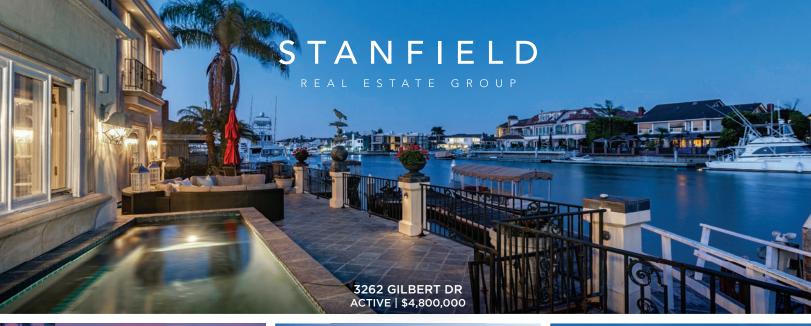
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A beautiful Matilija Poppy photographed along Edinger Parkway by Cindy Broz Allen.

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### **Cathy Thomas Cooks**

by Cathy Thomas, Cathy Thomas Cooks.com

Stir-fried noodles, with their semifirm bite and springy personality, team deliciously with shredded cabbage. I use lo mein (egg noodles) in this recipe if I stop by an Asian market. But usually I opt to buy yakisoba, noodles found in the refrigerated deli section at my local Alberston's. They are often shelved next to the wonton wrappers. Yakisoba noodles are packaged with packets of an oyster sauce-based mixture which I put aside for seasoning other dishes such as roasted broccoli or asparagus.



## Stir-Fried Lo Mein with Cabbage, Mushrooms and Chicken Yield: 4 servings

Salt for salting water, 3/4 pound fresh (lo mein) egg noodles or yakisoba, 1/4 cup canola oil, or vegetable oil or peanut oil (divided use), 3 1/2 cups shredded cabbage, 4 ounces sliced white mushrooms or cremini mushrooms, 2 green onions (cut on diagonal into 1 1/2-inch pieces including dark green stalks), 2 large garlic cloves, minced, 1 cup cooked diced chicken, 1 tablespoon Asian-style (roasted) sesame oil, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon rice vinegar, Dash of hot sauce, such as Sriracha or Frank's

*I.* In a pot of boiling salted water, cook noodles about one minute (they should be cooked al dente – tender but with a little bite), stirring to separate them; drain and place in large bowl. Toss with 1 tablespoon oil.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large wok

on high heat (until almost smoking). Add cabbage; cook, stirring frequently, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Remove from wok.

3. Add 1 tablespoon oil and when hot, add mushrooms, green onions and garlic; cook until browned and starting to soften, stirring frequently. Remove from wok.

4. Heat 1 tablespoon oil. When hot, add noodles and chicken: cook, stirring, until heated through. Add cabbage, mushrooms and remaining ingredients. Toss and heat through. If desired, add a smidgen of hot sauce, such as sriracha or Frank's RedHot. Taste; add salt if needed.

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.

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#### Sea Isle Garden Club

by Caron Mount



This was typical of the Edinger Parkway before the improvement project...



...and after. I complete transformation!

Even though we have all been staying away from our Sea Isle Garden Club friends we have enjoyed for so many years, we can still enjoy the remembrances of the years our Sea Isle members worked together to help the community create the Edinger Parkway. In fact our club was formed in 2003, by nine women led by Anne White and Dorothy Ralphs, assisted by chairpersons Cathy Kelly and Carolyn Platt, with their "immediate intent to clean up and landscape" the Mud Flats on the north side of Edinger. In 2005, Mary Ann Brinket and Carolyn Lloyd began sharing the role of Treasurer, and they still are today. Lolly McHardy took on programs, and a big fundraiser; Sandy Atherton added her landscape expertise as a plan was developed.

It took 4 years of discussions with the City of Huntington Beach, several projects to raise enough money from community contributions along with government agency funding to get the curb installed on the north side. Yeah, no more mud flooding Edinger every time it rained.

During this time, we had strategy support from Caron Mount, the communication skills of Susan La Pittus, while keeping our gracious spirit with the hospitality help of Lucille Mascoli. After fund-raising luau one year and a fiesta the next, and numerous meetings with the community, we were rewarded with a

ground breaking in 2007 followed by the soil fill, the watering system, and finally the plants which took 4 years to complete. The trees started so small, the flowers sparse. And look at it now.

Our club grew, new members joining found a group of very strong, intelligent, individuals focused on our project, while enjoying the meetings of educational and social programs as well. Donna Davis, Anne Blayden, Cindy Broz Allen, Maria Lockie, and Jackie Neil stepped in, contributing their special talents to the cause. Carolyn Platt took it upon herself to introduce us to all the plants in the parkway and gave us a notebook showing different plant types each month to identify ground cover, trees, succulents and flowering shrubs.

By 2009 the members were so pleased with how the community had helped, we needed to find a way to recognize those people who supported"The Edinger Project" as it became known, in special ways. Many ideas were discussed by Janet Littlejohn and Dorothy Ralphs, researched by Susan La Pittus and Mary Ann Brinket. In 2012 a Donor Recognition plaque was installed at Bonaire, and a dedication ceremony was held in the Seagate Clubhouse, attended by Councilman Keith Bohr, who had spearheaded the project with the City, and Mayor Cathy Green. Our Sea Isle Garden

Club continues to shepherd the Parkway, staying vigilant, ready to communicate with the City when issues arise.

During our stay-at-home time, local residents have appreciated the view of the trees, shrubs, flowers and succulents which are a joy to all travelers, whether by car, bike, or foot. In addition the city has really stepped up trimming trees, cutting back the wandering plants, and checking the sprinklers t his year.

One of the most distinguished flowers growing on the parkway are the Matilija Poppies, those large frilly white blossoms with the golden yellow centers, like a fried egg, sunny side up, waving in the breeze. Even though in 2010 these flowers were planted at eight locations within the milelong roadside, by 2018, only the poppies at the east of Bonaire had survived. So, in late fall of 2018 the Sea Isle members planted 24 new ones at the intersections of Bonaire, Bimini, Montego, Trinidad, and Bravata. These are wildflowers native to coastal California but are very difficult to germinate or transplant. We purchased some seeds and following several complicated techniques to plant them, did not get any seedlings to grow. At first, Marsha Hendler thought she had a sprout, but it turned out to be a weed from the soil. We then decided to purchase plants to transplant. Adrienne DeWolfe drove to Matilija Nursery in Moorpark, where the







Can you find the bloom, bud, and seed pod on this poppy?

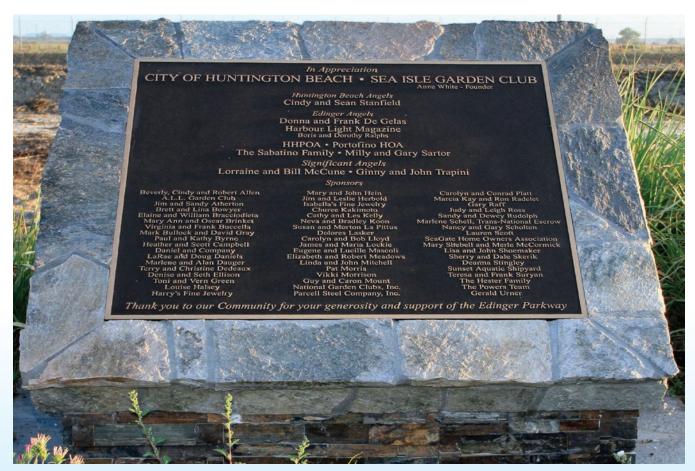
owner had learned how to use smoke to stimulate the seeds as if they were in the area of a wildfire. That seems to germinate the seeds.

In January of 2019, our 24 small plants were carefully marked, and watered, but most of them were eaten down to the ground by some critters. Those that survived were at Bimini, Bonaire, and Montego. This year, they certainly had enough water, and we were hopeful they

would get stronger, bigger, and spread out like they have at the area east of Bonaire. But this year, the early green stalks of poppies next to the donor recognition Plaque at Bonaire were attacked by something that turned them green, yellow, brown, then black. Fortunately the green stalks kept growing behind them and we had two plants at Bonaire produce flowers this year. The small stalks at Bimini also produced flowers this year, and the one

plant on the succulent side had a flower.

You can see the beauty of these flowers in the photos that Cindy Broz Allen has taken, there is a special bond that develops when a group of people can share their talents to create a beautiful gift to our fellow residents. Sea Isle members are so proud of our Edinger Parkway, but even more pleased with the friends we have made. And we so, so miss getting together.



## **Huntington Harbour Yacht Club**

by David Johnston



Members of the Huntington Harbour Community enjoying the Concert from their boats.

Photos for the article provided by Rudy Lopez.

Our largest event since the start of the pandemic was held on the 4th of July. The event included a live concert on the bay, food service with outdoor dinning and it started with a boat parade around the harbour. Everyone had a good time listening to the music and celebrating the birth of American independence. Our members were joined by others from the Huntington Harbour community for both the boat parade and listening to the concert, as many sat on their boats in front of our docks.

The club had been shut down since mid March and we didn't reopen until restaurants were allowed to serve food again. Because the club has employees, a kitchen, two bars and it is where food was served seven days a week before the shutdown; we have to follow all of the rules for restaurants.

We are slowly opening up the club again a few nights a week. Food service was started two days a week just a few days before July 4th. The requirement to only serve food outside caused us to have to make yet another change in our plans just two days ahead of our big event.

We are slowly getting back to normal where members can come to the club in the evening for food and drink and spend time with their Yacht Club family.

If you are interested in the activities the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club has to offer, please stop by our club house next to the Fire Station at PCH and Warner any day between Tuesday and Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm.



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by Kathy Bayless



Anglers of Huntington Harbour 2020 Elected Officers: Phil Lupton, Bob Hetzler, Paula Hetzler, Helene Rowlette, Pam Myers, Connie Mandic, Linda Axel and Bob Mandic.

The Anglers of Huntington Harbour was founded by Harbour residents in 1965. While these challenging times have required postponing many of the groups social, philanthropic and fishing activities, it is an excellent time to pay tribute and thank the Anglers that have helped carry on the great tradition of the Anglers of Huntington Harbour for the past 56 years.

#### **Past Presidents**

Fourteen Anglers of Huntington Harbour Past Presidents are still active and have provided the leadership to carry on traditions like the annual Kid's Fishing Trip for at-risk children in our community. Thanks to Past Presidents Paul Byrne (1979), Jim Paulk (1991), Jim Persons (1994), Nick Peoples (1996), Bruce Peters (2001), Bruce Bayless (2004, 2010), Jim Walton (2005), Carmen Morrow (2006, 2007), Kathy Bayless (2008, 2009), Phil Lupton (2011), Tony Zazzu (2012, 2013), Jo Andrews (2014, 2015, 2016), Linda Axel (2017, 2018) and Helene Rowlette (2019, 2020).

#### **Long Standing Members**

Twenty members are celebrating 20 to 50 years as Anglers of Huntington Harbour and have supported the organization throughout the years with generous donations and serving as TGIF hosts, Special Event hosts, Committee Chairs and Officers. Thanks to long standing members for over 50 years Paul and Kathy Byrne; for over 40 years Jerry and Mary Ann Huisken, Jo Andrews, Nick and Karen Peoples, Joan Preston, Tricia Pratto, Bob and Paula Hetzler; for over 30 years B. G. Williams, Gary Whitener, Jim Paulk, Jim and Carol Persons, Jim and Bett Walton, Bruce Peters, Ken and Chris Lester; for over 20 years Tom and Sheryle Fipp, Richard and Alice Zamboni, Nick and Cindy DiBenedetto, Linda Armor, Lou and Sue Earlabaugh and Bruce and Kathy Bayless.

If you live in Huntington Harbour and want to be considered for one of the Anglers open membership positions and attend one of our upcoming activities, please call our membership chair Paula Hetzler at (714) 969-2570.





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by Cindy Shaw, PT, OCS



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## Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee

by Lara Anderson



Jim and Sydney Doulames.

An important message from Sarah Little, Vice President of Education and Community Engagement of the Philharmonic Society of O.C.:

"Even though next season looks uncertain, we can all be sure the youth music education programs of Philharmonic Society will remain, either in person or virtually. The longstanding partnerships we've established through the 60+ years of doing school programming means that teachers, district coordinators, and administrators, trust us to deliver high quality music instruction,



2020 Grand Marshal Erik Peterson.

and will follow our lead when it comes to post-pandemic programming.

Whether it's offering more robust student and teacher resource materials, and having the flexibility to perform in alternative venues with creative seating arrangements, or virtual platforms with innovative programing, we're working to find the best ways to keep music a part of our students' daily lives."

The volunteers in the six groups of the HHPC (Admiralty, Islander, Marina Windjammer, Sandpiper, Trinidad and

Seal Beach) continue our efforts to do whatever we can to support the continuation of the youth music programs, in whatever forms they may take. As of this writing, we still cannot hold meetings or events, but we are focusing on what we can do.

The entirely online "Musicmatters" fundraiser is still going strong and has raised over \$100,000 to date countywide! To make a donation you can contact your nearest HHPC member, or look for the link on our Facebook page: CRUISEOFLIGHTSHHPC, or text MUSICMATTERS79 to 7177, or visit this web page: page:http://igfn.us/vf/MUSICMATTERS/HHPC

Once again, Jim Doulames and his company SE Pipe Line Construction have made an incredibly generous donation to help keep the youth music programs afloat during these challenging times. Jim has been a dedicated member and supporter of HHPC, and with his latest contribution, he has now given over \$200,000! We are so appreciative of his commitment to keeping music alive in our schools.

We are encouraged by the City of Huntington Beach's willingness to keep the longstanding tradition of their 4th of July Parade, although in a different format, which was a success. We are planning to go forward with the 58th annual Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Boat Parade on December 12 and 13, A Grand Marshal has been selected and we are pleased to announce it is a familiar face to many, Erik Peterson! Erik is a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach, current City Councilmember, past Mayor, and he and his wife Brandi are members of our Islander group. Erik has served as a Boat Parade Lieutenant as well as volunteering during the Cruise of Lights®. He looks forward to making the 2020 parade one to remember!

As always, each year has a different decorating theme. Keep your red, white and blue, decorations handy because the 2020 theme is "America Strong! Revel in the Rhythm!" (Being a man of many talents, Erik also designed the logo for this year's parade.) Stay tuned for more details and entry forms in the coming months at www.hhboatparade. org or for the latest news from Boat Parade Chairman Jeff Silver and his committee, follow us on Facebook @huntingtonharbourboatparadehhpc.



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### **HHPC: Islanders**

by Cristi Ulrich

We are now into the second half of 2020 and we are all very aware of just how different this world has become. By now we are all used to "Zoom" and virtual communication and missing our personal contact. But the Philharmonic goes on as do our Virtual meetings. We cannot wait to be together again face to face.

Cheers to the strongly funded "Musicmatters" fundraier. We've raised over \$100,000 with our county wide efforts. Let's raise another \$100,000! A special thanks to all of the Islanders who have contributed. To Mary Amen, a very special thank you for your amazing \$5000 donation. We need this kind of support so much in our current atmosphere. So proud you are in our Group!

We are moving forward with the 58th annual Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Boat Parade on December 12 and 13. Our 2020 Grand Marshal is Erik Peterson a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach, City Council member, and past Mayor. Erik has served as a Boat Parade Lieutenant and volunteers alongside other Islanders during the Cruise of Lights®. He and his fabulous wife Brandi are members of our Islander Group and we are thrilled that this event



2020 HHPC Boat Parade Grand Marshal Eric Peterson and his wife Brandi are both Islanders!

will once again be led by an Islander. This has become quite the tradition for our group, and we expect nothing short of Perfection in 2020. To start with, we have wonderful theme: "America Strong! Revel in the Rhythm!" What could top this theme in this year. Bring out your red,

white, and blue, and let's decorate like no other year to support the Philharmonic and our Country!!

The Islanders wish you all Safety, Health and Happiness in this summer season and we look forward to live meetings and hugs by the Holidays.





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#### **HHPC: Trinidad Island**

by Tharice Opalewski



L to R: Ellen Martin, Elizabeth Larripa, Dianne Rector and Jan McKnew.



Ellen Martin delivering Trinidad Annual Dues.

During this "social distancing time" life has brought on many challenges and adventures. Trinidad had a "virtual" meeting via Zoom which offered the opportunity to catch up on recent and possible up coming events. HHPC Trinidad has been challenged this season but that doesn't stop us from finding creative and different ways to fund raise for the children. I am so proud to be a part of such a creative group. I loved when Patty Reilly and Ellen Martin handed off our Annual Fund Dues while being "socially distant" using a pool scooper.

In May, our new president, Elizabeth Larripa, celebrated a "socially distant" birthday with a few of the ladies from Trinidad. Happy belated birthday Elizabeth! We have all had to think out of the box to not only raise money for HHPC but to move forward in our day to day lives. We celebrated Easter/Passover, Memorial Day, Mother/Father's Day, the 4th of July, and countless birthdays and anniversaries. We've organized, purged, spent hours on puzzles, challenged our cooking skills and some have embarked on mini herb gardens. Nothing will stop us from keeping music in our schools or educating our children in the art of music and instruments. We have a mission and despite current events we will succeed and do everything possible to keep our mission alive to provide support and funding to the HHPC.

Trinidad HHPC will continue to meet the 3rd Thursday of every month either face to face or by a virtual media process. For membership information please reach out to Ellen Martin at elleninhuntington@yahoo.com. She is extremely helpful and loves to talk about HHPC and specifically Trinidad Island.

Stay safe, stay well and don't stop believing things will be back to "some" kind of normal soon.

### **Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Juniors**

by Rachel Helgeson and Elizabeth Henry

With an abundance of caution and a whole lot of hope, planning has begun for the 2020-21 HHPJuniors year. Our first meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 20th with social distancing and other Covid required precautions taken into consideration.

Other activities for the year include harbor clean up, helping with the Cruise of Lights®, and of course the grand finale, the fundraiser and fashion show "Sail Away 2 Lifting Anchor." The event will take place Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the SeaCliff Country Club.



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### **HHPC: Sandpipers**

by Lolly Mchardy

Sandpipers have been adjusting to staying at home!

We have been having our meetings via Zoom. We have had a Happy Hour Zoom party, so that we could hear about our members Stay at home adventures during this difficult time. It's nice to be able to see our members and talk about our time at home.

We are very happy to announce Patty Taylor as Sandpiper Volunteer of the year!

The Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade was very special to us, and this year we were very disappointed that the parade was canceled. So, we are sharing a picture from years past.

Sandpipers are using their fundraising efforts by using "Musicmatters" that keeps us safe, but are still able to raise funds, since most of our fundraising activities were canceled.

The Sandpipers are 1 of 6 Committees that comprise the HHPC. If you would like to join Sandpiper group, please contact our Membership Chair, Tricia Pratto at (714) 614-5396 or email at inthepink1031@gmail.com.

Sending safe thoughts to all members and their families!



Sandpiper members at the September 2019 meeting.



2019 Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade.

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### **HHPC: Admirality**

by Grace Holdaway



L to R: Jackie Demos, Ellie Winterfeld, Anne Crowley (Volunteer of the Year), Terri Bowers, Rita Collins, Jeanne Caille.

Admiralty completed its 57th year and we are looking forward to 58 years in 2020-21. Can you believe we are well into summer, and our lives are still limited by the pandemic? Admiralty held the May and June meetings via Zoom. We are lucky to have technology to help us keep in contact.

Anne Crowley was elected Volunteer of Year, and rightly so. She served as our President this year and will also serve next year. She also headed up the Music Mobile. Anne is always willing to lend a

hand and always with a smile. Admiralty is lucky to have her.

We lost Jane Griley this month. Jane was a member of over 25 years with PSOC. She was with Sandpipers and then moved to Admiralty. We will all miss her.

We are still hopeful our lives will return to normal and we can again meet face to face. Perhaps we can still have our annual August party but no one is counting on it. Our next meeting is September 17th either via Zoom or, hopefully, face to face. We hold our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 AM but try to have a couple meetings in the evening for those who have schedules that don't allow them to attend the morning meetings.

We are a fun loving group that loves music and helping children get the best exposure to music they can. We know Music makes a difference in our lives and especially those of children. If you are interested in joining we would love to have you. Please Contact our new Membership Chair, Marie Edwards, at (562) 900-8879 or email iamlove67@hotmail.com.

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### **HHPC: Marina Windjammers**

by Pamela Barthold



Marina Windjammers using Zoom for a meeting.

Traditional Philharmonic monthly meetings went through a dramatic shift this year. With very little notice, our tech savvy Joanne Fernbach quickly pivoted to re-envision the way we met by creating a Zoom meeting. Our President, Lisa Weller, kept us right on track with commanding the meeting as if we were all in the same room with reports of our continued growth and yearly progress. Thanks to her constant contact with our members, we all felt we had not skipped a beat. It was a fun experience to see everyone's smiling faces again, even remotely. It was entertaining to see all the different home settings and Zoom

backgrounds as we caught up on how we have been spending our time in isolation. During this period our busy members have kept true to form and have been quite active through countless walks, "Zooming" with loved ones, reading numerous books, crafting, and putting together endless puzzles. Lara Anderson and Kelly Haynes took educational classes for their real estate licenses, Pamela Barthold designed homes virtually, Sally Philips and her neighbors enjoyed baking and cocktail parties while social distancing, and Linda Halopoff enjoyed outdoor Yoga classes. Our own Maggie Van Eck and Barbara Sentell, new HHPC co-Presidents, worked on planning and contingencies for HHPC events in the coming months! Wow! Marina Windjammers have truly showed that they were not going to let the pandemic slow them down!

The need for adaptation inspired our members to embrace virtual methods and convert long-standing traditions into new formats. For our May meeting Lani Martin adapted quickly and had our musical guest adapt as well. We were serenaded virtually at the end of the meeting by talented musician, guitarist Michael Higgins. Michael is a professor at CSULB and plays for movies and TV! Another special guest, Kim Weddon, President of the Committees, joined in on our fun fabulous Zoom meeting. She updated us on the annual Philharmonic Society's Gala, which was held virtually, and then gave us the details about our current virtual fund raiser, "Musicmatters".

Although many fundraisers and activities have been canceled, the Marina Windjammers are forward thinking. We are revisiting our approaches daily and making adjustments as new information comes to light. Thus making us a source of stability and reassurance for our group and the Philharmonic!







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## Opportunity Within a Crisis: What History Tells Us About Our Potential Future

If there's anything to give us relief from the current crisis, it's the reminder that the world and the United States has survived pandemics, world wars and global economic crisis before. A look back in history quickly reveals numerous ways that crises have offered unexpected benefits.

The Spanish Flu was a deadly strain of influenza. A first, less severe outbreak began in Spring 1918. A second, more severe wave spread in the autumn of 1918 and this is what caused the high death tolls associated with the Spanish Flu today. The pandemic hit the US badly, killing 500,000-675,000 people. Research found that the areas hit hardest saw real declines in manufacturing employment and output, as well as a persistent reduction in bank assets - probably because of losses on loans amid bankruptcies. They also found a decline in auto registrations, which they say suggests a decline in demand for consumer durables. This doesn't mean that the places that locked down earlier didn't suffer economically - they did, but on balance, the distancing measures appear to have reduced the pandemic's economic toll.

The Second World War showed that the American industry can respond to a crisis with innovation, invention and skill. The American economy expanded at an unprecedented rate between 1941 and 1945. War World II not only ended the Great Depression, the U.S. emerged economically strengthened by wartime industrial expansion, which placed the United States at absolute and relative advantage over both its allies and

its enemies. Possessing a manufacturing and financial system that was larger and richer than any other in the world, the United States became the center of the postwar world economy.

The 1973 oil crisis began in October 1973 when Arab oil producers cut off exports to the U.S. to protest American military support for Israel in its 1973 war with Egypt and Syria. This brought soaring gas prices and long lines at filling stations, contributing to a major economic downturn in the U.S. By the end of the embargo in March 1974, the price of oil had risen nearly 400%, from \$3 per barrel to nearly \$12 globally. And U.S. prices were significantly higher. This situation created an opportunity for the United States to implement policies to produce oil domestically. Today, the United States is the world's number one producer of oil and gas, and we are on our way to achieving more than 90 percent energy self-sufficiency.

This crisis will no doubt cause many difficulties for people, but it will also create opportunities for innovation across many industries. This may be the time to transition to a brighter and stronger future!

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### **Huntington Harbour Garden Club**

by Doreen Hill

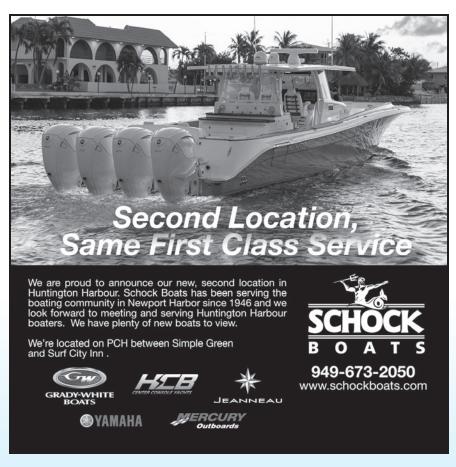
Halfway through the strangest year in our lives and I think we are all finding solace in the great outdoors and in our gardens. We are fortunate to live in Huntington Beach, a city with numerous parks, thanks to the foresight of early city planners. An informative video can be viewed at hbtrees.org entitled "Saving Green-The Story of a City's Parks" Feature Documentary film from Matt Hanlon on Vimeo. Some of my favorite parks to visit this year have been Huntington Beach Central Park, Urban Forest and Norma Brandel Gibbs Butterfly Park. Several volunteers have contributed to the ongoing beautification and upkeep of these gems amidst the city. Photographers have captured the flora and fauna found in these parks and the wetlands nearby.

The Urban Forest is a passive park (no potable water) at 6711 Ellis with lovely views of the equestrian center and wide trails. Home to over 7000 trees and California native plant, all have been planted by volunteers over the last nineteen years with the HB Tree Society spearheading this effort. Norma Brandel Gibbs Butterfly Park, dedicated in 1995 to honor Huntington Beach's first female mayor, at 16641 Graham St., has seen tremendous improvements during the last thirteen years, spearheaded by Leslie Gilson. More pictures and information can be viewed at hbtrees.org. We all can be an instrument of hope and change with our unique abilities and talent. A positive influence in our own 'backyard'.

The disruption of our everyday routines, starting with the stay-at-home order in March, has perhaps a silver lining as we dedicate energy to our gardens and find solace in nature. Besides Norma Brandel Gibbs Butterfly Park the Huntington Harbour Garden Club supports the horticultural endeavors at Edison High School, Golden View, and Harbour View Elementary schools. Whatever the rest of the year brings, we still hope to connect with each other and inspire the next generation of gardeners. Please call Connie Mandic, membership chair at (714) 377-0017 or Doreen Hill, president at (714) 878-3011 for updates about the happenings of H.H.G.C. as our usual third Tuesday monthly meetings September- June will be dependent on the state of the world.



Pam Smart created a collage for the 4th of July, "Red, White, and Blue."



#### SeaGate Yacht Club

by Jackie Sands and Cindy Broz Allen



Our new SGYC Webmaster Austin Dix.

#### **Events and Activities**

While the last few months have been challenging, the Seagate Yacht Club Board continues to meet monthly via Zoom to discuss club commitments and keep our membership informed. Staying in touch with state and county requirements and building activities around them has resulted in the postponement and or cancellation of some of our favorite events.

In the staying in touch department, our Communications Chairman, Pam Jackson and our Commadorable, Aurelia Okino, put together a collage of pictures showing how Seagate Yacht Club members were "sheltering in place". This was a great morale booster as some pictures were quite funny.

In the events department, we are taking it one event at a time to see if activities can be modified to meet Covid 19 regulations. A new event is being planned for September 5, 2020, the Seagate Yacht Club "Labor Day Weekend Festival." This event promises to meet all social distancing, food prep and food service requirements. Plus, it promises to be fun.

#### **New Webmaster**

Seagate Yacht Club welcomes the addition of Webmaster Austin Dix to the board. Austin has been in training with our long-time webmaster Ray Nagele for the last few weeks and promises to be a great addition to the board. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Ray for his long-standing service and commitment to the club in the position of Webmaster. Ray has also served as Commodore and plays a crucial part in our annual entry to the Christmas parade.

#### Who are the Club Officers?

We are proud to include a new collage of the current Seagate Yacht Club Board.



2020 Seagate Yacht Club Board.

This is the team of volunteers that keep SGYC moving forward, help in event planning, publish information, help with set up and tear down and have a blast in the process.

#### What We Look Forward To

All of us in SGYC look forward to a summer of pleasant enjoyment of this wonderful community. We wish health and happiness to all our neighbors.



### **Huntington Harbour Art Association**

by Jackie Dvorman

It hasn't been easy keeping in touch with the members of the Huntington Harbour Art Association, says President Pat McKenna. But through ZOOM, we have been able to get our Board together and put on our thinking caps to figure out how to continue the involvement of our members during this unique time. "There is always sadness in events like this pandemic, but we can find treasure in the "gift of time" to find new avenues of effort" says Janet Johnson, a past president of the HHAA.

Using the internet to show their work, our members have continued to be involved in projects, share ideas and make plans. Mary Lund used the Internet to show photos of wildly colored squash blossoms from her garden. She explained how she picked them, filled them with capers, herbs and two cheeses and lightly fried them. They are beautiful and delicious...a real treat for the eye.

Pam Smart took photos in her garden to show a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. It was exciting and entertaining. Pam is an award-winning photographer who roams the gardens of the Harbour to find beautiful scenes to put on her emails. She says that producing photo collages of her "color crawls" has been a way to focus on the beauty around us while getting some exercise.

Carrol Wolf is a retired professional architect and an award-winning water colorist. She has been sharing watercolors done on her travels over the years and this may be the closest thing we have to actual traveling this year, so we appreciate her sharing them with us.

Carrol Wolf, Kay Sullivan, Bea Tamo and Betty Viers, members of our Painting Pals group, often meet for lunch at the park carrying their watercolor equipment with them to try new techniques and share suggestions. It is a casual time with suggestions made and lessons learned. Of course, it is also a great reason to get out of the house.

Needles and Friends has begun meeting again, using outdoor patios and social distancing responsibly. This group has been meeting on Monday afternoons for over 40 years, and just couldn't stay apart. Says Pat McKenna, "I continue to be amazed at the passion and concentration



Wearing masks in Janet Johnson's Fantasy Pom Pom Garden for Father's Day weekend are Elise Masseling, Pam Smart, Marsha Hendler, Donna Hieshima, Barbara Larson, Janet Johnson and Pat McKenna.

of members, like Karen Peoples, who produces the marvelous Scandinavian needlework "Hardanger," and I remember the times she has won prizes for this lovely work."

You never know what new project Janet Johnson will be working on. She is producing beautiful fabric fish made entirely out of old shoulder pads. She is also currently knitting adorable little fish to be displayed in blossoms from palm trees, thus creating the illusion of an undersea garden.

Over Father's Day weekend she created a fantasy of 400 pom poms in her front yard. News spread quickly on Next Door and the traffic of people driving by was quite a surprise. Children loved posing for photographs in the center of the fantasy and Janet gave each of them a pom pom to take home.

Now is the time for the traditional Spring "Show and Tell" luncheon when members have lunch in a restaurant and display and talk about their projects over the past year. Meeting in a restaurant is no longer possible, so this year we will meeting for a picnic lunch in Central Park near the Park Bench Café on a Monday when the café is closed. Everyone will bring their own lunch and chairs and we will set up tables to display our work. It is a great solution to a difficult problem. We will have a sunny spot to mingle, admire each other's creativity, and still be able to socially distance ourselves responsibly.

This has been a difficult time for all the groups in Huntington Harbour, but the Art Association has found wonderful ways to keep our group involved and to present a strong force in our community.

### **Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program**

by Doria C. Merical and Susan Lipman



Self-Care Summer Series with Miss Bonnie.

We hope that our students, their families and our communities continue to stay safe, healthy and practice Physical Distancing and all safety protocols.

We have been bringing your children social skills which have included proper manners and protocols. One of the subjects that we teach is Personal Grooming and Fitness. With that said, a Self-Care Summer Series of short videos on personal grooming habits including brushing hair, flossing and brushing teeth, applying sunscreen and managing healthy hand care are included.

Because physical activity is a vital part of self-care, we include dance, yoga, tennis and golf etiquette. You can find our posts on our Facebook page. Just search Facebook for "Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program" or go direct to facebook.com/HHJEP.ORG.

We are looking forward to offering our "Friday Night Lights" Tennis Etiquette Program. This is open to all children ages 5 to 15. It will be held at Harbour View Park. This is a drop-in program beginning on Friday September 18th, 25th and October 2nd, 9th at 4:00pm and 5:00pm. A \$10.00 donation per new student would be appreciated. Students will learn proper stretching, running drills and hitting balls. Students will learn proper tennis etiquette and social skills while practicing physical distancing. Students should wear loose fitting clothing, tennis shoes, sunscreen, hats and bring water and racquet. If your children do not have



Mrs. Merical and Miss Riley getting ready for Friday Night Lights.

racquets or proper tennis shoes, please contact us and we will do everything we can to make sure that your child has what they need to participate. All Health and Safety Precautions will be strictly enforced. Class is limited to 10 students per court.

In the near future we are holding our first Walk-Fundraiser in November, where anyone can participate. You can

walk anytime during a one week period and your sponsors can donate to the Huntington Harbour Junior Etiquette Program. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Students can also earn volunteer hours towards graduation. More information to follow.

For more information please contact Doria C. Merical at (949) 200-0549 or by email at Doria@HHJEP.org.



#### **Assistance League Huntington Beach**

by Diane Dwyer



At the 4th of July celebration, L to R: Diane Dwyer, Chrys Vollmer-President of Assistance League Huntington Beach, and Mayor Lyn Semeta.



L to R: Dennis provided our ride for the 4th of July One Neighborhood parade, Diane Dwyer and ALHB President Chrys Vollmer (not pictured).

This year, as we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we celebrate what we have done for our community up until the beginning of the pandemic and what we have been able to do during the pandemic. Even though Assistance League has lost hundreds of thousands in revenue since mid-March, we have continued to serve children and adults in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

Prior to mid-March, Assistance League had already transformed the lives of thousands of children and adults through our key community programs such as Operation School Bell® (clothing children at Target Nights), Links to Learning (awarding monetary funds to teachers), Operation New Beginnings (supporting families in crisis), Support Our Seniors, scholarships, and more.

What makes us proud is that even though our Thrift Shop has been closed since mid-March, and our spring fundraiser Treasures by the Sea® had to be canceled, we still have been able to carry out planned and unplanned support for our community.

Assistance League's community programs are focused on basic needs, education and self-esteem. Focusing on education and our desire to help students achieve their dreams, we gave out a total of \$129,000 in scholarships during the pandemic:

- Forty-nine scholarships were awarded to nursing students at Golden West College.
- Nine scholarships were awarded to veterans in full-time programs at Golden West College.

- Twenty-seven scholarships were awarded to Project Self-Sufficiency single parents.
- One special President's scholarship was awarded to a junior community volunteer who was graduating high school with honors and was accepted to Long Beach State.

An important part of education from pre-k on up through high school is literacy. Assistance League strongly believes in the value of reading as being essential to a student's success in life. We were proud to be able to donate almost 5,000 new books to elementary and middle school students. These were all new books donated to Assistance League by Barnes and Noble Fashion Island. This was the result of City National Bank's "Reading is the Way up" program. As a result of this amazing donation, we were able to help so many children who did not have the normal avenues such as school libraries to borrow books to read.

- Twenty-one hundred books were donated to Ocean View School District. These books were distributed to students at seven elementary and middle schools during Grab 'N Go meal distributions on May 21.
- Four hundred fifty books were donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley which will provide reading material for children of first responders and front-line workers attending their various locations.
- Eleven hundred books were donated to the Westminster School District.

- Sixty books were donated to students in Golden West College's CARE program for their children.
- Plans are underway to donate the remainder of the books.

Supporting our focus on basic needs and self-esteem, we touched the lives of seniors, patients in hospitals and students at Golden West College.

As part of the "Support Our Seniors" program, our DreamCatchers auxiliary donated items such as puzzles, games, gift cards and more to the Huntington Beach Senior Center for inclusion in gift bags. As a result of these donations, Senior Center Care Managers were able to assemble 50 gift bags filled with goodies to be delivered to homebound seniors.

Our Operation Bear Hug committee delivered 127 bears to hospitals in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. These bears provide comfort to children and adults in times of crisis.

Our Assisteens® gave \$275 in Del Taco gift cards to Golden West College students in the CARE program.

Our Assisteens provided 160 "Birthday in an Envelope" cards to Project Self-Sufficiency so that the children in the program will have a Target Gift Card when it is their birthday.

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### **Huntington Harbour Republican Women Federated**

by Annette Eliot



Carole Spinak (3rd from left) heads up the Mamie Eisenhower project.

#### Mamie Eisenhower Library Project

We may be in lockdown but our Mamie Eisenhower Library Project chair, Carol Spinak, has been working hard to put books in the hands of school children in our local schools that espouse conservative values that encourage good character, courage, kindness, honesty, and love of country. MELP is a 60-year-old literacy project developed by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). This is a great project to see our HHRWF fundraising dollars going to a great cause.

The schools then sent HHRWF a list of books they would like to receive. From that list we selected the books that we wanted to donate. It was very much a synergistic working relationship between HHRWF and these local schools. The two schools selected to receive books were Olive Crest Academy in Orange and Huntington Christian School in Huntington Beach. Then Carol researched the best price, bought the books, and delivered them to the schools. All the schools were so grateful and appreciative of HHRWF's book donation. If you know of a school that would like to receive some free books from this program, please call Charlotte at (714) 846-4841.

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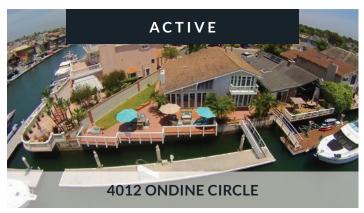


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