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FROM THE HELM

The Mariner entrance enhancement project, currently in progress, consists of three phases: landscape replacement, gatehouse refurbishment, and updated monuments/street lighting.

The Board is now considering changes to update the gatehouse to be more aesthetically compatible with the community center and to make this building more functional and code compliant.

The building is extremely small with cramped conditions, no room for storage and very hard to keep sanitary. It was not constructed to accommodate the counter space required by the computers and monitors currently being



Mariner Drive Gatehouse. Photo courtesy of George Cooley

used. There is insufficient infrastructure and inadequate cable and electrical access. The bathroom and microwave are in the same location requiring employees to heat their food in the bathroom. The upgraded building will address these issues.

In conjunction with the final phase of the entrance enhancement, the Board is also considering updating the street lights at the Mariner

entrance and the monument signs at all entrances. The Board is currently investigating pricing and styles for these items and will provide updates as more information is available.

—John Dougherty

RULES OF THE ROAD = SAFETY ON OUR STREETS

The growing number of motorized vehicles, other than cars, trucks, and motorcycles, on Niguel Shores streets has prompted discussions on that subject, particularly pertaining to safety. Below are two articles by residents who have done considerable research on the subject. The first is by *Seashore News* staff member, Laurel Livesay and the second by Traffic and Safety Committee Chairman, Tim Murphy:

In the March issue of *Seashore News* a concerned parent wrote in a letter to the editor that she felt our Security people were over-reacting to “kids being

kids” on the private roads in Niguel Shores. While no one can object to “kids being kids”, it’s important to remember that the streets in our community are not private. They have been public since 1976, when the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to apply the California vehicle code to regulate the use and operation of motor vehicles on the roadways, streets and common areas in Niguel Shores. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department and the Niguel



Golf Cart — Driver plus one passenger and rack for golf clubs

Shores Community Association were designated to enforce those rules and regulations.

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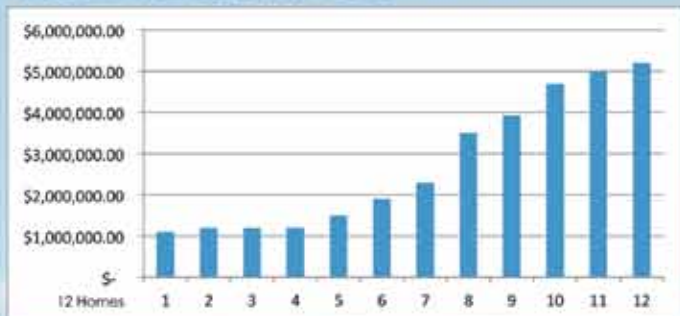
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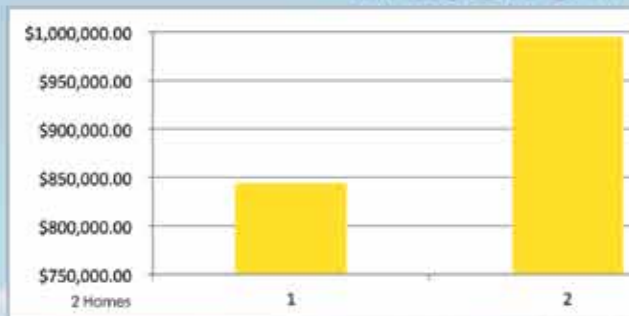
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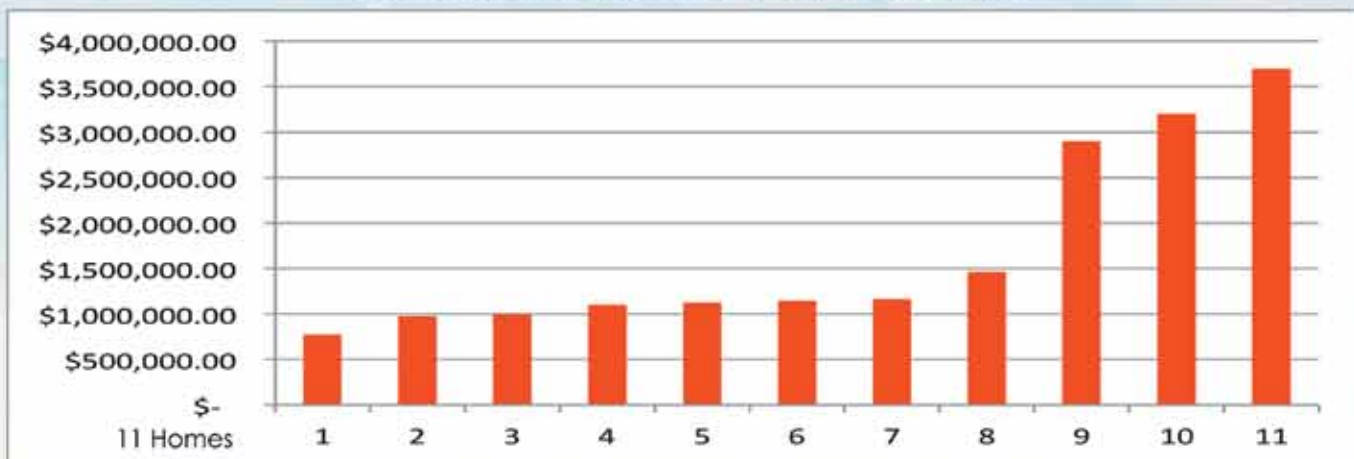
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Audit Mailing: As required by the Governing Documents and Civil Code, the membership mailing of the annual audit was placed in the mail Friday, April 25. VanDerPol and Company, an independent CPA firm, audited the Association Financials for the 2013 fiscal year and this report is provided to all members of the Association. Please take a few minutes to review this information. The Association is in good financial condition and the Board has adopted an excellent plan to continue funding the Reserves appropriately.

Proposed Rules and Regulations Revisions: In addition to the audit mailing, you will also be receiving a copy of the proposed revisions to the current Rules and Regulations. Please take a moment to review these revisions and submit any comments concerning them to the Association as indicated in the letter.

Important Announcements for All Residents:

■ **Candidates Running for Board.**

The candidates that are currently running for the Board of Directors are **Steve Leonard, Bob Russell** and **Jeannie Sticher**. Richard Rajaratnam has withdrawn his candidacy at this time due to another commitment. Prior to receiving this notification the election material had been prepared and mailed, therefore, you will still see his name when you receive your ballot. Please make note of this when completing your ballot.

■ **Annual Meeting May 20.**

On May 20, registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center and the Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. A few things to remember when voting: Only individuals listed as the legal owners of the property (members) may vote, each property gets three votes (three Board seats open) and you must sign the outside envelope in order for your vote to be valid. Your vote is very important and must be received to establish quorum. The ballot must be returned to the Inspector of Elections by May 19 (or you can bring them to the annual meeting) to be counted towards quorum.

■ **Tennis courts to be closed from June 2 through June 16 for resurfacing:** As part of the planned reserve expenditure, the tennis courts will be repaired

and resurfaced. During this work they will be closed and will open again for use after the work is completed. Currently they are scheduled to be open for use on Monday, June 16.

- **Pool to be closed from May 12 through May 15.** The pool water will be drained 50 per cent for semi-annual water removal, maintenance and replenishment.

Community Association Fundamentals: As we prepare for the election and Annual Meeting, it seems fitting that information be provided regarding the Community Association. This Association and your management team are members of the Community Association Institute (CAI), a national organization which provides education and support for board members and managers. CAI has developed the “Community Association Fundamentals” which consist of 10 values that define the essential function of community associations, the obligations and expectations of homeowners, and the core principles that should guide association leaders. The 10 principles are:

1. Associations ensure that the collective rights and interests of homeowners are respected and preserved.
2. Associations are the most local form of representative democracy, with leaders elected by their neighbors to govern in the best interest of all residents.
3. Associations provide services and amenities to residents, protect property values, and meet the established expectations of homeowners.
4. Associations succeed when they cultivate a true sense of community, active homeowner involvement, and a culture of building consensus.
5. Association homeowners have the right to elect their community leaders and to use the democratic process to determine the policies that will protect their investments.
6. Association homeowners choose where to live, and accept a contractual responsibility to abide by established policies and meet their financial obligations to the association.

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

APRIL 2, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

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

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2014
- Appointment of Kent Wellbrock as Emergency Preparedness Committee Chairman
 - Notice of Annual Meeting
 - Annual Meeting agenda
 - 2013 Audit
 - 2013 Surplus Fund transfer
- Corporate Credit Card Policy and Procedure
 - Speed cushion installation proposal

DISAPPROVED:

- Corporate credit card limits

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

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

TABLED: none

APRIL 17, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2014
 - Proposed rules change mailing
 - Tree removal and replacement proposals
- Damage to Common Area administrative process

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master Landscape project
 - Binnacle slope repair
 - Gatehouse project
- Homeowner correspondence to the Board
 - Manager's report

TABLED: none

APRIL 2, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2014
 - Settlement agreement

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Two (2) hearings for violations of Rule 6405
- One (1) hearing for violations of Rule 5109 and Rule 6406

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Financial reports

TABLED: none

APRIL 17, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 2, 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, MAY 7, 2014

7. Association leaders protect the community's financial health by using established management practices and sound business principles.
8. Association leaders have a legal and ethical obligation to adhere to the association's governing documents and abide by all applicable laws.
9. Association leaders seek an effective balance between the preferences of individual residents and the collective rights of homeowners.
10. Association leaders and residents should be reasonable, flexible, and open to the possibility—and benefits—of compromise.

To all our wonderful Mothers of Niguel Shores the staff would like to say



Happy Mother's Day!

"Happy Mother's Day" means more, than have a happy day. Within those words lie lots of things, we never get to say.

It means I love you first of all, then thanks for all you do. It means you mean a lot to me, and that I honor you. But most of all, I guess it means, that I am thinking of Your happiness on this, your day, with pleasure and with love.

—Marla Miller

RULES OF THE ROAD continued from the cover

In recent years there has been a growth in the number of what many people would call "golf carts" on our streets, but what the Department of Motor Vehicles classifies as Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, or NEVs. The difference is critical. A golf cart only seats two people, has a rack for golf bags and has a top speed of 15 miles per hour or less. Golf carts do not have to be registered with the DMV. However, if you modify a golf cart to go faster than 15 mph and/or seat more than two people, (or purchase a vehicle with either or both of those capabilities), the vehicle is classified as an NEV and must be registered with the DMV. To be registered, an NEV must comply with Federal Motor Vehicle safety standards for passenger vehicles, and be insured. As a motor vehicle, it must be driven by a licensed driver.



Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) — designed to transport multiple passengers



Moped

Motorized bicycles, commonly called "mopeds" are also seen in growing numbers on our streets. A moped is a two or three wheeled vehicle that can be powered either by a rider using pedals or by an electric (or gasoline) motor or a combination of the pedaling and motorized propulsion. In any case, its top speed must be 30 mph or less. A valid California driver's license is required to operate a motorized bicycle. Teenagers 15½ years old or older who have completed an approved driver instruction course and whose instruction permit has been approved by the DMV are also permitted to operate a moped. Under no circumstances may teens that are younger than 15½ legally operate such a vehicle. Go-Karts and other motorized "toys" may be operated only on private property (your country estate, maybe)

or at a special facility (tracks). Parents are liable if they allow an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle on any public highway, street, or public parking facility.

Also seen out and about the neighborhood are people who use motorized wheelchairs, tricycles, quadricycles due to disability. They are considered to be pedestrians under the law. Two wheeled “electric personal assistive mobility devices” (such as Segway scooters), that have a top speed of under 12½ mph are also not considered motor vehicles and can be operated on sidewalks and other pedestrian walkways.

Safety is the goal of all of these rules and regulations for the drivers as well as the pedestrians that share our public streets here in the Shores. If you have any questions about the

use and operation of a motor vehicle call the DMV at 800-777-0133 or visit the website: www.dmv.gov.

—*Laurel Livesay*

Further discussion below of the subject by Traffic and Safety Committee Chairman Tim Murphy:

Electric Go Carts: Starting with the varied school spring breaks, quite a few concerns were expressed by residents about children driving electric go karts on some of our busier streets. Not only is it illegal to operate these vehicles on the street or sidewalk, but most people feel it is very unsafe. Should we see such activity we have several positive or proactive options: speak with the children; talk with their parents; summon our security officers; notify the office. However, if you believe that the well-being of these children is in immediate jeopardy, summon deputies from our Dana Point Sheriff's office.

NEVs and Golf Carts: Nationwide, each year, adults and a disproportionate number of children sustain fatal injuries in what is commonly referred to “Golf Cart Accidents.” Despite a steady influx of these vehicles into our community, we have been fortunate in that we have yet to experience a reported accident with even a simple injury involving such a vehicle. However, it is the consensus of a lot of folks that if a serious injury traffic accident occurs in our community this summer, it will likely involve one of these vehicles with an inexperienced driver.

With that in mind we have a simple multiple choice question to test your knowledge and pique your interest in the safe operation of these vehicles that will likely affect the way we drive now and especially in the future.

Please select the best answer.

- A. The maximum speed limit for a golf cart in our community is 15 MPH.
- B. The maximum speed limit for low speed and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) in our community is 25 MPH.
- C. Despite meeting all vehicle code requirements, drivers of golf carts, low speed and NEVs must register their vehicles at the office.
- D. All operators of these vehicles must have a driver's license.
- E. All of the above.

I think everyone soon realized that the best answer is E. The speed limit for a golf cart is in fact 15 MPH. However, we have relatively few, if any, in our community. As by definition they are designed to carry a driver and one passenger and have an unoccupied weight of less than 1,300 pounds. Almost all of the other such “Carts” are officially called Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) and are synonymous with Low Speed Vehicles. The vehicle code restricts the speed at which they can travel at 25 MPH. However, depending on circumstances, they cannot ever exceed what is reasonable and prudent.

No one is allowed to operate these vehicles in our community or any other roadway without a driver's license. Clearly, that means children cannot drive them and should not sit on an adult's lap and steer the NEV.

I am relatively familiar with the vehicle code and it is not as clear as it might be on this topic. I found that from talking to CHP experts the clearest and best explanation of the many laws pertaining to NEVs is actually in our own Rules and Regulations section 6431.

—*God Bless.....Tim Murphy*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE

Our Maintenance staff has to wear many hats, addressing and completing many different tasks, and each and everyone has talents in divergent areas.

Mailboxes: All the homes in Niguel Shores behind the gates on the north side of Selva have mail slots in their garage doors or an attached mailbox. The homes located in Sea Terrace II and in the Villas, behind the gates of Manta Court and Garibaldi on the south side of Selva have free standing mailboxes. These mailboxes rest on wooden structures that deteriorate with time and thus necessitate repair. Last month mailboxes at three different locations in the Villas required immediate attention and repair. The posts were literally falling over to the touch with wood rot and termite infestation. Our maintenance staff staked metal rods into the ground and secured them to the mailbox posts for temporary stability and, in one case, had to remove and replace the concrete base. The next step: construct and paint new posts. These are not just “plop” a mailbox on a piece of wood posts. They include the use of multiple cross cuts of wood pieces and labor intensive woodwork. (See attached photos) Thank you Tom Shimkus! His attention to detail work on this project is exemplary.

—Suzanne Enis

RECREATION

May 3, Saturday, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Yes it is time for **Cinco De Mayo Taco Night** at our Bluff with tacos and all the trimmings for family and friends. D.J. music will add to the fun night. Tickets are \$10 on sale in office only. Ticket sale closes Friday noon. No tickets will be sold at the Taco Night.



May 25, Sunday Memorial Day Bluff Barbeque. Celebrate on the Bluff with food and friends. Bring your food to BBQ on the big grill from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Reminder: **June 14, Saturday, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. In-N-Out** with a D.J. Tickets are \$10 in the office. Ticket sales close June 13 at noon.

Enjoy the coming summer with all the events that are being offered.

—Carol Yocom

Message from Recreation Committee Chair:

As Chair of our Recreation Committee, I want to thank everyone that has stepped up to keep us going.



Deteriorated Mailbox Post



Repaired Mailbox Post

Almost a year ago we were wondering how to keep our Committee together. As you know this is a team effort and I love the thinking outside the box that we are all doing. Different ladies have stepped up to head up different events and it is wonderful!

Thank you to Nancy and Gary Tinnes for bringing in John Troast for our first “Living Room Concert”. It was a great success with over 75 attendees (see page 15 for a photo).

Thank you Recreation and Maintenance Committee for helping put it all together!

Until our next event May 3 Cinco de Mayo at the Bluff!

—Maria Elena Banks

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Running Stop Signs and Driving Habits: At a recent community forum, several residents expressed concerns about folks driving through intersections and not stopping for posted stop signs. I think we have all seen this in our community as we drive up or down on Niguel Shores Drive. Clearly a lot of us have become very familiar with the streets and the corresponding light traffic and either coast through or don't stop at all for these signs. Consequently, some of us have become very complacent, and have fallen into lackadaisical driving habits. I suspect that inattention to this seemingly minor violation creeps into other aspects of our overall driving. Nationwide stop sign violations are consistently one of the top seven causes of traffic accidents resulting in serious injuries. Another incentive to completely stop for these signs is that a citation for this sort of violation can cost four hundred dollars and upwards.

—Tim Murphy

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden club made a field trip on May 16, to the Huntington Gardens in San Marino. The Chinese, Japanese and the succulent gardens are quite extraordinary. In addition to the beautiful gardens, they have some great art galleries and museums. There is a lot to see and learn. Our thanks to Linda and Jerry Koppang for planning the trip and for all the goodies for our trip back.

On the 21st we had our annual elections for officers. All our current officers were elected by unanimous vote! This is a reflection of the great job they are doing and for being so generous with their time. Jerry Koppang stays as President, Gunjan Anand, as Vice President, Francine Stout as Secretary, Karl Kuhn as Treasurer, Chris Daley as Membership Chair, and Carmen Murphy, Hospitality Chair. In the absence of a recall vote, yours truly stays as the *Seashore News* reporter!

We welcome our new member, Mary Crow!

We have a Plant Sale scheduled for May 10. If any of the members want to volunteer for the set up on Friday the 9th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. or during the plant sale the following day, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., please contact Gunjan Anand. Your help will be appreciated. Feel free to invite guests.

When you think of gardens, don't only think flowers. Think outside the box and think edible plants. These can rival the beauty of a flower garden. For example, fresh sweet corn is one of summer's most beloved treats.



Suzanne Enis and Karla Sanders in the Japanese Garden at the Huntington while on the April 16 Garden Club Field Trip.

And finally: *since Spring is upon us, Early to bed, Early to rise, work like hell and fertilize!*

—Lakshman Sehgal

MEN'S CLUB

Niguel Shores Men's Club is having a very special day for our community ladies on May 6. Spouses and widows are invited to breakfast and to meet some important candidates for state and federal offices. This should be a can't miss occasion! It will be from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

After a hot, delicious breakfast, Carlos Vazquez, candidate for the 46th Congressional District, and Robert Ming, candidate for Governor of California, will speak. Then they will take our questions. Vice President-Program Chair Bill Tally is hoping to secure attendance of additional candidates as well.

This special Ladies Day Meet-the-Candidates Breakfast is also an excellent chance for the many men of our community to visit and see the value of its Men's Club. Besides the place to make friends and meet neighbors, it is especially valuable as an opportunity to learn from their outstanding guest speakers. For those interested, there is also friendly, competitive golf.

Finally, there's always the tasty hot breakfast to begin a new day.

One of the Men's Club Goals for 2014 is to increase the number of enjoyable, bonding, social events and outings that will enhance the pleasure of living in our wonderful Niguel Shores Community. For additional information about this special breakfast, or for any of the Men's Club activities, a call to its secretary, C. W. Gruenig, is welcome. 949 230-6050.

—C. W. Gruenig

WOMEN'S CLUB

Fashion Show! Yes, we all love them and Chico's will be at our May Luncheon on the 8th with their bright and colorful clothes. Our own members, Marian Kennedy, Peggy Oliva, Ana Ryan, Kathy Samuel and Carol Yocom will be modeling these fun clothes. Suzanne Enis will be assisting with the models and fashions. Luncheon will be at noon in the ClubHouse. You will receive your invitation on May 1. Please respond by Sunday, May 4 whether or not you will attend the Fashion Show and you will be notified if you have to bring a salad.



Community Center Bench: The Women's Club is pleased to announce that it has donated a second teak bench that has been installed at the entrance to the Community Center. These benches came from our own local Timeless Teak.

Dues: Club membership dues are due by June 1. Please bring your check for \$10 made out to Niguel Shores Women's Club to the May meeting or leave it in the office before June 1. It is important that you renew your membership at this time to be included in the Directory for the 2014-15 year.

—Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Group meeting every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and we enjoy playing until about 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. Just come as a single player and we'll fit you in with a partner and you will find it an interesting day and ready to join us again. If you would like more information about our group, please do not hesitate to call Helen at 949-496-4230. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our group.

Our recent winners at Bridge are:

March 28 Janae Perriere, Lanny Barnard, Margaret Brugger
April 3 Helen Campbell, Dorothy Horany, Trudy Buck
April 9 Trudy Buck, Freida Baskin, Lee Farrell
April 16 Pouri Fowzi, Freida Baskin and Kay Wittmack

—Helen Campbell

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners Book Club will meet this month to discuss the book, *The Cellist from Sarajevo* — Steven Galloway. The story takes place in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, when it was besieged from April 5, 1992 to February 29, 1996. In this city, a defiant musician decides to play his cello at the site of a mortar attack for twenty-two days, in memory of his fallen friends and neighbors. Drawn into the orbit of his music are three strangers, each living like fugitives in their homeland: a bakery worker, a young father, and finally, a woman, a sniper-who holds the fate of the cellist in her hands. The book follows their lives and shows how war can change one's definition of humanity and how music affects our emotional endurance.

The Monday groups will meet on May 19 and the Thursday afternoon group will meet on May 22. **Please note: the groups are meeting a week earlier than usual, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.** 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@



Fitness Class in the ClubHouse. Left to right: Carol Kuhn, Elaine Converse, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Chris Daley, Fitness Leader Leslie Davis, Pinky Myerscough and Joan Beyer

cox.net- 661-6267- Monday afternoon. Lisa Buchner: lisa-buchner@cox.net- 496-9546-Thursday afternoon.

—Lisa Buchner

LIBRARY

Children and Teens:

Imagination Celebration. Everyday through Sunday, May 25. Children can come to the library and create art to be displayed throughout the library. Teens are invited to participate in our Post-It-Note art project.

Children:

Preschool Story Time. Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. on May 6, 13, 20.

Toddler Story Time. Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. on May 6, 13, 20.

Read to a Dog. Saturday at 11:00 a.m. on May 17.

Adults:

Blood Drive. Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. 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. Wednesday, May 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Mythological RoundTable discussions continue. For more information contact: carolyn.millar@gmail.com No pre-registration is required.

Displays/Exhibits:

Month of May. Tribute Elephants Colori and Kingdom as well as Laura Seeley's *March On*, a collaboration of 38 artists are on exhibit at your Dana Point Library.

Dana Point Library Staff. What are we reading? Need a book suggestion? Come see a display of Staff picks and favorites!

—Susan Pina, Librarian

FITNESS CLASS

Come join us for strength training with light hand weights. A low impact workout improves health and balance. For over 20 years we've been exercising Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in our own Community Center. \$60 per month.

Drop-ins welcome, co-ed, too! For more info, call Elaine@ 493-8060 or Joan@ 496-1428

—Joan Beyer

WOMEN'S GOLF

After a fun game our April meeting was opened by Marlene Lynch filling in for President Irene McDonald. The meeting was a tribute for our fallen friend Gretchen Rask who died in March. Marlene read Gretchen's obituary from the Orange County Register and added to it with Gretchen's recent golf winnings and history of offices held. Gretchen's daughters gave our club her set of golf clubs. We were allowed to choose something from the set to be used in our games as a way of keeping Gretchen playing with us. A memorial is also in the planning stages.

Today's game was Easter themed. Judy Boitano and Pam Strayer gave each of the players a small Easter bag holding two eggs. If we hit into the water or made three

putts we had to give back an egg. Winners were the ones with most eggs at the end of the game. Val Mitchell had seven and was the first place winner. Judy and Pam tied for second place. Val also won closest to the pin on #6 and longest drive on #9. Val happened to be appropriately dressed with a bunny hat and socks with pastel tulips and so made a picture perfect overall winner.

Please join us for fun on another Fun Day on Monday, May 12. Call Val Mitchell (582-8311) or Marge Foster (951-6256)

Golfers, why is it? Isn't it easier to get up at 6:00 a.m. to play golf than at 10:00 a.m. to clean house?!

— Liz Kelsch

Carol's Cuisine Corner



Time to let Mom know what she means to you. Let the children show their thanks and love to Mom. I know they say Mother's Day is one of the busiest days for restaurants but make plans early and make those reservations!

I am going to repeat some from last month. Good for Easter and Mother's Day.

Cannery: 3010 Lafayette Rd, Newport Beach, 566-0060. A nice brunch 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Carmelita: 217 Broadway, Laguna Beach, 715-7829. Regular menu 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Five Crowns: 3801 E. Coast Hwy, Corona Del Mar, 760-0331. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

L'Hirondelle: 31631 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, 661-0425. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mare Culinary Lounge: 696 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 715-9581. Brunch 7:00 a.m. to noon with regular menu and Bloody Mary Bar

Alessa: 234 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, 497-8222. Lunch and dinner 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cannons: 34344 St. of the Green Lantern, Dana Point, 496-6146. Brunch and regular menu 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fig and Olive: 151 Newport Center, Newport Beach, 877-3005. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Chaparosa Grill: 30271 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, 363-9888. Special Menu 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Savannah: 32441 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, 493-7107. Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Red O: 143 Newport Center, Newport Beach, 718-0300. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Raya: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Monarch Beach, 240-2000. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Please make reservations immediately. One place I was going to list is already sold out. Bon appetite with that special Mom. —Carol Yocom

Travel Tidbits . . . Merry May Happy Travelers

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

Duty Free. If you enjoy shopping at the airport duty-free shops at the end of an international journey, there is good news. Due to a rule change by the TSA you can now tote home bigger bottles of duty-free liquid. You must purchase the larger bottles at the airport duty-free shops and have the bottles packaged in secure bags but they will be allowed to connect through to your United States destination.

Fly in Comfort. American Airlines has added a Boeing 777-300ER to its London-LA route and enhanced its Business Class service. Fliers can enjoy lie-flat seats with full aisle access, Wi-Fi, and enhanced beverage and meal offerings. Best of all they have a new self-service snack and beverage bar located between the First and Business Class cabins. A wide variety of desserts, beverages and snacks are presented in a contemporary lounge setting.

Hotels. Room service...is about to disappear? Despite the high cost of items purchased and delivered to your room in better hotels, the hotel is usually losing money. Services that are offered 24/7 require a full kitchen staff to prepare the items and a staff to deliver. Many hotels are considering ending that service.

Statistics. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Travel and Tourism office, 185.4 million passengers flew in and out of the United States in 2013, a four percent increase over 2012. When it comes to making travel plans, it's women who are setting the trends. The number of affluent travelers has risen in the past few years and the majority are women. A study conducted in 2013 surveyed 2500 leisure travelers. On average affluent travelers took five vacations during the 12 months and spent \$9,765 on travel during that time period.

TAKE NOTICE: *Something New.* We would love to share a picture of you on your travels. They will be on the inside back cover of the *Seashore News* which is in color. Take along a copy of the *Seashore News* and display it in your picture (a borrowed idea from other publications, but a fun one). Drop off at the office or e-mail your picture to Matt Northrop at MNorthrop@niguelshores.org. We look forward to seeing where you have been.



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

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Forrest Owen

April 2014

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He will be missed

Memorial Service in June in the ClubHouse. Date to be announced.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Hello! My name is Anthony Colapinto. I'm 16 years old and I live in the community of Niguel Shores on Hal-yard Drive. I am writing this today to talk about my activities, and to see if there are any like-minded individuals who would like to join me.

First and foremost, I am one who delivers the *Seashore News*, which means I may have put this very newsletter you're reading right in your mailbox! I started doing this back in January when I received an e-mail asking if anyone would like to deliver them. I only have to deliver them once a month, so I decided to go ahead and do it. When I started I was surprised that the man who was delivering before me was over 80 years old, and that the other newsletter deliverers were around that age or adults with full-time jobs. I'm surprisingly the only teen to deliver them. If you're willing to spend a few minutes each month to deliver the newsletters, you could help someone who is very old or busy to be able to retire from their position.

Secondly, I love to read and write. I love every kind of book, whether it's *Harry Potter* or *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I also love writing stories and have written a few short stories in my spare time. I feel like in this day and age I seldom find people who share these interests, let alone someone my age who shares these interests. So, if you're looking for a book to read, someone to bounce ideas off of for a story, or you just want to talk about your favorite book, I'm ready and willing.

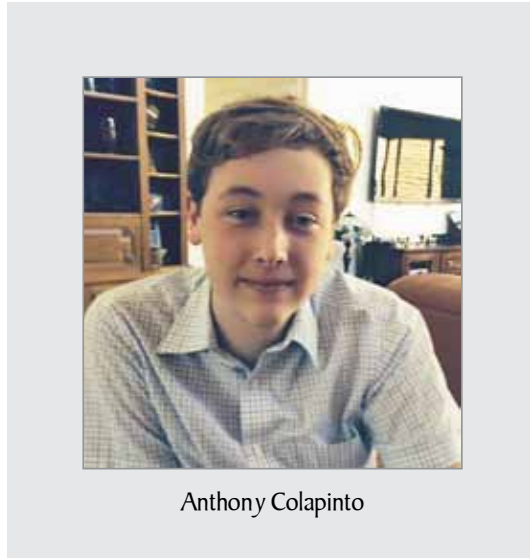
Thirdly, I love tennis. I've been on many different sport teams, including basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, swimming, really you name it and I've probably done it. However, I've never been able to find people to play tennis with. There are clubs I could join to play tennis somewhere else, but when we have these great tennis courts here in our very own neighborhood that seems like a waste. So, if you're looking for someone to play tennis with, or want to learn, I'd be more than happy to play with you.

Lastly, even though I deliver the newsletters, that's only one day a month. If you think I could assist with any other Niguel Shores activities, I would be glad to help. Whether you need an extra hand setting up a meeting or spreading awareness about your club, I'm happy to do whatever I can.

If you're interested in any of this, that's great! You can call me at (949) 573-7656 or e-mail me at ajcolapinto@gmail.com. If you're

looking to help deliver the newsletters, you can contact me or the office; they always need volunteers. Overall, I'm just looking to get the most I can out of this community and have a great time with my neighbors. Thank you for reading and have a great day, which of course you will have a great day considering we live in a community as amazing as this!

(Editor's Note: Anthony delivers 167 copies of the Seashore News every month—the most by far of all the volunteers.)



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NIGUEL SHORES IN 1981 REDUX

Follow up notes on the accompanying photo that was on page 1 of the April issue. Resident Jack Goffman sent me the following information about the photo:

“It looks like this photo was taken shortly after the re-grading to create a group of about 6 lots fronting on the cul-de-sac end of Breakers Isle and the slope descending to the beach behind the split level lot areas.

As I recall, this area was originally graded by the Laguna Niguel Corporation but was re-graded to correct an unstable condition that prevented house construction on the lots. I don't recall the specifics of the ground movement but I suspect it was either *creep* or a visible landslide involving the slope and perhaps the level portions of the lots. The grading in about 1979 consisted of (1) first drilling a series of holes behind and below the unstable areas and installing piping in these holes for subsequent circulation of refrigerant to temporarily strengthen the soil and rock behind and below the



Grading on Breakers Isle in 1981

soil and rock disturbed by the ground movement, (2) excavating and exporting and either storing or disposing of that material as needed to expose in-place soil or rock suitable to support a “buttress” fill, and (3) placement and compaction of that earth buttress and recreating the building lots at the top of the slope. I'm not positive, but this re-grading may have been done in conjunction with the original grading of the adjacent Ritz Carlton site. The project was done by Sukut Construction and I

believe that Leighton Consultants were the geotechnical engineers.

There is no doubt some magazine or newspaper articles describing the innovative freezing technology used during the grading operation.”

For anyone interested, search for “Soil Improvement (freezing)” where there is an explanation of the technology that Mr. Goffman describes. Also, Leighton Consultants has a website.

—Mary Crowl



Nashville recording artist/singer/songwriter Jon Troast performed a 75-minute set to a comfortably-packed house of Niguel Shores residents. The April 22 event was arranged by the Recreation Committee in the ClubHouse as a “living room concert” and was a great success with those attending.

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