

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

The remodeling and refurbishment of our Mariner, Selva, Garibaldi and Manta gates are in the final phase and we can all look forward to the updated designs, new bronze lettering and updated lighting. The Mariner Gate is undergoing the most extensive work and plans are to have it completed in August. The other gates will receive a new stucco refurbishment and lettering to compliment the Mariner Gate.

Thanks to all owners who completed the Survey Monkey that was designed to provide the Association with more current detail as to *how* and *in what way* the Beach Bluff area is being utilized. I was very pleased and surprised by our large reply rate to the survey, obviously you all wanted to be heard! Out of the 960 owners in Niguel Shores, 338 responded via the email survey or a hard copy.

This is a high % of returned surveys benchmarking the average number in a marketing or service survey. The results of the survey were as follows:

- A. The majority of owners who responded were between 41-80 years of age.
- B. 77% of respondents have zero children in the home
- C. 36% of respondents have lived in Niguel Shores for less than 10 years
- D. 78% of respondents live full time in Niguel Shores
- E. The number 1 reason for use of the Beach Bluff was Sunset Viewing/Surf Watching, followed by a close second on Access to the Beach.

The overall survey indicated that the majority of respondents view the Beach Bluff as a passive, relaxing

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NIGUEL SHORES NEW MONUMENTS

As you enter Niguel Shores by way of Mariner Drive you can't help but notice the new community signage on the corners of Niguel Road and Mariner Drive that shows to the entire world who we are. Many communities, some gated, in the southland proudly proclaim in their entrance monuments their own special community. We have now done the same.

Our new, modern structures that we call Monuments are a perfect *representation* of the unique character of our community. It represents the special position Niguel Shores (N.S.) has within the city of Dana Point (D.P.). Specifically, we are the only community within the city (and state for that matter) that owns a bridge across Pacific Coast Highway (and definitely a bridge to somewhere), one of the few communities along the southern California coast that has its own

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Monument lettering unavailable at press time.



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Pool and Spa Activity:

Smile! You're on Candid Camera. While this expression may be a very memorable part of television history, it is also something that all residents and their guests must be aware of within Niguel Shores. There are cameras in many locations around the community, including around the pool and spa area. Now that summer is here some owners and/or their guests believe they are allowed to enter the pool and spa area after hours. The Community Center, including pool and spa areas, close at 9:30 p.m. and management will be sending violations to residents when you are observed on one of the many cameras located around this area or the patrol officer will call the police for trespassing. As activities in these areas are recorded, it is beneficial for owners to understand that any recorded extracurricular activities taking place after hours or any general lewd conduct will be submitted to local law enforcement for investigation.

Do Not Walk on Slopes:

It has been brought to our attention that in some areas slopes are being used as access in and out of back yards. This is not a good idea because it damages landscaping, opens up a perfect trail to your home for uninvited guests and damages the slope, which could cause an unwanted slope failure. If you need someone to have access to your back yard please make sure they are entering from your street and not the street on the slope side. If you are a home that is in the middle of three attached units try to work something out with your neighbor to obtain access through the back of the neighboring property. This is a better alternative and will avoid damage to the slopes.

Fabulous 4th of July Celebration:

Wow!! What a celebration and such a successful event due mostly to Nancy Tinnes. Let's all thank her so much as she organized and planned another wonderful 4th of July celebration for the entire community to enjoy. An event



Waiting for pancakes at the Independence Day Celebration

like this takes a lot of work and this wonderful lady makes it look so easy. Thank you again Nancy, everyone greatly appreciates your hard work. While Nancy is the leader and organizer, this event would not be successful without many outstanding volunteers working hard to make this happen, so a special thank you should be extended to our volunteers including the Recreation Committee, Men's and Women's Clubs. They all had a part in making this another memorable 4th of July Celebration. In addition, I would like to express a special thank you to Securitas, maintenance and office staff for the excellent job in providing services and support for this event.

Last, but definitely not least, we should all thank Suzanne Enis for organizing and judging the Sand Castle Contest and Gary Tinnes who volunteered his time and talents to take pictures of all of the activities throughout the 4th of July celebration. The photos are posted on the website for your enjoyment.

The 2015 Street Project will include the following areas: Berkus, Broadmoor, Sea Terrace I, Sea Terrace II, Shores Garden and the Villas. There will be 24 hour closures and some traffic inconvenience between September 14 and October 9. Watch for more details on the website and in the September *Seashores News*.

—Marla Miller

Pool Rules: Rule 5103

- Bathing suits required!!
- No food inside pool fence
- No animals inside pool fence
- Guests under the age of 18 must be with a resident over the age of 18
- FOB required for entry

Beach Bluff Rules: Rule 5109

- No charcoal or tabletop bbqs
- No skateboarding/scooters
- Guests must be attended by a resident at all times
- Guest parking in top tier only
- Do not leave unattended items on tables

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

JULY 1, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- Delinquency Report
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2015
- Resignation of Barbara Milner from the Recreation Committee
- Covenant Running with the Land related to Architectural Project
- Lien filings for two delinquent accounts
- Coach light fixtures and pole replacements
- Mercator slope SWPPP fee payment

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

- Appeal of View Preservation Decision (Rule 4112, Rule 4121)
- Appeal of Architectural Committee Condition of Approval
- Appeal of Architectural Committee Decision (Rule 3129)

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Tree recommendation
- Survey Monkey results
- Resident correspondence
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

JULY 1, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2015
- Revised settlement agreement
- Appointment of Director to address IDR

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Hearing held for violation of Rule 6405 Overnight Parking

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency reports

TABLED/CONTINUED: none

JULY 15, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (GENERAL SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2015
- Resignation of Judy Pasek from the Recreation Committee
- Appointment of Janelle Brown to the Recreation Committee
- Lien filing for one delinquent account
- Covenant Running with the Land related to Architectural Project
- Removal of tree from Common Area
- Mushroom light replacement schedule/material
- Reimbursement for damage to driveway

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Mercator slope geotechnical report
- Master Landscape Plan
- Manager's Report

TABLED/CONTINUED:

- Consulting Architect recommendation regarding matter pertaining to Rule 3129

JUNE 15, 2015 BOARD MEETING: (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2015

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS / MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Lien filing

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, AUGUST 5, 2015

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private, free beach parking and picnic areas (that's why surfers like to sneak into our community), and finally one of the first communities in D.P. to install recycled water irrigation systems for watering our community landscaping (leaders years ago made the right decision in light of today's drought). We also are unique because we are one of the few Homeowners Associations that is not managed by an outside company, but by an outstanding, dedicated supply of N. S. community volunteers and a small, efficient professional staff (a huge cost savings).

In any case you might think that getting our Mariner Drive monuments built is no big deal. Think again. It took many years and hundred of hours by our committees, our staff and our Board of Directors to get approval to proceed with construction.

Let me give you a brief history of what it took to finally be able to erect the Mariner Drive monuments. Before I begin with its history let me remind you, as

mentioned in our General Manager, Marla Miller's report in the July Seashore News (SSN), we have other monuments in the wings to also update, at the Manta and Garibaldi entrances.

You might say the beginning of modernizing our entrance monuments began with the Master Landscape Committee wanting to improve the landscape look of our Mariner Drive entrance. In considering proposals to update and enhance the attractiveness and beauty of Mariner Drive the committee thought modernizing the entrance monuments was also important.

The committee proposed to the Board of Directors beginning in 2011 their suggestion to modernize the Mariner Drive monuments during their recommendation to update the landscaping along Mariner Drive. No action was initiated for several years but the committee continued to suggest to the BOD their monument proposal. However, because the Mariner Drive landscape changes

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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2015

Once again our July 4th celebration was an overwhelming success! Our stalwart Niguel Shores Men's Club filled the kitchen with cooks, and prepared and served breakfast to more than 500 hungry pancake eaters. Red-shirted Club volunteers poured coffee and juice and bussed tables, keeping traffic flowing for 3 hours. Thanks to the men for a display of Teamwork at its best! (The nominal price recharges the Niguel Shores Men's Club annual scholarship fund.) After breakfast, the Young Marines color guard were ordered by Sergeant Major (ret.) James Harkins to hoist the colors of Old Glory and California Golden Bear Flag, to the accompaniment of our national anthem, and followed by our Pledge of Allegiance. Uncle Sam and Aunt Samantha were on-hand once again for photos, passing out sweets to all.

Hats-off to our local O.C. Fire Authority Engine Company 30 who are ever faithful in leading the patriot's parade. More than 600 residents and guests drove, rode, skated and marched through The Shores. Behind the engine, 63 decorated electric carts were followed by dozens of bikes, trikes, scooters, skateboards, strollers and wagons ... then throngs of pedestrians and many faithful canine friends. Red, white and blue sparkled throughout. Upon their return to our beautiful community center, our lovely Niguel Shores Women's Club was ready to serve them tasty hot-dog lunches with all the fixings at the poolside patio. Thanks ladies for a job well done.

Next was fun and games throughout the park: 3-legged and sack races, basketball, volleyball, swimming for all and tattoos for the youngsters and not-so-youngsters. Be sure to check out the community website for photos of our newly introduced tug-of-war game. The 4-year-olds showed some real determination, but their efforts seemed to always come to a draw! Then it was down to Strands Beach, where more than a hundred participants competed in the annual sand-sculpting contest. Those photos can also be found on the website.

DJ John showed up at the beach bluff park at 4:00 pm, spinning a fine music mix for all ages to keep things rocking for the next 4 hours. The barbecues were lit at 4:30, the coals were stoked, and more than 300 residents and guests enjoyed cooking and eating their dinners beachside. Fireworks at the harbor, Sea Terrace Park, ocean barges and even inland were visible from many locations around The Shores.

I want to thank all of our community volunteers who contribute their time and efforts annually to make the Fourth of July such a fabulous event in our great Niguel Shores neighborhood, creating wonderful memories year after year. And as always, my special final thanks to our maintenance staff, security staff, office staff and rec. committee ... we are blessed to have their outstanding support to make this, as it always is, an overwhelming success! Party on! In celebration,

—Nancy Tinnes

MAINTENANCE



"Florence Model"

After many months of meticulous research and study by Facilities Manager George Cooley, the Maintenance Committee obtained approval from the Board of Directors on July 1, 2015 for the NSCA Coach Light Replacement Project. This will include replacement of all coach light fixtures (i.e. street lights) and wooden coach light posts maintained by the Association.

There is a huge economic justification for approval of the project. Although the existing coach light fixtures use compact fluorescent light bulbs and are energy efficient, they require numerous man-hours of the maintenance staff to ensure they are clean and in good working condition. The new updated coach lights are sealed tight and will require less labor, allowing the maintenance staff more time to work on other projects for the community. The cost for this project will be taken from the reserve funds, a reserve expense account accumulated in previous fiscal years.

The project will be completed in four phases as follows:

- 1. Phase 1 – August 2015:** The order has been placed and installation is waiting to be scheduled. The tentative start date will be September 2015. This phase includes removal of eighty-nine (89) coach light posts to be replaced with a composite material, decorative base and 20" Florence model, top-mounted light fixtures from Evergreen Lighting. An evaluation and solution is to be determined on how to mount street signs to light poles on Ports O' Call. Two dog-waste stations that are currently attached to existing coach light posts will have to be re-installed or relocated with new posts and concrete. A geographical survey map of existing coach light post locations and the quantity of lamps per post will have to be performed prior to installation of the new poles. This will provide the contractor with the locations of all eighty-nine (89) poles.
- 2. Phase 2 – January 2016:** Removal and replacement of one-hundred (100) wall-mounted 18" Florence model light fixtures (with custom model back plates for street entrance pilasters) from Evergreen Lighting. Maintenance staff is to install.
- 3. Phase 3 – July 2016:** Removal and replacement of one-hundred and fifty (150) wall-mounted 25' Florence model light fixtures (with custom model back plates for home pilasters/walls) from Evergreen Lighting. Maintenance staff is to install.

- 4. Phase 4 – January 2017:** Continuation of Phase 3. The remaining one-hundred and forty-two (142) 25' Florence Model light fixtures will be installed by the Maintenance Staff.

—Karl Kuhn

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

YOU CAN'T (Shouldn't) MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

As a member of the Dana Point CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) I am delighted to announce our 8th annual 2015 City of Dana Point EMERGENCY EXPO on Saturday, August 22 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Dana Hills High School.

It is intended to provide the public an OPPORTUNITY to interact and learn about EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS on a small and large scale, as well as how their local, state and federal governments respond.

WOW! Check out this lineup of organizations that will be attending and providing displays, information and FREE GIVEAWAYS; The first 300 in attendance will be provided a red Ready OC bucket to collect a few personal EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS supplies including: emergency preparedness water packets, emergency food packets, emergency blankets and emergency light sticks.

Over 30 local, state and federal agencies will be participating including: Dana Point CERT, Orange County Sheriff's Dept., Orange County Fire Authority, California Highway Patrol, CARE Ambulance, CHOC Hospital, United States Coast Guard, FBI, US Border Patrol, National Guard and more.

OVER 50 VEHICLES will be on display: 5 Helicopters, fire trucks, SWAT, Harbor Patrol Boat, Bomb Squad, K9, HazMat AND, to keep you fueled during your visit, FOOD TRUCKS (The Cut Burgers, The Grilled Cheese Truck and Kona Ice will be there serving their goodies).

Bring your kids, grand kids, and friends and experience and learn not only who and how we are served and protected BUT how you can be BETTER PREPARED yourself. DON'T STOP reading now:

On Saturday, September 26, our own Niguel Shores EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE will sponsor another CPR/AED/FIRST AID class in the clubhouse from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. This valuable class can provide you with LIFE & DEATH training and is certified.

Cost is \$45.00. Please sign up at the Niguel Shores office and provide a check made out to Scott Lehnkering, our instructor. You may cancel up to a week prior to the class.

—Kent Wellbrock

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

Can you believe it is already August? The summer has gone fast. The Recreation Committee has kept you busy with many happenings. Look on the website for pictures of the past events and for future activities.

August 8, Movie Night in the clubhouse from 7-9pm. Watch for coming information.

August 15, End Of Summer Pool Party at the community center from 12-2pm. First ever End Of Summer Pool Party. Hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale at the event.

August 22, Concert at the bluff. Listen to **Last Call Crush**, 6-9pm. Tables may be reserved with the purchase of 10 tickets. Each ticket is \$10. Available in Office.

September 6, Labor Day celebration at the bluff, 5-8pm. Bring your food to put on the large BBQ, as you enjoy being with neighbors and friends. Our bluff is so special for all the community.

—Carol Yocom

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Despite reports of the illegal use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (Golf Carts) by underage operators and skate boarding violations, the summer has been relatively safe and orderly.

If you, or you know of someone, that has good common sense and wants to serve their community there is presently a spot available on the Traffic and Safety Committee. If interested, complete an application (available on the web site) and/or contact the office.

Be alert and God bless.

—Tim Murphy

SEASHORE NEWS

You may not believe this but this issue of the *Seashore News* (SSN) has now reached a significant journalistic milestone. Of course all former issues were in themselves a journalistic milestone in that they have been recognized for their excellence in the quality of their reporting. That recognition can be attributed to the dedication to quality and diligence that all prior editors have taken to give our community an outstanding newsletter.

So what milestone am I talking about? This issue will be the five hundredth (that is **500th**) issued. Look on the right side of the heading on the front cover and notice that I'm not pulling your leg.

You may have remembered that on the cover of the April 2013 issue of the *SSN* we mentioned the *SSN* was celebrating a 40th Anniversary. There even was a replica of the first issue of April 1973. Many enhancements have

been made to the newsletter since that first issue such as color pages, commercial advertising (many ads from members of our own community, that offset some of the cost to produce this newsletter), making the monthly event calendar and list of officers, staff and committee chairs an insert to be removed for ease of posting on the refrigerator, and many other changes. The newsletter has also changed with the times as our community demographics have changed.

Now that I have your attention I want to see if I may have tweaked your interest in possibly joining the Communication Committee and write for it. We have writers on the committee who have contributed many years of service to this newsletter. We would like to *invite you* to join us. It doesn't require a lot of time each month, many 4-5 hours. Please join and get a thrill in seeing your name in print.

—Karl Kuhn

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As I write this article, the month of July is quickly coming to an end, and our community is in full summer mode swing, we have celebrated together with a sold out In and Out Burger Night, a safe and fun 4th of July celebration and again at our Food Truck Night on July 25. I hope you have taken advantage of all of these fun events and kept up to date on times, ticket sales and other important info, by checking out our website, www.niguelshores.org. Details on this month's wonderful concert, Saturday, August 22 will be available on line very soon.

Our website, will also give you the latest community information and any other pool, tennis court or gate repairs or office closures.

If you have checked out the website recently, you have read some of your neighbor's comments about what an incredible job our maintenance and security staff has been doing during these busy summer months. It is certainly nice to know that people are willing to take the time to express their appreciation to those many individuals who work hard to make our community such a great place to live.

As you peruse this month's issue of the *Seashore News*, you will read a message from our editor, **Karl Kuhn** asking for any interested residents to step up and consider joining our Communications Committee. So many residents comment to us about how much they enjoy reading the *SSN*, however, due to retirements, relocations and other life changes we are in real need of new members to help us continue to publish this wonderful newsletter on a monthly basis.

Please consider joining us!! (kuhna@cox.net)

—Patti Staudenbaur

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

While the Garden Club does not meet during the months of July and August the officers of the club are working to select a schedule of meeting topics, speakers and garden tours for the new calendar year, September through next June. Thanks to our president, Jerry Koppang, his tireless efforts have in the past contributed many valuable suggestions for our club meetings. I am certainly not leaving out what all our past club presidents, whose group picture is shown here, have also worked hard to have interesting garden club meeting during their term in office.

When you read this garden club article in the August *Seashore News* and you have a sudden flash of an idea for a future garden club meeting agenda it will not be too late to let Jerry know if it can fit our new schedule. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next garden club meeting in September.

—Karl Kuhn

MEN'S CLUB

Editors Note: The following article was written by the new secretary of the Men's Club, Jerry Allen. While many members volunteer to help put on an interesting and delicious men's club meeting it is important to also continue the ladder of officers necessary to run the meeting. Thank you Jerry for stepping forward as the new secretary.

In our past few meetings the men's club has gained information about a diverse set of interesting (and possibly disturbing) subjects. Our



Garden Club Past Presidents Francine Stout, Linda Koppang, Jack Sweeney with Jerry Koppang

first foray was into the dark world of cybersecurity. We discussed the fast changing nature of cyber-economics, how that attracts the criminal element, and then we *broke the surface* on the subject of defensive things that we can do to reduce the risk of being hacked.

Our July 7 meeting opened with continuing smiles from the great July 4 celebrations as Club President, Billy Tally, read thank-you notes from recipients of our recent scholarships awards. We applauded the club's efforts and Roy Dohner's leadership for an outstanding July 4 Breakfast event where approximately 500 breakfasts were served and many fun memories were created for Niguel Shores residents and guests. We played to our core strength, making breakfast!

Our Vice President, CW Gruenig, introduced our guest speakers from the Dana Point Residents for Responsible Development: Steve Stewart, Rick Erkeneff, and Buck Hill. Mr. Hill gave a very interesting presentation that appealed to Dana Point residents to consider a petition for a ballot that would direct the City Council to follow the current Commercial Center

Plan and limit deviations related to developer concessions. Key criticisms of the Council actions involve: deficit spending (\$36M in 7 years), deviations from existing parking codes, and a move toward residential vs. commercial development.

After a very informative Q&A session we were promised that upcoming speakers would address alternate viewpoints.

Reminder to Club member who have signed up: The annual trip to the Del Mar Races is August 13. Bring cash.

Aug 4: Sam Ghasemi, Director of Hearing Aids Dept. for Costco (by member request)

Aug. 18: Carlos Vasquez, past candidate for U.S. Congress (he sent Sugar Ray Leonard Jr. and Manny Pacheco to speak to us in the recent past).

—Jerry Allen

WOMEN'S CLUB

On July 4 the Women's Club sold grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks at the Niguel Shores Clubhouse. Many thanks to Kathy Samuel and her family plus a committee of Women's Club members for making this happen. The group consisted of Barbara Boyd, Martha Burns, Tina Fornadley, Barbara Goffman, Lydia Reese and Ana Ryan. Thanks, ladies for stepping up and adding to a wonderful 4th of July Celebration here in the Shores.

At the end of July there was a joint meeting of the incoming and outgoing boards to plan for the upcoming year. What wonderful hardworking ladies! Stay tuned, as we have once again lots of wonderful events planned for the coming year!!

—Lisa Buchner

ACTIVITES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our Bridge Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Niguel Shores Clubhouse and we invite all interested residents to join us. We are playing with three tables and the substitutes are always able to join in the games as well. If you are a Bridge player and would like to join us, please call Helen at 949-496-4230. We would like to thank Margaret Brugger for coming down early to help set up the tables and we have welcomed Freida Baskin back from a trip to Nebraska, she is always such a live wire and we love having her here to play. Dorothy Horany is back now that she has recovered from the flu. We will miss Kay Wittmack, she is recuperating from a fall and has resigned but will always be welcome and is in our hearts.

Recent winners:

June 24 Sandy Youbullis, Joanie Donahue, Judy Bates

July 1 Jane Olson, Helen Campbell, Doris Deal

July 8 Jane Olson, Judy Bates, Doris Deal

July 15 Jeanne Bookai, Ruth Ay, Lee Farrell

—Helen Campbell

PAGE TURNERS

Books for 2015-2016

September: *Fingersmith* by Sarah Waters

October: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

November: *97 Orchard: An Edible History* by June Ziegler

January: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

February: *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee

March: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

April: *Hunting and Gathering* by Anna Gavalda

May: *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich

For information about PageTurners: Monday afternoons: Diane Hearne dhearne476@gmail.com Thursday afternoons: Lisa Buchner lisabuchner@cox.net

—Diane Hearne

OREO BOOK CLUB

We reviewed the book *One Summer 1927*, written by Bill Bryson. Mary Crawl hosted the meeting where we feasted on the new thin Oreos. All agreed that Bryson tells a good story and 1927 was an interesting year in America. The Lindberg flight, Babe Ruth's record home runs, the Sacco-Vancetti trial, Ponzi schemes, prohibition and crime were all wrapped up in that period, as well as marches by the KKK, anarchists and hysteria about them, immigration, the lynching of black people and the hold that small minded prejudices had on most people, characterized the era. The stupidity of Calvin Coolidge, the vanity of Herbert Hoover and the evil of

Senator Wheeler were covered. The womanizing of Lindberg (with many illegal children) and Babe Ruth (he liked them young, and old and everything in between) were mentioned. The next meeting will be at the home of Norton Schwartz on the third Wednesday in August and the book to be read and discussed is *The Sixth Extinction*, by Elizabeth Kolbert.

—Norton Schwartz

LIBRARY NEWS

The following is a list of programs and events for August 2015. All events held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins welcome.

Children All Ages: The following events are for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver.

Sunshine Readers Storytime. Tuesday, August 4 & 11, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join the National Charity League for energetic and entertaining stories for all ages and families.

Sunday Movie Matinee. Sunday, August 16, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Your children will love watching a different movie every month. Call the library for the current movie title.

PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers. Monday, August 31, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Your children will love the high energy and antics of the Sunshine Readers! The wearing of pajamas is encouraged but not required.

Children School Age:

Read to a Dog. Wednesday, August 5, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area. No pre-registration required.

Kid's Club. Thursday, August 13, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This event is for school age children ages 5 to 8. Join us for hands on activities and experiments.

Tween, Teen:

Teen Movie: Saturday, August 1, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Watch the movie you voted for in July.

Teen Time, Mondays, August 10, 17, 24, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Ages 12-17. Enjoy something different every week

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, August 3, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Teens, tell the library what you want. From books to programs, we want to know. Snacks will be provided.

Tween Scene: Thursday, August, 20, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tweens ages 9-12. Come for hands on experiments and projects.

Adults:

Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, August 7, 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Teatime Book Club, Monday, August 24, 10:30 a.m. for tea and book chats. Bring your favorite cup for tea.

—Karl Kuhn

MEN'S GOLF

On July 14 we had our monthly tournament at Tijeras Creek in Rancho Santa Margarita. The course was in great shape, the weather was perfect. The game was *Two Best Net of 4 Balls*. In this format the scoring is the sum of the two lowest net scores on each hole.



First Place Team: Dick Grabham, Nick Werneche, Mike Stively, and John Torok with a score of 121

Second Place Team: Roy Dohner, Mike Roberts, Bill Johnson,

and Don Duffer with a score of 122

Third Place Team: Bob Russell, Dave McFarland, Larry Jordan, and Kent Wellbrock with a score of 123

Fourth Place Team: Jack Sweeney, Boyd Van Ness, Pat O'Brien, and John Shaw with a score of 133

Closest to the Pin on hole # 5 Dave McFarland

Closest to the Pin on Hole #16 John Torok

Our next tournament is on August 11 at Arroyo Trabuco.

My uncle, who has golfed all his life, has his own definition of the word G.O.L.F. — Getting Old and Living Fine!

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

As the major league baseballers were playing their yearly all-star game, we were gathering our *all-stars* for our 27th annual memorial tournament honoring our friends who are together in Heaven cheering us on. At age 100 Fran King recently joined that group making their number 31.

Our game, arranged by Captains Judy Boitano and Joanne Blanchard, was regular golf with each of us playing our own individual game. It was a challenging and fun time.

The winners were:

Marlene Lynch and Val Mitchell, tied at 48.

After a card-off, the champion was Marlene Lynch

Other winners:

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| Longest drive on #9 | Kathy Aldrian |
| Closest to pin on #6 | Marlene Lynch |
| Closest to pin on #8 | Judy Boitano |
| Lowest putts – 16 | Mary Lou Shumsky |

After the tournament we met at the Fountains, arranged by Joan Beyer and Ruth Stahl at Jo Jackson's invitation. We had a very lovely luncheon toasting the winners. There were door prizes, and table prizes for all. We were joined by our social members, Ruth Stahl, Chris Beaver, Ceacy Johns, and Joan Beyer and several former members.

Next FunDay is Monday, August 10. Captains are Val Mitchell (582-8311) and India Rouse (248-1336). Please call one of them to be included or to cancel.

Did you know? Hazards attract; fairways repel.

Also: There are two things you can learn by stopping your swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have and which one is wearing the glove.

Heard on the course: *We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages.*

—Liz Kelsch, 661-5802

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asset to the Association and do not use it as an active, picnic or play time area. This result may be partly due to the majority of survey returns coming from adult homes with no children, or that most owners in Niguel Shores are happy with the current situation at the Beach Bluff and its use with their families and friends. The Board will continue to monitor activity at the Beach Bluff and will re-survey again in the future. With summer in full swing, the Association is experiencing many visitors and a good number of returning students home from universities. One thing they seem to have in common: more cars in Niguel Shores! Please ensure

your guests and returning to home students are registered and issued appropriate parking passes, if needed. Parking is very limited in the Association, and most homes are expected to use both the driveway and the garage for car and golf cart parking. If you have questions about the parking rules at Niguel Shores, do not hesitate to contact your friendly customer service staff for clarification.

If searching for activities in the month of August, do not forget the Recreation Committee events. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

—Jeannie Sticher



Carol's Cuisine Corner

Guests are still coming for the month to enjoy our area. Take them to see and have pleasure visiting some of the restaurants in our area.

Las Brisas, 36 Cliff Dr.
Laguna Beach. 497-5434,
Hours 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

Wind and Sea, 34699 Golden
Lantern, D.P. 496-6500,
Hours 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.

Proud Mary's, 34689 Golden
Lantern, D.P. Hours 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Waterman's Harbor,
34661 Golden Lantern, D.P.
764-3474, Hours, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Harbor Grill, 34499 Golden
Lantern, D.P. 240-2426,
Hours 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.

Salt Creek Grill, 32802 PCH, D.P.
661-7799, Hours 4–10 p.m.

Inka mamas, 821 Via Suerti,
San Clemente, 369-6262,
Hours 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

Driftwood, 619 Sleepy Hollow,
Laguna Beach. 715-7700,
Hours 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m, 3 p.m.–10 p.m.

180 Blu at Ritz Carlton, 1 Ritz
Carlton, 240-2000, Dining Lounge
Hours 12 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

South Coast Kitchen (New),
31105 Rancho Viejo, S.J.C.,
481-9596, Hours 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

Cannons, 34344 Street of Green
Lantern, D.P., 496-6146,
Hours 4:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Chart House,
34442 Green Lantern, D.P. 493-1183,
Hours 5 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

Enjoy that company and remember to make reservations. Bon Appetite! — Carol Yocom

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and then the Mariner gatehouse remodel projects were in full swing, the monument project was tabled by the BOD for several months. When our current General Manager, Marla Miller, was hired in August 2013 to replace the departing G.M. Deborah Baker she saw that the monument proposal was in limbo and brought the issue back to the BOD for discussion and resolution.

Another year went by as the various designs were discussed and changes requested. From June through September 2014 the BOD discussed the various options and finally in October 2014 approved the *design for updating our Mariner Entry Monuments*. An architect's rendering of the new monument was shown on the cover of the November 2014 SSN and posted on the N.S. web site. As one can now see the color and material selected matched the new gatehouse and also our clubhouse.

Now the next step was to (1) request approval by the City of D.P. and (2) request bids for the construction of the monuments from reputable local contractors. Sounds easy, right?

Going to the city for approval of any type of building, structure, or landscape changes is a daunting task.

Plans for the new monument were submitted to the D.P. Building department in January 2015. Their initial review resulted in their request for documentation on the existing monument *footing* (i.e. foundation). In order to comply with this request, it required finding the drawings and construction documents when the monuments were updated last which occurred in May 1999. Marla and Facilities Manager George Cooley spent many hours digging up what they could find about construction of the previous N.S. monuments.

After complying with the D.P. Building department request approval was received and bids for construction was lent. Three bids were received and the lowest bidder was our landscape contractor, Harvest. Lettering was awarded to Pacific Signs Center on Del Prado. They installed attractive metal letters which are much more durable than the previous plastic ones.

There you have all the details. We can all be proud of the results and that the new monuments will welcome our visitors for years to come.

—Karl Kuhn

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you were one of the 500 plus residents who enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast at our clubhouse on the **4th of July**, then you may already know this month's Meet Your Neighbor, Roy Dohner. Roy was the guy in the red shirt looking a bit stressed. Roy and his wife Janet have been supporting our community in numerous significant ways since moving here in 2000. The annual Pancake Breakfast is **Roy's Baby**. He recruits and oversees a staff of 50 volunteers to coordinate the feeding of 500 plus hungry and very happy residents every year. But wait, as I said earlier, Roy and Janet have been contributing in significant ways since purchasing their home on Brigantine back in 2000.

Here's the back up story. Roy and Janet met while attending college in San Diego. They spent many weekends walking the beautiful Strand Beach and visiting Janet's parents, Dick and Carla MacNair, who owned a mobile home in the community of Dana Strands. Then in 1972, Janet's parents purchased one of the first homes in brand new community built by AVCO Developers, **Niguel Shores**. The MacNairs loved their new home and had a *hunch* that property values were going to increase. They advised Roy and Janet, who had married and were then living in Chicago, to consider purchasing a home in the community as well. Janet and Roy took their very wise advice, and in 1975, purchased a home on Cassandra Bay, which they maintained as a rental property for many years.

In the 25 years that followed Roy and Janet began their careers, raised and relocated their family many times throughout the east coast. Janet graduated from college and taught kindergarten for Los Angeles City School District and Roy began his career with Mobile. As noted, Roy's position with Mobile involved many moves for the family; Janet gave up teaching and devoted herself to volunteering in her sons' schools, to help make each transition go as smoothly as possible. In addition, while living in Virginia, Janet volunteered at the White House in Washington, D.C. for eight years. After 25 years with Mobile, Roy accepted a position with Nortel, where he worked for an additional ten years before retiring. As Janet and Roy, and their sons, Jay and Troy, traveled across the east coast, they lived in many wonderful communities, making great friends and having very memorable experiences, however, always in the back of their minds, was the community of Niguel Shores and the fact that they really wanted to get back to California and live here full time. In 1999, both sons had relocated to Southern California, one at school at UC Santa Barbara and the other enjoying life in Manhattan Beach, while Janet's parents were still living on Perth Bay. Needless to say, the next decision, was an easy one, it was time to permanently relocate (for hopefully the last time!!) to Niguel Shores.



Roy and Janet Dohner and family

Once Janet and Roy arrived, they jumped right in and began contributing to the community. Initially, Janet joined the Recreation Committee and Roy joined the Maintenance Committee and continued to step up as the need arose. Roy was elected to the Board in 2007 and then became Board President in 2008. During his tenure, Roy was instrumental in completing the Niguel Shores office remodel, the Niguel Shores Clubhouse and the Beach Bluff Park expansion, as noted earlier, very significant contributions to our community. Presently, Roy is involved with the Men's Club and he runs the Men's Club golf program, which meets on Tuesday mornings and of course the annual pancake breakfast. If you are a golfer and interested in joining their group on Tuesday mornings, do not hesitate to contact Roy (roy@dohner.com) as they are always looking for players to join their group.

As Roy and Janet reflect on their time in Niguel Shores, they think back to Janet's parent's time here in the very early days of the Shores. They had a grand time, made many lifelong friends and contributed to the community wherever and whenever needed, so Roy and Janet's involvement in the community has very strong roots and I think Janet's parents would be proud.

The Dohner's still love the Niguel Shores community they came to know back in the 1970's. Now, what they enjoy the most is sharing their community with their sons' and their wives and of course, their five beautiful grandchildren. They have obviously seen many changes; lots more young families, lots of community enhancements to facilities as well as technology. However, what Janet and Roy like best is that Niguel Shores offers residents an opportunity to gather together, get to know one another and work together to create a very desirable lifestyle. By the way, if you happen to have missed this year's delicious pancake breakfast (I speak from personal experience), I have a hunch you'll see Roy in his red shirt, working and greeting the crowd to make sure all 500 plus breakfasts are hot and delicious next **4th of July**.

—Patti Staudenbaur

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