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Waterfront Home, #52 Filipan Family



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This beautiful winter photo of a double rainbow taken after a rain storm. Photo taken by Lara Anderson.

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USC OC Beach Cities Alumni Club

by George Demos, Past President USC H.B. Club



Pictured above, (L) Michael Arakelian (former USC linebacker), George Demos (center), and (R) Jan Arakelian (USC Alumni) cheered on USC during the USC vs UCLA football game on November 23. They were delighted to see USC win!

In addition, during the 4th quarter, the Coliseum torch was lit. The torch was designed George's father-in-law, Architect Stanley R.. Gould, for the first Olympics held at the Coliseum in 1932. Fight on USC Trojans!



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“A Matriarch Named Mim”

by Lauri Florentine Howell, Edited by Mim Strickler

From Book 3 of the *White Picket Fence* series, “Visions From Inside the White Picket Fence”



Huntington Harbour Yacht Club currently has over 400 members. They are all near and dear to me, but there is one member particularly I would like to mention. I have known her for many years, but recently she has become a special part of my world. Her name is Mim Strickler and she is a force to be reckoned with. In 1950 she interviewed and was hired as a flight attendant for American Airlines, and 13 months later met the man she was to marry. But back then the “stewardess” as they were called, were not allowed to be married. So she quit the airlines and married her prince charming. Traveling was in her blood so she started a travel agency, which she is still very involved in. She continues to give back to the community through charity groups like The Philharmonic and La Familia. Even though Mim has been an active member of HHYC since 1976, she is just as busy and full of energy today as she was 50 years ago.

Our lives intersected on a more powerful level April of 2019 when we found ourselves sitting side by side in Chris Epting’s writing seminar titled Moments that Matter. I was able to hear the absolute fascinating life she has lead through the stories she shared with the group. Her incredible wit and humor came through like a bolt of lightning. Her precise and impeccable sense of timing was spot on and added to the drama of each and every story.

A few weeks into the class Mim purchased a copy of my first book titled, *Soul Inspirations; Stories from Inside the White Picket Fence*. She said to me, “Your stories are so personal and positive-- I am really enjoying the read.” I thanked her for supporting me in my writing venture. Then about an hour later, coupled with a few glasses of wine, Mim called me over to her table. She began to tell the ladies sitting with her that I was a talented writer as well as a bartender and a Satyn Doll. I smiled and thanked her. She pulled me to the side and whispered into my

ear, “I love your stories, but there are many mistakes, typos and grammatical errors in your book.” You see Mim was an English major so she was a natural proof reader. Not wanting to hurt my feelings she was reluctant to tell me this information. What she did not realize is that I needed to hear it. I was supposed to utilize her expertise so I could make the necessary changes and not have any mistakes in the book. This information was paramount in my putting out a quality product. I asked her, “Could you show me all the errors you found?”

Unfortunately for her to do that she had to read the entire book again, which she did without hesitation. This time she highlighted each problem area she discovered. The next week in our writing class we went over the problem areas together and found 26 mistakes. I was upset that there were so many, but relieved that I was now aware of them. I didn’t want to put something out into the world unless it was perfect, so I broke the contract with the company I self-published with. Tony agreed to help format everything and we decided to self-publish ourselves through Amazon. We corrected all the mistakes, re-did the front and back cover, lowered the price and it was once again available on Amazon, (but now I was very proud of the finished product.)

I continued to write, but this time I wanted to make sure every story put out there from book two was flawless. I went to my new proof reader Mim and offered her a bottle of wine for every story she would edit. She graciously agreed and with that confirmation I placed five stories and five bottles of wine on the table where she sat. Thus began a beautiful relationship for us both. After the second round of stories she told me, “My dear, I do not need any more wine. I have plenty.” I realized I can’t have Mim do this for me without proper compensation, so I offered my bartending services, free of charge for her next party. She accepted my new offer and in June of 2019 Mim threw a birthday bash for herself at her home in Huntington Harbour. Family and friends gathered together to celebrate her amazing life. It truly was an honor to be a part of this event.

On October 29th 2019, Mims life’s journey sadly came to an end. While on a cruise ship her carotid artery became blocked and she passed in an instant at 92 years of age. The arteries carry the joy of life. The location of the block was in her neck, which represents the ability to see what is behind us. On a spiritual level she did not need to look behind anymore. Physically she no longer needed this body to carry the joy of life. Her spirit was ready to fly and move on to the next adventure; one without limitations; one with endless opportunity. Her last days were spent doing all the things she loved to do; cruising international waters with friends, sipping very dirty martinis, playing the bugle, making people laugh, but most importantly.... celebrating life.

That same morning an exquisite Monarch butterfly flew inside the white picket fence and has visited every day since her passing. She stops to play and frolic in the milkweed, then dances throughout the yard. I feel it is the spirit of Mim letting us all know that she is not far away.

We are not to mourn her loss, but we are to celebrate the incredible life of a matriarch named Mim.

Flying Dutchman Guild of the Segerstrom Center

by Linda Theile



Members enjoying the annual Toys for Tots party.

On December 1st, 2019, The Flying Dutchman Group held our annual Toys for Tots Party at Joan Foote's lovely home on Trinidad island. It was a fabulous Holiday party complete with a beautiful Christmas tree, many lovely holiday decorations, a mini operating train set outside and a wonderful buffet.

Many of our members brought their favorite recipes made special for the buffet, so we all enjoyed many delicious

appetizers as well as cookies and several dessert items. We were all in the spirit of the season with a special holiday cocktail as well as other old favorites. Everyone brought several toys for donations to support the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.

Jacki Wirta arranged for a group of Surf City Singers from Huntington Beach High School APA Program to entertain us all. They sang several

Christmas carols and other familiar songs to celebrate the season, all dressed in their holiday best in lovely red dresses or fancy vests and ties. What a marvelous group!

Our next meeting and special event will be held on March 29th. Mike Nielsen has planned a brunch at the Sherman Library and Gardens from 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM. It is a beautiful time of year when the spring flowers will be in bloom. We will surely enjoy the tour as well as the brunch.

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Assistance League Huntington Beach

by Diane Dwyer



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

ALHB was established in 1950, and has grown into an effective 100% volunteer

nonprofit organization consisting of 350 member volunteers. These volunteers manage community programs focused on basic needs, education and self-esteem. During our 2018-2019 fiscal year, we gave back \$1.1 million in goods and services to Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster. Our members volunteered 66,122 hours of their time helping to transform the lives of 17,322 children and adults. This year we will be celebrating 70 years serving our communities.

Why is Treasures by the Sea such a rewarding experience?

The fundraiser is held at the beautiful Waterfront Beach Resort. Guests begin their day by enjoying an unbelievable shopping experience at a Silent Auction featuring hundreds of items to bid on such as jewelry, silver, crystal, china, Boutique merchandise, and beautifully themed baskets. At noon, guests enter the ballroom for a delicious luncheon, Heads or Tails opportunity game, Operation School Bell® appeal and Live Auction. Last year, over 500 guests helped to make a difference bidding on silent and live auction items making it a super successful event. This year will be another amazing event with Matt Liffreing, as our Master

of Ceremonies and Larry Dick, as our Auctioneer.

Why is this fundraiser so important?

Operation School Bell, our signature program, is the key beneficiary of the proceeds from our fundraiser. Last year 2,800 students had the opportunity to shop at "Target Night" for new school clothes and shoes. This is quite an achievement, but it is only a small percentage of the school children in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster who qualify for help through Operation School Bell. With so many children yet to be clothed, the money raised at our fundraiser is key to our success. Having new school clothes and shoes is so important to a child's self-esteem and is key to their educational success. We need your help to do more for these students.

We want YOU to join us on March 28. You will have an unforgettable experience while helping Assistance League make a difference to more children and adults in the community. We want to thank all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests in advance for what they will do to make Treasures by the Sea 2020 a success.

Here are the details:

- Treasures by the Sea 2020
- The Waterfront Beach Resort, A Hilton Hotel
- Saturday, March 28, 2020
- Doors Open – 9:30 AM
- Silent Auction - 10:00 AM to Noon
- Luncheon at Noon
- Tickets go on sale February 1st on our fundraiser website: TBTS2020.givesmart.com.

How can you help us do more?

- You can also help us "make a difference" by shopping at the Assistance League Thrift Shop, 8071 Slater Ave (just East of Beach Blvd.), Huntington Beach. We're open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and on Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 pm.
- We are now on ebay, so shop with us at: www.ebay.com/usr/assistance_league_of_huntington_beach
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Sea Belles of the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club

by Ellie Winterfeld, Sea Belle Captain

December started off with our Installation Luncheon. The meeting and luncheon was started with an overview of the accomplishments and goals for 2019, which was to increase participation.

In 2019 we had 9 events; Sea Belles brunch social, Opening Day-Social Brunch with fabulous hats, On the Dock of the Bay-social at Mary Busche's, HHYC Sunday Social with appetizers provided, Day at the Races with Sea Belles and LaFamilia, Caribbean Nights at Linda Nibeels, Oktoberfest and bingo, and Ribbon cutting for new awning.

After recapping the year's activities the outgoing board was called up and thanked for their services. A small token of appreciation was given to each board member and chairs of the committees. Almost the entire Board has remained to serve you in 2020. They are as follows:

Appointed Officers

Ellie Winterfeld, Captain (President)
Linda Nibeel, First Mate (Membership)
Donna Carlow, Secretary (Keeper of Log)
Anne Crowley, Treasurer (Purser)
Anna Child, Cruise Director (Programs)
Rita Epperson & Judy Cassidy, Ships Hailer (Publicity), Captain Ways and Means (Navigator)
Maureen London, Ships Store
Mary Bushé, Parliamentarian

Committee Chairs:

Hospitality, Joanne Collins & Barbara Blodgett
Photographer, Jackie Demos
Historian, Betty Lou Evans
Reservations, Anne Crowley
Sunshine, Barbara Blodgett
Bar, Teri Bowers

Our dear Ships Hailer, Lara Anderson, has vacated her position due to her extra activities and family responsibilities. I will be taking on her responsibility. It is a pleasure for our Board to continue serving our members in 2020.

Mark your calendars, the next meeting is January 8 and starts at 10:30. The speaker will be Pat Rogers who has lived, worked and volunteered in Huntington Beach for over 40 years. Her career included Marketing and General Manager at Bella Terra, before and after it's renovation, and she is currently Marketing Director for 5th & PCH in downtown H.B. Pat was the first woman member and president for HB Kiwanis, and was chairman of the board for the HB Chamber of Commerce and HB Visitor's Bureau.

Pat has a life-long fascination with the Sun, Moon, Planets & Stars, and has



Members of the Board at the Installation Luncheon.

studied Astrology to become a teacher, writer and producer of special events about the subject. Her astrological forecasts (titled "The Cosmic Clock") are featured in Awakenings Magazine, and she recently published a book titled "Relationships, Compatibility & Astrology". Pat will discuss her book and how the different mix of sun signs affect each other. Pat will also review astrology forecasts for 2020!

Bingo Night

Sea Belles event on Sunday, January 12, at 4:00pm at the HHYC for another fun bingo night with Anne and Dave Crowley. Bingo starts at 4:30-6:00pm.

Bring CASH, \$20 to play 10 games. Extra games \$2 each. Light appetizers will be provided by your Sea Belle's board. No host bar available.

Mission Statement for the Sea Belles

The Sea Belles, is an auxiliary of HHYC. Our purpose is to promote friendship and unity among the women of the yacht club, to work in support of the yacht club and its activities, and to work closely with the HHYC Board.

We hope this little blurb will peak your interests to see what the Sea Belles can provide. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you.

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SeaGate Yacht Club

by Jackie Sands and Cindy Broz Allen



Ship's Store Laura Roskelly, Ginger Hegler, Jean Clark, Rear Commodore Donna Wells and Robin Clark.

SGYC COMMODORE'S BALL

SGYC's 2019 Commodore's Ball was an elegant affair held at the Meadowlark Golf Club on November 16th hosted by Commodore Erlene and Port Captain Michael Pace. The menu included appetizers and a no host bar. Dinner included a choice of entrees, salad and dessert. Commodore Erlene Pace presented thank you gifts to the 2019 SGYC Board and Event Hosts. Then Junior Staff Commodore Cindy Broz Allen swore in the 2020 SGYC Board Members. Immediately following the ceremony, attendees danced to the music of the band Brent George Music.

SGYC HOLIDAY SALE

Ship's Store Laura Roskelly and Ginger Hegler End of the Year Sale was a great success! Not only did they have record-breaking sales, they had wine and cheese for their VIP guests. Be our 2020 VIP guest by being one of the first three guests to register for an event. Our next ship store sale will be February 9th at the New Members Brunch.

SGYC BOAT PARADE ENTRY

Rear Commodore Donna Wells and her volunteer's boat parade entry was a FIN-TASTIC Success! SGYC won Best Animation!! We are so honored to be recognized for such a prestigious award. The team of volunteers worked tirelessly into the wee hours of the night. There are so many people to thank. A huge thank you to Robin and Jean Clark for allowing SGYC to

use the FIN-TASTIC yacht for many years and we cannot say thank you enough for your support. Also thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers who assembled and attached the decorations to the yacht: Jackie Sands, Ginger Hegler, Laura Roskelly, Anne Marie Pichotta, Francis and Aurelia Okino, Bob McCormick, Pat Jenkes, Sharon Courtway, Erlene and Mike Pace, Susan Lipman, Ray Nagele, Robert Sanabria and Cindy Broz Allen. All share in the success of SeaGate Yacht Club's Animation Trophy!

SGYC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

NYE around the globe! SGYC members and guests welcomed in the New Year with a nod to many nations. Hosts Vice Commodore Francis and Aurelia Okino searched the globe to find the one special food or snack each country considered a must have on

NYE. Each table was dedicated to a different country with a notation of what time in the USA that country celebrates NYE. The glamorous guests were greeted with a special cocktail and an abundant hors d'oeuvres table. Other appetizers were passed, and dinner was served by a group of dedicated volunteers. Dessert was followed by dancing, to the music of DJ Emiliano Miranda. Hosts Francis and Aurelia wish to send a huge thank you to the crew of volunteers, which included Dean and Nancy Knupp, Melinda and Chris Johnson-Pasqua, Laura Roskelly, Craig Whitacre, Jackie Sands and Cindy Broz Allen. Special thanks also go to Bob McCormick, Ginger Hegler, Susan Lipman, Sharon Courtway and Pat Jenkes.

SeaGate Yacht Club is seeking new members. Visit our website www.sgyc.club for more information.



Port Captain Michael Pace, Commodore Erlene Pace, Aurelia Okino, & Vice Commodore Francis Okino.

by Barbara Devlin & Pearl Holm



Bill and Rita Collins with banjo and guitar player Michael Cladius.



Mary Johnston, Shell Grossman and Loretta Maiorana enjoying lunch at Bistango Restaurant.

The December Christmas meeting of FINS was a noon luncheon at the home of Rita and Bill Collins. Members enjoyed a Costco luncheon of fruit salad, tossed green salad, and pasta salad, along with ham quiche, cheese quiche, and vegetarian quiches. Dessert was supposed to be a gingerbread cake made by Mary Johnston but unfortunately at 8:30 a.m., all the electricity in the Mainland from Courtney to Morningstar Lane was cut of due to an

electrical fire underground on Courtney Lane and Mary could not bake her cake. Fortunately, Barbara Devlin had been baking Xmas cookies the night before, so she just brought her tin of cookies to the luncheon and dessert was saved! Following the luncheon, the members enjoyed the Christmas music on the banjo and guitar of Michael Cladius along with his special cowboy songs requested by members.

Every year FINS members provide

gifts for children and women at Interval House, a crisis shelter and center for victims of domestic violence. The gifts were delivered to the Interval House by FINS member, Maggie Flavia.

FINS Daytime Gourmet members enjoyed their December Christmas Luncheon at Bistango Restaurant located in Irvine. Members enjoyed a meal that featured Filet Mignon, Lamb Chops and Sea Bass.

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A New Year, Fresh Chances to Make Time to Take Time

by Cindy Shaw, PT, OCS

As the holiday season winds down, and the calendar rolls over into the next year, gyms and health clubs fill up. Many of us set goals to lose weight, get in shape, or just work off the few extra pounds put on during all the celebrating. While getting more exercise and physical activity is great for health, energy levels, sleep, and mood, ramping things up too quickly can lead to pain, injury and disappointment if our body isn't ready for it.

Make time to start slowly and progressively build up your chosen activity. Choose an activity that you enjoy or at least don't dread, that will make it much easier to be consistent. Physical

therapists can play an important role in preventing injuries as you start working towards fitness and health goals for the new year. As movement experts, PTs can assess strength, range of motion, balance, coordination and functional movement patterns - think squatting, running, jumping or lifting. Many common injuries from new fitness routines are caused by underlying weakness, flexibility deficits, or compensatory movement patterns that a PT will find during an individualized assessment. Exercises or movements to address these issues and prevent them from becoming injuries need to be incorporated into a personalized program.

The other common way injuries occur when we are newly motivated is with overtraining, or doing too much too soon. Get the help you may need to create a routine specific to your needs and goals that will progress appropriately, possibly with intervals like walk and short sprints rather than jogging to lessen ground reaction forces. For fitness related new year's resolutions, an ounce of prevention can really be worth a pound of cure. Making time for a good evaluation and guidance before starting a new routine can keep us healthy, injury-free, and on the right path for the new year! Then of course keep that routine going!

Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program

by Susan Lipman



Volunteers Sean and Chad Bierman performing at the dinner/cotillion.



Sara, Mary, Joan, Doria, Francine, Frank, Blair and Susie (HHJEP - board, consultants and volunteers).

As we begin a new decade, life seems to be increasingly fast paced and technologically driven. Progress is a good thing but concerns of losing face to face interaction and social skills is ever present. An exciting non-profit organization has just the answer for young people ages four to fifteen. The Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program (HHJEP) has long been a dream of Developer Doria C. Merial who wanted to offer a program that would educate, empower and enhance young people's experiences as they grow up in the 21st century. Some of the topics taught are communication skills, traditional and current etiquette, "netiquette," and social proprieties, all of which improve confidence and self-esteem.

HHJEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. It offers a six-week program which meets on Saturday's beginning February 22nd through March 28th at the Huntington Harbour Mall. Ages 4 -7 meet from 2:00pm, ages 8-12 and 13 -15 meet from 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Because we are a non-profit, fund raisers are very important. On December 3rd, known as "Giving Tuesday," Headmistress Ms. Merial held her birthday celebration at Sebastiani's in Huntington Beach where gifts to the Birthday girl were donations to HHJEP. We did not reach our fundraising goals for 2019, so we are reaching out to individuals for donations and for sponsorships from local businesses to defray the costs of running this non-profit program. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

As with most non-profit organizations qualified volunteers are most important. Many thanks to Miss Nicole Nelson from Right2Rythum, who donated her time to teach Ballroom and Social Dance to the students, and to twins Sean and Chad Bierman for volunteering their musical talents for our dinner dance/cotillion.

We are grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve the youth in our communities. We look forward to a fantastic season in February 2020. Please contact Doria C. Merial at (949) 200-0549, Doria@HHJEP.org, or Mary Busché at (714) 846-7281, for further information on enrollment, volunteering, donations and partnerships.

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Miso Vinaigrette

by Cathy Thomas

Don't be afraid. Miso may look like swamp sludge, but it tastes delicious. Really.

In soups, sauces and marinades, stir-fries and salad dressings, it imparts richness with a distinctive salty-sweet edge. Miso (pronounced MEE-so) is a paste-like seasoning concentrate made from soybeans, salt, grain (such as rice or barley) and a fermenting agent. It's probably most recognizable to American palates as the soup base at Japanese restaurants.

In general, dark red miso (really a reddish brown) is aged longer than white or light-yellow miso, and has a heartier, stronger flavor and fragrance. Light miso and yellow miso have a milder flavor and more delicate aroma. Flavor and color are also influenced by the ratio of soybeans to grain. I like to keep a small tub of both yellow (or light) miso and red miso in my refrigerator. It keeps for about one year, but I usually use it up long before the expiration date.

I like this miso dressing a little less sweet than some folks might prefer. Adjust the honey to suit your taste. I like to toss this vinaigrette with sturdy mixed greens, using just enough to nicely coat



the leaves; if desired, top each serving with sliced avocado and toasted sesame seeds. Or use it to dress an Asian-style coleslaw made with thinly shredded cabbage, jicama and carrots (add chopped cilantro if you like).

Miso Vinaigrette (6 servings)

1/3 cup yellow miso, 3 tablespoons honey, 3 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar, 2 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil, 1-2 tablespoons water.

In medium bowl, whisk miso, sugar, rice vinegar and mustard until combined and smooth. Whisk in oil and water. Taste and adjust to suit your taste.

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. Her stories appear in the O.C Register on Sundays and Orange Coast Magazine's Website, orangecoast.com.



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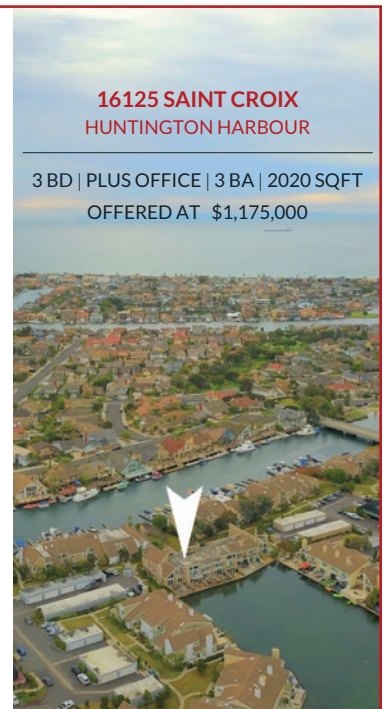
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Huntington Harbour Garden Club

by Doreen Hill



L-R, Member floral arrangements: President Doreen Hill, Barbara Simone 1st place, Kay Sullivan 2nd place and Elise Masseling 3rd place.

DO NOT FEED WILD ANIMALS!! States The California Code of Regulations Title 14 section 251.1. Several of our members have vegetable gardens or fruit trees and have noticed a rise in the urban squirrel population. Please remember to not leave your pets' water or food outside at night, as the "most common pathway of exposure to rodent-borne diseases is through consumption of food or water contaminated with rodent feces and urine." Orange County Vector Control. Their website is ocvector.org. Rodents, such as rats and squirrels, can be infested with mites and fleas which can also transmit illnesses to humans. Also, the feeding of wild animals disrupts the natural balance of nature, resulting in abnormally high population concentrations due to an artificial supply of food, thus compounding risk of disease transmission and adding to a public nuisance. humanecontrol.com and California Department of Fish and Wildlife- California Outdoors Q & A Feeding wildlife (californiaoutdoors.wordpress.com).

As responsible organic gardeners, a safe method to deter squirrels and other wild animals from eating our vegetables and fruit is to sprinkle cayenne pepper around the plants. Large, economical containers of it can be found at the Costco (Business Center) on Beach Blvd. in Westminster.

Succulent gardens have become more popular over the last few years. Christine Lemus from Armstrong Garden Center in Huntington Beach shared some tips of succulent care at our November meeting. Mary Johnston's (hostess) backyard served as an example of a beautifully landscaped succulent garden. Among some of the unique plant qualities of succulents is that they don't require a lot of original roots when planted so can lay on top of the dirt, they like to be crowded, and are low maintenance. Most succulents are great in pots indoors or out and if it's too cold or too bright will turn a reddish hue. Pups, or offsets of cacti, are independent of the mother cactus and can be easily be propagated.

Our last meeting of 2019, a Christmas Luncheon, was at the home of Ralph and Charlene Bauer. Members brought unique floral centerpieces to be voted on by those in attendance. Barbara Simone's traditional centerpiece was the favorite, created from plants in her yard, placing first. Second place was Kay Sullivan's arrangement with her vase wrapped in her original watercolor of poinsettias. Elise Masseling was third with a modern, airy arrangement of fresh flowers.

We meet at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesdays of the month at member's homes and welcome guests to join us. Call Connie Mandic at (714)377-0017 or Doreen Hill at (714)878-3011 for details.

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Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Boat Parade

by Lara Anderson



Adam Carleton and his crew who won the Sweepstakes prize for the Boat Parade.



Jeff Silver receiving the 2019 Boat Parade Lifetime Support Award from Grand Marshal Larry Gottlieb, recognizing many years of participation.

Grand Marshal Larry Gottlieb says, “The biggest party on the water DELIVERED! See yourself in this event in 2020!” The 2019 all-volunteer boat parade rocked the Harbour and had a lot of fun with the “Rock & Roll Fantasy” theme. Thanks to all who participated with their amazing entries. We saw spectacular lights, inflatables, Elvises (or is the correct term “Elvi”?), the Marina High Viking ship, and creative interpretations of the theme. Our Sweepstakes winner, Adam Carleton, featured the band Late Night Union playing live on the bow of his boat for the entire three-hour parade route on Saturday night. Not only is performing on a moving boat a feat in itself, but they sounded great while doing it!

See photos and videos of the boats and keep up with the latest news by following our Facebook page: [HuntingtonHarbourBoatParadeHHPC](https://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonHarbourBoatParadeHHPC)

The comments we’ve received about the parade have been overwhelmingly positive, appreciative, and looking forward to next year. Despite challenging conditions of the lowest tide of the year and a gale wind warning, Larry and his team put on a fantastic parade.

There was one little hiccup...the voting for our first ever “People’s Choice Award” turned out to be so popular, it crashed the vote-by-text system! (Maybe we’ll try again this year.)

Special thanks to the committee, volunteers, underwriters, and trophy sponsors (see sidebar and thank you pages.) As an all-volunteer effort to encourage and thank the residents of Huntington Harbour for decorating their waterfront and off-water homes so we can have a Cruise of Lights® fundraiser,

we rely on the generous donations and volunteers to make the boat parade happen. AES-Weikko & Jacki Wirta have already pledged \$2500 for the 2020 parade!

If you’d like to get involved and be a part of this Harbour tradition, either through sponsorship, volunteering, or by entering your boat, contact the HHPC office at 714-840-7542.

Boat Parade Thanks!

We have many to thank but the success of our 2019 Parade depends on the efficiency and dedication of these wonderful volunteers keeping us safe on the water.

Grand Marshal

Larry Gottlieb

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Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Juniors

by Rachel Helgeson and Elizabeth Henry



HHP Juniors at their November meeting gathering to do good in the community.



Nolan Murphy, Aaron Linville, Aidan Murphy, Christian Kelly, Sophia Dwyer and Evans Henry make spirits bright at the Cruise of Lights.

The HHP Juniors continue to serve their community in a variety of ways. They worked many hours in the cold, loading and unloading buses during the Cruise of Lights. They were on hand to sell glow sticks to cruisers, and a few Juniors made it into the office to answer phones.

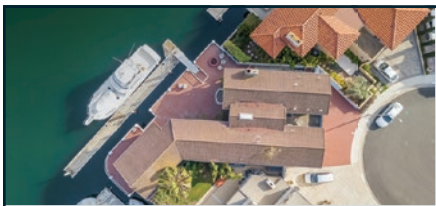
Twenty three came together in November to collect gift cards, cases of ramen, toiletries and other necessities for Robyne's Nest. They also listened and learned about the work Robyne's Nest does to keep potentially homeless college-age students housed, fed, and encouraged.

At our first meeting in January, the work really began. This is when the members start to prepare for "Sail Away," the 2020 fundraiser luncheon and fashion show. At this meeting, fashion coordinator, Nicole Stewart, spent time getting the young men and women ready to walk the runway in style.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, March 29 at SeaCliff Country Club. More importantly, the Juniors are looking for donors and underwriters to help them defer the costs of staging the production. Help is needed as the

group gathers donations for the silent auction items as well as live auction, and centerpieces. If interested in becoming an underwriter or making a donation, please reach out to Rachel Helgeson or Elizabeth Henry at hpcjuniors@gmail.com.

Please get ready to "Sail Away" with the Juniors on March 29 for the group's annual adventure in fun and fund raising. Tickets are \$75 and available through Rachel Helgeson and Elizabeth Henry hpcjuniors@gmail.com or at the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic office.



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Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee

by Lara Anderson



Reinvestment Grant recipients from local schools with Ron Dufault, VP of Development of the Philharmonic Society of O.C. (the man behind Santa)

A huge “thank you” to everyone for decorating, volunteering, and participating in the 57th Annual Cruise of Lights® and Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Boat Parade. As of press time, we’re still tallying the numbers, but it was another successful year raising funds for youth music programs in Orange County.

It is inspiring to see us come together as a community, and a testament to our holiday spirit to showcase our fun-loving, generous natures and share a bit of what the Harbour lifestyle is all about with visitors. In fact, we are so awesome, we caught the attention of the producers of the Verizon/AOL series “All is Bright” which spotlights homes and communities across the country “with the most ornate and impressive holiday light decorations.” Or, as they pitched it to me, “people who do crazy Christmas lights” to which I said, “We have more than a few of those—and it’s for a good cause!” They sent a full crew out to film the Jones family who won “Best Tribute to Theme” for waterfront homes this year (the jukebox house) and interviewed Kim Weddon, longtime HHPC member and current President of the Committees for the Philharmonic Society of OC. The video turned out amazing. If you haven’t seen it yet, it’s posted on our Facebook page.

More important than what we do is why we do it. In addition to supporting music programs for kids across Orange County, our fundraising efforts throughout the year also enable us to reinvest funds into our own community. We proudly presented over \$18,000 in grants to local area schools at our Cruise of Lights® “Committees Night” dinner at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club on December 17. This is something we do every year. Carol Ventura, HHPC

Parliamentarian and Music Reinvestment Chair along with HHPC Chair Patty Reilly presented the checks to local school representatives to support music programs.

The funds will be used in all sorts of way to enrich music education, from purchasing instruments and sheet music, to a bucket drumming/intro to percussion lunch program at Agnes Smith Elementary, band programs, recorder programs, a new piano for Harbour View Elementary, audio, sound and lighting equipment, uniforms, music appreciation and even special needs programs. These dedicated teachers and administrators are committed to keeping music alive in schools and are so grateful for our support.

Watch for invitations coming soon for events in March at the SeaCliff Country Club. The Grand Marshal Event to honor Larry and Sheri Gottlieb and announce the 2020 Grand Marshal is scheduled for March 21st and the Juniors Fashion Show will be held there on March 29th.

Keep up with all our news and events online by following our Facebook page: CruiseofLightsHHPC and on Instagram @CruiseofLights.

2019 Reinvestment Grant Recipients:

- Agnes Smith Elementary School
- Dwyer Middle School
- Harbour View Elementary School
- The Hebrew Academy
- Huntington Beach City School District
- Huntington Beach High School
- J.H. McGaugh Elementary School
- Liberty Christian School
- Marina High School
- Marine View Middle School
- Mesa View Middle School
- Ocean View High School
- Seacliff Elementary School
- Issac L. Sowers Middle School
- St. Bonaventure School
- Westmont Elementary School
- The Youth Center



Harbour View Elementary Principal Joy Harris (center) with Patty Reilly (L) and Carol Ventura (R).

HHPC: Islanders

by Cristi Ulrich



The beautifully decorated "Angel Boat."



Huntington Beach Mayor swearing in ceremony. Congrats to the new H.B. Mayor, and Islander member, Lyn Semeta.

So much happened in Huntington Harbour in December. We were first pleased to attend the swearing in of our new HB Mayor, and Fellow Islander, Lyn Semeta. We are so fortunate to have her at the helm and proud that she is in our group. Congratulations to you Lyn. It was a great day and a grand celebration.

The fabulous boat parade was reminiscent of the old days with over 40 boats all celebrating the theme, "Rock & Roll Fantasy". The Harbour parties were

vibrant and plentiful and a good time was had by all on these 2 special days. The boats were superb!!! Bravo to all who participated and all who volunteered for our two-night shift. Thanks to Pam and Calvin Free for hosting another fabulous party for all our Cruise of Lights volunteers. Your home is gorgeous, and we had a wonderful time.

The Cruise of Lights is always our largest event. This year seemed to go smoothly and continued to earn \$\$ for the

Philharmonic and our school Programs. We are always so honored to gift our local schools for the music education of our children. A very warm thank you to all the homes on the water and off who participated to make this year a success.

And now we look forward to the Juniors Fashion Show and the Grand Marshall Celebration. The Islanders are set up to make both events well attended and of course FABULOUS!

HHPC: Admiralty

by Grace Holdaway



Madeline and Larry Campbell working the Cruise of Lights.



Bill Wheeler, Bob Sebring and Jim Rood working loading and unloading buses at HHYC.

The Cruise of Lights is now a memory, but what fun we had this year! Linda Nibeel handled with staffing the office, Anne Crowley with an assist from Charmaine Rood helped with staffing at HHYC on Admiralty's work night. Thanks to all those that volunteered their time to work and brave the cold. To me this is such a good time and after volunteering for a couple of days came to appreciate what a huge task it is to put on this event each year. It truly takes all of the Philharmonic groups working together. Also a big hug

and thanks to our Madeline Fields for the tremendous job she does each year and keeping us all going with her big smile.

Chili night was changed to Taco night this year. This event is held each year during the Cruise of Lights and gift checks are presented to deserving schools. This is why we volunteer, to help our schools with their music programs. This year Admiralty's own Mary Busché presented the checks and this was after she had a fall at home and still showed up to do her part. We are so fortunate to have her.

As we relax from the holidays we are looking forward to the Junior's Fashion Show in March and then Attic Treasurers in May. We also will be volunteering at the Music Mobile and different venues where concerts are given for our grade school children.

If you are interested in joining Admiralty and having a fun and rewarding time, please contact our Membership VP, Grace Holdaway, at (714) 746 5809. We would love to have you!

HHPC: Marina Windjammer

by Lara Anderson



Ready for the Cruise of Lights® crowds: Joanne Fernbach, Bobbie Spiegel, Pamela Barthold, Kelly Haynes, Lara Anderson, Barbara Sentell, Sally Phillips, Coralie Prince (and her ukelele), Elise Masseling.

We're one of the smaller (but mighty!) groups and were thankful to have so many of our wonderful family, friends, and neighbors pitch in to help on our Cruise of Lights® work night on Friday, December 20th. Everyone handled their positions like professionals. We got over 900 passengers from the mall to the boats and back again without a hitch.

Stationed at the Huntington Harbour Mall was Linda Halopoff, who is truly a rock star and keeps calm while keeping everyone on task. Our newest member Barbara Mather and her husband, Dave Webb, jumped right into the mix and managed the busy parking lot for the first time like they've been doing it for years!

A special thank you to another new volunteer and Humboldt Island neighbor, Mary Romero, for coming out to help load the busses (and she found Linda's missing Invisalign in the dark on the ground!)

It was a family affair at the yacht club docks with Joanne Fernbach (and her homemade warm apple cider), along with

husband and Core Committee Leader, Lloyd Stockwell, who kept everything and everyone moving smoothly. Barbara Sentell's son Matt and grandson River were back to pitch in, and Pamela Barthold brought her entourage of sons Ryker, Tytus, plus their friends Logan and Cameron.

There's probably a good saying somewhere about "couples who volunteer together" (if there's not, there should be!) Roberta and Todd Swain are a dynamic duo, Kelly and Todd Haynes are a power couple, and Sally and Chuck Phillips are fun and fabulous to work with!

Thank you to all our group and volunteers—not only are you all invaluable in your own way, but being reliable, conscientious and responsible people are qualities not everyone possesses these days. Knowing we can depend on each other, and when there is a need, a Marina Windjammer will step up, do the job and do it well, makes us so much stronger together with the ability to do more than we ever could alone.

Our November meeting, hosted by Pearl Holmes at the Rancho Del Rey clubhouse, featured a musical performance by father-son-duo Christopher and Gary Halopoff (Linda's brother and nephew.)

A big thank you to the wonderful Diana Casey and Charlene Bauer, for hosting our 2019 holiday party at SeaCliff Country Club. The company, food and music were delightful! And thanks to Linda Halopoff for organizing—told you she was a rock star!

If you're new to Huntington Harbour, or have been around a while and looking for something new to do, we'd love to meet you! To learn more about volunteering with us, becoming a Marina Windjammer or to check out the food, fun and friends at our next meeting, contact Membership Chair Pat Decou at (714) 892-1344 or email: dukedecou@yahoo.com.



New member Barbara Mather at our November meeting with Susie Sampson, Joanne Fernbach, Pamela Barthold, Barbara Sentell, Kelly Haynes, Karen Ridout and Pearl Holmes.

HHPC: Trinidad Group

by Tharice Opalewski

Happy New Year and new decade! I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and festive events! Trinidad HHPC group in their usual style celebrated the holidays with a Thanksgiving luncheon and meeting with all the trimmings at the home of Pam and Mike Meyers. In December we rang in the next holiday with a beautiful dinner and viewing of the beautifully decorated boats from the picturesque Bahia Yacht Club thanks to Linda Axel for coordinating this festive event. We kicked off the new decade with an entertaining and filling brunch at Duke's where the ladies caught up on holiday cheer and upcoming events. I am so excited to participate in the concerts and music mobile events with the children's smiling faces.



The Lovely Ladies of Trinidad.



Our President Linda Axel and her husband Bob.

As a reminder to everyone Trinidad HHPC meets the 3rd Thursday of every month with lunch at 11:45 followed by a full agenda of upcoming events. For membership and upcoming event

information please contact Ellen Martin at elleninhuntington@yahoo.com. We welcome everyone and would love to introduce you to the HH Philharmonic. See ya'll in the spring!

HHPC: Sandpipers

by Cindy Broz Allen and Susan-Johnson Lipman



Sandpiper VP Cruise of Lights Lolly McHardy and 2019 Grand Marshal Larry Gottlieb.



Sandpiper members and guests at the November 21st meeting.

This year's Boat Parade was well received and commended. Sandpiper Robin Grey-Hite worked diligently with Grand Marshal Larry Gottlieb going all around the Harbour encouraging boat owners to participate in the "Rock and Roll Fantasy," and their efforts paid off!

Sandpiper Vice President Cruise of Lights Lolly McHardy and other Sandpipers were busy in December helping to make the Cruise of Lights a success. Sandpipers work night was Sunday, December 22nd and the boats were filled with happy guests. Sandpipers helped people safely board the buses and the boats for an enjoyable time viewing the holiday lights.

The January 16th meeting was at Nicole Stewart's home where she graciously has made it her tradition to host the first meeting of the year. Sandpipers February 20th meeting will be held at Patty Taylor's home in Coral Cay.

On Saturday, March 21, the Grand Marshall Event will be held at the Seacliff Country Club in Huntington Beach.

The Junior Fashion Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at the Seacliff Country Club and our professional model and mentor, Nicole Stewart will be working hard on that.

The Sandpipers Installation will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Boathouse Restaurant in Alamitos Bay.

More Information

The Sandpipers are one of the six committees that make up the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee. Our monthly meetings are held in the afternoon on the 3rd Thursday of the month at various members' homes. Following our meetings, we have happy hour with delicious appetizers provided by Sandpipers.

If you are interested in joining our fun group, Please call Susan Lipman at (714) 337-5158 or email suepinhb@gmail.com for more information about the Sandpipers.

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2019 HHPC Boat Parade and Home Decorating Winners

Waterfront Home Winners

Sweepstakes: Paul & Mary LaBahn
Best Tribute to Theme: Jones Family
Most Beautiful: Brian & Rocio Griley
Judges Special Trophy: Frank & Donna DeGelas
Best Tribute to Holiday Season: Greg & Jane Kriesel
Most Religious: Michelle Brenner
Best Animation: Alan & Marlene Dauger
Most Traditional: Robert & Connie Mandic
Most Effective Use of Lights: Paul & Joyce Nikolau
Most Whimsical: Strickler Family
Most Contemporary: Robert & Gail Sebring
HHPC Special Award: Brad & Kimberly Willingham
HHPC Special Award: Zlatco & Becky Zadro
Award of Excellence: John & Diane Gilbert
Award of Excellence: Diane & Ernie Quijada
Award of Excellence: Candy & Rob Hoover

Condos/Townhomes

Sweepstakes: Seagate Condos - Mount, Sopp, Lain, Miller, Ulrich, Rumpfola, Kane, Moso
Best Tribute to Theme: Caron & Guy Mount
Best Group Entry: Seabridge Condos, Lolly McHardy
Judges Special Trophy: Kimmie & Scott Moso

Off-Water Home Winners

Sweepstakes: Frlekin Family
Best Tribute to Theme: Leslie Shaffer & Richard Litsinger
Most Beautiful: Crowley Family
Judges Special Trophy: Barbara Thermos
Best Tribute to Holiday Season: Fields Family
Most Religious: Alan & Margie Armstrong
Best Animation: Michael Rudolph
Most Traditional: Glavinic Family
Most Effective Use of Lights: Reisinger Family
Most Whimsical: Gracey VanDerMark
Most Contemporary: Husaini Family
HHPC Special Award: Strong Family
HHPC Special Award: Trinidad HOA
Award of Excellence: Robert & Connie Mandic

Huntington Harbour Boat Parade Winners

Sweepstakes: #24 "Moorea Crew" by Adam Carleton
Best Tribute to Theme: #11 "Liv'n d' Life" by Larry Gotlieb & Sheri Schuster
Best Display of Originality: #10 "Play-N Hookey" by William Larkin
Most Beautiful: #43 "America Jane" by Russ Turk
Judges Special Trophy: #40 "Magellan" by Robert Webster
Best Tribute to Holiday Season: #4 "Seas The Moment" by Mark Daugherty
Most Religious: #6 "Double Fantasy" by Stewart Bush
Best Animation: #28 "Fin-tastic" by SeaGate Yacht Club, Robin Clark
Most Traditional: #38 "7 Harmony" by Robert Nelson
Most Effective Use of Lights: #35 "Get n lit" by Seven Gables, Matthew Luxenberg
Design Excellence: #8 "Hooligan IV" by Ron & Joanne Foland
Most Whimsical: #36 "Sea Swirl Striper" by Steve Shimahara
Most Contemporary: #32 "In Command" by Brent Friedland & Linda Webster
Best Commercial Entry: #19 by AES, John & Monique Lucas
Best First Time Entry: #20 "Sol Delight" by Blaine & Gina Stolpestad
Best Yacht Club: #30 "Luna Sea 2" by HHYC, Dean Oliver
Award of Excellence: #17 "Team Pennywise" by Chris Hand & Jennifer Sims
Award of Excellence: #42 "Valhalla" by Marina High Viking Boat



Anglers of Huntington Harbour

by Kathy Bayless



Anglers of Huntington Harbour Board Members and Committee Chairs at the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

November TGIF, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

Friday evening, November 22nd, 50 Anglers of Huntington Harbour met at the Huntington Harbour Village Clubhouse for the organizations November TGIF, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. It was hosted by Merrill and Karon Walstad. Each of the Anglers brought one of their favorite

appetizers or deserts to be enjoyed by all as they socialized and conducted their business. 2019 President Helene Rowlette presided over the meeting and announced the 2020 Election results. Helene was elected to a second term as President, Pam Myers 1st Vice President/Fundraising, Phil Lupton 2nd Vice President/Kids Fishing Trip, Bob and Connie Mandic Tournament Chairs, Bob Hetzler

Treasurer, Paula Hetzler Secretary and Linda Axel Parliamentarian.

Attendees that were celebrating November Birthdays included Kathy Bayless, Leigh Ross and Linda Sackin.

Anglers of HH Philanthropies

The Anglers of Huntington Harbour was founded 56 years ago with the purpose to foster an interest in sport fishing on our coast and support the conservation, preservation and enhancement of our marine life. Our members generous donations not only add joy and meaning to the lives of at-risk children in our community by instructing and mentoring them on the Anglers annual "Kids Fishing Trip" but also provide philanthropic support to other organizations that share the Anglers purpose. In 2019 the Anglers made donations to Get Inspired for the Huntington Beach High School Seabass in the Classroom Program, HOPE (Harbour Ocean Preservation Enhancement) for the white seabass grow out pens in the Harbour and the Dana Point Ocean Institute for the Children's Education Program.

Upcoming Events

In 2020 the Anglers of Huntington Harbour are celebrating their 56th year in the Harbour and have many exciting social, fishing and philanthropic activities planned. If you live in Huntington Harbour and want to be considered for one of the Anglers open membership positions and attend one of our events, please call Membership Chair Paula Hetzler at (714) 969-2570.

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Looking to a SECURE 2020: You, Your Retirement and the SECURE Act

You may have missed the news – buried in a much bigger spending bill and passed in the thick of the holiday season—but after months of nearly bringing it to the finish line, it's now official: on Friday, December 20, 2019, the **Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act** was signed into law.

The SECURE Act provides a mixed bag of incentives and obligations for retirement savers and service providers alike. Its intent is to make it easier for families to save more for retirement.

That said, "easier" does not necessarily mean less complicated and we are here to help you make sense of it all.

Tax-Favorable Retirement Saving

The SECURE Act includes several incentives to start saving sooner and keep saving longer.

- **Initial RMD increases to age 72** – Until now, you had to start taking Required Minimum Distribution (RMDs) out of your traditional IRA at age 70 ½. Now, you don't need to begin taking RMDs until age 72. Rules for qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) and Roth IRA withdrawals remain unchanged.
- **IRA contributions for as long as you're employed** – If you work past age 70 ½, you can now continue to contribute to either a Roth or a traditional IRA. Before, you could only contribute to a Roth IRA after age 70 ½.
- **Expanded participation for long-term, part-time employees** – Even if you're a part-time employee, you may now be able to participate in your employer's 401(k) plan.

Expanded 529 Plan Possibilities

Making it easier to pay off student debt is also expected to benefit your retirement saving efforts.

- **Student loans** – You and your kiddos (or grand-kiddos) can now use 529 college savings plan distributions to pay off up to \$10,000 in student loans per plan beneficiary and their siblings. For example, if you have

one 529 plan account but two children, you can use that account to repay up to \$10,000 of each child's student loans (\$20,000 total) out of the single account. Again, check the fine print; there are some procedural details and tax ramifications to navigate.

- **Apprenticeships** – You can now use 529 plan distributions for expenses related to a qualified apprenticeship program.

An Estate Planning Limitation: Non-Spouse Stretch IRAs Mostly Go Away

So far, we've been covering the "carrots" meant to encourage retirement saving. There's also an important "stick." It's presumably to offset the expected reduction in federal income tax collections, due to increasing the RMD age to 72. The SECURE Act eliminates the use of stretch IRAs for most non-spouse beneficiaries, which could impact your current or future estate planning.

To be clear, a stretch IRA is not a formal account type. It's a practice that enabled you to bequeath your IRA assets to your heirs, who could then keep the inherited account intact and tax-sheltered, essentially throughout their lifetime. With some exceptions, heirs will now be required to move assets out of inherited IRA accounts within a decade after receiving them, thus having to pay taxes on the proceeds much earlier than under the old law.

As you might expect, all the points above come with detailed exceptions and disclaimers that may influence how they apply to you. Before proceeding, please consult with appropriate professionals such as your financial planner, accountant and/or estate planning attorney. Or call us! We're happy to answer your questions and help you secure your financial future in 2020 and beyond.

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Huntington Harbour Art Association

by Jackie Dvorman



Winners at the Annual Fiber Arts Show, Standing: Linda Sackin, Linda Morrow, Diane Moos, Michaela Whitney, Barbara Larson, Patsy Wilson, Karen Peoples, Gerry Reed, Janet Johnson, Barbara Steele, Seated: Pat McKenna

The new year is bringing interesting exhibits, workshops, and excursions for the Art Association. Members are remembering vividly the past year's activities. The Fiber Arts show was held at Mary Lundin's lovely home with members' work displayed in the rooms, refreshments served all afternoon and a handicraft market outside on the patio. Awards were given with Marilyn Fisher as winner of the beautiful Scholarship Quilt designed and made by Linda Sackin. Patsy Wilson won Best of Show with her 3-D turkey and Janet Johnson

won Viewer's Choice for her Fantasy Fish which was a chain of delightful fabric fish hanging from a fishing rod. The People's Choice Award went to Diane Moos for her Kumihimo braided necklace. In a new category for journals, Linda Sackin won for her fiber, and paper collage hand bound journal and Barbara Steele for her charming painted handbook.

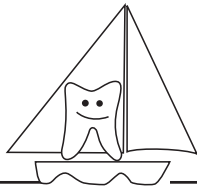
Members had a interesting and lively tour and luncheon at the Long Beach Museum of Art with Barbara Larson and Janet Johnson in charge. Another excursion is planned for the spring

when Nancy Phillips and her husband will lead the group for a visit to Rancho Los Cerritos. Nancy and her husband have long been docents for the museum and are planning a program which will include luncheon and an reenactment of an historical event.

An exciting workshop was conducted by Marsha Hendler with members bringing in old silk ties and spending an afternoon preparing the ties for sewing. The second session saw the ties turned into beautiful handbags and tote bags. The beauty of the silken materials sewn into usable items was delightful and will be displayed in the Fiber Arts Show next year.

"Painting Pals" and "Needles and Friends" are two other groups of the Art Association. "Painting Pals" and "Beading Buddie's" meet at the Seagate Clubhouse on Tuesday's, 10:30-2:30. Stop in anytime to see what fun we are having. Bring lunch if you like. If you are inspired, come back with your painting or beading supplies and make it a weekly activity. And if you have a project you are working on and would like input or company, feel free to join us as well. If you want to bead, call Marsha Hendler at 714-840-8843 and let her know. "Needles and Friends" meets on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 in member's homes and yummy refreshments are served. Bring any needlework project, or just come for inspiration and friendship. Call Joan Preston at (562) 592-2505 for the location.

Our fine artists are looking forward to the exciting Annual Fine Arts Show to be held at the Central Library in March. Looking back at 2019 was pleasurable, and looking forward to 2020 is exciting for our members. Come and join us.



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Sea Isle Garden Club

by Caron Mount



At the excursion: Caron Mount, Cathy Kelly, Anne Blayden, Helene Rowlette, Adrienne DeWolfe, Diane Moore, Donna Davis, Lucille Mascoli, Mary Ann Brinket, Jean Worden, and Lu Mendenhall.

Those of you who travel Edinger west of Saybrook will notice that the city has trimmed the trees, so they don't overhang on the bike path. The new landscape contractors have also pruned many of the other plants that had outgrown their space and were invading areas of some of the smaller plants, like the matilija poppies. Sea Isle Garden club will continue to monitor the care and appearance of your Edinger Parkway.

Sea Isle members' excursion to Rancho Los Alamitos in Long Beach on November 13 was a step back in time. Mary Ann Brinket arranged a thoroughly enjoyable docent-guided tour of the house, seeing how it must have looked at Christmas in the 1940's ranch house. After its simple beginnings in 1790 as a single-room adobe building, through the years various owners added rooms, a kitchen, bedrooms, and furnishings to the living areas. The garden areas were just as impressive, as they were carefully

developed with different types of plants. After our tour we strolled to the Old Gardens for a lovely lunch, prepared and served by Teak Catering, who regularly take care of special guests at the Rancho. We were also impressed by the quality and variety of merchandise in Rancho Los Alamitos' gift shop, where we scored some early Holiday presents.

Lu Mendenhall chose Love at First Bite catering for our Holiday Luncheon, with Marsha Hender as our hostess at her lovely Humboldt Island home on December 11th. After Adrienne De Wolfe presided over our short meeting, we enjoyed the pastas with a variety of sauces, sausage, chicken, and vegetables, salad, finished with a bread pudding with whiskey sauce. Finally, it was time for our traditional gift exchange with purses, candles, jewelry, gardening gifts, and gift cards (even some items we recognized from the Rancho Los Alamitos gift shop) all up for "stealing," but in a fun-loving spirit of the season.

Sea Isle will have their first meeting of 2020 at the Bonaire Clubhouse, then carpool to Seal Beach to the McKennas Tea Cottage. With Britta's Old Town Gardens just down the street, it should be a fun day.

We are having a bring-a-friend meeting on March 11, inviting any guests who would like to join us for our card-making program at 10:00 at the Bonaire Clubhouse. Our own member, Carolyn Lloyd, delights us every few years with guiding us in making two greeting cards, usually a birthday card and another, providing all the materials. This is always one of our favorite activities and we provide lunch afterwards. If you would like to join us, or you would like more information on this or any of our activities, please contact any member, or Secretary Cindy Broz Allen at (310) 245-8702 or Program Committee member Mary Ann Brinket at (714) 846-5517.



Cindy Allen, Adrienne De Wolfe, Lu Mendenhall, Linda Sackin, Jackie Neil, Jean Worden, Cathy Kelly, Caron Mount, Marsha Hender, Dorothy Ralphs, (seated): Mary Ann Brinket, Carolyn Platt, and Lucille Mascoli.

Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated

by Annette Eliot



Amy Harman, HHRWF President, and Susan Dawson, HHRWF Chaplain.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and will have a prosperous New Year.

Everyone attending our December meeting should be well prepared for our new voting system being introduced to voters this upcoming Primary Election on March 3. Representatives from OC VOTE did an outstanding job explaining the new voting procedures. If you were unable to attend or need a refresher on the new upcoming voting system please go to OCvote.com At the website you can locate a Drop Box and Polling Center nearest to

you to vote or turn-in your ballot.

Also, on the program that evening, The Surf City Singers from the Huntington Beach High School's APA program did a fabulous job entertaining our guests. They did a wonderful rendition of Christmas songs that delighted everyone in the room. We are so fortunate to have such talented young people in our community.

We love new members, for membership info call Charlotte (714) 846-4841.

Meet the candidates and get informed!

Our Primary Election is earlier this election cycle on March 3, 2020, although

ballots will be mailed out on February 3. To prepare local voters for this extremely important upcoming election, HHRWF has invited Republican Candidates running for office in the upcoming March Primary Election to speak at our CANDIDATES FORUM on FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020. It will be held at the Meadowlark Golf Club, 16782 Graham St., Huntington Beach.

You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and hear directly from them as they present their platforms. Our invited candidates are running for Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, Central Committee. This is a very special opportunity to meet and greet with your Republican candidates, evaluate them, and determine which candidate best represents your ideals, enabling you to make the critical choice of who best represents your values and viewpoints and ultimately wins your vote!

The CANDIDATES FORUM is a great opportunity to bring your neighbors, friends, and family with you to gather information about the upcoming election.

Please join us for this informative evening. To attend, RSVP by email to amyharman@yahoo.com

La Familia

by Karen Branoff

La Familia is proud to announce that the shade structure at Orangewood Children's Home is complete! It took a full year of plans, designs, permits and negotiations to complete this wonderful addition to their campus. The shade structure was made possible by generous donations from Michael and Terri Feterik and Don and Ellen Goodwin. This project couldn't have been completed without the hard work of our newly-appointed President of La Casa, Tim Branoff.

Christmas Tree Wonderland was a huge success again this year. This event is truly a labor of love. Guests from all chapters of La Familia and La Casa attended dressed in festive holiday fashion. We all bought 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets and bid on silent auction items. La Familia members donated 15 of the 40 decorated Christmas trees plus extra cash and lots of silent auction items. Many accolades were received during and after the event. All of the proceeds will be given to Orangewood Children's Home at the monthly board



What a Difference a Year Makes! The shade cover at Orangewood Children's Home is finally completed!

meetings in the form of tangible items requested by the staff.

Coming up soon is our annual celebration of St Patrick's Day. Every year for as long as I can remember, we have held this event at the home of Mim Strickler. This year's location is yet to be determined. The event will be complete with corned beef and cabbage and good times all around.

On a daily basis, Orangewood staff members help our youth with their

physical, emotional and relational health. Often, struggles in these areas become hurdles for our youth to achieve their other goals on the path to self sufficiency, such as securing and maintaining housing or employment, learning and retaining life skills and pursuing an education.

If you are interested in joining our lively philanthropic group, please call or text our Membership Chairperson, Barbara Blodgett at (714) 612-2390.

Wanderlust Ski Club

by Leigh Ross



Christmas Party Hosts Frank and Virginia Buccella with Daughter Maureen.



Long time ski club members Anja and Dan Garwick.

The best Ski Club in the West had our last meeting and year end Christmas Party at Frank and Virginia Buccella's home. Good hearted Frank used his boat to tour ski club members around Huntington Harbour to view the Christmas Lights. A great, festive time was had with a very short meeting.

Our first ski trip will be to Mammoth, January 5-11, 34 skiers plan to attend. We meet every morning at 9 am, Canyon Lodge to start our ski day. Sharon and

Dan Niedringhaus, the trip chairs, have invited the club to their beautiful home to a hosted diner Monday night, and Tuesday night everyone will be at Convict Lake Restaurant. Wednesday night, we will be back at Sharon and Dan's home for a catered dinner. A very fun filled week with mega snow.

Our second trip will be to Snowmass Colorado, February 1-8. Trip chairs Kevin and Carol Dunn have lined up many activities and evening dinners. We

will be staying at the new Limelight Inn. Their are 45 excited skiers on this trip, my favorite mountain.


Then for our third trip, we hit Steamboat Springs, Colorado, March 1-6. It will be chaired by Allen Passaquindici. He has arranged several dinners and activities, particularly the Hazies at mid mountain. 22 skiers so far on this trip.

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Trinidad Ladies Club

by Marilyn Schwartz



A caricature made at the December meeting.

Happy New Year 2020 to all of our family, friends and loved ones near and far! We at TLC say “cheers to a new year and another chance for us to make it right” (Oprah winfrey). And the best is yet to come!

Our December meeting was a short and festive one at Mary Larson’s beautiful home. We then proceeded to the home of her next door neighbor, Mary Lundin.

A big shout “thank you” to Mary and her husband Herb for welcoming all of the TLC members, their spouses, and friends dates and family into your home.

I heard that it took more then 3 weeks to decorate their home. It showed in every attention to detail. Every room was festive and decorated to the 10’s. Their house twinkled and glowed and wrapped us up like a warm, comforting holiday blanket!

Love at First Bite Catering served us various appetizers and yuletide spirits.

We had a yummy dinner of prime rib, chicken, roasted vegetables and salad. Also a dessert table was set up for all to enjoy an assortment of sweets as water to wine was served.

There was a bit of a twist this year with our entertainment. Such a fun time having a caricature artist draw each one of us!

If you would like to join our TLC Group of ladies please contact: VP Membership and Introduction of Guests, Debbie Cervantes at debcervantes@gmail.com. We would Love to have you join us!



You have heard of a “selfie,” the ladies of TLC introduce the “stairfie.”

Here are a few famous quotes for you to enjoy in this New Year of 2020!

“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.” -Thomas Jefferson

“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.” -Elenor Roosevelt

“You are never too old to toast another goal or to dream a new dream. -Les Brown

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning. -Desmond Tutu



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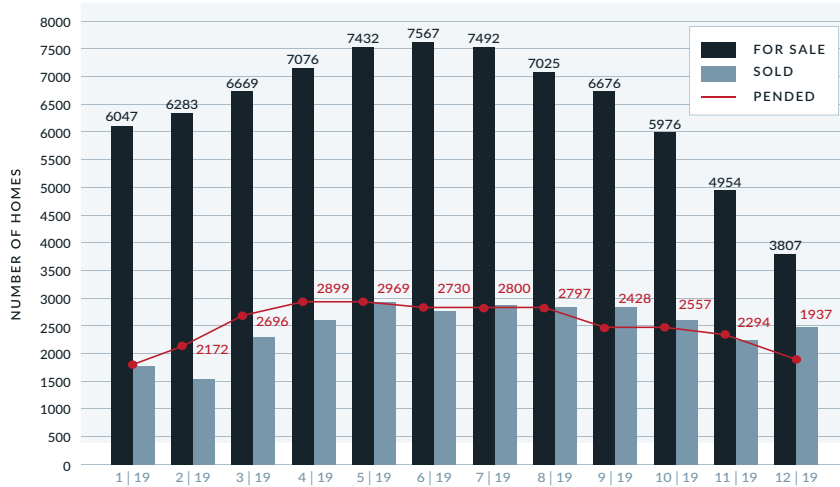
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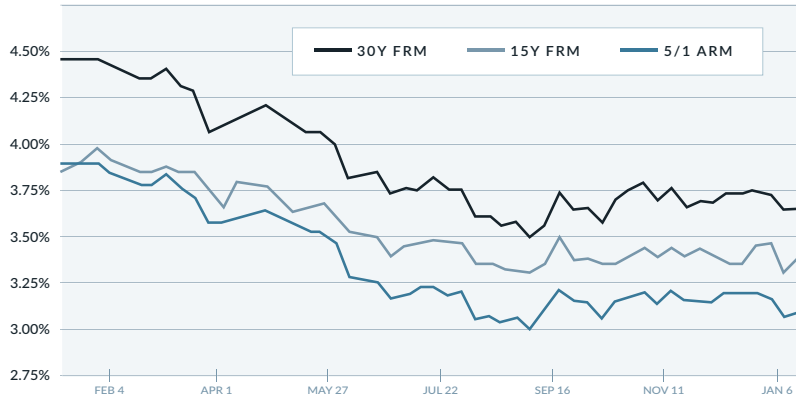
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Since 1995, I have been involved in over 30 real estate transactions and have done deals with every major Realtor in Huntington Beach. Most of them are very nice and are quite proficient at selling themselves to you. Unfortunately, most of them are not very bright and cannot seem to master the principle of returning a phone call or taking a minute out of their day to give you a simple follow up on the open house that displaced you on a Sunday afternoon. Several are sleaze balls that specialize in buying the listing (they tell you your house is worth a ton of money to get you to list with them) only to have them hammer you to reduce your price a week or two after you sign with them. Many are not good students of human nature with is critical in ascertaining what the other side is thinking and how to make strategic moves that make the most sense.

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