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Niguel Shores Holiday Events



Holiday Lights

Light up your neighborhood all month!

Women's and Men's Club Toy Collection for Dana Point 5th Marines

Place new unwrapped items under the decorated tree in the Clubhouse. December 1 through 12.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Tree lighting, Santa Claus, stories, hot cocoa and cookies. Sunday, December 1, 4:30 p.m.

Men's Club Holiday Breakfast

Festive breakfast with Dana Hills High/SOCSA carolers. Tuesday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.

Women's Golf Annual Christmas Party

Golfers and social members invited for lunch and celebration. Monday, December 9

Men's Golf Brunch at Talega

Putting contest, golf awards, brunch, and a good time. Tuesday, December 10.

Pickleball Holiday Celebration

Bring a dish to share and a beverage. Wednesday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.

Women's Club "Home for the Holidays" Party

Hearty appetizers, desserts, drinks, and cheer.

Thursday, December 12, 5:00 p.m.

Tennis Happy Hour

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 p.m.

Garden Club Party and Gift Exchange

Monday, December 16, Noon.

Holiday Lights Contest Judging

Neighborhood and street winners plus special awards. Tuesday, December 17 and Wednesday, December 18

Page Turners Party and Book Exchange

Bring a wrapped new or used book to exchange. Thursday, December 19, 1:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Celebration

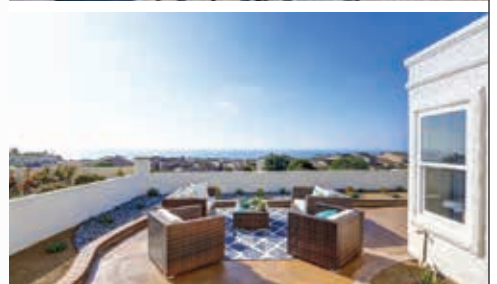
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Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 p.m. to Midnight

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FROM THE HELM

Revetment Project

Orange County is seeking a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) from the California Coastal Commission to repair the Revetment protecting the slope by our Beach Bluff and the Breakers Isle homes.

Each month, the California Coastal Commission holds three days of hearings, at various locations throughout the state, to administer The Coastal Act. The hearings in December will be held on December 11, 12 and 13 at the King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas. Coastal Commission hearings are open to the public.

The Commission's hearing regarding the Niguel Shores Revetment Project will be held on one of the three days listed above. The exact date was unknown at press time.

Details are available on the Coastal Commission's website www.coastal.ca.gov or you may contact the Niguel Shores office. Your Board members and General Manager will be

present at the hearing to encourage the Commission to grant the CDP so that the County may begin the repair process.

Rule Changes

In October all homeowners were sent a copy of the Proposed Rule Changes for Niguel Shores. Your feedback was requested and will be discussed at our December 4 Board Meeting.

Holiday Cheer

December brings a variety of holiday activities for residents of all ages in Niguel Shores including the Holiday Lights Contest and Tree Lighting Party. In addition, many of our clubs and committees hold holiday celebrations. Take time out of your busy schedules to celebrate and enjoy!

Wishing all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

—Dick Kichline

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

2020 Budget

The Finance Committee met with the Board of Directors in a special meeting on October 30, 2019 to present the 2020 budget for approval. The Finance Committee, Association Staff, and Board Liaison CFO Bob Russell have been working on the 2020 budget since July. After many months of work, they were able to propose a budget to fulfill the needs of the community and keep Niguel Shores the excellent, well-maintained facility we all enjoy with a \$25 per month increase in HOA fees. This increase is still modest in light of the amenities and services our community provides. The Board approved the budget at this meeting. Thank you to all members of the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors and especially to Sue Kichline for many hours of hard work. It is appreciated by all.

As required by the Governing Documents, the Budget Mailing which includes many important disclosures was mailed to all NSCA members the end of November. Please review this information, keep it with your important documents and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank You Niguel Shores!

Your entire Niguel Shores Staff would like to take a moment to thank all those that participated in the holiday fund. The amount is shared among the entire team including the patrol officers, landscapers, maintenance and office staff. The team enjoys working in such a great community with so many positive and happy homeowners.

Happy Holidays

I cannot believe how fast this past year has gone by and how much fun we have had this year with all the wonderful activities and involvement from our residents. Niguel Shores is the essence of a successful community and is a wonderful place to live and work. I am truly grateful to be part of the staff and believe we will continue to grow together. Cheers to all during this holiday season!

—Marla Miller



WISHING ALL OF YOU, YOUR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

—FROM THE NIGUEL SHORES STAFF



In observance of the holidays, the office will be closed as follows:

December 20—1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for Staff Holiday Lunch
December 24 and December 25
December 31 and January 1

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

Thank you for sharing in our fun events throughout the year—but wait! We are not done!

Upcoming Events:



Holiday Tree Lighting – Sunday, December 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with your friends while Santa Claus reads to the children under the tree.



Holiday Lights Contest All Month

Start decorating November 29 to be ready for the judging and get into the holiday spirit.



Holiday Lights Judging – Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17 and 18

Turn on all your holiday lights as the judges make their way through our neighborhoods and decide on awards.

New Year's Eve Party – Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Come and join us at our annual New Year's Eve Party! Bring your own beverages and dancing shoes to enjoy great music and bring in the New Year.

Happy Holidays to all from your Recreation Committee!

—*Maria Elena Banks*

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Guest List

It's that time of year when we are often filled with positive cheer and have more guests than normal to entertain. Unfortunately, a frustrating delay at the entrance of our gated community could spoil the festive and joyous mood of the occasion.

To minimize conflict and expedite guests to our homes, we urge everyone to ensure that their guest list on the Dwelling Live System is current. In the case of a larger gathering, a party list should be delivered to the office several business days before the event. Should a last minute "add-on" situation develop, our gate officer will, when possible, work with you and help with revisions.

Do Them a Favor

Before they arrive, we ask you to talk to your expected new guests or service providers to be sure they know your

correct name and address. Also tell them the location of the appropriate gate to use to gain access to our community. Far too often, if they utilize GPS, it will direct them to the residents-only Selva or Cabrillo gate where many of the drivers become flustered, fail to read the signs, and attempt to tailgate a vehicle into the community.

Apparently, this tactic is effective at other communities, but not here. In almost every case the arm comes down and the spikes come up as designed. The result is normally a couple of flattened tires and sometimes auto body damage as well.

Vacation Checks

When away from our homes for several days or more, some folks opt to notify the local law enforcement agency. The purpose is to discourage criminal activity. Not every agency offers extra police patrol, and our own personnel are limited as to what they can do along this line. However, our Dana Point Police Services Community Service Unit offers this service, and they have people especially trained for it. Should anyone wish this type of police service, you may phone Dana Point Police Service at (949) 248-3531.

It's that time of year to say "Nollaig Shona"—Happy Christmas!

—*God Bless . . . Tim Murphy*



COMMUNICATION

The Communication Committee extends a huge "Thank You" to all the *Seashore News* writers, photographers, and distribution volunteers who bring the news to our Niguel Shores residents every month. In addition, we want to acknowledge our NSCA office staff for their help and support throughout the year. Special thanks to **Matt Northrop**, who recently finished posting all 46 years of the *Seashore News* on the Niguel Shores website. A monumental job. Take a look at www.niguelshores.org. Happy and blessed holidays to all.

—*Sandy Homicz*

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

DON'T let someone take a bite out of your apple!

If you use credit cards and/or debit cards, a federal law limits your liability to \$50. Most credit card companies provide a zero-liability policy. Debit cards offer similar protection if you report the fraud immediately. BUT, digital payment services such as Apple Cash, Pay Pal and proposed Libra by Facebook aren't bound by the same regulations as credit and debit cards. It's up to the indi-

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vidual companies to offer protections themselves. ASK them about their policies.

These payment systems should carry a big red flag that says “You’re NOT protected.” Apple does warn, “If you’re not sure about the identity of the source, don’t send the payment.” Scam methods are on the horizon, so BE AWARE. ALWAYS double check your statements.

While we’re at it let’s go back and re-visit another electronic safety step for computer, tablet, and cell phone use: 2-FA. Remember what that is? Do you use it?

If not, here’s a quickie review: 2-Factor Authentication is a type, or subset, of Mufti-Factor Authentication (MFA). It is a method in which a computer user’s claimed identity uses two different factors to gain entry and insure greater protection against identity theft and keep your data safe. Users are granted access only after successfully presenting two or more pieces of evidence: passwords and pin, USB stick/key and finger print and facial recognition are examples.

Get a password manager like Dashlane and make sure you are using different passwords for your different accounts.

Finally, do some exploring on your own by simply calling your bank, financial services account, or Google 2FA or MFA and explore your enhanced security options. B Safe & B Smart.

AND, wishing you and yours a Wonderful Holiday and New Year.

—Kent Wellbrock

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, whether you traveled or were able to enjoy the holiday in our wonderful community. If you are a swimmer or enjoy the spa, you are undoubtedly happy to find the pool and spa open again after the Orange County Health Department mandated maintenance closure.

It has been a busy year for the Maintenance Committee and especially the Niguel Shores Maintenance Staff. There are far too many projects to mention them all, from ongoing street repairs planned to minimize traffic inconvenience, to the constant sidewalk repairs that keep them even and smooth. We now have new and repaired picnic benches at the bluff—and who didn’t love playing master chef on our beautiful new BBQ over the summer? We placed new furniture in the clubhouse lobby, patio, and around the pool. And what about our new lighted street signs! Yes, many projects and more, too many to mention them all!

It was with great regret that we lost one of our long-time committee members, **Jack Christensen**, who resigned as Chairman so that he and his wife, Ann, could move to their new home in Rancho Mission Viejo. It’s good to see him joining us at the Men’s Club Breakfast from time to time though. Thanks, Jack. We were lucky to have such a great volunteer as you on our committee for so long. We will miss your leadership!

As we head into the new year, the Maintenance Committee would like to give a well-deserved cheer to our Maintenance Staff for all their hard work. They are **George Cooley**, **Dave Smith**, **Tom Shimkus**, **Ray Russomanno** and **Manny Pantoja**. All the great ideas in the world would not happen without your hard work. Many thanks for helping us keep Niguel Shores an “extremely well-maintained community.”

Happy Holidays!

—Geoff Dunlevie

We would like to hear from you! Send your comments and suggestions to seashorenews@hotmail.com

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THIS MONTH IN DANA POINT

45TH DANA POINT HARBOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS

Boat parade, photos with Santa, shopping, dining Dana Point Harbor

Friday and Saturday, December 6, 7, 13, 14

- Trolley 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Festivities 6 to 9:30 p.m.
- Boat Parade 7:30 p.m.

BOAT RIDES WITH SANTA

20-minute cruise with Santa and helpers Dana Wharf Sportfishing, Dock 1

Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$5 donation to El Camino Real Jr. Women's Club www.danawharf.com



LA PLAZA WINTER FESTIVAL AND TREE LIGHTING

Santa, games, crafts, crafts, train ride, petting zoo, refreshments

La Plaza Park PCH and Golden Lantern

Saturday, December 7 Noon to 5:30 p.m.

www.danapoint.org



CAPISTRANO LIGHTS

30' tree lighting, nativity scene, candlelight, entertainment Mission San Juan Capistrano 26801 Ortega Highway

Saturday, December 7 through Monday, January 6

Tickets \$7-13 at www.capistranolights.com

PINES PARK TREE LIGHTING

Santa, carolers, games, dog costume contest, refreshments

Pines Park 34941 Camino Capistrano

Monday, December 9—3 to 5 p.m. www.danapoint.org

SEND LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa will reply through December 13 Santa's Mailbox

c/o City of Dana Point Recreation 34052 Del Obispo Street Dana Point, CA 92629 (949) 248-3536

CANDY CANE LANES

Outdoor home decorating contest

Judging December 12 Maps will be published in *DP Times* and DP city website www.danapoint.org



MERRY MONARCH TREE LIGHTING

Elsa, Anna, Santa, and a magical tree lighting Monarch Beach Resort

Sunday, December 15—3 to 5 p.m.

www.monarchbeachresort.com

YAPPY HOUR HOWL-IDAY CELEBRATION

Party for canines and companions Ritz Carlton Hotel

1 Ritz Carlton Drive

Sunday, December 15—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

www.ritzcarlton.com/lagunayappyhour

DANA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COFFEE CHAT

Complimentary coffee with local leaders Coffee Importers

34531 Golden Lantern

Friday, December 20—8:30 to 10 a.m.

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

1.5 mile guided walk covering local history, landmarks, stories

Dana Point Nature Interpretive Center 34558 Scenic Drive

Saturday, December 21—9 to 11 a.m.

RSVP to DPNaturalResources@danapoint.org

DANA POINT CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

December 24 through January 2



SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations, Niguel Shores!

Our community has been “immortalized”—if not forever, at least for the next 50 years. Thanks to a request from the Dana Point Historical Society, the July 2019 *Seashore News* with articles on Niguel Shores' 50th Anniversary and our annual Fourth of July Celebration was placed in the Dana Point Time Capsule at the Harbor, to be opened 50 years hence in 2069. At that time, Niguel Shores will be celebrating its 100th year, and any of us lucky enough to still be around will have a Golden Ticket to the time capsule opening.

The capsule is contained in a 20-foot tower that includes a handcrafted clock, a commemorative plaque, and a weather vane with Sidney H. Woodruff's tall ship logo signifying Dana Point's beginnings as a maritime resort. In addition to the July



2019 *Seashore News*, the time capsule holds memorabilia and artifacts collected from local civic organizations, nonprofits, community groups, and an official designation from the County of Orange declaring Dana Point the **Dolphin and Whale Watching Capital of the World**.

Presently, the clock tower sits at the entrance to shops and restaurants in the Harbor. Eventually, Dana Point Harbor Partners will create an outdoor courtyard for its permanent home.

(Credits for information to OC Register reporter Erika Ritchie and for photos to Michael Fernandez.)

—Sandy Homicz

ACTIVITIES

DANA POINT LIBRARY

Dana Point Library activities for December, 2019 listed by date and time. Programs are free and open to the public. Registration may be required.* Contact the Service Desk at (949) 496-5517 or see www.ocpl.org/libloc/dana/calendar for more information.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
1	1:30 p.m.	STEAMPORT
2	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
3	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time/Stay and Play
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writer's Group – adults
4	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Time/Stay and Make
	4:30 p.m.	Study Buddies – preK to 6th grade
5	11:00 a.m.	Memory Club: Brain Boosters – adults
6	10:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive*
	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
9	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
10	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills – adults
	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time/Stay and Play
	1:00 p.m.	Create a Gingerbread House by Friends of Library – all ages
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
11	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time/Stay and Make
	3:00 p.m.	Lego Design, Build, Create by Friends of Library – all ages
12	10:30 a.m.	Gentle Reads: <i>Cleopatra, a Life</i> by Stacy Schiff
13	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
	2:30 p.m.	Artsy Food Arrangements for Winter Holidays – ages 5 to 8 with adult
14	11:00 a.m.	Bretts's Holiday Magic Show by Friends of Library – all ages
	2:30 p.m.	Artsy Food for Thanksgiving by Friends of Library – ages 5-8 with adult
15	1:00 p.m.	300th Army Band Saxophone Holiday Concert – all ages
16	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
17	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills – adults
	3:00 p.m.	Young Readers Book Club by Friends of Library – ages 5 to 8
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writer's Group – adults
18	4:30 p.m.	Study Buddies – preK to 6th grade
19	10:30 a.m.	Family Movie and Popcorn: <i>The Grinch</i> , 2018 – all ages
	4:00 p.m.	Teen Holiday Open House, Cookies, Hot Chocolate: Wear an ugly sweater!
20	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
21	2:00 p.m.	Bilingual Spanish/English Stories and Craft – children with an adult
22	2:00 p.m.	Foreign Film
23	10:30 a.m.	Seaside Book Club: <i>Beneath a Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark Sullivan
	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
24	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
27	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
30	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
31	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.

—Dana Point Library Staff

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners' meeting year runs from September through June and we read a book each month with the exception being December. So far this year we have read three vastly different novels, namely *Where the Crawdads Sing* (American author), *A Ladder to the Sky* (Irish author), and *Bear Town*

(Swedish author). Each of these works has produced lively and interesting discussions in both groups. We often hear it said, "The reason I belong to a book club is to read books I otherwise would not read." This is so true because the discussions and viewpoints are so varied you could sometimes ask yourself, "Did we read the same book!"

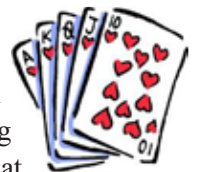
In December both the Monday and Thursday afternoon groups will meet socially on **December 19** (perhaps in a private home this year) to celebrate the holiday season, while enjoying delicious member-made refreshments and having our traditional very fun blind book exchange.

We resume our book discussions in January when the topic of conversation will be *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. For information on the Thursday afternoon group contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at samwrsi@cox.net and for the Monday afternoon group, **Frances** at fozimec@cox.net.

—Frances Ozimec

BRIDGE CLUB

Our Bridge Club plays four or five tables each Wednesday beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. If you're interested in joining the group, please call **Betty** or **Bob French** at (949) 312-2556. We only ask that you have a basic working knowledge of the rules and some experience in playing.



Our recent winners:

- 10/23 1) Chet Ciochon 2) Jane Olson 3) Ceacy Johns
- 10/30 1) Jack Bernard 2) Betty French 3) Sandy Youdbulis
- 11/06 1) Jack Bernard 2) Mary Ann Theisen 3) Betty French
- 11/13 1) Jane Olson 2) Ceacy Johns 3) Jim Pinola

—Jim Pinola

THE REALLY SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Book Club met at the home of Norton Schwartz and reviewed *Secret Empires* by investigative reporter Peter Schweizer wherein he reveals how politicians like Joe Biden, Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump use their office to entice foreign investors for their personal gain, relying on their family or close associates as front people to gain millions in consulting fees or investment opportunities at home or abroad. McConnell uses his wife's Chinese connections, Trump and Biden use their sons in Russia or Ukraine investment, sometimes subverting US Policy or interests. The revelations are shocking and revealing.

We will have no meeting in December, saving our energies for entertaining Mr. Turkey and Mr. Claus.

—Norton Schwartz

CLUBS

WOMEN'S CLUB

Happy holidays from the Niguel Shores Women's Club! As always, the blessed holiday season is filled with joyful events and traditional celebrations. At our November luncheon meeting, we gave thanks and honored special veterans in our lives by sharing photos and special memories. **Suzanne Enis** beautifully decorated the Clubhouse with "thankful trees dedicated to those who have served in the military." **Maria Elena Banks** led us with her lovely voice in "God Bless America" and we pledged allegiance to the flag. We gave our respects to past Women's Club Presidents **Lydia Reese, Lisa Buchner, Karla Sanders, Nancy Tinnes, Tina Fornadley, and Hope Luedeke**. Thank you to these ladies for their gifts of time and dedication to our NSWC!

Our speaker **Randi Biederman**, who co-authored *Schindler's Listed* with Mark Biederman, told how Mark's mother survived Auschwitz as the personal cook of Josef Mengele. She went on to describe the search for gold coins buried by Mark's father in wartime Poland. Like so many families who experienced the Holocaust, Mark's parents refused to talk about the horrors of Auschwitz. However, after much curiosity and research, Mark and Randi finally discovered the address where the gold coin collection had been buried. Their book provides even more amazing accounts of events in the family's history.

As our Outside Activity in November, we thoroughly enjoyed Roger's Gardens Holiday Boutique and the Farmhouse Restaurant "farm-to-fork" menu using ingredients



"Home for the Holidays" party Co-Chairs Tina Fornadley and Terry Link.



Schindler's Listed author Randi Biederman with Women's Club VP Jennifer Hochstadter.



Board members decorate the Clubhouse for the holidays.

GARDEN CLUB

The lobster tails were large, perfectly grilled, and served hot and steamy to the club members and guests who already had waiting plates loaded with delicious potato salad, coleslaw, grilled corn-on-the-cob, soft rolls and cups of hot butter for dipping. My mouth gets moist just thinking about that great lobster dinner the Garden Club put on, Thursday, October 24. Of course, to serve such a sumptuous meal required a lot of work, and I want to acknowledge the

straight from local growers and the farmer's market. We will not have an Outside Activity in December.

All Women's Club members and guests are invited to our traditional **Women's Club Holiday Party, "Home for the Holidays," on Thursday, December 12, from 5 to 8 p.m.** Enjoy a festive evening in a relaxed woodland setting with holiday music and delicious food and drinks. Members, please bring a hearty appetizer for sharing, and an unwrapped toy for the Dana Point 5th Marine children at Camp Pendleton. This evening party takes the place of our December luncheon. CHEERS!

—Terry Link

following club members who selflessly spent time to make a successful dinner.

To start off, many thanks to **Al Glatt** for leading the team effort, for coordinating getting the fresh from-the-ocean lobsters, and for leading the team grilling the lobsters to perfection. For preparing and grilling the lobsters with Al, thank you to **Greg Gutknecht, Tim Murphy, Blair McDonald, Bob Schreiber** and **Jack Webb**.

CLUBS

GARDEN *cont. from page 8*

Beside the lobster team, we also send our appreciation to those preparing the corn, salads, rolls, and hot butter: **Grace Glatt, Carmen Murphy, JoAnne Webb, Lee Sweeney, Mary Kay Gutknecht, Irene McDonald and Joan Beyer.** Of course, you can't enjoy a delicious lobster dinner without wine and beer, and we have to thank **Blair McDonald** for getting them.



Grill masters (left to right) Rob Schreiber, Greg Gutknecht, Al Glatt.

I believe I speak for all who attended the dinner that the unique table decorations and settings were a visual treat to the eyes and senses. There is only one person who created all of it, I'm sure you already know from past events. Thank you, **Suzanne Enis.** And to top off the excellent meal, we had chocolate cake for dessert.

Last month, the club met on November 18, for our annual Garden Therapy *Forget-Me-Not* project where we assembled holiday gift bags destined for our local homebound citizens to brighten their holiday spirit. Members brought items and the club purchased additional items for a bountiful gift bag. The project team, lead by **Carol Kuhn** in place of the



Garden Club members (left to right) Carol Kuhn, Nadine Allen, Julie Kovsky, and Mary Kay Gutknecht are ready to assemble Forget-Me-Not gift bags for homebound citizens.

chairperson, traveling **Chris Daley,** works diligently to collect many additional items to fill each bag, some for men and some for women. Once filled, our last job was to stuff them with colorful tissue paper and bows. Voila! Job done.

Members, be sure to mark your calendars for our **Holiday Party on December 16.** Signups for what to bring were out at the November meeting. Also remember to bring a \$10 garden-related wrapped gift for our Gift Exchange.

On behalf of your club officers, I want to wish our Garden Club members a very joyous holiday season, with the coming year full of good health and happiness (and lots of rain).

—Karl Kuhn

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club **2019 Choral Breakfast** featuring Dana Hills High singers will be **December 3,** with all members, wives, widows invited to enjoy a special morning meal and songs of the season.

Our **December 17** breakfast will include a presentation from **Robert Doll,** professional Improv performer and teacher.

Last month, we heard from **Roger Strelow,** who spoke on environmental issues, and jet pilot **Gregg Archer,** who described aircraft carriers and how pilots operate from them. We also honored our club's master chefs for the excellent job they do preparing our breakfasts twice a month.



Dana Hills High School Singers



Robert Doll



Roger Strelow

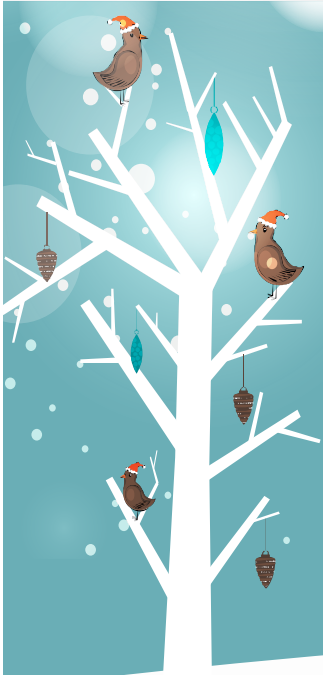


Gregg Archer

—Robert Saint-Aubin

Holiday

Thank you to **NANCY TINNES** and the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** for creating a beautiful holiday boutique here in Niguel Shores on November 16. Our residents and guests found the Clubhouse filled with unique, designer-quality art and crafts—a perfect spot for finding colorful holiday gifts or something special for any occasion.



Boutique



Club Events Coming Up

MEN'S CLUB

Holiday breakfast featuring seasonal music from the choir at Dana Hills High School/Southern California School of Arts. All members, wives, widows and significant others are invited. *December 3 at 8:30 a.m.*

Breakfast with professional Improv performer and teacher Bob Doll. *December 17 at 8:30 a.m.*

Breakfast with firefighter and first responder Bob Feltz. *January 7 at 8:30 a.m.*

WOMEN'S CLUB

"Home for the Holidays" annual holiday party for members and guests. Enjoy hearty appetizers, delicious desserts, and your favorite drinks hosted by the Women's Club Board. *December 12 at 5:00 p.m.*

Luncheon meeting featuring speakers from Meals on Wheels and Fisher House at Camp Pendleton, a "home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at military treatment facilities. *January 9 at Noon*

GARDEN CLUB

Holiday Party and Garden Gift Exchange *Monday, December 16 at Noon*

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Thank you from the Marines and the Men's and Women's Clubs!



PICKLEBALL

Pickleball courts are available daily from 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

Drop-In Play Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon



October Pickleballers in costumes.

BYOB

Bring your own pickleball balls. The existing pickleballs at the courts will not be replenished when they are depleted.

Pickleball Holiday Celebration

It has been a wonderful beginning to the fast-growing sport of Pickleball in our community. Pickleball Players will celebrate the holidays on **Wednesday, December 11**, at **5:00 p.m.** at the Community Center patio. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice.

If you are interested in being added to the pickleball email list, email your information to niguelshores.pb@gmail.com.

—Steve Barrett

TENNIS

Happy Holidays Niguel Shores Tennis Players! Those on our tennis lists have been invited to a **Happy Hour** on **Sunday, December 15** at **5:00 p.m.** Please contact us if you haven't received an invitation. All levels are welcome!

We are currently maintaining two separate player lists. The first is for any tennis players looking for games in order to share contact information for scheduling. The second list is for those whose tennis schedules are fully booked who are not currently looking for matches, but still want to be updated on general info for all players.



It would be great to have a list of players for new folks to contact when they move here, social events, finding subs when needed, and also for general information. Some current questions being discussed are what hour the court reservation system should be open (currently midnight the week before) or whether or not there is a need for a walk-on court without reservations being required. (Court one is no longer available, so if the other three are reserved, walk-on play would not be possible.)

If you'd like to be on one of our lists, or participate in a Round Robin to see if you can find others at your level of play, or come to our December Happy Hour, please respond to 4oceanbreeze@gmail.com.

—Jennifer Rose

WOMEN'S GOLF

NINE! NINE! We had nine players play the beautiful nine-hole course at The Ranch this month. We heard "Fantastic" and "Spectacular" for the fun times we had on the course. We promised deer for the "newbies" and they showed up just as we knew they would! Our golfers included:



Our lady golfers at The Ranch in Laguna Beach.

Debi Berk, Lynn Bushnell, Wendy Cubbon, Brenda Gino, Tracy Gino, Anna Kwit, Becky Williams, and Kathy Zoch.

Our lunch table was completed by former players, who happily shared the story of one of our founders, **Maggie Waterman**. We are grateful for her initiative in starting this great group.

Here's how our round played out this month:

Low Putts	Brenda Gino (17)
Closest to the Pin #8	Tracy Gino
Longest Drive	Brenda Gino

As we do every month, we invite and encourage all you lady golfers to come out and join us. If you'd like to be included in the Tee Times for December 9, please contact **Brenda Gino** at (619) 921-5821 (Text or Call).

Special Note: We will be having our **Annual Christmas Party** on **December 9**. For more info, please contact Joan Beyer at (949) 496-1428 or Lee Sweeney at (949) 661-5924.

—Brenda Gino

MEN'S GOLF

We have enjoyed great weather and golf this fall. In November we played San Juan Hills in San Juan Capistrano, Arrowood Golf Club in Oceanside, Talega in San Clemente, and Oak Creek in Irvine. Coming in December we will be teeing it



up at Arroyo Trabuco in Mission Viejo.

On **December 10**, we will have our **Annual Putting Contest and Brunch** at Talega in San Clemente. This is a great fun event that our golfers and many of our non-golfers look forward to.

—Bob Russell

Wellness... Do You Hear What I Hear?

That very question was musically posed by the shepherd boy to the little lamb in the 1962 Christmas hit standard sung by Bing Crosby. I bet you can hear Bing's rich voice crooning along right now. Most likely, you can also visualize that shepherd boy, holding his staff while flooded by the light of the bright star in cold the night sky, asking the lamb, "Do you hear what I hear?"

What a beautiful moment it was—except for the fact that the little lamb couldn't hear the shepherd boy.

"What?" you say, shocked. "The lamb couldn't hear?"

Well, the untold story is that the little lamb didn't want to face the reality of hearing loss in his (or her) life, so he kept putting off visiting his audiologist for help and missed the whole blessed moment! What a shame!

Humor aside, most of us have some "little lambs" in our lives that we really care about. Spouses, family members, aging relatives, even neighbors who struggle with hearing loss. It's a problem that so many of us ignore, mostly because it comes on slowly and stealthily, until those closest to us begin to complain about how loud we turn up the TV, or how we can't hear them over the phone, or when we accuse our loved ones of "mumbling" when they talk. These are just a few signs of hearing loss.

Another reason we ignore a hearing loss is because around the world, it is a sign of aging—something most of us don't want to accept. However, by ignoring the signs of hearing loss, many recent university studies have shown that we put ourselves at a much higher risk for increased cognitive decline, as in the development of dementia and Alzheimer's. In a study of 1,984 adults (average age 77),



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those with measurable hearing loss had a 30 to 40 percent greater cognitive decline after six years than their counterparts who did not have hearing loss. That translates to a 24 percent increased risk of cognitive impairment among those with hearing loss. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/1558452#qundefined>

Besides cognitive decline, hearing loss has been associated with depression, social isolation, loss of self-esteem, anxiety, anger, and even an increased risk of falling. If all this doesn't sound good to you, you're right. It's not.

So how do you encourage someone you love to get tested? First, realize that some people with hearing loss may be going through a grieving process and not be aware of it. Losing some of one's ability to hear can result in becoming defensive at the suggestion of testing. Lighten their load by reminding them that a hearing check is part of any health and wellness exam, and then go with them. Get your own

hearing tested too, and point out the serious risks of not getting tested. Respect their objections but continue to support the need for testing. They'll be glad that you did.

In the spirit of the holiday season, be sure to reach out and suggest a hearing test to that little drummer boy (aka "rock star") in your family whose loud "pa-rum pa pa pum-ming" has resulted in him responding with, "What?" far too often. Or those surfing Santas with years of chronic painful salt water induced otitis media. And, if someone is asking far too often if you're playing "Silver Bells," it could be tinnitus ringing in their ears. Check it out.

As for the little lamb, her audiologist fitted her with hearing aids and instructed her to say thank you to Sandy, our editor, for suggesting this topic. And so she did.

Happy Holidays!

—Sharon Stewart



'TIS THE SEASON . . .



*“Deck the halls with boughs of holly – fa la la la la la la la la.
‘Tis the season to be jolly – fa la la la la la la la la.”*

The melody for this popular carol came from Nos Galan, a sixteenth century Welsh folk song that was originally a lively tune for greeting the new year. In 1862, the song was reframed as *Deck the Halls* with English lyrics appropriate for the yuletide by Scottish musician Thomas Oliphant.

“Tis a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.” – Washington Irving

“At this time of year, when the sun is most hidden, the holiday of Hanukkah celebrates the rays of hope and light. Often, it is through simple and unrecognized miracles that we are able to feel the warmth of hope and light.” – Rafael Goldstein

“We light candles in testament that faith makes miracles possible.” – Nachum Braverman



“’Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.”

On Christmas Eve in 1822, Clement Moore wrote these now familiar opening lines of “A Visit from Saint Nicholas” while in Manhattan waiting to buy the family’s Christmas turkey. He read the poem to his family that evening when he returned home. A friend later sent a copy to the *New York Sentinel*, which ran it the following Christmas. Moore did not acknowledge his authorship for many years, believing the poem was too light for his reputation as a Hebrew scholar. His works of scholarship endure, yet today we remember him most for this poem that gives us Santa as a “jolly old elf” and recites the names of all the reindeer (except Rudolph): “Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen . . .” Can you finish the line?



BE OF GOOD CHEER!

The expression, “*Be of good cheer,*” is found in John 16:33 and Matthew 9:1-2, where the biblical word *tharseo* used by Jesus translates as “be of good cheer” or “be of good comfort.” Another use comes from John Bunyan’s seventeenth century novel *Pilgrim’s Progress*, where the allegorical character Hopeful rescues the drowning hero Christian from the deep river of death, using the words, “Be of good cheer, my brother,” as he lifts him from the dark waters.



“*On earth, peace and goodwill toward men*” is a wonderful sentiment everyone wishes for our world at the holidays and every day. The original wording comes from Luke 2:14 and—depending on the translation—could also convey the slightly different message, “On earth, peace toward men of goodwill.” So, the expression may wish peace and goodwill toward all, or it may ask peace for men of goodwill. Something to ponder!



A few words about gifts and giving, life and living:

“*Love the giver more than the gift.*” – Brigham Young

“*It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.*” – Mother Theresa

“*Christmas doesn’t come from a store. Maybe, perhaps, it means a bit more.*” – Dr. Seuss

“*Giving material goods is one form of generosity, but one can extend an attitude of generosity into all one’s behavior. Being kind, attentive and honest, offering praise where due, giving comfort and advice where needed, simply sharing one’s time – all these are forms of generosity and they do not require any particular level of material wealth.*” – Dalai Lama

“*When we recall holidays past, we usually find that the simplest things—not the great occasions—give off the greatest glow of happiness.*” – Bob Hope

“*Two important things are to have a genuine interest in people and to be kind to them. Kindness, I’ve discovered, is everything.*” – Isaac Bashevis Singer

“*We cannot hold a torch to light another’s path without brightening our own.*” – Ben Sweetland

“*Thank you for whatever you do, wherever you are, to bring joy and life and hope and faith and pardon and love to your neighbor and to yourself.*” – Fred Rogers

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited September Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2019
- General Session Budget Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2019
- November 2019 Expense and Transfer (Actual)
- Appointment of Suzanne Enis and Robert Schreiber to the Maintenance Committee
- Covenant for 33981 Manta Court
- Covenant for 24112 Gourami Bay
- Annual Disclosure Mailing and 2020 Budget
- Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage
- Extension for 6881008 to Submit City Approved Plans to Architectural Committee
- Ratify Approval of Change Order for Additional Spa Repairs During Re-Plaster Project

APPEALS:

- Appeal of View Preservation Committee Decision
- Tree Not an Unreasonable View Blockage

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Check Register, General Ledger and Delinquency Report
- FDIC Limits and Banking Update
- Bridge Inspection Report
- Correspondence to the Board
- Manager's Report
- Board Updates

NOVEMBER 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2019

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules and CC&Rs Article IX, Section 2 – Traffic Regulations (Unsafe Driving, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign) and Nuisance
- Three (3) Hearings held for Violation of Rules – Overnight Parking
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Atlantic Garden Homes Modification Restrictions-Easements
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Easement Plantings and Atlantic Garden Homes Modification Restrictions-Easements
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Planting Maintenance
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules and CC&Rs Article IX, Section 12, 16 and 18 – Visible Debris, Failure to Maintain and Planting Maintenance
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Beach Parking
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Parked Opposing Traffic), Beach Parking
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Obstructing Fire Hydrant), Beach Parking
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules – Pet Owners Responsibility (Dog Off Leash)
- One (1) Hearing held for Violation of Rules and CC&Rs Article VII, Section 1 – New Construction or Modifications to Home Sites (Unauthorized Modification)

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Update
- Legal Analysis
- Delinquency Report

NOTE: 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 THE 1ST WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

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