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## NIGUEL SHORES Upcoming Events

#### MARCH 3

8:00 a.m. **Men's Club Breakfast** with Rosalind Russell, the "Goat Lady"

### MARCH 12

12:00 Noon **Women's Club** Fashion Show Luncheon "Sail into Spring" Reserve in the Office by March 6

#### MARCH 16

12:00 Noon Garden Club Meeting

### MARCH 17

8:00 a.m. **Men's Club Breakfast** with Financial Advisor James Fullenkamp

## MARCH 17

5:30 p.m. **St. Patrick's Day Party** Corned Beef Sliders, Drinks, Fun for All

#### MARCH 23

6:30 p.m. Sea Terrace II Homeowner's Meeting

MARCH 28 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Garden Club Plant Sale

## APRIL 14

6:00 p.m. NSCA Meet the Candidates Night

#### APRIL 24

Women's Club Home Tour and Lunch. Tickets Available Soon

## APRIL 26

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Niguel Shores All-Sports Day** See Page 4 for More Information

To place announcements of upcoming events, send information to *seashorenews@hotmail.com* by the fifteenth of the month before the event.

# FROM THE HELM

#### **Revetment Project**

At the February 13 hearing, the California Coastal Commission denied Orange County's application for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the Revetment/Walkway Project. We will soon meet with the County officials to discuss their next steps. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

## **Dogs Off Leash and Use of Doggie Bags**

We continue to receive complaints from residents regarding dogs off leash. Many people feel that their dog is friendly and therefore does not need to be on a leash but that is simply not true. Niguel Shores has rules—rules that follow California state rules—and these require dogs to be on a leash and under control at all times when outside of fenced private property. These rules are in place for the safety of our residents and guests as well as your dog. If you want to provide your dog a place to run and exercise, we are fortunate to have a dog park right across the street,

# Our Annual Wearing of the Green —Everyone Invited!

## Tuesday, March 17 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Niguel Shores Clubhouse



Corned Beef Sliders & Cold Beverages Luck of the Irish ~ It's Free!



behind the library, that you and your dog can enjoy.

Also, while walking your dog please use the doggie bags the Association supplies for your convenience and be sure to dispose of them in a proper waste container. Do not drop the waste in the common areas or along our sidewalks and roads.

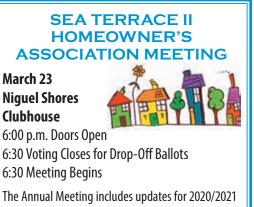
### St. Patrick's Day

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the Recreation Committee's celebration on the Clubhouse patio on **Tuesday**, **March 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Enjoy the fun evening and, of course, the delicious corned beef sandwiches. See you there!

#### **Daylight Saving Time**

One last thing is to remember that Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 8. So, on Saturday March 7 before bedtime, you should "spring ahead"—setting your clocks forward one hour.

—Dick Kichline



and election results for Board Officer positions.







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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

#### NSCA 2020 Annual Meeting & Election Dates:

Please mark your calendars for "Meet the Candidates Night" scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. This provides an opportunity for homeowners to meet each of the candidates running for the NSCA Board of Directors and ask questions.

We have scheduled this "Meet the Candidates Night" close to the mailing of the ballots so everyone can hear what the candidates have to say and be prepared to vote. The Annual Meeting (see insert for more information) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

**Roth Capital Event:** The Roth Capital Event will be held on March 15-16 this year. This is a private event at the Ritz Carlton with live music playing from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. each of the nights. The setup for the event will begin on March 9 and everything is usually gone quickly after the event is over, but no later than March 20. The south portion of the Salt Creek parking lot will be closed during this time. As in previous years there will be tents, a stage for music and entertainment, lighting, food and beverage services. This is an annual event and the City of Dana Point will make every effort to minimize the effect on Niguel Shores residents. Please contact DyAnne Weamire in the Permitting Department at (949) 248-3512 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this event. **Master Landscape Plan:** I am so happy to say that this will be our last year of replanting slopes as part of the Master Landscape Plan which began in 2011. This project was to be done in a 5-or-6-year phase and has turned into a 9-year project. In 2019, we replanted both Capstan and Windjammer. The final slopes run below the houses on Windlass, Brigantine and Marlinspike. Although it is an inconvenience during the planting, these areas will fill in quickly as we have seen with numerous other slopes throughout the community.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these slope projects and all the landscaping projects.

**Do Not Walk on Slopes:** It has been brought to our attention that some slopes are being used as access in and out of back yards. This is not a good idea because it damages landscaping, opens up a perfect trail to your home for uninvited guests, and causes damage that could lead to an unwanted slope failure.

If you need someone to have access to your back yard, please make sure they are entering from your street and not the street below you or on the slope side. If you are a home that is in the middle of three attached units, try to work something out with your neighbor to obtain access through the back of the neighboring property. This is a better alternative and will avoid damage to the slopes.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

-Marla Miller

## YOUR MALFUNCTION VS. GATE MALFUNCTION

Recently several residents (yes, *residents* with a barcode) have come to the office stating the gate has malfunctioned and attacked their car. They all have the same puzzled look when the first thing they are asked is "Was

there a car in front of you?"

The general response ranges from "I don't know" to "Why does that matter?" The reason this information is important is because the gates that have teeth (Selva and Cabrillo) function differently than



the gates without teeth (Mariner, Garibaldi and Manta).

The gates with teeth have several working parts that move in a cycle. When the barcode reader registers a valid barcode, the light will turn green, the gate arm rises, and the teeth retract while the heavy metal swing gate opens. The gate remains open for that **one** vehicle to pass through. As soon as the vehicle is across, then the arm will lower, the spikes will rise and the light will turn red. When you follow behind a car too closely (tailgate), the gate registers you as a trailer or a trespassing vehicle and does not reverse its cycle. It continues to close, as it is intended to do. This is how the gate functions. So, if you



follow a car through the gate and it results in damage to your vehicle, the damage is not a result of a malfunctioning gate.

In order to assist people in understanding this, the Association has placed several signs at these

gate entrances that say: "One Vehicle Per Green Light," "Tailgating Will Result in Damage to the Vehicle," etc.

The best way to avoid damaging your vehicle is to wait *behind* the barcode reader until the vehicle in front of you clears the gate and the light turns red. The Association will review the video footage and will not reimburse the cost for damage caused by tailgating, or a distracted/impatient driver. *—Karen Decker* 

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## RECREATION

Spring brings events for whales and swallows happening right beyond our gates. Here in Niguel Shores, mark your calendars for our own special events:



St. Patrick's Day Party — Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy corned beef sliders, your favorite beverages, and lots of Irish tunes in the Clubhouse on St. Pat's Day. This is

always a fun time to unite with neighbors and celebrate the "wearing of the green." It's free! Come and enjoy!

NSCA All Sports Day — Sunday, April 26, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. *New event!* Join us in the Community Center

Park for a fun-filled afternoon of tennis, pickleball, tug-awar, ping pong, basketball, cornhole, volleyball and sack races. All ages welcome.



Bring your own food to barbeque. For tennis or pickleball, bring your own

racquets and balls. Come to participate in the games or just to watch the fun!

Sign up in the NSCA office by Friday, April 24. Questions? Contact Rhonda Dunlevie at *rhonda@interiorconsultants.net*.

—Maria Elena Banks

## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY Covote Alert

We have quite a few sightings of a single coyote, and on occasion multiple coyotes, prowling through the Atlantic

Garden Homes and then sauntering up Windward and going behind the homes on Halyard.

What is of special concern is that these typically nocturnal predators have become emboldened, and are casually and confidently moving about during daylight hours. As a species these animals are skilled hunters, but they yield to temptation when food sources such as pet food are left outside and unsecured. Other easy pickings for them are small animals left outside in a rear or side yard while its human remains inside.

Another surprisingly easy source of nourishment for a hungry coyote is dog droppings. According to experts, coyotes are attracted to and will explore doggie scat looking for undigested morsels of food.

Animal Services personnel will not respond to coyote sightings. It is nearly impossible to trap coyotes as they are just too smart. These wily animals are members of the wolf family and are a "protected species." As such, they fall under the purview of the Department of Fish and Game, and that department will not normally dispatch an officer unless a human is seriously harmed.

Hopefully, by monitoring our pets, their food, and picking up their waste we will make our community less attractive to coyote predators and consequently have a healthier and safer neighborhood.

## **Securitas Limitations**

The Securitas personnel that staff and control access at the front gate and provide patrol services are limited in the scope of the duties they are allowed to perform. They are specifically responsible for controlling gate access, parking enforcement, and enforcement of administrative rules pertaining to common areas.

Beyond that, they lack any authority other than that of an ordinary citizen. They are further restricted from entering private property. Lacking "Police Powers," they cannot even stop people engaged in highly suspicious activity without seeing that they committed a crime.

## Is there a Neighborhood Watch program in our future?

The state's population continues to grow. The penalties for once serious crimes have been watered down to next to nothing. Because of overcrowding, jail sentences have been drastically cut. The state has not built a new jail in years. Folks that normally would have been incarcerated are out on the streets and perhaps even entering our community. Our walls and security cameras might not keep them all out. Our Securitas personnel, unless they see someone in the act of committing a crime, can't and shouldn't stop folks to investigate their conduct or presence in our community. What can we do?

Programs wherein neighbors network with each other, and work with law enforcement, have proven most effective in preventing crime for the past forty-five years. In an effort to be as proactive as possible on each issue, our staff is working with our Sheriff's Department to develop a uniquely designed program for our community. You should hear more on this in the near future. In the meantime, think about your ability to be part of it.

-God Bless . . . Tim Murphy

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Social Security Scams:** 



I got one of these calls last week from someone claiming to represent Social Security. Scammers are pretending to be government employees and will try to scare and trick you into giving them

your personal information and money. They may threaten you or your family, and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. DON'T BE FOOLED!

## If you receive a suspicious call:

- Hang up.
- DO NOT give them money or personal information!
- Report the scam at *www.oig.ssa.gov*.

# Social Security MAY call you in some situations but will NEVER:

- Threaten you.
- Suspend your Social Security Number.
- Demand immediate payment from you.
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer.

## What to look out for:

- The call or e-mail says there is a problem with your Social Security Number or account.
- Scammers pretend they're from Social Security or another government agency.
- Caller ID or documents sent by e-mail may look official but they are not.
- Callers may threaten you with arrest or other legal action.
   Learn more at www.oig.ssa.gov/scam. REPORT A

SCAM! Unfortunately scams via phone, e-mail, postal service, etc. are becoming more prevalent and will continue. DON'T let yourself be taken in.

—Kent Wellbrock

## CALIFORNIA PRIMARY— A NEW WAY TO VOTE!

Hopefully, by now all registered voters have received their ballots for the California Primary in the mail, and have voted by marking and sending the ballot back via US Mail, or dropped it off at a local Ballot Box, or visited one of the Vote Centers to vote in person.

If you have not yet voted and have questions about the new voting procedures, listed below are some of the changes for 2020. The California Primary date did change! We are now able to vote anytime during the eleven-day period of February 22 through March 3, not just on one day as before.



The old "vote in a designated location" has changed. Now, you can vote by mail, or by dropping off a ballot, or by visiting any of the Vote Centers. No

longer do you need to vote in your neighborhood designated location (polling place).

The Niguel Shores Clubhouse is NOT a Vote Center! The closest Drop-Off Ballot Box is at the Dana Point Library, where Voting Staff will be present February 29 through March 3 for those who wish to vote in person.



All Vote Centers are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week, up to and including March 3.

If you did not receive a ballot through the mail, or have questions on registration, location of Vote Centers, or need voting assistance, call (714) 567-6837 or visit *www.ocvote.com*. — *Jeannie Sticher* 

## NIGUEL SHORES MEN'S CLUB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS TWO \$1,000.00 AWARDS

STUDENTS LIVING IN NIGUEL SHORES WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY

To participate, please submit the following criteria:

- Name, address, phone, and e-mail
- High School
- College Choice
- Major
- SAT Scores
- Public Service
- Personal Essay
- Recommendation from Teachers
- Scholastic Record, Classes and Grades
- Financial Need Statement

Submit to Niguel Shores Office by April 8, 2020 Info: Dick Kichline, Men's Club Scholarship Chairman *rkichline@cox.net* 

## CLUBS

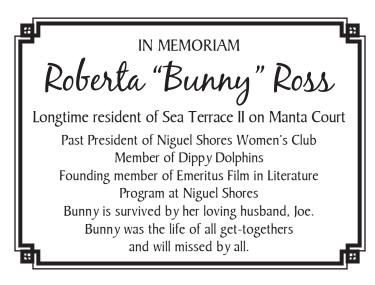
## WOMEN'S CLUB

We have left the month of Cupid's Arrows and now approach Lucky Leprechauns in March! Our Valentine Luncheon was decorated with all shades of pinks and reds on tables as well as in fashions worn by our festively outfitted ladies. We exchanged heartfelt Valentines with tablemates as an outward expression of our friendships, and we collected a big basket of extra Valentines for delivery to the **Fountains Alzheimer's Unit** to help recall memories of this loving holiday.

After a delicious array of healthy salads prepared by our members, we heard from our featured speakers, Sandy Homicz, editor of the Seashore News, and Lisa Buchner, president of Friends of the DP Library. Sandy presented the story of the Seashore News, now in its 47th year, having published 555 issues since its beginning in 1973. She explained how the publication has changed throughout the years, noted the awards it has received, gave honors to past editors, and thanked the many residents who bring the news to Niguel Shores each month. Lisa introduced the Dana Point Library Branch Manager, Laura Blasingham, and her noteworthy involvement in the library. Lisa highlighted the dozens of special events for children and adults provided by the Friends of the Library through their fundraising and sales at the Friends Bookstore, where many of our Women's Club members are volunteers. The Friends welcome more volunteers who want to share their love of books and interest in literacy by giving some of their time to the bookstore.

On March 12, we invite all Women's Club members to our popular Fashion Show Luncheon. Our models will "Sail into Spring" as they display the unique clothing from Soft Surroundings in the Shops at Mission Viejo. The designs, quality, style and comfort of their finery will be a joy to observe and will provide an exceptional show. For lunch, there will be catered boxed lunches from Panera Bread. Note: Please fill out the Lunch Order Form in the Office by the deadline on March 6 along with your check for \$15 made out to NSWC. The





completed form will be your **reservation** to attend the fashion show and luncheon. We cannot take reservations after March 6.

Our Outside Activity this month is a trip to Sherman Gardens and Le Jardin Cafe in Corona Del Mar on March 19.

We would love to have all interested women of Niguel Shores join us for one of our monthly luncheons. Please contact **Jennifer Paige** *jopaige@aol.com* or **Judi Palladino** *twopalls@yahoo.com* for more information about membership with NSWC.

-Terry Link

## MEN'S CLUB

After a breakfast of cinnamon Fench toast with sausage and fresh fruit prepared to perfection by the **Mike Roberts** cooking team, members heard from **Steven Kuykendall**, our retired 36th District U.S. Congressman and current Board President of the Fisher House Foundation. Kuykendall spoke about the non-profit's work providing modern, comfortable homes for relatives of hospitalized veter-



Steven Kuykendall, Board President of Fisher House Foundation

Miguel Shores Women's Club Outside Activity For March

Sherman Gardens and Le Jardin Lunch
March 19 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Meet at Clubhouse at 10 a.m. for carpools.
Docent garden tour at 10:30 (\$5)
RSVP to Terry Link (949) 212-2004 by March 17

## CLUBS

ans to use *free of charge* so they can provide family support during a veteran's hospitalization. Niguel Shores resident **Sherry Frymoyer**, a Fisher House volunteer, assisted the presentation.



Mike Roberts Cooking Team

For more information about the four Southern California Fisher Houses in Long Beach, Camp Pendleton and two in San Diego, see *fisherhousesocal.org*, and about Fisher Houses worldwide, *www.fisherhouse.org*.

On February 18, we enjoyed breakfast by the **Enger** cooking team and heard from **Brian Maryott**, Mayor of San Juan Capistrano and City Councilman representing San Juan Capistrano's 5th District. Maryott gave his views on the state of the country and his ideas for governing if elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.



Brian Maryott, SJC

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larly travels from Laguna Beach to live

with the Nepalese people in earthquake

decimated villages. She is known for giv-

ing goats to village women to provide

milk and yogurt for the people. To a vil-

lager who has lost everything, a goat is

like a new Porsche, and when the goats

have offspring, village women give them

to other villagers, thereby expanding the

U.S. House of Representatives. Coming up this week on March 3, we

will feature the "Goat Lady," **Rosalind Russell**, who regu-



Rosalind Russell the "Goat Lady"

the "Goat Lady" supply of these treasured gifts. At our March 17 breakfast, our speaker is financial advisor **James Fullenkamp** who will bring us the latest on financial planning. James is our most requested speaker. Because he has been featured on several occasions, including the Mother's Day presentation with our ladies last year, this time he will bring three specialists for a program featuring four speakers with James F



James Fullenkamp

James acting as program panel moderator. Should be fun! He might have some fun for Saint Patrick's Day as well.

We invite all Niguel Shores men to try kicking off your day with a solid breakfast, some interesting learning, and the opportunity to enjoy existing and new friends at our next Men's Club meeting—8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

-C. W. Gruenig

## GARDEN CLUB

## **SJC Mission Tour**

On February 17, twenty Garden Club members met at the **San Juan Capistrano Mission** to enjoy a docent led tour of this historic California treasure, one of twentyone missions established by Spanish missionaries up and down the coast and inland.

Mission San Juan Capistrano, the ninth mission established, is a California landmark and cultural icon as well as a destination for travelers, the faithful, school children from all over California, and the world at large. Known as the home of the world famous swallows, the Mission was founded in faith and continues today to serve as a reminder of the past, a destination for learning, and a place where life-long memories are made.

Our tour group was treated to a once in a lifetime experi-

ence when we were able to view the original **Lincoln Document** signed by President Lincoln in 1865 that returned Mission San Juan Capistrano to the Catholic Church. The document, normally housed in the mission's archives, was exhibited for the first time in more



The Lincoln Document

than ten years in honor of Presidents' Day.

After the Mission tour, we met other club members at **Cedar Creek Restaurant** for a delicious lunch.

#### Very Important News

Our Club will meet on **Monday, March 16**, at Noon for lunch and a business meeting. Topics for discussion will be (1) Election of club officers to take over the reins of our club for the next two years. Let's continue the fun, fellowship, and love of gardening that defines our club. (2) **The Garden Club Plant Sale** on **Saturday, March 28**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This helps to finance our sumptuous monthly luncheons, our field trips, the Lobster Dinner, the Holiday Luncheon and our Annual Forget-Me-Not Project. —*Karl Kuhn* 



## DANA POINT LIBRARY

Dana Point Library activities for March, 2020 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

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
3	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
		Toddler Storytime/Stay and Play
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writers' Group – adults
4		Preschool Storytime/Stay and Make a Craft
•	3:00 p.m.	
6		Coloring Club – adults
Ū		English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
7		Cat in the Hat Party and Pictures by Pi Beta Phi Alums –
,	10.00 <b>u</b>	age 4-8
9	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
10	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills <sup>*</sup> – adults
10		Toddler Storytime/Stay and Play
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
11		Preschool Storytime/Stay and Make a Craft
11		Lego Club by Friends of Library – all ages
12		Gentle Reads: The Stationery Shop, Marjan Kamali
12	3:30 p.m.	Tween/Teen Tech Time with Sphero Robot – age 10+
13		Coloring Club – adults
15		English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
	2:30 p.m.	
14	1:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board/Share Ideas/Earn Community Service –
11	1.00 p.m.	grades 7-12
	2:00 p.m.	Teen Book to Movie: <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> – age 13+
15	2:00 p.m.	Travel Club: Schindler's Listed, a Search for My Father's Gold
16	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
17	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
		Toddler Storytime/Stay and Play
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writers' Group – adults
18		Preschool Storytime/Stay and Make a Craft
20	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
21	11:00 a.m.	Science of Magic/Tricks Revealed by Friends of Library – all ages
	2:00 p.m.	Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime by Friends of Library –
		all ages
22	2:00 p.m.	Foreign Film: Winter Flies, Czech Republic 2020
23		Seaside Book Club: Origin, Dan Brown
	1:00 p.m.	
24		Toddler Storytime/Stay and Play
	3:00 p.m.	Young Readers Book Club: The Itchy Book, LeUyen Pham –
		age 5-8
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
25		Preschool Story Time/Stay and Make a Craft
24	3:30 p.m.	Experiment and Learn Science/Engineering/Coding – age 5-8
26	10:30 a.m.	Family Movie and Popcorn: Land Before Time/The Great
27	10.00	Valley – all ages
27	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
20	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
28		Memoir Writing with Barb deMarco-Barrett – adults
	2:00 p.m.	Teen Mystery Movie, Games, Popcorn, Pizza, Drinks –
20	2.00	age 12+
29	2:00 p.m.	Teen Escape Room, Pizza, Drinks by Teen Advisory Board –
20	1.00	age 12+ English Class by South Coast Literrow* adults
30	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
21	5:30 p.m.	PJ Story Time by Laguna Storytellers – all ages
31		Toddler Storytime/Stay and Play
	3:30 p.m.	Tech Tutors help with technology. Bring your device.
		—Dan de Neve, Dana Point Library

-Dan de Neve, Dana Point Library

## REALLY SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

Mike Harrod hosted the Really Serious Book Club meeting for February where we discussed *The Point Of it All*. These collected and selected columns of Charles Krauthammer's from the *Washington Post* newspaper covered a wide variety of subjects. Some of us thought some ideas were wrong headed, other columns



were brilliant, some were amusing, and some thoughtful. But all were well written and commendable and worth agreeing or disputing. And that's what we did in the meeting. Some agreement, some disagreement, and some disengagement.

Our group next meets on Wednesday, March 18 for a review of *The Guarded Gate* by Daniel Okrent. If you would like to join our discussion, contact Norton at *nortlynne@cox.net*.

-Norton Schwartz

## PAGE TURNERS

During the month of March, the **Page Turners Book Club** will be reading Barbara Kingsolver's newest novel *Unsheltered*. This "is a compulsively readable story of two families, in two [different]



centuries ... navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it ... " (Harper Collins). Kingsolver gives readers plenty to think about in this novel of two sets of characters occupying the same locale in New Jersey centuries apart, but both "living through times of social turmoil" *(The Guardian)*.

Page Turners meeting dates are the fourth Monday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Because of our growing numbers, the Thursday group has now divided into two groups in order to facilitate a more inclusive discussion of the books we read. All three groups read the same books, chosen by all the members by popular vote each year.

For information on the Thursday groups please contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at *samwrsi@cox.net* and for the Monday group, **Frances Ozimec** at *fozimec@cox.net*.

-Frances Ozimec



## BRIDGE CLUB

Over the last month our **Bridge Club** has been staging four tables and sometimes five on

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. If you'd like to participate please call **Betty** or **Bob French** at (949) 312-2556. We only ask that you have a basic working knowledge of the game and think that you'd probably fit in well with the group. **Our latest winners:** 

- 1/15 1) Frieda Baskin 2) Nancy Chino 3) Mark Sobolik
- 1/22 1) Roberta Ludwig 2) Ceacy Johns 3) Trudy Buck
- 1/29 1) Lee Farrell 2) Karen Oerele 3) Glenda Wilson
- 2/5 1) Jim Pinola 2) Ceacy Johns 3) Paul Cannariato
- 2/12 1) Jane Olson 2) Jack Bernard 3) Mary Ann Theisen

## SPOTLIGHT-THE HISTORY OF OUR BELL

Many thanks to Karl Kuhn and former resident Jack Christiansen for these Seashore News articles from years past giving us information about our historic El Camino Real bell.

Have you stopped to investigate the cast iron bell located near the tennis courts? There is a fascinating story behind that bell. Briefly . . . that bell was one of the original ones installed up and down California's first highway, El Camino Real (Royal Highway), in the early 1900s. It was donated to Niguel Shores by Dale Baltimore, founder and first president of the Men's Club.

-Karl Kuhn (December 2016)



The year was 1892. Mrs. Anna Pitcher initiated an effort to mark the route of California's first highway, El Camino Real (Royal Highway or Kings' Highway), the highway from San Diego to Sonoma linking 21 missions founded by Father Junipero Serra.

Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes and the California Federation of Women's

Clubs adopted the initiative and decided to mark the route with distinctive bells. Mrs. Forbes designed the 85-pound cast iron bells. The bell has the dates 1796 and 1906 and the A.S.C. Forbes copyright notice. The 1796 date refers to the founding of the first mission and the 1906 to the placement of the first bell.

The first bell was unveiled in 1906 at the Plaza Church near Olvera Street in Los Angeles. Between the years of 1906 and 1913, the installation of 450 bells marked the route of the original El Camino Real/King's Highway. Due to relocation and rerouting of the highway, most of the original 450 bells had disappeared by 1933 when the State of California took over maintenance of the bells. In 1960 the State began a restoration program, installing new bells that are fabricated

using the original 1906 molds.

Dale Baltimore, founder and first president of the Niguel Shores Men's Club, owned one of the original bells. In memory of Dale and Helen Baltimore, the Baltimore family gave the bell to Niguel Shores in 1995. It was first installed by the old club house



and later moved to its present location near the tennis courts.

2013 [marked] the centennial year for this bell. There is a plaque on the supporting pipe to commemorate its first



installation in 1913. After 100 years, the old bell was in need of a little refurbishment. Our Maintenance Department wanted the bell to celebrate its one hundredth birthday with a fresh new look. The bell and its support pipes were brought to the maintenance shop where several layers of paint were removed. The plaques, which were difficult to read, were acid washed and polished several times and then waxed with a special monument wax. George Cooley even worked the

small details with an electric tooth brush. Some welding repair

was necessary on the support pipe. The original paint specification was researched and found to be available from Dunn-Edwards. A professional painter was hired to apply the paint. The bell has been reinstalled by the tennis courts, looking as good as new and ready for another hundred years.

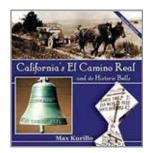


—Jack Christiansen (December 2012)

To add to the above stories, here is a photo of Dale Baltimore with the original El Camino Real bell from 1913, the year Dale was born. Dale passed away in 2003, when he and the bell were both nearly 100 years old. His memory goes on here in Niguel Shores thanks to his donation of the historic bell.

We also learned from *www.californiabell.com* that the current owner of Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes' California Bell Company teamed up with Caltrans to place replica bells along the historic Camino Real route where the originals once stood. Together they have installed 555 bells along Highway 101 on Caltrans property between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Their goal is to place replicas along the old El Camino Real from Sonoma to San Francisco and Los Angeles to San Diego, so the entire historic route from San Diego northward will be covered.

If you'd like to know more, Max Kurillo, who appeared with Huell Houser on *California's Gold*, has chronicled the history of the bells in *California's El Camino Real and Its Historic Bells*, available on Amazon.



—Sandy Homicz

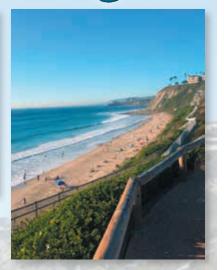
# CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MARCH

While our fellow citizens across the country might still be shoveling snow in March, here in Niguel

Shores we are blessed with blue skies, beach and pool time, and beautiful spring flowers.









At the Dana Point Harbor, March brings two weeks of festivities as the gray whales migrate past our shoreline.



In neighboring San Juan Capistrano, March marks Fiesta de las Golondrinas and the legendary return of the swallows to the Mission.



And, of course, in March we're all Irish for a day!





## Greg and Mary Kay Gutknecht

The Seashore News welcomes Greg and Mary Kay Gutknecht to our community. The couple, along with their beloved dog Bella, moved into their Windjammer home with Greg's father in October, 2018. Many longtime residents will recognize the name Gutknecht from Greg's father, Robert, and his mom, Rhea, residents of Niguel Shores for more than 20 years. We had to say goodbye to Rhea recently and she is sorely missed by her friends in the community and especially the Dippy Dolphins. Robert remains active in our Men's Club and Men's Golf. Texas. He returned to Texas A & M University for a Fireman and EMT degree which yielded a job within the additional responsibilities in his successful career at SI Chemicals. Greg speaks highly of his emergency response education at Texas A&M, which is regarded as the best of its kind in the industry.

Greg retired in 2017 and, upon moving to Niguel Shores, now actively participates in the Men's Club as one of the breakfast team leaders and in the Garden Club. As a side hobby, Greg also enjoys rebuilding and driving fast cars.

Greg has twin younger brothers, one living in Reno and

the other close by in

Laguna Niguel. Greg can

be often seen working

together with his younger

brother Brian on house

maintenance and garden

upkeep. The extended

family of Mary Kay has

one younger brother who

is a nutritionist in Texas.

married in 2003 in a

beautiful backyard cer-

emony and have a com-

bined family of three

girls and one boy. They

love to travel to Hawaii

and annually back to Galveston, Texas for

the Christmas holidays

Greg and Mary Kay

Greg and Mary Kay hail from Lake Jackson, Texas, and had made many trips to Dana Point over that 20 years for family activities before they decided to make their retirement home within Niguel Shores and live here full-time.

Mary Kay (aka "MK") was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her family moved to Texas where she lived in Houston, La Marque, and then in Galveston. She earned a degree in Retail Management from Alvin College and worked as a



Greg, Mary Kay and Bella Gutknecht

manager of Dillard's Department Store (large chain in the South). MK also worked in the banking industry for seven years. She is a very active member of our Niguel Shores community in both the Women's Club and Garden Club, organizing events like the upcoming fashion show and setting up meetings. She additionally works part-time as an inhome dog sitter and has a jewelry business.

Greg was born in Torrance, California. He grew up in Houston, Texas, attending Westchester High School and playing as a lineman on the football team.

Greg earned an Oceanic Technology degree from Tyler College in Texas. He later returned to college and obtained a degree in Petroleum Technology. For three years he worked as a crane operator and offshore platform supervisor for Citco. Growing tired of the demanding schedule working on an offshore platform, Greg later joined the SI group as a unit operator in their large chemical plant near Freeport, where they vacation with family and reunion with friends. Greg and MK now attend Gloria Dei Lutheran church.

In addition to their other activities here in Niguel Shores, our July 4th festivities are a big volunteer day for the Gutknechts with Greg working at the pancake breakfast and Mary Kay at the hot dog lunch.

Watch for Greg, Mary Kay and their dog Bella traveling through the neighborhood in their unique white Lido golf cart—a vehicle designed by Lee Iacocca and modeled off the PT Cruiser. You will often find them at the bluff, enjoying the ocean view and sunsets with their friends and neighbors. Stop by, introduce yourself, and get to know this active, friendly couple. Maybe they will even give you a ride in their awesome golf cart!

Welcome to Niguel Shores, Greg and Mary Kay! We feel fortunate you are part of our wonderful community.

-Meg Wilson

## SPORTS

## PICKLEBALL

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

**Drop In Play:** Hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

**Challenge Court:** On Drop In days (see above) Court 4 will be a Challenge Court from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Winners of the match stay on to challenge the next pair. If the winners win twice in a row, they step out for the next four and go back into the rack/line for the Challenge Court.

**Pickleball Clinics:** Intermediate sessions are on Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per hour drop in, or \$60.00 for 4 sessions. Contact **Raudel** at (954) 647-6305.

For Beginner lessons that are private or small group sessions, please contact Raudel.

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

-Steve Barrett



## TENNIS

Calling all tennis players! Please sign up if you'd like to attend our next **Tennis Social Hour** on **Tuesday, March 24 at 5 p.m.** We will advise those interested of the location after we have a head count.

We should all be motivated to up our games after watching the Paribas Open in Indian Wells, which is March 9 to March 22. (Get your ticket soon if you haven't already!)

If you are not yet on our tennis match/ contact list, please submit your phone and email address and include your level of play, as well as whether you prefer singles, doubles or mixed matches. All levels are welcome. Send your info to **Jennifer Rose** at *4oceanbreeze@gmail.com*.

Anyone interested in having input to the Tennis Information Committee please contact **Don Baer** at either (949) 422-9140 or *pacific92629@yahoo.com*.

—Jennifer Rose



## MEN'S GOLF

February brought us great golf weather. Plenty of sun and dry conditions. We played Arroyo Trabuco, Tijeras Creek, and Monarch Links. Coming up in March is Arroyo Trabuco, Arrowood in Oceanside, Talega, and Oak Creek.

Be aware that we have had great turnouts with all our 24 tee slots filled six days before we play with a few on a wait list. We suggest you reply quickly after you get your signup email if you want to play. —Bob Russell



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–Joan Beyer

CUISINE CORNER

## **Something Irish**

In the spirit of the upcoming St Patrick's day celebrations, we searched for the best "Irish" dining experience in South Orange County. Sadly, most of the so-called Irish pubs did not live up to any expectations as far as food goes, and the selection of adult beverages was limited.

The last but best place we tried was **Dublin 4** at 26342 Oso Parkway, Mission Viejo. This small but cozy restaurant turned out to be a winner. It is tucked in a tiny plaza just off the freeway. With soft jazz playing in the background, the restaurant is probably best suited for a special date night or small group.

The menu is good, and might be compared favorably with one found in Kinsale Ireland, which is known for an abundance of excellent eclectic Irish-fusion eating establishments. At Dublin 4, we tried the Guinness Stew and the lobster pie. These dishes were satisfactory, but lacked the

flavor intensity that you would expect from a dish from the southern part of Ireland. The pea and the colcannon mashes were as good as you would find anywhere. Fish and chips should be Dublin 4's signature dish. Really good!

The wine list here is relatively extensive, and so are the whiskey offerings. If you feel like a taste of good whiskey, you can buy a shot of Middleton for a mere \$99. However, unless you like Guinness beer, your choices of beer are limited.

Curry fries (curry gravy over French fries) are becoming very popular in Ireland as well as part of the U.K. At Dublin 4, they cook and serve them perfectively. —*Tim Murphy* 

## Wellness... Vision and Eye Health

Everyone was already tucked in bed reading or fast asleep as I tiptoed through the house. I was still awake, looking high and low for—what else?—my eyeglasses. This is, unfortunately, a fairly common occurrence for me, and my family constantly reminds me of that fact. I only need the specs for close up or to see the computer, but I really love to read in bed before I turn off the light. It's a ritual that has endured since childhood. My mom would read to us before bed when we were young, which led to me reading my own books as a teenager, and I still do. However, over the last 20 years or so, I've come to rely on prescription lenses in order to sustain this cherished habit of mine.

As my late-night search for the glasses continued, it reminded me how valuable and important our vision is. It's a precious gift that we often take for granted, and that shows by how we care for our eyes. Something as simple as a regular eye exam is not very common among people who have no perceptible deficits in their ability to see, so they wait until they do have trouble before they go to the



eye doctor.

The reality is that visiting an optometrist or ophthalmologist early in life and consistently over the years creates the opportunity to identify problems early on. The sooner issues are treated, the greater your odds of preserving your vision. And we all know most of the conditions to look out for. Glaucoma, dry eye, age-related macular degeneration (AMD), cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal detachment are some of the most common issues, none of which any of us want. Most of these conditions have multiple causes from family history to dietary habits and everything in between. An information-packed website for the National Eye Institute in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health that can answer questions about these conditions is *www.nei.nih.gov*. It's worth a visit.

So, what can you do to take the best care of your eyes? There are some basics that would benefit all of us, like eating a healthy diet that includes plenty of green, leafy vegetables along with other high antioxidant foods. Reach and maintain a healthy weight, manage high blood pressure, and exercise regularly. If you're out in the sun, wear sunglasses. Also, safety glasses are in order if your eyes are at risk of being struck by loose debris perhaps in a work setting, sports, or just in your own backyard using power garden tools. And if you smoke, quit!

Compliment these tips with annual exams and your eyes will surely thank you with beautiful, clear vision for many years to come. Now, back to my late-night search, and—Wait! Found'm! Now where's my book?

—Sharon Stewart, RN

To Your Health! Sharon Stewart RN, Health Coach, Sharon@SharonStewartRN.com

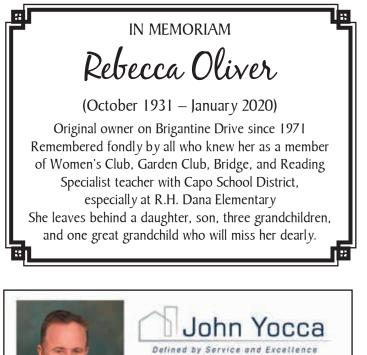
## ENJOY THE JOURNEY - THE SIMPLICITY OF YES

Label the special appreciation for old books, especially first editions. Among my collection is *The Kingship of Self-Control*, written in 1956 by William George Jordan. It is a small book of nine chapters covering thoughtful topics such as self-control, crimes of the tongue, red tape of duty, charity and the value of simplicity in things.

This book came to mind recently as I'm seeing changes in health, lifestyle, and family coming to so many of our friends and neighbors. Life has a way of surprising us at every corner, and often we must make choices about which direction to take.

When we say "Yes" to one thing, we are automatically saying "No" to another. For example: If we say "Yes" to a volunteer position within our church or community, we are saying "No" to free time to do whatever we want in our day. When we make a decision to say "Yes" to a large purchase such as a new automobile or upgrades to the house, we are saying "No" to the security of keeping money in reserve or staying out of debt.

Jordan's book describes "simplicity" as *the elimination* of the non-essential in all things. So, if this is true, what



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are we eliminating in our lives if we say "Yes" thus saying "No" to something else?



On one hand, there is a

certain grace and fulfillment in "Yes." The many volunteers that keep Niguel Shores a thriving, active community make living here a pure joy. I personally thank them all for their answers of "Yes."

Following a certain faith or inner conscience by saying "Yes" to a moral way of living brings a peaceful grace-filled environment to our lives at home and about town.

Making up our minds to let go of grudges by saying "Yes" to forgive and "No" to holding resentment is healthier for our mind and body.

We are not expected to live a perfect life. We will all make mistakes, have regrets. A life without regret is a life without gain. The recent tragic loss of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna along with seven others brought a world-wide awareness to our vulnerability on this earth. I watched Kobe all of his professional career and saw him make mistakes, but I also watched him improve as a man throughout the years. He was constantly saying "Yes" and "No." He made mistakes but was never defeated by his mistakes. Kobe Bryant grew in character and example each time he took self-control, overcame his human weakness, and tried to live to the limit of his possibilities. He said "Yes" when it meant aiming for good and "No" to past habits that hindered his potential best. As Jordan said in the beginning of The Kingship of Self-Control, "It is what a man makes of himself that counts." Over time, Kobe Bryant said "Yes" to becoming the best version of himself as possible. He said "Yes" to discipline, charity, faith and love. He said "No" to greed, slander and uncharitable ways. The grace of his "Yes" will forever live.

-Yollie Mancino



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# Here are some things you will want to take with you if you are traveling with your pet:

- Vour veterinarian contact information.
- List of veterinarians and emergency clinics along the way and at the destination. See American Animal Hospital Association online and the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care website.
- National animal poison control number (888) 426-4435 (on ASPCA website).
- Pet ID including a current photo of your pet plus a clear label on the carrier/crate with name, address and phone number at destination.
- Medical records detailing pre-existing conditions and medications on a form provided by your veterinarian. It is very important if traveling or moving to carry records with you.
- Health Certificate with Acclimation Statement. The Acclimation Statement says your pet can withstand temperatures in a certain range for certain period of time. This may be required by the airline.
- Proof of rabies vaccine.
- Specific airline health form provided by the airline and signed by your veterinarian.
- Current medications, collars, harness, leash, crate, bed, blankets, toys, food, water and bowls.

- Specific considerations if you are flying:
- Federal regulations require pets be at least 8 weeks of age and weaned at least 5 days prior to travel.
- Book a non-stop flight.
- Consider the weather, especially important if your pet is going in the cargo hold.
- Discuss tranquilizers with your veterinarian. Some airlines prohibit these.
- Short-nosed/snub-nosed dogs and cats have more trouble with stress of travel because they can have breathing and respiratory trouble. Short-nosed breeds may be prohibited by some airlines.
- Use an approved crate that is clearly labeled and well ventilated.
- Make sure that if your pet is out of the carrier it is well restrained with a leash in and around the airport.

#### Specific considerations if you are traveling by car:

- Consider car sickness medications for your dog if needed.
- Acclimate your pet to travel with earlier short car trips.
- Talk to your veterinarian about tranquilizers.
- Do not feed the pet prior to the trip if possible.
- Make sure water is available or offered every 2 hours.
- Stop every 2-3 hours and let the dog out of the car on a leash.
- Keep cats in a large crate where they can move around and use a litter box. Do not let them out loose in the car.
- Put a familiar item like a blanket in the crate or car with the pet. —Susan Davis, DVM

Pet first aid kit.

# THIS MONTH IN DANA POINT

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Vote at a Voting Center or by depositing your ballot at a Ballot Drop Box **Through March 3** 

#### **DP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

DP City Hall Council Chambers 33282 Golden Lantern March 3 and 17 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **OC BEACH BOCCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Hosted by Boys and Girls Clubs of Capo Valley Doheny State Beach 25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive March 7 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **HEADLANDS NATURE WALK**

DP Nature Interpretive Center 34558 Scenic Drive March 7 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **FESTIVAL OF WHALES**

Two Weekends of Events Dana Point Harbor 24650 Dana Point Harbor Drive **March 7-8 and March 14-15** See full schedule of events at *www.festivalofwhales.com* 

#### SCIENCE NIGHT

DP Community Center 34052 Del Obispo **March 11 at 6:30** (949) 248-3527

#### WHALE WALK AND TALK

DP Nature Interpretive Center 34558 Scenic Drive March 14 at 9:00 a.m.

#### WALK THROUGH HISTORY

**DP Nature Interpretive Center** 



34558 Scenic Drive March 21 at 9:00 a.m.

#### SWALLOWS DAY PARADE AND FIESTA DE LAS GOLONDRINAS

Celebration of the Return of the Swallows to Mission San Juan Capistrano Downtown San Juan Capistrano along Del Obispo and Camino Capistrano **March 21 at 11 a.m.** 

http://www.swallowsparade.com/portfolio/ swallows-day-parade/

#### OCEAN INSTITUTE CULINARY AND MUSIC FEST

Events, Entertainment, and Chef's 6-Course Dinner Ocean Institute 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive **March 27-28** Tickets at *https://www.ocean-institute.org/ocean-institute-fest* 

## BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

#### FEBRUARY 5, 2020 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED: —Unaudited December 2019 Financial Reports —General Session Committee Minutes

#### **APPROVED:**

-General Session Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020 –January 2020 Expense and Transfer (Actual) -Quarterly Transfer of Funds for Operating to Reserve Account -Litigation Disclosure Update -Approve Lien Filing: APN 672-222-18 and APN 672-061-32 -Record Date for Membership Voting -Emeritus Summer Program -Transfer of funds to Keep Pacific Western Operating Under FDIC Limit -Finance Committee Recommendation to Purchase (2) \$200,000 Certificate of Deposits -Finance Committee Recommendation to Close Accounts with California First National Bank, CIT Bank and First Internet Bank of Indiana and Invest with Comerica Reserves -Finance Committee Recommendation to Transfer Funds from Operating Surplus to the Reserve Account -Recreation Committee 2020 Garage Sale —Janitorial Contract Renewal -Harvest Proposal No. 75220 for (1) Tree Removal in Villas Via Del Cielo -Reimbursement for Fence Repair -ADR Demand

**MEETING / APPEAL:** 

-Appeal of Architectural Committee Decision – Disapproval of Application Due to Rear Setbacks: Appeal not granted

**REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:** 

--Check Register, General Ledger and Delinquency Report --Correspondence to the Board --Manager's Report --Board Updates

#### TABLED / CONTINUED:

 —Instructor Agreement – Pickleball
 —Harvest Proposal No. 75224 for Tree Removal/ Replacement (3) in Villas Park Area
 —Proposal 90603603 – Animal Pest Management Services – Trap/Remove Coyotes
 —Fire Burglar Alarm System Phone Upgrade

FEBRUARY 5, 2020 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

-Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED: —Executive Session Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020 —Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2020 —Partial Payment Offer: APN 672-191-10

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: — Two (2) Hearings for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Parked Opposing Traffic), Beach Parking

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED: — Legal Update —Coastal Commission Update —Correspondence —Lien Filing: APN 672-222-18; APN 672-191-10 and APN 672-061-32 —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 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

ACCOLADES The Seashore News is happy to acknowledge our residents who contribute to the community, achieve a goal, reach a milestone, or deserve recognition. Let us know about it at seashorenews@hotmail.com.



2020 Fiesta Sheriff Dave Euzarraga awards Ron Lee and Maria Elena Banks for helping to produce three events in conjunction with the 2020 Swallows Day Parade and Fiesta de las Golondrinas. Congratulations to Ron and Maria!

Compliments to one of our young residents, **Taylor**, who sold a whole cartful of cookies here on a Saturday afternoon—and to all the Niguel Shores neighbors who bought the cookies in support of the **Girl Scouts**.





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