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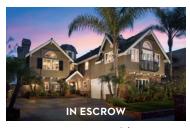
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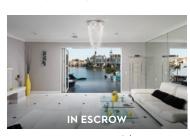
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# **Cathy Thomas Cooks**

by Cathy Thomas



My local Albertsons has an alluring pile of thin-stalked, springtime asparagus close to the entrance. Asparagus, that royal member of the lily family, can be very tempting this time of year. Those preferring the thin spears contend that they are more tender and that they cook faster, while those seeking the plumper stalks argue that the additional pulp adds tenderness that is missing in the thinner spears.

Whether lean or fat, spears should be uniform in size (so that they will cook evenly, at the same speed) and firm with closed, compact tips. The debate heats up again over the proper cooking technique. Almost everyone agrees that the result should be tender but not limp. The color should be a fresh green.

When it comes to removing the tough end-stalks, you can use my mother's Zen-like approach and simply hold each spear by opposite ends and bend it gently in half; it will snap approximately at the point where the tender part begins. Or take a faster approach, the one I most often use, and simply lop off the woody ends with a knife (it's easiest to do this will the rubber band holding the bunch together is still in place).

Whether peeled or unpeeled, fat or thin, the best way to cook asparagus is to blanch it in rapidly boiling water. To do this, simply: Bring a large kettle of water to a boil. Drop asparagus into boiling water and cook until tender-crisp. Keep an eye on it - cooking time will vary according to

the size, freshness and whether it is peeled or unpeeled. Remove a stalk from time to time to check its degree of doneness, running it under cold water to cool it down before sampling.

# Springtime Asparagus in Raspberry Vinaigrette-Yield: 6 servings

1 (10-ounce) package frozen raspberries in syrup, drained and patted dry 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil 1/4 cup whipping cream 2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar Salt and pepper, to taste About 30 washed baby spinach leaves About 30 asparagus spears, cooked tender-crisp at room temperature Garnish: fresh raspberries

1. Using food processor, process raspberries until pureed. Strain through a sieve to remove seeds; discard seeds. Process oil, whipping cream and vinegar until well blended; add raspberry puree and process until blended. Taste; add salt and pepper as needed. Divide spinach leaves among 6 salad or dinner plates; top with asparagus and drizzle with raspberry vinaigrette to taste. Garnish each serving with 2 or 3 fresh raspberries. Pass remaining sauce.

Cathy Thomas is the food columnist at the Orange County Register. Sign up to receive Cathy's e-newsletter at CathyThomasCooks. com, the Website she writes for food lovers and cooks.

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# **Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Society**

by Elizabeth Henry



At the Grand Marshal Event, the 56th Grand Marshal of the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade was revealed - Ross de la Haye & John de la Haye. Toasting this momentous occasion (L-R) Scot Campbell, Sharie Sneddon, Bill Wheeler, Jenny Huntsinger, Calvin Free, Ross de la Haye, John de la Haye, Robert Axel, Lyn Senske, Bryant Henry, Burt Willis, Hank Schaffner. Photo by Ryan Tiehen.

Like Mick Jagger, the Philharmonic can never stop. Our calendar is over flowing with activities both long planned and unexpected.

In February, we were sad to bid farewell to The Philharmonic Society of Orange County's beloved President and Artistic Director, John Magnum, who will be moving to Texas to be the Executive Director and CEO of the Houston Symphony. Magnum's relatively short tenure with the PSOC saw successful fundraising efforts as well as innovative performances and orchestras presented by the Philharmonic Society.

At a luncheon held in his honor at Big Canyon Country Club, Committees of the PSOC President and HHPC member, Marlene Nielsen, highlighted his many successes during a warm and funny toast. Marlene and her husband Chris were joined by other HHPC members, Gail and Robert Sebring, Holly and Mark Layhew at the Magnums' table. Additional

members, including Kim Weddon, Susan Qaqundah, Arden Dombrowski, Patty Reilly, Karen Ridout, Charmaine Rood, Elizabeth Henry, Sharon Larson, Joanne Fernbach and HHPC Office Manager, Madeline Fields were also on hand.

On February 18, we dolled up and fêted the fantastic reign of Grand Marshal, Eva Kilgore. This year's Grand Marshal Event was held at Seacliff Country Club, where event chair Jeanie Gibson and her crew created a sophisticated celebration of Musical Kicks on Route 66. Past Grand Marshals, going back as far as 1979's Hank Schaffner, joined in toasting our newest Grand Marshal Team, father and son Ross and John de la Haye. We were sad that Eva had to send her congratulations through Parade Captain Mike Novak. In her absence, we sent well wishes and prayers to her husband, Lyle, and her family during a most difficult time.

In addition to supporting the HHPC committees at our events, feeding the

homeless at the OC Soup Kitchen, and cleaning our beaches, the HHPC Juniors host their own very fun and youthful fashion show on March 18. Under the terrific guidance of Juniors Advisor Kimberly Willingham, this amazing group of high school students modeled clothing from Cason Couture and Barnabas Clothing Co. The event attracted nearly 150 people who scooped up great silent auction items, ate a tasty lunch and enjoyed the parade of fresh fashions.

Attic Treasures at Harbour Place on May 5th is our final fundraiser of 2017-2018. This popular flea market-garage sale hybrid draws large crowds who sift through the hidden gems donated by our members to find those objects they just cannot live without. We are always grateful for the generosity of our membership and the hard work of the Attic Treasures team headed by Niki Rood.



The Annual Grand Marshal Event was celebrated at Seacliff Country Club. One of the evening highlights was the presentation of a check from our event sponsor Jim Doulames of SE Pipe Line Construction, whose contributions have been notable and are truly appreciated. The Grand Marshal Event Committee (L-R) Charmaine Rood, Patty Reilly, Lyn Senske, Terri Feterik, Jeanie Gibson-Event Chairman, Joanne Fernbach, Debbie Edwards. Photo by Ryan Tiehen.

# **HHPC: Sandpipers**

by Lolly Mchardy



Sandpipers at February monthly meeting.

HHPC Sandpipers have been busy ushering and working the Music Mobile. The Music Mobile is taken to our local schools to teach children about music and instruments. We explain the different instruments and how music is influenced by them. We explain to the children the proper way to conduct themselves during a philharmonic concert, the importance

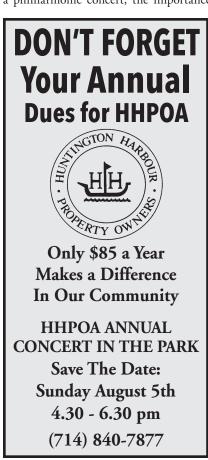
of the conductor and the orchestra, and the difference between an Opera and an Orchestra. The children are always happy to see us.

Currently, we are preparing for our installation luncheon where we will install our new board.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at various

members homes followed by happy hour and appetizers.

We would love for you to join us at one of our meetings. You can see the fun and rewarding efforts of Islander members so we can continue to keep music in our schools. Please contact Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449 or by email at ritzol@gmail.com.





# HHPC: Marina/Windjammer

by Lara Anderson



Marina High School Choir entertains at our February meeting.

It's all about the music and Huntington Harbour rocks! The numbers are in, and a big congratulations to all our volunteers and neighbors on a very successful Cruise of Lights and Holiday House of Design. Quite a lot of money was raised to continue the Philharmonic Society's work to provide music programs for Orange County children.

Another way to support music and musicians amongst us is checking out

the local scene. Many restaurants around the Harbour feature live music on select nights. Don the Beachcomber, SeaLegs at the Beach, Captain Jacks, Brix Sunset Beach, are just a few. Plus, we have a thriving performing arts program at the high school level. Marina High School recently performed "Legally Blonde The Musical." Golden West College has a full calendar of theater, dance, and music (even opera!)



Bringing the fun and fabulousness to our meetings...Pat DeCou, Susie Sampson, Sherry Skerik, and Maggie Van Eck.



Our meetings also feature a live musical presentation most months. We've hosted some extremely talented musicians telling us what inspired them to play, learned about various musical instruments, and had some fun sing-alongs.

Our November meeting held at Charlene Bauer's lovely home featured music by violinist Alexa Sturrock. In January at Barbara Sentell's charming house, David Whitman talked about his musical education and played some of his original compositions on the keyboard.

Our February meeting at Donna Shaffer's impeccable home featured the Marina High School Choir under the direction of Eric Graham. Curious who is coming to our next meeting? Join us and find out!

A house has been found and date has been set for the 2018 Philharmonic House of Design. I am excited to report that it will be again be held in my old hometown of Dana Point, and one of our Marina/Windjammer members will be a featured designer! Pam Barthold of Pazzam Designs will be showcasing her award winning interior design talents in a section of the home. Watch for more information soon on how to get tickets.

Attic Treasures is coming up on May 5th. Time to clean out your closets and bring your goodies to the Philharmonic office at the Harbour Place mall. If you're going somewhere fun for Spring Break, be sure to grab some extra complimentary toiletries from your hotel room for the Juniors sock-stuffing later on this year.

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

# **HHPC: Trinidad Group**

by Evelyn Zohlen



HHPC Trinidad members looking good at the Grand Marshall Event!

Trinidad members have been working hard and playing hard these first months of 2018. Now that parade and cruise season is past, we're spending our volunteer hours supporting the kids' music programs that inspire our fundraising efforts. It's truly a joy to usher at school concerts as the Disneyland Band delights young music enthusiasts and to usher for excited school groups at the Segerstrom Concert Hall. For most of these children, these concerts are the first time they have seen music performed live (much less a full symphony in a concert hall!). With apologies to Disney, it feels like we're opening a whole new world to them!

That kind of excellent work deserves some fun, too and Trinidad members know how to have a good time. Most recently, we celebrated with all the HHPC members at the Grand Marshall Event held at the SeaCliff Country Club. Rowdy Trinidad revelers were all dressed to the nines (we clean up well!) and filled two tables at this elegant event that thanked the 2017 Grand Marshall and many other HHPC volunteers for their tireless work this past year. We also welcomed the 2018 Grand Marshalls, Ross de la Haye and John de la Haye. If you run into them in the Harbour, be sure to congratulate them for this honor (and offer to help with all the work they have ahead of them later this year). We enjoyed a lovely meal, lots of libations and a lively dance band to help us burn off those calories. Fun times!

After wearing our best party attire, we're looking forward to going a bit

more casual and green at our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th. Host Patty Reilly promises a fun evening with corned beef sliders (pulled pork and chicken sliders, too) among other Irish delicacies to tame our hunger and Irish beer and coffee to quench our thirst (of course!). Makes you want to join us, doesn't it? Well, you should!

The Trinidad Group always meet on the third Thursday of the month. 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: elleninhuntington@yahoo.com. She would love to tell you all about us!



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# **HHPC: Admirality**

by Grace Holdaway



New Admiralty members left to right: Jackie Demos, Ellie Winterfeld, Anne Crowley, Terri Bowers, Rita Collins, Jeanne Caille.



Admiralty January meeting.

Admiralty started off the new year in great style at our January meeting, hosted by Nancy Kasabali at Bill McCune's home in the harbour. This was an early evening meeting so we could accommodate those members that work during the day and have to miss meetings. It was co-hosted by Jane Griley, Carol Leu and Jeanne Caile.

The goal of Admiralty is to raise money and volunteer for the music programs provided for our children's enjoyment. At our meeting our gals signed up for the various venues for the concerts provided during this time of year.

February's meeting was held at Alice Zamboni's lovely home and was co-hosted by Anne Crowley, Holly Layhew, Barbara Howland and Gail Sebring. Our nominating committee presented our slate of officers for the next year and it was voted on and accepted. Our installation meeting will be May 17th at the Seacliff Country Club. New member Nancy Kojack volunteered to help Eve Jordan with the Music Mobile. Ellie Winterfeld was introduced and welcomed as our newest member.

Events we are looking forward to are the Juniors Fashion Show and Attic Treasures. Gail Sebring and Holly Layhew are heading up the show for the second year. They did a fantastic job last year! The Junior's Fashion Show will be held March 18th at the Meadowlark Country Club. Janet Johnson is handling the Attic Treasures for Admiralty, and

brought decorated boxes for us to use to gather our treasures for the sale May 5th. The sale is held in the back parking lot at the Harbour Mall. You do not have to be a member to donate those items around your home that you no longer need or love. All items will be accepted at the Philharmonic Mall office from now until the sale and a receipt for taxes will be provided.

Our next meeting is March 15th and will be at Anne Crowly's home. If you are interested in joining us having great fun and joy in helping our children please contact our V.P. of Membership, Judy Cassidy (714 842 9394). We would love to welcome you!

### HHPC: Islanders

by Eva Kilgore

The Grand Marshal event was spectacular at Seacliff Country Club. So many Islanders, and so much fun.

Chairman Jeanie Gibson had every detail perfect and carried the Route 66 theme throughout the event...right down to the orchid centerpieces with Route 66 ribbon running throughout. Thank you, Jeanie!

Of course everyone wanted to know who was going to be our 2018 Huntington Harbour Boat Parade grand marshal. Congratulations to father and son team Ross and John de la Haye. Islanders! As 2017 grand marshal, I want to personally congratulate them. Here we go! You'll see lots of Islanders onboard as lieutenants, night captains, skippers, and in every other position for the December parade.

Islanders are ushering and helping



L to R: Jenny Huntsinger, Kim Willi Ghana, Denise Sonnenberg, Teresa Nichols at Islander membership tea. Jenny and Teresa were chosen "Islanders of the month.

out with Attic Treasures (see ad on page 17). In the next issue of Harbour Light Magazine, we'll talk about the HHPC

Junior's Fashion Show. Islanders is a fun group of hard working (and celebrating) members. Join us! 714-840-7542.

### La Familia

by Mary Busché



L to R: Alice Zamboni and Lois Jean Fults.



L to R: Guest, Connie Adkins, and Grace Holdway.

At our last board meeting we were thrilled at our president, Mim Stricker's announcement that our biggest fundraiser, Christmas Tree Wonderland, profited \$28,000 to contribute to Orangewood. This will be used to help give traumatized children a sense of stability and comfort at a very crucial time.

The care given to the children at this very important time has as we have seen made a big difference in the future of the children's life. It has given self confidence to so many children. We feel that it has prevented a child from becoming homeless or become a delinquent.

This help to the children doesn't happen at the wave of a wand. It happens because so many members put forth effort, time and knowledge getting a job done. Among those who put in many hours were, Mim Strickler, Ruth Otis, Madeline Campbell, Darryl Isaack, Jeannie, Caille, Joyce Brown, Anita Osgood, Mike Nielsen, Judy Cassidy, Eve Jordon, Patti Kenmore and Norma Cowels who attend monthly board meetings planning our fun

fundraising events throughout the year. And our great decorator, Betty Taylor. A big thanks to Don and Ellen Goodwin for their yearly generous donations to Orangewood. Love to all of you.

March 10 is our extra fun fundraiser, Saint Patrick's Day party, at Mim's. No one wants to miss Jerry Alonzo's fabulous Irish dinner plate. May is our Wind Up and Congratulation Party for the year. Watch for plans & COME. In August we'll wine and dine on Mary Busche's deck for our annual Summer Party.

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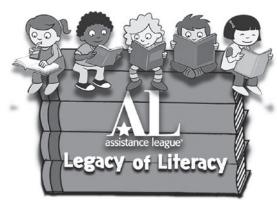


# **Assistance League® of Huntington Beach**

by Diane Dwyer



Ocean View School District Superintendent Dr. Carole Hansen (left) with Assistance League of Huntington Beach President Hedy Knight.



Our new project, Legacy of Literacy – Celebrating Books and Dr. Seuss' "Read Across America Week"

Can you imagine a child's life without books? Assistance League cannot and believes in the importance of literacy in the success of children as students and in life. Over the past five years, as part of "Make A Difference Day", we have donated over 20,000 books to schools and Boys & Girls Clubs in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

This year Assistance League launched a new project called "Legacy of Literacy". Over 90 Assistance League chapters across the nation conducted children's book drives with the goal of transforming lives by putting books into the hands of children. For Huntington Beach, the Legacy of Literacy committee decided to make 700 students at Oak View Elementary recipients of the books our chapter collected. Thanks to our committee (chapter, DreamCatchers and Assisteens® volunteers) along with our PALS this project was a huge success.

Thanks to the generosity of Think Together in Santa Ana, our Thrift Shop donors and our members, almost 1,600 books were collected for Kindergarten to fifth grade readers. Working with Dr.

Carla Tengan, librarian at Oak View Elementary, the committee made sure to collect books that these students love to read such as: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Pete the Cat, Elephant and Piggy, National Geographic Readers, biographies, Who Was / What Was, I Survived, non-fiction books about science and animals, and of course Dr. Seuss. As we were told by Dr. Tengan, many of these children only get a new book at Christmas. Now the rewarding part. As part of Dr. Seuss' "Read Across America Week," Assistance League members were guests at the school's "Patriotic Assembly" on Wednesday, February 28. It was our pleasure to tell these 700 students and their teachers that every student would be getting a book to take home with many more books going into their library collection. Students and staff were thrilled when Assistance League VP Philanthropic Programs, Laura Syzdek, and President, Hedy Knight, announced the donation. Earlier in the week, Dr. Rosa Guerra, Oak View Principal, said: "The Assistance League's generosity will bring a smile to our students' faces and foster their love of reading, especially when they find out they can take home a book of their choice!"

We were excited to have Ocean View School District (OVSD) Superintendent, Dr. Carole Hansen, at the assembly to help us share the news who, after the announcement said about Assistance League: "We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and for the volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts on behalf of our students."

Assistance League is honored to partner with OVSD to make a difference in the lives of teachers and students through community programs such as Operation School Bell®, Links to Learning HB and Scholars' Hope. Through these programs, we put "shirts on backs, shoes on feet, and smiles on faces" by clothing students at Target Nights, presenting monetary awards to teachers, supporting the STEAM program and awarding scholarships to college-bound students from the Oak View community. We are especially honored to have been recognized by California School Administrators Region 17 as a 2018 "Partner in Educational Excellence" with the Ocean View School District.

How can you help us? You can donate and shop at our Thrift Shop at 8071 Slater Avenue, Huntington Beach, and, attend our annual fundraiser Treasures by the Sea® on May 5, 2018.

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# **Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated**

by Annette Eliot



Next generation Republicans with HHRWF members, L-R: Emily Sanford, Paula Prizio, Kimo Gandall, Amanda McQuire, Panagiotis Frousiakis, Nolan Bridgford, and Garrett Vulgamott, Amy Harman, Annette Eliot.



L-R: Long-time Huntington Harbour resident Charlotte Christiana with Republican gubernatorial candidate Travis Allen giving "thumbs up", and Amy Harman HHRWF President.

The Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated (HHRWF) have a great year planned ahead with great activities planned. Starting off the year in full throttle to prepare members for the upcoming California election in November two outstanding Republican candidates running for Attorney General, Steven Bailey and Eric Early, spoke at the January meeting.

HHRWF Being the education arm of the Republican Party, February's meeting hosted college and high school students in the "Next Generation Republicans". They reported that although there is liberal student

harassment on campus, students are grasping onto the conservative Republican movement. They report they are seeing a great surge and uptick in students joining their club and the Republican Party.

March was Woman's History month and our club was honored to have three dynamic glass ceiling breaking speakers: Janet Nguyen, CA Senate 32nd District, Sheri Freidenrich, OC Treasurer and Assessor, and Michelle Steel, OC Supervisor 2nd District. They are inspiring women. All are running for re-election and we're very informative.

Yes, it's that time of year, the midterm

elections are coming in November, but the Primaries are in June. To better inform and educate our members and those in the community, we will be holding a Candidates forum (see below).

HHRWF was out registering voters in the local community. We can help anyone needing to register to vote, just call Amy (714) 964-4536.

Membership is open to all those interested in Republican politics. Come to one of our meeting, we'd love to meet you and get acquainted. Call Charlotte at (714) 846-4841.

### **Candidates Forum**

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### Sea Isle Garden Club

by Caron Mount



At the Hidden Talents Ceramics Studio, clockwise from bottom: Cathy Kelly, Adrienne De Wolfe, Cindy Allen, Jan Nagele, MaryAnn Brinket, shop owner Debra Wainer, Lucille Mascoli, Lu Mendenhall, Jackie Neil, Caron Mount, and Sandy Atherton.

Sea Isle Garden Club enjoyed two exciting activities in February. On Valentine's Day we met at Hidden Talents Ceramics Studio at the Huntington Harbour Mall. Owner Debra Wainer, a Seagate resident, has had her studio here over 18 years, providing an artistic outlet for young and not so young in the realm of color and original design. Debra provides hundreds of choices for the pieces, which have already been bisque fired in the kiln.

Each of us in attendance chose an item of interest and selected the colors to match our imaginations. We had planned to have lunch there also, but we were so engrossed in our creations, we just kept on working. Luckily, Jan Nagele, who set up our excursion, and Cindy Allen, brought beverages and Valentine cookies to tide us over. The next week, after the reactionary had been fired against in the kiln, the items were ready to pick up, now in a vibrant, lustrous array of colors. Many of us will go back again, maybe bring the kids or grandkids for a

special day of fun, or summer camp, or suggest this option for a party or fund raiser, or a customized tile project. You are encouraged to visit Debra's website



Some of the painted ceramics.

at HiddenTalentsCeramicStudio.com, or just stop by and see her at the Mall.

Our second excursion in February was an invitation from ALL Garden Club to join them for a trip to the South Coast Botanical Garden on Crenshaw

Boulevard in Palos Verdes. Nineteen members enjoyed the hour-long tram tour, led by three of the garden's docents. The wide assortment of plants, trees, and flowers included natives and exotics from other continents. It was interesting to hear of the prehistoric history of the land when it was under the ocean, to the last 100 years from mining of diatomaceous earth, then methane gas. Once that was depleted the large pit which remained became the site of a sanitation landfill. Finally the area was turned over to Los Angeles county, which decided to take a natural approach to restoring the land, by planting trees, then grafting new trees on the surviving trunks, and eventually adding thousands of varieties of plants. After our tour, we enjoyed their new rose garden and famished, headed to Claim Jumper in Seal Beach for lunch. It was a joint adventure we will do again.

The Sea Isle Garden Club will meet in March at the Bonaire Clubhouse in Seagate for an update on the Edinger entry walkways and a program reinforcing the importance of learning CPR, as a safety strategy for family, friends, neighbors, and employees. Our presenter will be the daughter of Lu Mendenhall, Megan Irvine of OC-CPR, who started her company ten years ago, after many years as a hospice nurse. That will be on March 14 at 10:00. The program will be followed by lunch.

We encourage you to join us! Just call membership chair, Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449 with any questions.

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### **A Land Lover's Garden Club**

by Eustelle Bosler



L to R – Top row: Caron Mount, Salley Cohen, Jim Atherton, Ellizabeth Larripa, Lucille Mascoli, Helene Rowlette, Lyn Senske, Terri Feterik, Toni Aquino, Lu Mendenhal, Linda Axel – Second row: Bett Walton, Dianne Rector, Sue Gaskin, Madeline Campbell – Front: Sandy Atherton and Sawyer.

On February 21 we traveled to Palos Verdes to the South Coast Botanical Gardens. We were transported through the eighty-seven acre garden, home to over 2500 species of plants, on a tram. Several volunteer docents accompanied us and pointed out various trees and plants of interest. Following an hour of touring

we enjoyed lunch at The Claim Jumper Restaurant in Long Beach.

In March, the "Divas" of the ALL Garden Club travelled to Shenandoah restaurant in Los Alamitos for a quick meeting and a leisurely lunch. This year's hat creations were extraordinary! Prizes were awarded for the most creative

fascinators. Of course, the day was lovely, the chatter unending, and the food delicious.

The April 18 meeting will be an excursion to the Getty Center for a garden tour. Toni Aquino arranged for the tour and the accompanying docents. We're looking forward to seeing what makes the outside of the museum as lovely as the inside! Toni has also arranged for lunch as well, following the tour.

The May meeting, our final one for the 2017-2018 season, will be an installation luncheon at the Boat House located in Alamitos Bay, Long Beach. The final meeting gives us a chance to celebrate the members who helped make the previous year a fun-filled and rewarding year of new information and experiences. We also thank in advance members, most especially our perennial and intrepid leader, Lyn Senske, who have volunteered to work towards making the 2018-2019 season so rewarding and fun-filled.

As usual, we extend a warm invitation to any who would like to join us in these kinds of activities, or might just like to visit once to check us out. Ellen Martin is membership chair and can be reached at (714) 349 6212. Come on over!

# <u>Flying Dutchman Group Calls Bingo!</u>

by Gayle Wayne



"Bingo Queen" Marlene Nielsen did a great job in her calling, which really isn't as easy as it sounds!



Celebrating their wins at Bingo are from left Carryl Hytopoulos, Bobbitt Williams, Charlene Bauer and Jacki Wirta.

A capacity group of Flying Dutchman members enjoyed a bingo party recently at the home of Chris and Marlene Nielsen. The group is one of the many Guilds supporting the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, and their annual philanthropy efforts support the more than 360,000 young people, families and educators who benefit from the Center's programs.

The Bingo event was "called" by Hostess Marlene, with an able assist from Charmaine Rood, and the group laughed and bingoed the night away after a lovely catered dinner and cocktail hour. On tap shortly is the group's annual "3B," which means "Brunch at Bill and Bobbitt's (Williams)," where they will also hold a zany and profitable white elephant sale.

The sale features an amazing assortment of items available to members, ranging from baubles to really valuable items. All proceeds go to the Center.

If you support the arts and children, give a call to the membership chairs, Phil and Cathy Thomas McCullough at 714-536-6522, who will make sure you are invited to their next fun event.







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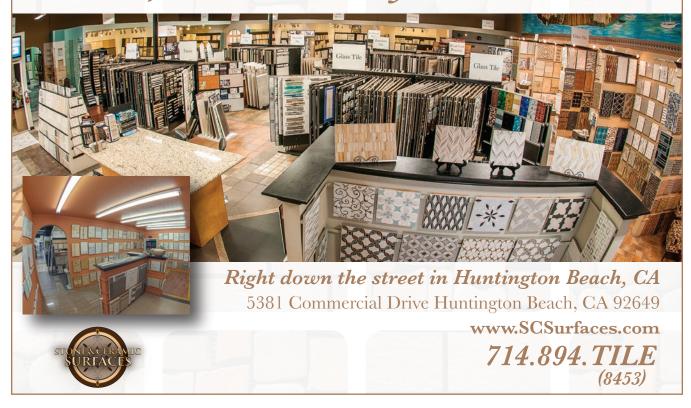
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### Wanderlust Ski Club

by Leigh Ross



Wanderlust members at Beaver Creek.



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The Club had a special trip to Val d'isere in the French Alps which was led by Marvin Beitner on February 15-25.

Bob and Julie Franz, John and Arlene Moran, Russ Walters and Marvin Beitner. Julie elected to keep the home fires burning ordering gourmet lunches and dinners for the illustrious group, while the rest of the group skied. They used the well know funicular and tram to the Grand Mottle, which overlooks the Alps. The runs down are miles long and incredibly beautiful. A wonderful time and experience for everyone.

The next Ski trip, led by Phil Lupton, to Beaver Creek, Colorado was a huge success. 23 members stayed at the small unique Osprey Hotel where the club has stayed before. One just walks out the door, attaches their skis and hop on the lift which is only yards away. A local guide was provided for an all day Mountain Tour. The snow was wonderful for skiing. Three memorable evening meals, Vin 48 which features Wild Game, Carlton Bachelor Gulch featuring a sleigh ride up the mountain to Zach's Cabin and dinning at the famous 5 star Grouse Mountain Grill.

Our final trip will be Match 2-10 with 30 members, led by Mike Easton, to Snowmass Colorado. Flying to Aspen, busing the few miles to our lodge, the Stonebridge Inn. Besides skiing, there's a snowmobile adventure which includes lunch and dinner at the Krobloonik. Another side trip adventure is a Guided Dog sled which also includes lunch and Mushing lessons. They have lined up great restaurants every night except one. It has been snowing the last several days there, consequently the skiing will be great.

Signing off for the Greatest Ski Club in the West, Leigh Ross.

### **Trinidad Ladies Club**

by Marilyn Schwartz



TLC members enjoying the Valentine meeting.



Martha Baumel Hostess for the Valentine meeting.

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As we were all departing the Event each of us received a Potpourri Bag. Home made by Marcia Beck.

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

Spring Is here! Time to work on your Garden. Get those old flowers into the Trash Bin. Rake up all of the dead leaf's, pull all of those weeds and Plant New Flowers and Succulents and be The Garden House of the Month!

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### **USC Alumni Association**

by George Demos, Past President, USC H.B. Alumni Association



L to R: Dr. Caleb Finch, George Demos, and Daniele Neuharth, Director of Development for the School of Gerontology.

On January 24th at the USC Orange County Center, Dr. Caleb Finch, Professor of Gerontology at USC, presented for the "Half Century Trojans."

Dr. Finch's presentation was entitled "Environmental Effects on Aging and Longevity." He discussed the role of diet, infection, social stress, obesity, cancer, tobacco smoke, dementia, and smog, all of which contribute to Alzheimer's Disease.

Since 1995 air quality has improved,

however, living close to the freeway is damaging and contributes to obesity. Air pollution and tobacco smoke are the most dangerous. We must reduce environmental pollution, since it damages the brain. Air pollution may cause Autism. Auto manufacturers need to reduce pollution. In addition, Global Warming causes more problems to the elderly and higher mortality. We need to demand more control of our environment (e.g. use home air filters). The worst thing

you can do for your health is smoke (10-15% of Americans smoke). Air pollution contributes to dementia and is up by 50%. E4 is a gene for Alzheimer's and if Alzheimer's appears in 2 members of your family it is probably inherited. It is important to know that regular exercise helps the heart and brain.

The presentation was most informative. The approximately 75 people in attendance learned a great deal. Fight on!

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# **Huntington Harbour Yacht Club**

by Paul DeGraw

Greetings from Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. It has been an unseasonably cold and damp start to the boating season this year. However, the hardy souls at HHYC were not to be deterred. The cruising contingent at HHYC will have completed the first cruise of the season by the time you read this and looking forward to their first of several trips over to Catalina in April. The predicted log racers have already had their first competition of the season.

Opening days are in full swing around area Yacht Clubs. The Flag of HHYC has been fortunate to have been able to attend the opening day ceremonies of our neighboring clubs. We look forward to seeing these folks at our opening day on April 8th. The days festivities will start with a parade of boats around the Harbour followed by the ceremony back at the club house. If you happen to see us make sure you wave. Don't be alarmed if hear a few cannon blasts on that day its all part of the ceremony. Opening day here in here in Southern California is a bit of a misnomer, most clubs don't actually close like they do back in the

cold climate of the northeast. There the boats have to be pulled out before the Harbour freezes over and opening day marks the actual beginning of the boating season.

Our sailing foundation volunteers have been busy in the yard getting the boats ready for the start of the upcoming sailing school. Although school doesn't start until June it seems like there is always plenty to do get ready for the students. Activities include building new racks for the boats, tuning up the engines for the chase boats, or making repairs to our experienced fleet of sabots. Thankfully the Sailing foundation, due to the members and community's, support has been able to upgrade the teaching fleet to include Bic's, Cube's and Opti's. These have been a big hit with the kids and have taken a lot of stress off the members who were dedicated to keeping the aging fleet of Sabots in working order.

I am looking forward to seeing some of our Harbour neighbors at our weekly Sunday Brunch. Until next time have a safe and fun time on the water.



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### **Sea Belles**

#### by Ship's Hailer Lara Anderson

One of our favorite speakers is local author Chris Epting. At our February meeting, he told us about his new book "Rock 'n' Roll in Orange County: Music, Madness and Memories." (We learned some very juicy details about Elvis and Priscilla Presley's activities in Huntington Beach!) Chris is such an informative, entertaining speaker with endless curiosity and appreciation for his subjects, if his enthusiasm for research and writing inspired you, he's now leading "Making Your Memoir" autobiography workshops at the Huntington Beach Senior Center. (Check the latest SANDS recreation guide for more info.)

Our March meeting featured a speaker from the Bolsa Chica Conservancy talking about the latest news in the wetlands and the organization's vision for a new Center for Coastal Ecology in Harriett Weider park. Be sure to stop by their Annual Earth Day Festival on April 14.



Captain Carol Leu, Author Chris Epting, and Cruise Director Anne Crowley.

Join us for our next meeting and check out the speakers Cruise Director Anne Crowley has lined up for us. Also in the works are a Ladies Pool Tournament and Captain Carol Leu is working on some fun Sea Belles summer activities.

Want something new to wear but don't know what until you see it? Maureen London has what you're looking for in the Ship's Store. Nautical style is on-trend right now and we've got a store full of it.

Our monthly lunch meetings are held 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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- What women believe about financial planning is clouded by misperceptions and inaccuracies as to the nature of the
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This article is based on research by the CFP Board's Women's Initiative (known as the WIN Initiative) in its white paper, "Making Room for Women In The Financial Planning Profession." Evelyn served on the WIN Initiative Advisory Council.

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# **Huntington Harbour Garden Club**

by Doreen Hill



L to R: Roberta Fox, Pres. of O.C. Orchid Society (speaker), Jo Andrews (January hostess), and Pam Smart.

The first meeting of the new year started off with a continental breakfast at the home of Jo Andrews. We welcomed Roberta Fox, president of O.C. Orchid Society, as our speaker. Many of us have the popular Phalaenopsis or Moth orchids in our homes. Roberta gave some tips on keeping them healthy in regard to the proper soil, fertilizer, amount of water and sunlight. The soil should have plenty of air circulation for the roots, so regular potting soil is not recommended. Rather, use bark, pearlite, or specifically

labeled orchid soil. The winter season is the blooming season. The key to an orchid blooming is temperature difference and 50 percent shade/ dappled sunlight. An ideal spot is an east or southeast facing position in the house or yard. If the leaves are a dark green this indicates not enough sunlight, but too much sunlight and the leaves will yellow. Find a spot that's just right. Also, even though you should re-pot every 2 years, never re-pot a blooming orchid. Wait until the growing season- spring, summer and fall. This is

also when you should fertilize with a low Nitrogen food twice a month. Too much Nitrogen and the plant will not bloom. Water balance is critical, not too dry and not too wet. If your roots are brown and mushy this equals too much water. Also, no water should be allowed to set in the growing tip of the plant. Water in the mornings and the purer the water the better. Overall, the Phalaenopsis is a forgiving orchid, fairly cold tolerant and heat tolerant; suited to our California weather.

Donna and Jim Shaffer hosted a lovely luncheon meeting in February. February's program was David Misterly, owner of Aqualife Ponds. He has a biology background and has worked in making natural ponds for about 15 years.

The approach is to work with Mother nature, not against Her! So, the Aquascape Ecosystem is modeled after a wetland ecosystem, utilizing heterotrophic bacteria, rocks and gravel, a skimmer and filtration system. Water features in the yard are much easier to maintain than in the past. Several beautiful samples of yards were shown. Aqualife is working on a new pond for Prehistoric Pets in Fountain Valley. Check out the website www.AquaLifePonds.com to see some of their creations.

Please be our guest on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, at various members' homes at 10 a.m.

The final three meeting programs (before summer break) in March, April and May are as follows: "Container Vegetable Growing", "Hardscapes and Softscapes", and "Fuschias".

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# **Anglers of Huntington Harbour**

by Kathy Bayless



Picture Caption: Anglers of Huntington Harbour 2018 elected Officers Linda Axel, Paula Hetzler, Jo Andrews, Phil Lupton, Kathy Bayless, Connie Mandic, Bob Mandic and Bob Hetzler.

## Installation, Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Friday evening January 12th 58 Anglers of Huntington Harbour gathered at Sea Cliff Country Club for the organizations 54th Annual Installation, Awards and Appreciation Banquet organized by Diana Casey. Bruce Bayless, 2004 and 2010 President was Master of Ceremonies and introduced 8 Past Presidents in attendance including Marky Paugh for John, Jim Persons, Bruce Bayless, Jim Walton, Carmen Morrow, Kathy Bayless, Phil Lupton and Jo Andrews and shared the 54 year history and great tradition of the Anglers of Huntington Harbour. Outgoing President Linda Axel thanked her 2017 Board and Committee Chairs for their support and presented them with a token of her appreciation. Kathy Bayless presented the 2017 Anglers of Huntington Harbour fishing awards including First Tag & Release Marlin 20 lb. line, Largest Marlin and 2017 Angler of the Year to Bob Mandic, First Marlin Flag to B.G. Williams and "Sub Chaser", Jim Strode First Marlin Trophy to B.G. Williams, and First Tag & Release Marlin 30 lb. line to Doug Williams. Bruce Bayless swore in the 2018 elected officers including President Linda Axel for a 2nd term, 1st Vice President/Fundraising Kathy Bayless, 2nd Vice President/Kids Fishing Trip Phil Lupton, Tournament Chairs Bob and Connie Mandic, Treasurer Bob Hetzler, Secretary Paula

Hetzler and Parliamentarian Jo Andrews. President Linda Axel introduced the 2018 Committee Chairs including Jim Walton Bulletin/Roster/Photographer, Membership Paula Hetzler, Trophy/ Conservation Bob Hetzler, Hospitality Jim Persons, Reservations Helene Rowlette, Telephone Linda Armor, Flyers Bett Walton/Lara Anderson, Corresponding Secretary Terri Feterick and Publicity Chair Kathy Bayless.

#### February TGIF

The chilly evening of Friday February 23rd nearly 40 Anglers of Huntington Harbour met at the waterfront home of Jo Andrews for the group's February TGIF and the first TGIF of the year. Each of the Anglers brought one of their favorite appetizers or desserts to be enjoyed by all as they socialized and discussed upcoming events like the Catalina Cruise to Avalon, annual Kids

Fishing Trip for at-risk children in our community and the Summer Solstice at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

#### **Upcoming Events**

In 2018 the Anglers of Huntington Harbour are celebrating their 54th year in the Harbour and have many exciting social, fishing and philanthropic activities planned including the April TGIF at the home of Mike and Pam Myers April 27th, the Catalina Cruise to Avalon May 4th & 5th, the May TGIF at the home of Michael and Terri Feterick May 25th and the annual Kids Fishing Trip for at-risk children in or community May 30th. If you live in the Harbour and want to be considered for one the Anglers open membership positions and attend one of our events please call membership chair Paula Hetzler at (714) 969-2570 for more information.

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# **Huntington Harbour Art Association**

by Jackie Dvorman



Awards went to (L-R) Marilyn Tom, Kathleen Moore, Carrol Wolf, Mary Lund, Jackie Dvorman, JoAnn Rossi, Lyn Semeta (not pictured) and Genny Murawski (not pictured).



Betty Viers, JoAnn Rossi, Barbara Simone and Lyn Semeta presenting a check to Kate Hoffman, Dir. of the Huntington Beach Art Center (2nd from right).

What an exciting time for the Art Association in February when the members filled the entire GalleryThree of the Huntington Beach Art Center's annual Centered on the Center exhibit. Kate Hoffman, director of the Center, invited Barbara Simone, president of the HHAA and Janet Johnson to use the large gallery to exhibit the work of the art group which has been in existence for 40 years. Over 700 people enjoyed the large

exhibit, and Gallery Three, set aside with the title, Centered on the Center with the Huntington Harbour Art Association was warmly received as people filled the Gallery and marveled at the the variety of painting, photography, quilts, and needlework. All eyes were focused on Marsha Hendler's large exciting quilt that filled the back wall. It was surrounded by Pam Smart's colorful ;photo of a pelican and Jackie Dvorman's large photo on

canvas of an old, colorful dingey in Tahiti. Linda Sackin's dramatic wall hanging blazed with vivid reds and black., and Pat McKenna filled her unique dress design on a wire form with a flippant hat forming the crown Janet Johnson filled two large tables with her amazing knitted animals and her "zoofari" as she called the delightful creatures. Kay Sulivan and Carro Wolf shared wall space with their watercolors, and Nancy Phillips' delightful painting of the family dog brought a chuckle from family pet lovers.

The opening reception was followed by a later luncheon "Art for Lunch" at the Center when Barbara Simone spoke to the group about the Art Association and its 40 years supporting art in the community.

The Annual Fine Arts Exhibit was held in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library. JoAnn Rossi and Bea Tamo, chaimen of the event, felt it was the most successful one in years with 94 entries brought for judging for ribbons and prizes at the Champagne Reception in February. Lyn Semata won Best of Show and two Honorable Mentions for her Mixed Media elongated figures. Marilyn Tom's sculpture, Bird Two, was always a delight, and Carrol Wolf won 1st with her charcoal drawing while Joann Rossi won 1st for her mixed media "Fall into Snow". The People's Choice Award, a most coveted one went to Mary Lund for her mixed media, "Big Island Turtle" Jackie Dvorman won 1st and an Honorable Mention for her photos.

The Needles and Friends and Painting Pals groups continue to meet weekly to create more beauty, and they invite all to join them.

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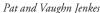
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# **Seagate Yacht Club**

by Pam Dake Jackson and Commodore Cindy Broz Allen







Linda and SC Bob Axel

#### SGYC NEW MEMBER'S BRUNCH

Along with hosts Pat and Vaughn Jenkes, we anticipated a perfect day with great clouds, blue skies, mild temperature and water like a pane of glass. We were not disappointed. It was the 3rd Sunday in January and seemed to be the right day for everyone. 84 of members and 10 prospective members cruised in 6 boats and 19 land vehicles.

Boats and owners included Floyd and Mira D'Angelo, ROIII, Richard and Judie Kappes, LUCKY CHANGE II, Clem and Linda Aime, LA FORTUNA II, Robin and Jean Clark, FIN-TASTIC, Dennis and Kathy Kreil, TAGGED & RELEASED and Ralph Lind and Janet Littlejohn, XANEX. During the 45-minute cruise, we sipped orange juice, champagne and Mimosas.

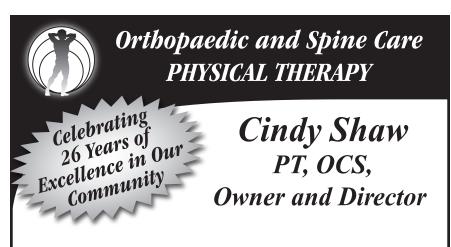
destination was Acapulco Restaurant at Marina Pacifica, located in Long Beach. There we enjoyed a vast and delicious buffet. They had several new brunch offerings including tri-tip steak and carne and pollo asadas. The Ship's Store Boutique did a brisk business thanks to Marilyn and Larry Schwartz' hard work and dedication. There were fun games and great prizes. SGYC Mingle Bingo had Brunchers buzzing around the tables interviewing to fill their cards. Each of the six winners received a bottle of wine or a potted succulent. The "Name the Hypothetical SGYC Duffy" contest was won with, "Sea My Duff". Second and third place: "What a Duck" and "Duffy Duck" (with a Burgee).

#### SGYC NIGHT OF MAGIC

On Thursday February 1st, SeaGate Yacht Club members and guests magically appeared at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club for a succulent Prime Rib (and more!) Buffet, including pastas, salads, and decadent desserts. John, our Magician for the evening, came to every table, and amazed us with marvelous sleight of hand tricks with coins and cards, and even mysteriously bending

forks! At the end of the evening, we were wondrously transported home with marvelous memories and full bellies. A very heartfelt thank you to Event Hosts Staff Commodore Bob and Linda Axel for hosting this enchanting event. And thanks to all who attended this Sold-Out event!

Coming up we look forward to a green St. Patrick's Day party and, on April 21, our annual Opening Day and Parade.



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# **Monitoring Endangered and Threatened Species of Birds**

by Larry LeFranc and Jeannette Bush



Least Tern, photo by Peter Knapp.

At the Bolsa Chica Conservancy we have a number of conservation programs and efforts that educate our community, and help preserve the wetlands. One of our key initiatives is the Eyes On Nest Sites (EONS) program. In collaboration with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the California Department of Parks & Recreation, the EONS program was launched in 2010. In its eighth year, our aim is to monitor the nesting success of the endangered California Least Tern (Sterna antillarum browni) and the threatened Western Snowy Plover (Chardrius nivosus). The nesting success of these unique avifauna relies tremendously on the data collection that our amazing EONS volunteers provide to Bolsa Chica Conservancy and Department of Fish & Wildlife biologists.

Our EONS program is an example of a citizen science project. The community can all work together to help collect data on these birds in need. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife along with the California Department of Parks & Recreation can use the eyes and ears of citizens to gain better insight as to what may be causing declines or recoveries of our birds. This is a great opportunity to contribute to science while enjoying the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. In addition, it is also a public education program, so you get a chance to share the

wonders of the wetlands with our wetland visitors.

The 2018 EONS program starts back up April 1st. Now is your chance to get involved with not only volunteering for the Bolsa Chica Conservancy, but to also make a meaningful impact of the success and future generations of these two species. By volunteering to be an EONS Monitor you will record observations of: nesting habits, wildlife interactions, and even predator activity, which will then be presented to Bolsa Chica staff. Once we have the data collected, we will be able to present the best possible strategies for

conservation efforts for these amazing creatures. This unique opportunity to engage in hands-on data collection on the field will enhance your local wildlife knowledge, create a lasting impact on two imperiled species, and promote conservation efforts at a grass roots level.

Many of our volunteers use this experience to enrich their own knowledge of local ecology and conservation biology. However this opportunity doesn't stop there, it's a great resume builder for any student who is looking to go into the conservation field. Therefore, if you're a student, a retiree, or an environmentalist at heart, this program is for you and the birds!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the EONS program you should contact Jeanette Bush. She can be reached by email at jeannette@bolsachica. org. To participate in the program, you must attend one of two training dates, as scheduled below:

Saturday, April 7th, 10:00AM to 1:00PM or

Thursday, April 12th, 1:00PM to 4:00PM

To register, please go to https://bcceons. eventbrite.com. The training seesions are coming up shortly, so be sure to get on the list and make a difference in your local wetlands today!



Snowy Plover, photo by Peter Knapp.

#### by Barbara Devlin & Pearl Holmes



Bill & Rita Collins and Marge Mitchell enjoying show at Optimist club dinner and show.

Daytime Gourmet members gathered at the home of Pearl Holmes in February for their President's Day Luncheon. The day started with all the cooks being given a copy of the recipe that was going to be their creation of the day. The hours for cooking went by quickly and the members then adjourned to the living room for wine and appetizers of Petite Toast with Brie, Fig & Thyme and Stuffed Grape Leaves with Sorrel Sauce. The sit-down luncheon started

with "Talk of the Potluck Kale and Apple Salad', Shrimp Newburg with Rice, Asparagus and a delicious very rich Black Forest Tart prepared at home by Barbara Devlin. Seen enjoying the day were members, Mary Johnson, Shel Grossman, Loretta Maiorana, June Asccolesi and Co-Hostess, Betty McCarthy.

Fins had a good group attending the February Social at Rancho del Rey Valentine's Party, which included

dinner and music benefitting the local Optimist Club. After a very nice Italian dinner David Preston entertained us, singing many Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond and others from that era. Dean was a great entertainer and many enjoyed dancing while he sang-even some "young man" got Gloria Smiley on the dance floor doing the jitterbug., Rita Collins and Maggie Flavia were both raffle prize winners. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

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#### Date & Time

Saturday, April 14, 2018 10:00am - 3:00pm

#### Location

Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve 3842 Warner Ave, Huntington Beach (Corner of Warner Ave and PCH)

#### Cost

Entry and educational activity booths are free! Food is available for purchase.

#### Schedule of Free Events

\*pre-registration for tours and feedings required **Public Tours:** 10:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm To RSVP, please go to https://bc2018earthdaytour.eventbrite.com

#### Interpretive Center Animal Feeding

11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm To RSVP, please go to https://bc2018earthdayfeeding.eventbrite.com

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