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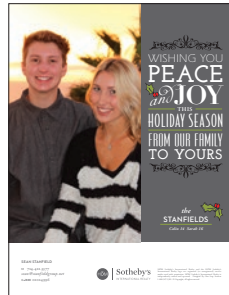
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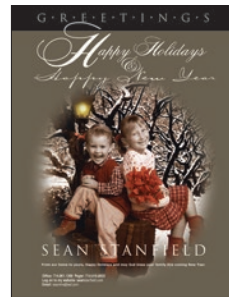
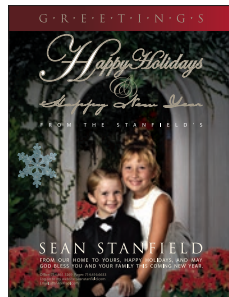
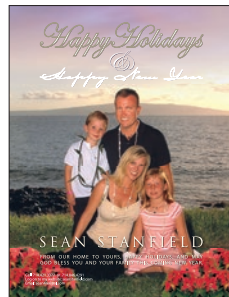
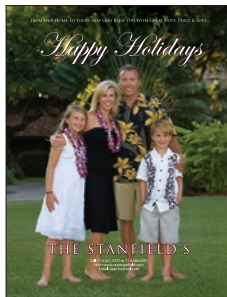
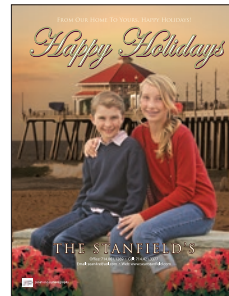
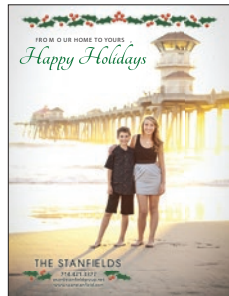
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La Familia members (L to R) Mary Busché, Jeanie Caille and Barbara Blodgett, (seated) Mim Strickler and Nancy Kasabali, have been busy decorating trees for the annual “Christmas Tree Wonderland” lunch and fashion show on December 10th to benefit Orangewood Children’s home.

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Anglers of Huntington Harbour

by Kathy Bayless



Hosts of the Anglers of Huntington Harbour Annual Progressive Dinner by Duffy, Gail and Rob Sebring and Holly and Mark Layhew.

Annual Progressive Dinner by Duffy

The evening of Saturday September 29th 70 Anglers of Huntington Harbour and guests participated in the organization’s Annual Progressive Dinner by Duffy, one of the Anglers social highlights of the year. The theme of this year’s event was South Pacific and the fun filled evening began with drinks of choice and delectable tray passed appetizers at the waterfront home of Mark and Holly Layhew. The attendees cruised by Duffy or walked down the street to the waterfront home of Rob and Gail Sebring where they were seated on the Sebring’s patio overlooking the main channel and feasted on grilled salmon, braised short ribs, Caprese salad, grilled vegetables and for dessert homemade Virginia blackberry cobbler with ice cream. The delicious appetizers and dinner were catered and served by Belle Fete Catering. For attendees who came by car valet parking was provided by the Sebring’s. Attendees celebrating September birthdays included Carmen Morrow, Judy Ross, Bill Wheeler, Chris Brault, Virginia Buccella and Donna Belitz.

October TGIF and Halloween Party

Friday evening October 26th 48 Anglers of Huntington Harbour and

guests met at the Trinidad Island waterfront home of Tricia Pratto for the group’s October TGIF and Halloween Party. Each of the Anglers brought one of their favorite appetizers or desserts to be enjoyed by all as they socialized on Tricia’s waterfront patio and discussed upcoming events like the November election of Anglers of Huntington Harbour 2019 Officers. Many of the attendees were dressed in creative Halloween costumes and Bett Walton handed out treats and awarded Linda Sackin best costume. Attendees celebrating October Birthdays included Bob Axel, Bett Walton, Jim Rood, Charlene Bauer and Tony Zazzu.

Upcoming Events

In 2018 the Anglers of Huntington Harbour celebrated their 54th year in the Harbour and have enjoyed many exciting social, fishing and philanthropic activities. Upcoming events included the annual Installation, Awards and Appreciation Banquet at Old Ranch Country Club on Saturday evening January 19, 2019. 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 Philharmonic Committee

by Eva Kilgore



Past grand marshals with current grand marshals, John and Ross de la Haye.

Everyone was in a festive mood at the past grand marshal party, held at the beautiful home of Jeanie and Frank Gibson. Lots of libations, yummy food from Buon Gusto, and an opportunity to see old and new friends. Party gives and 2018 grand marshals Ross and John de la Haye were on hand to meet and greet. John said “ I love my parents, and it is an honor to be a co-grand marshal with my father.” Dad Ross said he was overwhelmed at his son’s kind words. The dynamic duo!

Each past grand marshal in attendance talked a little bit about their particular year of leading the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade. We heard about rainy years, perfect weather, the year Buzz Aldrin was aboard one of the boats, and so much more. The Boat Parade is a decades old tradition. This year it’s set for December

8 and 9. It’s our 56th year! The theme is “A Space Odyssey” and everyone is encouraged to enter their boat, and decorate homes. It’s a community effort! You could enter and win a prize for your boat and/or home decorations.

We give you the boat parade to thank you for your decorations, so thousands can see them during the annual Cruise of Lights, www.cruiseoflights.org, for all the information you need. Cruise of Lights tickets are excellent gifts for teachers, family, friends, and yourself! Take a 45 minute narrated tour through the sparkling waterways of Huntington Harbour. You’ll hear music, see thousands of lights, and you are sure to be in the holiday spirit!

You will see so many of our volunteers loading and unloading school buses, loading and unloading boats,



Eva Kilgore, accepting a generous grant from OC Roosters to the HHPC. William Ross is our amazing liaison.

commentating, answering phones, and helping out wherever they can. We love what we do! The Cruise of Lights is set for December 14-17 and December 20-23. When you visit our website, check out the “Land and Sea” tours, and extended tours for 2018. Both exciting ways to experience the Cruise of Lights.

HHPC received some excellent news, we are the recipients of a \$4,000.00 grant from the O.C. Roosters. This organization helps children in need, and we appreciate them so much. Many thanks to our liaison Bill Ross for his continued support of the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee.

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HHPC: Juniors

by Eva Kilgore



Philharmonic Juniors partnered with the Surfrider Foundation on Oct. 7th for a harbor clean-up. Over 40 pounds of trash was collected and a dog rescued from the water. I call that a successful morning.

In early October, 16 Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee Juniors worked with Surfrider Foundation to pick up 40 pounds of trash from the harbor. The juniors grabbed debris including floating bottles and plastic bags from kayaks provided by the environmental group. At their November meeting, these active, energetic, and engaged high school students collected board games, jigsaw puzzles, and non-


perishable food to help make the holidays better for local disadvantaged youth through Robyne's Nest. At the same gathering, the organization's founder, Robyne West, shared her vision for creating safe places for students in danger of homelessness.

The Juniors are also working on their annual fundraiser a fashion show they are calling the Juniors' Splash. The event will take place on March 31, 2019 at Sealcliff

Country Club. They are collecting donations for the silent and live auctions, as well as practicing for their time on the catwalk. For more information about the event or to learn more about the group, which is open to all high school students, please contact advisors Rachel Helgeson, (562) 706-5015 or Elizabeth Henry, (714) 746-4567, or email the Juniors at HHPCJuniors@gmail.com.

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HHPC: Sandpipers

by Lolly Mchardy



Co-presidents getting ready to conduct the October Sandpiper meeting.



Sandpipers at the October Halloween meeting.

Many years ago the Huntington Harbour groups Nautilus and Starboard merged and became the Sandpipers. We are proud that we are named for such a gregarious bird, because we are.

Our flock prides itself on friendship, fun, and working hard. We are dedicated to promoting knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of music to the children of Orange County.

If you would like to join us for one of our meetings, please contact Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449 or by email at Ritzol2002@gmail.com.

In April of 2019, Sandpipers will sponsor a 7 day Pacific Wine Country Cruise along the West Coast to Vancouver, where a large percentage of the monies will be donated to the Philharmonic, thanks to the hard work of Heather Sullivan.

Our October Halloween meeting was held at the beautiful waterfront home of Teri Feterik. Our members came dressed as cowboys and Indians, and as well as all sorts of monsters and goblins.

Currently our member's are busy with ushering at Segrestrom, helping with the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade and the Cruise of Lights.

HHPC: Islanders

by Eva Kilgore



2018 Grand Marshal John de la Haye and his mom Mary de la Haye. John visited the Islander meeting!



Islander president Denise Sonnenberg (L) presents Islander of the Month award to Julie Huniu (R).

So many Islanders went to the past grand marshal party. It was held at Islanders Jeanie Gibson and her husband Frank's gorgeous Davenport Island home.

Our 2018 co-grand marshals Ross and John de la Haye were the perfect hosts. They are very excited for December 8 and 9, the dates of the boat parade.

President Denise Sonnenberg was on hand, looking festive, and thrilled about

the season to come. There is still time to enter your boat! Just call (714) 849-7542.

The de la Hayes (and John's mom Mary) are all set to see the theme of "A Space Odyssey" come to life not only within the boat parade, but on homes all around Huntington Harbour.

Islanders will be in the office, on boats, leading the parade, commenting, handling Cruise of Lights passengers,

loading and unloading buses. Islanders will be everywhere this holiday season!

Congratulations to October Islander of the Month, Julie Huniu! Julie is a hard worker, with an always beautiful and cheery attitude. We love you, Julie. And, a big welcome to new Islander members Brandi Peterson, Jennifer Handy, and Maureen London. Happy holidays from the HHPC Islanders!

HHPC: Admiralty

by Mary Busché



Admiralty members working at a meeting take a moment for a quick photo.



Mim Stricker, Mr. Scary, and Madeline Champell.

Our November Admiralty meeting was hosted by the lovely Linda Nibeel in her beautiful home on Trinidad Island. After greeting each other as good friends do we got right to business and there was a lot to cover.

Our lovely ladies worked hard on our Holiday Boutique which offered a raffle for many valuable baskets and other opportunities such as boat rides, condo get aways and a piano tuning (which Mim won). The clothing was designer quality as was the jewelry. Many purchases were

made of which we made a percentage that will benefit the children in Orange County schools, K-12 with our various music programs.

We are getting organized for the Boat Parade and the Cruise of Lights. Many of our members are on committees and are signing up for our work night for the Cruise. Mim is in charge of this. We are selling tickets already for the cruises with their variety of options of tours. You should be getting all the information soon. Our Grand Marshals, John and

Ross De la Hay, with help from Mary, are working hard to make this year's Boat Parade the best yet. The Parade is held on December 8th and 9th.

Coming up in March is our Grand Marshall Event. Also in March will be our Junior's Fashion Show and our Attic Treasures Sale will be in May. If you are not a member of a Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Group and would like to know more about us please call Madeline at our office, (714) 840-7542 or Mary Busché, (714) 846-7281. Enjoy music!

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HHPC: Trinidad Group

by Tharice Opalewski



Patty Reilly as an Opportunity Basket Winner from the Holiday Boutique.



Group picture of Trinidad HHPC from the September meeting.

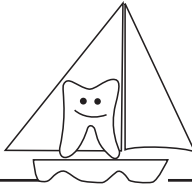
Well it's that time of the year folks for family, holidays, fun and of course the Huntington Harbor Christmas Cruise of Lights. Houses are being decorated in magnificent lights and colors for everyone to enjoy as you cruise through the harbor on a chilly night sipping hot toddy's, coffee or everyone's favorite toasty drink hot chocolate. Trinidad of course is in full swing to do our part to support this annual event by volunteering at every opportunity to lend a helping hand. We

are the hosting HHPC team this year of the Chili night on December 17th, so you don't want to miss our delicious hearty chili before you take a cruise around the harbor to enjoy the beautiful lighted homes a night I promise you won't forget. If you haven't been now is the time to dress warmly and snuggle up to a family member or friend and enjoy a fun filled evening to deck the halls!

To digress a moment, we kicked off the season in September with a delicious

luncheon prepared by our very own Tricia Pratto (co-president) in her newly remodeled home. Thanks Tricia for the scrumptious Chinese Chicken Salad and yummy warm peaches with your own homemade vanilla ice cream. In October, we moved to Linda Axel's (co-president) beautiful and scenic home (on the harbor of course) for our monthly meeting and got to enjoy an array of Middle Eastern delights including chicken kabob's, rice, hummus, traditionally spiced vegetables and of course decadent deserts. We also had a TGIF party in October at the lovely lake side home of Pam and John Torribio's including a parade of ducks to entertain us as the sun set. Here we enjoyed an array of fine appetizers including shrimp, lettuce wraps, pepper poppers (say that real fast a few times), dim sum, taquitos, chocolate cake, cup cakes and lots of cookies along with our libation of choice vino! I've mentioned before and I will say it again we love to eat, drink and have fun in the company of all that join our events and become a part of our family at the Trinidad HHPC. Lastly in October we had the Holiday Boutique and if you missed that you missed lots of beautiful clothes, jewelry, plants, oils, knick knacks of sorts and of course the opportunity baskets made by each HHPC group, we had the Halloween basket which was chocked full of fun and festive Halloween items including a few gift cards. We even had a couple of winners in our group that won baskets congratulations to Linda Axel and Patty Reilly on being winners from Trinidad HHPC.

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HHPC: Marina/Windjammer

by Lara Anderson



Marina Windjammer representing at the Holiday Boutique: Co-Prez Lisa Weller, Boutique Chair Kelly Haynes, Co-Prez Roberta Swain, Suzanne Baird, and Lani Martin.



Some of the Musical Martins: Andy, Lani, and Dave.

The Holiday Boutique at the Harbour Place Mall in October was a big success, with thanks to our Kelly Haynes who served as Chairperson of the event this year and did a fantastic job. Of the 23 vendors, 4 were Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee members and 3 of them are our fellow Marina-Windjammers. Roberta Swain, Lisa Weller, and Suzanne Baird all participated selling their wares and supporting the fundraising efforts of the Boutique. Our group basket for the raffle was the movie themed one, congratulations to the lucky winner and we hope you are enjoying it!

Speaking of movies, when you hear a film score that features a trombone these days, chances are it's our musical guest who came to our October meeting, Andy Martin. (Otherwise known as the son of Lani and Dave Martin.) He told us about some of his latest projects like being part of the Academy Awards orchestra, as well as reminiscing about his time spent touring throughout the years with the likes of Lou Rawls, Joe Walsh and Paul Anka. You can catch him live every month at the Gaslamp in Long Beach playing with the Tom Kubis Big Band.

Catch all of us Marina Windjammers at the Cruise of Lights on our work night on Friday, December 21st. Linda Halopoff has a sign-up sheet that could still use a few names if you're available to help out that evening. Coralie Prince has been busy lining up musical entertainment for outside the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club to entertain (and keep calm, happy, and in the holiday spirit) the lines of people as they wait to board a boat. The groups she's booking are all local, and

some are very excited to perform, I know this firsthand because my 6th grade Choir student is really hoping she gets to sing this year. (She's been practicing Christmas carols around the house for months!)

The Cruise of Lights is a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season and appreciate all our neighbors who decorate their homes, boats, volunteer, and bring music to the children in our community and throughout Orange County.

To learn more about volunteering with us, becoming a Marina/Windjammer or to check out the food, fun and friends at one of our meetings, contact Membership Chair Karen Ridout at (714) 319-2325 or email her at kridout1@icloud.com. Meetings are held in the morning on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are followed by lunch at the host member's home and feature a live musical performance.



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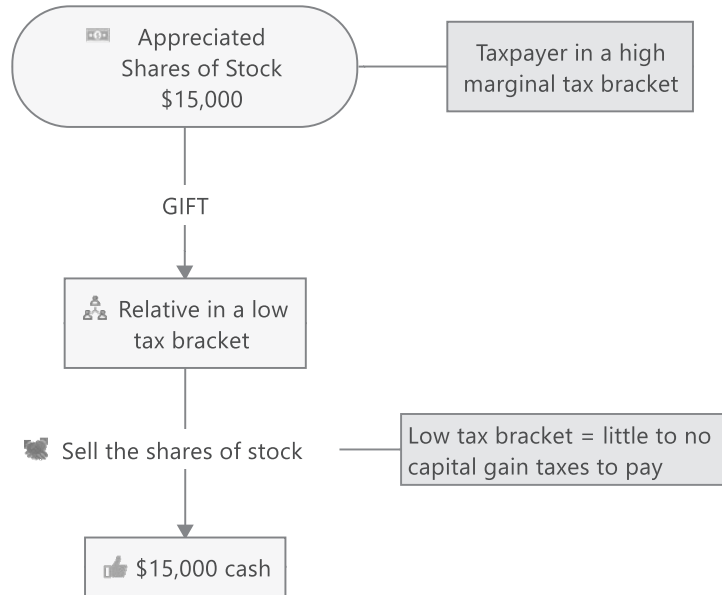
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Wanderlust

by Leigh Ross



Member Gil Fujimoto receiving his trophy.

The best ski club in the West has some openings for membership if you are an interested skier. Members must commit to ski trips to maintain club membership status. For those interested in joining our club, call club president, Phil Lupton (714) 321-0467 or Leigh Ross (562) 418-1043.

Our three ski trips for 2019 are January 8-12, at Mammoth Mt. hosted by Sharron and Dan Niedringhaus, February 2-9, at Jackson Hole Wyoming, trip Chairman Ken Muzzy and March 1-8, at Deer Valley Utah, chaired by Loretta Davis, Caroline Williams and

Leigh Ross. Over 40 skiers will be going on the Deer Valley trip!

Skiers will arrange their own accommodations in Mammoth, Jackson Hole at the Snake River Lodge, some of the best skiing in North America and the Silver Baron in Deer Valley, one of the Premier Ski Resorts in the US.

Very, very important story. Gil Fujimoto, our beloved member, won the NASTAR down hill ranking in March at Squaw Valley. He was awarded the Trophy at the National Championships.

Smart Cookies...Not Fussy or Fancy, Just Plain Delicious

by Cathy Thomas

Designer cookies? Only if they're designed to be easy. My pal Tillie Clements makes these no-nonsense cookies for kids at Christmas. "No fussbudget cookies," she says, adding that she likes to forget about piping out frosting.

For the greatest success in cookie making, Land O'Lakes butter advises that butter temperature is crucial. If the butter is too soft or melted, it produces flatter cookies. They suggest that you take the butter out of the refrigerator about 20 minutes before making cookies. To test it, press butter with back of spoon. It should yield to pressure. It shouldn't be shiny and there shouldn't be any melted pools of butter, a problem some people have if trying to soften butter in the microwave.

But just-right butter isn't applicable in these easy treats. Start with cold-hard butter.

Tillie's Brown Sugar Shortbread Buttons

Yield: 2-3 dozen

Nonstick spray, 1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter (cut into about 16 pieces), 2/3 cup light brown sugar (packed), 2 cups all-purpose flour (divided use)

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Place butter pieces and brown sugar in food processor fitted with metal blade. Pulse until creamy. Add 1 cup flour



to processor; pulse to combine. Add remaining flour and pulse to combine and form ball (some bits may still be on the side). Scape down sides as needed to make sure all flour is incorporated.

3. Break off unshelled-walnut-sized pieces of dough, roll into ball and place on prepared baking sheet. Spray bottom of a flat-bottomed glass with nonstick vegetable spray. Flatten dough with bottom of glass to make round cookie a tiny bit thicker than 1/4 inch – smooth sides with fingers if needed. Using chopstick or plain tip from a pastry bag, make holes so cookie looks like button (at 12,3,6,9). Repeat to make about 1 dozen cookies on sheet. (The cookies

don't spread much during baking.)

4. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 13 minutes or until golden around edges. Remove from oven and immediately repeat punching holes with chopstick. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet. Transfer to cooling rack. Cool completely. Presentation: Run narrow ribbon through 1 hole of 2 or 3 cookies. Tie loosely so you have a string of shortbread cookies.

Cathy Thomas, award-winning food writer, lives in Huntington Beach. Read more about her culinary escapades and sign up for her e-newsletter for food lovers at CathyThomasCooks.com.

Sea Belles of the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club

by Ship's Hailer Lara Anderson



Sea Belles Mim Strickler, Janet Johnson, Lara Edwards, Teri Bowers, Alice Zamboni, Linda Nibeel, Ellie Winterfield, and Judy Cassidy.

Happy Holidays! You know what makes a great gift? Something nautical from our Ship's Store. If you pop into the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club lobby and the lights aren't on in the store, just ask someone if they can open it up for you to get something for all the "nauti" and "nice" people on your list!

Our October meeting featured Silvia Faris, a longtime resident of Sunset Beach who is one tough lady, she spent 13 years on the L.A. County Sheriff's Department bomb squad! Silvia had a fascinating 30

year career that included teaching bomb identification techniques overseas in Jordan to other police officers from all over the world.

November's speaker's life story is also worthy of a book. Sam Mihara is a second generation Japanese-American who was sent to an internment camp in WWII. After the war, his family returned to San Francisco and he ended up becoming a rocket scientist at Boeing. He is now a national speaker on the topic of mass imprisonment in the U.S. and a

board member of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, the non-profit organization that oversees the National Historic Landmark site.

More fascinating speakers are scheduled for the New Year you won't want to miss.

Our monthly meetings start at 10:30 a.m., speaker at 11:00, with lunch following. Reservations are required for lunch (\$15). Guests are more than welcome and if you're a HHYC member, join us as a Sea Belle. For more information, visit our web page at www.HHYC.org.



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Sea Isle Garden Club

by Caron Mount



Artists' Gallery, Standing: Instructor Terri Barrilas of All That's Painted, with her assistant, daughter Sare Barillas, Jackie Neil, Dorothy Ralphs, Adrienne De Wolfe, Sue Gaskin, Lu Mendenhall. Seated: Cindy Allen, Lucille Mascoli, Mary Ann Brinket, Sandy Atherton, Cathy Kelly, Caron Mount.

Sea Isle Garden Club has a talent for art as well as an interest in gardening. We traded our spades for paint brushes, our seeds for acrylic paint, and our soil for canvases at our November 14 meeting at the Seagate Bonaire Club house. Mary Ann Brinket arranged for an artist to visit our members and we each created a painting of a cottage window flower box, adding our favorite variety of blooms.

In October, Dorothy Ralphs brought us up to date on the progress towards adding new plantings of the Matijila

poppies, those large frilly flowers that look like giant fried eggs. The fall is the best time to plant these 1 gallon plants, which need extra water only during the first few months. We are hoping the city can adjust the watering schedule during this crucial time. After they are established, they will need little water, since they grow wild in many roadside areas of California.

For our December 12th Holiday Luncheon and gift exchange, Marsha Hendler offered to have the celebration at her Humboldt Island home. Lu

Mendenhall will arrange the caterer, Dorothy Ralphs will help with plates and decorations. This is always a festive gathering with members enjoying our gift exchange; items will be wrapped, chosen, opened, possibly purloined by another member, and finally land in the lap of the lucky lady who will take that gift home. All in good fun, of course.

Sea Isle Garden Club meetings are always the 2nd Wednesday of the month and if you'd like to join us, please contact Bonnie Specht at (714) 625-8449.

Below, pictured at first table: Sue Gaskin, Lucille Mascoli, and Dorothy Ralphs. Second table: Mary Ann Brinket, and Jackie Neil. Instructor: Teri Barillas.



VIMS (Volunteers in Multiple Sclerosis)

by Charmaine Rood



VIMS members at “Bubbles & Brunch to End MS” at the Island Hotel. Photo by Thomas Leach.

Volunteers in Multiple Sclerosis (VIMS) of Huntington Harbour supported another fabulous “Bubbles & Brunch to End MS” at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. We enjoyed a delightful champagne reception while

indulging in an exclusive silent auction with luxury items including jewelry, spa packages, resort stays and much more. We were served a delicious three-course brunch while Camerone Parker McCulloch shared her story of her 1998

Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis and how it changed her life. This inspirational event supports the National MS Society’s vision to create a world free of MS and creates connections amongst those who care deeply about this cause.

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Eyes On Nest Sites Program Wraps Up Another Successful Season

by Jeannette Bush



California Least Tern.



EONS monitors training for this most recent season on April 7th.

The Eyes on Nest Sites (EONS) program was launched in 2010 by the Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC) in collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). EONS is a public education and wildlife monitoring program primarily focused on observing the nesting success of two bird species: the endangered California Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) and the threatened Western Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*). This year marks the most successful year in the number of California Least Terns succeeding to fledgling age and the number of people reached.

The 2018 EONS survey season extended from April 15th through July 27th and was monitored by 68 volunteers that dedicated 979 hours of monitoring of these endangered birds. This year the Least

Terns scraped 54 nests at the North end of Nest Site 1. The increase in nests is likely a result of all the hard work by Department of Fish and Wildlife volunteers clearing the vegetation before the season began. The Least Terns were able to lay 98 eggs in those nests which hatched into 64 chicks. The first fledgling flight was recorded on June 20th and a total of 42 fledglings were observed by the end of the season. EONS monitors had a great time monitoring the terns and watching the chicks grow more and more every week.

EONS monitors play a vital role in educating the public about these special birds and answering any questions visitors may have. It is important to get people involved in the conservation of these species of concern and to increase the awareness of our impact on their recovery. Throughout the 2018 monitoring season

2,458 visitors approached our EONS monitors. The number of visitors reached increased by 69% compared to the 1,456 reached in 2017. EONS monitors are also our eyes and ears of the reserve as well as public educators. With the growing popularity of drones we have seen a fair share on the reserve; EONS monitors reported drones 4 times throughout the season. Drones can be a problem for nesting birds as they can easily be mistaken as predators hunting and can possibly result in abandoned nests.

We couldn't have had such a successful year of EONS without the great community we have in Huntington Beach. For more information or to volunteer for the 2019 EONS monitoring season, please contact Jeannette Bush at jeannette@bolsachica.org.



Flying Dutchman, Guild of the Segerstrom Center

by Mike Nielson



L to R: Merle McCormick, Mary Shebell, "Mike" Nielsen, Ellen Goodwin, Dorothy Ralphs, Boris Ralphs, Carol Kirkwood.



Front Row: Dr. Paula and Susan Qaundah.
Back Row, L to R: Nella and Jim O'Grady, Jeanie and Frank Gibson.

One of our really fun events was a Cruise around the Huntington Beach Harbour. Gail and Jim Daniel's were the lucky Donors. It started with Cocktails, yummy hors-d'oeuvres, put on by one of the Harbour's most generous hosts and hostesses, Marcia Kay and Ron Radelet. Then onto the home of Ellen and Don Goodwin who served a fabulous dinner of Gazpacho Soup, Mini Popover's and Wild Salmon. The party then went back

to the Radelet's home for Almond Cake and French Pastries by Jackie Wirta and Mary Shebell.

We are honored to have gained 6 new members: Jeanie and Frank Gibson, Nella and Kevin O'Grady and Doctors Paul and Susan Qaundah.

Our last meeting was at the lovely home of Sharon Tarpo and Rick Edwards. Sharon's sister, Linda Theile, is our Hospitality Chairman. Buon Gusto Italian Restaurant catered the meeting

and Lyle and Linda Theile, Dorothy and Boris Ralphs, Rick and Sharon, Mary Shebell and Merle McCormick all shared in the kitchen work.

The 40th anniversary of The Guilds of The Center was held at the Argyos Plaza. Many of our members were present for the 40th anniversary event and our own Mary Shebell, Chairman of The Guilds, spoke of our many years of successful fundraising.

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Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated

by Annette Eliot, HHRWF Vice President

The midterm elections are finally over! Congratulations to all the winners! Elections are always busy, but the 2018 midterm election was one for the history books. HHRWF members were seen volunteering all over Orange County helping Republican candidates.

During his campaign tour, John Cox, candidate California Governor, invited HHRWF members to a personal Meet and Greet with volunteers at the office of Assemblyman Matthew Harper, AD74. "A perk of being a member of Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated is getting to meet many elected officials and candidates. Often these meetings are in small settings where you can have a conversation and get to know them", stated Amy Harman, President HHRWF.

Interested in Republican politics? The next HHRWF meeting is December 12. Our December meeting will be filled with cheer and entertainment by the "Darden Sisters" singing group (www.dardensisters.com)

For more information about the Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated group call Charlotte Christiana (714) 846-4841.



L-R: Eva Weiss, Annette Eliot, Diane McGlinchey, Amy Harman, Assemblyman Mathew Harper, Charlotte Christiana, John Cox, CA GOP Governor Candidate, Peggy Kane, and Ester Candipan.



HHRWF Volunteering: Helga Arnold, David Ho, Heidi Abele, Amy Harman, Charlotte Christiana.



Attending the Tucker Carlson (main photo) meeting at the Richard Nixon Library are LuAnne Hallet (insert left) and Annette Eliot (insert right). HHRWF is an educational arm of the GOP. Members are encouraged to stay informed of the issues and invited to local events.

Huntington Harbour Art Association

by Jackie Dvorman



Members at the Allied Arts Board Distinguished Arts Award 2016-17 ceremony. Back: Barbara Larson, JoAnn Rossi, Kay Sullivan, Barbara Simone, Carrol Wolf (Distinguished Visual Artist), Pam Smart, Bety Viers, Jan McKinnon, Lyn Semeta, Joan Preston Front: Pat McKenna, Janet Johnson, Kate Hoffman, Bea Tamo, Jackie Dvorman.

The HHAA is a lively group! The season started with the annual Welcome to Fall Cocktail Party held in Sharon and Lory Larson's lovely waterfront home where members toasted the sundown reflected in the canal and dined on a bountiful Italian Feast. The Fall Luncheon was held at Mimi's Cafe where Eileen McCullough, the speaker, reminisced about her career as an artist and brought her vibrant watercolors to share with us.

The Art Association shares and encourages all form of artistic talent and

held a workshop for making greeting cards with Barbara Steele guiding us how to use pastels, watercolors and calligraphy. Janet Johnson, president, held the first "drop-in" workshop where members brought pumpkins and gourds to decorate with succulents. The results were clearly fun and beautiful to be used as decorations for the fall season and long afterwards. Members brought their own pumpkins and Janet others shared succulents and moss for the creative decorations to be used in and outdoors for all seasons.

The grand event of the fall was the Needles and Friends Fiber Arts Show held in the channel side home of Mary Lundin, in fact, sharing space next door with the Larson's home. where we held the cocktail party one month before. Mary has lent her home for several years for this display of handwork in fabrics, quilting, sewing, knitting crocheting and all art forms from materials. Also, the communal quit, Tranquility, was designed and made by Marsha Hendler, Kathleen Moore, Pat McKenna and quilted by Linda Sackin was displayed before it was raffled off to a winning ticket. All proceeds from this quilt were donated to the Huntington Beach Union High School's program, Creative Vision, to be given to a student. This is a coveted prize for its beauty and its meaning to the art community

The great award for the art community is the Allied Arts Board Award given to the artists and supporters of art in our community. The grant award, "Distinguished Visual Artist". was given to Carrol Wolf for her achievements in arts over the years. Carrol not only serves as officer in local organizations, she is an exceptional water colorist, winning many prestigious awards in Southern California. Her work recently won "Best of Show" and "Viewers Choice" in the show at the Art Center. The picture included with this article was taken when Carrol received her award at the awards ceremony.

The fall season is coming to a close, but the Art Association has plans for the rest of the year that involve all people who are interested in participating in and supporting the arts.

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SeaGate Yacht Club

by Pam Dake Jackson



Avalon Hosts Vice Commodore Erlene and Port Captain Michael Pace.



Movie Memories hosts Joanne and Roster Chairman Bob McCormick.

AVALON CRUISE

26 miles across the sea, Santa Catalina was a-waiting for 6 boats from SGYC. Thanks to hosts Vice Commodore Erlene and Port Captain Michael Pace, our annual cruise to Avalon was a huge success. From Thursday to Sunday morning it was a fun-filled weekend of food and drink, friendship, games, and prizes.

Thursday, we took a complimentary ride on the new high speed boat the "CYCLONE", to Two Harbors and back. Friday was Happy hour with appetizers. Contest of painted wooden surfboard key chains for some great prizes. 1st Place-Gary Young, 2nd Place-Kathy Lee, 3rd Place-Sharon Courtway. Saturday another Happy hour with Margaritas and catered Mexican food from Mi Casitas. We also played Loteria (Mexican bingo) for more fabulous prizes and way too many winners to list.

The boats participating were FIN-TASTIC-Robin and Jean Clark, YORKSHIRE ROSE-Ray and Jan Nagele, RO III-Floyd and Mira D'Angelo, ENCORE II-Elliott and Debra Wainer, GREAT LIFE-Sam Juergens and Tom Linden and LOVE DANCER-Josef Davydovits and Felicia Emad.

MOVIE MEMORIES

Too bad for anyone who missed the new shindig Movie Memories presented by Star hosts Bob and Joanne McCormick along with Co-stars Jim and Judie Hagin and daughter Denise, Laura Roskelly,

Ginger Hegler, Janet Littlejohn, Fran Cyrus and Kelly Tidwell. And help from Extras Rick Pope, Steve Pisano, Cindy Allen, Diane Kaplan and Cathy Kelly. More great pictures on the SGYC website.

The McCormick's et al. kept the plans secret and asked guests to dress like a movie favorite, if desired, and many did. On set, old time movies were running in the background. The snack bar was nostalgic with hot dogs, nachos, candy and snacks. We all enjoyed fun movie trivia games, with prizes. All together it made for a Magic Movie Memory Night. We've got to do this one again.

2019 SGYC BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

We had our SGYC Annual Meeting in October. The membership voted for next year's Officers and the Board Chairperson's were introduced. We received the list of scheduled events and proposed events for next year and it promises to be a fun year for everyone.

The 2019 SGYC Board of elected directors are:

Commodore Erlene Pace, Vice Commodore Francis Okino, Rear Commodore Donna Wells, Jan Nagele Secretary, SC Josef Davydovits Treasurer, Cindy Broz Allen Staff Commodore.

Our hard working and faithful supporting board of Chairperson's are Sharon Courtway Membership, Michael Pace Port Captain, Pam Dake Jackson Communications, SC Ray Nagele

Webmaster, Ships Store Still open, Bob McCormick Roster, Dr. Mark Monroe Fleet Surgeon, SC Josef Davydovits Historian.

I would also like to say "Thank you" to all who contributed to this article, including Joanne McCormick and Vice Commodore Erlene Pace.

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La Familia

by Mary Busché



What a delightful tasty luncheon Mim and Eve provided for our new Board of directors in her wonderful party room overlooking the water. Many of us are continuing on with the same position, but we are happy to welcome new members Ellie Winterfeld as acting recording secretary and Treasurer for Christmas Tree Wonderland and Lara Edwards, corresponding secretary.

We started our planning for our biggest fundraising event of the year which is our Christmas Tree Wonderland Luncheon

and Fashion Show. We are all saving the date, December 10th. This is always such a lovely affair and it does take lots of planning ahead. We hope you will save the date too and plan to come.

Norma Cowells provided her beautiful home and Darryl Issack provided a very tasty lunch for the board to address all of the invitations for Christmas Tree Wonderland. If you didn't get an invitation call Mim Strickler right away before it's too late.

Jeanne Caille is busy at work collecting

donations for trees, decorations and silent auction items for our contributions to our fundraiser. Those hardworking ladies that addressed the invitations were Darryl, Eve, Ruth, Nancy, Betty, Madeline, Barbara, Norma, Ellie, Lara and Linda.

Mike and Teri Federic gave a generous donation to cover the cost of the cover for the children's playground. Thank you Mike and Teri.

Mim hosted the tree decorating party. We all brought hors d'oeuvres, and Mim provided the wine. We all donated for the trees or decorations for the trees to be auctioned off at our luncheon. This was a time when we got into the Christmas spirit and had fun again with the help of some very creative members showing the rest of us how to decorate. The proceeds, of course, went to the children of Orangetown.

There was jewelry, decorations, clothing, trips, boat rides, handcrafts etc. to bid on. I'll let you know what prizes our members won in the next edition of Harbour Light.

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us. May the new year bring you good health and great joy and happiness with friends and family.

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USC Orange County Alumni Association

by George Demos, Past President of USC HB Alumni Association



George Demos' 90th Birthday

On August 25, George Demos' family provided a Hawaiian Luau party at his home for USC alumni, family, and friends. About 100 people attended and all had a wonderful time! There was dinner and dancing. The Hawaiian dancers performed (dancing and singing with wonderful music).

George enlisted into the Army at age 17, at the tail end of WWII and was in the 187 Regimental Combat Team 11th Airborne Division. The division was preparing to parachute into Japan when the war ended. He spent 2 years in the occupation forces in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. He returned to the states and continued to serve in the active reserve for 30 years. He retired as a Colonel and Commander of a Medical Brigade.

He earned his Ph.D. from USC in Counseling and Clinical Psychology. He taught at Cal. State University, Long Beach, and was professor of counseling for 30 years. It has been a rich life and am thankful for my longevity. Aloha and fight on!

In addition, George is also a Vice President and Major General in the US Service Command of America, a disaster relief organization that helps in disasters worldwide. George went with a team of members to help with the Thailand tsunami and to Houston Texas to assist with Hurricane Katrina and helped with many other catastrophic events throughout the United States.

George is President and CEO of the PTSD clinics that help US veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

FINS

by Barbara Devlin & Pearl Holmes

FINS Daytime Gourmet Members enjoyed a German Oktoberfest in October at the home of Mary Johnston with Pearl Holmes as co-hostess. Early arrivals, Shell Grossman and Marian Galanis started working on the Menu prepared by Pearl and Mary by preparing the Appetizers of Smoked Salmon Crostini and Celery and Carrots with Dip. Loretta Maiorana had the chore of the Main Entrée -- Barbecued German Bratwurst in the backyard, Pearl prepared the Baked Sauerkraut with Onions, Betty McCarthy the Buttered Green Beans and Barbara Devlin the Apple Delight Salad. The wonderful dessert, an Easy German Chocolate Cake was prepared by the hostess, Mary Johnston.

The FINS October Game Night was held at the clubhouse at Ranch del Rey. Members attending the game night enjoyed snacking on hors d'oeuvres followed by a tasty chicken dinner ending with a beautiful Autumn Flowers decorated cake. The rest of the evening was spent playing "Mexican Train" and Tom Mitchell was the big winner but the game was enjoyed by all.



FINS enjoying their Fall get together, Maggie Flavia, Doreen Hill, Marge and Tomm Mitchell, June Ascolesi, Gloria Sliney.

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Huntington Harbour Garden Club

by Doreen Hill



The entrance to the Urban Forest on Ellis Avenue.

We have had some interesting programs this fall. In September, we watched a documentary on YouTube by BBC entitled "How Plants Communicate and Think". Some of the research results found that carbon is directed to the younger trees by the more mature ones in the forest. Also, if a plant was under attack by a certain insect it sent out warnings to other plants

in the area. Quite informative: check it out for yourselves on YouTube.

The HB Tree Society, www.HBTrees.org, has been active over the past twenty years in spearheading park renewal and over 7000 tree plantings in Huntington Beach. Under the leadership of President Jean Nagy, who spoke to us in October, and dedicated volunteers The Secret

Garden in Central Park was restored, as well as, the Urban Forest park on Ellis Avenue between Edwards and Goldenwest streets. Huntington Beach has 753 acres of parks and budget cuts have reduced maintenance to "mow and blow" by the lowest bidder. An Adopt-a-Park program is envisioned for the future and a completed "Shipley to Shore" Nature Trail. Volunteers saved Shipley Nature Center in the late 1990's and continued support for all of our parks is needed Jean told us. Never underestimate the power of one individual; Jean has certainly proven that. She urged us to lobby for our parks and volunteer.

An excellent documentary is available on www.HBTrees.org, "Saving Green-The Story of a City's Parks" by Matt Hanlon.

Join us the third Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m. Call membership chairperson, Connie Mandic at (714) 377-0017 or Doreen Hill at (714) 878-3011 for details on meeting locations. Guests are always welcome!

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Davenport Resident Selected 2018 OCMA Physician of the Year

Ramin Zolfagari, M.D. (Davenport resident) was selected as the 2018 recipient of the Orange County Medical Association Physician of the Year. Also, he recently received the 2017 Kaiser Permanente Physician of Excellence Contribution Award in Orange County.

In addition to his duties as a physician, Ramin donates his time to serving the community. He is a volunteer physician and member of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Southern California. He also volunteers for Access OC via Illumination Foundation and Interval House for victims of domestic violence. His wife, Sharon Wie, is the Director of Programs at Interval House as well.

Congratulations to Dr. Zolfagari on being chosen the OCMA's Physician of the Year. Well done!



Dr. Ramin Zolfagari (L) receiving the 2018 OCMA's Physician of the Year award.

Huntington Harbour Property Owners Association

by Dorothy Ralphs



The HHPOA has a new email address. Please use hhpoa38@gmail.com going forward and remember to update your address book.

We are looking for volunteers to join the Board of the HHPOA and arrange the annual concert in the park next year.

Usually it is held the first Sunday in August but the date is not cast in stone. I have been doing this for almost 10 years now and would like to pass the torch to some of the younger homeowners in Huntington Harbour.

This organization has been operating since the first homes were built in

Huntington Harbour. A full set of CC & R's for most homes is still being maintained. This guides new buyers of old homes and helps to maintain the beautiful neighborhood we have come to expect.

The HHPOA communicates with the City regarding issues of maintenance when necessary and have developed a good rapport with the current employees.

There must be lots of homeowners who are interested in helping with the small things we do, so please call me so we can find new Board Members and volunteers.

HHPOA dues are only \$85.00 a year and many people ask why they should pay them. We have normal expenses like any organization, rent, (very reasonable) telephone, and accounting and records of the Association. Very importantly, we pay full maintenance for all the corner of Algonquin and Courtney Lane every month and will be planting new color for the Holiday season very soon. We also bought new tennis court nets for the public courts.

So if you who are reading this and would like to volunteer to help out and organize the concert in the park or get your friends and neighbors involved please give me a call at (310) 874-2033.

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Assistance League Huntington Beach

by Maryann Boryszewski, eBusiness Manager



The ALHB e-commerce team.



Lynne outside our Craigslist room which mostly stocks items too large or heavy for shipping.

Did you know that you can support Assistance League and our community programs by shopping on-line? If you can't come into our Thrift Shop located at 8071 Slater Avenue in Huntington Beach, shopping on-line is for you. What a better way to shop for the holidays.

How will you be able to shop on-line? We are now venturing into a new area of eBusiness. The three important areas falling under eBusiness are:

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Our eBay site has a variety of wonderful and/or unique items – St. John knits, games and women's fur coats. It also includes men's clothing and shoes. A couple of high-end items that have been sold are:

- Fratelli Vinaccia Bowl/Back Mandolin - \$1,309.38
- Bottega Veneta Handbag - \$446.45
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To find our site, sign in on eBay and in 'Shop by Category', type in Assistance League of Huntington Beach and our merchandise will be displayed.

AMAZON BOOKS

Our Book Committee reviews all donated books and most are sold in our Thrift Shop. However, when a book is discovered with some value or unique in other ways, it will be reviewed, researched and, if applicable, is listed on Amazon Books. Sold books are packaged and mailed within 3 days.

We have over 600 books listed on our Amazon Book site. A couple of books for sale are:

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- The Paleo Kitchen by Juli Bauer and George Bryant

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CRAIGSLIST

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- Mark Hopkin Gold Series Bronze Sculpture - \$125

Check out our site. Craigslist Orange County. Under 'post to classified' and 'my account' type in our identified 8071AL92647. A complete list of our merchandise will be listed.

If you want to purchase an item on our Craigslist, you can pay and pick it up at our Thrift Shop.

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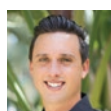
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