

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

The remodel of the gatehouse and replacement of the pool deck are under way and so far are expected to be completed by mid-November.

The design for updating our Mariner Entry Monuments has been approved and will bring a fresh new look. As part of this renovation we will be updating each of our remaining vehicle entry gates to match color and material in order to add continuity and a pleasing look to all of our community entrances.

The turf reduction project has been submitted to South Coast Water for the rebate which will cover 80 per cent of the cost. This rebate, which had been 30 cents per square foot, is now \$2 per square foot and will not be available forever. There have been some objections to this project and we have listened to residents about their concerns. Residents that brought concerns over loss of turf that they used were heard and we adjusted the plan to keep turf in those areas.

Another complaint we have heard was the removal of trees. The board created a policy that any tree removal must

go through a process where homeowners that live in the areas near where the trees are to be removed would be notified.

The notice would give the reason for removal and remedy such as replacement with a new tree. Residents have the opportunity to challenge any tree removal and, in fact, we recently listened and decided not to remove some trees. Trees are not removed without thoughtful consideration.

Reasons to remove trees generally are that they unreasonably block views and trimming is not a reasonable option. We also must remove trees that cause excessive root damage to our sidewalks. Trees that are dying and are in danger of doing damage to homes are removed. There is no agenda to strip the community of its beautiful landscape which includes large areas of turf and great looking trees. Once the new landscape grows in you will see how the plantings enhance our community. We do welcome and encourage residents to bring their concerns to the Board as we do want community input into any and all projects.

—Bob Russell



Architect's rendering of proposed redesign of Mariner Gate Monuments. Landscaping is decorative and will differ in final plans.

NIGUEL SHORES

Roses are red, violets are blue, and succulents need less water too. Did I get your attention with my opening sentence? Good. Yes, many of our members of the Niguel Shores Garden Club grow beautiful roses and many grow beautiful violets, but all our members are cognizant of the drought we are experiencing in California so many of us have switched some of our gardening choices to succulents or cacti. They can be just as beautiful



Garden Club Officers: Left to Right—Jerry Koppang, President, Karl Kuhn, Treasurer, Irene Hopson, Former V.P., Laks Sehgal, SSN reporter, Carman Murphy, Hospitality, Gunjan Anand, V.P., Melanie Wilcox, Former Sec., Francine Stout, Sec., Chris Daley, Membership

GARDEN CLUB

when they bloom as traditional flowering plants. Hint. Hint. Some of us have reduced the size of our lawns, too (think turf reduction but no refund, darn it).

The Niguel Shores Garden Club has been in existence since 2001 when a Niguel Shores owner, Teri Sweeney, a landscape designer and arborist, gathered other interested residents to join in starting a Garden Club. As the Club grew, it became a member of the parent state

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Monuments: The Board approved the refurbishment of the monuments at each gate. This is going to finish up the front entrance at Mariner with an entire new monument look, new letters, new dolphin logo and planted pots along the center median with up-lighting. At every other gate there will be new letters, logos and planted pots to update the look.

As part of the refurbishment we will remove the existing letters, power wash, repair stucco, paint and install the new letters and logo. During this time please be aware that there may be a little time when there will be nothing on the monuments to get them beautiful and ready for the new letters.

New Staff Member: If you haven't already had the pleasure meeting our new receptionist, Blayke Miller, you should stop in and say 'hi'. Blayke comes to us with book-keeping and customer service experience. She is currently working on her degree in Human Resources. We are very excited about having her here with us!

Why do we need reserves? This month I thought I might provide some information that might be of interest to you regarding one of the financial components of our Association—reserves. Equipment and major components must be repaired or replaced from time to time. Generally, community associations prefer to plan and set aside funds over the life of the major components. The association puts a portion of your monthly assessment into the reserve accounts so when the component needs repair or replacement the funds are available. Reserve funds aren't an extra expense—they just spread out expenses more evenly. There are several important reasons why associations put monies into reserves each month:

- Reserve funds meet legal, fiduciary and professional requirements that may be required by 1) secondary mortgage markets, 2) state statutes, regulations or court decisions or 3) the community's governing documents.
- Reserve funds provide for major repairs and replacements that we know will be necessary at some point in time. Since this is a common element, every owner shares in this cost through their monthly contribution to the reserve fund.
- Reserve funds minimize the need for special assessments or borrowing.
- Reserve funds enhance resale values. Lenders and real estate agents are aware of the ramifications for new buyers if the reserves are inadequate. Many states require associations to disclose the amounts in their reserve funds to prospective buyers.

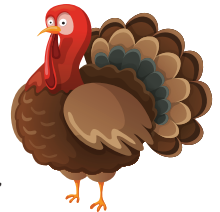
Niguel Shores has a healthy reserve fund which indicates that we will have adequate funding for needed repair and replacement during the current year.

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

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice." —Edward Sanford Martin

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM THE NIGUEL SHORES STAFF!

—Marla Miller



BLAYKE MILLER

Blayke is a California girl, born in Altadena where she attended a private Catholic school and then, when she was ten, moved to San Clemente. After graduating from San Clemente High School, Blayke attended Saddleback College to study Travel and Tourism and completed a one year internship at an agency in Mission Viejo. Finding that much more schooling was necessary and the work not what she hoped for, a new and more interesting job was available at an educational publishing company. There she was an event billing specialist and enjoyed the workshop events planned for teachers who came to learn better classroom engagement skills. However, as



New staff member
Blayke Miller

so often happens these days, a reorganization eliminated that job.

Blayke has family in Nice, France and has often visited there. During one long visit, she spent a month studying at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, but mostly goes sightseeing and spends time with the family.

Subsequently, after some interesting temporary work at a Home Owners Association, Blayke came to Niguel Shores where she is learning all the administrative responsibilities needed to help keep the office running smoothly. You will find her there smilingly answering your questions and helping with other requests. Welcome to Niguel Shores, Blayke, and we hope you enjoy lots of happy days here.

—Mary Crowl

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

OCTOBER 1, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2014
- Lien filings for two delinquent accounts
- Turf reduction proposal (as amended)
 - Tree removal on Gourami Bay
 - Spring 2015 Emeritus program
- Request for reimbursement for tire damage

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal of architectural disapproval
- Appeal of view preservation decision

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Entrance monuments
- Geotechnical slope evaluation
- Resident correspondence
- Manager's report

TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Tree removal on Cassandra Bay, Coral Bay, Marmara Bay, and Bothnia Bay

October 15, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2014
 - Dick Kichline and Steve Stewart as members of the Human Resource Committee
 - UPS Peak Season Storage
 - Monument proposal
 - Parking signage along Ports O'Call
- Workman's Compensation Insurance renewal
- General Liability, Property, D&O, Fidelity Bond and Umbrella Insurance coverage renewal

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Manager's report

TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Review of Covenant Running with the Land

OCTOBER 1, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2014

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Hearing for violation of Article IX, Section 8; Rule 6301; Rule 6305; Rule 6517
- Hearing for violations of Rule 6405; Rule 6501; Rule 6505

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

OCTOBER 15, 2014 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2014

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- (Hearing for violations of Article IX, Section 14 resolved prior to meeting)
- Hearing for violations of Rule 6405

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence

TABLED/CONTINUED: 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 5, 2014

California Garden Club, Inc. and the district Orange County Garden Club, Inc. organizations. There are 275 clubs in California. Our Club's objectives are in keeping with their objectives: Cultivate interest and education in all phases of gardening; Stimulate interest in civic beauty; Promote better horticulture practices and ways to prevent ocean pollution; and further the objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

As required by the parent organization, our Garden Club adopted by-laws in 2004. Article 1 of our by-laws states "The name of this non-profit organization shall be known as Niguel Shores Garden Club." Membership in this Garden Club is open to any resident of Niguel Shores and annual dues are required. Also required, as a member of the California Garden Club, Inc. and the Orange County Garden Club, Inc., part of those annual dues are paid to each of them. Joining these organizations is important because they, through their insurance umbrella policy, provide liability coverage (for an annual fee) for our club and also coverage for our governing body. Our governing body consists of an Executive Board, which is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, and *Seashore News* correspondent (obviously, the world class newsletter that you are now reading). Annual elections are held.

Our Garden Club chose to begin its fiscal year on July 1 but does not begin to meet for its first member meeting until September, after the hot, waterless summer (we gave up collecting rain water in barrels because it was a great place for rodents to hide). The Club prints a yearbook at

the beginning of each club year, which lists the membership roster, the monthly calendar of activities, the by-laws, the district meetings and the memoriam of past members. One of the most rewarding functions that this Club has is to give member donations to the Cleveland National Forest in memory of deceased club members. The Forestry Service plants tree seedlings in fire damaged areas, usually about 340 seedlings, in honor of those club members. Unfortunately, this year we honored five of our past members: Dick Johns, Don Beaver, Ian Ross, Gretchen Rask and Mary Williams. In fact our donations are part of a project called the Penny Pines Reforestation Program that is supported by all the California Garden Club chapters. As the new trees help the ground store precious rain water (in case you forgot, rain is wet drops that come down from the sky), protect against soil erosion, and add to the scenic beauty of the national forests.

Of course our activities are garden related. We have knowledgeable speakers who talk on various garden plants, garden designs, etc. We take tours of local garden venues such as Rogers Gardens, Huntington Gardens, or the flowering fields of Carlsbad, horticulture stores, etc. We throw in a few social gatherings throughout the year—a Christmas party, etc. In May of each year we have a plant sale in the Niguel Shores Community Center where we sell potted plants made by members, garden supplies, and donated plants from the local nurseries. Naturally, the State of California has to get its share of any of the profits from the sale, so we pay taxes.

—Karl Kuhn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Every month should be on our radar for Emergency Preparedness, and I wanted to give you a heads-up on a device one of our Niguel Shores neighbors brought to my attention this past week. We all know we are past due on "the big one" occurring in California, but unfortunately no one knows when, where, or how big it will be.

When a bigger earthquake happens you can be better prepared and protect your home and family with a simple device called an **Emergency Gas Earthquake Shutoff Valve**. How does this device work? There are several different kinds, but they all work about the same. Basically, during an Earthquake, the ground and your gas meter, along with pretty much everything else, shakes and moves. This movement causes the mechanical parts in the Shut Off Valve to trip and a spring closes the valve opening automatically

shutting off your gas flow and service. Additionally, an Excess Flow Valve is available to shut off service when a significant gas leak or overpressure surge occurs at a pipe of an appliance located beyond the point where the valve is installed. Both of these methods greatly prevent fire or explosion.

Some local jurisdictions in California have adopted ordinances requiring automatic gas shutoff devices at the time of building sale or during significant renovations. Both the American Red Cross and local gas companies recommend both of these valves be installed for safety by a qualified professional/plumber.

Something to consider as you evaluate your ongoing list of things to insure your home and family are **prepared** for emergency situations.

—Kent Wellbrock

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE

The definition of **Maintenance** is: The process of preserving and maintaining something and of keeping something in good condition.

The definition of **Improvement** is: The process that makes something better or is better than a previous something.

Niguel Shores is currently undertaking large projects utilizing both these nouns. We have a new Mariner Drive Gatehouse and now we are getting a much needed new pool deck surface. Beautiful, elegant, and tasteful pavers have been selected. Actual shells gathered from mother earth are mixed into each paver and then honed to expose the beauty of the seashells. The chosen color will blend with the surrounding buildings' colors and stonework and two different size pavers will lend interest to the overall surface.

Pool area maintenance repairs will also be performed and completed during the period of the pool deck renovation. The spa will be re-plastered, the current spa jet pump will be replaced, the pool LED lights will be replaced, pool light niches will be replaced, and the chlorinator for the pool and spa will be replaced. A required handicap chair lift will be installed at both the spa and at the shallow end of the pool.

During this renovation, the patio outside the ClubHouse and the bathrooms will be available for use and not closed.

As our property values continue to increase, our community leaders and staff continue to "maintain and improve" our amenities.

—Suzanne Enis

RECREATION

You will see below that November has two events you will want to mark on your calendar. Do not miss them!

December will bring the famous Tree Lighting to attend and hear the delight of everyone, especially the children, when the lights come on. We are so fortunate to have the tree donated again. Remember them as you go to buy your tree. See the ad, for Santa's Little Forest.

November, 6—Living Room Concert: 5:00 p.m. An evening with Maria Elena bringing you music all ages love. Enjoy the cocktail hour with light refreshments. Bring your own beverage.

November 15—Holiday Boutique: Noon to 4:00 p.m. Come see the variety of vendors with unique gifts to give for Christmas—convenient shopping in our own community.



December 7—Holiday Tree Lighting: Yes, it is time for the annual Tree Lighting event. Bring all the family to enjoy together this lovely ceremony.

The Recreation Committee is busy helping you with the coming Holidays.

—Carol Yocom

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Golf Carts or Neighborhood Electric Vehicles: This year has seen a marked increase in the number of these "golf carts" traveling about our neighborhood. Note: Virtually everyone in the Niguel Shores community operates what is technically a NEV (Neighborhood Electric Vehicle) which is **not a golf cart**. The law pertaining to driving a golf cart is far more restrictive.

Unfortunately, with the sudden increase of NEVs on our roads this summer, there was a significant increase in the number of obviously **underage and unlicensed drivers** of these vehicles. Our security personnel contacted quite a few of these unlicensed drivers and cautioned them that our rules require that they must have a driver's license to operate a NEV in our community. Almost all of them were cooperative and returned home without further incident. There were a few exceptions and they were dealt with administratively.

It became apparent that more than a few folks controlling NEVs are unfamiliar with some of the unique laws and rules pertaining to driving them. Here are a few bullet points that will hopefully clear any doubts.

- In our community both the vehicle code and our Rules and Regulations control and restrict the use of vehicles.
- Both the vehicle code and our Rules and Regulations require that the operator of a NEV have a valid driver's license.
- The driver of a NEV must be insured.
- All NEVs operating in our community must be registered in our office.
- An unlicensed operator of a NEV is normally not covered by your insurance policy.
- Should law enforcement personnel stop an unlicensed driver operating a NEV in our community, the driver is subject to receiving a citation as well as having the NEV impounded for a period of 30 days (22651 {P} Cal. V.C.).
- An underage unlicensed driver could have his/her privilege of earning a driver's license at age 16 delayed for months and even years. Yes, Juvenile Traffic Court can be tough.

—Tim Murphy

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As noted on our community website, www.niguelshores.org, you can find up-to-date detailed information about the gatehouse project and pool deck replacement.

Also, check out our website to see wonderful photos of the Halloween Parade and Party that took place on Sunday, October

26 and for lots of information on the upcoming Holiday Boutique, taking place in our ClubHouse on Saturday, November 15.

As usual, lots going on and lots of ways to participate and become involved in our community. Please use our website to help you access all of these opportunities. Enjoy!!

—Patti Staudenbauer

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club met on Monday the 20th. Our thanks to the hospitality committee for a great selection of snacks. Our guest speakers were Roberta Fox and Tony Glinskis. They educated us on how to maintain an orchid garden in the house. We are blessed with the ideal climate to grow orchids. Most of the common cultivated orchids are epiphytes and hence grow on trees, upside down, with the roots exposed to the air. They do best with indirect sunlight, with adequate moisture and plenty of air. The roots grow best under these circumstances. They grow best in bark, but coconut husk chips or hydroponic stones may be used instead. The most popular orchid for the indoors is the Phalaenopsis, considered the coffee table plant. It likes the same living conditions that we do.

Our next meeting is on November 17. At this meeting we will undertake the “Forget Me Not” project, something the Garden Club members have been generously donating their time and money to. We put together thirty packages that contain a variety of items that are useful for the homebound seniors during the Christmas season. This is done in coordination with the Dana Point Senior Center.

The Nigel Shores Garden Club approved a new project that will help maintain the small north garden at the Dana Point Library. Funding for this project has been approved by the

Friends of the Dana Point Library Board.

A group of members from the Niguel Shores Garden Club (Ann Strauss, Al and Grace Glatt and Barbara Berez) has completed the planting of the garden. The vegetation comprises pygmy palms, some ferns, grass and small shrubs with an irrigation system already in place. In addition to the current vegetation, mulching some areas with river pebbles and bark was done and small low maintenance shrubs and potted plants were introduced to add some color. This outdoor project will complement the great work being done indoors at the Library. It is an important part of our neighborhood. As a member of the Friends of the Library Board and Garden Club, Karla Sanders was appointed as liaison.

And finally, having just visited a pumpkin patch with our granddaughter, Maya, reminded me of the Chicago farmer whose pumpkin won a blue ribbon at the State Fair, that led him to exclaim “Oh my Gourd”.

—Lakshman Sehgal



Phalaenopsis Orchid—The Coffee Table Orchid

Clark, and their Kitchen Kommandos provided bountiful, tasty breakfasts... hardly any leftovers.

At the October 7 meeting, the President introduced five new members. Jack Christiansen announced that the Men's Club Oktoberfest was a roaring success, and we are already looking ahead to the second annual party in 2015.

The members heard from four speakers who were seeking public office...Robert Ming, Bill Brough, Alan Wickstrom and Harold Kaufman.

The Sunshine Committee, to everyone's relief, had no bad news to report.

The meeting held on October 21 featured guest speaker Lisa Bartlett, Mayor of Dana Point, and candidate for Member, OC Board of Supervisors. Among the topics she presented were the “plastic bag ban” which was recently passed by the State Legislature. However, because the City of Dana Point had already passed a more flexible ordinance, the City's law will prevail. Also, the Mayor presented current information about the La Plata extension, the redevelopment plans for Town Center, Doheny Village and Dana Point Harbor.

Members were reminded that because the ClubHouse will serve as polling place for the upcoming election on November 4, there will not be a Men's Club meeting on that date. The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 18.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club held its two regular meetings during October. Master Chefs, Jerry Koppang and Charlie

CLUBS

All male residents of the Shores are invited to join the Men's Club, which meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (with a couple of exceptions.) Come join us as our guest and join in some fellowship. In addition to holding several entertaining events each year, the Men's Club is proud to support a scholarship program for graduating senior students at Dana Hills High... and of course, the production of the memorable, world-famous Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast... give us a try!

Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be president... but they don't want them to become politicians in the process.
—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

—Morry Meadow

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club luncheon will take place at noon on Thursday, November 13 in the ClubHouse. Our speaker will be Polly Bowen of the Orange County Fire Authority who will tell us about the 2014 Firefighters' Spark of Love Toy Drive.

As part of the Orange County Toy Collaborative, which includes the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, OC fire stations collect and distribute approximately 300,000 toys annually to Orange County children who may otherwise go without during the holiday season. Please join our local firefighters in spreading holiday cheer



New Women's Club Members (left to right): Ginny Halbert, Lydia Reese, Kathy Newport & Terry Link

by bringing a **new, unwrapped toy or sports equipment** to the luncheon. Firefighters will be on hand to collect and transport your gifts.

To add to the fun, there will be prizes for members bringing the best toys in the following four categories: Cutest Toy, Best Toy for Imaginative Play, Best Toy for Active Play, and Best Toy for an Older Child (12 years & up). The winner in each category will receive a \$3 credit entitling her to free entrance at the next luncheon she attends. Winners will still be required to bring a salad if it is their turn to do so.

Lunch will be served at 12:30. Look for your e-mail invitation on Thursday, November 6, and please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9. If you are planning to attend, you will then be informed by email if it is your turn to bring a salad. The luncheon attendance fee is

\$3. Members are to bring a salad for 10 to 12 every other time they attend. Members bringing guests will be asked to pay \$5 for each guest but are not required to bring an extra salad.



At the October meeting of the Women's Club we had the opportunity to meet and greet eight of the nine candidates for Dana Point City Council. They answered questions read to them by Nancy Tinnes, which were sent in by the Club members. It was informative and helpful as we determine our choices for these three open offices in the upcoming election on November 4. **Don't forget to vote!**

For information on joining the Women's Club, please contact: Marian Kennedy at rgkmek@yahoo.com or Marilyn Pappas at mmppapas5@yahoo.com.

—Laurel Livesay/Gloria Weintraub

ACTIVITES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Group meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and we finish up at about 2:30 p.m. We always welcome new members to come and join our fun group. Please telephone Helen at 949-496-4230 and we will fill you in on all the details. Listed below are some of our recent winners:

September 24	Dorothy Horany, Lee Farrell and Margaret Brugger
October 1	Helen Campbell, Freida Baskin
October 8	Dorothy Horany and Lee Farrell
October 15	Pouri Fowzi, Judy Bates and Trudy Buck

—Helen Campbell

OREO BOOK CLUB

October's meeting of the Oreo Book Club was held at the home of Chafer and Phyllis Tezer on October 15. The group discussed the book *Strategic Vision*, written by Ziggy Brzezinski. The author's view is that America has lost its' trajectory as a leader in the world and, if it wants to recover that role, must first make internal changes to make us a more cohesive people, politically and financially. It was questioned as to why we need to play that "leadership" role at all. It was noted the foreign policy of the current administration tries to make foreign entanglements a United Nations affair or at least to engage nearby governments in any effort—be it Ebola or military adventures. The actions of Russia, China and Turkey were considered and evaluated within this context. The next meeting will be November 19 at the winning home of Lakshman Sehgal, where David Goldberg will lead us in a discussion of *Lawrence in Arabia*, by Scott Anderson.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Two of the Page Turners book clubs will be reading and discussing *A Christmas Memory*, written by Truman Capote on Monday, November 17 and Thursday, November 20.

Following is Amazon's review of the book: "Imagine a morning in late November.' Thus begins Capote's autobiographical story of a childhood spent living with relatives in rural Alabama, his friendship with his elderly cousin Sookie and the holiday tradition they shared during the years of the Great Depression."

This book seems like the perfect choice for our November meeting, an evocative, poignant and heartwarming holiday classic by a master of American prose.

For more information about Page Turners you can contact: Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net- 661-6267-Monday afternoon. Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net-496-9546-Thursday afternoon.

—Lisa Buchner

LIBRARY NEWS

My staff and I are thrilled to have returned home to Dana Point Library! The natural light from our new skylights along with the removal of a few book stacks is transforming! The space not only appears larger and brighter, but has an added versatility the library previously lacked. The multi-use aspect was put to test when we repurposed the main reading area into a meeting space where community members gathered to celebrate the Library's reopening

Annual Pre-Christmas Gift Book Event

*Presented by the
Dana Point Friends
of the Library
Dana Point Library,
Community Room*



Saturday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

There will be books, games, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, CD, Videos and Christmas Cards. All items will be at extremely reasonable prices.

Parents you may want to purchase multiple books for the children and read one each night before Christmas like an Advent Calendar.

Refreshments will be furnished.

**Contact for further Information: Karla Sanders,
949 496-8413, karlajoe@cox.net**

and acknowledge the generous *Friends of the Dana Point Library* for their donation that made the improvements possible. What a lovely celebration and a reminder of the fantastic community we have here in Dana Point.

As we move into fall some of us have a bit more time for reading and relaxation (although I am not one of them). With that in mind, do drop by the Library and pick up something to read or take some time to relax under the skylights and browse through a magazine. While here, have a peek at the patio that is now cared for by the wonderful Niguel Shores Garden Club!

The following is a list of programs and events for November, 2014.

Toddler and Preschool:

Toddler Storytime. Tuesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. (No Storytime on Tuesday November 11). This event is for children 18-35 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver. It is held in the Community Room, walk-ins welcome.

Preschool Storytime. Tuesdays, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (No Storytime on November 11). This event is for children 3 to 5 years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. It is held in the Community Room and we welcome walk-ins.

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Children of all ages:

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Program.

Continues through Saturday, November 15. Get your reading logs at the front desk for your opportunity to earn free kid's meals. This program is for children 4-12 years old. Children too young to read may participate if a parent or sibling reads with them.

PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers. Monday, November 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

Read to a Dog. Saturday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area. No pre-registration required. Walk-ins welcome.

—Susan Pina, Librarian

SPORTS

WOMEN'S GOLF

The game of the day, chosen by Captains M. E. Banks and Helena Keershen had a Halloween theme. Only four clubs were allowed, including putter. An orange ball was the team ball and had to be played by each person. The team that lost the ball had 5 strokes added to its score. The team that kept the orange ball could deduct 5 points from its score. No team returned with the orange ball, but team three won anyway. The winners were Val Mitchell, Linda

Ross, Marlene Lynch, and Barbara Brabeck. Marlene Lynch was big winner of the day, with longest drive, and closest to the pin on # 6 and #8. Val Mitchell had low gross with a 45.

Guests at lunch were Ruth Stahl, Joan Beyer, Ceacy Johns, and Chris Beaver. A hearty welcome to new golfers Mary Lou Shumsky, Joanne Blanchard, and Judy Jones.

Our Christmas luncheon is December 8 and has been arranged by Fran King at the Fountains. The cost is

\$25 and checks should be made out to Lee Sweeney. She will accept them at the November Funday.

Next Funday is Monday, November 10. Please call Captain Val Mitchell (582-8311) who promises a Thanksgiving game involving feathers. Should be fun. Also, she needs an Assistant.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? You can hit a two acre fairway 10 percent of the time and a two inch branch 90 percent of the time.

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Bothnia Bay is a bay of the Gulf of Bothnia, a northern inlet of the Baltic Sea between Sweden and Finland.

Brisbane Bay is named after Brisbane, a city on the Pacific Coast of Australia and capital of the state of Queensland. It, in turn, is named for Sir Thomas Brisbane, former governor of the state of New South Wales in Australia.

Colima Bay: Colima is a town in Mexico south of Guadalajara

Danzig Bay has the name of a gulf near Gdansk Poland.

Hobart Bay: Hobart is the capital city of the Australian island state of Tasmania that lies off the south coast of the Australian continent.

Faeroe Bay is named for the Faeroe Islands that lie northwest of the British Isles in the Atlantic Ocean. These islands are a possession of Denmark.

Ionian Bay: Ionia is the sea between the southern tip of Italy and Greece.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

John and Laurel Yocca

Every November our nation celebrates a special day honoring the veterans who have served our country as members of our armed forces in times of war. They may find themselves in the thick of battle, or perhaps stationed on a base far from combat but providing the logistical support for the men and women in harms way. There is an old saying in the military, “they also serve who only stand and wait”. Preparedness for any eventuality is the most important principal behind our country’s armed forces. This is a story of how the U.S. Air Force prepared one of your neighbors for training new pilots for fighting in the first Gulf War.

But first, some local history. John Yocca and his wife Laurel are each the child of parents who, in 1972, were original owners of homes in Niguel Shores. John’s father was part owner of Central Communications, a telephone call center business, in Riverside. Laura’s father worked as an educator for over 40 years at Saddleback College, eventually becoming dean of students. John and Laurel were 12 years old when their families moved here and soon found themselves enjoying our beach and our volleyball court near the old recreation center, where they met.

When they were both 15 years old (born 9 days apart!), and students at Dana Hills High they started going steady. Laurel was a cheerleader while John spent most of his after-class time helping his father at his business. After graduation from Dana Hills, John and Laurel both enrolled at UC Irvine. John also saw the opportunity to satisfy a longing to fly that he had had since early childhood. So, while working on his college degree, he managed to find time to go to John Wayne airport for flight training, eventually becoming a licensed pilot.

Upon graduation from UCI, and with pilot’s license in hand, he knocked on the door of an Air Force recruiter. In no time he was telling everyone how lucky he was to be an Air Force pilot. His unit was called “The Training Squad” because they were not only learning to fly F4 Phantom Jets but were also training to be teachers of future pilots. He was soon on his way to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near Goldsboro, North Carolina. After undergoing the extensive training program, he was honored with the official designation of “Distinguished Graduate”.

In 1985, John returned to California to marry Laurel and report to George Air Force Base in Victorville. The couple moved into a house near the base and John took up his duties with the 562d Tactical Fighter Training Squadron. Some of his best memories of that assignment were the two “Red Flag” simulated air combat exercises in which he took part at nearby Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

When Iraqi President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990, provoking the first Gulf War, John thought, “We are the best trained pilots, surely we will be sent into combat”. The rest of a training squad felt the same way, but the Air Force said, “No”. They considered the 562d the best training unit in the country and felt they were more valuable imparting their knowledge to a generation of new pilots.

When the Persian Gulf War ended in 42 days, John decided it was time to leave the Air Force and start saving money for a home in Niguel Shores. For the next 7 years, he worked as a pilot for American Airlines, until he finally

touched down and bought out his father’s business partner. Since then, John has been flying as a passenger like the rest of us.

In the meantime, Laurel and John had had three children: Kelly, their oldest, is now 26 years old and also a graduate of UCI with a degree in sociology. She works at the Ritz-Carlton in sales. Son Michael is 23 and a senior at Cal State Fullerton majoring in Kinesiology. Second son Andrew is a 21 year old junior at USC majoring in computer science.

While the children were growing up, Laurel volunteered at St. Edward The Confessor Catholic School at helping out as a “room mom”. As they grew older, she channeled her volunteer passion into the Dolphin Force Foundation, an independent, parent-run nonprofit organization supporting high-priority projects benefiting all students at Dana Hills High School.

Both Laurel’s service to the community and John’s service to the country are fortunately not unique among the residents of the Shores, and we salute all the selfless veterans and others who have given and continue to give in the interest of a safer and better world.

—Laurel Livesay



John and Laurel Yocca

Travel Tidbits . . .

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

Last month I commented on the size of Royal Caribbean's new ship that will carry 4,180 passengers. I think many of us find it hard to picture being on such a large ship while others think it sounds great, as there will be lots and lots of activities. With the number of ships available to choose from, it can be difficult to decide which you will enjoy most. The following guide might help. There are three categories of ships according to industry experts: **Mainstream... Premium... ..Luxury**

A **Mainstream Cruise** provides an experience similar to a resort stay. The ships are large and the activities plentiful. The ships hold 1,000 to 4,000 plus passengers and activities range from napkin folding to ice rinks and rock climbing walls. Some of the **Mainstream Cruise Lines** are Carnival, Disney, NCL and Royal Caribbean.

Premium Cruises offer many activities but with more upscale amenities and service and do not carry as many passengers. Food will be more gourmet and decor more

elegant and conservative. There will be plenty of activities and children are welcome but the activities will not be as extensive as mainstream cruises. **Premium Lines** include Celebrity, Princess, Holland America, and Oceania.

Luxury Cruises offer the utmost in personalized service, are smaller and often all cabins are suites or have balconies. Service is excellent and the amenities are high quality. Itineraries include more exotic and international destinations and cruise lengths are usually longer. Activities are fairly low key. Crystal, Regent, Seabourn and Silversea are Luxury Lines.

There is a cruise line for everyone. They are all fun in different ways. You will have the best time if you have chosen a line that fits your tastes.

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



Carol's Cuisine Corner

*Thanksgiving is feasting with the family as you enjoy the day. We have many restaurants that want to be a part of the family remembrance. Do not forget: **reservations are a must.** A note of interest, many of the restaurants told me one of their busiest evenings for dinner is the night before Thanksgiving. Again, remember those reservations.*

Jimmy's: 25001 Dana Point Harbor Dr. Dana Point, 388-8900. Hours: open at 6:00 a.m. for the Turkey Trot. Later in the day for lunch and dinner.

Savannah: 32442 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, 493-7107. Hours: Open 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

L'Hirondelle: 31631 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, 661-0425. Hours: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Bayside: 900 Bayside Dr. Newport Beach, 721-1222. Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gemmell's: 34471 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, 243-0063. Hours: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Hennessey's: 34111 La Plaza, Dana Point, 494-2743. Regular hours on Thanksgiving.

Cannons: 34344 Green Lantern, Dana Point, 496-6146. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chart House: 34442 Green Lantern, Dana Point, 493-1183. Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Five Crowns: 3801 E. Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar, 760-0331.

Ritz Carlton: 1 Ritz Carlton Dr. 240-2000. Hours: Buffet 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Raya seating 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Montage: 30801 S. Coast Hwy. Laguna beach, 715-6420. Hours: Loft Noon to 10:00 p.m. Studio 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Marriott: 25135 Park Lantern, Dana Point, 661-5000. Hours: A champagne buffet with entertainment 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

St Regis: 1 Monarch Beach, Dana Point, 234-3200. Hours: Stone Hill Tavern, a family feast Noon to 7:00 p.m. Motif Buffet 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Harbor House: 34157 Pacific Coast Highway, Dana Point, 496-9270. As always, open 24 hours.

Happy Thanksgiving and Bon Appetite. —Carol Yocom

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