

# Seashore News



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## FROM THE HELM

Well here we are in February, and while the rest of the country is in the throes of winter we here in Southern California are enjoying a bit of winter ourselves...it is finally raining. Here in Niguel Shores, the rain has been good to us so far. Good not only for our green belts and vegetation, but also for our water budget.

As always, we are seeking new members for our committees to keep our community running smoothly and efficiently. One of our most important committees, the Communication Committee, which is responsible for this publication, the *Seashore News* is at a crossroad. Without new writers for our newsletter we may either need to discontinue this publication entirely or change the newsletter to a quarterly publication. You will read more about this situation in the GM report, however, I would ask any of you with an interest or willingness, to consider volunteering for this committee by contacting our Niguel Shores Office, believe me, they will be happy to hear from you!!

### Projects...

This year we will complete the coach light project, which was delayed due to change in design and construction with the manufacturer. The Cabrillo slope will be completed soon; there have been delays with permits and the city not being able to accommodate inspections. Fortunately, there have not been any flooding related issues. It is also our hope that with the 2016 budget surplus, we will be able to move forward with the remaining slopes on the master landscape project earlier than scheduled.

The beach revetment project is progressing, albeit slowly, with needed sign-off by the necessary government agencies, which is almost always a slow process.

Other good things, the days are getting longer and we can actually look forward to longer evenings with those fantastic sunsets at the Bluff again very soon.

—Art Staudenbaur

## CELEBRATING THE *SEASHORE NEWS*

Early this spring the publishing of the monthly *Seashore News* will be starting its 44th year of writing interesting community and local news for this special community. To be specific the first issue was in April 1973. Notice the number on the right side on this page, just under the logo masthead (more on the logo masthead later in this story), number 518. That number represents the total number of issues up to this issue that have been delivered (by volunteers) to every home in Niguel Shores and even sent to absentee homeowners living in other locations. Please

join me in thanking those volunteers for that job, which goes mostly un-noticed.

If you were here to get that first issue you would have seen eight pages of 7 x 8½ inch sheets with news on construction of the new pool and community center, then called the Sea Terrace Recreation Club, appeals to join in sports or help with

the newsletter, drawings and some jokes. More interesting was the fact that the issue was typed up by a homeowner and printed in the community office. The force behind the start of the first issue was a couple who lived in N.S.



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HIGHEST SALES PRICE

\$5,049,000

30 # OF HOMES SOLD

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,837,450

87 AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET

MEDIAN SALES PRICE

\$1,515,000



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## SEASHORE NEWSLETTER

Did you realize that the first issue of the *Seashore News* was published April 1973? This is the 518th publication and has been coming to you for 43 years. Amazing – Right?

Do you enjoy reading the *Seashore Newsletter* each month? Do you want to see it continue? If you answered Yes to these questions, we need your help. Our current editor is Karl Kuhn and he has announced that he will no longer be able to continue as the editor after the April issue. Although we understand his reasons, we are very sad to see him go. We desperately need someone from the community to step up immediately and take on this role. It is a very fun opportunity to write a few articles and/or find someone else to write them. As I said, if you enjoy getting and reading the *Seashore Newsletter* and wish to continue, you may want to consider taking on a new volunteer role.

## SMILE! YOU'RE ON OUR VIDEO CAMERAS

Last month Karl wrote about the communities' cameras and provided many of the locations. I just want to follow up and remind all residents that you and your guests need to be aware that there are cameras in many locations around Niguel Shores. They are generally located around the pool and spa area, office parking lot, gate entrances, beach bluff, along the bridge, at the gatehouse and in the office. In addition to the cameras some have audio recording that can be provided to the Board, as needed. These have helped protect our community in many situations and, if needed, can be turned over to local law enforcement.

## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION — CALL FOR CANDIDATES

It is time to begin preparing for the Annual Meeting and the annual election of Board members. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. This year the terms of Directors Suzanne Enis and Art Staudenbaur are concluding, so there are two (2) positions open for election. The term of office is two years and meetings are currently held once per month. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a candidate, the first step is to complete the Nomination Form (Call for Candidates) that is included in this issue and return it to the NSCA Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Do you recognize what a wonderful community you live in? Are you committed to keeping Niguel Shores the wonderful community that it is and even making it better? If so, please consider running for a position on the Board and ask yourself this question:

## What makes a good Board member?

Board members must pay attention and be willing to make hard and often times unpopular, decisions. When owners agree to serve on the Board they accept the responsibilities that go along with the position. There is a serious commitment to time and to being accountable to the Association. Board members act on behalf of the whole community and members who do not have that vision can end up being the Association's worst nightmare. Boards must be able to take a step back and see the "big picture", not just what is important at that particular moment in time. They have to be ready to make the tough decisions and to support the decisions of the majority of the board after the votes are taken. Some of the key traits of successful, productive boards are:

- Good Board Members have read their governing documents.
- Good Board Members are prepared for the board meetings.
- Good Board Members are professional in their dealings at all times.
- Good Board Members act in good faith and do not promote personal agendas.
- Good Board Members keep confidential information confidential.
- Good Board Members welcome and participate in education and training.
- Good Board Members think before they act.
- Good Board Members set overall policy and let management and staff implement those policies.
- Good Board Members constantly seek ways to improve effectiveness.
- Good Board Members are fair and consistent and don't selectively enforce.
- Good Board Members understand the value of professionals and listen to them.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you will find to volunteer your time. If you are interested in running for the board or would like more details about the responsibilities of a board member, please contact me at [mmiller@niguelshores.org](mailto:mmiller@niguelshores.org) or contact a current board member.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The management office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day. In the event that you need immediate assistance during the time when the office is closed, please contact the patrol service at the gatehouse for direction.

 *Wishing All Of You A Very*   
*Happy Valentines Day from the Niguel Shores Staff*  
—Marla Miller



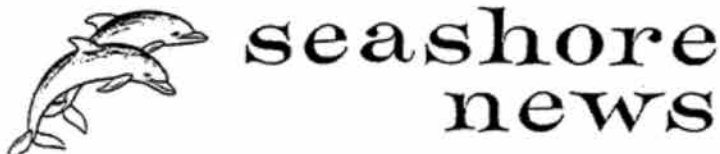
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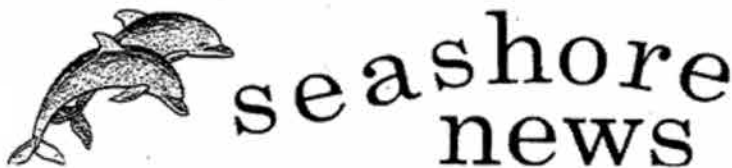
1970s – Young and innocent they were...



1980's – Fat and happy following the sails...



1980s-90s – Found a friend.



2000 – New font and speckled blue dolphins



2003 – Sleek and mod and blue and white.



Looks like the “From the Helm” evolved a bit, too. This was the one used in the first issue in April 1973 with a message from then President, Robert Baugh

and felt that a newsletter was valuable to inform the residents of our community government and of the actions of the developer. The topics shown in that first issue were: *From the Helm* by the association president, *On Deck* by the Recreation Director (a staff member), *Port's of Call* about civic affairs and *Ahoy Neighbors* to publicize social events—all those articles are still here but not in such nautical terms. The Board paid for these first issues until advertising was initiated many years later.

All of those previous issues first were discussed and eagerly prepared by the volunteers on the earlier Communications Committee. That dedication of volunteer service continues to this day. The previous editors and writers laid out the professional reporting criteria that we follow today.

Obviously, during that stretch of SSN issues there have been changes in format and layout as dictated by helpful suggestions and comments from the community to meet the needs of the changing and expanding number of homes and homeowners as the build out occurred. There was a short time when a staff member was the editor but a homeowner has done that job now for many years.

Switching now to the newsletter masthead story. You see them in the masthead of the Seashores News and you see them as you enter through the Mariner Gate. I think you have probably already guessed I am referring to the dolphins on top of this newsletter and the dolphins sculpture in front of the Community Center. For many of our newer members of this special community the thought of the history behind the dolphins masthead and the dolphins sculpture was not high on your things-to-know list. Since I am a history buff I hope you will find this story is as interesting to you as it was for me to research it.

To learn about the current dolphins masthead on the SSN we must go back in the beginning of this newsletter. The evolution of the masthead is shown at left. As you can see from the very first issue we have shown dolphins in the masthead. The last and current dolphin masthead began in the January 2007 issue when our resident artist and sculptor, Frank Turner, who had previously made the dolphin structure in front of the Community Center, designed the new masthead to incorporate the dolphins from his sculpture at our entrance.

—Karl Kuhn

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## RECREATION

### Movie Night: Saturday, February 25 – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand Movie Night will be showing *Finding Dory* in the park near the Clubhouse. Event will be inside the Clubhouse if weather is bad.

### Upcoming Events for March

**St. Patrick's Day: Friday, March 17 — 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Event will be held on Clubhouse patio.



Our Recreation Committee is in full swing! Yay! Thank you all for volunteering! As you know the Niguel Shores Recreation Committee functions with the help of great volunteers from the community. I would like to thank our present committee members, Kathy Samuel who is my co-chair, Chrissy Rausch, Nancy Tinnes, and our newest member, Chris Zoch who is bringing new blood and ideas.

—*Maria Elena Banks*



Facts to consider regardless of whether or not you choose coverage:

- There is a 93% chance that Southern California will experience an earthquake of a 6.7 magnitude or greater during the next 30 years.
- Worse, there's a 74% chance the region will experience a quake of 7.0 magnitude or greater during that period.
- Only 10% of California residents carry earthquake insurance, many assuming it's too expensive.

BUT, consider this: people who don't have coverage have to determine if they are willing to walk away from their homes and declare bankruptcy if unable to afford repairs.

Although these are facts to ponder, one thing is a fact: if and when the BIG ONE occurs, are you PREPARED with EMERGENCY supplies? PLEASE make that new years resolution to stock your home with all the things you'll need to take care of your family. This should be a priority.

—*Kent Wellbrock*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 2017

The first order of business for this month is to make sure you are prepared for a very SPECIAL EVENT. You have until Saturday, February 14 to think about what you are going to do for Valentine's Day. YES, that falls under Emergency Preparedness. Forget that date and you could be in trouble... Just sayin'....

In mid-January, the OC Register published an article updating some facts on Earthquake Insurance. The CEA (California Earthquake Authority) is outlining some new options for earthquake insurance coverage that are now available through it's privately funded, publicly managed organization that sells California earthquake insurance policies through a variety of participating insurance companies. Allstate, Farmers, Mercury, Automobile Club of America, etc.

The CEA offers a cost calculator on the agency's website that allows homeowners to input information on their homes and quickly determine what their monthly and annual premiums would be. The article indicates current rates have been lowered by about 50 percent in recent years. The calculator allows the user to set his deductible at anywhere from 5 % to 25 % along with personal property coverage. Assuming the home has a slab foundation and frame construction, the premium for a basic CEA coverage with a 15% deductible is \$92 a month, or \$1,104 a year.

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance staff has the responsibility for the US flag at the NSCA community center. At times, the flag is flown at half-staff. The pertinent section of the United States Flag Code says, "by order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory".

The Flag Code identifies a number of times through the year when half-staff display is appropriate including Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15, Memorial Day – Last Monday in May, Patriot Day – Sept. 11, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7. In addition, Presidential proclamations can call for ad hoc half-staff display. This summer, sadly, there was an abundance of such Presidential Proclamations including:

- Honoring the Victims of the Attack in Orlando, Florida. Proclamation date: June 12. (Orlando nightclub shooting)
- Honoring the Victims of the Attack in Dallas, Texas. Proclamation date: July 8. (Attack on police officers)
- Honoring the Victims of the Attack in Nice, France. Proclamation date: July 15. (Cargo truck attack on pedestrian crowds)
- Honoring the Victims of the Attack in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Proclamation date: July 18. (Attack on police officers)

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If you are curious about why the NSCA flag is at half-staff, Google *presidential proclamation*.

The first link will be to the White House. There you will find the official explanation.

Maintenance staff works diligently to maintain the U.S. Flag protocol at NSCA.

—Bob Gregg

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

### New Member:

Currently we have a vacancy on the Traffic and Safety Committee and we are looking for a concerned and well meaning resident to fill it. If you, or you know of someone that may be interested in becoming involved, providing insight and advice pertaining to safety issues in our community, you might be just the person we need. If interested, contact the office and fill out an application.

### New Rules:

As of the first of the year we have a new set of rules and regulations governing our community. Actually not a lot has really changed except that a lot of superfluous

material has been eliminated, and the format has been simplified.

For those folks with scooters, skateboards and drones the rules readily address any questions you may have. It shouldn't take more than a minute to read and have grasp of them (Pages 26 and 27).

### Watch Out:

Several concerns were noted about nighttime skateboarders. Two were about children skating in the roadway on relatively quiet residential neighborhoods in the early evening (darkness had set in). In both cases a concerned adult notified the parents of the skaters and the problem immediately stopped.

The other incident(s) occurred later in the evening and involved older teens/young adults dressed in dark clothing skating up and down Niguel Shores road at a relatively fast rate of speed. As skateboards don't have brakes, these skaters go too fast to stop for stop signs controlling traffic at Periwinkle Dr. and Mariner Dr.

Hopefully, we can identify these reckless skaters and have someone counsel them and their families. In the meantime be aware, and continue to drive with caution.

—God Bless.....Tim Murphy

## CLUBS

### WOMEN'S CLUB

What a busy time we had in January at our first meeting of 2017! The Clubhouse was a-buzz with members renewing friendships and sharing notes for what they hoped to accomplish in the New Year. The array of luncheon salads and desserts was delicious and plentiful, thanks to our generous members who filled the buffet table with favorites from their kitchens. Natalie Hudgens, representing the Monarch Beach Resort, reminded us of all the resort's amenities and membership programs. To top off the day, several lucky raffle winners went home with impressive prizes such as brunch, dinner, or spa treatments at the resort. The heavy rain on our meeting day didn't keep folks away—we had the largest member and guest turnout ever!

Our next luncheon meeting on February 9 will feature a panel of experts discussing ways to care for ill or aging loved ones. Our guests will be Chris Gamble from Comfort Keepers, speaking on in-home care; Kimberly Moore from Atria San Juan, speaking on assisted living; and Jeff Borsuck from Sterling Placements, speaking on board and care



Vice President Hansa Sehgal welcomes new member Jennifer Hochstadter.

facilities. At some point, our families may need to consider these options, and the speakers hope to provide information



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Vice President Hansa Sehgal welcomes new member Linda Empringham.



Vice President Hansa Sehgal welcomes new member Christy Manetta.

we can use to make concerned, loving decisions. Everyone should come prepared with questions for the panel.

On a lighter note, our February gathering will also be a time to share some Valentine's Day fun as we create and distribute the kind of humorous valentines we recall from school days. Remember *Roses are red, violets are blue . . . ?* Everyone is encouraged to bring a small box of funny valentine cards to the February luncheon meeting—the kind we passed around as kids. We will share them with friends at our luncheon tables. In the poetic words of our club president, Lydia:



At any age we can offer a smile  
to friends we hold quite dear,  
so bring a box of children's cards  
and let's spread some Valentine cheer!

—Sandy Homicz

## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club started 2017 with our Club Secretary, Jerry Allen, investigating Carl Sagan's famous prediction that there are more suns in the Universe than grains of sand on all the beaches of the earth.

After a mind-boggling attempt to grasp the size of the universe, we concluded that the numbers of each

are large, beyond comprehension (possibly a number followed by 23 zeros), but the continuing discoveries of many new clusters of galaxies would support Dr. Sagan's claim. Why spend time on such esoteric mental exercises? We found that pushing our understanding of the magnificent world in which we live is fulfillment in itself. Some describe the fulfillment as a beautiful sunset, others as a prayer that simply says "WOW."

On Jan 17, 2017, Daniel Midson-Short, our guest speaker, led us on an exciting and informative tour of "Connecting in the Digital Age." Daniel observed that most of society, particularly those who attended grade school after 1985, spends much of their waking hours immersed in the world of digital social applications. He attributes this phenomenon to three characteristics of the connected generation: "Ambient Awareness"—a strong need to be aware of what is happening all the time; "Continual Partial Attention"—being constantly overloaded with information; and "Distraction Looping"—defined as always seeking a new thing. Looking at this societal revolution in a positive sense, he suggests that using social media can be useful—in moderation, and he recommends that we novices view it as a "gateway to the younger generation." A first step is to pick one or two of the following communication platforms to learn about our children and grandchildren's methods of communication.

**Facebook** is the most well-known social platform because its users extend across several age generations,

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possibly accounting for it being “not cool” anymore among the younger crowd. Many like its “news feed” format that provides world news as well as news of friends and family.

**YouTube** is a video and music platform that can accumulate money (at the rate of \$1 per 1000 views) to those who post videos; however, it is widely known for creating Internet celebrities.

**Twitter** is described by Daniel as an online “cocktail party,” the oldest and possibly most confusing platform, having its own language (full of special characters) that is mostly used for news and publicity.

**LinkedIn** is an “online business Rolodex” that has largely replaced traditional resumes. It focuses on business and employment opportunities.

**Instagram** is described as a “living art gallery,” largely curated, cropping and showing the photos in the best possible way. Widely used to advertise to market brands and individuals in favorable light, it provides a way to communicate mostly using photos.

**Snapchat** is the “coolest” for the younger users since it provides a communication platform for photos and video messaging that disappears in 24 hours. (A caution is needed here: NOTHING really *disappears* on the Internet!) Perhaps

politicians should use Snapchat instead of Twitter!

—Jerry Allen

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club’s first meeting of the New Year was on Monday, January 16. As always, the Hospitality team of Grace Glatt, Carmen Murphy, and Joanne Webb provided many delicious and tasty foods and a mouthwatering dessert. President Gunjan Anand announced the club activities for the remainder of this club year and asked members to sign up to help in the remaining activities: Plant Sale (April), Member’s Garden Tour (May) and Beach Bluff BBQ (June). A financial report was given by Treasurer Karl Kuhn. Members Mike Oliva, Nadine Allen, and Karl Kuhn spoke on interesting garden topics. However, the highlight of the meeting was viewing a video provided by member Barbara Milner showing the beautiful McBryde & Allerton Gardens in Kauai.

The next meeting will be a field trip to Helena Modjeska House and Garden on Wednesday, February 22. Members will meet in the Community parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to this event and are asked to bring a bag lunch to enjoy after the tour at the nearby Tucker Bird Sanctuary. A \$5.00 tour entrance fee will be collected at the parking lot.

—Karl Kuhn

# ACTIVITIES

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## BRIDGE NEWS

We started off the New Year with a bang. We have had four tables each week and several new players have joined our group. The Niguel Shores Bridge Group meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. If you are interested in playing bridge, please call Mary Ann at 949-489-9999.

### Winners are:

- Jan. 4: Jim Pinola, Hansa Sehgal, Sandy Youdbulis
- Jan. 11 Joannie Donahue, Jack Bernard,  
George Hartman
- Jan. 18 Jeanne Bookai, Frieda Baskin,  
Sandy Youdbulis

—Mary Ann Theisen

## AFTERNOON PAGETURNERS

The Monday afternoon PageTurners’ group will meet on February 27 and the Thursday group on February 23. Both groups will discuss *The Secret in Their Eyes* by Eduardo Sacheri. The book features a retired detective who is obsessed with an old case in 1970s Argentina.

For more information about PageTurners contact:

Monday afternoons: Diane Hearne: [dhearne476@gmail.com](mailto:dhearne476@gmail.com)

Thursday afternoons: Lisa Buchner: [lisabuchner@cox.net](mailto:lisabuchner@cox.net)

—Diane Hearne

## LIBRARY

The following is a list of programs and events for February 2017. All events held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins welcome. ADULTS, Check out the new class on writing below.

### Toddler and Preschool:

**Toddler Storytime.** Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 to 10:30 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, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. This event is for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver.



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**Preschool Storytime**, Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 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, February 25. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Listen to fun stories all about hugs and kisses with Miss Maggie.

**Afternoon Storytime:** Wednesday February 15, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Join Ms. Kasey for a special afternoon storytime. There will be stories, songs and an activity after.

**PJ Storytime with the Sunshine Readers:** Monday, February 27, 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:** Thursday, February 22, 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, February 1, and Tuesday, February 21, 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.



**Crazy 8's Club:** Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 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, February 16, 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 Advisory Board:** Monday, February 6, 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 Coloring 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, February 27, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us every 4th Monday of the month. For a list of featured titles call the Library at (949) 496-5517.

**Foreign Film:** Sunday, February 26, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. 100-year old loves birds and have been inseparable for 76 years. This documentary captures the tender moments of their twilight days.

## Write On Writing Group:

Tuesdays, February 7 and 21, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Writers of all levels and genres are invited to share, critique, and receive feedback on their work from this friendly, active group of local

writers. For more information: [writeongroup@outlook.com](mailto:writeongroup@outlook.com)

—Karl Kuhn



## OREO BOOK CLUB

We met at the home of Mary Crowl on Wednesday, January 18 to discuss the book *The Fix—How Nations Thrive and Survive in a World in Decline* by Jonathan Tepperman, managing editor of *Foreign Affairs* magazine. He discusses some of the world's problems, such as immigration, corruption, civil war, and Islamic extremism and tells the story of different countries that have been successful in coping with these problems by finding innovation and creative solutions. He suggests we, as a country and as a group, use this approach. The group discussion centered on the value of his optimism and unique approaches, although not perfect, valuable. Our next meeting on February 15 will be at the home of Norton Schwartz and the book *Isis* by Jessica Stern and J.M. Berger will be discussed. If you would like to attend our book review group, contact Norton Schwartz at [nortlynne@cox.net](mailto:nortlynne@cox.net).

—Norton Schwartz

## WOMEN'S GOLF—HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Niguel Shores Lady Golfers kicked off the holidays in style with the annual Christmas luncheon hosted by Ruthie Stahl and Joan Beyer at The Fountains on December 12. Charter members Margaret Brugger, Carol Hollinger, and Liz Kelsch were recognized and a special welcome was given to Marge Foster, Rita Cox and the return of Terri Matrisch. Ruthie and Joan arranged for a delicious lunch and some very nice raffle prizes—gift certificates to the Ritz Carlton—which ensured all who attended had a wonderful time!

Our December birthdays were celebrated for Judy Boitano, Terri Matrisch, and a very special milestone birthday for Ceacy Johns who turned 90 on the 18th! Happy birthday, ladies!

For our January 9 meeting, Irene McDonald led the group through monthly meeting business and a lovely lunch, in spite of the rainy weather causing the golf to be cancelled. Social members Ceacy Johns, Ruthie Stahl, Joan Beyer, Lee Sweeney and Pam Strayer didn't let a few raindrops dampen their penchant for partying at The Ranch (formerly Ben Brown's 9-hole Golf Course in Laguna).

Our next regularly scheduled golf day will be the second Monday of the month, February 13. All lady golfers regardless of skill are welcome and encouraged to join us by calling Irene McDonald at 949-481-3035.

### A LITTLE GOLF HUMOR:

It was a sunny Saturday morning and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot, when a voice came over the speaker: 'WOULD THE GENTLEMAN ON THE WOMAN'S TEE BACK UP TO THE MEN'S TEE PLEASE.'

I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption.

Again the announcement rang out louder, 'Would the MAN on the WOMEN'S tee kindly back up to the men's tee.' I simply ignored the request and kept concentrating, when once more, the man yelled, 'Would the man on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee, PLEASE.'

I finally stopped, turned, looked through the clubhouse window directly at the person with the microphone and shouted back, 'Would the person in the clubhouse kindly stop shouting and let me play my second shot'

—Julie Patton (949) 491-0908

### *This Month in History*

- ▶ **February 1, 2003** — Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.
- ▶ **February 3, 1870** — The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.
- ▶ **February 6, 1933** — The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th, instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.
- ▶ **Birthdays** — Legendary baseball player George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1895-1948) was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Ruth held or shared 60 Major League records, including pitching 29 consecutive scoreless innings and hitting 714 home runs.
- ▶ **February 8, 1910** — The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.
- ▶ **February 14, 1929** — The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.
- ▶ **February 15, 1898** — In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"
- ▶ **February 20, 1962** — Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours. He was the first American to orbit earth.
- ▶ **February 27, 1950** — The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

### *A Valentine Poem*

*from resident Ms. Buzz Holiday*

#### *The Man I Have Never Met*

*I see you walking toward me  
And when you are aware of me, you smile  
You are happy to share the news of the day  
And the frustrations in your life  
We walk together and share ideas and adventures  
We like each other  
It feels comfortable and right  
We look forward to the nights in our bed  
And waking up to a new day  
There is room in our relationship for each of us to grow  
And we respect our differences  
I will find you because  
I know you are looking for me*

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—Joan Beyer

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

## Gunjan Anand

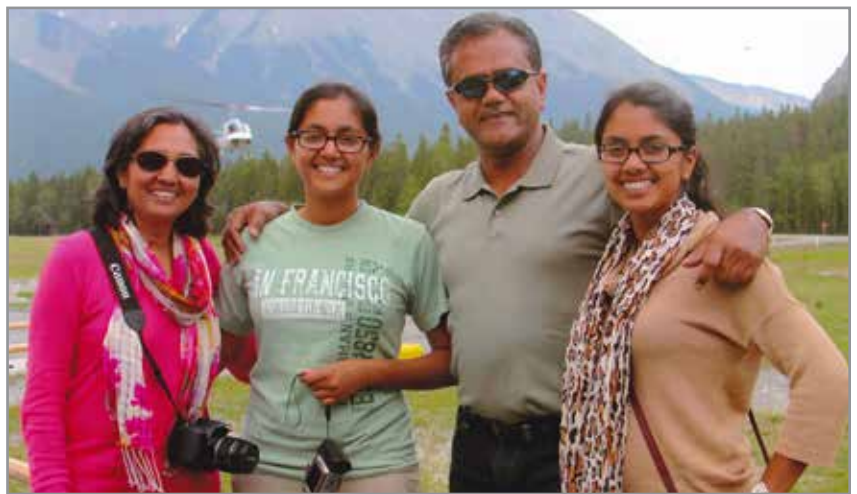
Gunjan Anand has stepped up to fill some very big shoes and it seems that it suits her very well.

Many of you remember reading about Jerry Koppang, past NSCA Board member, who was also long time President of the Garden Club. Jerry passed away last year, however, in his wisdom, he saw Gunjan, as his perfect successor as Garden Club President.

Gunjan and her husband, Tarun, have been residents of Niguel Shores since January of 2009. Gunjan was first introduced to the community back in 2002 while she was attending a class on Financial Planning at UCI. One of her classmates was a resident of Niguel Shores and they worked on a class project together. She was drawn to the neighborhood immediately, and when her children moved out and they became *empty nesters* they began their search to find a home in Niguel Shores. They purchased their home on Halyard in 2007, however, spent some time remodeling before moving here permanently.

Gunjan and Tarun were born in India. They attended college in India, Tarun, earning a degree in Engineering and Gunjan earning an undergraduate degree and an MBA in India before they were married. Tarun came to the United States to earn his post graduate degree at Rensselaer Poly Tech University in Troy, New York. They met while they were both working professionals in New Delhi and eventually had two daughters, Lavanya and Tarini. Tarun's career required him to travel a great deal. The family lived in Sydney, Australia, Belgium and England, before eventually deciding to make the United States their permanent home when a job opportunity presented itself.

The transition to the United States was a relatively easy one. Tarun's brother had already moved to the United States and was living in Orange County. The couple had college friends as well, who had come to the US and they feel fortunate that they already had a well-established support system in place when they arrived. Tarun's job was in Irvine and the family decided on a home in Lake Forest, where their girls could settle in school and establish roots in one community. It sounds like that was a very wise plan, because both daughters adjusted well to life in the United States, their oldest daughter, Tarini, graduated from medical school and is a Physician in San Francisco. Tarini's husband is also becoming a physician and is enrolled in medical school up in San Francisco. Their youngest daughter,



Gunjan, Tarini, Tarun, Lavanya Anand

Lavanya, graduated from UCLA and is now working on an MBA, at the University of Chicago.

Shortly after moving to Niguel Shores, Gunjan decided she wanted to become involved in the community in some way. She had heard the Garden Club was a fun group and a great way to get to know people. After a couple of years as a member, Gunjan, took on the position of Membership Chair, eventually she served as Co-President with Jerry and now she serves as the club President. Gunjan educated me on the workings of the Club, here in Niguel Shores. The club is actually under the umbrella of both the National Garden Club and the California Garden Club.

Our club has about 75 members and they are a very active group. They meet eleven times per year; their meetings include guest speakers, field trips and lots of fun social activities such as Beach Bluff Barbeques and Lobster Dinners. They also provide gift baskets to local seniors in need with their *Forget Me Not* project.

Aside from enjoying her involvement in the Garden Club, Gunjan and Tarun enjoy many other aspects of the community. She said her family appreciates the "sense of belonging" that they have experienced here. She and several of her neighboring families have started a cultural potluck group, where they each share a dish representative of their cultural heritage. Tarun is still employed full time, but on weekends plays tennis, they both enjoy events provided by the Recreation Committee. The Beach Bluff is one of their favorite spots, to relax, entertain and meet neighbors. Gunjan also noted that the staff in our Niguel Shores office has been especially helpful to her as she takes over the responsibilities of the Garden Club. The Club keeps her very busy, but she loves it and is happy to serve as President. Again, big shoes to fill, but they seem to fit Gunjan perfectly.

—Patti Staudenbaur



## NIGUEL SHORES MARKET UPDATE

### 2016 IN REVIEW

There were 36 properties sold in Niguel Shores from \$817,000 on Faeroe Bay to \$5,049,000 on Shackleton Isle. Value appreciation in Niguel Shores far out paced the County and State averages by almost double digits for the year. It is safe to expect our growth to continue though at slower a pace. Bottom line is even if the broader market trends level off, 2017 will continue to be a sellers market in here in Niguel Shores and continues to be a good time to consider selling.

### Current Trends

- **Seven Properties Available**- from \$1,395,000 to \$5,499,000
- Average Days on Market 83
- **One Property under contract** – \$1,995,000
- Average days on market 42

### Recent Sales\*

- 24126 Gourami Bay      \$1,025,000      - 33811 Via Capri      \$1,850,000

\* Historical data from Dec to Jan 17, 2016



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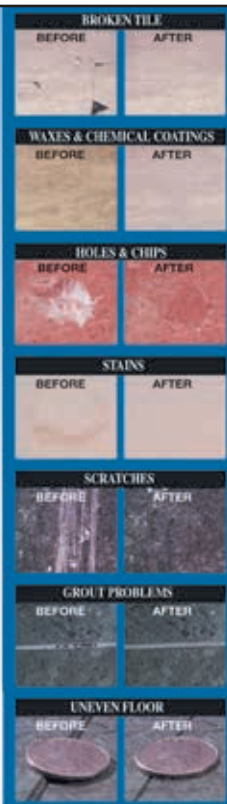
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## Travel Tidbits

When you are thinking about a trip, insurance is normally not the first thing you think about. Maybe it is something you never think about. However, it should be. For a trip that involves non-refundable pre-payment such as a cruise or land tour, without insurance you risk loss of your total payment. The recent Icelandic volcano incident illustrates that. For those, without insurance, who were unable to get to their destination in time to board the ship or depart with the tour, there were no refunds. Some trips do not involve pre-payment such as a international driving trip, however there are still risks. In case of accident or illness it may be necessary to seek medical help or be evacuated back to the US. This can be very expensive. Quite reasonable insurance is available to cover these possibilities. So the next time you are planning a trip, it would be a good idea to look into insurance. Protect yourself and your vacation investment.

—Barbara Milner

## For all you smart people out there.

Literary and orthographic geeks get turned on by reflection symmetries in words and phrases: palindromes, which read the same forward and backward. There's something that appeals to the cleverness of the human mind in phrases such as:

Able was I — I saw Elba  
and  
Go hang a salami — I'm a lasagna hog

—Anonymous

## Fed up with emails.

Here is something I saw in the Reader's Digest.

The average office worker receives 122 e-mails per day, according to a recent report. They asked its readers to create a term that describes the sense of despair felt by those faced with a full inbox. Some top suggestions:

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E-milaise

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