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FROM THE HELM

Best wishes for 2015.

2014 was a very good year for Niguel Shores. We are fortunate to live in this beautiful location. At the end of 2013 we completed our Mariner Drive landscape renovation and despite the severe drought, the plantings have filled in and look great. The great events such as our 4th of July celebration and beach bluff concerts make our community very special. By the time this newsletter is delivered our gatehouse remodel and new pool decking will have been completed. These projects are a result of the great job of our office and maintenance staff who's dedication and commitment to Niguel Shores is very unique. What really separates us from other associations is the dedicated work of our committee members. These committees are staffed and run by volunteers. Without volunteers the many projects, activities and management of our community would be far different and cost much more. The Recreation committee along with the men's and women's clubs make the 4th of July celebration possible. The Communications committee create our monthly newsletter and update

the website. Traffic and Safety and Emergency Preparedness handles the challenge of keeping our community safe. The Architectural and View Preservation committees make sure homes and landscape meet our community standards. The Landscape committee works with our office staff and Harvest to keep our landscape beautiful and well maintained. The Maintenance committee works with our maintenance staff to make sure our infrastructure is well maintained. The Finance committee oversees the budget process and makes sure we are financially responsible. Volunteers are what makes our community the great place it is. We need new people to assure that the many things our committees do continue. As a committee member you get a better understanding of how our community works and can contribute to make it even better. You can check with the office and find what committees fit your available time and interests. I can assure you that being on a committee will be a great experience.

—Bob Russell

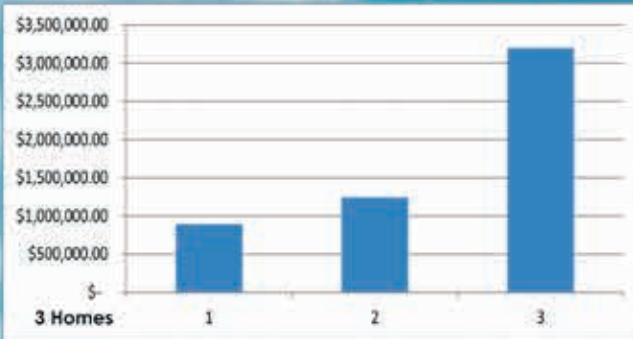
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2015—The Year of the Sheep/Goat, of a new Congress, of a new Dana Point City Council, and of a new *Seashore News* (SSN) Editor. These are the many new things to look forward to as we start a new year. As the new SSN Editor I inherited a task that is so well developed by the retiring Mary Crowl, and a Communications Committee that is like a well-oiled machine you will not see much change, if any, in your SSN. Our focus, as always, is to give Niguel Shores residents interesting articles about your N.S. community, about our city of Dana Point, and about interesting topics that you may not have thought about. By the way, if you were born in the year of the Sheep/Goat you are considered elegant, artistic, kind.

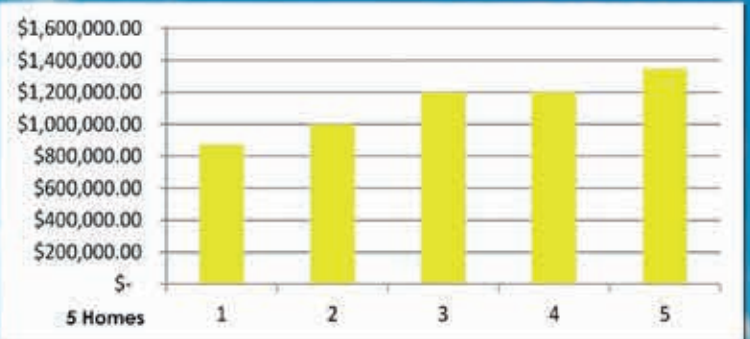
I am beginning my first issue as Editor with a suggestion that you join me with your family to look up and enjoy and learn about the night sky.



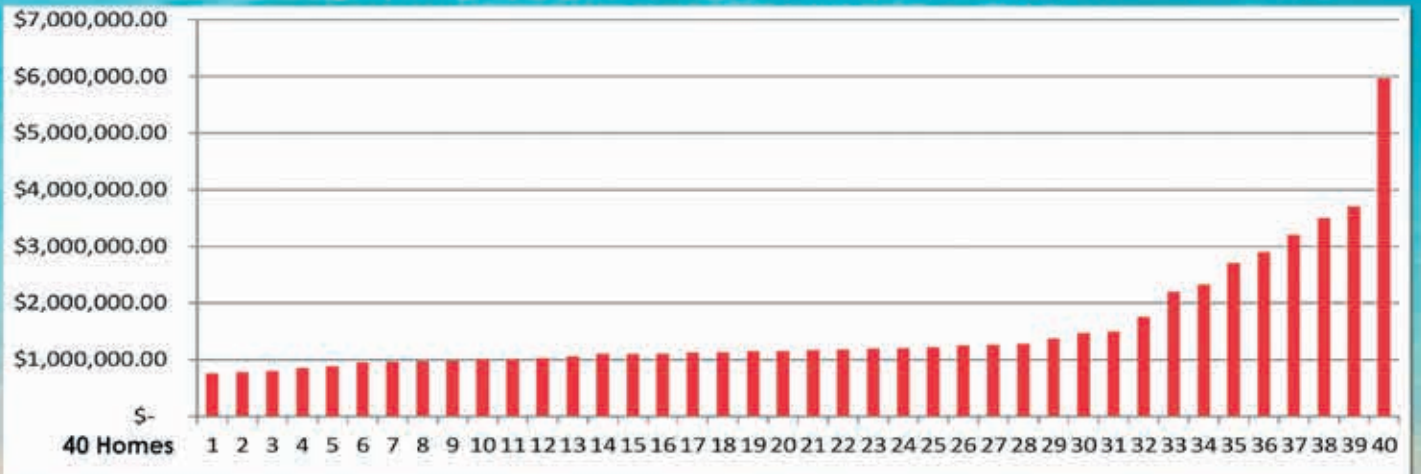
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Welcome 2015—As we enter into the New Year of 2015 some people look at the things they have accomplished (or still need to) during the past year. Others may use this holiday to think about all the things they hope to accomplish in the months ahead. The New Year brings new beginnings and resolutions. New Year's symbolizes different things for each of us, rebirth and renewal for some or for others a desire to be a better person. Many of you have probably thought about resolutions for all the things that you want to do or change in 2015. We are all part of the team that makes Niguel Shores such a wonderful community. Whether we are the Board of Directors, Committee Members, Homeowners or Management Staff, we all have a very important responsibility in making sure that our Community Association remains prosperous for years to come. This is by far one of the best communities I have had the opportunity to be a part of and for that I am truly grateful. I want to wish each and every person a very happy 2015 and look forward to my future here at Niguel Shores. I will work hard to meet the needs of the community and believe that together we can work toward a common goal of making sure that this community remains the best of the best.

What a perfect way to start my first article of the new year—by recognizing two important people for their work and dedication to Niguel Shores in 2014:

2014 Volunteer of the Year—We held the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on December 10th and it was a wonderful celebration with approximately 70 volunteers in attendance. At this event, the Board announced that Marilyn Moon was selected as Volunteer of the Year for 2014. Marilyn Moon is a longtime resident in Niguel Shores that has devoted herself to serving the community for most of her residency. Her dedication has been fundamental in making Niguel Shores a wonderful place to live.

Marilyn has served for numerous years and continues to



Marilyn Moon was selected as Volunteer of the Year for 2014.



Ray Rasmusso was selected as Employee of the Year for 2014.

serve on both the Recreation Committee and the Architectural Committee. She was elected to the NSCA Board of Directors and served as Board Secretary from 2006-2007 and as the 2nd Vice President from 2007-2008.

Congratulations to Marilyn.

2014 Employee of the Year—Each year at this time we recognize the Employee of the Year here at Niguel Shores. This year the 2014 Employee of the Year award was given to Ray Rasmusso of the Maintenance Department. Ray has been here at the community for almost a year and demonstrates a wonderful attitude and is quick to learn new tasks.

Ray gets the job done with precision and quality. Ray is polite, pleasant to work with and has a very positive attitude. Congratulations Ray Rasmusso.

Remote Guarding System—Along with the new gatehouse, there will be a new remote system in use from the hours of (approximately) 2:00 to 5:00 a.m. The gate attendant will be out on patrol throughout the community during these hours.

Visitors will use the provided “call box” at

the gate to speak directly with a Securitas remote gate access specialist who will gather all of the required information from the visitor such as their name and the address they are visiting. The Securitas remote gate access specialist will use the Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) camera to obtain visitor information—

vehicle details such as license plate numbers, vehicle numbers, trailer numbers and a face shot of all visitors. The Securitas remote gate access specialist will then match that information to an approved list that is provided by Dwelling Live for authorization. If the visitor is not on an authorized list, the gate attendant (out on patrol) will be contacted and return to the gate house immediately. If access is granted the gate attendant will be notified and will place a pass on the windshield of the visiting vehicle.

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DECEMBER 3, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2014
- 2015 Chairperson for Traffic & Safety Committee
- 2015 Holiday Schedule
- Nominating Committee
- Pool drains
- Harvest contract renewal
- Tree removal on Windjammer Drive
- Friends of the Library sponsored book kiosk

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Harvest Landscape

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Berkus Homes slope irrigation
- Registrar of Voters thank you letter
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Instructor Agreements
- Capstan Drive landscape proposal
- GMU Pavement drainage evaluation

DECEMBER 3, 2014 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes
from November 19, 2014

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

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, JANUARY 7, 2015

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Turf Reduction Update—The turf reduction refund was approved by South Coast Water District (SCWD) and the process to remove the turf and replant each area is under

way. The process for removing the turf is to kill the grass (this takes about two weeks), remove the dead grass and irrigation lines. Once the area is turf free, the plants will be placed, planted and then drip irrigation lines will be installed. If you are not sure what areas are part of the turf reduction plan, maps are available for review on the Niguel Shores website or you can contact me and I will happy to provide you with maps or answer any questions you may have regarding this process.

Christmas Tree Disposals—CR&R will pick up your Christmas tree on your regular scheduled day for trash service at no charge. You may leave it out on the curb from December 26 through January 18, 2015 or it can be put in the green waste can if it fits. The tree must be free of all ornaments, lights, etc. and should not be placed in a bag. If you have any additional questions you may contact CR&R at 877-728-0446.

Holiday Decorations—Please remember that all Holiday lighting and decorations must be removed by January 15, 2014.

Happy New Year to all from the Niguel Shores Staff

—Marla Miller

SEA TERRACE II ANNUAL MEETING

Sea Terrance II will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Niguel Shores' ClubHouse. In addition to regular business we will be holding elections to the Board.

Information regarding nominations and ballot instructions will come in your mail.

We invite you to come. This is a chance to meet your Board Members and answer any questions you might have.

—Joe Ross

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE

Behind The Gates

Our “gated community” has five different entrances. They include Mariner Drive, Selva, Cabrillo Isle, Manta and Garibaldi. Each of these entrances has two or three vehicle gates for ingress and egress as well as pedestrian gates. Each has its own “computer” (a DSX Controller) that stores our fob and barcode number to allow us access. There are two additional pedestrian gates that also have this controller to operate access—the Beach Bluff/Breakers Isle pedestrian gates and the Selva/Manta pedestrian gates. The maintenance on all of these gates is ongoing and monopolizes a great part of our maintenance staff’s time.

Just two recent examples:

On Nov. 11 the Selva gate DSX controller blew a fuse. The two pedestrian gates would not respond to a fob to unlock the magnet and the modem would not connect to the office to download barcodes and fobs. However, the barcode reader portion of the controller was working. The following day when a new DSX controller was installed to replace the old one, no fuse blew. Then on Nov. 20 the new controller blew a different fuse with all symptoms being the same. Finally on Nov. 24 a service technician found the short and the controller was fixed.

On the afternoon of Nov. 25 the Cabrillo Isle vehicle gate DSX controller failed necessitating a 33 hour closure. On Nov. 26 the short was found that caused the failure. In order to keep the gate open for traffic, it was decided to remove the DSX controller from the Selva pedestrian gate and install it at Cabrillo Isle. A new DSX controller then had to be purchased and installed at the Selva pedestrian gate.

Are you totally confused by now? This is the sort of thing George and his crew have to deal with all the time. The cost of a new DSX controller is about \$1,000.00 so George has ordered several refurbished ones for backup use at a cost of \$250.00 each.

—Suzanne Enis

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Committee has had a busy year with an average of 20 projects per meeting to review and provide homeowner assistance in getting association approval for their project. The committee meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Any project that needs approval must be submitted no later than the Monday prior to the scheduled meeting. Any project submitted after the Monday deadline will go on the following meeting agenda.

This past year has seen an increase in new homeowners that are not following the published rules and regulations of the association. I want to remind all homeowners that rule 3104 (modification restrictions) must be followed. Any external modification to a home must be association approved. This includes Structural changes, Landscape, Hardscape, Drainage must be submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval prior to any construction beginning. In many cases city of Dana Point will also require approval. Before a homeowner begins a project they should read the rules and regulations that apply to the project. Current copies of the rules and regulations are available in the association office.

—Jerry Koppang, Chairman

RECREATION

The Recreation Committee invites you to come to the Pot Luck on January 18. See the article by Irene McDonald for details about a nice evening with good food while you visit with your neighbors.

We do not have any events the rest of the month, so catch your breath from the busy last few months as you look forward to a great year 2015.

—Carol Yocom



Sunday, January 18

Niguel Shores ClubHouse

Social 6:00 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Happy New Year!!

We have not had a Potluck since last spring and we hope many of our old friends can join us for this event on Sunday evening, January 18th at 6pm. We would love to welcome some new friends to join our very friendly group. Potluck has been a tradition in Niguel Shores for many years. Let’s keep it going.

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

If you have attended Potluck before, you will receive an Email invitation. Please respond by Wednesday January 14 whether or not you are coming.

If you have never been to Potluck before, please come and join your friendly neighbors. Call Ann Christiansen 248-1962, or Irene McDonald 481-3035. We will be happy to take your reservation and answer any questions you may have.

—Irene McDonald

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

The Holiday Season is drawing to a quick close, and once “La Bafana” (who brings gifts to well behaved boys and girls from traditional Italian families) and the “Three Kings” or “Magi” (who give gifts to well behaved children hailing from traditional Spanish speaking regions) leaves our community on January 6th, the festivities are over. Hopefully, everyone will exercise close control over those children who received either an electric scotter or go-kart during this most happy season. These devices can be dangerous and should not be operated on the street.

The season seems to have brought out the worst in some drivers. Reported incidents of speeding increased significantly. Several people reported a black SUV traveling a very high rate of speed in several neighborhoods. Should you see recklessness driving as has been described, please just be a good witness, write down the license number, and report the matter to the police.

For whatever reason, for the third year in a row different people have expressed concern about the increased speed of cars traveling on Atlantic Ave. as it transitions into Windward Ave. I know that it is a sharp turn and we have to remember to slow down.

As a resolution for the New Year, lets resolve to give clear instructions to guests or service providers on how to enter our community. If you don't, their GPS will probably direct them to either the Selva or Cabrillo gates, and then out of frustration they may well try to tailgate their way in, only to have their tires flattened by spikes. Every month there are a lot of folks who fail to heed the signs and have to call tow services and buy new tires.

Another resolution that may save us money would be to remember to always lock our vehicles. Hopefully, we can as a community go for a year or more without anyone falling victim to the multitude of professional thieves out there who now only steal from unlocked trucks and cars.

Wishing you a happy new year and may God bless.

—Tim Murphy

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Happy New Year!! If you are interested in reading about what is happening in our vibrant community, please check out our community association's website, www.niguelshores.org. This month when you log on, you will see photos of the Recreation Committee's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, of our newly completed pool deck and get updates on when the gatehouse will be completed. You will also read about whom the NSCA committee's nominated and the Board voted on as our community Volunteer of the Year for 2014.

You will also read about our long time editor Mary Crowl and the sad fact that she is stepping down as editor and retiring from the *Seashore News*. As many of you know, Mary has been the driving force in creating our wonderful community newsletter and she will be sorely missed. Those of us, who worked with her, knew well the outstanding level of dedication and professionalism she brought to our publication. Longtime resident, Karl Kuhn, will be taking over as editor and the rest of our staff will work with Karl to continue to bring you the *Seashore News* every month. In the meantime, please keep reading and writing. My best to you and yours for the New Year.

—Patti Staudenbaur

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GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had its holiday party on the 15th of December.

Many members of the club provided a great variety of salads and desserts. Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers for setting up the tables in beautiful holiday colors. Everybody brought useful garden related gifts that were exchanged via raffle.

For our January 19 meeting we will have Gabriella Guidry, a

Landscape Designer, whose talk will be The best organic fertilizer—*How and Way to use compost tea*. Since I have been doing the Indian rain Dance to fight the drought, you may want to consider some indoor gardening.

All plants undergo photosynthesis, a process that absorbs carbon dioxide from the air and releases oxygen. NASA scientists have found that, in addition to carbon dioxide, plants can remove significant amounts of

toxic chemicals from the air.

Indoor plants will both beautify your house and clean the air. Here are some examples that you can check out at the neighborhood nursery: The Peace Lily, The Devil's Ivy, The Mother-Law's tongue, English Ivy, Lady Palm, Weeping Fig, Boston Fern, Dwarf date Palm, Areca Palm and the rubber Plant.

NASA recommends one house-plant per 100 square feet of space.

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Some houseplants can be toxic to animals, so check with your neighborhood nursery.

Finally, because of the rains, we will see a lot of worms so what do you call it when the world around you is taken over by worms? Global Worming!

—Lakshman Sehgal

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club was treated to their traditional Holiday Musicales by the Dana Hills High Choir, led by longtime Choir Master Ray Woods. Following a number of songs, both stirring and rousing, the Choir received a standing ovation, with exuberant applause. In attendance, joining a large turnout of members, were members' spouses and their significant others.

Without a doubt, being entertained by the DHHS Choir is one of the Men's Club's annual highlights!

Members were very saddened to learn of James Woodward's passing. Woody's dry wit, his feigned grouchiness, not to mention his expertise as a longtime Chief Cook for the Club will be missed by all.

At the December 16th meeting, the members were perked up by a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Bocarra. Dr. Bocarra has worked with a variety of competitive sports teams, including participants in the Olympic Games.

Dr. Bocarra, CEO of Wellness for Life, talked about the importance of good health, through proper diet and just plain "standing up tall." Proper posture (military style) promotes good health, both physical and mental. Members had a chance to practice standing erect, with their "booty" extended, walking and sitting the proper way...sluggards were nowhere to be seen during these exercises.



And in closing, may you be blessed with a happy, healthy New Year!

A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.
—George Bernard Shaw

—Morry Meadow

WOMEN'S CLUB

On January 8th, at 12:00 noon, we will have the privilege of having Berenika, from the Dana Point Symphony Orchestra at the Women's Club luncheon. We will have a private performance from one of the members of the Orchestra, along with Berenika giving us a history of the Dana Point Symphony and also information about the 2015 season. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to become acquainted with one of Dana Point's relatively new cultural events.

You will be able to meet Berenika during the social half hour between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m.. After the luncheon and short meeting, we will have our program. Berenika is an American concert pianist and has performed worldwide with orchestras too numerous to name here. A child prodigy, she performed as soloist with the Sault Symphony Orchestra at the age of 9. In addition to being the Artistic Director of the Dana Point Symphony Orchestra, she is also the director of the very active programs at Casa Romantica in San Clemente.

We will be holding a raffle at the luncheon for two sets of two tickets each for a performance of the Dana Point Symphony. The raffle tickets will cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You must be present to win. You will be able to buy either season or individual tickets to the Symphony after our meeting. Season tickets are \$60. Individual tickets are \$20 for adults or \$15 for seniors and students. There will be four concerts, one per month beginning in April.

Look for your e-mail invitation on Thursday, January 1st. Please answer by Sunday, January 4th. You will be notified by e-mail if it is your turn to bring a salad for 10-12 people. The luncheon



Dana Point Symphony Orchestra

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fee is \$3. Members bringing guests will be asked to pay \$5 for each guest and are not required to bring an extra salad.

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

com or Marilyn Pappas at mmpappas5@yahoo.com.

—Ginny Nevitt

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BRIDGE NEWS

Our first 2015 bridge game will be on January 15th and we are hoping for a good turnout. We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and are usually finished by 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call 496-4230 and we will be pleased to have you join us.

Our recent winners are:

November 19 Pouri Fowzi, Lee Farrell, Anne Gilbert

November 25 Jane Olson, Helen Campbell

December 3 Lee Farrell, Jeanne Bookai, Trudy Buck

December 17 Margaret Brugger, Dorothy Horany

—Helen Campbell

forces both biological and biblical. Her concept of family encompasses all living beings, however ephemeral, and Flight Behavior gracefully, urgently contributes to the dialogue of survival on this swiftly tilting planet"

—Mari Malcolm

For more information about Page Turners you may contact:

Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net- 661-6267—Monday afternoon

Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net- 496-9546—Thursday afternoon

—Lisa Buchner

DIPPY DOLPHINS UPDATES



Cynthia Carlson

The Dippy Dolphins dried off long enough on Friday, December 12 to have a delicious salad luncheon in the ClubHouse. Popular teacher/coach Cynthia Carlson, pictured above, was honored with a holiday gift to be spent on clothes which are not to be worn in the pool. The group was found working off the additional pounds the following Monday.

—Diane Hearne

WE HAVE A WINNER!

On the morning of November 27, 2014, Thanksgiving day, the 37 Annual Dana Point (D.P.) Turkey Trot, the Run *The Race Before You Stuff The Face* race, kicked off from the corner of Golden Lantern Street and Dana Point Harbor Drive in the D.P. Marina. Runners, male and female, from all over the state and some states began the 10 K, 5K Masters or 5 K Open trot. In the 5K Masters starters there were runners in Age Group starting at 40-44 all the way up to 99-99.



D.P. Turkey Trot but not Al

The route of the 5K Masters race took them across the bridge to the island, then to one end of the island and then to the other end and then back over the bridge and lastly to the Ocean Institute and back to the finish line at Golden Lantern Street.

In the Age Group 75-79 our very own Niguel Shores resident Al Glatt was competing. A long time runner Al was challenged by the idea of competing against others from around the state in his age group. As the title said, we have a winner because Al Glatt was the **winner** in his age group.

PAGE TURNERS

Two of the Page Turners book clubs will be reading and discussing *Flight Behavior*, written by Barbara Kingsolver. The dates of the meetings are Monday, January 26th and Thursday, January 29th. Please note, this month, January 29th falls on the 5th Thursday, we always meet the Thursday following the Monday group.

"Readers who bristle at politics made personal may be turned off by the strength of Kingsolver's convictions, but she never reduces her characters to mouthpieces, giving equal weight to climate science and human need, to

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Not only was he the winner, but the winner by 3 minutes over the second place runner. While I had hoped to find a picture of Al crossing the finish line the photographers were busy photography runners in costume. No matter, Al is still

our very own N.S. celebrity, and as a matter of fact had he been running in the Senior Olympics his Turkey Trot time would have earned him a fourth place finish—Bravo Al.

—Karl Kuhn

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

On December 9, 2014 we had our year-end putting championship followed by a great breakfast at Talega Golf Club. Many of our non-golfers look forward to this fun filled annual outing. Talega GC does a great job of setting up 9 challenging holes complete with sand and rock obstacles. After the putting championship we are treated to a great breakfast buffet and give the *Beige Jacket*, which goes to the Golfer of the Year. This year the *Beige Jacket* went to Jack Sweeney for his accomplishments on the course and his dedication to the Golf Club. (See Jack's picture on page 15.)



Rookie of the year award went to Pat O'Brien and Comeback of the year award went to Gary Katsuki. Pat made his debut this year and is a welcome addition to the golf group. Gary went on injured reserves this year but came back strong at the end of the year.

As for the Putting Championship contest 1st place went to the team of John Monson and Gary Katsuki.

Golf like life unexpectedly throws obstacles in your path.
A wise man once said; When life gives you lemons,
make a Vodka Tonic.

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

We ended the year on a fine note with our 22nd annual Christmas Tournament and luncheon on Dec. 8. A small group played golf but the size tripled for our gala luncheon at the Fountains, arranged by Joan Beyer and Ruthie Stahl. Residents Fran King and Jo Jackson greeted us. Some of the other former golfers with us were Margaret Brugger, Margaret Banerian and her guest Sally Goodwin, Chris Beaver, Ceacy Johns, Marge Foster. Also present were Rita Cox. and new members Mary Lou Shumsky and Joanne Blanchard. Three door prizes were won by Marge Foster, Terri Matrisch and a guest.

Winners of the golf tournament:

Low gross with a score of 46 . . . Pam Strayer
Low net was a tie of 32 Irene McDonald, Joanne Blanchard
Closest to the pin on #6 Pam Strayer
Closest to the pin on #8 Terri Matrisch
Longest drive on #9 Pam Strayer
Birdie Irene McDonald

Next FunDay will be Monday January 12. Golf Captains are Irene McDonald (481-3235) and Lee Sweeney (661-5924). Please call one of them to be added or to cancel.

Q. I'm ready to hit now, but there are still golfers on the green. What should I do?
A. Well, you can go ahead and shank it right now, or wait for the green to clear and then top the ball half way there.

—Liz Kelsch

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Carol's Cuisine Corner

A new year and this month after all the company and holiday celebration we want bargains. Here are some restaurants to help you when you eat out.

Iva Lees (Monday nights is 50% off all of menu) Hours 5pm to 9pm.
555 N. El Camino real, S.C.
248-4925

Luxe (Happy Hour all day Sunday and Monday plus early dinning menu 3-6 Every day) Hours 3pm to 10:30pm 24582 Del Prado, D.P.

Carlos (Tuesday Taco night and Wed. Lobster night) Hours 7am to 9pm. 34224 PCH, D.P. 496-4470

Sonny's (Monday is spaghetti and Wednesday Lasagna specials. Hours 11am to 9pm, 429 N. El Camino Real, S.C. 498-2540

Baskin Robbins (31 Flavors) (Months with 31 days, on 31st special for cones \$1.31) Hours 11am to 10pm, 33621 Del Obispo, D.P. 661-2870

Outback Steakhouse (Wednesday there is a special) Hours 4pm to 10pm. 25322 Cabot Rd., Hills, 829-0683

Savannah Chop House (Their special \$10 menu Monday to Friday) Hours 5pm to 9pm; 32441 Golden Lantern, L.N. 493-7107

IHOP (Wednesday is Seniors Day) Hours 7am to 10pm. 23810 Aliso Creek Rd., L.N. 360-0910

Souplantation (Monday through Thursday 1 to 5 is Senior Special) Hours 11am to 9pm, open Sun. at 9am, 831-6055

*Hope some of these are good bargains for you, plus enjoy the food and beverages.
Bon Appetite! —Carol Yocom*

Travel Tidbits . . .

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

I read this long ago. *May the winds of life fill your sails with wonderful opportunities and take you to the places where your heart wants to go.*

Of course this can be interpreted in many ways and, of course, I think of it in terms of travel.

Where Does Your Heart Want To Go?

Visit your childhood haunts?

Check out the neighborhood of your teen years?

Be amazed at the expansion of your alma mater?

Walk down the memory lane of your early-married years?

Or

Cruise the Caribbean?

Hike the Alps?

Tour the major cities of Asia?

Go on an African Safari?

Wherever your heart wants to go, plan now to make it happen in 2015.

These tour companies and cruise lines are just a few of the many companies that can provide just the experience you are seeking and the *Seashore News* readers would love to hear about your adventures. Lets make the 2015 Travel Tidbits a column written by twelve Niguel Shores travelers:

Abercrombie & Kent, African Travel, Apple Vacations, Backroads, Big Five, Brendan, CIE Tours, Classic, Contiki, Funjet, G Adventures, Gate!, GoGo, Gutsy Women, Isram,, Lindblad, Micato, Petrabax, SITA, Tauck, Travcoa Celebrity, Holland America, Princess, Crystal, Hurtigruten, Seabourn.



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mary Crowl

I have been lucky to be a part of the *Seashore News* Communication Committee over the past five years as a Meet Your Neighbor column writer. Mary Crowl has been editor during these years and it is my honor to write her story this month. She has decided to retire from the editor's job that she has so skillfully performed for eight years. She is also planning to retire from her position on the board of the Dana Point Historical Society that she has served so well for 15 years.

In 2008 she received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Niguel Shores Association Board. In 2009 our *Seashore News* received a Newsletter Award Certificate of Excellence from the Orange County Chapter of the CAI Regional Community Association. That award is pictured here and currently hangs in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Born Mary Morrissey in Paris, Illinois, her father, Herbert, was a surveyor and a farmer who built canals to distribute water to the family farm as well as others nearby. They grew corn and soybeans in the rich dark midwestern soil. The Depression was very

difficult for them as their family expanded with four sons in addition to Mary. Jobs were scarce and farming paid very little. Mary went to elementary, middle, and high schools in Illinois and Indiana. When it came time for college she started at a two-year school in Indiana. She transferred to the University of Illinois for her final two years and graduated with a degree in Management, although Economics was always her favorite subject.

She learned that Marshall Fields was opening their first store outside of the city of Chicago so she quickly applied and got a job as a Merchandise Engineer, planning spaces in the Children's Department.

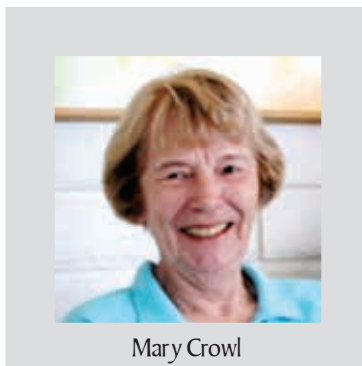
Mary had a bit of wanderlust and when she got the chance in 1953, took a job in Heidelberg, Germany as a secretary for four officers at a U.S. Army Headquarters. It was a job she liked because it gave her time to get out and sightsee in the beautiful surrounding towns and countryside.

Among the GI's attached to the headquarters were Joe Salmon and Frank Crowl and the two friends had both arranged to get administrative positions with the Encyclopedia Britannica stateside when their enlistments were up. Mary fell hard for Joe and he for her. Shortly after Joe and Frank had returned to the U.S. to begin their long careers with Britannica, Mary followed and she and Joe were married.

Fast-forward to 1974, and Joe and Mary are house hunting in Southern California, but not having any luck finding anything they like. Mary's sister hooked them up with a realtor named David Thompson. He shows them 5 model homes in a new community called Niguel Shores. Joe and Mary bought a townhouse on Marlinspike the same day.

Joe's job required a lot of travel, and the two only lived in their new home sporadically for the next 5 to 6 years until Joe was diagnosed with cancer. After he died in 1982, Mary took a job with Northwestern University in Chicago, where she worked for 8 years as Director in the Office of Development. She proudly told me that her daughter, Ann, graduated from Northwestern.

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During that time Mary renewed a friendship with Joe's old friend Frank Crowl, and the two were married in 1988. Frank was still working for Encyclopedia Britannica, and shortly thereafter his job took him, and Mary, back to Europe. Mary had to leave her job at Northwestern, but it was, after all, an assignment in Paris that lasted 10 years.

Upon their return from France, Frank and Mary moved into a home they had bought on Windlass, where they lived until Frank's death in 2009. Mary now lives in the completely remodeled townhouse on Marlinspike.

There's not enough space to list all of Mary's volunteer work, but over the years wherever she saw a need she jumped in to help. Thank you Mary, for letting me tell your story. We're glad you are still going to be our neighbor and our friend here in Niguel Shores. Enjoy your leisurely mornings reading the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*. You have earned that pleasure.

—Laurel Livesay

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In our hectic daily lives we sometimes missed the pleasures of spending a quiet moment just looking up at the night sky and marvel at its visible treasures. Wintertime is a wonderful time to star gaze because the darkness starts at a reasonable hour for the whole family to go outside, breathe the fresh sea air, and maybe be able to identify for your kids or grandkids or yourself, planets or constellations or just the swath of stars making up our galaxy, the Milky Way.

To help you enjoy the early evening night sky let me give you pointers in what to see in the month of January. Early in the month, on January 3, 30 minutes after sunset on a clear sky look to the west-southwest and you

should see brilliant planet Venus paired with lesser planet Mercury a short way above the horizon and higher up to the left of them shines a dimmer red planet Mars. Seven days later and 45 minutes after sunset the dancing pair will be very close together (about 1 degree apart). If you are an early riser you can see planet Saturn very close to the crescent moon 1 hour before sunrise looking south-southwest (warning – be prepared for the cold). Toward the end of the month planet Jupiter comes up 20 minutes after sunset and will be a rich and splendid sight. For those with a modest telescope look a Jupiter at dusk on January 23-24 to witness a rare attraction when three of the Galilean moons cast their tiny black shadows onto Jupiter's surface.

Planets are always fun to observe but you should also look for one of the most famous constellation in the winter sky. The constellation Orion, the Hunter, can be seen high up in the sky 1 hour after sunset from January 27-31, looking to the southeast. The red glow of the star Betelgeuse marks the shoulder of the rising Orion. The brightness of Orion's stars is accentuated by their placement together. Another pattern of stars is not a constellation but a well-known pattern used by seafaring people for centuries. Of course I am referring to the Big Dipper that you can see looking toward the north. Well, I've said enough. I hope you enjoy the night sky. I told you to expect the unusual.

—Karl Kuhn

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DEL PRADO STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We have all experienced the major street construction on Del Prado Street in Dana Point for the last 3 months. That work was performed by the South Coast Water District (SCWD) where they were installing new sewer lines and upgrading existing water lines. The project also included changing the entrance to Del Prado at Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) just past Blue Lantern to be the beginning of a two-way street that now ends a Rudy Lantern. This work was performed by the city that even put up the balloons at the entrance to Del Prado. The same sewer/water line upgrade work was finalized on Golden Lantern at the end of December.

Beginning on January 5, 2015 the city will begin Phase 2A work on the Del Prado Street Improvements, in the Lantern District (previously called the Town Center). This phase will complete Del Prado Street from Ruby Lantern down to Copper Lantern where Del Prado again meets PCH.

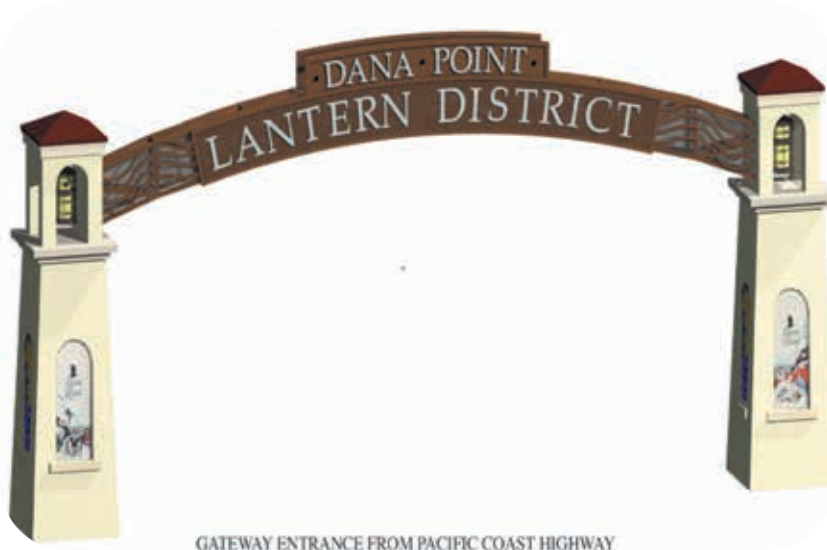
The city work, which will last until September 2015, will include the following: Replace Tipu trees with Date Palm and other trees; Construct landscaped center road medians; Rehabilitate street, curb and gutter (for parking on both sides); Remove/modify street lights and install new Victorian luminaries (color to match the Lantern street name); Remove traffic signals at Amber Lantern and Violet Lantern and replace with Stop signs; Re-stripe Del Prado for two-way traffic including added parking and bike lanes; Replace/add sidewalk and pedestrian ramps; Add directional and parking signage; Repaving the street afterward, to list the major work.

What to expect during construction: **Businesses** will remain open with parking in the rear (they would appreciate our continued support. Look for business coupons and special offers in the newspaper); Work hours are generally from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; Very limited night work; One lane going south will remain available as much as possible; Traffic control/possible delays, detours, greater alley use may occur; Temporary on-street parking,

sidewalk and bicycle lane restrictions. The end result will be a two-way street with one lane each way and parking on both side. There will be bulb-out sidewalks at many intersections. One last bit of change that you will see is a new Gateway arch over the entrance to Del Prado Street as you exit PCH onto Del Prado at the north end of the Lantern

District (see below) and a new sign to replace the current *Town Center* sign at Copper Lantern intersection as you drive north on PCH that will now identify the beginning of the *Lantern District*.

—Karl Kuhn



Biege Jacket Winner — Jack Sweeney



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