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Dam Meadows beautifully decorated boat, "Wicked Weighs." See a complete list of all the winners on page 10.

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Wanderlust Ski Club

by Leigh Ross



On the slopes.

Another report from the Best Ski Club in the West. Our Club leaves for Mammoth this Sunday 1/7/18 for a week. Expect 36 or more top skiers to assemble for a great week. Everyone attending Dinner Monday night at Convict Lake, Tuesday night, Sharon and Dan Niedringhaus invited the club to their Beautiful home for Dinner. They open their home up every night for cocktails. Action packed week, we meet at 9 am every morning at Canyon Lodge to start our Ski Day.

January 28th through February 4th trip chairman, Phil Lupton will shepherd our club to Beaver Creek. The small Osprey

Hotel we stay at provides a wonderful experience, with the lift outside the door. Phil has lined up several restaurants for the evenings.

March 3rd through the 10th, again flying to Colorado, skiing at Snowmass. Our trip chairs are Mike and Michelle Easton who have arranged in addition to skiing, Snow Mobile trips and Dog Sledding. They have also arranged evening restaurants for every one to attend. Staying at Stonebridge provides us with ski in and ski out accommodations, and great breakfasts every morning. Signing off for our Great Club, Leigh Ross.



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Seagate Yacht Club

by Pam Jackson, SGYC Communications Chair



Commodore Kelly Tidwell and Fran Cyrus.



Elisa and Ramez Guirgis and Commodore Cindy Broz Allen.

SGYC's 2017 Commodore's Ball was an elegant affair held at Sea Cliff Country Club on November 11th. Hosted by Commodore Kelly Tidwell and Fran Cyrus, the theme was Veteran's Day Salute to our Military. The menu included drinks & appetizers of seafood display, fromage board, passed appetizers in the lounge and on the patio. Dinner was in the Pacific Room and included Plated Salad, Warm rolls & Butter. Choices of entre were Filet Mignon, Jidori Chicken, Pan Seared Sea Bass and Vegetarian and all the trimmings. Dessert of luscious

New York cheesecake topped the meal off perfectly. Commodore Tidwell and Fran presented "thank you" gifts to the 2017 SGYC board and the event hosts and then the 2018 SGYC board members were sworn in. Immediately following the ceremony, we danced to the music of the very popular band "Flyer."

The annual Huntington Harbour Boat Parade was held on December 9th and 10th and the theme was "Get Your Kicks On Route 66". After several weeks of planning, building, decorating, pizza and leadership of Rear Commodore

Erlene and Mike Pace, and a large group of SGYC members entered another "BEST YACHT CLUB"! winning boat. The boat was our familiar and beautiful "FIN-TASTIC" owned by Robin and Jean Clark. The decorations portrayed a floating Route 66. Congratulations!

On December 31, SGYC members and guests closed out 2017 and welcomed 2018 with a "Blast from the Past" at the Seagate Yacht Club. The event was hosted by 2018 Commodore Cindy Broz Allen. 3 past decades and 3 Scrumptious Stations: 60's Station included Cocktail Prawns, Smoked Salmon Mousse Canapes, Mac n' Cheese ramekins, and Teriyaki Chicken Skewers. 70's contained Maryland Blue Crab stuffed mushrooms, Mini "Weenie in a Blanket" Puff Pastry, Vegetable Crudités and Charcuterie and Gourmet Cheeses with Sliced Baguette. 80's comprised a Decadent Dessert and Coffee Bar with Brownies and Blondies and Warm 3 Berries. Cobbler with Rum Raisin Ice Cream. And of course, the ever-popular Libation Station with Champagne expertly handled by our Port Captain Mike Pace. We all danced the year away to music played by Electric Entertainment DJs who also played member's requests. Commodore Cindy Broz Allen presented a Burgee to new members Ramez and Elisa Guirgis. There were deafening cheers as the ball dropped and 2018 officially began.

The SGYC's 2018 calendar promises to be a great year filled with favorites and exciting new events thanks to the executive board and energetic event hosts. See more about the club on our website www.seagateyachtclub.com.

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A Land Lover's Garden Club

by Eustelle Bosler

At the January meeting of the ALL Garden Club, members enjoyed hearing from an expert on orchids. Many of us grow orchids in our homes and gardens, so the information offered was timely and useful. She also suggested several lovely ways to display orchids, alone or with other materials such as pebbles, sand, etc. The presentation was preceded by a short business meeting and followed by lunch. Terri Feterik graciously offered her home for the meeting.

We will travel to Palos Verdes for our February excursion on February 21. Toni Aquino, who has made arrangements for this excursion, has set up a one-hour tour with a docent. The Botanical Gardens consist of a lush 87-acre area and has more than 2500 different species of plants. We will then lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The March meeting, we hold meetings on the third Wednesday of every other month, has yet to be planned. The meeting will be held at the home of Mim Strickler.

At the ALL Garden Club, we have short, informational meetings, followed by a presentation (often interactive) by an expert in some form of gardening or



Growing Herbs...Linda Genis, UCI Master Gardener and Barbara Gallegos, ALL.

associated field. Every other month, we plan an excursion to a near-by garden, shop, park, or museum that features something of interest to our members. Our final excursion of the year will be to the Getty Center.

Of course, in the world of gardening, there's no end to the many topics and special interests available. In upcoming months, we'll spend some time discovering new ways to display our love for all things growing with lectures and visits to local gardens and the myriad of beautifully

landscaped sites for which California is so famous.

Our membership chair and VP, Terri Feterik, is available to give interested parties information on membership. She would be happy to accept your application!

We extend a warm invitation to any who would like to join us in these kinds of activities, or might just like to check us out. Terri Feterik can be reached at 626-712-6513 or feterikfam@aol.com. Come on over!

Flying Dutchman (Guild of the Segerstrom Center)

by Gayle Wayne



Sending off the loot for the Flying Dutchman were (from left) Ron Radelet, Joan Foote and Marcia Kay Radelet.



Enjoying the festive spirit at the home of Jim and Joy Connors are FD Santas (from left) Charlene Bauer, Carryl Hytopoulis, and Marcia Kay Radelet.

Another Truckload of Toys from Flying Dutchman

Another truckload of toys left Huntington Harbour in December as the members of Flying Dutchman joined their sister Guilds of the Segerstrom Center for The Arts in the annual Toys for Tots effort. A partying group, the Flying Dutchmen gathered at the home of Jim and Joy Connors to enjoy holiday treats

and each other's company in a festive atmosphere. Toys lined the hallways and filled the waiting truck.

The Dutchman celebrated a great year, with a hearty end-of-year donation to The Center's educational outreach programs, which bring live theater to thousands of local school children through benefit-supported performances.

The couples group is always scouting

for newcomers who enjoy social evenings out, often at intriguing restaurants with delightful pre-arranged menus, or fabulous parties in lovely Harbour homes, and who know their contributions support a worthy charitable cause. Contact Phil and Cathy Thomas McCullough at (714) 536-6522 for more information and you will be most welcome at our next event!

Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Society

by Eva Kilgore



L to R: Grand Marshal Eva Kilgore, radio star Shotgun Tom Kelly, Katie B boat owner Cristi Ulrich get ready for the boat parade to start.



Jimmy Berry's boat entry, celebrated his late father Jim Berry's love for Route 66. He won a "Design Excellence" award.

Huntington Harbour is truly a magical place...especially during the holidays. We all come together and decorate our homes, enter boats in the parade, take the Cruise of Lights®...and are full of cheer.

Leading the way is the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee. For 55 years we've worked countless hours to assure our community sparkles and shines.

This past December was no exception. The 55th annual Huntington Harbour Boat Parade saw 70 boats, many decorated to our theme "Musical Kicks on Route 66". Crowds cheered from all over the Harbour as we passed by. It was an honor to be your Grand Marshal. A once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Parade captain Mike Novak is, in a word...a genius. He is beyond organized, and attended to hundreds of details. The boat parade committee, led by Jenny Huntsinger and Teresa Nichols, was incomparable. Our night captains, lieutenants, judges, skippers, helpers, donors, decorating geniuses...all added up to the most memorable December.

Sheree Novak and Mike also went the extra mile after the parade to host a most welcome chili party. A million thanks.

A list of all those who contributed will appear after this article. We present the boat parade with joy, and to thank our residents for decorating their homes. Thousands take the Cruise of Lights® after the Boat Parade to see those unbelievable decorations.

Helene Rowlette and Lolly McHardy, co-chairmen of the Cruise of Lights®, led the troops brilliantly. Day after day, and night after night they were on hand to oversee so many passengers and volunteers. Congratulations to these pros.

There wasn't a day that went by where Sheree Novak, Patty Reilly, and our ever

present Madeline Fields were not in the office organizing so much. Unbelievable.

The "Land and Sea" tours this past December sold out. Guests saw off-water decorations, had delicious dinners at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club, then took the Cruise of Lights®. Look for expanded "Land and Sea" tours next year.

Giant Grand Marshal hats off to boat parade committee members Sharie Sneddon, Deborah Fairon, Debbie Edwards, Charmaine Rood, Madeline Fields, Mike Novak, Roxanne Talley, Susan Lipman, Karen Ridout, Patty Reilly and Dee Woods.

And, the same to Cruise of Lights® CORE members Marlene Nielsen (also our PSOC President), Kim Weddon, Sheree Novak, Mike Novak, Craig Ferguson, Brian Griley, Lynne Myers, Kathy Andrews, Lolly McHardy, Cleve Sproule, Mark Arizmendi, Joanne Fernbach, and Patty Reilly.

Calvin Free, your sandwiches and tri-tip were incredible. Terri Feterik, your use of the limo was beyond wonderful. Dean Stanton, Brian Metherell, Larry French, Lloyd Stockwell, Ellen Martin, Karen Wolff, John de la Hays, Bryant Henry, Mike McHardy, Coralee Prince, Aliyah Husaini, Ben Rorem, Marina High School, Golden West College, 3-D Theatricals, Cindy Ross, Linda Cohen, the HHPC Juniors, Kim Willingham, Scot and Heather Campbell...thank you!

Our HHPC chairman Elizabeth Henry and Kim Weddon are still beaming. With a very good reason. Next up, the Grand Marshal event, where we choose the 2018 Grand Marshal. More on that in the next Harbour Light Magazine.

We were in the Music Mobile in the Seal Beach Holiday Parade, thanks to Debbie Edwards and the Seal Beach group.

As you can see, we work hard, and have lots of fun, too. We'd love to have you join us. Call (714) 840-7542 for more information!

We have many to thank but the success of our 2017 Parade depends on the efficiency and dedication of these wonderful volunteers keeping us safe on the water.

Grand Marshal:

Eva Kilgore

Parade Captain:

Mike Novak

Night Captains:

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Waterfront Home Winners

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Best Tribute to Theme: Richard & Sandy Lewis
Most Beautiful: George Prajin & Samantha Garcia
Judges Special Trophy: Zlatko & Becky Zadro
Best Tribute to Holiday Season: Greg & Jane Kriesel
Most Religious: Brad & Sheri Goodrich
Best Animation: John & Diane Gilbert
Most Traditional: Brian & Rocio Griley
Most Effective Use of Lights: Rob Adair
Most Whimsical: Brad & Kimberly Willingham
Most Contemporary: Mim Strickler
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Sweepstakes: Guy & Caron Mount
Best Tribute to Theme: Seabridge Condos
Best Group Entry: Kohler, Kodimers, Rosses, Gleasons, Neils & Olsens
Judges Special Trophy: Bob & Becky Castillo
Award of Excellence: Linda Thomas & Steve Hollis

Off-Water Home Winners

Sweepstakes: Vlahakis-Hanks Family
Best Tribute to Theme: Lenore Family
Most Beautiful: Crowley Family
Judges Special Trophy: Michael Rudolph
Best Tribute to Holiday Season: Fields Family
Most Religious: Alan & Margie Armstrong

Best Animation: Glavinic Family
Most Traditional: Stong Family
Most Effective Use of Lights: George Prajin & Samantha Garcia
Most Whimsical: Frlekin Family
Most Contemporary: Teresa Nichols
Award of Excellence: Corrine & Lloyd Jarvis
HHPC Special Award: Trinidad HOA

Huntington Harbour Boat Parade Winners

Sweepstakes: Hooligan VI by Ron & Joanne Foland
Best Tribute to Theme: C D'Lite by Charles Israel
Best Display of Originality: Valhalla, Viking Ship by Marina High School
Most Beautiful: Wicked Weighs by Dan Meadows
Judges Special Trophy: Luna Sea II by HHYC
Most Religious: Anchor of Hope by Christopher Domino
Best Animation: Mas Fina by Scot & Heather Campbell
Most Traditional: American Jane by Russ Turk
Most Effective Use of Lights: She Said Yes by Steve & Sherri Giron
Design Excellence: Scuttlebutt by James Berry
Most Whimsical: Irish Ayes by Tim Devine & Linda Nibeel
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As you know, on December 22, 2017, the President signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). You may wonder how it will affect your 2018 taxes. In this article, we discuss the changes pertinent to the itemized deductions and hope to shed some light on the TCJA.

- **Medical expenses:** All taxpayers will still be able to deduct qualified medical expenses above 7.5% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in 2017 and 2018. The threshold will return to 10% of AGI after 2018.

- **Deduction for state and local taxes:** Taxpayers will be able to claim an itemized deduction of up to \$10,000 for the aggregate of state and local taxes and property taxes.

- **Mortgage interest:** If a taxpayer acquires a new mortgage after December 15, 2017, the deductibility of interest will be limited to the first \$750,000 of debt principal. Any existing mortgages retain their deductibility of interest on the first \$1,000,000 of debt principal. If the taxpayer refinances an existing mortgage, it will retain the \$1,000,000 limitation. It includes mortgage interest on second homes.

The Act repealed the deduction of interest on home equity loan, meaning any part of the mortgage or HELOC that were not used to acquire or improve the property.

- **Charitable contribution:** Charitable contributions are deductible up to 60% (expanded from 50%) of your AGI for cash donations to public charities. This higher

limit affects few people; the real story is that Charitable Contributions continue to be deductible.

- **Miscellaneous itemized deductions:** All miscellaneous itemized deductions that were subject to a 2% AGI floor such as tax preparer fee, investment advisory fee, or unreimbursed employee expenses are no longer deductible.

- **Gambling losses:** Gambling losses remain deductible to the extent of gambling winnings.

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HHPC: Admiralty

by Grace Holdaway



Admiralty members working Cruise of Lights; Mary Busche, Grace Holdaway and Bett Walton.



Admiralty having fun and Chili on Chili Night; Gail Sebring, Charmaine Rood, Barbara Howland and Mark Laybew.

Happy New Year to all! Admiralty finished the year in grand fashion at Mim Strickler's lovely harbor home in November. It was an evening meeting and friends and family were invited. This has been a tradition for Admiralty that we all look forward to each year, having our meeting and then rejoining our friends and family for food and fun. A special thanks to Eve Jordan for taking on the food this year, and though I was not able to attend, I am told it was delicious.

Hopefully you got to see the House of Design on Trinidad Island. This was a new event and it was a big success; thank you Mike Nielsen for heading up our volunteers.

The Cruise of Lights is now a memory, but what fun we had this year! Elaine Montgomery with an assist from Charmaine Rood helped with staffing the office. Thanks to all those that volunteered their time to work. To me this is such a good time and after volunteering for a couple of days came to appreciate what a huge task it is to put on this event each year. It truly takes all of the Philharmonic groups working together. Also a big hug and thanks to our Madeline Fields for the tremendous job she does each year and keeping us all going with her big smile.

December 17th was Admiralty's work night and we braved the cold weather, helping with loading boats at the dock, the buses at the Mall and manning the office. The weather turned warmed soon after, but the cold that night put us in a holiday spirit.

Chili night is held each year during the Cruise of Lights and gift checks are presented to deserving schools. This is why we volunteer, to help our schools with their music programs. This year Admiralty showed up filling 3 tables and enjoying that great Chili. I always say I want that recipe but so have not gotten it.

As we relax from the holidays we are looking forward to the HHPC Junior

Fashion Show in March and then annual Attic Treasurers in May. We also will be volunteering at the Music Mobile and different venues where concerts are given for our grade school children.

If you are interested in joining Admiralty and having a fun and rewarding time, please contact our Membership VP: Judy Cassidy (714) 842 9394. We would love to have you!

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HHPC: Islanders

by Eva Kilgore



L to R: Jo Andrews, Pam Free, Cristi Ulrich, Nicolete Kubeck, Jenny Huntsinger gathered at the Islander after work party.



L to R: Calvin Free, Janet French, Brian Vis had a blast after working the Cruise at the home of Calvin and Pam Free.

A lot “Ho Ho Ho” and more than enough “YAY” to go around this past holiday season. A festive Islanders meeting at Karyn Sanderson’s home left Islanders full of cheer and ready to take on the Boat Parade and Cruise of Lights.

The Boat Parade was unbelievable!. What an honor to serve as grand marshal of the 2017 “Musical Kicks on Route 66” themed parade, waving from Cristi and John Ulrich’s beautiful “Katie B”.

Boat Parade co-chairs Jenny Huntsinger and Teresa Nichols were incredible. Their committee included our members

Dee Woods, Sharie Sneddon and Karen Branoff. Night captains Norm Huniu, Jeff Silver, Larry Gottlieb, Brian Griley, Brian Metherell, Calvin Free, Dean Stanton, John Kubeck, and Brad Willingham were exceptional...Islander “Iron Men” rock!

Next, it was on to the Cruise of Lights. Islanders answered phones, ran the credit card machine, and walked flyers around Surf City and surrounding towns. They loaded and unloaded buses and boats.

A million thanks to the special CORE TEAM of Marlene Nielsen, Kim Weddon, Brian Griley, Lynne Myers, and Kathy

Andrews. More recognition due to Dean Stanton, Brian Metherell, Larry French, John de la Haye, and Bryant Henry.

The after work night gathering was at the beautiful home of Pam and Calvin Free. Food, friendship and a few libations were in order for a job so well done.

Next up is the Grand Marshal event, where Islanders will be there dressed in their finest to congratulate the 2018 Grand Marshal. Stay tuned! You can bet Islander presidents Denise Sonnenberg and Kim Willingham will be among the loudest to cheer on the crowd.



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HHPC: Trinidad Group

by Evelyn Zohlen



HHPC Trinidad "Grease Celebrating 40 Years!" wins "Best of Harbour" trophy in the 2017 Boat Parade.



Dee Holte, Patty Reilly, and Kirby Holte accept "Best of Harbour" for Trinidad.

A month into 2018, you may feel like the holidays are a distant memory and have your eyes fixed with anticipation on the year ahead. At HHPC Trinidad, we're still celebrating the hard work and great results of our members' efforts during our busy volunteer season in December. Members could be seen in all the HHPC activities from manning the office to answer calls and selling tickets for Cruise of Lights®, to sailing in the Boat Parade, to making delicious chili for Chili Night, to

perusing the Holiday Design House, and countless more!

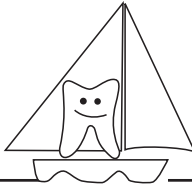
Kicking off the busy holiday season, Trinidad members Dee and Kirby Holte kindly "loaned" us their boat for our entrance in the Boat Parade. The many hours spent designing and decorating our "Grease Celebrating 40 Years!" boat paid off as Trinidad was awarded the "Best of Harbour" trophy. Congratulations to all from Trinidad for this well-deserved recognition!

Another highlight of the season was a the ever-popular Chili Night. Patty Reilly prepared vats of her amazing chili to the epicurean delight of everyone in attendance. Combined with fixings, corn muffins, salad and dessert, it was a warm event on a chilly night (no pun intended!). More than just enjoying great chili, Chili Night is our opportunity to award reinvestment checks to the principals and music teachers of Huntington Beach area schools to enhance their music programs. Whether volunteering, eating, or both, we always enjoy this fun event!

Trinidad was also "responsible" for the Cruise of Lights® on its last evening for 2017. Our many volunteers ensured that parking went smoothly, last minute tickets were sold, guests were entertained while waiting for their cruise, and those same guests were entertained on their cruise. We welcomed over 1900 guests on cruises that evening and it was heartwarming to see all those friends and families enjoying a beautiful evening while raising funds for a great cause.

At our next meeting on January 18th, we'll be looking ahead to HHPC events like the Grand Marshal's Gala, Attic Treasures and the HHPC Juniors Fashion Show. We'll also be planning our upcoming social events which are always involve a lot of good food and fun (and wine! don't forget the wine!). Stay tuned for updates on our spring adventures!

We meet on the third Thursday of the month and if you'd like to attend or would just like to learn more about our fun, hard working group, please contact our amazing Membership Chair, Ellen Martin, at (714) 846-2636 or email her at elleninhuntington@yahoo.com. She would love to tell you all about us!



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HHPC: Sandpipers

by Lolly and Mike McHardy

November and December were very busy for Sandpipers working the Holiday House and Cruise of Lights! Helene Rowlette and Lolly McHardy Co-Chairs for HHPC Cruise of Lights were in full force getting ready for our fabulous event.

The Gods were on our side this year for the Cruise of Lights! We had great weather, beautiful lights and the best attended cruise in years. This was our third year for our Land and Sea event which was sold out.

Land and Sea offers our guests an off water tour of beautiful lighted homes in an upgraded tour bus with a stop at the award winning home of Rey and Mary Frlekin. Here the guests were treated to Champagne and appetizers. They also had the opportunity to get their photo with our own Sandpiper Santa Mike McHardy. Then, they are taken to Huntington Harbour Yacht Club for a delicious Holiday dinner followed by a cruise of the harbour.

A special thank you to all the Sandpiper's who helped with the cruise at the office, Mall and Yacht Club!

Thanks to Susan Lipman (Sandpiper Co-President) and Deborah Fairon, Sandpipers enjoyed a very elegant



Santa Gary Gearhart with Co-Presidents Susan Lipman and Lolly McHardy enjoying Christmas parade.

Christmas holiday party at Ranchitos Del Rey Clubhouse with a gourmet meal prepared by Jay's catering. What a fun night it was!

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at various members homes at 3:30 followed by happy hour and appetizers.

Would you like to join us at one of our meetings? See for yourself the fun and rewarding efforts of our members so we can keep music in our schools? Contact Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449 or by email at ritzol@gmail.com for more information on our wonderful group.

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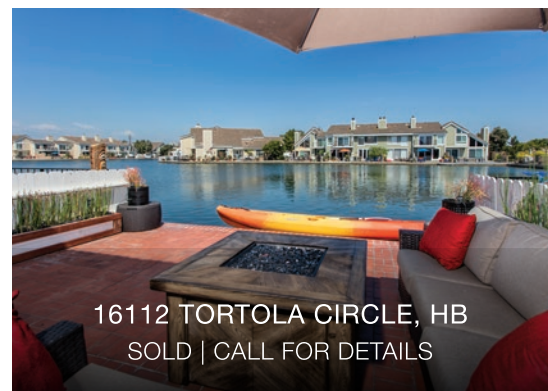
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HHPC: Marina Windjammer

by Lara Anderson



Huntington Beach High School Brass Quintet playing for the Cruise crowds outside the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club.



Part of the MW crew arriving to work the docks--Suzanne Baird, Maggie VanEck, Kelly Haynes, Pam Barthold, Lara Anderson, Barbara Sentell.

Our Cruise of Lights work night was Friday, December 15th and we enjoyed good weather and an almost drama-free night. I said “almost”...I got stuck floating around on the Toronado doing an impromptu extra extended cruise for a boatload of very patient passengers (hope they didn't have dinner reservations!) while the Monte Carlo was docked in the wrong spot and apparently had a passenger refusing to get off.

Thankfully we had music onboard again this year, but my play list got really

deep as I quickly ran out of traditional holiday tunes and nobody needed to hear “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” a third time. It turned into a Rock ‘n Roll Cruise of Lights with songs like Twisted Sister’s version of “I’ll be Home for Christmas” (surprisingly good), Weezer’s cover of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”, “Christmas in Hollis,” “We Wish You a Reggae Christmas.” I had to cut off Adam Sandler’s “Chanukah Song” before the last verse though—kids were onboard.

All in all, the night went relatively smoothly thanks to our capable volunteers which Linda Halopoff coordinated. Stationed at the HHYC and docks were: Maggie VanEck, Suzanne Baird, Barbara & River Sentell, Bobbie Spiegel, Susie Locklear, Susie Sampson, Karen & Phil Ridout, Elise Masseling, Todd Swain, Kelly & Todd Haynes, and Pam Barthold. At the Harbour Place Mall: Linda Halopoff, Carlone Herman, Linda Shaul, Scott Fernbach, Lisa Stumm, Pat DeCou, Ruth Roe, Sherry Skerik, Gary Weller, Ralph & Charlene Bauer. The on boat Commentators were: Lara Anderson, Rick Silverlake, Roberta Swain and Lisa Weller.

Coralie Prince did a fantastic job arranging live music at the HHYC on all the Cruise nights. Some of the performers were the Architects of Jazz (an ensemble of local high school students,) Huntington Beach High School Brass Quintet, Marina High School choirs, Marine View Middle School band, and the Marine View Middle School performing group led by Director Elise Slaney.

Got a bunch of gifts you don't know what to do with? Put them in a box and donate them to Attic Treasures! It's scheduled for May 5th this year. If you've been travelling over the holidays or perhaps have a cruise coming up, hopefully you emptied out the complimentary toiletries in your room for the Juniors sock-stuffing later this year.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Marina/Windjammer or to check out the food and fun at our next meeting, contact Membership Chair Lani Martin at 714-840-9148 or email: lani5@socal.rr.com. Meetings are held mornings on the third Thursday of each month, followed by lunch and feature a live musical performance.

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FINS

by Barbara Devlin



Mary Johnston, Barbra Devlin, Marian Galanis, Loretta Maiorana, June Ascolesi and Betty McCarthy set to enjoy cocktails before their Gourmet lunch.



Barbara Simone, Pat Carr., Mary Johnston & Betty McCarthy at the FINS BBQ.

The December meeting of FINS was held at the home of Rita and Bill Collins where members enjoyed a buffet supper of sandwiches, salads, cold cuts and cakes. Following the meal members enjoyed a Christmas Song Festival performed by the wonderful “Surf City Singers” from the Huntington Beach High School Academy for the Performing Arts (APA.) The male and female singers are talented seniors who perform in musical theater productions. Following the entertainment members enjoyed a “cookie exchange” where every

member brought two dozen cookies to share with members. Seen enjoying the evening were Lois Fults, Gloria Sliney, Maggie Flavia, Marge Mitchell, Barbara Devlin, Pearl Holmes, Mary Johnston, Barbara Simone and June Ascolesi

Hostess Marian Galanis and co-hostess Mary Johnston prepared a “Croatian Christmas Luncheon” for Daytime Gourmet Members. Members Pearl Holmes, Barbara Devlin, Loretta Maiorana, Shel Grossman, June Ascolesi prepared the menu that Marian chose for

Christmas 2017. Appetizers of black olive spread on baguette slices and deli weiners with sauce were served before the meal.

The main entrée was “Mama’s Dalmation Penne Pasta Casserole” with a fresh apple and grape romaine salad with glazed walnut garnish and fresh dinner rolls. Dessert was Tiramisu. Following the meal members enjoyed a food gift exchange. Loretta Maiorana’s Italian Pizzelle cookies were the most desired food gift!

HHPOA, Your Dues are Important!

by Dorothy Ralphs



This picture features the new plantings on the Corners of Saybrook and Davenport.

We would like to thank to all the Harbour residents who pay their annual dues to the Huntington Harbour Property Owners Association We hope you will continue to support this organization.

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Taking the Wetlands Throughout Southern California

by Whitney Thompson, Bolsa Chica Conservancy



A young, curious WOW participant learns about marine animals. Here she touches a horn shark in the WOW on-board 100-gallon touch tank.



WOW has travelled more than 1,000 miles across southern California. Above, the WOW education center shown at a festival in Anaheim.

Coming off the almost 60-mile (one way) Canoga Park trip, the Windows to Our Wetlands (WOW), the Bolsa Chica Conservancy's travelling wetland science program, has done it again with back-to-back Saturday visits to Laguna Beach, Montclair, and Redlands in the fall and early winter. The Conservancy was invited to participate in the Laguna Beach County Water District's Smartscape Expo; in October the Conservancy's WOW van travel to Montclair for the Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Landscape & Water Conservation Festival; and in December, the Conservancy headed east again to Redlands to engage in a homeschool community learning day. For these three events, the Conservancy brought the science behind coastal wetlands and watersheds to visitors of all ages, inspiring them to conserve endangered natural resources.

While in Laguna Beach, Conservancy staff were able to connect with locals who participated in the festivities. During the expo, visitors were able to interact with the animals in WOW's 100-gallon marine touch tank and aquaria, as well as Medusa, one of the Conservancy's Coastal Rosy Boas. Visitors were also engaged to learn about watersheds and how wetland habitats are able to reduce damage done by floods and storms while replenishing ground water sources. With the help of the Conservancy's watershed model, visitors were able to see the positive impacts a wetland can have on a community and the region.

After visiting Laguna Beach, the Conservancy moved inland to share its wetland and watershed knowledge with

the communities in Montclair. This 45-mile trip east brought the wetlands to a city in the foothills and introduced marine life to many who had never been to the beach before. While petting the Horn Sharks and Bat Stars, visitors to the WOW bus learned how they themselves are connected to the Bolsa Chica Wetlands since we are all a part of the same watershed. Many were astounded to learn that they had an impact on a habitat so far away from their home. Some were inspired to come visit Bolsa Chica at a later date, one family even stopped by the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center a few weeks later to say "hi"!

To round out the year, the Conservancy had the privilege of traveling to Redlands for a community learning day hosted by the California Virtual Academy. Through a more structured learning setup, students from preschool to high school were able to interact with local marine wildlife and learn about wetland ecology and their connectivity with the wetlands and the coast. WOW's flexible teaching methods allow us to reach curious learners of all ages, even going so far as to align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which makes WOW an easy program to incorporate with lessons taught in the classroom.

More than 1,000 over the life of the 2-year old program The Bolsa Chica Conservancy continues to teach visiting education groups as well as the everyday visitor about the importance of wetlands and why conservation of them is for the benefit of everyone – regardless of distance from the coast. Along with the mobile science program, the Conservancy

also offers on-site programs for schools of all varieties, as well as extracurricular organizations for all ages seven days a week. These education programs can also be paired with the Conservancy's highly active restoration programs that regularly work to restore not only the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve but nearby habitats. These hands-on restoration projects encourage the community to come together and make their local wildlife sanctuary a healthier environment for the flora and fauna that call Bolsa Chica home.

If not learning from our WOW program, please come visit the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Interpretive Center or join and participate in one of our upcoming events:

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Huntington Harbour Yacht Club

by Paul DeGraw



Judges Special Trophy winner the Luna Sea II.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. It has been a busy couple of months at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. We won a prize for our participation in the annual Huntington Harbour boat parade, thanks to the creative efforts and hard work, by our club members and Fleet Captain Jerry Lentz. Our newly

elected Flag and Board are busy at work, overseeing the activities at the club and making plans for the future. The club has installed new carpeting, capping off this year's improvements spearheaded by our Vision Committee. The improvements around the club are impressive and I encourage our harbor neighbors to stop

by and take a look. The Club is open for Sunday Brunch 10:00 to 1:00. Come over and enjoy a delicious meal while overlooking the Harbour.

Our Commodore's ball was a sell out and enjoyed by many, as we welcomed our new commodore Dedra Finninger to the helm of the club. Music was provided by Party Jones. Our own chef, Phil Ventura and his staff served a delicious meal of steak and shrimp.

New Year's Eve at the club was a nostalgic trip back to the early days of Vegas with a Rat Pack Theme. We had a big crowd, great food, lots of dancing, and members got a chance to try their luck at card games, craps and roulette.

As the New year begins the club will be busy getting ready for our opening day on April 8th. The Opening Day ceremonies are time honored tradition in the yacht club world.

The Cruising season will be upon us soon and our first cruise of the season is on March 23-25. HHYC has an active cruising club that usually goes once a month from October to November to local favorites like Catalina, Dana Point, Marina Del Ray, San Pedro and others.

Our Sailing foundation is already thinking about this summer's school, last year we had nearly 100 students in the junior sailing program.

Make it a point to come on over and check out the club. You will find a great place to socialize and warm welcome from our members.

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HHYC Sea Belles

by Ship's Hailer, Lara Anderson



The new 2018 Sea Belles board (names/titles in article).

Happy New Year! On December 6th we recognized outgoing Captain Janet Johnson, the 2017 officers and committee members, and installed our new leaders for 2018:

Captain Carol Leu, First Mate (Membership) Teri Bowers, Keeper of the Log (Recording Secretary) Jeanne Caille, Purser (Treasurer) Judy Cassidy, Cruise Director (Programs) Anne Crowley, Co-Navigators (Ways

& Means) Cynthia Metzger & Linda Nibeel, Ship's Hailer (Publicity) Lara Anderson, Ship's Store Maureen London, Parliamentarian Janet Johnson. Standing Committee Chairs: Hospitality-Joanne Collins, Sally Fenton, Anne McCormick, Alice Zamboni, Bulletin-Jackie Demos, Historian-Betty Lou Evans, Reservations-Grace Holdaway, 50/50 Tickets-Anita Osgood & Jo Andrews, Telephone-Maya Ghoudsifar, Sunshine-Barbara Blodgett,

Bar-Ellie Winterfeld & Rita Flood.

Our monthly lunch meetings resumed in January on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 10:30 a.m., speaker at 11, with lunch following. Reservations are required for lunch (\$15). As always, get your reservation in by the Monday before the meeting to Grace Holdaway. Her email is grace4spice@verizon.net. Guests are welcome. We hope you'll join us!

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Trinidad Ladies Club

by Marilyn Schwartz



Members dressed in their Christmas red and whites.

Happy New Year from our Trinidad Ladies Club! We wish you good health and good fortune.

TLC had a fun filled Christmas meeting in December followed by a yummy lunch at one of our members' home. Her home was a holiday treat all decorated. And with an amazing Christmas tree. Thank

you Joyce! After lunch we had a dessert exchange that made us all laugh and giggle like little children.

The photo (thank you Cindy) you see here is all of us dressed in our Christmas red and white.

Most enjoyable was our Annual Christmas Party at Mesa Verde Country

Club. This included our spouses, partners and friends. (non members were also invited.) We had a delicious sit down dinner with wine and champagne flowing. The menu included a salad with bleu cheese & pear mixed greens with candied pecan's. Seared chicken breast with beet risotto, goat cheese, string beans with pancetta, and pomegranate and red wine reduction. Dessert...yee ha...was a chocolate molten cake topped with vanilla ice cream, toasted almonds and bourbon carmel.

Our entertainer kept us going all night with games that challenged us as well as made us laugh with and at each other, as well as stay awake past most of our bedtimes! We all had a ball dancing!

With all of the merriment going on we were pleasantly surprised to have Ol' Saint Nick arrive! With his ho ho hos we enjoyed having our photos taken with him and swoosh, he took off for the North Pole or was it Nordstrom's?

Again we want to wish you all a very happy New Year!

If you are a Resident of Trinidad Island and want to Join TLC please contact Mary Shebell at: Mary@maryshebell.com.

PS: Prediction for Huntington Harbour for 2018: There will be NO SNOW FALL this Year.

Little Mermaid Guild of CHOC Children's Hospital

by Fran Gitsham

CHOC Children's Hospital, as a non-profit facility, relies on community support to provide leading-edge care for infants, children and adolescents close to home. The purpose of the CHOC Guilds is to raise the community's awareness of CHOC Children's and CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital, while raising much needed funds in support of CHOC's mission to nurture, advance and protect the health and well-being of children. Gifts of time, talent or treasure helps ensure that our children get the best pediatric care possible.

With the continuance of life saving care for children in mind, the Little Mermaid Guild is excited to jump into the New Year with the goal of creating and instituting

fundraising opportunities. LMG raises money in a variety of ways and is always looking for new avenues to further their support of CHOC Children's. In 2018 the guild will be striving to organize special events that appeal to their members so, while supporting the CHOC mission, fun together will be had throughout the year. Keep an eye out for upcoming events such as the highly popular Building Bridges Bridge Tournament, Painting with a Purpose, the Huntington Beach Chili at the Beach and the CHOC Walk, among other events.

The ages of the woman of the Little Mermaid Guild span six decades and any age gaps that could have been, have been bridged by founding a sisterhood

based around a common goal, that of helping to insure the well being of future generations. With no time commitment requirements for membership in the guild, some members participate in all the events throughout the year, while others participate in only one or two. Although LMG primarily serves the cities of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, anyone from anywhere is welcome.

LMG urges anyone with a heart to attend a meeting to see if joining the guild will warm that heart as much as it does those of the current members. For information, please contact Judi Van Houten at (714) 401-4254.

Assistance League of Huntington Beach

by Diane Dwyer



Have you ever attended Assistance League of Huntington Beach's annual fundraiser Treasures by the Sea? This annual fundraiser is one of our largest sources of revenue supporting our mission of "transforming the lives of children and adults" in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

Assistance League of Huntington Beach was established in 1950, and has grown into an effective 100% volunteer nonprofit organization consisting of 350 volunteer chapter members. These member volunteers manage 15 programs focused on basic needs, education and self-esteem. During our 2016-2017 fiscal year, we gave back \$758,000 in goods and services to Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster. Our members volunteered 68,350 hours of their time helping to transform the lives of 15,315 children and adults.

Why is Treasures by the Sea such a rewarding experience?

The fundraiser is held every spring at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. Guests begin their day by enjoying an unbelievable shopping experience at a Silent Auction featuring hundreds of items to bid on such as jewelry, silver, crystal, china, Boutique clothing, purses, shoes and beautifully themed baskets. At noon, guests enter the Grand Ballroom for a delicious luncheon, Heads or Tails opportunity game, Operation School Bell® appeal

and Live Auction. Last year, 900 guests helped to make a difference bidding on silent and live auction items making it the most successful Treasures by the Sea® ever. This year will be another amazing event with Matt Liffreing, HBTv3 Surf City Highlights host and producer, as our Master of Ceremonies and Jim Nye, the Benefit Auction Guy, as our Auctioneer.

Why is this fundraiser so important?

Operation School Bell, our signature program, is the key beneficiary of the proceeds from our fundraiser. Last year 2,586 students had the opportunity to shop at "Target Night" for new school clothes and shoes. This is quite an achievement, but it is only a small percentage of the school children in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster who qualify for help through Operation School Bell. With so many children yet to be clothed (10,000+), the money raised

at our fundraiser is key to our success. Having new school clothes and shoes is so important to a child's self-esteem and is key to their educational success. We need your help to do more for these students.

We want YOU to join us on May 5th. You will have an unforgettable experience while helping Assistance League make a difference to more children and adults in the community. We want to thank all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests in advance for what they will do to make Treasures by the Sea 2018 a success.

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Huntington Harbour Garden Club

by Barbara Devlin and Doreen Hill



HHGC members gathered together for their Christmas luncheon at the home of Charlene Bauer.

Christie Cross, from Armstrong Gardens, spoke on container gardening at the November meeting of the Huntington Harbour Garden Club at the home of Lara Anderson. Any plant can be grown in a pot, but the largest pot is 36 inches in diameter, so larger plants will prefer to be planted in the ground. It is better to use dwarf or semi-dwarf plants. Three factors to consider when container gardening are location-sun exposure, water requirements and nutritional needs. It is important to group shade plants separate than full sun plants. Because potted plants need more water than ones planted in the ground, set up a regular watering schedule but monitor watering; do not over water, a common cause of plant demise in a pot. To help with water flow, plant using several inches of other medium in the bottom of the pot, such as, sand, pebbles, peat moss, or broken fragments of other pots, though pebbles are recommended as a first choice. Also, nutrient poor soil typical over time in a pot, can be augmented by feeding plants regularly with the appropriate food. Christie's favorite is E.B. Stone Organic "Sure Shot" which she recommends



Kay Goddard, Elise Masseling, Kay Sullivan, Pearl Holmes and Doreen Hill holding their entries in the floral centerpiece contest at the HHGC Christmas luncheon meeting.

when first planting, as well as, at regular intervals per product directions. Many shade plants benefit from coffee grounds.

Themed plantings and the use of a variety of sized pots look best in a container garden. For example, pick a color palette that matches your décor inside or out. Use an interesting variety of sizes, but still hold to a theme, be it beachy, modern or eclectic pots at the front door. A functional plant to consider is Rue- a host plant for butterflies throughout the winter. Problem with squirrels? Make a mixture of fresh peppers and garlic to

keep them away. "Captain Jack's Dead Bug" can be used for beetles, borers and bagworms.

The program was capped off with the young daughters of the hostess Lara Anderson playing a lovely rendition of Blue Scale on the piano.

Over half of our membership was in attendance for our last meeting of 2017 in December at the home of Ralph and Charlene Bauer for the annual Christmas Luncheon and friendly floral arrangement competition. Our meal was delicious, thanks to the many talented chefs and coordination of Pearl Holmes. Per votes cast -the first place floral arrangement was by Kay Sullivan, second place Elise Masseling and third place Pearl Holmes.

Looking forward to our January 16, 2018 meeting at Jo Andrews with speaker Roberta Fox from the O.C. Orchid Society.

Guests and visitors are always welcome! We meet in members homes on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Please call Doreen Hill (714) 878-3011 or Connie Mandic (714) 377-0017 for more information on our club.

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Cathy Thomas Cooks

by Cathy Thomas

OK, I get it. Casseroles aren't cutting-edge chic. But it's hard to question the practical value of good one-dish meals. Casseroles are easy to prepare and portable; best of all, they can be made in advance and refrigerated or frozen. Convenient, right?

"I think people think of them as comfort food because they are warm, uncomplicated, and remind us of times past," says Beatrice Ojakangas, author of "The Best Casserole Cookbook Ever" (Chronicle, \$24.95). Ojakangas, the award-winning author of more than twenty cookbooks, says that casseroles are making a comeback.

Oozing with an alluring cream sauce, her Pasta and Chicken Alfredo can easily be multiplied to feed large gatherings. She said that it recently fed 200 guests attending a convention and it was a big hit. You can use store-bought Alfredo sauce in the dish, but it is better if you make it from scratch. To make her sauce, combine one (8-ounce) package cream cheese, 1 cup milk, 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter and 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese in medium saucepan. Place on low

heat. Heat until ingredients are melted and well combined, stirring frequently, approximately 15 minutes. Enjoy.

Pasta and Chicken Alfredo, Serves 6

3 tablespoons butter, melted, plus extra for greasing dish, 1 recipe Quick Alfredo Sauce (recipe above), or 2 (10-ounces each) jars prepared sauce, 2 cups cooked chicken or turkey, 8 ounces farfalle, gemelli or fettuccine, 1 bunch green onions, thinly slices (white and green parts), 2 cups frozen peas, thawed, 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning, 1/2 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs, 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese.

1. Fifteen minutes before baking, preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a deep 3-quart casserole. Prepare the Alfredo sauce and have it ready. 2. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water for 12 minutes or until just tender but still firm to the bite (al dente). Drain and transfer to large bowl. Mix in Alfredo sauce, chicken, green onions, peas and poultry seasoning. 3. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs, Parmesan and 3 tablespoons melted butter.

4. Transfer pasta mixture to prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with crumb



mixture. (At this point the casserole can be covered and refrigerated overnight. Add about 10 extra minutes to the oven time.) Bake, uncovered, until pasta is hot and the topping is golden brown, about 25 minutes.

Cathy Thomas is an award-winning food writer, on-air host, speaker and author. Sign up to receive her e-newsletter at CathyThomasCooks.com, the Website she writes for food lovers and cooks.

Huntington Harbour Art Association

by Jackie Dvorman



Annual Ornament Exchange Christmas party hosted by Needles and Friends for the Board and new members, hosted by Marsha Hendler.

A wonderful opportunity was offered by Kate Hoffman, director of the Huntington Beach Art Center for the Huntington Harbour Art Association to be part of the annual Centered on the Center exhibition when the entire Gallery Three will be dedicated to displaying the work of the Art Association. It will be titled "Centered on the Huntington Harbour Art Association." The entire gallery was filled with paintings, sculptures,

photographs as well as needlework, quilts, wearing apparel, and handwork of the Needles and Friends division of the Art Association. The display was blazing with color and textures. This was the first time all the work was shown is such a fine public display. This was not a competition. No prizes were awarded but the public could, for the first time, see the depth and talent of the art association. There was an opening reception in January

and a special event, Art For Lunch in the gallery in February when the artists were introduced and spoke of their work.

The annual Huntington Harbour Art Association Fine Art Show will be held in March at the Corner Gallery of the Central Library. Members of the association will enter work for judging and prizes culminating in an exciting Champagne Reception with the awarding of the ribbons and the announcement of the BEST OF SHOW award. The show will remain in the gallery for the month of March.

The winter luncheon was held at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in January. The program was themed to this presidential month with Mary Todd Lincoln (played by Gail Dermody) describing her life from youth to the Whitehouse.

Painting Pals and Beading Buddies continue to meet monthly at the Seagate Clubhouse to share projects and experiences. Needles and Friends meets each Monday afternoon at members' homes for inspiration and friendship. All are encouraged to join with the association.

Coyote Attacks on Trinidad Island

by Teresa Pieper Strickland



Harry Black relaxing at home recently.

I know we should not allow our pets out after dark. We have heard it over and over. But I suppose with a bit of pride and arrogance, I thought our cat was somehow special. He was big and strong and fast. He had out run danger in the past, what are the chances of anything happening again? As time went on and no sign of danger emerged, his night times got longer and I grew complacent. It became difficult to bring him back inside once he got used to being out at night. Besides, I have never personally seen a coyote, so maybe the threat had passed and they were only active during the spring time.

My excuses were many. We live near the water so the coyotes do not travel that far in search of food. It could never happen to me (even though two of our other cats had disappeared in the past). I don't exactly know what I was thinking or maybe I just was not thinking at all.

Then the worst happened. On August 28th, our cat "Harry Black" went out the front door in the evening. He had been acting uneasy for days, probably sensing something, but we did not heed the warnings. Sometime between 10 pm and 12 midnight, our cat was killed by one or more coyotes in our own backyard! There didn't appear to be a struggle, and I don't know how the coyotes got into the yard. The gates were undisturbed with no signs of scratches or blood. Maybe they jumped right over from a neighbor's back fence. Anyway, as we sat dozing and watching TV downstairs, our beautiful black cat was killed and we never heard a sound. It wasn't until I found him in the planter the next morning after searching for him all night that the awful truth was discovered. Just a decapitated gutted carcass was left

with his beautiful long fur still intact. It was a sight I will never forget and a painfully horrible lesson. He lost his life and we lost a 12 year old family pet and companion due to our negligence. The shock, remorse and tears now are sincere but cannot bring our lovely cat back.

I don't want anyone else to suffer from the same mistake I made. That is why I have written this down, so you can save your pet's life and avoid your own grief. Fish and Wildlife says there is an abundance of wildlife of all kinds this year at the Navy reserve and wildlife refuge just off Edinger Ave. This could mean the coyotes will be spreading out farther to look for food as their numbers grow. Also they attacked earlier in the evening than I thought they would, between 10 pm and midnight. I believed they hunted in the early morning hours before dawn but that was not the case. I thought our backyard was safely off limits but our fences posed no problem for them. Please be cautious in letting your own cats and dogs out into your backyards at night. They may be hunting for similar opportunities in our neighborhood again.

La Familia

by Mary Busché



As one year ends we feel good about what we have done for Orangewood Children's Home and we look forward to and are planning the fun activities to benefit the children. We always enjoy our activities as our members are fun to be with and we usually have delicious food, a glass of wine and visiting with our wonderful friends.

Even though Christmas is over we must tell you about our last event of 2017. It was our famous Christmas Tree Wonderland held on December 4th at the Hilton Hotel

in Costa Mesa. The room was decorated beautifully and the luncheon food was superb. Apple-celery salad with blue cheese, pecans and vinaigrette dressing was served along with triple chocolate cheesecake with oreo cookies crusted to garnished with mixed berries.

We had our pick of the silent auction bidding and opportunity ticket prize drawings.

The auction was for the many beautiful decorated Christmas trees donated by various organizations, members and

friends as well as many one of a kind items and cruises and restaurant dinners.

We were entertained with a fun fashion show by Bungalow Bay located in Long Beach. The lovely models were our own members Eve Jordan and Nancy Kujat

This year Bill Wheeler and Jon Fults spent almost the entire time handling the finances of the event. Thank you Jon and Bill. It's a big job keeping tabs on so much money in different categories. Mim Strickler hosted our tree decorating party and fun was had by all. Almost every member was able to contribute money or talent to purchase trees and ornaments to be placed on the silent auction tables. Thanks to you all. The children will benefit in so many ways.

We all want to wish our readers and friends a very Happy New Year.

Keep reading our articles for future information and please feel free to join La Familia for fun, friendship and helping support abandoned, neglected and abused children in Orange County at Orangewood Children's Home. Be a loving contributor. Call Mike Nielsen for info: (562) 592-1418).

Sea Isle Garden Club

by Caron Mount



At the Holiday Luncheon, Left to right, top: MaryAnn Brinket, Bonnie Specht, Jean Worden, Marsha Hendler, Carolyn Platt, Anne Blayden, Jan Nagele, Cathy Kelly, Lu Mendenhall, Jackie Neil, Caron Mount; seated: Sandy Atherton, Dorothy Ralphs, Susan LaPittus, Maria Lockie, and Cindy Allen. Also attending were Lucille Mascoli and Janet Littlejohn.

The Sea Isle Garden Club finished 2017 with our traditional Holiday luncheon and gift exchange on December 13 at the waterfront home of Dorothy Ralphs. We were greeted at the front walkway by the model trains circling a miniature “snow-covered” village. Odd that it was 75 degrees that day.

After a very short meeting, and champagne toast to the old year, we enjoyed delicious “Love at First Bite” buffet of Chicken Piccata Penne pasta with artichoke hearts, lemon, and capers. The baby greens salad was dressed with walnuts and raspberry vinaigrette. Accompanying these were green beans almondine, and garlic bread. Those who saved room for dessert topped off the meal with 4 kinds of cookies, and 3 holiday varieties of wedged bars. Lu Mendenhall and the hospitality committee pulled out all the stops in this delightful celebration.

The gifts exchanged, then often taken, included peppermint and Godiva candy,

velvet purse and woolen poncho, pearls and sparkly jewelry, decorative platters and even a supportive pillow. So many gifts stollen, but so much laughing!

Our Club began 2018 with our January 10 meeting at the Seagate Bonaire Clubhouse. Looking forward to a healthy year, guest Karen Jimenez, who has experience with doTerra essential oils, explained how they are used for a very wide range of emotional and physical wellness applications. They can be used as a single oil at a time or in complex blends for one of three methods: aromatic, topical, or internal. Aromatic experiences incorporate diffused oils which can be stimulating or calming, or just cleanse and purify the air of unwanted odors. Topical oils are those that are applied to, and absorbed by, the skin. Internal essential oils have a rich culinary history and can be used as dietary supplements for targeted wellness.

After our program, we enjoyed our

luncheon with salads brought by Lucille Mascoli and Jackie Neil. Our co-president, Adrienne DeWolfe, after conducting her first meeting, treated us to dessert.

In February the Sea Isle Garden Club plans to take an excursion, close to home, to explore our hidden talents on Valentine’s Day. We encourage you to join us! Just call membership chair, Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449.

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Anglers of Huntington Harbour

by Kathy Bayless



Anglers of Huntington Harbour 2018 elected officers; Paula Hetzler, Jo Andrews, Bob Hetzler, Phil Lupton, Kathy Bayless, Connie Mandic and Linda Axel.

November 2nd, thirteen Anglers spouses gathered at the waterfront home of Linda Axel for their annual Ladies Planning Luncheon to finalize plans for the Anglers social events for 2018. Planned activities include the annual Catalina Cruise the weekend of May 4th, chaired by Jo Andrews, the Summer Solstice at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, June 30th, chaired by Linda Axel, the annual Progressive Dinner by Duffy, September 29th, chaired by Gail Sebring and Holly Layhew, the annual Ladies Planning Luncheon, November 1st, chaired by Linda Axel, the November TGIF, Annual

Meeting, Election, November 16th, chaired by Karon Walstad and the annual Installation, Awards and Appreciation Banquet January 11, 2019 chaired by Diana Casey. The last Friday of non-event months TGIF hosts for 2018 include Jo Andrews-February, Boris and Dorothy Ralphs-March, Mike and Pam Myers-April, Michael and Terri Feterick-May, Linda Sackin-July, Mike and Pam Myers-August and Bob and Linda Axel-October.

Friday evening, November 17th, sixty Anglers and guests met at the waterfront home of Lou and Sue Earlaugh for the organizations November TGIF, Annual


Meeting and Election of Officers. Each of the Anglers brought one of the favorite appetizers or desserts to be enjoyed by all as they socialized and conducted their business. The results of the election for 2018 were announced and Linda Axel was elected President, Kathy Bayless 1st Vice President/Fundraising, Phil Lupton 2nd Vice President/Kids Fishing Trip, Bob and Connie Mandic Tournament Chairs, Bob Hetzler Treasurer, Paula Hetzler Secretary and Jo Andrews Parliamentarian. Anglers in attendance who were celebrating November birthdays included Linda Sackin, Kathy Bayless, Jim Armor, Tricia Pratto, Mary Lund and Carol Persons.

In 2018 the Anglers of Huntington Harbour are celebrating their 54th year and have many activities planned including the February TGIF at the home of Jo Andrews, February 23rd, the March TGIF at the home of Boris and Dorothy Ralphs, March 30th, and the April TGIF at the home of Mike and Pam Myers, April 27th.

If you live in the Harbour and want to be considered for one the open membership positions and attend one of our events call membership chair Paula Hetzler at (714) 969-2570 for more information.

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