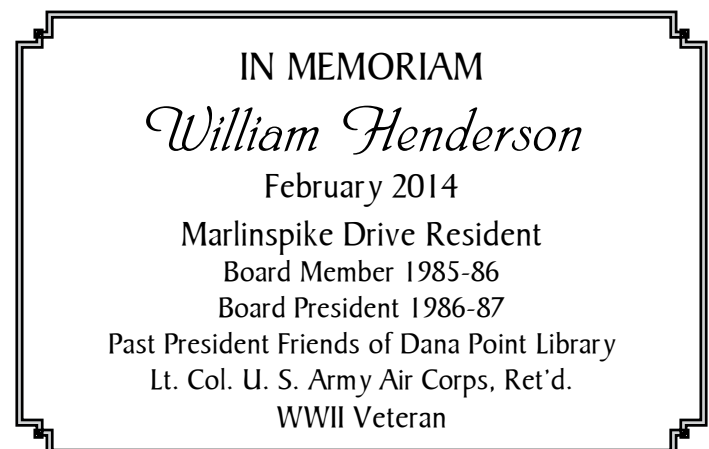
managers at this community take on the professional role of managing the community and their department in accordance with direction from the Board.

Chemical Information: I wanted to provide some clarification and information about the signs being posted throughout the community. The sign will state: “Caution Chemically Treated Keep Off” and is posted to let Niguel Shores residents know there will be herbicide sprayed in the general area of the posted sign. This is not the exact location of the spraying, but the general location. As required by law, when a landscaper sprays a chemical or herbicide, a notification sign must be posted to inform residents that this is occurring. Understand the landscaper is not spraying new or different chemicals; these are the same herbicides used in Niguel Shores for years. The law now requires signs be posted. In addition, these are the same herbicides many homeowners use in their own yards.

In the future, Harvest will provide the management office with notification in advance when spraying will occur and management will post notification on the Website including the dates spraying will be occurring. We will also have copies of the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) available for residents’ review. These sheets provide details of the herbicide, including warnings (much the same as any medication prescribed by your doctor has a warning of all possible side effects).

I was just notified by the City of Dana Point that the Roth Capital Event will be held on March 10-11 with music playing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on those days. The event will be similar to previous years and will involve tents, a stage for music and entertainment, lighting and food and beverage services. This is an important event for the City of Dana Point and every effort has been made to minimize the effect on the Niguel Shores residents.

—Marla Miller



BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 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 January 22, 2014
 - Appointment of Jerry Koppang as Chairman of Architectural Committee
 - Appointment of Jeannie Sticher as Chairman of Finance Committee
 - Appointment of Sue Kichline as Chairman of Investment Sub-Committee
 - Appointment of Kathy Jones as Chairman of View Preservation Committee
 - Appointment of Maria Elena Banks and Gaye Powers as Co-Chairman of Recreation Committee
 - Appointment of Kathy Samuel as a member of the Recreation Committee
 - Appointment of Lori McNaught as the Chairman of the Traffic & Safety Committee
 - Resignation of Geoff Dunlevie as a member of the Traffic & Safety Committee
 - Transfer of year end surplus to reserves
 - Vacation accrual revision
 - Employee Handbook 2014 Legislative updates
 - Cabrillo Isle vehicle gate operator replacement
 - Tennis court refurbishment

DISAPPROVED:

- Request for reimbursement for tire damage at Cabrillo Gate

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal hearing – Architectural disapproval

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Audit timeline
- Community Center water analysis
 - Master Landscape project
 - Gatehouse project
- Correspondence from homeowner
 - Manager's report

TABLED: none

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2014

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Financial reports

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Hearing for violation of Article IX, Section 18; Rule 4112; Rule 4121

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Financial reports

TABLED: none

FEBRUARY 19, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2014
- Dana Point Historical Society request for home tour
 - Appointment of Mary Crowl as Communication Committee Chairman
 - Appointment of Donna Rosecrans as Landscape Committee Chairman
 - Appointment of Art Staudenbauer as Maintenance Committee Chairman
- Landscape proposal for replacement trees on Salvador Bay and Hobart Bay
 - Renewal of janitorial contract
 - Women's Club proposal for bench

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Barbara Johannes, Dana Point Historical Society President – Home Tour
- Steve Schinhofen, Harvest Landscape – Mercator slope, tree removal/replacement plan, turf reduction, irrigation plan

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master Landscape project
 - Gatehouse project
- One (1) homeowner correspondence to the Board
 - Manager's report

TABLED:

- Curb alteration on Manta Court
 - Binnacle slope repair

FEBRUARY 19, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2014
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2014

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

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, MARCH 3, 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Wow, this is a no brainer: The enclosed flyer announces a new program the City of Dana Point has made available to all residents. Effective February 1, you can call for free, at your curb pick-up, of various Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). This includes a wide variety of materials and items **that should never** be disposed of in our regular trash pick-up and could be hazardous if kept around the home, if no longer in use. Just follow the instructions provided on the flyer and rid yourself of these items at your doorstep.

Aha! Not only can you dispose of a variety of household batteries in above process, but, did you know that storing used batteries can present a fire hazard as they can ignite when leaking acid occurs? **Get rid of them if they no longer can be used.** **And**, have you replaced the batteries in your smoke alarms lately and checked that they are functional?

Why not check your new 2014 calendar now and mark reminders to check your various emergency supplies for your home and automobiles? Make sure nothing has expired, spoiled, or changed. Do you have an updated list of all emergency contacts: family, friends, school, and, make sure all family members have copies, too. **And**, in your automobiles.

A disaster can cause significant financial loss. Your home may be severely damaged or destroyed. You may be forced to live in temporary housing. Income may be cut off or significantly reduced. Important financial records could be destroyed. Take the time now to assess your situation, plan, and ask questions. To help you, consider using the **emergency financial first aid kit (EFFAK)**, a tool developed by Operation Hope, FEMA, and Citizen Corps or contact your local Red Cross for more information. Remember, you can **Google** an immense amount of help and resources over the internet to get direction and answer questions.

Have you checked your children's school Website or called the school office to request a copy of the school's **emergency plan**? Keep a copy at home, work, in your car and make sure the school's plan is incorporated into your family's emergency plan.

While we're on the subject of children's safety.... Have you taught them how to dial 9-1-1 and other important numbers such as your office, relatives, friends, etc., in an emergency?

Remember, while we do have police and fire services, medical resources, and other agencies to call upon in need, many of them might be unavailable in a serious disaster, such as an earthquake. **Be prepared** to address all of your personal and family needs first with the proper **emergency preparedness**.

—Kent Wellbrock

EMERITUS CLASS

This semester Emeritus has once again brought Saddleback College's "Film as Literature" to Niguel Shores. Our instructor, Susan Hecht, gives the class on Mondays 2:15 to 5:20 p.m. The focus is "A Stranger Arrives". All of the films focus on this plot, building tension, influencing characters, enhancing the theme. Most of those attending live in the Shores and bring friends and/or relatives to the audience. However other individuals from outside the development do attend; the board has limited this attendance. Residents are encouraged to attend and to learn how some of these older films were produced and the somewhat "clandestine" relationships of the performers. Many thanks should go to Niguel Shores resident, Lyn Long, for providing the instructor with copies of the films used.

—Bunny Ross

LANDSCAPE

California is experiencing extreme drought conditions. This affects Niguel Shores and we, as residents, need to be aware of our water usage. Only our common area uses recycled water. We homeowners need to check so that our yard watering is not running down the gutter. Check your sprinklers and do a little hand watering. It is up to each of us to do our share in conserving water. When possible plant drought tolerant plants. There is information on these type of plants on the web and at the local nursery. Working together we can survive this water crisis and keep Niguel Shores the special community that we all enjoy.

—Janet Traver

MAINTENANCE

Some kind of necessary new "repair" is constant and ongoing here in Niguel Shores for our Maintenance staff. An example of one of our most recent needed repairs occurred at the end of January. A Securitas Patrol officer noticed a wall base broken off of a pilaster at the entrance of Perth Bay. It appeared to have been hit by a vehicle, but as is usually the case, no one knows by whom. The patrol officer picked up the pieces and brought them to the Maintenance shop yard. Now a solution for the problem was required.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

For those of you relatively new to our community, let me give you a little history here. Originally all of the entrances to the “Bay” streets had a structural version of a Japanese Torii gate, consisting of wooden uprights supporting wooden crosspieces with projecting ends. In 2000, they were removed and replaced with two pilaster columns with wall bases and caps joined with ironwork between the two. These described structures are on both sides of each street entrance. Each pilaster has four bases, one on each side, so in total, there are 352 wall bases for all the Bays, and Atlantic Drive and Atlantic Avenue at Niguel Shores Drive. According to the 2000 structural plans, the wall bases came from Edinger Materials and they no longer make wall bases from precast concrete. These bases are of a very detailed and complicated design. Another challenge for George! He is trying to find some way to replicate them should this happen again, which most likely it will.

So in the meantime Glen Harker of Harker Masonry was called and he came onsite and did an outstanding patch/repair. Glen has done a lot of work for us here in Niguel Shores and we love him! Anybody needing concrete repair...this is your “go-to-man.”

—*Suzanne Enis*

RECREATION — See page 19.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Reported Crimes: For quite a while now we have had no real crime picture or pattern in our community. Yes, on occasion something is stolen from an unlocked car, but other than that, there is nothing to lead us to believe that we are being preyed upon by any professional thieves or vandals. However, having said that, last month a car was reported stolen from our community. This is the first time in recent years that such an incident has occurred. The good news is that, just a few days after this reported theft, our alert Post Security Commander was on his way home and spotted it parked at the curb on Stonehill. He notified the Sheriff's Department and the car was officially recovered.

Along this line, please do everyone in our community a favor should you fall victim to even the smallest theft. Report it to the Dana Point Sheriff. The prime reason is that police deploy their resources based on crime pictures and, consequently, it should ensure that we get the best possible share of police attention to combat issues that may arise.

Civility: Through elected representatives the homeowners in Niguel Shores have enacted rules and regulations to ensure that our community is run as an efficient and pleasant manner as possible. To ensure that these rules are carried out

we have hired staff to manage our operation and security personnel to assist them. The management and security personnel do not make the rules, but are directed to enforce them.

At times staff and security have to inform both residents and guests about restrictions that the community, through its rules, has placed on their desired activities. Most people take the negative news in stride and modify their plans, or work with staff to seek alternatives. Unfortunately, some folks take the news as a personal affront, lose their composure, and berate our employees. Sadly, this is occurring more frequently. Residents account for a good number of these incidents but, more often than not, the culprit is a guest. Along that line we all have to remember that we are responsible for our guest's conduct and realize that their behavior reflects on us. Most importantly, blowing up at or trying to bully the messenger of bad tidings serves no positive purpose. Once a person loses their composure they are not thinking as clearly, and certainly can't communicate as effectively. In addition to failing to accomplish their goal, after a period of time the individual will realize how foolish they appeared. God bless.

—*Tim Murphy*

WWW.NIGUELSHORES.ORG

If you are wondering what your neighbors and friends are thinking about the latest happening in our community, the Niguel Shores Website (www.niguelshores.org) is the place to go. This month, the website is chock full of interesting commentary. Whether you want opinions on latest landscape concerns or the ongoing revetment issues or traffic and safety concerns, there are plenty of voices to be heard and even though you may or may not agree, sometimes it is important to see, or read about issues from another perspective.

If your interests are more social, as in “Where’s the party???” the Website will also fill you in on all of the Recreation Committee’s plans as we head into the spring and summer months. Next up on the agenda is our St. Patrick’s Day Party on the ClubHouse Patio. Come and gather with your neighbors and friends for some traditional Irish fare (corned beef sliders and beer) from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. If green beer is not your thing, feel free to bring your own favorite beverage.

As always, the Website is an easy convenient way to register your guests, find out what is on the next Board meeting’s agenda and to take another look at our award winning *Seashore News*. Please add us to your favorites. Thanks for reading and contributing!!!

—*Patti Staudenbaur*

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The February meeting of the Garden Club was held on the 17th. Our thanks to JoAnn Webb and Chris Daley for the wonderful luncheon spread and to all the volunteers who helped out. Our thanks also to Gunjan for bringing a great speaker, Mr Ragle, Director of Forensic Sciences, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner. But Mr Ragle talked about his passion for Bonsai that covers five decades. He started his first three Bonsai in 1962! He shares this passion with his wife Nina who is editor of an award winning newsletter.



Bonsai first appeared in China a thousand years ago and was known as “Punsai” where the practice started with growing a single specimen tree in pots. Japan adopted this practice during the Kamakura period (1185-1333) by means of Zen Buddhism, which at that time was rapidly spreading thru Asia. The growth of Bonsai was confined to Buddhist monks. Today Bonsai is regarded as the symbol of Japanese culture and ideals.

Our March meeting will be all about hummingbirds—*Magic in the Air*. Do not miss it.

Jerry Koppang and the Garden Club Committee have an exciting field trip to Huntington Gardens planned for April. Mark the date, April 16. The bus will depart from in front of the ClubHouse at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the bus and admission is \$40. We will begin our return trip from the gardens at 4:00 p.m. You will also get a reminder next month.

And finally: Knowledge is knowing that tomato is a fruit,
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad!

—Lakshman Sehgal

MEN'S CLUB

Come join us at the Shores Men's Club!! Our community club for men is both social and philanthropic. There is always a speaker after a good breakfast and most speakers are influential, interesting and informative about what is happening in Dana Point, Orange County and Southern California. Our city is going through some big, big changes and people like the city mayor, city council members, state representatives and such address our club frequently. A recent speaker was James Fullenkamp, who related excellent information about our country's Wall Street history since 1926 into what is happening in today's economic climate. The 60 men in attendance paid close attention and responded with good questions afterward.

The Men's Club offers golf outings, an annual trip to the horse races in Del Mar, as well as our famous 4th of July

Breakfast, which is one of the ways we raise money for the Dana Hills High School Scholarship Fund.

The Men's Club presently has new officers: Al Thome is President, Bill Tally, Vice President and Programs, C. W. Gruening is Secretary and Jim Clark, Treasurer.

The Club meets at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in our beautiful ClubHouse. You are welcome to join this fun gathering, as new members are always welcome. Come hungry, as there are always plenty of great breakfast offerings.

— C. W. Gruenigy

WOMEN'S CLUB

Lunch: Thursday, March 13 at 12:00 in the ClubHouse. Remember when the librarian was the stern lady with her hair in a bun, iron rimmed spectacles and sensible lace-up shoes? Well, no more. Our Dana Point librarian is the charming, attractive young Susan Piña who will attend our March luncheon to tell us about the many exciting things going on in our library. I'm sure you have read here in the *Seashore News* the Library articles about the Meet the Author programs, movies, children's activities, the Teen Club, Round Table Discussions and educational program, etc. Certainly Susan has been a busy librarian and has greatly enlivened our library since her arrival. Do come and here from her about it all—plus about the upcoming renovations funded by the Friends.



Dana Point Librarian
Susan Piña

New Members: The Women's Club has welcomed two new members pictured here: Lydia Alston of Marlinspike Drive and Florence Taslitz of Magellan Isle. Hope to see both of you at our luncheons.



New members Lydia
Alston & Florence Taslitz

Women's Club History: Check out the new addition to the Women's Club entry on the Website: Click on Clubs, then Women's Club, then History, then each year and you will see the entire history of the Women's Club starting in 1973 with lots of photos of members and their activities through the years.

Luncheon Notice: Members will receive an e-mail invitation to the March 13 Luncheon on Thursday, March 6. Please respond whether or not you will attend by Sunday, March 9. You will subsequently be informed whether or not you need to bring a salad.

See page 19 for additional photo.

—Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE NEWS

We hope all interested bridge players will join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 o'clock at the Niguel Shores ClubHouse. We have added players recently: Lanny Barnard joined us from the Salt Lake City area, as well as Jane Olson from Phoenix. Both women have winter homes here in Niguel Shores and are a wonderful addition to our fun group. We were sorry to have Francesca Sunness return to England. We had a special going away party for her and we will surely miss her, but keep in touch via email. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays, please call Helen at 949-496-230 and we will welcome you either as a substitute or a regular weekly player.

Our recent winners at Bridge are:

- Jan. 22 Margaret Brugger, Pouri Fowzi and Sally King
- Jan. 29 Pouri Fowzi, Kay Wittmack and Hansa Sehgal
- Feb. 5 Sally Ann King, Judy Bates and Dorothy Horany
- Feb.12 Mary Anne Theisen, Margaret Brugger and Lee Farrell
- Feb.19 Lee Farrell, Mary Anne Theisen, Pouri Fowzi

—Helen Campbell

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Oreo Book Club meeting was held at the home of Mary Crawl on February 19, where the group discussed the book *Nature Wars: the Incredible Story of Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlefields* by Jim Sterba. The consensus of the group was that we, at Niguel Shores, are winning the war against the coyotes, rabbits, dogs, cats, lizards and a variety of insects, but other parts of the country are not so fortunate. No one in the group had an appetite for killing animals or fish personally, but it was deemed ethically correct to let others do it if they did it out of our sight. The next meeting on March 19th will be at the home of Lakshman Sehgal to review the book *The Favorite Daughter*, by Fawzia Koofi. We usually run out of chairs, so late comers have to stand during the meeting.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners Book Club will meet this month to discuss the novel, *The Light Between Oceans*, by M.L. Stedman.

It's a story about a young couple, having moved to the remote lighthouse to start their new lives while the husband is working as the lighthouse keeper. After years of being unable to have a child of their own, they saved a baby washed ashore one day and somehow decided to keep the baby as their own, thinking they could keep the secret and no one would have to know

it. This is a book of symbolism and moral dilemmas. It should make for a lively discussion.

The Monday groups will meet on March 24 and the Thursday afternoon group will meet on March 27. 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



POTLUCK

When: March 16

Where: Niguel Shores ClubHouse

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Come join your neighbors and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. You also need to bring \$1 to cover incidental expenses, your choice of beverage and your own table service.

If you have attended Potluck before you will receive an email invitation. Please respond whether you are coming or not.

If you have never been to Potluck, please come and join your friendly neighbors. We always welcome new faces.

Please call Ann Christiansen at 248-1962 or Irene McDonald at 481-3035. We would be happy to take your reservation and answer any questions you may have.

—Irene McDonald

LIBRARY

Programs and events for March, 2014 at your Dana Point Library.

Children:

Toddler Story Time. Tuesdays beginning at 11:00 a.m. Children ages three and under and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs and fun!

Preschool Story Time. Tuesdays beginning at 10:15 a.m. Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers are invited to join in for stories, songs and silliness! Walk-ins always welcome.

Read to a Dog. Saturday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. Children ages 6-10. Please bring your favorite book and read to a trained therapy dog.

Sunshine Readers' PJ Story Time. Monday, March 31, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children and their parents are invited to join our dynamic Sunshine Readers for a night of fun. Don't forget to wear your PJs!

ACTIVITIES

Teens:

Anime Club. Sunday, March 16, 1:00 p.m. Come on over and watch *Anime* and try out your creative skills. Snacks provided.

Adults:

Blood Drive. Monday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot. Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code DPL. Identification is required.

Joseph Campbell Mythological RoundTable Discussions. Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. The Romantic Philosophers will be discussed following a film *Between Space and Time*. For more information contact: carolyn.millar@gmail.com

Don't forget to mark your calendars for a celebration of authors, readers and libraries on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Irvine Marriott. Enjoy keynote speaker Marlo Thomas along with panel discussions by some of your favorite authors and your fellow readers.

—Susan Pina, Librarian

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

After a month's winter hiatus we welcomed 2014 with a great tournament at Pala Mesa Golf Resort in Fallbrook. On January 14. The weather was spectacular and all appeared to have not lost a step since our last tournament in November.

The game played was "**Tin Whistle**". The scoring is done on a hole by hole basis with a net bogey counting as one point, net par counts as two, a net birdie counts as three, and a net eagle counts as four. The team with the most points wins.

We had four teams and for the first time in Niguel Shores Men's Golf all four teams ended tied with 133 points.

Closet to the pin on #4 & #14 was won by Charlie Clark.

Our February tournament was at Talega and our next tournament will be on March 25 at Twin Oaks.

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.

Golf Dictionary: Banana Ball

1.) An especially curvaceous slice! A ball that starts to the right and continues to curve right until it nearly lands behind the golfer

who hit it. This shot is one reason the word Fore is heard on the golf course nearly as often as a more notorious four-letter word.

2.) Formal dance at an exclusive WASP country club.

— Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

On February 19 we celebrated Valentine's Day with chocolate hearts and lots of red. Eight deer greeted us and charmed us with their friendly presence.

Captain Brenda Tuckley & Liz Kelsch chose the Game of the Day. It was called Simply Gross and Net. There was no designated drive, so we got to see a true picture of our game. The winners were: Low gross-Pam Strayer 42, Low Net-JoAnne Webb 30½, Low putts-Irene McDonald 17, Chip in on #6-Lee Sweeney, Birdie & closest to pin on #8-Liz Kelsch, Longest drive on #1-Marlene Lynch, Longest drive on #9 & mystery Game-Helena Keeshen.

Next Fun Day is on March 10. Irene McDonald (481-3035) & India Rouse (248-1336) are captains. If you wish to play or cancel, call one of them. Join us. We promise fun & laughter.

If you really want to get better at golf,
go back & take it up at an earlier age!

— Liz Kelsch

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Travel Tidbits

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

Carnival Cruise Line, in a move to upgrade its entertainment offerings, has booked more than a dozen big name musical artists to play on its ships this year. Beginning in April, the concerts will take place on eight ships that dock in Cozumel, Nassau and Catalina.

Have you ever had the dream of hitting the road on a motorcycle tour of a scenic part of the United States? Now, thanks to Auto Europe, you can easily fulfill that desire. They have partnered with Eagle Rider, the largest motorcycle rental and tour company in the world to make your dream come alive.

A new airline has entered the market in Hawaii. Hawaiian Airlines is launching a new subsidiary, Ohana by Hawaiian. They will fly between Honolulu and Lanai and Honolulu and Molokai using ATR-42 Turboprops.

Have you been thinking of a getaway with your younger grandchildren? *How about A Journey Through Time Walking With Dinosaurs.* This tour is a joint venture of Tauck Tours and BBC Earth.

A survey by Fly.com found that 42% of air travelers would like the option to purchase additional overhead bin space. (Is there no end to the “extras” airlines might charge for?)

Geography Quiz....

1. Which lake is closer to the Equator...Lake Victoria or Lake Baikal?
2. Which country is closer to the Kalahari Desert... Egypt or Angola?
3. Palermo and Catania are cities on which Italian island?



—Barbara Milner C.T.C.,
bmilner39@gmail.com

Answers to Quiz: 1) Lake Victoria 2) Angola 3) Sicily



Carol's Cuisine Corner

The Chinese New Year was celebrated in February, so let's try some Chinese, Japanese and Thai places.

Mongkut Thai: 212 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, 492-3871. Hours: Open every day for lunch and dinner 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Peking Dragon: 34171 PCH, Dana Point, 493-9499. Hours: Open for lunch and dinner 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Closed Mondays.*

Gen Kai Japanese: 34143 PCH, Dana Point, 240-2004. Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. *Open every day.*

Ichibiri Japanese: 16 Monarch Bay Plaza, Dana Point, 661-1544. Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thai This Lunch and Dinner: 24501 Del Prado, Dana Point, 240-7944. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Choya Japanese: 32545 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, 488-0933. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kula Revolving Sushi Bar: 24155 Laguna Hills Mall, 273-1080. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Royal Thai Cuisine: 1750 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 494-9506. Hours: Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Okura Grill and Sushi (new): 848 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach. Hours: Dinner 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Little Asian Kitchen Cafe: 24831 Del Prado, Dana Point, 276-7799. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to Midnight. *Open every day.*

Laguna Thai By the Sea: 31715 Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 415-0924. Hours: Lunch 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Small space but good take out.

And for that St. Patrick's celebration

Patsy's Irish Pub: (has been remodeled) 28971 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, 249-2604. Hours: Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, breakfast 9:00 a.m. Happy Hour every day 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Many places to try with different food for all your celebrations. Enjoy! Carol Yocom

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ana and Joe Ryan

Ana and Joe Ryan were meant to meet sometime in their lives but, for a long time, it was truly a case of “so near and yet so far.” I had the opportunity to meet Ana and Joe Ryan, your neighbors in Niguel Shores. They have lived on Ionian Bay since 1995 when they bought their garden home from Joe's father.

Ana was born in Laguna Beach but her family moved to San Juan Capistrano when her father was hired for what he considered the most important job of his life: Painting the entire Serra Chapel in the San Juan Mission. For the first nine years of her schooling, Ana attended the Old Mission Parochial School.

During this time, Joe attended San Juan Elementary school directly across the street from Ana's school. The two never met during those years. When the two reached high school age they both attended Capo Valley High school in San Juan. They never met there either, even though they were in the same class.

After graduating from high school, Ana went on to Saddleback College where she earned her two-year AA degree. She had the right aptitude for math and went into accounting as a career. Joe, meanwhile, spent two years at the University of Souls in Brazil and now is fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish. This helped him in the career in Internet marketing that he was to pursue later.

It wasn't until their high school class's 10th year reunion in 1989 that Joe and Ana actually met for the first time. However, Ana did not give Joe her phone number so another 10 months went by before Ana called Joe to ask him to go on a double date to the Del Mar Fair with two of her friends. A spark was struck there, apparently. Ana and Joe started walking around the huge exhibit center and as their friends

watched they saw that there certainly was something going on between these two. Finally, Ana and Joe heard their friends laughing loudly as they approached. They stopped and asked, “What's so funny?” Their friends answered, “You two just completed 11 trips around this exhibit center and have not looked at a single exhibit.” “You have been talking, eye to eye, constantly the whole time.” That was the beginning of a fine romance which has continued to the present day.

Ana and Joe were married in the Serra Chapel in 1995 and moved into their home on Ionian Bay. Shortly thereafter, Ana started a computer embroidery business that she ran in San Clemente for six years. After Ana and Joe's two children, came along, Ana started working from home to be close to the kids. Son Jonah is now a 16-year-old sophomore and daughter Mariah is a 15-year-old freshman at Dana Hills High.

The whole family loves living at the Shores and does many things together. Jonah paddleboards with his dad, and all four do yoga together with an instructor who comes to their house once a week. Ana has an open-house policy for all of Jonah and Mariah's friends. It's a busy friendly place for all of them. Joe started surfing in 1977 and still surfs often. An avid chess player, he plays regularly on-line and with both Jonah and Mariah, who share his passion for the game.

Mariah has always loved the water, and in the seventh grade she joined the junior lifeguards where she quickly earned the “Orca” designation, the highest rating possible. Now that she's in high school she's competing on the Girl's Cross Country team. Her



Joe and Ana Ryan and their children, Jonah and Mariah

favorite subject is art. Jonah is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. His favorite subject is military history and he enjoys his fencing classes and, of course, video games.

Ana volunteers at the Kinoshita Elementary School, teaching reading to students with special needs. She has served on the Shores' Recreation Committee and has recently joined the Woman's Club.

It was a joy to meet this happy loving family as our “Meet Your Neighbor” subject this month

—Laurel Livesay

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COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME

“Vitamins, vitamins, everywhere! People swear by them, carry them around in little zip lock bags, and proudly swallow them daily. They take them for their promises...cures for cancer, increased longevity, boosting your immune system, fighting cell aging, or improved heart, breast or prostate health! It seems you can't pick up a newspaper or magazine, or go on the internet without reading something touting multi vitamins as a cure all. However, recently, the daily practice of swallowing vitamin pills has come into question... that is should you take one?

Computers...can't live with them, especially when they crash...and you can't live without them...especially when they crash! Crashing computers or not, most of us have become completely dependent on our computers...whether it is your desktop, your tablet, iPad, iPhone...we're hooked. Our jobs require that we use them and most of us use them in our personal lives to stay in touch with friends and family. We sit in front of a desktop to research a topic, shop for ourselves and others, or...just waste time. We don't intend to waste time, but after what was meant to be a brief session on Facebook turns into almost an hour, well, you know what I mean. Then, as you get up from your chair, you rub your eyes because they feel tired. Well, they are! I know mine are!!

Computer monitors are usually about 20 to 26 inches from our eyes, which is called the intermediate zone of vision. Kids and young adults can see quite clearly at this distance without glasses (if they have perfect vision) or with prescription glasses if they need them. However, when we get in our 40's this becomes a bit more difficult due to normal aging, the loss of flexibility and the ability to focus...we just can't do it as well! Many of us wear multi-focal glasses too and they often don't provide a large enough intermediate viewing zone for those times when we are using a computer. All of this can result in vision that is not quite as clear as you would like that leads to squinting, eyestrain, headaches and even adopting postures that leave you with neck, shoulder, and back pain. Put it all together, and you've got computer vision syndrome.



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Sharon Stewart RN, Certified Health Coach — sharonstewart@cox.net.

I started looking into this because I do spend a fair amount of time looking at this screen of mine and I *do* wear blended glasses to read, drive, watch TV, etc. but I don't need them all the time...but I do need them with my computer. I had seen "computer glasses" at Costco and wanted to learn more. It turns out that your eye doctor should see you and help you make the right choice...that is a given. There are single-vision computer glasses (for those who keep their monitor or laptop at a constant distance), and multifocal computer lenses (which are progressive lenses that allow you to focus on the screen as well the keyboard, phone, etc.). Again, your doctor will know which is best for you based on how you use your computer. You can also add antireflective coating which eliminates most of the reflections of overhead lighting. This improves the clarity of the screen and also keeps your eyes from getting fatigued.

Beyond proper eyewear, other things to consider are taking a 20 second break for every 20 minutes spent in front of the computer. I'll take that further and suggest that every 20 minutes you get *up* out of your chair and not only give your eyes a break, but give your body a break too! Move around, walk, stand up!! Also, blink...yes *blink*! We all blink when we talk with someone face to face...studies show about 15 times per minute. While on the computer, however, it drops to 5 per minute (I just blinked 10 times :D). Blinking lubricates our hard working eyes reducing dryness. Lastly, if you wear contacts, you may want to consider removing them to prevent them from drying out...and keep artificial tears nearby to occasionally bathe your eyes and keep them happy!

So, that is what I learned. The best way to learn what is right for you if you are experiencing eyestrain and more while working at your computer is to contact your eye doctor and begin the conversation. You will get expert advice and determine what is exactly right for you...and you'll be able to live with your computer much better...whether it crashes or not!

To Your Health!

—*Sharon Stewart, R.N., Certified Health Coach*

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north until Del Prado Street again merges with PCH at Blue Lantern, and will also include the La Plaza Park area which juts into what's called Lantern Village. In fact the city now refers to this project as the Lantern District Project.

The birth of this plan evolved many years ago, but in June 2005 the then City Council, after many public meetings and city planning work, adopted the recommended design principles. The plan was to create a vibrant, lively, pedestrian-friendly, bicycle-friendly downtown area with a retail/residential core where residents may live, work, play and socialize, that will also appeal to the 2.7 million annual visitors with a wide range of activities that give meaning and identity to a town center.

So where are we now in the execution of this plan. The first phase, SCWD Phase 1, which we have all experienced, that began in September 2013 was the work performed by the South Coast Water District on the Town Center Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Improvement Project along PCH between Copper and Blue Lantern and on Del Prado Street between Blue and Ruby Lantern (1 block surrounding the empty previous kayak, scooter, etc. store). This project will bring added water, sewer and storm drain improvements to the area necessary to accommodate the anticipated increase in people living and working there. This phase should be completed by the time you read this article (February 2014). The SCWD did an admirable job of minimizing construction impacts to travelers by restricting work between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Phase 1A, the initial City PCH Phase, began in early February. The scope of work involves creating signalized intersections, modifying traffic signals, re-striping PCH for future two-way traffic circulation, installing pedestrian crosswalks, installing new bus pads, bus turn-outs, new street parking areas, sidewalk/curb improvements, modification of street lighting, new landscaped medians and initially removing and replacing trees along the thoroughfare, to list only the major work planned. As you read this article a number of the above projects have already begun and work will continue until October.

While the work on PCH in this phase should not be too disruptive to those of us that drive through the area, the work scheduled in this phase at the intersection of Del Prado Street and PCH undoubtedly will. The intersection will be reconfigured with a new intersection just past Blue Lantern to accommodate the beginning of two-way traffic down PCH



Map of Dana Point Town Center

and with a new right turn onto Del Prado Street allowing for two-way traffic to go south and for traffic going north from Del Prado to again join PCH. What this means is, during construction in this area there will be increased truck traffic, traffic control/possible delays, road detours and greater alley use. Construction hours are generally from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Some restrictions will be imposed on sidewalks, on-street parking, and bicycle lanes.

As the city is working on Phase 1A as described above, the SCWD will begin Phase 2 in the month of April when they will begin their remaining work of water, sewer and storm drain improvements all along Del Prado Street from Ruby Lantern down to Copper Lantern where it again meets PCH. When the SCWD completes their work on Del Prado Street the city will start Phase 2A where they will repeat the scope of work identical to Phase 1A as described above. Work on phase 2A will last well into the 1st quarter 2015.

Of interest to all us tax paying Dana Point residents is how will the new Town Center be financed? My initial research indicated that the funds will come out of the city general reserves and from developer fees. The SCWD's share of the cost of the Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Improvement Project will come out of its restricted funds.

Obviously, I have only touched on the changes that will occur on the major thoroughfares, PCH and Del Prado Street. The city is very proactive in showing the traveling public that business will remain open as can be seen by the lighted signage on entering the construction area. In future articles I will keep you informed on the changes in the businesses, both existing ones and new ones, in the plans for Town Center parking, in the dealings with the USPS on relocating the post office, which now is in a prime commercial location, and what developers are proposing for some of the currently vacant buildings. Stay tuned.

— Karl Kuhn

To the editor:

During the past year I have watched as the landscaping in Niguel Shores deteriorated with the removal of the majestic pines and rolling lawns to their replacement with dirt and small shrubs. This is not the landscaping of a million dollar home development.

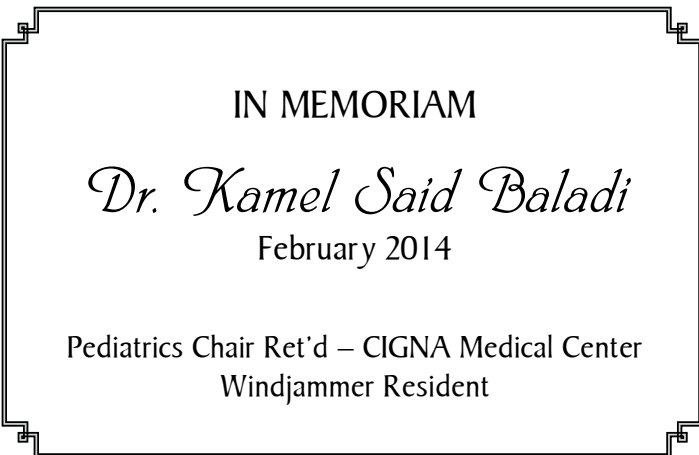
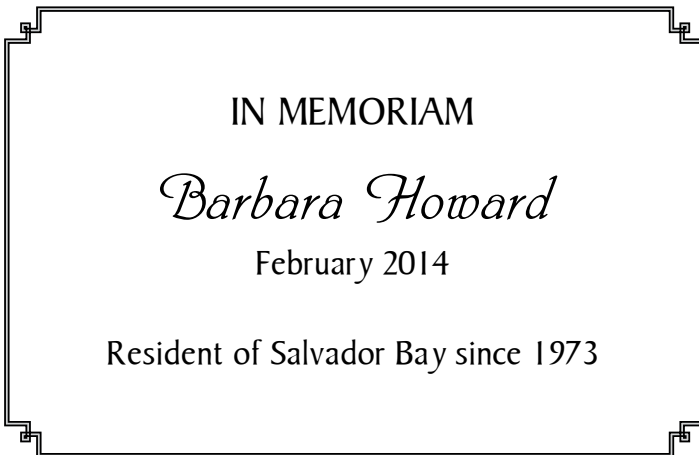
Now we read that this same group of landscapers, with the approval of the same board, plan to remove more trees and lawn to be replaced with more dirt. This must stop!

We will be told that this must be done to conserve water and be environmentally friendly. This is not true. Mature trees shade the ground so it does not turn into dust and blow all over our sidewalks as it does now. These trees also absorb the exhaust from the cars on PCH and Niguel Road and give us back clean air to breathe. Most important, they do not use as much water as newly rooting plants and trees because they have a deep tap root.

We are being misled and our homes are going to lose value.

Tell our board to stop now. We must save our old growth landscaping and just revitalize it with new life.

—Lynn Dawson, Atlantic Avenue



To the editor:

A voice for our kids and all active residents that prefer to not be run over by distracted, impatient drivers:

It seems our community has become protective of dangerous driving habits and intolerant of the healthy active lifestyle of non-car transportation and fun. Recent articles have specifically focused on the “dangerous” use of wheeled toys on our streets. A battery powered bike/scooter is just as easy to avoid as a foot powered one and they do not go any faster. These offensive scooters, skateboards, and go-karts aren’t purchased illegally. They are toys that are sold at Walmart, Target etc. Yes, as with golf carts, they are illegal to operate on busy public streets. But we do not live on busy public streets. We live on **private** residential roads, which is the intended area of use for these toys that are legally sold and marketed to kids. So I suggest that we follow the motto of **share the road**.

I have witnessed my children be admonished even when following the common rules of the road. It is hard to imagine what the driver felt would justify this. I suspect that simply seeing kids being kids makes some residents jumpy and these negative, chastising articles aren’t going to help that situation. It just gives people something to be grumpy about. This needs to be a community for everyone and that includes the children and adults that like to use our streets for purposes other than rapidly getting into and out of the Shores.

Is this whole discussion a bit ridiculous? You bet it is. Let the parents safeguard their children – there’s plenty of evolutionary incentive to do so. We don’t need to legislate it into the CC&R’s or press security into being the heavies here. We certainly don’t need to create an even bigger divide between the multiple generations that all call Niguel Shores home.

—Katherine Sheer, Atlantic Avenue

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MEETINGS

9:00 a.m., 1st & 3rd Monday
10:30 a.m., 1st Friday
Varies
See Calendar
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3:00 p.m., 2nd Tuesday
9:00 a.m., 2nd Thursday
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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.

Unwanted items will be picked up after 1:00 p.m. on the day of the sale.



St. Patricks Day

**Sunday March 16
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**



Join your Niguel Shores neighbors and friends as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the patio/fireplace area at the ClubHouse. The Recreation Committee is hosting with corned beef sliders and of course "green" beer. Please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice.

*Gather with us to celebrate St. Paddy's Day
and the Luck of the Irish !!*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Festival of Whales – March 1-2, 8-9. Parade at 10 on Saturday, March 1. See festivalofwhales.com for list of events.

Dana Point Symphony: March 7-8 at 7:00 p.m. Symphony Spectacular Aboard the Pilgrim. March 29 at 7:30 at St. Edward's Church. See danapointsymphony.com for details.

Art Exhibit at Casa Romantica in San Clemente, March 11-April 13. An Ocean Odyssey with paintings by Niguel Shores resident John Hall. (casaromantica.org)



Women's Club Members visited the "California Scene" exhibit at the Irvine Museum on February 20 and lunched nearby: (left to right), Dorie Brent (guest), Bunny Ross, Lynne Schwartz, Marti Poivre, Irene Hopson, Mary Crowl and Karla Sanders.



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