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A Tern picking up some food to go in the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Photograph by Cindy Chow.

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Huntington Harbour Philharmonic

by Lara Anderson



Philharmonic volunteers at the South Coast Plaza Bus Staging Area; Lolly and Mike McHardy, Kim Fix, Karen Tribble, Helene Rowlette, Kathy Barrett, Louise Dubos, Bobbie Rooker, Marlene Hewitt, Nancy Itoh, Marlene Nielsen, and Jan Lawrence's shadow (she's taking the photo.)

Break out your blue shirts because the youth concerts are back! Volunteers are once again assisting with the Philharmonic Society's 5th grade concerts ushering students in and out of the venues and off and on the busses. Also, after a too-long hiatus, the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Juniors were able to have their fashion show fundraiser with a "Jungle Cruise" theme.

We are making up for lost time with an action-packed calendar of events this Spring! On April 23 make sure you join us for a fabulous new fundraiser "Purses Plus" on Davenport Island on Marlene Nielsen's waterfront patio. Look for details in this magazine and get on the VIP list to attend. The donated items coming in are amazing; a never-worn Hermes scarf purchased at the Hermes store in Paris, gorgeous nearly new Coach, Stuart Weitzman, and Michael Kors bags, and thanks to the generosity of Gail Sebring, we'll be auctioning off a brand new, in-demand Christian Dior tote valued at \$3350! Rob Sebring will be sharing his

home brewing talents with his craft beer at the event plus we'll also have wine, Mimosas, and charcuterie cones to nibble on. Don't miss out on the fun! If you need to make room in your closet before the event, we are accepting donations of gently used designer handbags and scarves until April 15.

Next up on the calendar is installing our incoming 2022/23 Board of Directors at a May 12 luncheon. (The Philharmonic Society of Orange County fiscal year ends June 30.) Two nights later we'll be rocking the Harbour one more time to celebrate our 59th Huntington Harbour Boat Parade Grand Marshal, Casey McKeon. The party, chaired by Jeannie Gibson, will be at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club on May 14.

The second annual Ducky Regatta is going on now! This is the cutest fundraiser of the year where you can adopt rubber duckies to race in pools for cash prizes. Duck adoptions are open until April 30 and then they'll be off to the races until May 7. Text "Ducky" to 41444 for more information and to get your Quack Pack.

Another event coming back for a second year is Stylin' and Designin', spearheaded by our interior designer extraordinaire (and incoming President of the American Society of Interior Design of Orange County!) Pamela Barthold of Pazzam Designs. It's scheduled for June 3, 4, and 5 at Jonathons Coastal Living in Fountain Valley and will feature a Designer Tabletop Challenge, design demonstrations throughout the store, opportunity prizes, a boutique with some of your favorite jewelry, clothing and décor vendors, plus learn to style a bookcase, bedding, blinds, floral, mixing fabrics and more! Purchase tickets at the door or watch our Facebook page for details.

The date is confirmed for the Golf Classic on September 19, and we have a date for the 15th annual Holiday Boutique—put September 30 and October 1 on your calendar and plan to get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Huntington Harbour Mall that weekend.

Keep up with all our latest news on our Facebook page at CruiseOfLightsHHPC or Instagram @CruiseofLights. Want to get in on the fun? Join one of the six HHPC groups and receive our monthly e-newsletter, invitations to events, discounts on concert tickets, and more. Ask your nearest friendly HHPC member on how to join, look for our membership table at our events, reach out to us online, or call our office in the Huntington Harbour Mall at (714) 840-7542.

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HHPC: Islanders

by Cristi Ulrich



At the donors party, L to R: Val Miles, Rachel Helgeson, Elizabeth Henry.

The Islanders were busy planning events and looking forward to the future. Elizabeth Henry and Rachel Helgeson are working on the Juniors Fashion show, “Jungle Cruise” on March 27, 2022. These fabulous ladies recently hosted an event to recognize Islander donors. The event which was attended by the Juniors and several Islander ladies and spouses were present including Jeanie Gibson, Marlene Nielsen, Pam Free and Lauren Claus. Other donors who were absent, include

Cristi Ulrich. All were thrilled to sponsor this event and look forward to attending.

In the meantime, around the corner is our yearly Grand Marshall event to be held on May 14, 2022. Jeanie Gibson and Kelly Gates are busily planning this magnificent evening to Honor our 2021 Grand Marshall and our 2022 Grand Marshal will be announced. Cristi Ulrich, The Campbell’s, Calvin Free and Marlene Schell are proud to offer financial support for this prefect evening. We just cannot

wait to attend this special Harbour celebratory gathering; it is always loaded with elegance and fun.

A big thank you to Marlene Nielsen, who wears so many hats for our group. She is working tirelessly on the Purses Plus event to be held on April 23, 2022. Gently used Designer purses or scarves? Please donate to this wonderful money raising event.

Finally, the Islanders are looking forward to our New Membership tea on March 17, 2022, at the home of Lauren Claus. The Islander volunteers will decorate tables for this tea, wear their best hats and bring their fun personalities to celebrate each other, The Philharmonic, and to welcome new and prospective members. It is an annual and fabulous time. I personally cannot wait!!!

All in All, 2022 is turning in to a year of new ideas, past events revisited and hours of dedication by our members. It is so exciting to create new money-making events for this wonderful group and to finally be able to “IN PERSON” celebrate our efforts. Cheers to the Philharmonic and all its members!

HHPC: Trinidad

by Patty Reilly



Trinidad members volunteering at the 5th Grade Concert.

Pam Myers and Ellen Martin, Trinidad’s Co-Presidents are happy to exclaim “WE ARE BACK” in person meetings. Our January and February meetings were held at Fish Camp, it was so good to see our friends in person and learn how they and their families are doing, which is difficult to do in a zoom meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Patty Reilly’s home and since it will be on St. Patrick’s Day, of course it will be an Irish theme. If you can’t make the meeting (which we hope to see you all there) then please join all the other Trinidad party goers for a St. Patrick’s Day Party, again at Patty’s home, on Saturday night., March 19th.

On Friday, February 25th, we welcomed back over 900 5th grade students from various schools throughout Orange County to our 5th grade Concert Season. They enjoyed the Orange County Youth Symphony under the direction of Johannes Mueller Stosch and narrated by Christi Brown Montessano, who guided the students through an illuminating adventure of the works of Beethoven, Holst, and John Williams, playing familiar music such as the theme from Star Wars which was recognized and thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The same concert will be repeated on March 5th at Barkley Theater on the UCI campus. Trinidad’s Helen Hagen, Sheree Novak and Patty Reilly volunteered as docents working on the Plaza and Buses. They enjoyed welcoming back the students as they arrived and left. We all agreed it was fun to be back doing what we love to do volunteering for our youth programs.

HHPC: Marina Windjammer

by Pamela Barthold



Docents of the Music Mobile give students at local schools a unique musical experience. Kids are given the opportunity to see, feel, and hear orchestra instruments.

Have you ever wondered about the white van with the fabulous blue Philharmonic Society (PSOC) signage and musical notes that's parked in the Huntington Harbour mall? Have you seen it driving around our local cities and schools? It's the Music Mobile and, loaded with instruments, it is taken by docents to our neighboring schools to give students an opportunity to see and feel and hear instruments of an Orchestra. Our docents are trained in the various instruments and given an easy script and charts to explain the instruments and show the children how to play them. For many children this is the first time they've held any musical

instrument. And for every docent, the greatest reward in this is watching the children's faces light up as they produce a sound from a instrument!

In 2011 the then-Society President and Artistic Director, Dean Corey, hosted that year's Gala and focused the fundraising portion on a new Music Mobile to replace the 20-year-old vans. Donations were raised, not just for a new van, but for new instruments as well! The following year additional funds came from another fundraiser to replace the second van! After the cabinets, shelves, and hooks were installed for the instruments and both Music Mobiles were "wrapped" with

Philharmonic graphics they were ready to go. Pictured here are Joanne Fernbach and Karen Ridout, members of the HHPC, who served as President of the Committees in 2010 and 2011 when the two new Music Mobiles were purchased! Today our docents are so proud to be able to present the program to third graders.

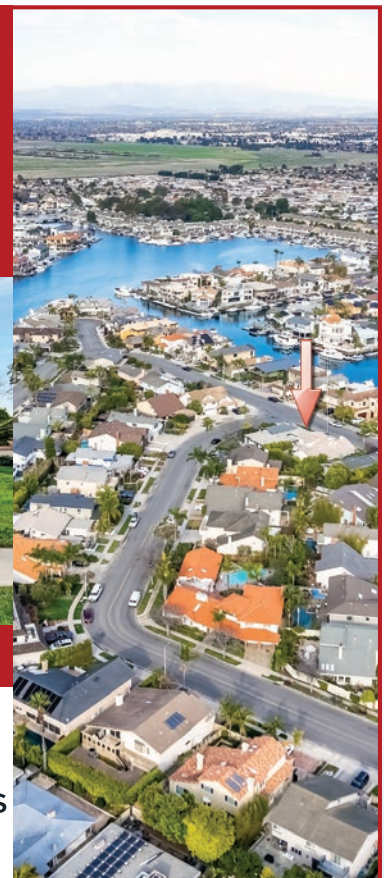
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HHPC: Sandpipers

by Lolly McHardy



Sandpiper members at February meeting.

Sandpiper's held their February meeting on February 17th at Mary Lundin's home. Our March meeting was on March 24th at the home of Nicole Stewart.

Our Installation Luncheon to install our outgoing and incoming officers will be on April 21st at Sebastiani's restaurant.

Sandpipers ushered and worked the busses at Segrestrom's on February 17th and March 3rd at the Barclay theatre at UCI Irvine.

We are also excited to participate in the upcoming Ducky Regatta and Purses Plus events. Sandpipers Lolly McHardy

and Donna Mysterly were models at the Juniors fashion show on March 27th.

If you are interested in joking with our gregarious group, please contact Tricia Pratto at (714) 614-5396 or email at inthepink1031@gmail.com.

Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Juniors

by Elizabeth Henry and Val Miles



Linda Axel and Marlene Nielsen at the Donor's Appreciation event.



Junior Luke Helgeson, event host Rachel Helgeson and Pam Free at the Donor Appreciation event.



Kelly Haynes and Donna Mysterly toast the Juniors at the home of Tim and Rachel Helgeson.

We finally set Sail! Jungle Cruise our 2022 fashion show and fundraiser was a wild ride back to normalcy. On March 27, over a dozen Juniors and seven Ambassador models, the latter representing six Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committees, took to the stage to help raise money for the Music Education Programs of the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. Participants wore fashions from J Ensemble, Stitch and Feather, and Endless Summer.

The fashion show coordinated, by Lucinda Miedema with support from

Sandpiper's own Nicole Stewart, took place at the Meadowlark Golf Course. Fabulous auction items-- including an on trend Fendi purse donated by Gail Sebring; a Harbour Cruise donated by Prince Charters; and a private box for four with parking on at the Hollywood Bowl-- were auctioned off by Mr. Huntington Beach himself, Calvin Free.

In preparation for the fashion show, the Juniors met with Nicole and Lucinda for rigorous training session. They learned to walk, pivot, and stand like proper models.

We were also pleased to honor those

who went above and beyond in their support for the Juniors. On February 27, Tim and Rachel Helgeson hosted a donor's cocktail party at their home. The event was highlighted by the music of the Max Nguyen Jazz Trio. The talented musicians played everything from standards to the bossa nova as attendees sipped wine and nibbled on an array of appetizers prepared by Rachel.

The Juniors will meet again to write thank you notes to those who were so generous in supporting the group's efforts.

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Threats to Bolsa Chica, Real and Imagined

by Kim Kolpin, Executive Director of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust



Photo by Jane Lazarz.

For most of modern history, Bolsa Chica has been controversial. Many people had many plans for what they thought was best for the expanse of uplands and wetlands. There was ranching and hunting in the 1800s, oil extraction in the 1920s, and then came the plans for massive housing developments and marinas. Today, 1,400 acres of habitat are fully protected within the boundaries of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER). To the local Native American community, these lands and waters are sacred homeland where their ancestors created North America's

earliest communities 9,000 years ago. Twenty-three species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern find food and shelter and rear their young here among hundreds of other wildlife species which call BCER home.

Recently, residents of Huntington Beach received emails from a group called Save Surf City saying that the Bolsa Chica Wetlands could be developed with housing. This outright lie angered and upset those who received the emails, and worse, it offended the many people in our community who worked tirelessly

for decades to save Bolsa Chica from bulldozers. It was sent to mislead readers and attacked a measure brought by Councilman and BCLT Board Member Dan Kalmick to consider updating a 10-year-old study of the potential of the City annexing the Reserve. That measure passed, and its purpose is to update the study, not to implement annexation.

The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, which contains all of Bolsa Chica's wetlands, is now fully protected, owned, and managed by state agencies. Under no circumstance will the City of Huntington Beach be able to develop housing within the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Even if annexed, the City would not be responsible for the care of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, nor would it have any jurisdiction to permit building within Reserve boundaries. The ownership, maintenance, responsibilities, liabilities, rules, and regulations of the Ecological Reserve would not be affected. As for the benefits to the City and the Reserve, that is exactly what the updated study will recalibrate.

Today, the real threats to Bolsa Chica far outweigh a nasty email. Pollution, sea-level rise, and climate change all take their toll. Urban pressures, particularly those inflicted by people who disregard the rules of the Reserve and damage sensitive habitats, kill animals and strain the resources available to keep Bolsa Chica healthy, are increasing. But, through it all the wildlife of Bolsa Chica keep flourishing. As we watch another beautiful spring migration fly in and hope that the next generation of endangered shorebirds are born and survive, we look for ways to continue to care for those creatures who rely upon the protections Bolsa Chica provides.

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Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center Grand Re-opening!

by Whitney Thompson, Senior Education Program Coordinator Bolsa Chica Conservancy



The new buildings for the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center arrive just before the sun rises.



Brand new building and a blank slate... ready for new exhibits!

Spring is coming, and with it the flowers of Bolsa Chica are opening their blossoms to greet all visitors... and so is the new Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center! After years of planning and months of demolition, construction, and renovation, the Bolsa Chica Conservancy is proud to say that the interpretive center located off of Warner and Pacific Coast Highway is open for visitors of all ages (or will be when this article is published)!

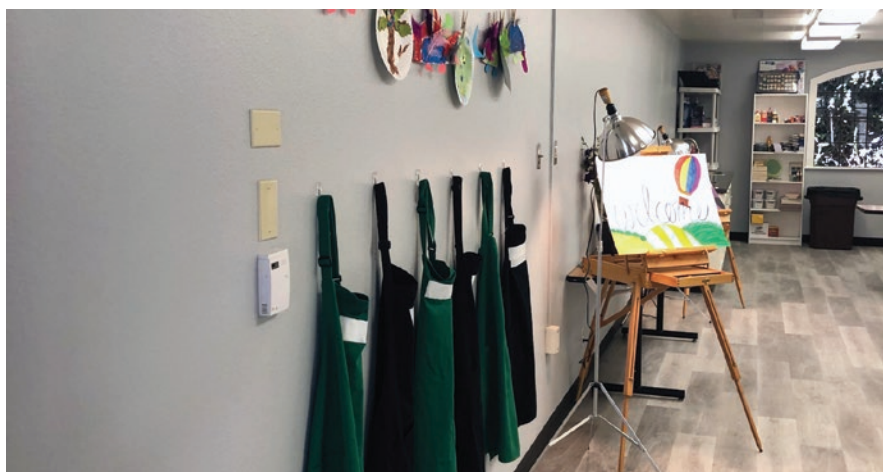
With the new Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center comes a range of changes from the center that we've all known and visited for over twenty years. The new center has more space to accommodate the many discoveries that can be had at Bolsa Chica. From its historic people and up close views of local wildlife representatives of the land and sea, to hands-on exhibitry focusing on sustainability, there is something new for everyone to experience in new ways at

the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center.

Please join us as we cut the metaphorical ribbon on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 10:00am-3:00pm! Be the first to see the new Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center, and experience this brand new wetland experience! For more information about the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center's Grand Re-opening, please contact the Bolsa Chica Conservancy at (714) 846-1114 or info@bolsachica.org.

La Familia

by Karen Branoff



The new Orangewood Art Studio was made possible by donations from La Familia.

Last month La Familia held our monthly meeting at Rodrigo's Mexican Restaurant. The food was great. Rodrigo donated a portion of the proceeds to La Familia. At this meeting, our president, Tim Branoff, let us know that there were currently 51 children at Orangewood, this is more than usual. They are following strict guidelines of no visitors due to Covid-19.

We had a fun time celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the home of Ann Crowley. This was a great event, with all the Irish dishes you can think of. We were all Irish for a day! Thank you Anne!

On April 11, La Casa, composed of both La Familia and Las Amigas, will be at Original Pizza for "Pizza Party for a Cause". There will be fun raffles, giveaways

and dinner with your choice of prime rib or pizza all for only \$35. The owner of this restaurant, Rudy, has sponsored this event for many years. Thank you Rudy!

This summer we are planning a potluck at the home of Shawn and Peter Hollub. We will have members of the Orangewood staff there to report on their activities.

We will also be visiting Orangewood later in the year. If you haven't visited this amazing campus please join us.

The final Christmas Tree Wonderland brought in \$39,000. Tim reported that our donations have gone to good use. The children went to the Santa Ana Zoo, had a dance/skate party, went to see a lighthouse, rode on a ferris wheel and had a snow day. Without these donations, life at Orangewood would be much duller.

100% of La Familia dues go to support extracurricular activities at Orangewood. The annual dues for La Familia are super low (\$45). We also accept donations! Send your donations to: La Familia, Eve Jordan 16066 Mariner Dr., HB 92649.

Wanderlust Ski Club

by Phil Lupton



Marv Beitner enjoying a beautiful day on the slopes.



Gil Fujimoto, Harlene Chalabian and Ken Wood.

The Wanderlust Ski Club has had a very busy 2022 ski season. We missed most of the 2021 season because of the covid virus. Normally the club has 3 major ski trips a year. The first always occurs the week after New Years. The second occurs near the end of January, or first of February. The third occurs the first week of March.

This year we went to Mammoth Lakes, Calif., on the 11th of January thru the 14th. The weather was fantastic and they had a lot of snow, about 26 skiers attended. One of the members has a ski lodge in Mammoth Lakes and always hosts the trip. They had some great pot luck dinners and a couple of restaurant

dinners during the week.

The second trip of the year was to Snow Mass, Colorado, on January 29th thru February 5th, with over 28 of our members attending. The skiing was great but the weather was a little cold, probably typical for February. Again, a great trip. Many of the members felt it was one of the best trips ever. The Hotel where they stayed was right on the mountain for great ski in and ski out.

The third trip of the season was to Beaver Creek, Colorado, with over 36 people attending. Judy Chapel and Dee Woods were the trip chairpersons. They did a great job of organizing a welcome

cocktail party, a pizza night and the going away party. Paul Lange was the master of ceremonies and did a presentation honoring Gill Fujimoto and Marv Beitner, on turning 90 this year. Both still ski and take an active part in Club activities. Two years ago Gil was awarded the NASTAR national trophy for the oldest skier to enter a race.

The Club is already working on the 2023 ski trips. If you are an active skier and would like to participate with a great group of skiers contact Suzanne Goldman at (949) 636-1256, membership chairman.



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Assistant League Huntington Beach

by Diane Dwyer



Assisteens Action Week book giveaway.

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Who and what are Assisteens? Assisteens is an auxiliary of National Assistance League, a nonprofit volunteer organization with 120 chapters and 23,000 members dedicated to transforming lives across the US. Many chapters have Assisteens as part of their organization. Students from 7 – 12 grades can join Assisteens. With the support of dedicated volunteers and mentors, Assistance League of Huntington Beach made this auxiliary a valuable part of our organization beginning in 2006.

Why is Assisteens important?

Assisteens gives teenagers the opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn the value of giving back while performing community service. Students help with efforts in the Thrift Shop as well as develop volunteer opportunities in the community. During the year, the teens typically donate over 2,000 volunteer hours to the local community through our chapter's philanthropic programs as well as their own programs. They also participate in community events such as the 4th of July parade, Beach cleanups and more. Business skills in retail along with leadership skills help in providing a good resume for college applications and future employers.

How do Assisteens learn to make a difference in our community?

Key to these teens' learning experience is the time they spend volunteering in the Assistance League Thrift Shop and Boutique where low cost, gently used clothing items and household goods are available to our customers. Assisteens regularly work the checkout counter, as

well they take inventory, sort, and label the items for resale. Since the Thrift Shop is the key means of funding chapter and Assisteens programs, they are not only contributing to the success of Assistance League but are also learning what it takes to make the Thrift Shop a successful business.

Our annual fundraiser, Treasures by the Sea®, is the second highest source of funding for our programs. Each year Assisteens members volunteer at the fundraiser contributing to its success while learning what it takes to manage such a huge event. Assisteens also earn money towards their programs by volunteering at the fundraiser.

How do Assisteens make a difference in the community?

Their key programs are:

Birthday in an Envelope which assures that single Project Self-Sufficiency parents have all the supplies to create a birthday celebration for his or her child.

Project Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party - Every year, Assisteens volunteer at the annual Project Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party for single parents and their children. Assisteens bring gifts for the children to select for their parents. Each year is a little different. The gifts are donated by Assisteens and Assistance League members.

Emancipated Foster Youth – Assisteens support the emotional health and educational planning of Emancipated Foster Youth who attend classes at Golden West College by providing food cards and package snacks to help assure youth attend regularly scheduled counseling sessions.

Assisteens participate as well in special events such our annual Children's Book Giveaway where we promote literacy by giving away free books to children and sometimes to teachers. The Assisteens make it fun by dressing up in costumes and helping the kids choose their books.

Assisteens also participate in an Easter Fun event held every year where guests receive special treats such as pre-packaged cookies and candy.

These experiences show that the smallest contribution of time or even the smallest donation can impact others in extremely big ways. Volunteering with this amazing group of teens and adults is a great way to grow as a volunteer.

Interested in joining the Assisteens? Go to our website www.ALHB.org, choose the Auxiliary tab and the choose Assisteens to learn more and download the membership application.



Assisteens ready with gifts for the Project Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party.



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Capital Gains Tax on Home Sales

Your home is likely your life's biggest and proudest purchase: countless property searches, contract negotiations, inspections, and closing—to arrive at the dream of homeownership. Now, many homeowners are selling their main house with real estate prices at an all-time high.

Did you know that your home is considered a capital asset, subject to capital gains tax? If your home has appreciated in value, you could be required to pay taxes on the profit. Your capital gain—or loss—is the difference between the sales price and your basis in the property, which is what you paid for it plus certain qualifying costs. If you purchased your home for \$150,000 and you sell it for \$350,000, then your gain is \$200,000. Can you avoid taxes on that gain?

You can sell your primary residence and be exempt from capital gains taxes on the first \$250,000 of gain if you are single and \$500,000 for married filing jointly. To qualify for this special tax treatment, the home must be considered a primary residency, not an investment property or a vacation home, based on Internal Revenue Service rules. These rules state that you must have occupied the house as your primary residence for at least two of the last five years before the date of sale (also known as the "2-in-5-year rule".)

Your two years of residency don't have to be concurrent. You can live in the home for a year,

rent it out for three years, then move back in for 12 months. You can use this 2-out-of-5-year rule to exclude your profits each time you sell your main home

There are exceptions to this rule. You might be able to exclude at least a portion of your gain if you lived in your home less than 24 months, if you qualify for one of a handful of special circumstances such as a change in workplace, a health-related move, or an unforeseeable event.

For divorced taxpayers, your ex-spouse's ownership of the home and time living there can count as your own if you acquire the property in the property settlement. You can add these months to your time of ownership in order to meet the ownership and residency rules.

Taxes on capital gains, especially in California, can be substantial. Fortunately, the Internal Revenue Service provides relief to homeowners who meet certain criteria. If you are selling your main home, and have any questions about the tax ramifications, give us a call and we will be happy to answer your questions!

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Newest Members of the Huntington Beach Harbour Commission

by Dave Garofalo



Diane Dee Wood and Dr. Van Vu are the newest members of the Harbour Commission.

Dr. Van Vu and Diane Dee Wood are the newest members of the seven-person Harbour Commission.

The Harbour Commission advises the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Huntington Beach Harbour, including its beaches, parks and facilities, and such issues as waterway safety, infrastructure and water quality.

Both appointees are long time Harbour residents, boaters, and active community leaders.

Dr. Van Vu has lived in the Harbour since 2002. He is an anesthesiologist specializing in pain management with an office in Fountain Valley. He and his wife, Huong Vu, have four children, daughter age 17 and boys ages 15,13, and 11.

“It’s an honor to be a part of our Commission, Huntington Harbour is a complex area and multiple agencies working together to provide information and ensure safety for all of the Harbour residents,” Vu said. “It’s multi-jurisdictional – with city, county, and state. It requires involvement from Huntington Beach Police and Fire and Marine Safety, the Sheriff, and Coastal Commission. The challenge is to make sure we are involved in every stage of operation.”

Vu said he decided to get involved “because those of us who live here should all care about what goes on

within the Harbour and surrounding communities. I want to make sure we have great representation from residents of the Harbour. Water connects us all.”

He added, “My main reason for joining the Harbour Commission is to help keep the water in the harbour clean, ensure boating safety, and to have all information regarding harbor issues available to all residents. The more participation we get from the residents, the better off we are going to be as a community.”

Vu is active in the community. He is president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, a board member of the Miss Fountain Valley Scholarship Program, and active with the HB Fire Outreach Foundation. When not seeing patients, actively supporting his kids, Dr. Vu loves being out on the water with his paddle board, kayaks, or boat.

“I’m also really involved with my children, from their academics to extracurricular activities. I’ve been a soccer coach via AYSO for my sons, supported my daughter with her ballet and singing activities in the community,” he said.

Diane Dee Wood is a retired program specialist who served five local school districts – Huntington Beach Union High School District, Huntington Beach City, Ocean View,

Westminster and Fountain Valley. She also worked for the State Department of Education before retiring eight years ago. But do community leaders like Diane ever really retire?

She and her husband, Kurt Wood, who is president of Belmont Brokerage in Long Beach, have two adult daughters – Jessica Hoogland and Kinsey Seidel -- and they have four grandsons with a fifth on the way. A boater for the past 30 years, she is a member of the Long Beach Yacht Club and Huntington Harbour Yacht Club.

She is also a member of the Long Beach Rotary Club, Wanderlust Skiers and Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Islanders.

“I love being involved and I love Huntington Harbour,” Wood said. “It’s an honor to serve on the Commission. I’m looking forward to doing things that matter. Hopefully we’ll be working with Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton and OC Coastkeeper on oyster restoration and eelgrass mitigation for improved water cleanliness along our coastline.”

Wood added: “Family and friends, boating and involvement are mainstays of my life. Both my personal and professional background have been all about engaging and supporting people while hopefully making positive change!” We might add that this new position of responsibly will certainly be no different in terms of Diane’s commitment to total involvement.

The Harbor Commission meets at 5 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in meeting Room B-8 on the lower level of the Civic Center, 2000 Main St. The public is welcome.

The Huntington Harbour Commission is comprised of: Michael Vanvoorhis (Chair), Craig Schuppner (Vice-chair), Chris Nielsen, William Larkin, Kimberley Milligan, Van Vu and Diane Wood.

Hearts Abound

by Cindy Shaw, PT, OCS



As Valentine's Day has passed and we see hearts all around us in so many forms, I decided to write about heart health. Even COVID-19 hasn't knocked heart disease off the top of the list as the leading cause of death and disability. Taking care of your heart is important. When it comes to heart health, most people fortunately think about things like eating right, avoiding smoking, and exercising regularly. Unfortunately, they don't always know the best way to accomplish these choices for their particular needs. Do YOU? If you're regularly swimming laps, walking, or doing some form of cardio workout and not experiencing muscular skeletal symptoms, kudos to you! But 3 out of 4 adults aren't exercising regularly. For those folks, a Physical Therapist or qualified trainer may be just the person they need. It's not uncommon to get injured, then never get back to a routine. It's also not uncommon for people to try to be more active on their own, only to stir up pain somewhere - like their back, hip, or shoulder. A PT can help with the injury and design a plan to safely return to activity. It is important to figure out the cause of the pain, help correct it, and implement a plan to help reach your individual goals. Safely increasing activity levels after a major medical issue like a heart

attack, stroke, or even cancer is so vital. I strongly recommend professional guidance because what we were taught in our youth no longer applies. Recent research has shown improvements in cardiovascular fitness, fatigue levels and even pain in cancer patients who participate in a personalized physical

fitness plan from a PT. Whatever barriers to physical activity exist, seek help to help overcome them. Learn how to work around whatever issues you have so you can safely elevate your heart rate and keep cardiovascular disease away. Your heart and your health are worth the effort.



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Harbour Rod & Reel Club

by Paul Haase



Chris Hull with a beautiful 54 lb. white sea bass caught at Catalina on his boat "Aqua Vitae."



Scot Campbell with a Bluefin Tuna caught on the "Ocean Odyssey" on the Club trip.

The Harbour Rod & Reel Club is a Family oriented fishing club based in the Huntington Harbour area. The club was founded in the 1970's and has many of the founding members still participating in our events. You do not need a boat to join our club.

Our focus is to get families fishing together and to promote education through seminars. We promote conservation by supporting various groups protecting our environment and fishing rights and competition at club events. We also help fund and take care of the White Sea Bass grow pen, located adjacent to the HHYC.

Our youth events are spread out during the summer months, with prizes awarded at events and an annual competition for junior angler of the year.

Our Adult members compete for awards throughout the year. Our fishing events are scheduled on weekends March through November. Our seminars are set up to help our anglers learn techniques and tackle requirements for catching fish from our local waters. We host meetings at the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club on the third Thursday of every month. Dinner is served at 6:30 and our seminar speaker begins at 7:00 for roughly 1 hour. We close the meeting with plenty of time to talk with the speakers before the end of the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Our Next Scheduled Seminars:

April: Bob Hoose will speak of White Sea Bass fishing

May: Paul Haase and Larry Moore will speak on their fishing trip to Bahia De Los Angeles

June: Our speaker will discuss fishing for the Blue Fin Tuna in So CA waters

I encourage you to attend one of our seminars or fishing events. Paul Haase, HRRC Boards member, (714) 402-1456 or email us at Harbourrodandreelclub@gmail.com.



Paul Haase with a 30 lb. white sea bass caught at Catalina on Jim's boat, "SEA P. A."

Sea Isle Garden Club

by Lolly McHardy



Sea Aisle Garden Club ladies at March meeting discussion Edinger Pathway Project.

Members of the Sea Aisle Garden Club met on March 9th at the Sea Gate club house. The agenda topic was pathways that will be put in along the Edinger pathway! The committee is in the infant stages

of planning this project. It was decided that we would put in six pathways. The pathways will be 18 1/2 by 8 feet and right now we are thinking of using decomposed granite. Keep tuned in as we make

progress on this project.

The next Sea Isle Garden Club meeting will be our Installation Luncheon of officers. It will be held at the Boathouse restaurant in Long Beach!

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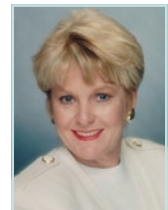
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Anglers of Huntington Harbour

by Kathy Bayless



Anglers of Huntington Harbour February "TGIF" hosts Tricia Pratto and Mike Myers.



Anglers of Huntington Harbour Trophy Chair Mike Myers presenting Angler of the Year award to Bob Mandic.

February TGIF

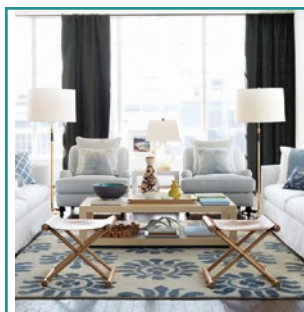
Friday evening February 25th Anglers of Huntington Harbour gathered at the Trinidad Island waterfront home of Tricia Pratto for the groups February TGIF and first in person social event of the year. Each of the Anglers brought one of their favorite appetizers or desserts to be enjoyed by all as they

socialized and discussed upcoming events like the annual Kid's Fishing Trip for at risk children in the community that the Anglers have sponsored for 51 years and the annual Duffy Cruise and Dinner in May. There were 5 past presidents in attendance including Nick Peoples, Kathy Bayless, Bruce Bayless, Jo Andrews, and Linda Axel.

2022 President Pam Myers welcomed newest member Jackie Demos. Trophy Chair Mike Myers presented the 2021 Fishing Awards and Bob Mandic received trophies for Angler of the Year, First Marlin of the Season and Largest Marlin. Junior fishing trophies were presented earlier to Storm (age 14) and Schaefer (age 12) Anderson. To encourage more Anglers to fish and turn in weight slips this year, Tournament Chairs Bob and Connie Mandic and their daughter Kelly organized a creative and fun fishing contest game at the party and successful participants hooked bags of fishing related goodies.

Upcoming Events

In 2022 the Anglers of Huntington Harbour will celebrate their 58th year in the Harbour and have many exciting social, fishing, and philanthropic activities planned including the Kids Fishing Trip for at risk children in May, chaired by 2nd Vice President Phil Lupton, the Duffy Cruise and Dinner at the Davenport Island waterfront home of Mike and Pam Myers on May 27th and the June TGIF at the Humboldt Island waterfront home of Bob and Linda Axel on June 24th. If you live in the Harbour and want to be considered for one of the Anglers open membership positions and attend one of our upcoming activities, please call membership chair Linda Axel at (714) 325-6111 for more information.



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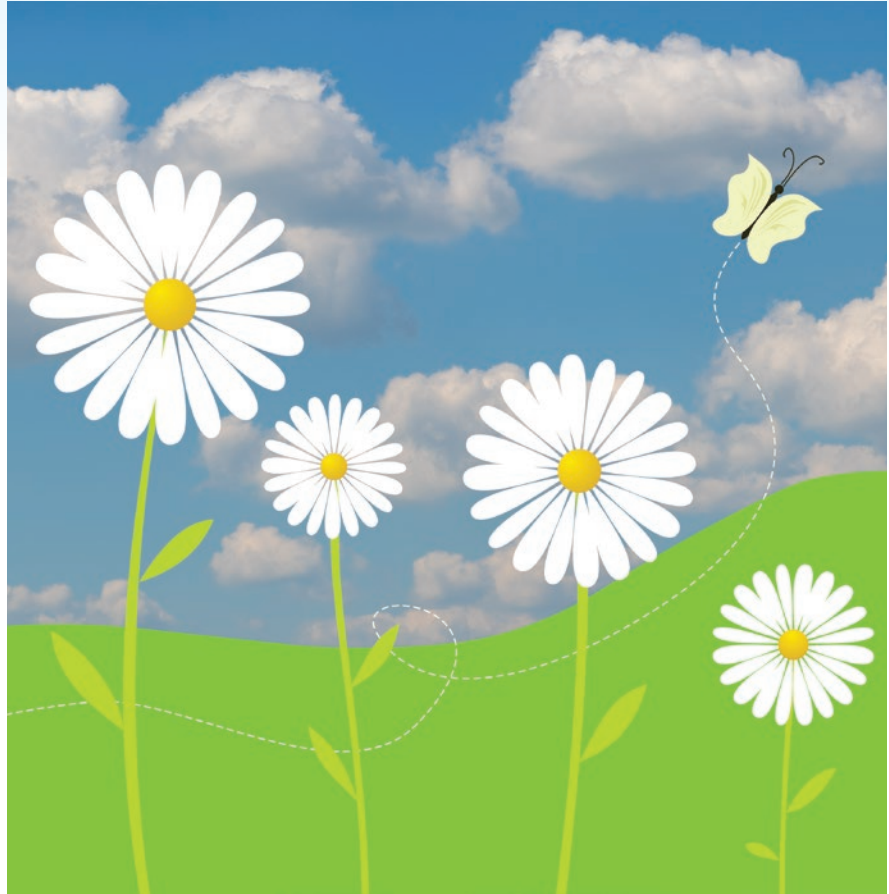
Huntington Harbour Garden Club

by Doreen Hill

The Huntington Harbour Garden Club is looking forward to our traditional St. Patrick's Day meeting and luncheon. It will be held at Connie Mandic's festive home. Yummy holiday favorites of corned beef and cabbage and homemade Irish soda bread are served. Good cooks abound in our group.

We are planning some field trips soon to the Shipley to shore trail and Rogers and Sherman Gardens this spring. In addition, we will be checking in on the school gardens of Golden View and Edison High School that we help support.

Would you like to join us? We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Doreen Hill at (714) 878-3011 or Connie Mandic at (714) 377-0017 for more information on our group.



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Celery, Apple and Peanut Salad

by Cathy Thomas, CathyThomasCooks.com

My father loved celery. He grew up in hard times on a farm in southern Illinois. His tableside celery lectures revealed that he and his six hungry siblings treasured those crisp green stalks. Adored raw or cooked, celery was looked at as a luxury in his childhood because it

took so long to grow, four autumn months to mature from seed. Dad's father doubted its value. Little was planted.

He would have adored this scrumptious salad that showcases celery, apples, and peanuts. Celery, absolutely, but two other of his favorites – apples and peanuts.

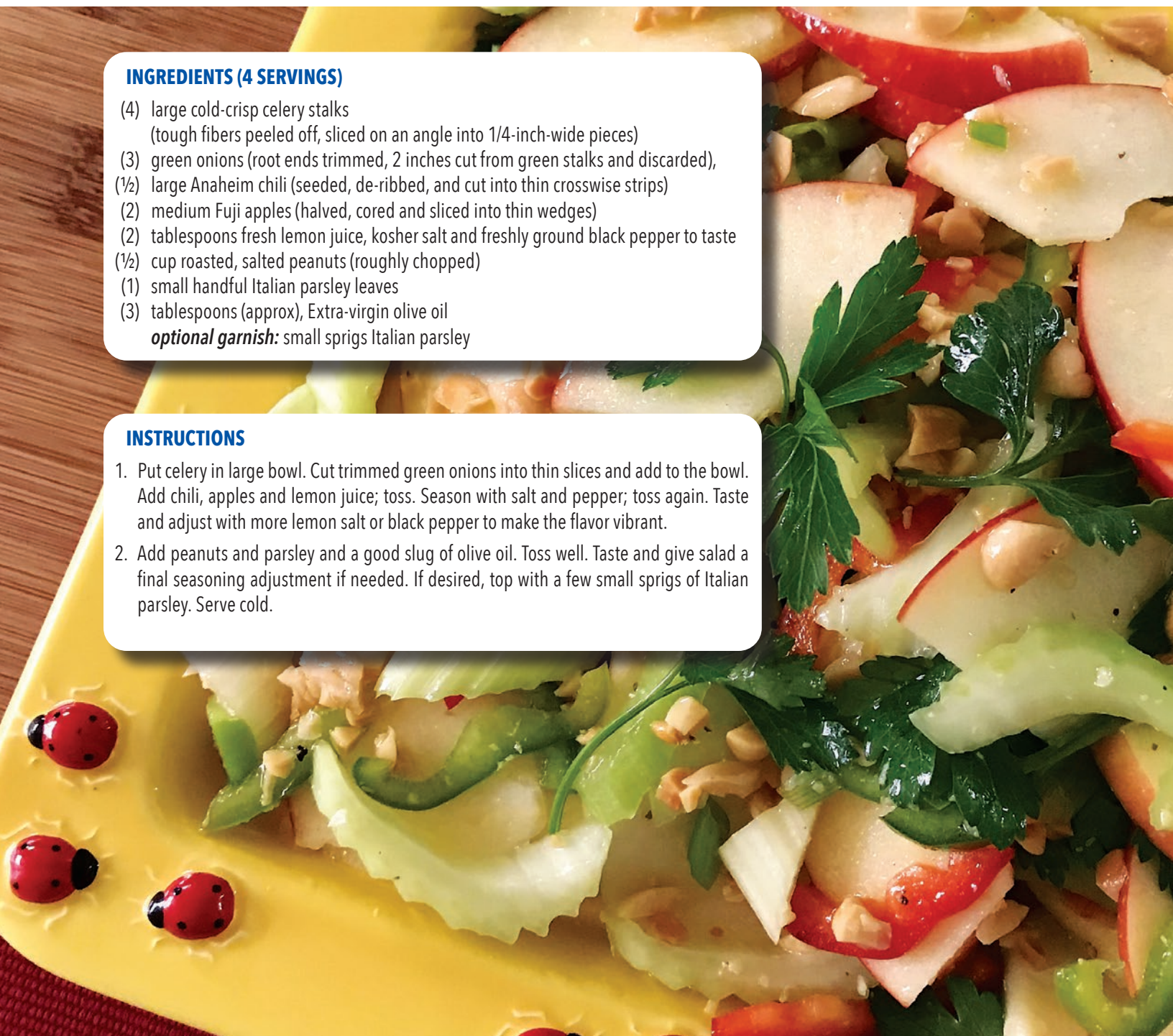
Cathy Thomas is an award-winning food writer and has authored three cookbooks: "50 Best Plants on the Planet," "Melissa's Great Book of Produce," and "Melissa's Everyday Cooking with Organic Produce." For more than 30 years, she has written about cooking, chefs, and food trends for newspapers. She was the first newspaper food journalist to pioneer taping how-to culinary videos for the Web. cathythomascooks.com.

INGREDIENTS (4 SERVINGS)

- (4) large cold-crisp celery stalks
(tough fibers peeled off, sliced on an angle into 1/4-inch-wide pieces)
 - (3) green onions (root ends trimmed, 2 inches cut from green stalks and discarded),
 - (1/2) large Anaheim chili (seeded, de-ribbed, and cut into thin crosswise strips)
 - (2) medium Fuji apples (halved, cored and sliced into thin wedges)
 - (2) tablespoons fresh lemon juice, kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - (1/2) cup roasted, salted peanuts (roughly chopped)
 - (1) small handful Italian parsley leaves
 - (3) tablespoons (approx), Extra-virgin olive oil
- optional garnish:** small sprigs Italian parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put celery in large bowl. Cut trimmed green onions into thin slices and add to the bowl. Add chili, apples and lemon juice; toss. Season with salt and pepper; toss again. Taste and adjust with more lemon salt or black pepper to make the flavor vibrant.
2. Add peanuts and parsley and a good slug of olive oil. Toss well. Taste and give salad a final seasoning adjustment if needed. If desired, top with a few small sprigs of Italian parsley. Serve cold.



Huntington Harbour Yacht Club Sea Belles

by Ships Hailer, Ellie Winterfeld



Left to right: Anne Crowley (first Mate), Barbara McLean, and Judy Cassidy President, Captain.



Left—Capt. Judy Cassidy, Middle—Ocean Defender Speaker, Right—Anne Crowley, First Mate and Jo Andrews, Program.

Sea Belles had another great meeting on February 2, 2022. Members and guests were in attendance. Our Captain called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and welcomed past Commodore wives, Sea Belle's Captains and recognized those who are having birthdays in the month of February and March 2022. Capt. Judy asked Officers to give their reports.

After reports from the Board, Judy introduced our Guest, Barbara McLean of Barbara McLean, Master Toffee Maker. Barbara made some wonderful appetizers: Apple Cheese Ball, Cowboy caviar, Swedish Creme, fudge-really simple. The wonderful thing was we got to taste it all. If anyone wants to order toffee you can contact Babara at babaramclean2@icloud.com.

On February 11th we celebrated those having birthdays as well as Valentines - It was a wonderful Friday night full of celebrations. We had a wonderful band with lots of dancing. On February 13th we celebrated in the Commodores' lounge as we watched the Super Bowl game. HHYC has 13 cruises planned for this year. The 1st one is March 18th to the Long Beach Yacht Club. On March 2nd we had a great meeting as well as a wonderful speaker from Ocean Defenders. We had a big turnout!

The next bingo dates are March 13, April 24 and May 15. Cash only \$20, registration at 2 pm, bingo starts at 2:30-4 pm. Friends are welcome.

Our Opening Day will be held on April 23, 2022. We will firm up our Sea Belle's Opening Day Boat in the next 2 weeks. We will have a sign-in sheet available at the April meeting.

We had our regular Sea Belle's meeting on March 2, 2022 starting. Guest speaker was from Ocean Defenders and was very informative.

Please Note - The following slots are still available to be filled. This is a great way to mingle and help serve your fellow Sea Belles. Please consider these positions and let our Captain, Judy Cassidy know if you are interested at the next meeting:

Programs; Ways and Mean, and Ships Hailer.

Future Sea Belle's Events:

April 6, 2022 – Sea Belle's General Meeting 10:30 am

April 24 & May 15 – Bingo, \$20 cash only (friends are welcome)

April 23 – Opening Day

We hope that we have provided incentives for you to participate and join our Sea Belles. Make Sure you mark your calendars with the events scheduled.



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Huntington Harbour Art Association

by Doreen Hill



At the HHAA pop-up shop, Huntington Beach Art Center, L to R: Pat McKenna, Pam Smart, Marsha Hendler, Kathleen Moore, Linda Sackin, Donna Hieshima, Joan Preston, Janet Johnson, and Gail Poltorak.

The Huntington Harbour Art Association continues to be active in our local community. We recently filled the pop-up gift shop at the HB Art Center with many creative works of art and sales were brisk. Items included many watercolors, framed

and unframed paintings, knitted/felted purses, hats and scarves, some fun knitted dinosaur stuffies, jewelry, and more. This was in conjunction with the Center's annual show, "Centered on the Center", where some of our members also had work on

display. With Covid restrictions lifted, the Center was able to hold a closing reception for the show and several of our members were able to attend. It was nice to be doing some "normal" things again! Huntington Beach is fortunate to have an Art Center with classes and events so close to home. Check out their web site for upcoming events at huntingtonbeachartcenter.org and for more information on classes.

We enjoy periodic workshops led by members. At our most recent one, led by Marsha Hendler and Linda Sackin, we learned a new technique for making purses out of silk ties. Creative juices were flowing, and the finished purses are all unique. Our next workshop will be led by Nancy Smith, learning some of her techniques for paper and fiber collage.

Beginning in February, Painting Pals is back. We have missed being together for the last 2 years of Covid. We meet on Tuesdays at the Sunset Beach Women's Clubhouse, to paint and share ideas. We welcome new members and encourage creativity and camaraderie. Call President Pat McKenna at (714) 655-3284 or membership chair Nancy Phillips at (714) 595-2451 for more information.



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SeaGate Yacht Club

by Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, Commodore, Seagate Yacht Club



L to R: Grace Toy, Jessica Montano, Joyce Zimmerman, Kristi Whitacre, Melinda Johnson-Pasqua, Tiffany Tokar-Vlasek, Mira D'Angelo.

January, February, and March were busy and exciting months for SeaGate Yacht Club.

Because our event hosts are so important to the club, the board members honored these volunteers on January 9th with champagne and brunch. The board put on aprons, cooked and baked (and yes, there was a trip to the donut store) to provide a delicious meal for all of the event hosts for the coming year.

Bill Oneida and Dan Torla hosted our annual New Member's Brunch on January 30th. It was smooth sailing as six of our members generously shared their yachts for the trip to Los Alamitos Bay. A leisurely brunch at Acapulco restaurant, was followed by a "mixer" that got everyone out of their seats, talking and laughing and welcoming our prospective new members.

Kisses and Cocktails was our event in February. A delicious Italian inspired dinner, charcuterie board, yummy home-made cupcakes, and Cupid's Candy Bar were a huge hit. Our hosts Ginger Hegler and Laura Roskelly decorated our clubhouse in everything red and pink, created games, and a DJ to dance the night away – such a fun atmosphere for a fun evening.

On March 3rd, SeaGate members participated in a "land cruise" to Corona Del Mar for a delicious buffet

dinner at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. SeaGate members Mark Arizmendi and Staff Commodore Cleve Sproule, who are also members of BCYC (Cleve is BCYC's Rear Commodore) were the

hosts of this popular event. There was a raffle where five lucky attendees won bottles of wine. Additional lucky guests won gift certificates for brunch and a prime rib dinner provided by BCYC.



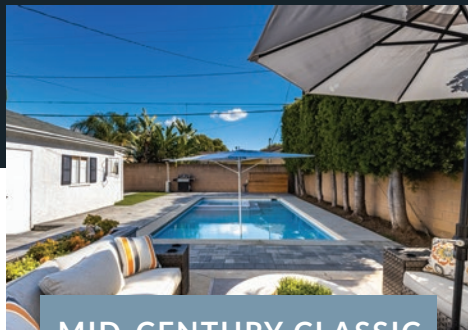
L to R: Eugene Mascoli, Cleve Sproule, Lucille Mascoli.



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