

Seashore News



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ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual Meeting conducted on Tuesday, May 18 the Inspector of Elections confirmed 561 certified ballots and the election of Sam Johnson, Sue Kichline, and Steve Stewart to the Board of Directors. The new Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 19 for the election of officers and committee liaisons and the results are as follows:

2010–2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| President | Steve Stewart |
| 1st Vice President | Sam Johnson |
| 2nd Vice President | Rob Rifkin |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Gary Tinnes |
| CFO | Sue Kichline |

COMMITTEE BOARD LIASIONS

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Architecture | Rob Rifkin |
| Communication | Gary Tinnes |
| Finance | Sue Kichline |
| Landscape | Sam Johnson |
| Maintenance | Sam Johnson |
| Recreation | Leo Riley |
| Traffic & Safety | Gary Tinnes |
| View Preservation | Rob Rifkin |
| Investment | Sue Kichline |
| Master Landscape Plan | Sam Johnson |

FROM THE HELM

by Steve Stewart

This week we finished the most widely watched and exciting Niguel Shores election in anyone's memory. With the election thankfully over, the five Board members for this year: Sue Kichline, Gary Tinnes, Rob Rifkin, Sam Johnson and I, are committed to working together in the best interests of our community.

We live in challenging times and those challenges exist in Niguel Shores, just as they exist in our workplaces and the wider community. We have many talented residents who drive out the gate to take on those challenges and make a living for their family every day. Our Board is committed to giving them the chance to participate in and support the community they live in at the end of the day. We need their skills and experience to help us handle the challenges we face in our community.

We will be seeking out people who can make contributions on our committees and we will make it easier for them to be involved. It may take a little extra effort at the end of the day but the reward will be the satisfaction of supporting and improving Niguel Shores and the chance to meet other good people who share a common interest in our community. ■

MEET YOUR NATURE NEIGHBORS

by Karl Kuhn

The birds are singing, the trees are blooming, the annuals are displaying their vibrant colors, and the nights are getting warmer. Yes, spring is here and summer is just around the corner at Niguel Shores. We can see its evidence all around our community. To help you enjoy all of nature's treasures that can be seen in our community at this time of the year, the following words and photos are provided.

We begin by mentioning our avian visitors and permanent birds. The annual bird migration is in full swing

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FROM THE GM *by Leo Riley*

ANNUAL ELECTION – Congratulations to the new Board of Directors (see cover page) and our new Board President, Steve Stewart. Serving with Steve, is 1st VP Sam Johnson, 2nd VP Rob Rifkin, CFO Sue Kichline and Secretary, Gary Tinnes. For those homeowners who were not able to attend the Annual Election on May 18, the full official election results are located on the certification document provided by the Inspector of Elections which is inserted into this issue of the SeaShore News.

RULE CHANGES – This note is just confirming the notice that you recently received in the mail. On May 17, the prior Board of Directors approved the proposed Rule Changes which went into effect on May 18. The only proposed Rule that WAS NOT APPROVED, was 3104 A which dealt with Residential Development Standards.

RULE 6406 – BEACH BLUFF PARKING – 6406 is one of the rules that was changed as part of the above approval process. The Rule now states that only *residents* with RESIDENT BAR CODES can park in the spaces located on the lower front tiers of the beach lot. Those vehicles with GUEST BAR CODES or GUEST PASSES can only park in the upper levels of the beach parking lot. Those vehicles with no visible bar code or guest pass or parked in the wrong tier, will be cited and towed. At first, this may be confusing and will probably generate many questions but here is the Rule summary: Only vehicles with RESIDENT BAR CODES will be permitted to park in the lower oceanfront parking spaces. PERIOD !! Handicapped stickered vehicles and Golf carts that are registered in Niguel Shores (displaying a NSCA Dolphin Sticker) are the only exception to the rule and are permitted to park in the lower tiers as well. If you have questions, please contact the office or the patrol officers at the bluff or the gate house.

2010 PAVING PROJECT – Thank you for being patient while the Association carries out the completion of our extensive asphalt maintenance project. By the time you read this, it will almost be over as the target completion date has been moved up to Friday, June 11. The Beach Bluff parking lot and the office parking lot, really look great. Niguel Shores Dr. has been completely resurfaced and we have taken this opportunity to repair several damaged areas in both the asphalt and concrete.

ART COMMITTEE – You may have noticed a new collection of art being displayed in the ClubHouse. These pieces have been donated/loaned by homeowners and they have added a nice decorating touch to the facility. To this end though, we may have opened the proverbial *can of worms* because art can mean many things to many people. In order to be consistent and maintain the highest level of aesthetics, the Board feels it would like to form an ad-hoc committee to determine

policy and rules governing the display of art in the ClubHouse. The association is looking for volunteer homeowners who may be artists or have specific experience in Galleries, Art Instruction or similar art functions that would be willing to participate in this process. Please contact me if you have interest or know of someone who may be open to joining this committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – While speaking of Committee members, two finance committee members were elected to the Board of Directors, so their two positions are now vacant. If you know of anyone with a finance or financial background that would like to become involved in the Association's volunteer network, this would be an excellent and much needed opportunity. Please just have them contact me through the office.

TACO NIGHT – The Recreation Committee is putting together a series of events this summer and one of the first ones will be a repeat of the very successful *Taco Night* at the bluff. If you remember, this event sold out all 250 tickets last year and was a real hit. This year it will take place on Saturday, June 12 and tickets are on sale now in the office. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 8 and the event is BYOB. The Association will not be selling alcohol which is consistent with the new event policy. I would not recommend letting your ticket purchase go to the last minute, as I am very sure that the event will sell out this year as well.

PROM NIGHT AT THE BLUFF – It is that time of the year again for our local high schools to be holding their Prom Night. Our Beach Bluff has become very popular for the pre-prom events (photos) so don't be surprised if you large groups of teenagers down on the Bluff at sunset on Saturday. Parents— if you plan on having a group from your school coming into Niguel Shores, you will need to provide the Gate Officers with a list of guest names. Here are the dates for the Prom Nights that we are aware of:

Sat. – June 5 – Dana Hills / Capistrano Valley / & San Clemente H.S.

Sat. – June 12 – Aliso Viejo

CAMP HOBBLEDEHOY – Camp will take place again this year from June 26 ~ August 27 with the same instructors and same general format as in the past years. If you wish to sign up for the camp, you can pick up a flyer in the office or have one emailed to you. You can also contact the instructors direct at (949) 489-3447.

POOLSIDE SNACK BAR – The Recreation Committee has decided to continue the very popular Friday, Poolside Snack Bar. The volunteers will basically be offering hot dogs, sodas and other convenient snack foods for those who like to *nosh* while at the pool. Not only is the service convenient, but extremely reasonably priced. If you have children going

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BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

MAY 5, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of April 7, 2010.
- Approved the General Session Minutes of April 21, 2010.
- Approved the Special General Session Minutes of March 5, 2010.
- Approved the April 2010 Litigation Disclosure Statement.
 - Approved the filing a lien on APN 672-161-26.
- Approved the removal of an Association tree behind Coral Bay for view blockage.

DISCUSSED:

- 2010 Annual Election & Meeting.
- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project and beach erosion.
 - Asphalt Maintenance Project update.
 - Update on 2010 proposed Rule Changes.

REVIEWED:

- ClubHouse and Spa project reconciliation.
- Reviewed and filed the February 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
- Homeowner Correspondence: 1) comments regarding infant swimming lessons.

MEETINGS/HEARINGS:

- None.

MAY 5, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of April 21, 2010.
- Approved the Special Executive Session Minutes of April 16, 2010.
- Approved the authorization to file a Legal Complaint against two homeowners.

REVIEWED:

- Attorney Fiore's Status Report on pending legal matters.

DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
 - Consulting architect matter and contract.
- Concrete proposals for beach bluff – denied approval.
- Settlement agreement of Architectural litigation.

TABLED:

- Discussion to amend the CC&Rs regarding separate Rules for each track.

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Conducted two homeowner hearings: One for failure to maintain and one for overnight parking.

MAY 17, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Special General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the proposed Rule Changes for May 18, 2010 with the exception of 3104 (A) which was *NOT* approved.

HEARING:

COLUMBUS – 17 Breakers Isle – Conducted an appeal hearing of a decision to deny remodel application by the Architectural committee.

May 17, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Special Executive Session)

DISCUSSED:

- Appeal hearing for 17 Breakers Isle regarding architectural submittal.

May 18, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Annual Meeting & Election)

APPROVED:

- Minutes of May 19, 2009, Annual Meeting.
- Received and approved the Inspector of Elections Report announcing the results of the 2010 Annual Election. Candidates Sam Johnson, Sue Kichline, & Steve Stewart were elected to the three open board positions for a two year term.

DISCUSSED:

- Discussed the appointment of board liaisons to the 8 Niguel Shores standing committees and the 3Ad-Hoc committees.

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. Both are available to read on www.niguelshores.org

REMINDERS: NEXT GENERAL SESSION MEETING—JUNE 2, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.
NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION—AUGUST 18, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Meet your Nature Neighbors continued...

now and you may see a variety of bird types flying through and sometime landing in your yard for a rest.

Some of the most colorful ones belong to the warbler and oriole families. One recent sighting was the Hooded Oriole, a brightly colored yellow or orange, medium sized bird with a black face, long sharply pointed



Photo by John C. Avise

bill and long tail. Of course, this description, without a photo, makes it hard for one to visualize. While there will be some photos with this article, one can go to a very good web site to see a photo of the Hooded Oriole and many of the other birds in O.C. That web-site, <http://nathistoc.bio.uci.edu/index.htm>, is maintained by UCI, which gave me permission to use some of their photos. Encourage your children or grandchildren to visit this web-site, they will really find it exciting.



Photo by John C. Avise

Back to our avian visitors. Other spring visitors that may stop on the way through are the Wilson Warbler (photo 1) and the Western Bluebird (Photo 2). One that comes back to previous nests in Niguel Shores is the House Wren, a photo of which can to seen in the Seashore News issue of July 2009, found on the N.S. website of past issues.

Of course, there are many birds that are always in the area. These include the Black Phoebe, the Lesser Goldfinch, the Anna's Hummingbird, and the House Finch. Larger birds are the ever present Rock Dove (commonly called a Pigeon), Morning Dove, the noisy (and nest raider) American Crow, and the biggies, the Red-Tailed and Red-Shouldered Hawks. (Photo 3)



Photo by John C. Avise



Photo by Kuhn

Moving on to the color seen around the Shores. The prettiest, but certainly unusual tree is the Coral Tree, with its bright red blossoms (photo 4). Contrary to the majority of trees which produce leaves first and then begin flowering, these trees, originally from South Africa, does the opposite, flowering first then producing leaves as the photo shows one group of leaves emerging. Beautiful flowers are in evidence beginning at our entrances where our landscaper, Wendt, has planted red and white

begonias (Photo 5). Along many streets are the yellow Day Lilly (Photo 6).



Photo by Kuhn

From the sky above we lower our sight to look for the ground critters that can be seen. A prolific resident and major problem to ours and possibly yours landscaping is the Desert Cottontail rabbit (Photo 7).



Photo by Kuhn

These cute animals just love our slopes to hide in, our gardens to consume, and our landscaper to cuss at. A beneficial resident is the Western Fence Lizard (Photo 8). These sunbathers can to seen on walkways, driveways, and rocks. They are beneficial because they are carnivores and eat insects that also reside in your landscaping. For ridding your garden of insects they only ask to be left alone while they warm their cold-blooded bodies in the sun.

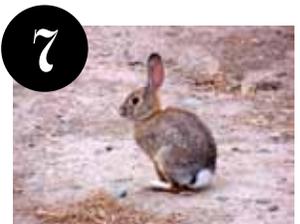


Photo by Kuhn

The next resident is looked upon by many with suspicion—snakes. The one seen mostly in our yards is the Gopher snake, either the San Diego or Pacific specie, (Photo 9).



Photo by Peter J. Bryant

This non-venomous reptile is also beneficial to our landscapes. It is a carnivore that eats rodents and gophers (a possible carrier of some diseases). Why see more at this time of the year? In spring the male is actively seeking a mate. The hatchlings emerge in the fall. This 2–6 foot long, yellow or cream colored with black, brown or reddish blotches, can mimic a rattlesnake by shaking it's tail and hissing loudly. But remember this. Snakes will always try to get away from those annoying humans. So leave them alone and they will retire to their expensive real estate home. Please note: the Orange County Vector Control Department does not deal with snakes.



Photo by O.C. Animal Control

We close with one last photo. If you enjoy hiking the Highlands preserve you may be lucky and see the Long Tailed Weasel in this photo (Photo 10). ■



Photo by Joel Weintraub

ARCHITECTURE

In the Architecture Committee article in the May issue of the *Seashore News* it was reported that the A.C. meetings time was being changed starting with the May 13 meeting. It also stated that the meetings will be on the second and fourth **Tuesday** of the month. The *SSN* staff did not verify the days and later found out that May 13 was a **Thursday** which is the correct day for the new meeting days. The calendar insert correctly showed the new meeting days on Thursday. The staff apologizes for any confusion this caused.

—The Editor

MAINTENANCE

Your maintenance personnel have been busy handling the many minor repairs around the community and the many activities in the ClubHouse requiring setup, etc. Therefore, there was very little to report.

However, beginning on May 10 one of the major community enhancement projects and one required to provide safe travel through N.S. was begun to repair and repave the beach bluff parking lots and a number of our streets. Mariner Drive, Niguel Shores Drive, and the Selva exit were all impacted and your patience was most appreciated. While the repaving is not the responsibility of the maintenance department the *SSN* included this photo in this section for historical purposes.

—The Editor



Niguel Road Repaving

NIGUELSHORES.ORG

NiguelShores.org has been busy as ever the last couple months. Between the new E-Sign Act and all the new club

updates—the website is still receiving a record amount of visitors compared to last year. If you don't know what I'm talking about, please be sure to swing by www.niguelshores.org when you have some free time.

The newest addition to our website is the Pet Photo Gallery. Check out the website to view the cutest pets in Orange County! Be sure to send in your pet photo with a caption to the email below so we can post it on the website.

We have also been updating the archive pages throughout the site so if you haven't been on the website, make sure you check out the photos and *Seashore News*' pages to see what you have missed. Thank you all for continuing to make our website bigger and better every month! If you have any questions or comments for the website, please feel free to email me.

—Kathleen Capalla
webadmin@niguelshores.org

RECREATION

It is almost summer time and many of you will begin spending much more time at our wonderful beach bluff area. Beach Bluff BBQ on Memorial Day, May 30, kicked off this popular N.S. activity, a time to bring your food to BBQ and beverages to enjoy and to chat with your neighbors. Thank you Bob Borland and your BBQ crew for getting those coals ready for delicious meals.

The Recreation committee has a full summer planned for all ages.

On June 7 the tables for the August 21 summer party will go on sale. See below for the party details. Be in line at the office to purchase one of the 18 tables available. Table for 10 will be \$120. Tickets for areas without a table will \$10 each. See you in line on June 7.

Taco Night: June 12. Tickets are on sale in the office. Adults \$10, children, 8 and under, \$5. A new Taco Place,

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El Conejito, from Lake Forest, will be providing the tacos again for as many as you can eat, with a choice of 3 meats. This is a BYOB. The children will have fun playing. Entertainment will be provided by Tim for everyone to enjoying. Buy your tickets now and tables are first come, first serve. Time is 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 4: The full schedule and activities times will be front page on the July Seashore News. Plan the day from Dawn to Dusk, and then watch the fireworks. Jerry and Barbara Milner will be there taking care of the BBQ grill and our Nancy Tinnes and her crew will be planning the day with many activities for all ages.

Look for an e-mail announcement of a children's party in July.



Hot dog Friday: This service begins at the ClubHouse on Fridays in July and August, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Only \$5 for a hot dog, chips, soda and cookie. We would like some volunteers to help with the serving.

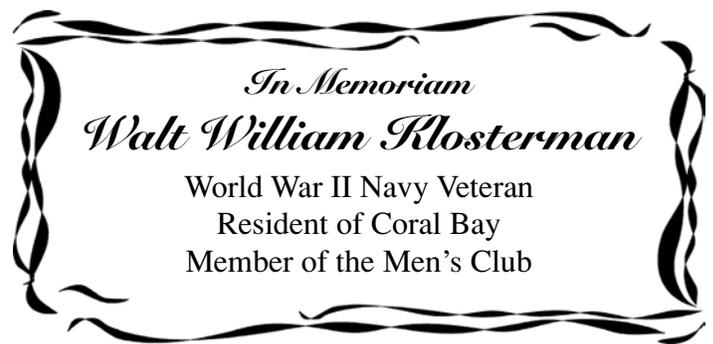
Beach Bluff BBQ: August 1, another BBQ for you to enjoy the sunsets, your gourmet food, and visiting with neighbors.

"Band at the Sea": August 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. A special musical group, *The Train*, will perform and will play music for all ages to enjoy. Tickets for reserving the tables will go on sale in the office June 7. See above for more details on reserving tables. If you want to come and enjoy the music on your own blanket, the cost is only \$10. Bring your own food, drinks and friends and spend an entertaining evening under the stars.

Another **Taco night** and **BBQ night** is scheduled over Labor Day weekend.

See, we have planned a busy summer for everyone. Join us in these fun activities with your Niguel Shores friends.

—Carol Yocum



Carol's Cuisine Corner

The train is coming into San Juan Capistrano bringing your friends here to see the Mission and enjoy the area. Now you must find places to enjoy lunch or dinners. Here are some ideas.

RAMOS HOUSE CAFÉ: 31752 Los Rio Rd. San Juan Capistrano, 949 443 1342. Enjoy a unique place in the historic area. Tuesday to Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the patio area as you see and hear the trains. American cuisine with a touch of South.

SARDUCCI'S CAPISTRANO DEPOT: 26701 Verdugo St., San Juan Capistrano, 949 485 4024. Open daily 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a variety of a menu. Courtyard dining lets you see and hear the trains coming into the depot.

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*Hope you have the pleasure of visiting some of these restaurants with your friends....
Bon appetite, Carol Yocum*

GARDEN CLUB

Our plant sale May 15 was a first for us, and turned out to be very successful. The ClubHouse was full of spring blooming annuals and perennials-to-succulents, dish gardens and fairy gardens, pottery, hand made garden art, bird houses, etc. all



Linda Koppang, Francine Stout, Jerry Koppang

provided by our garden club members.

Mark Garrity, Director of Silver-Wood Landscape Design, whose company is the primary consultant assisting in developing the Niguel Shores Landscape Master Plan, donated a variety of shrubs: Roses, star jasmine, agave, cordyline, kangaroo paw, pride of maderia and a nine foot silver pitosporum tree, all contributed from Mark's main growers. These donations were made with the knowledge that our club provide funds, raised this year by the plant sale, for the reforestation of our local fire-burned areas. This garden club activity is in conjunction with the U.S. forestry Service.

Teri Sweeney, *our club founder in 2001*, donated our grand door prize—a large beautiful oriental/tropical dish garden she creates in her new business.

Suzanne Enis donated her colorful creative *eye friendly* signs at the entrance to the ClubHouse.

Thank you to my plant sale committee members: co-chair Francine Stout and Jack Sweeney, Joan Beyer, Anita Geyer, Jerry Koppang and all our wonderful helpers.

Memo: Membership fee is due in June—\$20 and \$5 for spouse. Mail checks made out to Niguel Shores Garden Club to Karla Sanders. Prompt payment insures that your

name will be in our annual publication 2010–11 club directory.

Beach Bluff BBQ June 21. Monday: Sign-up and selection of salad, appetizer, or dessert and \$5 check due in advance. Mail to Linda Koppang, Please no payments at picnic. See you there.

—Aloha, Linda Koppang

MEN'S CLUB

Ladies' Day at the Mens Club

The first Ladies' Day in our new ClubHouse had a successful turnout with over 70 in attendance. Our spouses and those of former members were presented with the traditional long stemmed red rose and complimentary hot breakfast. Dana Point Code Enforcement officer Angela Duzich informed and entertained the crowd. She explained her duties and how varied and always interesting her job is. With humorous experiences and suggestions she illustrated the necessity and the ease with which we can all comply with the civil codes in force in our city. If Angela appears at your house, please comply.

At the second meeting of May, we had Niguel Shores resident and club member Dr. Burr McKeehan speak and show photos of his volun-

teer humanitarian mission to help and treat the earthquake victims of Haiti. He spent a week in a small remote hospital in the northern part of Haiti where the conditions were abominable, working long days to treat, with a team of dedicated volunteer doctors and nurses, the many injured children and adults, many flown in by helicopter from Port du Prince. While assistance and supplies were coming from all over the world, coordination of movement and utilization of these humanitarian efforts was not very well organized resulting in many useless and sometimes stolen equipment and supplies. While his week in Haiti was very stressful, he was deeply affected by



Dr. Burr McKeehan

the plight of the children, many of whom lost both their parents. He may go back. Our entire community salutes Burr in this noble endeavor.

The Mens club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Membership is open to all residents.

—Steve Leonard & Karl Kuhn

WOMEN'S CLUB

The 2009–2010 Women's Club year traditionally ends with its June Tea. This year tradition will be observed with some variation, as members will discover on June 10. The June Tea will be held in the ClubHouse,

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WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We meet every Wednesday at 11 a.m. and if you would like to add to our group, please call Gloria Thrailkill at 661-0763 or Kay Wittmack at 661-8177. We bring our own sandwich or snack and coffee and tea are provided, as well as little treats the members bring. The cost is \$1 for a day of fun, and we are usually finished by 3:00 p.m., so give us a try.

Winners since the last issue are:

- April 21 Lorraine Aronson, Franchesca Sunness and Freida Baskin
- April 28 Judy Bates, Kay Wittmack and Helen Campbell
- May 5 Gloria Thrailkill, Gaynell Reyno and Freida Baskin
- May 12 Patricia Conway and Shirley Heimstaedt.
- May 19 Helen Campbell and Freida Baskin

—Helen Campbell

OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

As threatened, the Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club met on May 19 at the home of Barbara Milner to discuss, evaluate, and dissect *The Media Relations Department of Hezbollah Wishes You a Happy Birthday*. The culture and value gap between the book club members and the ruling parties of the Middle East countries is so vast that we see disengagement from their politics as the best alternative—EXCEPT we can't fully disengage because of Oil and Israel. We could buy each of the countries boxcars full of Oreo's so they could munch them with their tea, talk together and settle problems like we do in the Book Club. But Hillary and the State Department said no. Next meeting at the home of Gretchen Rask where we will discuss *The Elephant and the Dragon*.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

The Page Turners' last meeting of the year for 2009–2010 will be on Monday, June 28 from 1–3 p.m. at the Niguel Shores ClubHouse. It will be a joint meeting of the morning and afternoon groups to select the eight books

that will be read during 2010-2011. Members will choose books from fiction and non-fiction categories, including current and classic selections.

Karla Sanders has graciously volunteered to be Page Turners' morning coordinator for the coming year, replacing Gloria Weintraub who has provided exemplary leadership. Kathleen Hardcastle will continue to coordinate the Page Turners' afternoon group.

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), or Karla Sanders at 496-8413 (karlajoe@cox.net)

—Kathleen Hardcastle

DIPPY DOLPHINS

Time Change

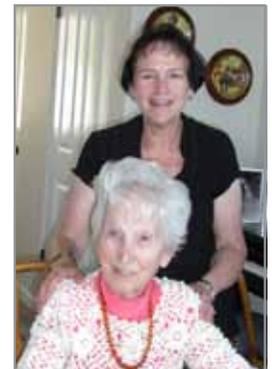
Summer is a-comin' in, and as of Tuesday, June 2, the Dippy Dolphins will meet from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All residents are welcome to join this wonderful group where we get lots of good exercise and laughs galore. The cost is \$3 per session or \$27 if paid monthly. Resident Cynthia Carlson, Dana Hills Girls' swim coach, is our instructor, and she keeps us hopping. And there is always room for one more!

The group just celebrated our member Ruth Levitan's 90th birthday, a very elegant event held at her daughter's beautiful home in San Clemente, replete with string trio, and a sumptuous luncheon. But you don't have to be 90 to join in the fun!

—Hope Luedeke



Marlene, Bunny M., Kathy, and Marilyn at Ruth's Party



Ruth and daughter Joyce

LIBRARY

Children's Department: Mark your calendars for the Summer Reading Program. The theme is *Make a Splash Read*. The official starting date of the Summer Reading is

June 28. Come to the Library Beach Hut to sign-up to win prizes in the Reading Game.

Special Weekly Performances will be held on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning July 1 – August 12.

Story times will be held for all ages on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., June 29 – August 10.

Adult Book Club: The book for the June meeting is *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is looking for volunteers, call 949-489-3956 if you are interested.

—Judy Pasek

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If you enjoy laughing and “thinking on your feet,” let us know. The Emeritus Committee may offer an improvisation class for adult Niguel Shores residents. The class would be held once or twice a month in the evening at our ClubHouse. If you are interested call Chris at: (949) 496-4038.

—Chris Stanfield

TRAVEL TIDBITS

Welcome to the newest article for the *Seashore News*. Travel Tidbits will appear periodically when the editor needs to fill a little space. I think we all like to travel sometimes, whether it is to visit relatives, see the “big cities” of the US and Europe, or go on adventures to the lands of *National Geographic*. Do you have any idea how many countries there are in the world? It sounds like a simple question and the answer is usually “Oh, maybe 150, 175, something like that”. But, the count depends on who you ask. The UN lists 192 members but this list does not include the Vatican or Kosovo. Our state department lists 194 which includes Kosovo but not Taiwan. Obviously world politics plays a role in these counts.

But the Travelers Century Club lists a whopping 320. Although many are not actually countries, they are far enough removed from their parent to qualify. For instance, Greenland belongs to Denmark but for the avid traveler, going to Greenland is like going to another country, even if they have been to Denmark.

For those of you who enjoy keeping track of where you have been, have a look at the Travelers Century Club website, www.travelerscenturyclub.org. If you have been to 100 or more *Countries* you are eligible to join this *on your honor* club. If you are already a member, let me know. It would be fun to have a get together of the Niguel Shores Century Club members.

—Barbara Milner



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MEN'S GOLF

It was a cold and windy day at Meadow Lake Golf Club North of Escondido for our May 11 golf tournament. Bob Hastings, Charlie Clark and Terry McLaughlin were the winners in "A" Flight. Gary Katsuki, Bob Hill and Jerry Koppang were the winners in "B" Flight. Dave Proctor, Blair McDonald, and Tom McNicholas were the winners in "C" Flight. Jerry Koppang was closest to the pin on hole #16. No one reached the green on hole #4.

Our tournament at Temecula Creek on May 25 will be covered in the next issue of the Seashore News. We encourage all members of the men's club to join us when they can. We have excellent golf courses available for any level of playing skill. We will be playing at the Crossings at Carlsbad on June 8 and at the Vineyards in Escondido on June 22, with lunch included in the green fees.

"The only shots you can be dead sure of are those you've already taken" —Byron Nelson

—Tom McNicholas

WOMEN'S GOLF

Next Fun Day is Monday, June 1. Check-in time is 8:00 a.m. at Aliso Creek Golf Course. We always welcome new people and all levels of players. To sign up for golf call Golf Captains; Chris Beaver 493-7430 or Linda Ross 248-3408. Club president, Maria Elena Banks, 248-9300, can also be called for information. Lunch and a short business meeting will follow play. A BBQ menu, sandwiches and soft drinks are available for purchase at the snack shop.

If you need to cancel golf please call one of the golf captains. Last minute cancelers also have to notify the starter at the course, 499-1919.

Our Annual Memorial Tournament and Luncheon is July 10. Keep the date free and start practicing. There will be more information in the July Seashore News.

We had a fun game of the day based on the date 5/10/10. Our golf captains, Gretchen Rask and Ceacy Johns announced the winners (as you can see, the big winner was Liz Kelch).

The winning team was Liz Kelch, Marlene Lynch and Barbara McKlveen.

Low Net was Liz Kelch

Closest to the pin on #8 was Liz Kelch.

Longest drive on #9 was Liz Kelch.

Low putts were Liz Kelch and Lee Sweeney.

Low gross were Ceacy Johns and Marlene Lynch.

Closest to the pin on #6 was Barbara McKlveen..

Liz Kelch had a birdie.

"Real golfers don't miss putts they get robbed"

—Irene McDonald

TO EXERCISE OR NOT?

If you are looking for a low impact, aerobic experience then look no further. The 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (MWF) COED exercise group gives you the opportunity to get back into shape and make you feel good. Join other Niguel Shores residents stretch and move their way to better health. Leslie Davis (instructor) has been leading the class for the last 13 years. The fee is \$10 per session or \$60 per month. It is held early enough so that you can still meet all your obligations for the rest of the day. Come watch or come try. You will enjoy it and feel rejuvenated. If you have any question please call Elaine Converse at 493-8066.

—Elaine Converse



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR by Laurel Moonier

Judith Flynn

Judith Flynn, (or Judy as she prefers), has been your Neighbor since 2003. She and her husband Jon Cobain moved from Newport Beach to Niguel Shores for several reasons. They liked the idea of a being in a gated community, they knew it was well established and our tennis courts were a big plus for Jon, who is an avid tennis player.

Judy is the author of a book called *Gumboots, Lesson Plans, and Hot Rugby Nights*. It is about Judy's new beginnings as a teacher in New Zealand. After 30 years in corporate finance, Judy decided that she wanted to make a major change in her life. She wrote down her story because she wanted to share it with others who might be stuck in a job they no longer wanted. She hoped to help them see that it was possible to make a change.

Judy was born and raised in San Francisco. She and her parents and five siblings lived in a two bedroom, one bath, house on 40th St. It was a wonderful place for families near the beach and the western end of Golden Gate Park.

After High School, Judy went to San Francisco State University and graduated in 1970 with a degree in accounting. She began her financial career working on Montgomery Street, one of the most important money centers in the U.S. By the age of 28 Judy was Vice President of a stock brokerage firm. After a few more years in San Francisco she moved to south Orange County. She took time out to get an MBA from the University of Southern California. While at USC, she met John Cobain, and they were married in 1983. She continued her work in corporate finance for 20 more years in Orange County.

In 2000, Judy felt a strong urge to explore new frontiers in her life. Many people wish for a change as they follow their prescribed path in life: Their career choices having been influenced perhaps by teachers, school counselors or innate academic talent. After some years, this career path

may eventually become less appealing and they may want to expand their horizons, but then find it difficult to make a change. However, Judy decided to act on her wish to change, and began to research different possibilities. This was the start of her new beginning.

A short vacation in Italy with her husband had made Judy wish for a much longer stay to absorb the history and the culture of the country. She found that teaching jobs were available in Europe. She was sure she could teach English and accounting, even though she had never been a teacher. However, one of the requirements for teaching in Europe

was being a citizen of one of the European Union member countries. Fortunately, Judy discovered that she could almost literally be *grandfathered* in by the happy accident that her grandparents were born in Ireland.

While she was working as a management consultant in Orange County, she enrolled at U.C. Irvine and took classes that would help her fulfill requirements for teaching overseas. *English as a Second Language* was a required class, for example, and it proved invaluable, giving Judy confidence as well as the skills and materials she needed to teach.

The Internet proved to be an invaluable tool in Judy's search for a job in a foreign country. She received some

offers of jobs through the web that sounded good at first but that she ultimately turned down when the negatives began to outweigh the positives in their proposed contracts. Finally she accepted a job in New Zealand as a teacher of English and accounting.

Judy departed for New Zealand in April of 2002. The enormity of leaving her husband behind in California hit her as the airport shuttle pulled away from the curb in front of her home in Newport Beach. Judy and her husband had always had individual careers that required traveling so they were used to being apart, but this would be a longer separation. However, Jon planned to visit her as much as possible,



Judith Flynn

and he supported her in her search for new beginnings.

She arrived in Auckland to be met by dreadful wet and cold weather. She put on her rain boots, (or Gumboots, as they are called in New Zealand), and hardly ever had them off while walking around the city. *The Auckland Clouds*, as they are known by the locals, hid the sun much of the time Judy was there.

But Judy did find sunshine. It was in the New Zealand people. They were warm and hospitable, helping her to find a place to live and making her feel welcome.

Judy's students were mostly Asians in their twenties who had come to New Zealand to be immersed in the English language. She found them to be delightful and eager to

learn. It was crucial for these young people to learn English and math in order to get into a university or be a success in business. Judy was teaching both of those subjects, providing her students with their very own new beginnings. Judy taught at the school for six months and then spent another month exploring New Zealand with Jon.

Returning to California, she knew that she had found herself. She started writing her book. Since it's publication, she has been giving motivational speeches to groups, telling them that it is possible to reinvent oneself. Judy likes to quote George Eliot, the nineteenth century novelist who wrote: *It's never too late to become what you might have been.* ■

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and members are encouraged to wear hats for the occasion. Everyone should bring her own favorite teacup and saucer. As a special treat this year, the tea is complimentary to all members, and the food will be catered. Former presidents have been invited to join the festivities. The installation of officers for 2010–2011 will take place.

Dues for the upcoming year are due and payable by check made out to the Niguel Shores Women's Club for \$10. Ardis Ghobrial will be on hand at check-in to collect payments, or checks may be turned in at the office. Members are asked to pay by July 15 to guarantee that their names are included in the 2010–2011 Directory.

The May program presented an outstanding array of members' creative abilities, from needle work to writing. Diane Hearne displayed the results of her digging into genealogical research, writing anecdotes and creating games, as her means of providing family history to her descendants. Patricia Conway treated the membership to her music and poetry. Linda Rice offered a dazzling array of clothing and accessories made from quilting and beadwork, and Karla Sanders discussed her fine pictures made of cross-stitch, including a replica of a Gustav Klimt.

The 2010–2011 board was voted in: Nancy Tinnes, President; Lyn Long, Vice-President; Jeannie Sticher, Secretary and Ardis Ghobrial, Treasurer.

The Women's Club does not meet during July and August. The next meeting will take place in September.

—Phyllis Tezer

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to Hobbledehoy, it is a great way to get out of fixing lunch for your campers on Friday.

FOBs and SECURITY – Every summer we remind everyone to please bring your FOB to gain entry to the Community Center Complex. With the new spa and Club-House, we are expecting record crowds and record numbers of people just asking to be let in. We hate being the unfriendly Gate Monitor, but that is what the homeowners expect and demand that we do. As a result, beginning June 1, the staff will no longer *just buzz me in* for those who forget. Please don't yell at us for doing this, just remember to bring your FOB or provide one for your family members and guests. ■

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