

FROM THE HELM

The Breakers Isle Declaration Vote Is On!!!

1. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

In last month's article I reported that a dozen property owners on Breakers Isle ("Breakers Owners") have sued the Community to prevent any assignment of the Shores maintenance easement to the County for the purpose of replacing the existing revetment that protects the Breakers Isle slope.

On September 20 the Breakers Owners also obtained a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") preventing the association from taking any action to reform the slope maintenance provisions of the Breakers Isle Declaration.

At a hearing held on October 16, the court lifted the Breakers Owners TRO that had stopped all 960 Niguel Shores homeowners from voting on reforming the Breakers Isle Declaration. The vote will now go forward. Ballots will be mailed to each home owner on November 1, 2013.

2. WHY IS THIS VOTE OF IMPORTANT?

This is an issue of fairness! All 960 homeowners deserve an opportunity to end the impossible liability situation we are now in as result of the Breakers Owner's intransigence. Approval of the amendment to reform the Breakers Isle Declaration will relieve this community of the responsibility of maintaining the Breakers Isle slope. This type of reformation of responsibility is provided for under the CC&R's that govern the Community. This amendment of the CC&R's does not affect any other slope in Niguel Shores, only the Breakers Isle slope.

If a majority by our membership (481 votes) approves this amendment, responsibility for slope maintenance will revert to the Breakers Owners who will then have both the power to decide on how they wish to approach the revetment repair issue and the responsibility for the consequences of their decisions. This is indeed a question of fairness for all the 960 members of the Niguel Shores Community.

3. SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

The 30 year old revetment needs to be rebuilt. It is currently insufficient to protect that slope from the anticipated ocean surge in the event of a major storm. The County of Orange is responsible for maintaining the revetment and is willing to rebuild it, at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000 or more. The revetment cannot be replaced without the approval of the Coastal Commission, which has stated that it will not approve any revetment replacement that does not have a public walkway or encroaches on the public beach. This is the crux of the litigation and dispute with the Breakers Owners.

The slope has failed before, in 1983 as a result of a severe winter storm! It could happen again with even more disastrous results if the present 30 year old damaged and inadequate revetment is not replaced. If the slope fails, every one of our 960 homeowners is potentially liable for a pro rate share of the many millions of dollars in damages that might result from that slope failure and damage or destruction of one or more of the multi-million dollar houses on Breakers Isle.

PLEASE VOTE!

When you receive your ballot, I urge all Niguel Shores homeowners to carefully consider the issues involved make a decision and cast your ballot. This amendment is a question of fairness to all the members of Niguel Shores and does not affect any other slope in Niguel Shores. If approved each owner on Breakers Isle would be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the slope on his or her lot.

—John Dougherty

(Note: All members have the right to publish opposing views. Please see page three for a statement by the Breakers Isle Homeowners.)



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STATEMENT BY BREAKERS ISLE HOMEOWNERS

The Association intends to seek a vote to eliminate their existing obligation to maintain the Breakers Isle slope. The Association's action in this instance is discriminatory and retaliatory in nature and should not be accepted. The Breakers Isle slope is no different than any of the 40 slopes within Niguel Shores. All slopes require landscaping, watering systems and methods to control water to limit any erosion on the slope. The greatest risk of damage to any slope in Niguel Shores is from severe rainstorm erosion. Where that slope is located is irrelevant. When the Declarations for our community were established (in the case of the Breakers Isle Supplementary Declaration, it was recorded in 1982), the Association recognized the requirements for all slopes in the community and accepted the responsibilities.

The Association is only pushing for this vote because we are in litigation that **we were forced to initiate**. The Association attempted to take liberties with our property that they are not legally permitted to take. Until the litigation, despite several requests, we were never invited to meet directly with the Association and the County to discuss the issue. All areas affected by slope control easements deserve to be dealt with legally and the rights of property owners must be respected. This is as true for those of us on the Breakers Isle slope as it is for those who reside near the many other slopes in our community. The revetment repair is simply the mechanism they have chosen to use to retaliate for the litigation.

Here are some background facts:

- There was some storm damage to the Breakers Isle slope in 1983, ultimately resulting in a settlement described in a recorded covenant in 1989 between the Association and Orange County and to which the Breakers Isle Homeowners are a listed party. The County has responsibility for maintaining the revetment.

- There have been no repairs to the revetment since the covenant was recorded in 1989, **a period of 24 years!**
- It wasn't until 2010, **more than 20 years after the covenant**, that our Association, responding to a plan from the County, requested the County to address maintenance of the revetment in accordance with the covenant.

Slope erosion is the same for all slopes regardless of the cause, which usually is excessive rainfall. Breakers Isle has only had one occurrence of erosion, in 1983. Many other slopes in Niguel Shores have experienced slope erosion every few years as a result of strong storms and rain.

We all know that most Niguel Shores slopes have not been properly maintained for years. This is evidenced by the Association's decision to implement an expensive Master Landscaping Plan. Had the community been properly maintained, perhaps we would not be facing this huge project and attendant cost today.

If you vote in favor of this exception, you may be creating the precedent for the Association to transfer slope risk for any of the 40 slopes throughout our community to the owners of that property, whenever and however they want. A vote supporting the Association's plan in this instance may result in removing the Association's obligation to maintain any **slopes** in Niguel Shores **immediately**, including the ones on or near your property, shifting the cost of maintenance to you directly. The Association may seek a vote on **your slope** after a storm that causes slope damage, using this precedent to make it happen. Don't let them set the precedent to do that in the future.

We urge you to learn the facts and explore the risks to you, not just what the Association tells you.

—Concerned Breakers Isle Homeowners

GM REPORT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

When I first came to Niguel Shores I was impressed by the number of committees and volunteers that make this such a successful community. 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. 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 a wonderful place.

Why should you volunteer? Will it take your fun away? Volunteering really is not a giant, scary responsibility—it is fun. You do not lose all your free time, since you participate based on a schedule that works for you.

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.

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

OCTOBER 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

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

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2013
- Referral of one account to legal counsel for delinquent assessments
- Proposal for Mariner landscape
 - UPS peak season storage
- Proposal for Hydro-Scape controllers

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Mariner entrance project
 - Gatehouse project
- Over-seed grass maintenance project
 - Correspondence letters
 - Manager's report

TABLED:

- IT improvements/replacements
- Emeritus Film Class (spring semester)
- Women's Club bench donation
- Appeal of AC disapproval of roofing application

OCTOBER 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2013

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
 - Lien filing
- Financial reports

TABLED: none

OCTOBER 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2013
 - Insurance renewal
 - Small claims action
 - Proposal for tree removal
- Emeritus Film Class (spring semester)

DISAPPROVED:

- Request for reimbursement for tow related charges

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal of View Preservation Committee enforcement of Rule 4112

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master landscape project
 - Gatehouse project
- Correspondence letters
- Manager's report

TABLED:

- IT improvements/replacements
- Binnacle slope repair

OCTOBER 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2013

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Hearing for violations of Rule 6402 and Rule 6404.1
 - Hearing for violation of Rule 3122
- Meeting with owners regarding actions taken by neighboring property owner

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Small claims cases

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, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

- **Be sociable.** Meet your neighbors, make friends and exchange opinions.
- **Give back.** It is a wonderful feeling to help others.
- **Advance your career.** If you still enjoy working, build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.
- **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.
- **Earn recognition.** Your contributions will be recognized and celebrated by other residents.

There are several committees currently looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in volunteering for a committee please contact the Association office. We look forward to seeing more residents becoming volunteers.

Guest and Party/Event List:

Since the holidays are right around the corner, here are

a few reminders to prevent any unwanted issues for your guests when entering the community:

- Each guest entering the community must be on your party or event list, not just the vehicle driver. Guests not on the list will not be admitted.
- List of ten (10) individual guests or more must be submitted through the NSCA Management Office no less than 48 business hours before your party or event. Lists exceeding ten (10) individuals will not be accepted at the Mariner Gate.
- All guest passes must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard so that the pass can be easily identified by the patrol officer in order to prevent unnecessary citations or vehicle tows.

As you celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends remember:

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

— John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Happy Thanksgiving from the Niguel Shores Staff

—Marla Miller

ONE BY LAND, ONE BY AIR

No, I am not referring to Paul Revere, or misquoting those famous words. Just as those famous words were a call to arms during the American Revolution, my words refer to the following two Niguel Shores men who were called to arms in the Second World War. As we recognize all veterans this month during Veterans Day it is my honor to tell you of their service to protect and preserve a free America.

Serving this great country on land is the former Marine—Don Beaver. Serving his country in the air is the former Air Force (during this conflict Army Air Corp) Lt. Col. William (Bill) Henderson, retired.

Let me start with 'one by land'. Like many young eighteen-year-old Americans after Pearl Harbor Don Beaver



Marine Don Beaver

eagerly enlisted to help defend America. Don was inducted into the Marines in January, 1943. Following base training and Motor Transport School he graduated as a mechanic. With many other Marines upon completion of training he was transferred to a replacement Battalion and sent by troop ship, the USS Mount Vernon, to New Caledonia in the South Pacific. There he was reassigned to the First 155mm Howitzer Battalion and shipped to the north end of Guadalcanal. Although there were still a few Japanese left on the island it was considered secured. While howitzer training from their camp-

site on the beach they could see the battles raging on the islands to the north of Guadalcanal.

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Bill Henderson's Flight Crew in New Guinea. Bill is second from left in front row.

In the campaigns of 1943 and the first half of 1944, the Allies had captured the Solomon, Gilbert, and Marshall Islands. In late May, 1944 Don's unit, now attached to the 4th Marines, 1st Division, boarded ships for the assault on Guam and Saipan in the Mariana Islands. His ship of troops was scheduled to hit Guam four days after the landings on Saipan. But the Japanese resistance was so fierce on Saipan that they put off the landings on Guam, keeping his troop ship in reserve as bait to draw out any Japanese fleet lurking around. Don's ship sailed around for 52 days before they finally went ashore on Guam. On 21 July 1944 Don, on his 20th birthday, went ashore on the 4th assault wave (hoping it would not be his last birthday). Bonsai charges, which mostly failed, were a constant threat. The enemy was so close that they could not use their howitzers.

Guam was secured in about one month so Don's outfit returned to Guadalcanal for more training in preparation for the invasion of Okinawa. Island life had some days like Hawaii but torrential rains inundated everything. Don's unit received a newer howitzer that was more effective and had longer range. Boarding troop transports, and now assigned to the Sixth Marine Division, on 1 April 1945 the

invasion of Okinawa began. His unit, the 4th Marines went ashore at Red Beach against light resistance. The next three months were full of rain, mud, shooting and finally victory. Toward the end of the Okinawa fighting Don and his buddies witnessed, from their hilltop artillery location, the desperate enemy action of flying Kamikaze planes into the naval ships anchored offshore. Don came through nearly all of his combat time without being wounded; however, during the Okinawa campaign a piece of bomb shrapnel sliced through the top of the cot he was lying in just $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from his head.

Now 'one by air'. As the Marines and the Army advanced up the islands in the Soloman Island archipelago, airfields were built or captured from the Japanese. These airfields then became home to Army Air Corp bomber squadrons. It is here that we will pick up the story of Bill Henderson. But first a brief introduction on how he got there. Bill was drafted into the Army in 1941 and, because of his college education, was accepted for officer training. In 1943 he applied to join the Army Air Corp and graduated a pilot. Following training as a 4-engine bomber pilot, specifically a 4-engine B24 pilot, he flew, in June 1944,

with his new crew of 10 to Australia, and on to the southern end of New Guinea.

Bill's B24—"Liberator" was assigned to the 371st Bomber Squadron, one of four squadrons of the 307th Bombardment Group (nicknamed the The Long Rangers). These B24's were used in long range bombing missions because their range of operations was 3,200 miles with a service ceiling of 28,000 ft. that carried 8,000 lbs. of bombs and was protected by ten .50 cal. machine guns.

By the time of Bill's arrival in the South Pacific, the Allies had driven the enemy from such places as Guadalcanal, the first rung of the "Solomons Ladder", Bougainville and Rabaul. Bill and his crew flew a total of 40 missions, mainly the bombing of strategic enemy targets—airfields, military installations or shipping. From temporary jungle airfields, he and his squadron, usually about six B24s, flew missions to the Dutch East Indies to bomb the town of Numfoor in support of the Army land assault. After the enemy was driven into the hills, Bill's squadron moved to Numfoor. From there they flew missions to bomb a small island further northwest of Numfoor and closer to the Philippines, called Morotai. Again, major

airfields were built there after the Allies secured the island from the defenders. From Morotai Bill flew in support of operations in the Philippines by striking Japanese shipping and bombing airfields on Leyte and Luzon.

Mind you, on these missions the crew flew in unpressurized planes, wearing heated pressurized flight suits and breathing masks. Missions lasted anywhere from 5 to 14 hours. From December, 1944 through January, 1945 Bill flew missions every other day. Japanese Zero fighter planes constantly attacked the squadron and Bill's plane came back to base with many holes in it and only once did he have to return from a mission minus one damaged engine. After 200 hours of combat flying Bill and his crew received a two week R&R in Sydney, Australia. Miraculously for Bill and his flight crew, during a total of over 300 hours of combat, not one of them was ever wounded during these air battles with the Japanese fighters.

And so in ending this article honoring only two of our Niguel Shores veterans I hope you will, on Veterans Day, after hanging out our symbol of America, our National flag, call a veteran and thank him or her for their service.

—Karl Kuhn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

These fall months are dedicated to preparedness and prevention in many areas; Red Ribbon Week anti-drug observation, Breast Cancer Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness and Emergency Preparedness. The articles from the Emergency Preparedness Committee share common sense and disaster preparedness information for staying safe before, during and after any disaster!

Critical Don'ts:

- Don't count on first responders arriving fast enough. It might take them hours, days, even weeks to come to your aid. Some of the roads may be too hazardous for their vehicles.
- Don't count on stores being open or stocked with enough supplies for the neighborhood. Gas stations may be damaged, closed, or out of gas. Hardware stores may never open. Pharmacies may be closed or short on medications. Emergency tools and equipment may be very hard to find.
- Don't count on credit/debit cards or ATM's. Banks may be open. Stores may only take cash, and many may not have change.
- Don't count on CBs and walkie-talkies to summon help. In a major disaster, authorities will not be listening to walkie-talkies and they may not be listening to CBs either. The Emergency Operations Center may not be at City Hall, or City Hall may be closed.
- Don't count on public or private transportation.
- Don't ignore a nonfunctioning stoplight. Treat those intersections as if there were four-way **stops**. If a stop sign is knocked down, you are still required to stop. If speed limit signs are down, you are still expected to drive at safe speeds.
- Don't crowd cell phone lines with personal calls or extended calls.
- Don't ignore posted detours, barricades or crime tape. If you know of an unmarked danger to motorists, place barriers or flashing lights and notify authorities. Don't just wait for them to arrive.
- Don't light flares if there is any chance of a gasoline leak nearby. Keep electronic flares, they are safer and last longer.
- Don't use generators inside homes, garages, or any enclosed area. Keep generators dry. **Never** plug into

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a wall outlet, it may cause back-feeding and electrocute utility workers. Do not refuel until the generator has cooled down. Store fuel away from generators, fuel-burning appliances and living areas. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Dry hands before touching the generator.

- Don't relight gas appliances; leave that to the utility company. Don't cook indoors with fossil fuels or briquettes; they might create undetectable, deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- Don't leave your pets behind, locked indoors within 72 hours of food. The best thing you can do is take them with you. Make sure you know multiple out of town hotels, motels or homes where both you and your pets are welcome. Carry a picture of them.
- Don't count on shelters being at the places you expected. The designated areas may have become too dangerous, listen to the radio for the newest and safest locations.
- And **don't** forget to check on your neighbors. The Emergency Preparedness Committee encourages all Niguel Shores Neighbors to join together for the safety of all!

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

—Jan Sener

MAINTENANCE

Our Maintenance staff continues to address and solve our Niguel Shores infrastructure problems.

Most recently solved problem: A mushroom light on Windjammer, near Lateen, has been a long standing problem and has not been working for months. The wire to the light reads 120v, but when a load was placed on the wire, meaning the light goes on, the voltage dropped. So SDG&E was called out to disconnect the service wire from their power station. A complicated and time consuming search for a reason for the problem then ensued. Our maintenance staff used our diagnostic tools to trace and locate the problem. As a result of their perseverance, a cut wire during the installation of a new sprinkler and a poorly repaired old splice from an old irrigation valve repair was discovered. In the process of removing the plastic box around the valve, the valve box broke.

So what is left to do? Reconnect and fix the broken wires and bad splices with a special insulated in-line connector/

direct burial and submersible splice, replace the broken valve box and then contact SDG&E to reconnect the power supply. As it turns out, the special splices were not available at the last purchased location, so George had to order what was needed online and wait for delivery. It is still not fixed, but at least now there is a resolution to an issue on the ever enlarging and ongoing "to do" list.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the mushroom light will be shining brightly again.

—Suzanne Enis

RECREATION

It is near the end of 2013. Start the New Year with *You on the Recreation Committee*. Be a part of a group of volunteers that enjoy serving the community with fun activities for all ages. We would like your ideas and helping hands. Contact the office.

November 14 – Cooking Class: Kookie and Sally have holiday entertaining ideas you will want for the holidays, plus you get to sample them. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$39. Sign up in the office.

November 17 – Potluck to enjoy your neighbors with conversation and food everyone brings. See the attached notice.

December 8 – Christmas Tree Lighting: Our very own with refreshments and the joy of seeing the tree lights as well as the children's eyes light when they see and talk to Santa Claus. See you there.

December 31 – Niguel Shores New Year's Eve Celebration: The D.J. to play everyone's favorites. Bring refreshments for your group. There will be hats, horns and champagne for Midnight celebration. More details in the December *Seashore News*.

The Recreation Committee hopes to see you at one or all the planned activities. Remember these are for everyone in the community. Happy Thanksgiving.

—Carol Yocom

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Festive Season:

Halloween, followed by the celebration of the "Day of the Dead", are just behind us. These two days usually signify the gradual onset of what has become our "Holiday Season". However, this year Diwali or "The Festival of Lights" (The major Hindu Holiday) falls on November 3, and starts off the holiday season quicker than usual. From now until January 6, when the Three Kings visit some children and "La Bafana" flies away after visiting others, we are in the midst of the proverbial happiest time of the year.

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Party Lists:

Generally speaking, during this season we will welcome and entertain more guests into our community than at any other time of the year. With that said, I would like to briefly address party lists that are required when one plans to host ten or more non-resident guests and/or service personnel. Simply put, our Rules and Regulations (section 6607) require that we provide the office, at least three business days in advance of the event, with an alphabetical list of non-residents we intend to welcome into the community. When we expect twenty or more such guests, management approval must be given. This system works incredibly well as long as our folks get our lists well before the event. The folks in the office are always happy to work with us if we have a question.

Lock It Or Lose It!

The rate of thefts from vehicles normally increases drastically during the holiday period. In our community almost all cars that have been entered and had items stolen have been unlocked. One of the major crime reduction programs of our Dana Point deputies has been to encourage everyone to lock their vehicles. For a lot of reasons thieves don't like the odds when they break into cars so they, as a rule, don't.

God Bless.

—Tim Murphy

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Once again, the Communications Committee is encouraging you to check out our community web page. When you do you will find lots of interesting and up to date information about our very special community. All of the latest NSCA Board agendas and actions are available, so please **check out**, www.niguelshores.org.

We also encourage you to use the Website to call in your guests; simply to go to niguelshores.org, click the Gate login tab, then hit Dwelling Live, click on Community Solutions, next go to upper right corner, Login tab, enter your email and your password and you are ready to add your guests.

Need to place a Homeowner Request for a specific issue, the resident request forms, calendars with meeting and special activity dates are there for you to view.

Perhaps you are considering volunteering and becoming more involved in our community; the Website has information on the Recreation Committee and their request for some additional volunteers to keep the party going!! Once again, we encourage you to check us out at www.niguelshores.org.

—Patti Staudenbaur

CLUBS

MEN'S CLUB

The Niguel Shores Men's Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Niguel Shores ClubHouse. We begin at 8 o'clock with breakfast. This is a great opportunity to get together with our neighbors. All men who are residents of Niguel Shores are welcome and we are definitely looking for new members.

We generally have interesting speakers from local government, business, the medical profession, law enforcement, fire department and or the military community.

At our meeting on October 1st we had two volunteers from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue division speak to our group. They brought the bloodhound they work with and gave a fascinating talk on how the dog was trained and the types of missions he is used on. They said he has been so effective at tracking down gang members in Santa Ana that there is a contract out on her.

At our October 15th meeting our featured speaker was Cheryl Kertzner, who lives here in the Shores. She's been very active in improving the trash situation on the beach

in front of Niguel Shores. Due to her efforts the Mayor of Dana Point has authorized trash pickup twice a day instead of just once. She hopes to attract volunteers so if interested contact the Niguel Shores office for more information.

The Men's Club will be having our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 18th. This event will be held at the El Niguel Country Club.

The Men's Club is both social and philanthropic. We offer golf outings, an annual trip to Del Mar races in the summer 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.

—Bill Tally

Men's Club Secretary

WOMEN'S CLUB

Luncheon: The luncheon will be on Thursday, November 14 in the ClubHouse at 12:00 noon. You will receive an invitation by e-mail on November 7 and are asked to RSVP by Sunday, November 10. Those attending will be informed whether or not it is their turn to bring a salad.

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New Women's Club Members (l to r): Janet Mackaig, Grace Glatt and Kathy Samuel.

Program: November is going to be *Volunteer Month* for the Women's Club. There will be a panel of women leaders of volunteer organizations to tell us about the admirable

work their groups do and, if and how we can help. Joni Ooms will speak about her work at Ronald McDonald House at CHOC Mission Hospital, Barbara Anderson will tell us the latest about the Friends of the Library and its Bookstore and Ladeshia Goubert will talk about the wonderful iHope organization that works with local churches to provide food and shelter for homeless people in our community. Don't miss these speakers and their inspiring stories.

New Members: You see in the accompanying photograph three new members of the Women's Club: **Janet Mackaig, Grace Glatt and Kathy Samuel.** Diane Hearne and Gloria Weintraub, the New Member Welcoming Committee entertained at Diane's home the three new members in the photograph. In addition to those pictured, other new members are: **Lydia Alston, Marge Haber, Doris Karras, Jane Elizabeth Olson and Mary Solomon.** A hearty welcome to you all.

Holiday Party: Save the date: Thursday evening, December 12.

—Mary Crowl

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BRIDGE NEWS

Our Niguel Shores Bridge Club meets every Wednesday afternoon and we would love to have all those interested in playing to join us for an enjoyable game. We meet at 11:00 a.m. at the NSCA ClubHouse and we are usually done by about 2:00 p.m. Please call Helen at 949-496-4230 if you are interested.

Our recent winners:

- Sept. 25 Dorothy Horany, Jane Ingalls, Pouri Fowzi
- Oct. 2 Kay Witmack, Margaret Brugger, Sally King
- Oct. 9 Francesca Sunness, Sally King, Bernadette Bloom
- Oct. 16 Francesca Sunness, Freida Baskin, Judy Bates

—Helen Campbell

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Oreo Cookie Book Club met on October 16 at the home of Norman Schwartz, who led the discussion on the book *The Emperor of All Maladies — a History of Cancer*, written by Siddhartha Mukherjee. Those who have had cancer were allowed to speak first; one member reported that the leading cause of death for those of us over eighty was falling. In a rush to leave, members tried not to stumble and fall over each other. The next

meeting will be held on November 20 at the home of Barbara Milner. We will discuss *The Party is Over; How Republicans went Crazy, Democrats became Useless and the Middle Class got Shafted*, by Mike Lofgren.

—Norman Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners Book Club will be discussing *Black Swan Green*, by David Mitchell, a semi-autobiographical *bildungsroman*. It was published in April 2006 in the United States and in May 2006 in the United Kingdom. The novel's 13 chapters each represent one month from January 1982 through January 1983...in the life of a 13 year-old Worcestershire boy, Jason Taylor. The novel is written from Taylor's perspective and employs many teen colloquialisms and popular culture references from early 1980s England. Mitchell has a speech disorder commonly referred to as stammering. "I'd probably still be avoiding the subject today had I not outed myself by writing a semi-autobiographical novel, *Black Swan Green*, narrated by a stammering 13 year old".

The Monday groups will meet on November 18 and the Thursday group on November 21. Members

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will receive information regarding locations from the coordinators.

There are a few spots left for membership in the Monday afternoon group. For information contact Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net or 661-6267. For information about the other groups: Phyllis Tezer (Monday mornings) ctezer@cox.net or 496-4710 and Lisa Buchner (Thursday afternoons): lisabuchner@cox.net or 496-9546.

For the month of December there will be a joint desert/book exchange meeting of all three groups at 1:00 p.m. on December 5 at the ClubHouse. Please bring a gently used or new book that you really enjoyed for the exchange.

—Lisa Buchner



November 17, 2013

Join us on Sunday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. for social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Potluck in December so don't miss this opportunity to be with your friends and neighbors.

Please bring your beverage of choice, your own table service, \$1 to cover incidental expenses, and a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

If you have attended Potluck before, you will receive an Email invitation. Please respond whether or not you are coming and say whether you will be bringing a main dish, salad or dessert.

If you have never been before we would love to have you join us. Please call Ann Christiansen 248-1962, or Irene McDonald 481-3035. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hoping to see you on the 17th.

—Irene McDonald

LIBRARY

Here's what happening at your local Dana Point Library for the month of November.

Adults:

Friday Film Night. 7:00 p.m. 11/15/13. This month's film is *Three Worlds*, directed by Catherine Corsini. French and Moldovan with English subtitles. Join the group for this free international film from Canada. Snacks are provided.

Displays:

Elephant Parade Display. Ongoing through November 17. Come and visit Kingdom and Colori, two of the *Elephant Parade's Tribute* elephants. Stop by the elephant coloring table and design your own elephant.

Veterans Day Display. The month of November.

Children:

Preschool Story Time. 10:15 a.m. All Tuesdays except 11/26/13. Stories read by Miss Ericka. Ages 3-5 years.

Toddler Story Time. 11:00 a.m. All Tuesdays except 11/26/13. Stories read by Miss Ericka. Ages 18 months to three years. It should be noted that Miss Ericka is the Children's Librarian and as such has the experience to make this an educational and still fun time for all the children.

Art Program-Kyle's Cartoon Platoon. 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 11/7/13. You're invited to an interactive "draw along". Each and every participant will complete three refrigerator-ready drawings during the show. This is a family program. All ages: children, parents, older siblings and grandparents are welcome. Your art teacher for this program is Kyle Tiernan who has been teaching kids how to draw for the past ten years with his fully interactive drawing program.

Read To A Dog. 11:00 a.m. Saturday, 11/16/13. Come read to a trained therapy dog. Pre-registration suggested but not required. Sign up at the Library or telephone 949-496-5517. Ages 6-10 years.

Pajama Story Time. 7:00 p.m. Monday, 11/25/13. Please come and enjoy the Sunshine Readers as they whisk the whole family off to dreamland. Feel free to wear your pajamas and slippers! Family program, all ages are welcome.

Teens:

Teen Advisory Board and Teen Activities Group. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Sunday, 11/24/13. Need volunteer hours? Want to be involved in planning programs and events? Join in! New members are always welcome. Ages 12-17.

—Ellen Dovey

FITNESS CLASS

Shape up for the Holidays—it's not too late. Join Leslie Davis' class Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in our own Community Center—\$60 month. A great deal with fun added, coed, too! Drop in and see us. Call Joan Beyer 496-1428 or Elaine Converse 493-8066.

—Joan Beyer



MEN'S GOLF

On August 27 we played at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo. We had a great turnout and beautiful weather. The game played was "Combined Net Foursome". Teams were selected by a blind draw at the course.

1st Place: Team 2: Roy Dohner, Charlie Clark, Dick Grabham, and Terry McLaughlin – 288 Pts

2nd Place: Team 1: Al Thome, Don Duffer, Dennis Rosene, and Paul Wager – 291 Pts

3rd Place: Team 4: Bob Russell, Bill Johnson, Bill Verbrugge, and Woody Woodward – 300 Pts

Closest to the pin on #5 Bill Johnson and closet to the pin on #14, Paul Wager

Our November tournament will be on the 21st at Arrowood in Oceanside.

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.

The Unwritten Rules of Golf:

- *When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.*
- *If you want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.*
- *Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.*

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

Another gorgeous "fun day" was enjoyed by three teams, though not one deer showed up to entertain us.

The game of the day was set up by Captains Marlene Lynch and Lee Sweeney. Team #2 (Val Mitchell, Terry Matrsich, ND India Rouse) came in first with a score of 41. Val Mitchell won low gross, and India Rouse won low net. Val also had the longest drive and was the closest to the pin on hole #6. Did I mention that Val was hot that day? Gretchen Rask was closest to the pin on hole #8.

November captains are Val Mitchell and Lee Sweeney. Please call one of them to be put on the list for November play.

Ruth Stahl announced that the Christmas luncheon will be at The Fountains on December 9. Your check for \$26 will hold your reservation.

If you missed the Orange County Register Sunday, October 13 issue, you missed seeing Ruthie Stahl featured as one of Orange County's most active seniors. The article was a report on a study of citizens who are 90 plus.

Call Marlene to see the amazing article.

Hope to see you at Aliso Creek on November 11.

—Liz Kelsch

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Carol's Cuisine Corner

It is Gobble, Gobble time. How about going to a place to relax and not only have the turkey, but a variety of cuisine. Be sure to call for reservations in advance.

Out of our area in case you happen to be in Riverside or Palm Springs.

Mission Inn: 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, 951-391-6767. Hours: Brunch 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dinner 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Le Vallauris: 385 W. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 760-325-5059. Hours: Dinner 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Knotts Chicken Dinner: 8039 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, 714-220-5080. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy: 3333 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, 714-546-9550. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Order from the menu and specials for your Italian taste.

Bayside: 900 Bayside, Newport Beach, 721-1222. Hours: 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Three course menu.

Polly's Pies: 23701 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Hills, 380-8383. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open for breakfast only.

Mimi's Cafe: 27430 La Paz, Laguna Niguel, 643-0206. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Limited selection from menu with specials.

Savannah Chop House: 32441 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, 493-7107. Opening at noon with a three-course meal.

Pelican Hill: 22800 Pelican Hill Rd., Newport Coast, 467-6800. Hours: Ballroom brunch, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Andrea Ristorante at Pelican Hill, Tuscan holiday menu, 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Studio at the Montage: 30801 South Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 715-6000 Hours: 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Five course dinner.

Loft Restaurant at the Montage: Hours: 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. Special three course dinner.

Anaheim White House: 887 S. Anaheim, 714-772-1381. Hours: 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Specials plus regular menu.

Ritz Carlton: 1 Ritz Carlton Dr., Dana Point, 240-2000. Hours: Buffet in the ballroom 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m.

Raya: restaurant at the Ritz Carlton: Hours: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Three course meal.

Gobble, gobble and enjoy the holiday with friends and family at one of these restaurants. Make reservations soon! Watch for new restaurants next month. Bon Appetite! Carol Yocom

Travel Tidbits . . .

Cruising: So many of us enjoy ocean cruising and prefer to travel by ship rather than air. But do you remember when that was the only way to go? Do you know that passenger flights across the Pacific were not inaugurated until 1936 and Transatlantic service until 1939. Both routes were established by Pan Am (remember them?). So prior to 1939 if you wanted to go to Europe the only option was by ship. My first trip was in 1937 and the pictures in my album show a much different type of ship than we are used to now.

For those who think "those were the days" the British Line, Cunard sails a regular schedule from New York to Europe from May to January. If you choose to go in November, December or January, it could be quite a thrill if you run into a storm and get to experience heavy rains and crashing waves.

According to the *LA Times* there are 30 cruise lines operating today. CLIA (Cruise Lines International Association) lists 25 that belong to their Association. These are cruise lines not ships. Most cruise lines have a number of ships. The big players in the cruise world are Carnival Corporation who owns ten brands and racks in almost half of the worldwide ocean cruise business. Royal Caribbean is right behind them with five brands. Then there are the river cruise companies. Viking River Cruises who operates 30 river vessels and has 12 more on order have announced that they will open a new division, Viking Ocean Cruises. They are planning a fleet of six. Is there room in the oceans and ports for all these ships?

If you are thinking of cruising, a good travel professional can help you sort out your options. Bon Voyage!



*"The World is a book and those who do not travel read only one page" —St. Augustine
—Barbara Milner C.T.C., bmilner@wtbinc.com*

WELLNESS

Thanksgiving Gratitude

As hard as it is for me to believe, Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner, yet it feels like the 4th of July was just yesterday! The time goes so quickly. Nevertheless, Thanksgiving will soon be here and it is the day when most of America pulls up a chair to the family dining room table and eats...and eats... and **eats!** We've all been there at one time or another, and when we're done overeating, we all feel pretty much the same...bad...too full...stuffed. It just happens so quickly...you sit down and enjoy the glorious moment of being together at the beautifully set table with candles and linen napkins and lose all awareness of what and how much you're eating. The next morning brings more football, turkey sandwiches and leftover pumpkin pie, and so it goes for four straight days...if you let it.

This Thanksgiving, we could all instead take a moment to consider the real reason to gather together. It's a holiday that is really a time about **family, friends, and fellowship**...even though we focus on the food and



it's preparation, it's really about being together. Obviously, food is a wonderful gift and a vital component to life, something we all need to be grateful for and never taken for granted, but we tend to

get carried away with its consumption to our own detriment far too often...especially on this beloved national holiday...a holiday that is actually a metaphor for gratitude...gratitude for the many blessings that are poured into our lives day by day, moment by moment.

To take care of your health as you enjoy your holiday meal and the long weekend with family and friends, be mindful of what you're eating and how much. Consider how you will feel the next day, and remember to treat your traveling companion, your body, with the love and care it deserves as you fuel it. Speaking of gratitude, this is a favorite quote of mine on the subject...

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." ~ Melody Beattie

So, stay close to the vegetable tray, watch out for the stuffing, et al, but most important, hug your family and your friends and let them know you care and are grateful for their presence in your life! Happy Thanksgiving!

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A VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

As Veterans Day approaches, my eyes are drawn towards the flag enclosed in its triangular glass case on the chest in my living room. It brings memories of the day at National Golden Gate Cemetery, where my mother, my father, and I and other members of our family watched as my brother Ralph was given a 21 gun salute as he was interred at the cemetery south of San Francisco.

My brother's body had been brought back from Italy after World War II ended. The flag covering his coffin was carefully folded by the military honor guards and given to my mother. I've had that flag for over 40 years since my parents died. Ralph was my only sibling—we were two years apart and he was my big brother and protector as we grew up in Hawaii. His



Capt. Ralph Ensminger

picture hangs high on the wall of my stairway with those of other members of my family.

The late former Senator from Hawaii, Daniel Inouye, wrote about my brother in his memoir, *Journey to Washington*. In 1942, Inouye was one of the first volunteers to join the U.S. Army's now famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up primarily of Japanese-American recruits. Ralph, who had just completed Officer's Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia, with a Captain's commission, had also been

assigned to the unit. He was one of several "haole" officers, as the soldiers of Japanese descent called them, that joined 442nd as it began its training in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The following is an excerpt from Inouye's book:

Our CEO was a *haole* who had gone to Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, Capt. Ralph B. Ensminger and from the very beginning there wasn't a man in E company who wouldn't have followed him into Gen. Rommel's command post. He looked like a soldier, 6 feet of lean hardness and a straight-in-the-eye firmness when he talked to you. But more important we felt that he was one of us. To be honest, they were some Caucasian officers in the early days of the 442nd who sounded off about the injustice of having to lead a bunch of Japs into battle. That would change—we had to show them—but Capt. Ensminger knew it all along. He knew that though our skin was browner than his we were no less citizens of these same United States. And he also knew that because not everyone thought so, we had some special problems and anxieties.

In the third week of our training, when our restriction to the company area was almost over, he assembled us between the barracks of the first and second platoons and ordered to stand at ease. Then, squinting into the harsh sun, he began to speak: "Most GIs signed up to fight the enemy. That's all. Nobody has called on them to do anything else, just to get the job finished so we can all get back to what we were doing before the war started. You men have an additional battle to fight.

You have to overcome the prejudice and discrimination that will be thrown at you, that has been thrown at you, because your forefathers came from a country that is now our enemy."

You could hear the breathing of the man next to you no one moved. No one made a sound.

"To anyone who is growing up in Hawaii as I have, to anyone who's gone to school with you people and worked with you and played ball with you, it's an insult to hear your loyalty called into question. It's personally painful to me to know about the indignities you've suffered: the relocation camps, the questions, the slurs. But war does strange things to otherwise sensible people I suppose there are those who haven't gotten over the shock of December 7. It's not enough for them to blame it on the Japanese warlords. They need someone closer to home to blame, and they picked you."

Now there was a slight stirring in the ranks. He was getting uncomfortably close to hurts that everyone of us had experienced.

"What can you do about it" he said. "First, you can be the best damn soldiers this country has ever known. You can fight your first battle with everything you've got. And second, you can conduct yourselves with the honor for which your people have been known. You must begin in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Men, I've been instructed to tell you that during your time in this state,

you will be treated by its people as white men.

“Well what do you know!” I heard someone matter. “Now I’m a *haole!*”

“Don’t do us any favors,” mumbled another.

“You may not like it,” the Captain went on. “I don’t like it. But that’s the way they do things here and that’s the way it’s going to be. When you go into Hattiesburg you will see the public facilities, restaurants movies waiting rooms, toilets, are divided into white and colored sections. Much as this will rub you the wrong way, I’m asking you that you abide by it as long as we are in the state of Mississippi.” He stopped and now his gaze took in the whole company, they said those words that would stay with me-with all of us, I guess- all through the war:

“Men, the first battle will be bloody. But those that survive it will have the chance to make a world where every man is a free man, and the equal of his neighbor. Let’s not blow that chance. Let’s win the first battle first!”

And that’s how it was. We’d have done anything Captain Ensminger asked us to do, and though we often felt foolish and maybe a little hypocritical, standing in a crowded front section of the bus though there were plenty of empty seats in the back, we did it, and performed all the other asinine rituals of a segregated society, too. But we smoldered inside because, believe it or not, when you have suffered at the hands of prejudiced man, it’s almost as painful to be on the other side of the fence.

The 442nd went on to participate extensively in the campaign to liberate Europe, seeing action in Italy and France. In the process it became the most decorated infantry regiment in U.S. Army history.

Shortly after the unit completed its training in Mississippi, my brother was transferred to command the headquarters company. On June 26, 1944 in 442nd’s first major battle, near the Italian town of Belvedere, they came under heavy bombardment from German 88 artillery. One of the shells landed in the battalion headquarters, killing Captain Ralph Ensminger, my brother.

—*Laurel Livesay*

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