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FROM THE HELM

February was a busy month for Niguel Shores with major management changes and that famous landscape adjustment on PCH. You may have read about it in the newspapers. What will we do next?

We will start March with a new acting General Manager, Karen Decker. She has been the understudy to Leo Riley for several years. No one knows the many NSCA rules and regulations better than Karen. She has worked closely with the Architecture Committee and understands the issues in that area of our association. Our architectural controls and permitting are the most technical and least fault tolerant of any committee operations. She has a strong appreciation for the nature of our community and what it takes to make the organization work. I am looking forward to working with her and the other highly capable members of our office and maintenance staff.

March is when we start our campaign to approve the proposed amendment to the CC&Rs, which will be on this year's ballot along with candidates for the Board of Directors. We really need your vote in favor of this amendment. To adequately

manage the different neighborhoods and streets requires rules that reflect the uniqueness of neighborhoods like Broadmoor and Shores Garden homes. Unfortunately the CC&Rs, written forty years ago, do not allow us to do that. We need this amendment to have the legal authority to write rules that respect differences between neighborhoods. We need 481 homes to vote yes. Please mail your ballot in and help us get votes we need by urging your neighbors to return their Yes ballots.

You may have seen the soil slippages on Niguel Shores drive and wondered what we are doing about them. The two larger slides near Periwinkle Drive will be protected from rain but not repaired until the rain stops and we can start the long planned and budgeted refurbishment of that entire slope. It will be replanted with a plant pallet designed by Silverwood that will be more drought tolerant and designed to prevent a recurrence. Other slides on that street are not part of this renewal area and will be repaired per our geotechnical firm's direction. We take slope movement seriously and our landscape and maintenance staff and volunteers are working to make sure that further damage is minimized.

— Steve Stewart

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: OUR AREA REPRESENTATIVES



Landscape Committee left to right: Kathy Jones (Berkus Homes), Linda Koppang (Villas), Ellen Dovey (Breakers Isle), Janet Traver (Sea Terrace II), Donna Rosecrans, Chair (Custom Homes), Sam Johnson, Board Liaison, Karen Linger (Broadmoor Homes), Linda Ross (Sea Terrace I), Joan Beyer (Atlantic Garden Homes). Absent: Sue Forrest (Shores Garden Homes).

For all the years that this reporter has lived in Niguel Shores I have marveled at the beauty of the landscaping in all seasons of the year but I never did know the extent of the efforts of volunteers in the community who help to maintain this beauty. Recently I was invited to the lovely home of Donna Rosecrans, Chairperson of the Landscape Committee, to an informal get-together of the volunteers who make up this important part of our community organization. I was introduced to eight members of the nine-member committee as we chatted and enjoyed refreshments. Before I get to their names, first, a few hard facts:

Niguel Shores is made up of 15 tracts of land. Those 15 tracts encompass 99 areas. The 99 areas contain 960 homeowner lots.

Each member of the Landscape Committee represents a particular area and they must be a resident of the area that they represent. They are responsible for monitoring the landscape conditions in their respective areas,

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I have a qualified Buyer for a Garden home up to \$1 million. Buyer has already seen all homes currently on the market. Maybe you would like to sell and pay reduced sales commission!!



Greetings Niguel Shores Residents!

Dear Residents,

As an Owner and Realtor in the Shores, I share in your enthusiasm and passion for our beautiful community. I am delighted to continue to offer first class service as your resident Real Estate Specialist!

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FROM THE GM

AD NEWS — At a time when all could use some good news, we unfortunately have some sad reporting to do. On February 9, 2011, long time resident Gerald "Jerry" Moon passed away. Over the years, he served on Niguel Shores committees and both he and his wife, Marilyn, became extremely well known and liked in the community. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, their four daughters and four grandsons. He will be sorely missed. See the In Memoriam article on page 9.

SAD NEWS II — For some this is old news, but for those of you who did not receive the homeowner email notice on February 18, I have submitted my resignation to the Niguel Shores Board of Directors. During the five years that I served as the General Manager, I came to realize what a special place this is and I had the good fortune to come in contact with many of you on a very personal basis. Last August I had a health issue, as many of us do, and that experience causes us to re-prioritize our activities and actions. As a result, I feel that it is time in my life to pursue my "bucket list" in a way that is best captured on my license plate which reads "2DILAND." I am not

exactly sure which island that is, but I do know for a fact, that it does have palm trees.

The Board of Directors has appointed Community Manager Karen Decker as the Acting General Manager and, beginning with the next paragraph in this article, she will assume the communication responsibilities of the General Manager. In closing, I just want to express my appreciation for having the opportunity to be a member of the Niguel Shores Management Team, and I wish all the best for the Association.

—Leo Riley

I would like to start off by saying what a pleasure it was to work with Leo, and would like to acknowledge his contributions not only to the administration but to the entire community. I wish him all the best in life. He will definitely be missed.

This will be an interesting time for Niguel Shores. It will be a time of change and a time of growth. It is my intent to make this time of transition an easy one. I appreciate the opportunity to grow with you and to continue the tradition of good living that the residents of Niguel Shores started so long ago.

—Karen Decker

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letter to the Editor

THANK YOU, LEO!

We would like to commend Leo on the outstanding service he has rendered to our community over the past five years. Under his leadership, employee and contractor turnover was dramatically reduced, improving both the quality and consistency of office staff as well as security and landscape services.

Concurrently, Leo lead our community into the electronic age. He significantly improved communications by managing the development of our community web site, blast e-mails, a web based *Seashore News*, PowerPoint presentations, afterhours phone messaging, and visitor notifications via the web.

During Leo's tenure the community had the largest expenditures in it's history. While the lengthy demolition and construction of the community center took place he seamlessly managed all support services from the tennis courts, in a trailer, plus cargo shipping containers. He also managed a major expansion of our Beach Bluff Park, a major repaving project, and a phased replacement of the brick bay entrances.

Leo attended a majority of all committee meetings but placed special emphasis on Architectural issues to avoid costly litigation. Due in part to his efforts, for the first time in memory, there are zero lawsuits pending.

Leo, also developed excellent relations with neighboring community and city leaders. On his own time, after hours, Leo participated in the education of other Home Owner Associations on the City's plan to place a large Surf Heritage Museum in Sea Terrace Park. The results were successful as the City withdrew that plan.

All of the aforementioned while taking direction from five different Boards, numerous Committee Chairs, and 960 resident customers.

Thanks again Leo, Roy and Janet Dohner



A charming spot in our landscape...

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2, 2011 BOARD MEETING (General Session) **APPROVED:**

- —Approved the General Session Minutes of January 19, 2011.
 - —Approved the filing of liens on 4 properties.
 - —Approved the assignment of 1 property account to legal counsel for collection.
- -Approved the appointment of Pat O'Brien to the Investment Committee.
 - —Approved the resignation of Gretchen Rask from the Finance Committee.
- —Approved one Board Meeting for the month of December on 12/08/10.
 - —Approved new amended Committee / Staff guidelines policy.
 - —Approved change in Committee Member approval process for View Preservation
 - Committee due to format of Executive Session only meetings.

DISCUSSED:

- —Discussed the auditor's recommended options regarding retained earnings & surplus.
- -- Proposed Rule against verbal / physical abuse and installation of office cameras.
- —Architecture Committee organization and membership structure.
 - —Nomination Committee update.
 - —Master Landscape & PCH trimming projects update.
 - —Irrigation Committee update.
 - —Tract Specific Rule Change to CC&Rs.
 - —Drainage / slope issues from recent rain storm update.
 - —TOPS software presentation scheduled for 2/22/11.
 - -Mariner Gate operations.
 - -Legal expense tracking methods.

REVIEWED:

- -Reviewed and filed the December 2010 Year End Financial Report.
 - —Reviewed and filed the December 2010
 - Variance & Delinquency Reports.
- —Homeowner Correspondence: Comments on the Spa Temperature.

TABLED:

- —Draft changes to Rules & Regulations (to 2/5/11 Special Meeting).
 - —Homeowner view matter.
 - —Board liaison role in committee management discussions.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS / PRESENTATIONS:

—Quarterly Committee Chair Meeting.

FEBRUARY 2, 2011 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

- APPROVED:
- —Approved the Executive Session Minutes of January 19, 2011.
- —Approved the assignment of 1 account to legal counsel for collection.
 - —Approved the repairs to the Breaker's Isle Beach front fence, gates & locks.

DISCUSSED:

- —Architecture Committee legal matters involving four (4) homeowners.
 - —Delinquent account collection matters.
 - —AC Committee matter.

TABLED:

-HR Committee update.

FEBRUARY 9, 2011 BOARD MEETING: (Special Executive Session) DISCUSSED:

—Discussed various personnel matters.

FEBRUARY 16, 2011 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the Special General Session Minutes of February 2, 2011. —Annual Meeting and Election timeline / Call for Candidates.

DISCUSSED:

- —Architectural Standards (tract specific rules) amendment to CC&Rs.
 - —Architecture Committee structure and approval policies.
 - —Beach Revetment project update.
 - —Rain / Drainage / Slope storm damage issues update.
 - —PCH landscape project update.
 - -Irrigation Committee update.
 - -Nomination Committee update.
 - —TOPS software presentation 2/22.
 - -Staff cross training update.

REVIEWED:

- —Draft financial year end review.
- -Amended Board Resolution on Committee
 - / Staff Guidelines from 03/06/09.
 - —Small Claims collection strategy.
- —Homeowner correspondence from 3 residents with
 - comments on: Landscape issues, animal waste.
 - —Legal expense tracking methods.

TABLED:

- —Amended Resolution on Committee Staff Guidelines
 - —Draft changes to 2011 Rules & Regulations.
 - -NSCA Policy Manual discussion.
- -Proposed Rule Change Verbal physical abuse of employees, volunteers and contractors.

FEBRUARY 16, 2011 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

—Approved the Executive Session Minutes of February 2, 2011.

REVIEWED:

- -Legal services contract.
- —Two homeowner reimbursement requests for water damage.
- —Homeowner matter regarding Selva landscape plan / fence damage.

DISCUSSED:

- —Architecture Committee legal matters involving two (2) homeowners.
 - —Delinquent accounts and payments.
 - —Homeowner view matter.
 - —Homeowner appeal of board hearing fine amount declined.
- —Homeowner request for reimbursement for tire damage declined

TABLED:

-Homeowner view matter.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS

-Conducted a homeowner hearing for violation of Rule 9109 — Disturbing the peace by allowing dog off leash disturbing the delivery of USPS mail.

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: MARCH 2, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM: APRIL 20, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART

This is a farewell note to all artists in Niguel Shores. We did sincerely try to create an art gallery for this community. It was just not working out for all concerned. There were not enough artists willing to join the committee. There was also too much installing and removing the art before and after the numerous holiday parties.

So for these and many other reasons the art gallery is no more. Thanks to Leo, the maintenance team and the involved artists in this project.

—Kay Wittmack, John Hall.

EMERITUS/EDUCATION

Welcome new members!! This committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We will now be considering new possibilities for the fall.

In the last issue of SSN, we indicated that Susan Hecht, our wonderful instructor of "Film As Literature" would be teaching "Creative Writing" during Saddleback College's Summer Session. Due to our state's inadequate funding of education, we will not be able to have this class through Saddleback College. Susan would be willing to teach this class for a minimal fee! In the next few months, please contact me or a committee member if you have an interest in this subject matter.

—Bunny Ross

LANDSCAPE

During this month, the Landscape Committee, along with Shawn Wendt and Raul Gomez, will be updating the Mariner Gate entrance. Most of the plants selected will be perennials keeping in mind long term water conservation. For color, annuals will be added at various times of the year to complement the season.

Our watering system continues to be monitored and fine tuned with the end result being a savings for all of us on the amount and cost of watering throughout Niguel Shores. Please remember to check your own automatic watering systems to be sure they are on winter settings. With all the rain, let's hope we all see some savings. Raul and his crew continue to work on the extra problems caused by the rain.

This month's Seashore News has a feature article on the Landscape Committee members. Please check it out. If you have any questions or comments regarding this article or any other landscaping matter, please let us know.

All of us who live here know that Niguel Shores sits on a premier piece of Southern California property. Did you know that we have over 1500 trees, around 40 slopes and more than 11 parks and open spaces including our wonderful Beach Bluff. Enjoy!

Lastly, a friendly reminder: For all to enjoy this beauty we call home, please clean up after your pets. Thanks.

—Ellen Dovey

MAINTENANCE

Many of us have tasks that we will "get to tomorrow," and tomorrow never seems to come. For Maintenance the month of January and February was getting to some of those "tomorrow" tasks.

A wall near the Manta entrance was repaired. A cap was put back on a pilaster at the Selva gate. The base of a light pilaster on Atlantic was repaired. A small concrete drainage swell was installed near Timor Bay. The foundation and electrical connection for the new dolphin statue were installed at the Garibaldi Gate.

All the old and rotting wood spacers on the community park sidewalk were replaced with concrete. All the trip hazards on that sidewalk from the community center to Windward stairway were eliminated by grinding them down. Some iron fence repair was done near Selva.

Some larger tasks were also completed. The tennis court project is complete. This involved coordinating three contractors to clean, replace all the fencing, and replace all the wind screens. The fence is now vinyl coated and should remain rust free for many years

New brick entrance aprons were installed on Hobart Bay, Perth Bay, Brisbane Bay, and Montego Bay. This required removing the old cracked pressed brick and replacing with new asphalt, concrete, and paving bricks.

A new, larger concrete entertainment platform was installed at the Bluff Park. Wendt removed the grass. Our maintenance crew supervised the project and did all the electrical work. A contractor removed the old cracked concrete and poured a larger, re-bar reinforced pad. Thanks to our Security Company, who stood guard most of the night, we managed to cure this concrete without any contributions from our local graffiti artists.

—Jack Christiansen

RECREATION

Super Bowl was another Super Day, thanks to Suzanne Enis and Jack Christiansen, plus "the helpers" who found the beans and hot dogs another success. If your team or numbers won, what a great day for you. Thanks for coming to cheer for your team.

St. Patrick's Day on the Patio: Now mark March 17 and come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on the patio.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enjoy the green beer with other Irish neighbors (or those who like the way the Irish celebrate). Bring your snacks to go with the beer and if you want a different drink. See you 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Potluck: Sunday, March 20. Please call the one on the list for your name to let them know you will be there. Bring that special dish for everyone to enjoy. You will have interesting conversations with your neighbors.

Kookie's Italian Dishes: March 24, Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Kookie will show us Italian dishes easy to prepare and delicious for you to taste.



Reminder: Look at last month's Seashore News to see all the plans this Committee has for the coming months. The Committee is providing good times for Niguel Shores. Thanks for attending.

—Carol Yocom

SEASHORE NEWS

ATTENTION: A cautionary tale: We are trying to contact all deliverers of the Seashore News with the urgent message that the newsletters must not be put in mailboxes. If you deliver the newsletter or know your paper boy/ girl, please convey to them this message. The Dana Point Postmaster (I should say Postmistress) continues to receive complaints that this is happening and is threatening to fine Niguel Shores if it continues. The last complaint came from a U. S. Mail delivery person with the message that several newsletters were found in mailboxes.

If there is any kind of mailbox other than a slot in the wall or garage door, the newsletter must not be put in it. And, when putting the newsletter through the slot in the wall or garage door, be sure to push it all the way in so it is not resting there when the mail person comes.

We had planned a gathering of all newsletter distributors to thank them for their good work in making the deliveries, many of them for a good number of years, but have postponed such a meeting until the office staff has more time to devote to it now that it is in somewhat of a transition.

Many thanks to all of you for diligence in the distribution. We hope to continue it as always—it costs the Association nothing—but are also discussing alternate means of distribution. As good citizens, we must respect the U. S. Mail.

-Mary Crowl

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

This is a bit early but we'd like to remind residents of a few tips in having successful spring soirées. For instance, if you are having prom or graduation activities at your home, ClubHouse or Beach Bluff, please make sure your guest list is turned in to the office in a timely manner. If you have nine or more guests, this list should be turned in 48 hours prior to your event. Our office as well as Securitas would love to see your event run smoothly and effortlessly and this will insure that for you and your guests.

Last year our Beach Bluff was a popular destination for pre-dance prom pictures. As a reminder to residents, this is generally around sunset and is for a limited amount of time. The office has dance and graduation dates if you foresee this impacting an event that you are planning too. This is a great time of the year to be outside and enjoy the many end of school year activities while the weather is warming up. We all choose to live here for the beauty and the friendliness of our neighbors. Please be safe and respectful!

—Lori McNaught

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will hold its annual field trip on March 21 with a visit to the Getty Malibu Home and Garden. The cost will be \$25, and includes round trip bus transportation and admission. The bus will depart at 9:00 sharp. Non Club members are welcome to join in, space permitting, and may contact Garden Club President Jerry Koppang for more information. Lunch can be purchased on the grounds.

Hello all you gardeners — spring is fast arriving. Here are a few handy tips to make your gardening chores easier and more enjoyable:

Got aphids? You can control them with a strong blast of water from the hose or with insecticidal soap. But here's another suggestion, one that's a lot more fun-get some tape! Wrap a wide strip of tape around your hand, sticky side out, and pat the leaves of plants infested with aphids. Concentrate on the undersides of leaves, because that's where the little buggers like to hide.

Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acidloving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling (a layer of about one-quarter of an inch) applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.

String The quickest way in the world to dry herbs: just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange

the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

More gardening myths:

Organic gardening is a lot more expensive than traditional gardening: Not really...and when you get right down to it, organic gardening is traditional gardening. We've been using tons of manmade chemicals on our crops and flowers only for about a century. Before that everything was grown using organic methods — and if yields were less, at least they were consistent.

In the short term, you may very well put more money into organic gardening, but ultimately, it won't be more expensive than using chemicals. This organic gardening myth fails to take into account the fact that chemicals become less effective over time, so eventually it may cost more to garden the "modern" way.

Organic fertilizers and pesticides are safe, no matter how much is used: Well...let's just say they're safer than chemical versions, because they're natural. However, just because something's natural doesn't mean it's harmless. If that was the case, you could eat peach seeds with impunity, curare would be no big deal, and pig farms wouldn't have such nasty reputations. While organic fertilizers may be less toxic than their chemical cousins, some can still be toxic in quantity, especially manures — despite organic gardening myth to the contrary. It's a well-established fact, for example, that too much manure (or the wrong kind) could chemically burn plants due to excess nitrogen content.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." —Anne Bradstreet.

-Morry Meadow

MEN'S CLUB

Resident and Men's Club member, Dr. Larry Wellikson, gave the audience a realistic view of the immense challenges that face our country in the health care field. He explained how health care is not distributed equally across our populations and the enormous redundant and unnecessary costs we create in contrast to other developed countries. Dr. Wellikson is CEO of the Society of Hospital Medicine based in Philadelphia. Its main objective is to make health care more efficient in order to contain costs while improving patient care. It can and must be done.

The Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

—Steve Leonard

WOMEN'S CLUB

March luncheon: 12:00 noon in the ClubHouse on March 10. Our speaker will be Rhonda Dunlevie. You read about the



Dunlevies in the Meet Your Neighbors article in the January Seashore *News*. Rhonda, who has her own interior design business, will speak about The Psychology of the House. That seems an interesting subject about which we could all learn something.

All women residents of Niguel Shores are welcomed at the Women's Club luncheons. Please join us at one of these monthly get-togethers on the second Thursdays. Annual dues are \$10, we pay \$2 at each luncheon to cover the cost of paper plates, etc., bring a salad or dessert to every other one we attend, and enjoy interesting programs. There are occasional field trips, too.

-Mary Crowl

Women's Club **Home Tour**

The biannual Women's Club Home Tour will be May 5, starting at 9 o'clock.



There are six wonderful homes on the tour, ranging in size from a Sea Terrace town home to a custom home. Luncheon with wine will be catered by Sarducci's and will be served in the ClubHouse immediately after the tour.

Reservations are required. The cost is \$25 for Women's Club members and \$35 for other NSCA homeowners or guests of members of the Women's Club. Men are welcome. Availability is limited. Reservations will be taken starting March 14. Checks should be dropped off at the office clearly labeled "Home Tour". Soft soled shoes are recommended. Any questions, please call Ginny Nevitt at 488-2678.

—Ginny Nevitt



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WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We want you to sign up for a nice day of friendly bridge, starting at 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday. If you'd like to try us out, please call 496-4230 and we'll be happy to welcome you. Please bring a snack to have at noon.

Winners are:

January 19 Helen Campbell and Pouri Fowzi Pouri Fowzi and Shirley Heimstaedt January 26 February 2 Margaret Brugger, Shirley Heimstaedt and Judy Bates.

February 9 Bernadette Bloom, Patricia Conway and

Freida Baskin

Dorothy Horany and Francesca February 16

Rossi-Sunness

-Helen Campbell

LIBRARY

Children's Department:

Storytime for Toddlers/Pre-Schoolers: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. March 8,15, 22 and 29.

School-Age After School Club: Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. March 10, 17, 24 & 31.

Family Pajama Storytime: With the Sunshine Readers March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

—Caroline Hopkins

Adult's Department:

Movie Night: 3rd Friday of the month 7:00–9:00 p.m. March 18: The March film is Jaffa. In the heart of the Israeli city of Jaffa, Reuven's garage is a family-run business. The garage workers consist of Reuven's beautiful daughter Mali, his aggressive and distant son Meir, as well as the young Palestinian man, Toufik. No one suspects that Mali and Toufik have been in love for years, and that Mali is pregnant with Toufik's child. As these relationships continue to intensify, emotions begin to boil, resulting in an astonishing conclusion. From Israel Hebrew w/ English subtitles. Drama. (105 minutes.)

Computer Basics for Seniors: Monday, March 21 is the first day of Computer Basics for Seniors. The class runs March 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. In this class, we begin with the true basics, parts of a computer and using a mouse. We'll then move on to parts of a web page, and basic email. There will be tons of time to practice and learn. By the end of the course, you should be able to write and respond to email, and add attachments to email. Call ahead to reserve a spot – 949-496-5517.

—Jennifer Johnson

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club met at the home of Gretchen Rask where Diane Hearn polled the members on their evaluation of The Thunderbolt Kid. The ratings averaged about 8.5 on Bill Byson's memories of his boyhood in Des Moines. For everyone it evoked reflections on their own reactions to the world in the 1950's and speculation on how this world will seem to future generations of kids.

The next meeting will be on March 16 at 1:30 at the home of Diane Hearne where Mary Crowl will lead a review of the book Globish by Robert McCrum.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

March 28th is when Page Turners will discuss Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann. Watergate and the Vietnam War make the world feel precarious. A stunned hush pauses the cacophonous universe of New York City as a man on a cable walks (repeatedly) between World Trade Center towers. This extraordinary, real life feat becomes the touchstone for stories that briefly submerge you in ten varied and intense lives.

The morning group will meet at the home of Marcia Enger, 23935 Amundsen Bay at 10:00 a.m. The afternoon group will meet at the home of Lisa Buchner, 23641 Sidney Bay at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Page Turners meets on the fourth Monday of each month September through June. If you wish more information or to join the discussion groups, please contact Kathleen Hardcastle at 481-5503 (khlaguna@gmail. com) or Karla Sanders at 496-8413 (karlajoe@cox. net).

-Karla Sanders

POTLUCK

Sunday, March 20 is the date to remember for Potluck and we encourage you to join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Club-House. Plan to bring your own table service and beverage of choice.

We ask that you call the appropriate committee member to determine your contribution of a main dish, salad or dessert. We provide serving utensils.

A - E	Susan and Boyd VanNess	489-3182
F - O	Gretchen and Peter Rask	489-2259
P - Z	Mary Williams	248-7164
	— Ann	Christiansen

MEN'S GOLF

The second leg of the Men's Golf tour was the Talega Open on January 25. This year we have a few new rookies playing. One in particular, Kent Wellbrock in his first outing at Talega, won closest to the pin and a respectable second place finish. Congratulations to Kent . The team of Boyd Van Ness, Morry Dohner, Bob Gutknecht, and Gary Katsuki were first. Roy Dohner, Kent Wellbrock, Hal Allen, and Al Thome placed second. Closet to the pin was Kent Wellbrock and Boyd Van Ness.

Next up on February 8 was the Tijeras Creek Classic. This great course is beautiful but with that beauty comes challenges. If anyone who wants to donate golf balls, it will be appreciated by all those who played. The scoring was the Individual Tin Whistle format. The winner of the Flight A was Terry McLaughlin with Bob Russell in 2nd place. Winner of Flight B was Mac Brown with Roy Dohner in 2nd place. Winner of Flight C was Blair McDonald with Kent Wellbrock in 2nd place. This rookie is on fire! Closet to the pin was Barry Daniels and Blair McDonald.

The next Tournament will be on February 22 at Arrowwood.

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

-Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

What a gorgeous Valentine's Day it was to play golf! A special thank you to our golf captains, Lee Sweeney and Marlene Lynch, for arranging our outing at Shorecliff Golf Course. They treated us like royalty.

Our secret Valentine's game was "Love Pars"! Low Gross: Val Mitchell, Barbara Brabeck and Helena Keeshen (Guest).

Low Net: Liz Kelsch. Chip-In: Irene Mc-Donald (You go girl!). Love Pars: Liz Kelsch, Marlene Lynch, Judy Boitano, May Gramer and Helena Keeshen.

Our March Captains are May Gramer (248-1272) and Val Mitchell (582-8311).

Join our Ladies

Golf. We play the 2nd Monday of every month. Call Lee Sweeney at 949- 661-5924 or Maria Elena Banks 949-248-9300. We have a lot of fun!

-Maria Elena Banks



In Memoriam Gerald L. Moon February 2011

A resident of Magellan Isle, Gerry was Chairman of the Traffic & Safety Committee in 1997-98. He had a long career in the Los Angeles Police Department, was an instructor at the Police Academy and later worked with the famous LAPD Hat Squad. He subsequently headed se-

curity for Walt Disney Productions and, from 1971 to 2000, set up and directed security operations for the Oscars. Gerry served in the U.S. Navy during the latter part of World War II. He was a native southern Californian. Gerry's surviving wife, Marilyn, recently served on the Board and is a member of the Architecture Committee.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL **SENIORS:**

We're planning to feature our high school grads and, when appropriate, their college searches and choices in our June issue. Parents and/or students please contact Patti Staudenbaur (umass21@cox.net) if there is a graduating senior in your house.

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communicating with the homeowners and reporting on needed improvements to the general manager and the Board liaison. As I met each committee member they outlined to me the issues that are paramount in their particular area. Although the homes (and people that live in them) are varied and diverse, it was evident that the concerns of the residents are similar. For example, our community has many slopes above or below certain properties. The Landscape Committee has been busy this rainy season with several slopes in trouble.

Donna Rosecrans, our hostess, is the representative for the 56 custom homes on the beach side of PCH. Naturally, slopes and views are the major concerns there.

Kathy Jones represents 105 Berkus homes. The area has slopes that had some troubles in the heavy rains we have experienced recently.

Karen Linger represents the 67 Broadmoor homes. Protection of views seems to be the major concern of the residents there.

Joan Beyer is assigned to the 174 Atlantic Garden homes. Linda Ross is the newly appointed representative for the 239 homes in Sea Terrace I. This area had been ably represented by Elaine Converse for the past 27 years until her recent resignation from the committee. View preservation and maintenance of slopes are the primary issues there.

Janet Traver represents the 77 homes above Selva Road in Sea Terrace II.

Sue Forrest represents the 144 Shores Garden homes.

Linda Koppang is the representative for the 74 homes in the Villas.

Ellen Dovey represents the 23 Breakers Isle homes. She's been occupied with the two major slopes in that area that are being refurbished.

These individual areas are landscaped according to plans developed by the Landscape Committee and the landscape contractor. There are also three at-large committee members: Sue Forrest, Donna Rosecrans, and Karen Linger. They are responsible for the Association property: the Beach Bluff area, gate entries, community center landscaping and other areas not on private property. The general manager, Landscape contractor, and the Board liaison are ex-officio nonvoting members of the Landscape Committee.

Using a long-term plan the committee replaces problem plant material with shrubs, trees and flowers that are non-invasive, do not impede views, and minimize the cost of maintenance. Of course, as the price of water continues to rise, another requirement is drought resistant plants.

The mission statement of the Landscape Committee states that the members not only represent their individual areas but also shall work as a whole towards a coordinated, consistent and colorful community landscape. I know from the informal gathering I attended that they not only enjoy each other but they also are enthusiastic about their volunteer jobs. They joke about their "green" thumbs but all agree that Donna Rosecrans has the greenest. She has a beautiful garden of flowers on Niguel Shores Drive.

The published rules for the Landscape Committee make it clear that they shall supervise plantings in all NSCA maintenance and common areas. When they see a need for new plantings in an easement area, they report this to the Architecture Committee for approval. Any changes in plantings that are maintained by the NSCA's landscape contractor must be approved by the Landscape Committee.

Residents with concerns about their area landscaping may complete a Homeowner Request Form (available on the NSCA Web site) and leave it in the office to be forwarded to the appropriate member of the Landscape Committee.

This is an awesome job. The members truly have a deep sense of commitment as they work to maintain a beautifully landscaped community. Now as I drive through our community I say a silent "thank you" for these hard working volunteers.

—Laurel Livesay

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DANA HILLS GIRLS WATER POLO WINS FIRST LEAGUE TITLE

The Dana Hills Girls Water Polo team captured their first ever league title last month when the Lady Dolphins defeated Mission Viejo 10-8 in the final league game of their incredible season. The girl's record posts at 21-6 overall and 6-0 in the Sea View League.

Niguel Shores residents *Colleen McNaught* and *Emily Carlson* were instrumental in the Dolphin's history making season. Colleen is the school's highest scorer ever with a school record of 109 goals. The team now heads into CIF competition for the very first time in the school's history.

Good luck and Congratulations to Colleen, Emily and the entire Dana Hills Girls Water Polo Team!!

—Patti Staudenbaur



Colleen McNaught is in the second row on the right (with the white towel), Emily Carlson is on her right.



Carol's Cuisine Corner

The Swallows Day Parade will take place on March 26 in San Juan Capistrano. You can join the activities as you enjoy some of the following restaurants in the area. Call for reservations.

L'Hirondelle: 31631 Camino Capistrano, SJC 949 661 0425. Across the street from the Mission. Fine dining indoors and out. Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ricardo's Place: 32082 Camino Capistrano, 949 493 4941. Traditional prepared recipes from generations. Banquet facilities. Lunch and dinner hours 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sundried Tomato Café: 31781 Camino Capistrano, SJC 949 661 1167. California cuisine, lunch and dinner. Hours11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Vintage Steakhouse, 26701 Verdugo. SJC, 949 661 3400. Located at the Historic Capistrano Depot. Breakfast, lunch and dinner from a menu to please your palate. Hours 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sarducci's: 26701 Verdugo, SJC, 949 485 4024. Courtyard dining with a beautiful fountain. Watch people coming and going on the train. A menu with a nice variety. Breakfast, lunch and dinner 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mollies Famous Café: 32023 Camino Capistrano, SJC, 949 240 9261. Down home American cooking since 1998. Affordable prices. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hours 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ruby's Diner: 31781 Camino Capistrano, SJC, 949 496 7829. All American menus. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cedar Creek: 26880 Ortega Highway, SJC, 949 240 2229. Overlooking the Mission. A place to linger by the fire place and garden patio, as you enjoy traditional California cuisine. Lunch and dinner. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

El Adobe: 31891 Camino Capistrano, SJC 949 493 1163. Historic El Adobe, dating back to 1778. Mexican dishes that are authentic. Banquet facilities. Lunch and dinner. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ciao Pasta Trattoria: (Pizza) 31661 Camino Capistrano SJC, 949 496 5002. Across from the Mission with dining indoor or on outdoor patio. Authentic pastas. Outstanding creations. Delicious pizza. Lunch and dinner. Hours, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy a good meal with the festive return of the Swallows. Bon appetite, Carol Yocom

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Travel Tidbits

Chinese New Year. We've all heard about it and maybe even gone to Chinatown to a parade and enjoyed the antics of the four legged dragon (with the two young men inside). After wandering through the shops with all the enticing items, having dinner with chopsticks, we have found out what the new year will bring us. The little slip of paper in the fortune cookie wouldn't lie would it? This year we had the pleasure of experiencing the traditions of Chinese

New Year in Southeast Asia. We visited Hong Kong, Guilin, China, Singapore, Borneo, Brunei, and the Philippines. Significant numbers of citizens of the last four are of Chinese descent. Chinese New Year is a time for young people in the cities to return to the small towns and villages where they grew up for family gatherings. They are expected to bring gifts for their parents, other relatives and friends. The stores are packed with goodies and pre-packed baskets for them to take. We found it interesting that one of the items that seemed most prized was canned abalone from New Zealand and Mexico. In addition to the goodies, the parents expect a significant monetary gift from their offspring which shows respect and gratitude for all they have

done for the child. The returning young person is also supposed to bring monetary gifts for their unmarried siblings. These gifts are presented in small red envelopes.

The Chinese love the color red and decorate the trees with red lanterns and their houses with red banners wishing good luck, happiness, and longevity. Public places are decorated with envelopes hung on trees, potted flowers and miniature orange trees. The highlight of all the festivities is fireworks both the colorful ones and the ones that just make noise. The government banned fireworks some years ago but relented as they are a very traditional part of New Year celebrations and are thought to keep the bad spirits away in the coming year. In Guilin we watched beautiful fireworks from our hotel window and listened to the bang bang of the noisy ones from dusk until our eyes closed around midnight. They continued on. Many fires are caused and the debris in the streets is amazing and all bright red. One year it took 20,000 street cleaners to collect 2380 tons of exploded fireworks in Beijing. This time is also known as the Spring Festival and begins on the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar and ends on the fifteenth day. In 2012 it will begin on January 23 and will be the year of the dragon. If you are thinking of a winter trip next year, I would certainly recommend Asia for Chinese New Year. –Barbara Milner

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

arry and Sharon Wellikson bought their home in Niguel Shores twenty-seven years ago. They initially purchased their house on Capstan as strictly a vacation residence after hearing about the great beach, tennis, pool and parks. However, after raising their three sons in Irvine, ten years ago they decided to move to Niguel Shores permanently and they now are happy to call Niguel Shores their home.

Like so many of our Niguel Shores neighbors, Lar-

ry and Sharon are not native Californians. They came to Orange County from Philadelphia where they met some forty years ago. Larry was actually about to start Medical School Temple University when he met Sharon who was attending Temple as a Physical Therapy major. They completed their respective degrees and in 1973 moved Irvine. California, where Larry was about to begin his residency and internship at UCI. At the very young age of 26, Larry was invited to become an Assistant

Sharon and Larry Wellikson.

Professor of Medicine at UCI. However, Dr. Wellikson then decided to venture out and open his own practice in his specialty, Internal Medicine, in the city of Orange. He loved his career as physician; however, in the early 1990's he began to see the need for a change in the way people were selecting their doctors. He formed a new company, Primary Care Doctors of California. At first, Larry was the first and only employee and CEO, however, after a few short years, his company grew to include 570 doctors and 12 hospitals. Larry eventually sold, Primary Care Doctors and in 2000 he was hired by the Society of Hospital Medicine, to be their CEO. In his present position, Larry feels he is at the very center of the change we are about to see in the health care system in the United States. He is excited to be part of what

he feels will eventually create better health care options and outcomes for patients.

During the 20 plus years they lived in Irvine, the Welliksons became totally entrenched in their community. Sharon, especially, found many opportunities where she could nurture her own family and support other families as well. For the past twenty four years, Sharon has been involved with Irvine Children's Fund, an organization that provides before and after school child-

> care for Irvine Unified School District. In addition to being Executive Director of the Irvine children's Fund. Sharon runs the Irvine Junior Games, a oncea-vear event where 1500 children and 27 schools compete and participate to raise funds to support Irvine Children's Fund. Sharon's commitment to families and children in Irvine has earned her the honor of being named Citizen of the Year for the City of Irvine.

> Neither Sharon nor Larry had come to Niguel Shores to retire. Both are still, obviously, very actively

involved in many professional commitments. However, they both love the fact that they can continue their professional lives from their wonderful Niguel Shores home that provides them the opportunity to look out over the ocean when they need a break from e-mails and telecommuting.

Sharon and Larry have seen lots of positive change since first coming to Niguel Shores 27 years ago. They feel the community is moving in a younger, more open positive direction. Their children, five grandchildren and even their parents all love to gather together here in the Shores. The Welliksons believe they have found the perfect location where they can continue their careers, yet always feel like they are on vacation. I think many of us agree and share the feeling!!

—Patti Staudenbaur



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