

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

I hope all of you had a happy holiday season. We have come to the end of our first decade of this century, a decade that saw many changes in Niguel Shores. January is a time for renewal and a time for home owners to consider becoming a volunteer. Our community continues to thrive with the help and support of our volunteers that work tirelessly on committees that support our community and management. See the feature article in this issue for a discussion of the committees and their functions, and a list of all those being thanked for their contributions.

This year in May you will be electing three (3) new Board of Directors for the Shores. If you have an interest in how the Shores functions, consider running for the Board or joining a committee. We are always looking for individuals that are willing to give of their time to support the community. There is a great deal of talent in our community that is needed to continue our volunteer traditions. If you have an interest, stop by the office and pick up an application.

—Jerry Koppang

COMMITTEES – VOLUNTEERS – COMMITTEES – VOLUNTEERS

Sub-title: The Committee Structure at Niguel Shores and How to Make that Interesting

Once a year we publish a list of all the members of all the committees in Niguel Shores to recognize them and their contribution to the operation of our community. In conjunction with this annual tribute and for the benefit of newcomers to our community, here is a brief discussion of our committee structure.

The interesting part of all these committees is that, except for the Architecture Committee and its sub-committee, View Preservation (formerly Tree View Blockage), the committees, with the recent exception of the Communication Committee, are not mentioned in the Rules and Regulations. They have been created by the Board and exist at the discretion of the Board. Some have come and gone, been renamed and reconstituted over the years. A little history is always good to put all this in perspective. In 1972, the beginning of our self-rule, there were Finance, Recreation, Landscape and Communication Committees of those that still exist. The original Landscape Committee was called Landscape/Architecture/Ecology (good to know they were concerned about ecology back then). There was also a Legal Committee that lasted until 1986. In 1974 a CC&R's Committee appears in the record, renamed ACC in 1976



Committee Chairs at the December 4 appreciation event: L to R: Roy Dohner (ad hoc Construction Oversight Committee), Karen Linger (Landscape), Jack Christiansen (Maintenance), Karl Kuhn (Communication), Carol Yocom (Recreation), Mike Card (co-chair, Traffic & Safety), Donna Rosecrans (Landscape), Sue Forrest (Landscape), Barry Banducci (Finance). Missing are representatives of Architecture and View Preservation.

and recently renamed AC. Maintenance came in 1976 as part of Landscape until 1983 when a separate Maintenance Committee appeared. In 1974 there was a Security Committee which expanded to Traffic & Safety in 1986. Some of these dates, based on information gleaned from old

FROM THE GM

2009 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—KAREN GIBSON: Each year at this time we recognize the Employee Of The Year and this year we are proud to announce that the winner is **Karen Gibson**. It was a difficult choice as so many of the staff made extraordinary efforts completing all the major projects in addition to their normal work load. In the end, Karen has consistently given a superior effort so please join us in congratulating her.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS – Please note that the office will be closed Thursday and Friday December 31 and January 1. We will be open during regular business hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28, 29 and 30.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY – Hopefully, you will receive this issue before January 1, as there is a New Years Eve Party scheduled in the ClubHouse from 7:30 ~ Midnight. Tickets are on sale in the office for \$10 which includes free hors d’oeuvres and a no host beer/wine/champagne bar (or you can BYOB). There will be music and dancing and at 9:00 p.m., the “Times Square Ball Drop” will be viewed on the big screen projector. The Recreation Committee is coordinating the event and asking that attendees dress in the theme colors, which this year is black, white, red and silver.

THE SPA – I am writing this article on December 16 and the good news is that the spa has been plastered and has water in it. I will roll the optimistic dice and assume that by the time you are reading this, it will be completed and ready for use.

APPROVED RULE CHANGES - On October 30, 2009 you received a “Notice of Proposed Rule Changes” involving eight rules. A Public Forum was held on Wednesday, November 18 on the matter and, based upon homeowner comments, the Board of Directors has approved the changes with the following two deletions. Rule 3104a – Community Residential Development Standards and Rule 5108 – Use of the ClubHouse. The approved rules go into effect on January 1, 2010. Copies

of the October 30 notice are in the office if you wish to review them.

DANA POINT OR MONARCH BEACH – This time of year produces a lot of mail and the question constantly comes up: Is my address Dana Point or Monarch Beach. To get the answer, I went to the local Post Master and the answer is we should all be using Dana Point. The reason is Dana Point is a city and Monarch Beach is not. Some HOAs began using Monarch Beach in the early days before the city was incorporated and the tradition never ended after the city was incorporated in 1989. If you want to be sure your mail gets delivered, use Dana Point 92629 as the return address.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL – There will be a special dumpster located in the street in front of the ClubHouse specifically for Christmas tree disposal. It will be available from Thursday, December 31 through Friday, January 8. PLEASE NOTE—this is *ONLY* for Christmas trees, and (for all you remodelers) if any trash is deposited in the dumpster, it will dramatically increase the cost of this service to the Association.

—Leo Riley, General Manager

Sea Terrace Townhomes I 2010 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
ClubHouse 7:00 p.m.

The Sea Terrace Townhomes I Board of Directors encourages members interested in serving on the Board of Directors to call Don Beaver 493-7430.

Sea Terrace Townhomes II 2010 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
ClubHouse 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010 in the new ClubHouse at 7:30 p.m. Written notice of the meeting, including a secret ballot, instructions on how to vote the secret ballot and the annual Financial Statement from our auditors has been mailed to all homeowners (members). A quorum is required to conduct business at the annual meeting, please return your ballot prior to February 2, even if you plan to attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Election of three (3) board members
 - Annual Treasurer’s Report
- President’s review of 2009 activities
- Open discussion of issues and matters of concern to all members.

The board members welcome input from the homeowners. Please come and use this annual meeting to make your views know to your board of directors.

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

December 9, 2009 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of November 18, 2009.
- Approved the October 2009 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
 - Received and filed the October 2009 Financial Report.
- Approved an amendment to the bylaws regarding the start time of the Annual Meeting.
- Approved two accounts to be turned over to legal counsel for collection.

DISCUSSED:

- Spa project updates.
- Homeowner invoice for damages and work performed.
- Homeowner invoice for denied access of construction crew.
 - Homeowner lot line adjustment request.
 - Tree trimming request from adjacent HOAs.
- Construction work hours and holiday blackouts.

REVIEWED:

- Correspondence from four homeowners on: 1) Rule Enforcement, 2) Rule 3104-A 3) Architectural Committee processes and 4) ClubHouse Rules & fees.

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Meeting with Steve Stewart, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

December 9, 2009 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2009.

REVIEWED:

- Payment status report for quarterly dues and special assessment.

DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
 - Contract for consulting architect Stan Schrofer.
- Enforcement of Article IX, Section 24, rentals of less than 30 days.
- Approval of bid for replacement of damaged homeowner driveway.

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Conducted two homeowner hearings for suspension of rights due to past due accounts.

NOTE: The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board across from the NSCA Office entrance. In addition, the General Session Agenda for the next Board Meeting will also be posted at noon on the Friday prior to the next meeting.

REMINDERS: NEXT GENERAL SESSION MEETING—JANUARY 13, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.

newsletters and Board Minutes may not be exact but do give a general idea of committee history. You can find on the Web site a table with this information and all the committee chairs that could be found back to 1972 under Our Documents.

Over the past few years the Seashore News has written about the several committees and those articles can be found on the Web site. The articles are referenced for each committee below—seek them out for more information.

Architecture of course is key—formerly called Architectural Control which more succinctly describes its function. This group of diligent and hard-working volunteers which meets twice a month oversees the maintenance of the regulations and guidelines set out in our originating documents. (SSN 05/07). View Preservation is its sub-committee that deals with vegetation that intrudes upon resident's views, an area for which the AC is ultimately responsible.

The Finance Committee generally attracts people knowledgeable in the fields of finance and accounting, works up the annual budgets, advises the board on reserve matters and reviews budget performance during the year. (SSN 08/08)

Landscape is staffed by volunteers from each area of Niguel Shores so that all tracts are covered by a representative who oversees the public areas in its responsible area. They each work with the landscape contractor and within a budget to maintain the landscape, handle homeowner requests and report problems back to the committee. (SSN 02/07)

Maintenance works with the Maintenance Staff by providing eyes and ears on the upkeep and care of our physical assets. They handle homeowner requests and provide advice and recommendations on special projects. (SSN 10/07)

Traffic & Safety: Monitors the safety of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at our entrances and the rules governing traffic on our streets. Advises the Board in matters of the security contractor, surveillance systems, gates and devices. (SSN 06/09)

Recreation: Our high profile committee that creates our entertaining events both at the Beach Bluff Park and at the Community Center. The committee plans parties for all ages, the traditional big July 4th affair, Halloween, Christmas and in-between potlucks, BBQs, Taco Nights and others mostly with music, food and fun. (SSN 07/07)

Communication: Publishes this newsletter and monitors the Web site. (SSN 10/08)

A quick overview of our very effective committee structure that effectively gathers in homeowners to help run their own community. It has been a consistently successful organization over the years and, with continued participation of interested homeowners, should continue indefinitely.

—Mary Crowl

Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks . . .

Niguel Shores Committees – December 2009

Architecture

Chair – Ginny Nevitt
Frank Kavanaugh
Patrice Miller
Marilyn Moon
Sali Rae
Bob Ryan
Boyd Van Ness

Maintenance

Chair – Jack
Christiansen
Don Beaver
Suzanne Enis
Bob Russell
Al Thome
Janet Traver

Communication

Chair – Mary Crowl
Karl Kuhn
Karen Linger
Barbara Milner
Judy Pasek
Carol Yocom

Recreation

Chair – Carol Yocom
Suzanne Enis
Alicia Martinez
Danielle Mills
Barbara Milner
Marilyn Moon
Nancy Tinnis

Finance

Chair – Steve Stewart
Barry Banducci
Keith Carlson
Martin Dedrick
John Dougherty
Sue Kichline
Gretchen Letson-Rask
Scott McCarter

Traffic & Safety

Co Chairs – Michael
Card & Tim Murphy
Eric Ackermann
Lori McNaught
Patty Therolf

Landscape

Chair – Rotating
Joan Beyer
Elaine Converse
Ellen Dovey
Sue Forrest
Karen Linger
Donna Rosecrans
Sharon Stewart
Janet Traver

View Preservation

Chair – Bonnie
Gilberstadt
Joan Ingle
Jim O'Neill
Barbara Orsini
George Traver

ARCHITECTURE

New days and hours for meetings: Effective with the February 4, 2010 meeting, the Architectural Committee plans to change its meeting time to 5:00 p.m. The meetings will be on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Home Owners' Forums will either be on Saturdays or in the evenings, so that it will be easier for people that are working to attend. We hope that this will make it more convenient for homeowners who need to attend our meetings plus their architects and contractors. In addition, it will provide an opportunity for those that are presently working to be on this committee.

—Ginny Nevitt

LANDSCAPE

The Landscape Committee is looking forward to another busy year. We would like to thank Wendt Landscaping for all of the extra hard work they put into making the Beach Bluff and the new ClubHouse area look so good.

This year we will all be working on finding solutions to keeping Niguel Shores *green*. As every homeowner knows, the water rates keep rising faster than weeds grow! Our job is to work with the professional landscape architect to enhance our community while keeping in mind saving money on water bills.

—Karen Linger

MAINTENANCE

Its 3:45 a.m. and the night shift security guard calls our maintenance man, Dave Smith. The Garibaldi Gate is opening and closing about every minute. Dave is delighted to get this early morning information. However, he comes in and by about 6:00 a.m. he has disabled the gate so that it will stay open. When Frank Geck arrives at 8:00 a.m., they began to trouble shoot the problem. A shorted wire between the ground loop and the loop detector is found and repaired. By early morning the gate is back in operation. Early morning for those of us who slept most of the night, but Dave thinks its late afternoon.

Stormy weather always gives Maintenance a few extra tasks. Power outages shut down the pool pumps and heaters which closed the pool for a day. A stop sign and coach lamp are blown down and replaced. A couple of trees are down. The top of a mushroom street light is blown off, not to be found until we have replaced it with a new one assembled from spare parts.

Call the office to report storm damage. If you see a downed tree, street light or maybe just debris in the street or blocking a driveway, a call to the office will let them

schedule someone from maintenance or landscape to correct the problem.

—Jack Christiansen

RECREATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR. By the time you read this you will probably have celebrated big time in the new ClubHouse with neighbors. Barbara Milner made sure everyone welcomed 2010 with fun and in style.

TREE LIGHTING: Thanks to the weather for cooperating so Santa could come to see the children anxious to tell him their Christmas wishes. The parents also enjoyed the festive event. Thanks to Daniela Mills, Alicia Martinez and their good committee for another successful event.

IT IS ON TO 2010, The Recreation Committee plans to continue having events for everyone:

Potluck will be January 17, February 21, March 21 and April 18. (See article for more information.)

Super Bowl will be February 7. The details will come by e-mail later and in the February newsletter

St. Patrick's Day celebration will be March 13.

May will be the **Derby Day.**

The BBQ at the Beach Bluff will start on May 30.

Taco Night in June.

Our famous **4th of July.**

Popular **Summer Bluff Party** in August.

Some activities in the process, such as dinner parties, etc.



NEW—COOKING CLASS: How about a cooking class open to all ages male or female?? It is that time of year when you want new soups and salads. There will be three different soups and three different salads, all presented with the recipes by a very personal chef you may have seen at Sur la Table in Newport. She has a very appropriate name "Kookie".

THE DATE: THURSDAY JANUARY 21. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and to continue the 3rd Thursday of each month. You will get to taste the three soups and salads. All these new ideas, recipes, lunch, and enjoyment for \$35. The new kitchen and ClubHouse is ready for a class like this and I'm sure many of you want to be like the chefs on TV. There will be different menus each month and Kookie would like your input on ideas for future classes. If there is an interest for night classes they could be possible. Kookie will let you know how to get in touch with her or you can let the Recreation Committee know any ideas you have. Sign up NOW at the office—registration ends January 15.

Welcome to 2010.

—Carol Yocom

JANUARY POTLUCK



Plan to join us on Sunday, January 17 in the ClubHouse. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your own table service and beverage of choice. We will continue to celebrate the arrival of a New Year and always welcome new people. Please call one of the people listed below to make a reservation, and to have any questions answered.

We ask that you bring a main dish, salad or dessert. We collect \$2 per person at the door to cover incidental expenses.

A-E Ann Christiansen 248-1962, F-O Gloria Weintraub 388-8433, P-Z Lee Sweeney 661-5924 —Ann Christiansen

SEASHORE NEWS

Swan Song: This is mine. This January issue is my last as editor of the *Seashore News*, a job which I have loved from start to finish. Interesting people, interesting subjects and lots of fun work have been my pleasure for the past three years. Then, too, there is the prestige of being the editor—a position of some importance hereabouts. I am stepping down because of some extensive travel plans and subsequent absences and other involvements that will take my time. It has been grand and, once again, I very much appreciate the many kind words about our *Seashore News*.

As for my successor—not to worry—the newsletter couldn't be in better hands. We have had on our *Seashore News* staff for the past three years, Karl Kuhn, who has been a steady hand, a good adviser and a contributor of articles on a regular basis. He has agreed to accept the responsibility of editor and has been duly elected by our committee. Karl will take over as of January 1, 2010. He has added a note to this article which you may read below. See page 10 for a "Meet Your New Editor/Neighbor."

A Downer: Literally so. We have been asked by the Board to reduce the newsletter pages down from 20 to 16 because of budget constraints this coming year. We are compensating for this a bit by using an insert each month for the Calendar and Directory—this will be a pull-out page that may be convenient for those who like to have the calendar handy. Otherwise, we plan to rotate the committee reports (maybe each one quarterly) and shorten our articles to try to keep the same format and content. Maybe you won't even notice.

An Upper: The Board has decreed that inserts may be placed in the *Seashore News* for \$300 per page. This is much less than the cost of a full-page permanent printed ad in the newsletter as the inserts will be photocopies. These inserts will be approved by the Editor and Board. You will find the first one in this month's issue. Perhaps if we gain enough revenue from this source and from other commercial ads, we can go back to 20 pages...

(*Swan Song:* An ancient belief that the Mute Swan is mute throughout its life until the moment before it dies when it sings one beautiful song. Check it out on Wikipedia.)

—Mary Crowl

From your new SSN Editor

I feel it is an extreme honor to have been elected by the Communication Committee to take over the editorship of the *Seashore News*. With trepidation I will be stepping into the shoes of our retiring editor, Mary Crowl, because through her stewardship these last three years the *Seashore News* has blossomed into an outstanding community newsletter. I will strive to continue that tradition of excellence. So, as I take over the reins of the newsletter, I hope I am speaking for our whole community when I say thank you Mary for all her tireless efforts that you put into the SSN.

While change may be worrisome to some, I have always eagerly accepted it as the way of the future. As our community changes so must our newsletter, but never to sacrifice quality. I will not allow that.

I will be open to all suggestions and comments. Please e-mail them to "kuhna@cox.net". Thanks for your support.

—Karl Kuhn

NIGUELSHORES.ORG — NEW SECTION

There is a new section added to the Niguel Shores website! I know many of you drive down to the office to view the agendas for the board meetings. Well, now you won't have to! The new section will allow you to view past and current agendas, board actions and approved minutes from previous general session meetings. This will be updated regularly so be sure to check the website before leaving home...

Thanks again to all the residents and club members who have contributed to the website in the year 2009. We have noticed a great increase in traffic to the site and we are glad that the community is using it to view the latest happenings at Niguel Shores. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions—feel free to email me at webadmin@niguelshores.org.

—Kathleen Capalla

GARDEN CLUB

It's That Time of Year...Let's talk about pruning basics...

Before we start hacking away it's best to know the basics. Pruning is an important part of plant maintenance; it improves the productivity, health and appearance of our plants. By pruning we are able to control the size and shape of a plant. Removal of dead and damaged limbs and selective pruning will encourage new growth and flowering.

Make sure you have the right tools and that they are in good working order before you start. You will want to have hand pruners; use these to cut stems up to 3/4 of an inch in diameter. Long handled by-pass lopping shears are able to cut through branches up to 1 1/2 inches around. Their long handles will allow you to reach higher branches and give you better leverage while cutting.

There are two types of pruning cuts, heading and thinning. Heading is a cut that is used to remove a portion of a branch to stimulate new growth, shorten the branch and force lateral growth. Cut at a 45 degree angle 1/2 inch above the bud where you want new growth. For rose pruning I use Elmers glue to cover the end cut of the branch to prevent stem die back. This also keeps varmints from invading the cut site.

Thinning is completely cutting away a branch to improve light penetration and air circulation. Proper technique is important when thinning; the cut must be made right above the branch collar, which is the swollen area where the branch meets the trunk or another branch. Make your cut at a 45 degree angle to allow callusing of the wound.

When pruning to remove diseased branches, clean your pruners with a disinfectant. I find rubbing alcohol works fine. Your roses, shrubs, and trees will be happier come spring.

Just a reminder: Don't forget to sign up for the January 18 field trip to the Plant Stand in Costa Mesa. Meet at the ClubHouse at 9:30 a.m. Happy Gardening.

—Jerry Koppang

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club wishes everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We started the Holiday Season at our December 1 meeting with the Dana Point High School Dickens Carolers singing a selection of Christmas songs. This enthusiastic group of fine young singers was introduced by their music director Ray Woods. Ray reminded us that the chorus has been performing for our club every Christmas for over 20 years. It was a delightful performance.

Chuck Dreyer, Niguel Shores resident and member of the Men's Club, was our speaker on December 15. Chuck is a professional auctioneer and master of ceremonies and is recognized as "Southern California's Preeminent Fund-Raising Auctioneer." He concentrates 100 percent of his auctioneering time working with charitable groups and has conducted over 1500 special events and helped raise tens of millions of dollars for nonprofit organizations by using his auctioneering talents. He demonstrated his skills by auctioning off a \$10 bottle of wine and thanks to Don Ellis's fine bidding returned \$22 to our Scholarship Fund. Chuck gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

Bob Borland was presented, during the annual putting contest, with a *Life Time Member Award* recognizing his many years of contributing his skills and talents to the Men's Club. Timing for the award was excellent but the venue remains questionable.

Don Beaver, our Sunshine Chairman, was sick and unable to report. Unfortunately Dick Brame, Jerry Moon, and Dick MacNair are

currently hospitalized. We wish them all well. A card was signed by the group and passed on to Jerry.

The Men's Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance on December 8 was a great success. Sixty well-groomed folks attended and enjoyed the food and music.

Our speakers for this month will be Hank Stothard, a sports announcer and former resident of Niguel Shores, and Pat Bates, County Supervisor.

—Bob Ryan

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club meeting on January 14 at 12:00 will start off 2010 with a multi-media presentation by Niguel Shores resident Joel Weintraub, Ph.D., who will speak on *An Introduction to the U.S. Census: A Genealogy Perspective*. In addition to his power point talk, Joel will display census memorabilia in the ClubHouse. Joel's recent retirement as a biology professor at California State University Fullerton has provided him time to pursue genealogy, and he has been working on a number of online searching utilities for both the federal and New York State censuses on the Morse One Step Website. Joel will explain to us what the census is, how it is set up and how genealogy enthusiasts can use census materials. He is a volunteer at the National Archives and Records Administration in Laguna Niguel. In addition to his work on genealogy methods, Joel is an avid birder. He runs the Rare Bird Alert in Orange County and serves on the Board of Directors for Sea and Sage, an Orange County chapter of the National Audubon Society.

Membership in the Women's Club, open to all women residents of Niguel Shores, is \$10. In addition, members pay \$2 per luncheon to cover costs. Those wishing to join may leave a check at the office and fill out a form with information to be entered in the

annual directory. Reservations are necessary to attend the luncheon and each person is asked to bring a salad or

dessert to every other meeting she attends. Anyone having questions about membership may contact

Suzanne Enis at 661-7606 or e-mail her at suzanne.enis@cox.net

—Phyllis Tezer

ACTIVITIES JUDY PASEK, EDITOR

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We had a nice Christmas party on December 16 and exchanged gifts. Patricia Conway was the hostess with Freida Baskin's help. We all enjoyed the refreshments, coupled in between bridge games. We are still looking for people who enjoy playing bridge and if you'd like to start the New Year as a member of our club, please call Kay Wittmack at 661-8177, our January hostess.

Winners were:

- November 25 Adelle Shasta and Gaynell Reyno
- December 2 Helen Campbell, Freida Baskin and Gaynell Reyno
- December 9 Helen Campbell, Patricia Conway, Lois Judith
- December 16 Kay Wittmack, Gaynell Reyno and Freida Baskin.

—Helen Campbell

REALLY SERIOUS OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

The weighty tome for January reading is *Einstein* by Walter Isaacson—the first full biography of Einstein since all of his papers have become available. We'll all explain the theory of relativity to one another... Our meeting is Wednesday, January 20 at Priscilla Agnew's home, 23656 Tampico Bay at 1:00 p.m. Heads up on February: *The Waxman Report: How Congress Really Works* by Henry Waxman and Joshua Green.

—Mary Crowl

DIPPY DOLPHINS

The Dippy Dolphins met in our new facility for a celebrative Christmas luncheon. Instructor Cynthia Carlson has just completed a course of instruction to become a Certified Aquatics Fitness Professional and we needed to honor her for all that work in addition to the fun and exercise she gives us every Monday, Wednesday

and Friday in the pool. The luncheon was catered by Costco, Bunny Mahoney, Ann Morris and Diane Hearne. If you haven't joined us, and even if you have, come get fit for 2010 and have more fun than you can imagine with instant friends.



Dippy Dolphins Christmas luncheon

Those attending were L-R rear Marian Kennedy, Kay Unis, Kathy Hill, Ruth Levitan, Bunny Ross, Marilyn Pappas, Kathy Vonk, Ann Morris, Bunny Mahoney, Linda Rice, Wilma Lindberg, Rhea Gutknecht, Sheila Furst and Diane Hearne; L-R front, Cynthia Carlson, Ceacy Johns, Harriet Writer and Phyllis Tezer. Also in attendance but not pictured were Sally Lee Howd, Karla Sanders, Barbara Brabeck, Irene McDonald and Hope Luedeke.

—Hope Luedeke

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners meets on January 25, with a discussion of *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. It is a historical novel set in London and Paris during the Reign of Terror, a story of love, friendship and personal loyalty. The novel is heralded for “the intricate interweaving of epic drama with personal tragedy.”

The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sally Lee Howd, 23902 Amundsen Bay; the afternoon group will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Marilyn

Pappas, 33841 Niguel Shores Drive. Diane Hearne will be the discussion leader for both groups.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June, except for December. If you wish more information please call Gloria Weintraub at 388-8433 (rdabook@cox.net) or Kathleen Hardcastle at 481-5503 (khlaguna@gmail.com).

—Kathleen Hardcastle

LIBRARY

Children's Library:

Toddler Pre-School Story Times: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.,

Winter Story Times: January 12 – February 16

School-Age After School Club - Stories & Crafts: Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., January 14 – February 18

Family Pajama Story Time With the Sunshine Readers: 7:00 p.m. January 25 & February 22

After Hours at the Library: Friday, February 5, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Free! Go back in time to the 1930s and 40s with the song and piano group, Hart & Soul. This after-hours event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Call the library for more information 949-496-5517.

Adult Book Club: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00-10:45 a.m. Do you like to discuss books with other people? Do you enjoy hearing differing opinions about literature and engaging in a lively debate? If so, join us on the second Wednesday of the month in the library meeting room. Each month's book can be picked up at the checkout desk.

January 13: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, February 10: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff, March 10: *Guns Germs and Steel* by Jared Diamond.

—Judith Pasek

SPORTS NEWS KARL KUHN, EDITOR

MEN'S GOLF

At our December 15 Men's Club breakfast meeting I announced that our president Blair McDonald and the officers of the Niguel Shores Men's Club voted a **Lifetime Membership for Bob Borland** for his many years of being the Chairman of the Men's Club Golf Program. He was presented the award and a beautiful trophy honoring his years of devoted service at our December 8 putting contest and breakfast at Talega Golf course. It was a much deserved award.

Our first outing of 2010 will be at Tijeras Golf Club on January 12 followed on January 26 at the Red Hawk Golf Club. Get ready for a great golf season.

—Tom McNicholas

WOMEN'S GOLF

The first Fun Day of 2010 will be January 11 at Aliso Creek Golf Course. Check-in time is 8:00 a.m. Lunch and a short business meeting will follow. New president, Maria Elena Banks, will preside at the meeting with her new board, Vice-President Judy Boitano, Treasurer Gretchen Rask and Secretary Val Mitchell. Dues of \$15 are payable and checks should be made out to Gretchen Rask.

If you are not signed up for golf or wish to cancel, call one of the Golf Captains: Lee Sweeney [661-5924] or Liz Kelsch [661-5802]. To sign up for lunch, call Judy

Boitano [661-9495] or Maria Elena Banks [248-9300]. We always welcome new players.

Our December Golf Day was our holiday celebration. We had a very nice start to the game with our golf captains giving us little Christmas stockings. The winning team had the best scores on holes 2 and 5. They were Barbara Braback, Liz Kelsch and Val Mitchell. The players who had the best individual scores on these holes were Judy Boitano and Liz Kelsch. Val Mitchell had low gross with 34. Val Mitchell, Liz Kelsch and Barbara Braback had birdies. After golf we had an excellent luncheon at the Fountains where we enjoyed the company of some of our former members. After lunch we all sang Christmas Carols accompanied by our talented member Liz Kelsch on guitar.

“The trouble with golf is you are only as good as your last putt...”

—Irene McDonald

Editor's Note: For the past year I have had the pleasure to work with Irene McDonald as she wrote the monthly Women's Golf report for the Seashore News. She always had her report in on schedule and I had very little to do with it as Sports Editor (Karl Kuhn), so I want to say a big THANK YOU IRENE.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: The new *Seashore News* Editor, Karl Kuhn

How to tell a wonderfully interesting life story in less than a page? Especially when they come in threes like Karl, the oldest of triplet boys. Karl was born and grew up in Oakland, joined the service after high school (all three boys did), spent time in the U.S. Army in Tokyo making maps and, once back home, entered U.C. Berkeley to study chemical engineering, dropped out as a junior and worked at Westinghouse as a technician on turbine generators for nuclear aircraft carriers—that was starting out in a big way. Then, Karl met Carol (her roommate had married Karl's brother) and moved with her down to L.A. to attend UCLA where he studied metallurgical engineering. His first job as an engineer was with Smith International in Irvine, a company that made the bits that drill oil wells, a very big business in the 70s during the oil embargo when everyone was drilling everywhere. The company moved to Houston and Karl stayed here, went to McDonald-Douglas in Huntington Beach as Manager of the Manufacturing Engineering Department. This plant built major components for the international space station—the pressurized mating adapter that connected the shuttle to the space station. Karl's job was to take the designs and get the items made. He was, he says, always good with people, listening to them and carrying on the negotiations that got the design adapted to a "buildable item." That was in the late 1990s. His new project after that was to build 5-meter diameter tanks for liquid oxygen and hydrogen for the launch vehicles for space launches. He went from one BIG thing to another! So, Boeing, now having merged with McDonald-Douglas decided it was more efficient to build these tanks in Decatur, Alabama on the Tennessee River so they could be floated down and around to the launching area in Florida. Once again, Karl chose to remain in California. He had been, by this time, diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and decided to leave engineering. He took the standard test to determine his capability to teach, passed, of course, and did substitute teaching of math, physics and chemistry in high schools and junior high schools in South Orange County for a few years, and finally retired from that in 2003.

To back up a bit, Karl and Carol came to Niguel Shores in 1976, ostensibly because Karl loved scuba



Karl Kuhn

diving which he did with teams in Santa Monica and beyond and out around Catalina. His other interest was as a volunteer on the Board of the Handicapped Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in San Juan Capistrano. He expresses the great satisfaction gained from helping the children and, through them, their parents to find such pleasure in their contacts with the horses.

The Kuhns traveled extensively, that is in addition to Carol's million miles of flying as a flight attendant during all of these years. They have one son and Karl says their favorite place is Africa where they have been three times on safaris. Karl keeps up with his field by attending lectures at Cal Tech and the JPL, meets with friends at McDonald-Douglas Boeing and is very excited about the future of space travel—the preparations to send a manned vehicle to Mars! In addition to his Niguel Shores volunteer work (he served on the Board of Directors for one year but resigned because of a health condition), Karl is a volunteer with the UCLA Orange County Scholarship Committee and the Orange County College Fair.

And now, he is looking forward to his new job as editor of this newsletter. He has found that he enjoys writing articles so we can look forward to more and more interesting ideas from Karl for the future of the *Seashore News*.

—Mary Crowl

Letter to the Editor

It is painfully apparent that the present management of Niguel Shores believes that the Association was a veritable wasteland prior to the entrenchment of the present management in the affairs of the community. The communications on e-mail continually remind us all how much better it is now that we have spent four million dollars on the new center. The actions of many in the past in creating this very successful project over the past 30 years prior to the arrival of the present management have somehow been forgotten and the lessons learned have been ignored.

The apparent frugality and expertise practiced by the many voluntary professionals that chose to live in Niguel Shores made it the envy of other associations that were subjected to the same problems but were not able to cope and then became very expensive to the members. The sudden rise in dues leaves questions as to the future of expenses that may not be necessary. Very close scrutiny of disbursements by the Board of Directors and other interested members and committees is absolutely necessary to control the excesses that happen when those controls are not exercised.

—Don Beaver



Carol's Cuisine Corner

Let's start the New Year with some New Places to eat or have some of those special treats. I know the first of the year many think it is diet time, but remember we have so many good places; we must enjoy the specials and treat ourselves now and then.

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Hope to see you at some of these places in January. Bon appetite.

—Carol Yocom

Teens Talking

In the 1970's riding the waves crashing against the wooden piers of Venice, California was the height of extreme sport, with the skateboard a mere tool for getting around town. Now some forty years later in Southern California, we replace the piers of Venice with a local Dana Point break called Salt Creek. Surfers may not have the dangerous challenge of maneuvering around wooden

piers at Creek, but for thirteen year old grom Wesley Davis, fighting for a wave against egotistical thirty year olds is hard enough. Wesley is a home schooled eighth grader enrolled in Connections Academy. Each day after his studies are finished, Wes and his other home schooled friends can be found skating every solid surface across Orange



Fixie—a fixed gear bicycle.

County, or body boarding the next biggest shore break. With the streaming colors of yellow, red, and green painted on the wheels, Wes frequently weaves in and out of neighborhood streets on a recently founded way of transportation called a Fixie. "It's a bike with no brakes and to stop you have to lock your legs and lean forward till you start skidding," explains Wesley. Wesley has ridden his fixie all

the way to a surf break in Newport called the Wedge, and takes it on daily rides to San Clemente with other friends. Smiling Wes explains he and his buddies jokingly call themselves "the Pixie Fixies." Unfortunately, Wes cannot live the stereotypical life of a young grommet forever. "I hope in the future I can play water polo in college. I would really like to play at Hawaii, USC, Cal, or Ohio State University. Any one of those colleges would be ideal," fantasizes Wesley. But for now, Wesley continues to lead the fantasy of any thirteen year old boy; surfing the waves at Creek daily, skating across the pavements of Orange County, and still finding time to keep up on his studies.

—Colleen McNaught

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