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Happy New Year!



FROM THE HELM

Tempus Fugit! Time flies..... and here we are in 2017!! I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We had a very good 2016 in Niguel Shores. Once again we close out the year well within our budget and maintaining a healthy surplus. As I noted in previous issues of this publication, but I think we all like hearing it again, there will be no HOA assessment or dues increase for 2017.

As we have noted so many times throughout the year, thank you to all of our volunteers in this community. It is because of the very hard work of this dedicated group's watchful eye that we are the financially sound, well-run community we are; having said that, we are always in need of fresh ideas and new faces on our community committees. If you have a flair for social activities, maybe the Recreation Committee would be a possibility, if you are interested in the maintenance

and upkeep of our community, check out our loyal group on the Maintenance Committee, the Communications Committee (Seashore News) needs writers, editors, collators and distributors to keep this publication going. These are just a few options, check with our office staff to see what might be a good fit for you and become involved. It will be an opportunity to see how the community works and to work together with neighbors to enhance your community.

Speaking of becoming involved, just when you thought *elections* were behind us, Niguel Shores will be gearing up for an election for Board of Directors in the spring of this year. There will be two positions open for election, so consider if you would like to serve on our Board, it is rewarding and informative.

Wishing you and yours all the best,

—Art Staudenbaur

WHO'S WATCHING?

Is Big Brother Watching You? The answer is No, but Niguel Shores does have some ability to monitor common areas and community assets. I am sure you are all thinking as you saw the header for this article that this story must be about our personnel at the Mariner Street entrance, namely Securitas Security Services. Yes, Securitas does an excellent job of controlling the flow of traffic into our community and monitoring the street parking conditions throughout and at the Beach Bluff. But we have another form of monitoring throughout our community. I



Pool Cameras

am referring to our video cameras that also protect our community by streaming video to monitors in our administration office and in the Mariner Gate House.

Why do we have these cameras? Unfortunately, in today's litigation environment Niguel Shores, as a homeowner's association, is subjected to justified and unjustified legal actions that requires us to be prepared to defend such actions, if our own

investigation confirms that we are not at fault. And believe me the surveillance cameras have stopped quite a few unfounded



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BOB GINO

HAPPY 2017

ENJOY THIS TIME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS



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WELCOME 2017 – As we enter into the New Year of 2017, you may look at the upcoming year and set a goal or a resolution, gather with loved ones and celebrate, go to a parade or enjoy some football, but whatever it is you do always remember the simple things in life are truly what are important. Together we can celebrate New Year's as a festival of rebirth and reflection and look forward to another great year here at Niguel Shores. I want to wish each and every person a very happy 2017 and look forward to the future of 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. So I will make a toast of appreciation to the Niguel Shores Community.

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 2016:

2016 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – We held the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on December 7th and it was a wonderful celebration with approximately 75 volunteers in attendance. At this event, the Board announced that Sue Kichline was selected as Volunteer of the Year for 2016. See the article written by Patti Staudenbaur (in this issue) for more information about Sue.

Congratulations to Sue!! And thank you for your dedication to the Community.

2016 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – Each year at this time we recognize the Employee of the Year here at Niguel Shores. This year the 2016 Employee of the Year award was given to George Cooley. George has been here at the community since 2004 and is an important part of the staff. George continues to get tasks done timely and often under budget. George demonstrates a wonderful attitude and can be found many times going above and beyond what is expected of him. For that we are all very thankful.

Congratulations George on a job well done and an honor well deserved.

CC&Rs, ARTICLES AND BYLAWS – We now have the CC&Rs, Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation on the Website and available for review. They are password protected to ensure that only members of the Association have the ability to review them. If you wish to look at them, please contact the office and we will be happy to provide you with a password.

...and Speaking of CC&Rs—VIEW CONCERNS VS. BEAUTIFUL TREES – When you purchased a home in Niguel Shores you purchased into a community with Governing Documents that must be enforced. If

complaints are received that views are being lost due to the mature size of trees in the community, there may come a time when these trees must be removed. We will try every effort not to remove trees, but in some situations we may be forced to remove a tree now and then. I understand that some owners feel as though they purchased a home with a view of a tree, but unfortunately the CC&Rs protect a view of the ocean and hillside over the view of a tree. Owners in the surrounding area will be notified if a tree is being considered for removal prior to the tree being cut down so that you have an opportunity to voice your concerns.

LANDSCAPERS ARE DOING THEIR JOB – We would kindly like to remind all residents not to question or give directions to Harvest landscaping crewmembers. They are on a schedule and interruptions by residents (even if it is only 5 or 10 minutes) adds up quickly. Time lost is money wasted. We also ask that you respect their lunch and break time. This is their personal time in which they need to rest, eat, use the restroom, etc. Remember that Harvest takes all direction from Management, so do not stop them from doing their job, but instead if you have questions or concerns direct them to the management office. We will make sure your concerns are handled appropriately.

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 15, 2017. The tree must be free of all ornaments, lights, not attached to a stand, not flocked and not placed in a bag. The tree cannot exceed 8' and if it does exceed this height limit, cut off the top and throw that in the green trash. If you have any additional questions you may contact CR&R at 877-728-0446.

RULE UPDATES – The updated rules were approved by the Board at the December meeting. These should be mailed out soon. Please review them and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the office. We will be happy to help you.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS – Please remember that all Holiday lighting and decorations must be removed by January 15, 2017.

*Happy New Year and
Cheers to All!*
FROM THE NIGUEL SHORES STAFF

—Marla Miller

requests for reimbursements for damages claimed against our association.

Where are the cameras positioned and for what purpose? Obviously, their first responsibility is to see if unauthorized cars are entering Niguel Shores. Therefore, cameras are mounted at all of our main community entrances: Mariner Drive, Selva (Picture) and Ritz Carlton Drive. Streaming videos are sent to the monitors where they are stored on DVDs. These cameras are on 24/7 every day. Many unauthorized vehicles have tried to enter tailgating an authorized vehicle with the resulting flat tires. In fact in the last year we have received around 15 claims



Selva Gate camera

for punctured tires which, when the videos were reviewed those claims were withdrawn.

There are additional surveillance cameras at the Beach Bluff and at the entrance to the Community Center and around the pool area. (Picture Pg. 1) Plans are under way to upgrade these cameras and in several cases that will allow the camera to swing left and right to cover a larger viewing area. In the pool area these cameras act

as a deterrent to mischievous acts or vandalisms. Now that you have seen how Niguel Shores helps all of us aren't you happy you choose to live in this great community? I am.

—Karl Kuhn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEASHORE NEWS

Are you a budding author or have experience in writing? Then we would like to invite you to join an exceptional group on the Communication Committee to help us put out an exceptional *Seashore News* monthly newsletter. If you are interested in giving back to our community then join us at our next Communication Committee meeting on January 6, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Office Building conference room.

In the past we have had a high school student write a column geared toward teenagers. Is it your turn? Now is your chance, join us to gain this valuable experience.

—Karl Kuhn

RECREATION

Congratulations are in order. The following streets were winners in the Niguel Shores Holiday Home Lighting Contest: Brisbane Bay, Capstan Drive, Cockleshell Drive, Colima Bay, Niguel Shores Drive, Manta Court, and Spinnaker Drive. We had over 40% participation in our community and Colima Bay was at 100% as all the homes had some sort of lights.

We want to thank all the homeowners for their time and effort in hanging holiday lights for all of us to enjoy. We hope everyone had the opportunity to cruise by the winning streets which would have filled their hearts with the spirit of Christmas.

—Karl Kuhn and Kathy Samuel



Street Lighting Award Bow

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 2017

Ready or not, 2017 has arrived, and we hope you closed out 2016 with wonderful and safe holiday celebrations with family and friends.

What about all of those resolutions dancing around in your heads? Exercise, diets, Honey-do's, etc. Why not add a few easy items that will help insure you are BETTER PREPARED to make your home safe & sound in the event of unforeseen emergencies or events.

If you are still in the process of taking down Christmas decorations make sure you use the same steps you followed in putting them up last month. You know the drill: take care with that ladder inside or outside the house taking down the lights, tree, extension cords, and discard the dry tree and wreaths carefully. DON'T burn them in the fireplace! Throw away any broken ornaments, frayed lights, and pack everything carefully 'cause it won't be long before we are doing it all over again.

What better time to install new batteries in you smoke alarms and flashlights. You might even check out the new models and replace the old with new technology.

Not a bad time to update your Emergency contact list of names, telephone #'s, documents, and home exit plans. Make sure the whole family is on the same page.

Wouldn't hurt to do a checklist on the family vehicles either: first aid kits, flashlights, and maintenance.

It might sound like a broken record, but update and replenish your earthquake supplies with new batteries, food, water, tools, etc. You would be surprised at how many resources are available offering ready-made kits and supplies already packaged and sealed.

NOTE: We haven't done very well with our last scheduled AED/CPR/FIRST AID classes. We all have things to do on Saturday mornings, but what's more important than being knowledgeable and certified in the event a family member and friend might need assistance in a life saving measure.

If you are interested in attending a class in the next 2 or 3 months in our own Recreation Center on a Saturday morning for 3 hours of professional training, just call or E-Mall Matt Northrop in the Niguel Shore office and we will monitor the interest and offer another class.

Please add the suggestions above to your EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOLUTIONS for 2017.

—Kent Wellbrock

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Maintenance Staff eliminates a Mysterious Water Leak on Niguel Shores Drive. Many who frequent the trip to the beach bluff parking may have noticed a small stream of water in the gutter starting in early spring of 2016. At first, all dismissed it as just *groundwater*. Some investigation revealed that the water was originating in the storm drain. Isn't water supposed to flow into storm drains not out of storm drains? Where was all this water (about a gallon per minute, 24 hours a day) coming from? Many calls to the water district and fire hydrant bureaucracies yielded little information.

After significant numbers of requests from our maintenance staff, the South Coast Water District agreed to use one of their remotely controlled robots to photograph the inside of the storm drains to find where the water was entering the storm drains. About the same time our maintenance staff noticed a wet area along the PCH, near our bridge that overpasses the highway. Finally, the SCWD used more sensitive sensors to find a leak in the pipes outside our water meters; therefore, the leak did not show up on their metered leak detection system. Slowly the water flowing from the storm drain decreased to a trickle and then stopped. A tough maintenance problem finally solved!

Lessons learned:

- Our community benefits greatly from a vigilant maintenance staff.
- Their ability to work with the local utilities and city staff is invaluable.
- Persistence pays off.

—Jerry Allen

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

With the festive season drawing to a close, it is the time to make resolutions for the upcoming year. With safety in mind, we would encourage everyone to consider driving habits. Perhaps because we are too familiar with the surroundings in our community, a lot of us are being a bit sloppy, and not coming to a complete stop at our stop signs. Stop sign violations have resulted in quite a few near collisions between vehicles. Along the same line, lack of focus can be attributed to way too many near collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians crossing the street at crosswalks.

The most flagrant violations, and corresponding near misses, are at the intersection of Niguel Shores Rd. and Mariner. Drivers traveling on Niguel Shores Rd. have to stop, and then proceed after yielding to other pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Incoming traffic from Mariner has the right of way over vehicles traveling on Niguel Shores, but they too have to yield to pedestrians crossing the street. I have seen, and received more than a few reports of several close calls of drivers simply not noticing people properly crossing the street in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.

—God Bless and be safe.....Tim Murphy

WWW.NIGUELSHORES.ORG

Happy New Year!! As we look back on 2016, we hope that we were able to keep you informed of the many events and issues that impact our vibrant community. The goal of our community website is to keep residents up to date on the issues, big and small here in Niguel Shores.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hopefully you took advantage of the website for that purpose. As we move forward into to 2017, we look forward to your comments, suggestions and reading your points of view on the website.

The website is just one facet of our association's Communication Committee. As you know, we publish and distribute our monthly newsletter, *The Seashore News*, and keep our website up to date, with the help of a **host of very dedicated volunteers**. This is most definitely

not an easy task, and the person responsible for spearheading this task every month is Karl Kuhn, with the help of administrative staff Matt Northrop and Marla Miller, he is somehow able to get it done and out to your homes every month. The Communications Committee thanks Karl and wants him to be aware of how much his leadership is appreciated.

Please continue to follow us at www.niguelshores.org.
—Happy New Year; Patti Staudenbauer

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WOMEN'S CLUB

“The purpose of this club shall be to promote friendship, fun and service in the community.”

~ From the Bylaws of the Niguel Shores Women's Club

Fun, friendship, and service were certainly present at our Women's Club events during the past year! In 2016, we not only met for lunch each month but also collected donations for the 5th Marines, supported the Dana Hills High School singers, enjoyed a fashion show, held a formal tea, toured splendid neighborhood homes, hosted numerous speakers from a wide variety of local cultural and civic organizations, honored our veterans, remembered special events in the lives of our members, offered care and concern to those in need, and ended with a splendid Holiday Party—all in the spirit of friendship, fun, and service.

Now, as we enter the New Year, we look forward to continued fellowship, starting with our luncheon meeting January 12 at noon, featuring an informative presentation and luxury prizes from our elegant neighbor, the Monarch Beach Resort.

Natalie Hudgens, Senior Sales Manager, will share the resort's outstanding amenities, upgrades, and VIP membership opportunities in her program, *Monarch Beach Resort: Discover Our New Beach House*.



Holiday Party Tree Trimming Team

During the luncheon, several lucky raffle ticket holders will win specialty gifts from the Monarch Beach Resort. These may include a lovely dinner, or a treatment at their world-class Miraval Spa, or a gift bag of Miraval products, or—who knows what other surprises! Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each, or six for \$5, with proceeds going toward support of Women's Club activities.

The Monarch Beach Resort is also offering an additional perk to Niguel Shores owners, residents, family, and friends: They will give a 30% discount on room reservations until February. Contact Natalie Hudgens for details at (949) 234-3827 or (949) 280-1730.

The Niguel Shores Women's Club wishes everyone a bright and fulfilling 2017!

—Sandy Homicz

CLUBS

MEN'S CLUB

On December 6, our program was part of a twenty-year tradition in which the Blue Lantern Vocal Group from Dana Hills High School, led by Ray Woods, thrilled us with songs of the season.

Our speakers on December 20 provided a very informative synopsis of the many issues associated with elder care. Mary Ellen Quinn, the owner of *Eldercare Laguna Niguel*, which provides home and elderly placement services, emphasized the importance of matching the care facility and the needs of the elderly person. In addition, Mary Ellen stressed using veteran's services where appropriate (Dana Point Community Center is an excellent resource to learn about these benefits).

Nancy Lacey and Bill Green accompanied Mary Ellen and shared their experiences of placing a parent in elder care. Both praised the benefits of having a professional help to be sure that the needs of the entire family are met during the placement process. Chris Gregory shared his personal experiences of being in 6 nursing homes (*some were excellent and some were hell*). Chris's key message was to *be prepared*. He urged all of us to write down what you want done for the future. This

writing should include your wishes concerning do-not-resuscitate instructions. Chris also highly recommended the O.C. Ombudsman services because they can be an advocate when the elderly are treated improperly, and when they have financial issues.

—Jerry Allen

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club Christmas Party was held on December 19. Members brought either a hardy salad, dessert, or an appetizer to share. A committee of members prepared the beautifully decorated tables with centerpieces made by Ann Strauss.

Members were asked, if they wanted to participate in a gift exchange, to bring a garden related, wrapped gift to be given out by names drawn from a bag. This fun activity always draws Oohh's and Aahh's as the gifts are opened.

The January meeting will be held on Monday, January 16 when club members will be encouraged to share garden related ideas, experiences, or similar topics. Also, sign-up will be taken for the Field trip in February to the Modjeska Canyon.

—Karl Kuhn

ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE NEWS

Our bridge group meets at the Niguel Shores Community Center every Wednesday at 11 am. If you interested in playing bridge with our group, please contact Mary Ann Theisen at (949) 489-9999.

Recent winners are:

Nov. 23: Frieda Baskin and Jim Pinola

Nov. 30: Ruth Ay, Lee Farrell and Judy Bates

Dec. 7: Joannie Donahue, Margaret Brugger, Frieda Baskin

—Mary Ann Theisen

AFTERNOON PAGETURNERS

The afternoon PageTurners' groups will meet January 23 and 26 to discuss Iris Murdoch's *The Sea, The Sea*.

The Sea, The Sea is a winner of the Booker Prize and is one of Murdoch's most affecting tales.

For more information about PageTurners:

Monday afternoons: Diane Hearne - dhearne476@gmail.com

Thursday afternoons: Lisa Buchner - lisabuchner@cox.net

—Diane Hearne

LIBRARY

The following is a list of programs and events for January 2017. All events held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins welcome.

Toddler and Preschool:

Toddler Storytime. Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Join us for a special musical storytime. Your child will enjoy singing and making music. This event is for children of all ages accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Stay and Play. Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. This event is for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime. Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. This event is for children 3-5 years old with a parent or caregiver.

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

Stories and a Snack Storytime: Saturday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Join us for stories and rhymes about cookies. Decorate a cookie (or two) after.

ACTIVITIES

Afternoon Storytime. Wednesday January 18, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This month will be gingerbread man theme with stories, songs and an activity after.

School's Out Celebration. Tuesday thru Thursday, January 3-5, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Families and children of all ages will learn how to create something on the computer and print out your 3-dimensional design.

PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers: Monday, January 30, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages with a parent. Wearing PJs is encouraged. A cookie and water is provided at the end.

Family Gaming. Wednesday, January 25, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Compete in traditional board games, and learn new video games.

Children School Age:

Read to a Dog. Wednesday, January 4, and Tuesday, January 17, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is for beginning readers and is held in the Children's Area. These special therapy dogs love listening to stories. Come and make a dog happy.

Craze 8's Club. Thursday, January 12, 19, 26, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This class is for



school age children, grades K-2. Enjoy different hands-on activities every month.

Tween, Teen:

Teen Scene. Thursday, January 19, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy different hands-on activities every month. Each class focuses on a different aspect of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.).

Teen Time. Monday, January 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teens 12-17. Participate in a different workshop every week.

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, January 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teens 12-17, tell us what you want from the library. From books to events, we want to know.

Adults

Adult Cooking Club, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring out your inner artist while surrounded by books and good company.

Seaside Book Club, Monday, January 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Find the perfect book for everyone on your list from children and teens to adults. You'll discover great recommendations.

—Karl Kuhn

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

December is the month we look back at all the great tournaments and courses we have played. Over the last 12 months our group has nearly doubled. The Niguel Shores Men's Golf group plays every Tuesday and we have had 20-24 players every week. We have a great rotation of course that are all 15-45 minutes from The Shores. This year we have played at Talega in San Clemente, San Juan Hills in San Juan Capistrano, Arroyo Trabuco in Mission Viejo, Tijeras Creek in Rancho Santa Margarita, Oak Creek in Irvine, and Monarch Link's right here in Dana Point.

On Dec 13th we had our annual end of season putting contest at Talega Golf Club followed by a great breakfast. This has been a great tradition where a challenging 9 hole putting course (we play it twice) is set up complete with sand and hazards. Great time for all with surprise

prizes for the winning team. We also announced our coveted "Player of the Year" award and presentation of the White Jacket that the Player of the Year get's to keep for the next 12 months. If that's not enough incentive to play the Player of the Year can have embroidered his schools name or name of his favorite sports team. We are really big time!

The winner this year is Morry Dohner. Morry had shoulder surgery last spring and after 2 months of recovery and rehab he hit the course and in a short period was back to playing at a very high level. Congratulations to Morry and we all can take comfort that he now has a jacket he can wear to any formal event.

In 2017 we will start our season at Talega followed by Oak Creek.

—Bob Russell

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR—VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Sue Kichline for Volunteer of Year

This month it is our pleasure to introduce you to the Niguel Shores Volunteer of the Year for 2016 Sue Kichline.

Each December, all of the committees in Niguel Shores nominate an individual who they feel has contributed significantly to our community. Obviously, there are lots of very deserving candidates, however, the Board has the task of deciding on just one individual and this year, Sue Kichline has been selected.

Sue was born and raised in Philadelphia. She graduated from Penn State with a degree in Accounting. During the time she attended Penn, she was one of only two females enrolled in the University's Accounting Department. She met her husband, Richard, at Penn and they both graduated and went on to work for the same accounting firm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Richard and Sue were married in 1967 and Richard's job required them to relocate eight times throughout their married life. They lived in many cities throughout the Midwest and eventually arrived in Redwood City up in northern California. Once they settled in California, there was no turning back, they decided that California was the place they wanted to settle and eventually retire. By 1979, Richard's job brought them to southern California, and they purchased a home in Los Alamitos. The Kichline's have one daughter, Lynn, who lives with her husband and twin daughters in San Jose. The girls are presently seniors in high school; it is obvious they are a great source of pride and love for Sue and her family.

As it turns out, Sue had an Uncle who had moved to a lovely coastal community in South Orange County, at that time, Niguel Shores was relatively unknown; however, Sue and her family fell in love with the community and actually ended up purchasing her uncle's home on Crossjack. Richard and Sue were part time residents here in Niguel Shores for a long time and eventually, in 2005 made Niguel Shores their full time residence.

Even though it was Richard's job that required the many moves, Sue was able to maintain her career as an accountant on a part time basis. She eventually built her part time career into her own accounting firm and worked full time in that business for many years.



Kichline & Bala Families

In 2006, shortly after Sue and Richard became full-time residents, Sue decided to become involved in the community. She chose the Finance Committee because she wanted to contribute in an area where she felt most comfortable, with her accounting degree and professional background the Niguel Shores Finance Committee was the perfect fit. In 2008, she was asked to join the Investment Committee as well.

In 2010, Sue's volunteer commitment took a detour and she decided to run for the Board of Directors. She served on the Board, as the CFO from 2010 to 2012. Presently, she has returned to her positions on both Investment and Finance and is Chair of the Finance Committee. She plans to continue her service on the Finance Committee and genuinely enjoys her work on that committee. Sue noted that she really appreciates the members and the work they do, stating that recently, new members have become involved and have really contributed to the hard work and expertise of the committee. As Chair of the Finance Committee, Sue also has an opportunity to work closely with our Community Control, Ivy Hsia, which is a real pleasure according to Sue.

What does this finance expert foresee for the future of Niguel Shores?? She feels we are financially very sound and she noted that there is a reason for that, community involvement. Sue stated that she thinks community involvement and volunteerism is the key to making this community a success on so many levels. *The more control the residents have, the more successful the community will be.*

Congratulations Sue, and thank you for all your efforts on the part of Niguel Shores.

—Kathryn Fitzmaurice, Patti Staudenbaur

GOLF HUMOR TO START THE NEW YEAR

The Pope met with his cardinals to discuss a proposal from the Prime Minister of Israel.

Your Holiness, said one of the cardinals, The Prime Minister wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths.

The Pope thought this was a good idea, but he had never played golf. *Do we have a cardinal who plays who can represent me?* he asked.

None that play well, the cardinal replied. But there is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is very devout. We can offer to make him a cardinal, then ask him to play as your personal representative. Besides showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll win the match.

Everyone agreed it was a good idea and the call was made. Of course, Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play.

The day after the match, Nicklaus came to the Vatican to report to the Pope. *I have some good news and some bad news, your Holiness, the golfer told the Pope.*

Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus.

I don't like to brag, but even though I've played some great golf in my life, this was the best I've ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons accurate and purposeful, and my putting perfect. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous.

And there's bad news? asked the Pope.

Yes, Nicklaus sighed. *I lost by three strokes to Rabbi Woods.*

—Bob Russell

Wellness . . .

It's here! The New Year, 2017, is here! 2016 flew by, with all its ups and downs and in-betweens, and now it's time to once again celebrate the opportunity to create a fresh, new start in our lives! Actually every day, every moment is an opportunity to turn our individual and collective views toward the future with thoughts of improving this journey we call **Life**. Still, I don't know exactly what it is...the start of a brand, New Year...it just *really* seems to pack a lot of momentum, and can truly empower people to step it up and get going!

Perhaps one of the reasons January energizes us so much, is because it follows the Holiday Season, otherwise known as the season of eating, drinking, increased stress, skipping the exercise, etc. etc. After throwing too much caution to the wind, for far too many weeks, we're good and ready to get back to a normal routine. We want to lose the holiday weight we gained (maybe more!), eat healthy, exercise, take a closer look at how we spend our time, and perhaps, with whom we spend it. However, the change we're most often seeking this time of the year, is the change that's closest to our hearts...you guessed it...our health. It's the foundation upon which all else is built.

With that being said, if you've made the decision that this is the year to change your health for the better, consider taking some time to ask yourself why this is important to you. By yourself with a journal in



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Sharon Stewart RN, Certified Health Coach

hand, write down those thoughts. Next, use those reasons to **paint a picture** of what you want your life to look like...write that down too...vividly describe it, and keep it as a reminder. Revisiting your **why** is especially valuable when you've had a rough day and your motivation is waning. Reviewing it empowers you to stay on course. After you've established your **why**, the **how** to do it comes next. You can do all the **how to** steps and lose weight or whatever, but if your **why** is missing, your health journey will be rudderless and without direction. I mean, there's a good chance that you'll reach your goals, but without that **why**, that intrinsic motivation, the odds of sustaining your new health, long term, drop dramatically.

Creating long term physical health, requires taking a close look at eating habits, weight, physical activity, sleep, and relaxation, just to name a few. However, in order for our healthy body to thrive, it needs the support of a healthy mind, as well. The health of our relationships, our work life, purpose, even hobbies and just having some plain old fun impact our bodies in so many ways. If you're interested, I have a great self-assessment tool that I'm happy to email you...let me know if you'd like one...no strings attached!! You can establish where you are now, and use it again in the future to see how you've changed. I use it myself! Let's make 2017 the year of lifestyle changes, and adopt healthy habits that we can use to sustain our new found health for good! Let's shake off the dust and start the year anew... together! Health & Happiness!

NIGUEL SHORES MARKET UPDATE

Current Trends –

- **Seven Properties Available**- from \$1,395,000 to \$5,499,000
- Average Days on Market 62
- **One Property under contract** – \$1,890,000
- Average days on market 42

Recent Sales – *

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|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| • 24126 Gourami Bay | \$1,025,000 | • 33391 Periwinkle | \$1,590,000 |
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- ▶ **January 13, 1990** — Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the first African American governor in the U.S. as he took the oath of office in Richmond.
- ▶ **January 17, 1773** — The ship *Resolution*, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.
- ▶ **January 21, 1976** — The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service with flights from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro, cruising at twice the speed of sound (Mach 2) at an altitude up to 60,000 feet.
- ▶ **January 23, 1907** — Charles Curtis of Kansas became the first person of Native American ancestry to service in the U.S. Senate. He later served as vice president under President Herbert Hoover from 1923-33.
- ▶ **January 25, 1959** — An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, traveling from California to New York.
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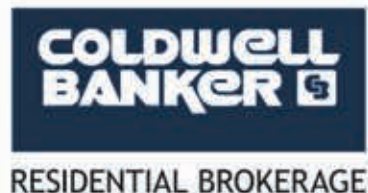
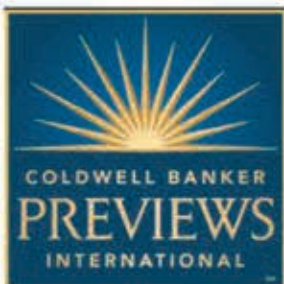
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During the next week the office, via email to all N.S. homeowners, made efforts to locate the dog's owner. Failing to find the owner an email was sent to find a homeowner to rescue the dog. During this week Blayke continued to care for the dog in the office and at her home. Finally, a homeowner who already has two dogs came forward and took this cute little dog, which adapted quickly to his new home and canine companions. A story with a happy ending, appropriate for this time of the year.

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