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FROM THE HELM

I hope you are enjoying your summer in the Shores. It is nice to think the good weather we were denied in the early part of the season will instead be visited on us in September and October. The weather is something we can talk about but none of us can do anything about. Life in Niguel Shores, on the other hand, is not like the weather. You can both talk about it and do something about it.

I want to use this space today to tell you about an opportunity for you to do something about your community. Niguel Shores runs on committees and we need a lot of new members for those committees. You can serve on a committee and have a real impact here. Your Board of Directors and management team see a lot of challenges coming in the next few years. Facing them will require new thinking and energy. We could really use the help and talent of the fabulous people who live here. We are presently recruiting new members for Traffic and Safety, Architecture, Recreation and Communications. We will be asking people we have identified in the community to serve but don't wait to be asked. If you want

to get involved, please send an email to the general manager at gm@niguelshores.org and tell us about yourself and what you would like to do. We want to hear from you and every inquiry will get a response.

I would also like to highlight a couple of programs that volunteers in the community are putting on for residents. Bunny Ross and the Emeritus Committee are presenting some interesting college level learning and enrichment programs, such as Tai Chi classes, that are open to everyone. The Emeritus program has the potential to be expanded into other areas, including evening programs for working homeowners. Of particular note, the Recreation Committee has put together many successful community activities this year, such as Taco Night and concerts at the Bluff. Their energy and effort deserve applause. Both of these volunteer efforts bring a richer cultural experience to our community and are a great example of what volunteers can accomplish and what our community can aspire to. Please support them and consider joining their efforts.

— Steve Stewart

NIGUEL SHORES MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN

In 2009 the Board of Directors formed a committee with the assignment to research and develop a master landscape plan for the Niguel Shores community. The shock of the recent \$60,000 price increase in the cost of water, wreaking havoc* with the budget, was a wake-up call to action on the landscape front and to the need to make changes to the irrigation system which, even though the most modern satellite irrigation system was installed four years ago, is still using old sprinkler head technology. The Committee quickly took steps to submit a Request for Proposal to a number of landscape design firms which subsequently elicited presentations by three companies. From this group, SilverWood Landscape Design was engaged based on its practical and applicable proposal. The basic request for proposals was a broad one encompassing not only the plantings and irrigation



Cabrillo entrance with new drought tolerant plants.

but the overall *look* of the Shores. Of primary importance for attention were the slopes and the irrigation system, followed by the amount of turf, number and type of trees,

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FROM THE GM

PPOOL MONITOR – Many of you have complained about unauthorized guests / visitors using the facilities at the Community Center. In order to control unauthorized entry and activities (such as smoking, alcohol consumption, glassware etc) you will now find that there is Pool Monitor on duty at the entrance to the Community Center. He is not a Lifeguard, but rather a Patrol Officer who is responsible to confirm that only homeowners and their authorized guests are using the facilities. His name is James and you will probably meet him on your next visit to the pool. Just a reminder that, with this change, your guests will need to be accompanied in the Community Center and, as per the rules, they will not be admitted without the sponsoring homeowner.

FOBS – Along this same line, please be sure to bring your FOB to the Community Center. The Pool Monitor will challenge anyone trying to enter without a FOB so the easiest way to avoid this inconvenience is to bring your device. In addition, the office lobby door will now be permanently locked which will not allow entrance to the Center through the office. We apologize for these inconvenient changes but once again a few violators have inconvenienced the majority of rule abiding homeowners.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – As you know, one of the things that really separates Niguel Shores from other HOAs is the high number of homeowner volunteers who serve on the eight major standing committees. They are: ARCHITECTURE, COMMUNICATION, FINANCE, LANDSCAPE, MAINTENANCE, RECREATION, TRAFFIC & SAFETY & VIEW PRESERVATION. On any given day, the Association has over 50+ volunteers serving on these committees with two distinctly different benefits to the community. First, their **FREE** volunteering of time and expertise is one of the major reasons that our dues are maintained at such a low level and homeowner participation in the governance process is so high. Secondly, the committee process is the foundation for that very special social fabric that bonds this community together and sets it aside as “special” compared to other HOAs. Basically, the committee process forms the “back yard” fence over which “neighbor to neighbor” conversations take place sort of like in the old days. This has been a 40 year tradition that creates a cycle that every now and then needs to be rejuvenated with new blood. To that end, the Board of Directors has created a Committee Membership Drive which will culminate in a “Thank You & Recruitment” party on Wednesday, October 13. The party will be held in the ClubHouse from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and will offer complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beer / wine / drinks. The party is to thank the existing members and, at the same time, provide an opportunity for new candidates and new homeowners to experience the camaraderie of the committee process. Please look for further information in the October *Seashore News* and in the homeowner email notices. Also, please read Board President Steve Stewart’s discussion of the committee process in his “From the Helm” article in this month’s issue.

TACO NIGHT – For those of you who missed it, the event was wildly successful and all 230 tickets were sold out. We turned away at least 30 more homeowners and guests who wanted to participate, but no tickets were available. Actually, the tickets were available, but there wasn’t enough food. Look for changes in how the Association manages the ticket sales as we need to change our policies to match the increased demands for the use of the new amenities. Purchasing tickets at the last minute causes planning problems for the homeowner volunteers on the Recreation Committee and results in disappointed “turn aways” at the event.

WEEKLY RENTALS – Since it is summer tourist time, I need to remind homeowners that Niguel Shores CC&Rs (Article IX, Sect. 24) mandates that the minimum rental period in this association is **30 DAYS**. “Week to week” rentals are very attractive because of the high rents that they can generate, but they are prohibited in Niguel Shores. Recently, the Association fined several homeowners for this practice. It is an automatic hearing with the Board of Directors and merits a fine. We enforce this very strictly to avoid the affect that these types of rentals have on neighboring properties. It is very easy for the Association to track and prove this activity based on the on-line advertising. If you see this taking place in your neighborhood, please report it to the office and we will put an end to it.

MARY CROWL IS BACK AS OUR EDITOR – For personal reasons, Carl Kuhn has stepped down as Editor of the *Seashore News* and beginning with this issue, Mary Crowl has kindly agreed to come back as “acting” editor. Karl has done a tremendous job during his tenure in this position, volunteering much of his personal time in producing the newsletter. On behalf of the Association, we all owe him a great deal of thanks for his personal efforts. If anyone would know how much time and effort it takes to produce the newsletter, it is Mary Crowl and we greatly appreciate the fact that despite this, she still agreed to once again step in and take on this responsibility. Thanks Mary & Karl.

GATEWORKS TRAINING – By now, most of you are aware that in July, Gateworks installed an upgraded system and added bar-code scanning to the NSCA program. This created some changes that affect how homeowners “sign on” and how the information is displayed. For instance, on the new system, your password is now case sensitive and if your entry doesn’t match what is on file, you will not be able to successfully sign on. To help solve this and improve homeowner access to the system, Gateworks has agreed to conduct two training workshops during the month of September. One class will be held Wednesday night September 8 from 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. and then again on Saturday morning, September 11 from 9:00 ~ 10:00 a.m. Both will be conducted in the ClubHouse and this is your chance to become very familiar with the Gateworks system and at the same time, answer all your access questions. If you have any Gateworks questions, please just contact the office.

—Leo Riley

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

AUGUST 4, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of July 21, 2010.
 - Approved 2 Gateworks workshops for homeowner training on new system.
 - Approved the appointment of (2) new members to the Ad Hoc Master Landscape Committee. They are: Cyril Jones and Chris Griffiths
- Approved the August 2010 Litigation Disclosure Statement.
- Approved revised hours of construction within Niguel Shores.

DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project presentation & public discussion.
- Beach Bluff code compliance matter with City of Dana Point.
 - Possible Reserve deficit for 2010 discussion.
 - Recommendations to balance the 2010 budget.
 - Revised schedule for 2010 Budget preparation.
 - Amendment to CC&Rs for tract specific rules (held in Executive Session with Counsel).
 - Master Landscape project update.

REVIEWED:

- Reviewed and filed the June 2010 Financial Report
- Reviewed and filed the June 2010 Variance & Delinquency Reports.
 - Homeowner Correspondence: Comments from Salvador Bay homeowners on construction hours within the community.

TABLED:

- Stonehill Gate discussion
- NSCA access policies to the community association.
- Ad Hoc Art Committee to develop policies and procedures.
 - HOA Debt recovery & Collection services.
 - Gate Access Device fee.
 - View Preservation Committee rule discussion.
 - Network Server discussion.
 - Video camera / vandalism at spa area.

AUGUST 4, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of July 21, 2010.

REVIEWED:

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

DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving six (6) homeowners.
- Contractor's progress on Master Landscape project.
- Beach Bluff concrete bid proposals (repairs and compliance).
 - Consulting architect matter and contract.
- Finance Committee recommendations and personnel matter from management.
- Committee leadership matter with two committees.

TABLED:

- Cash policies for the Recreation Committee events.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- (8) Homeowner hearings for various violation of the CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations.

AUGUST 18, 2010 BOARD MEETING (General Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the General Session Minutes of August 4, 2010.
 - Approved the appointment of Mary Crowl to the Communication Committee.
 - Approved the resignation of Karl Kuhn from the Communication Committee.
 - Approved the resignation of Barbara Orsini from the View Preservation Committee.
 - Approved the referral of two delinquent accounts to legal counsel for collection.

DISCUSSED:

- County of Orange Revetment Rehabilitation project update.
 - Master Landscape project update & budget discussion (2011 Landscape Comm.)
 - Future Reserve funding discussion.
 - Emeritus program update (Bunny Ross presentation).
- Art Committee policy presentation (John Hall & Kay Wittmack).
 - Beach Bluff code matter with City of Dana Point update.
 - Art in Public Places project update.
 - Video cameras & vandalism in spa area.
 - HOA Debt Recovery & Collection services.
 - Gateworks system update.

REVIEWED:

- NSCA access policies to the community.
- Network Server specifications.

TABLED:

- Cash policies for the Recreation Committee events.
 - Stonehill Gate discussion
- NSCA access policies to the community association.
 - Future reserve funding discussion.
- View Preservation Committee Rule discussion.

AUGUST 18, 2010 BOARD MEETING (Special Executive Session)

APPROVED:

- Approved the Executive Session Minutes of August 4, 2010.
- Approved the Special Executive Session Minutes of August 10, 2010.

REVIEWED:

- Maintenance Dept. labor costs for Association sponsored events.

DISCUSSED:

- AC legal matters involving four (4) homeowners.
- Consulting architect contract and policy protocols.
 - Beach Bluff compliance project.
 - Beach Bluff concrete repair and band stand.
 - Typesetting contract for the *Seashore News*.
- Contract termination considerations for existing contractor.
 - Alternative Collection services / methods (tabled until 8/4/2010 BOD meeting).
 - Committee leadership and membership policies.

TABLED:

- Cash handling policies for Recreation Committee events.
 - Beach Bluff compliance project.
 - Beach Bluff repair to concrete band stand area.
- Possible contract fulfillment and termination discussion.

HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

- Conducted (3) homeowner hearings: (2) for violation of Rule 6405 / overnight parking and (1) for violation of Rule 9109 / dog barking and disturbance.
- Conducted a meeting with homeowner to discuss appeal of a fine.

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—SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.
NEXT GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM—NOVEMBER 17, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART

Several months ago, General Manager Leo Riley wrote in the *Seashore News* about the need for an Art Committee to display community art in our new ClubHouse. Artist Kay Wittmack picked up the baton and contacted other Shores artists John Hall, Janet Mackaig and Susan Chaska for their thoughts. A program was developed and reviewed by the NSCA Board.

To get the program rolling, a call is issued to **resident Shores artists to bring work of all ages** to the first Art Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m., Thursday September 9 in the ClubHouse. Please bring your, photography, paintings, drawings, assemblages, mixed media...originals or prints.

Art will not be juried. The only limitation is **the work must be suitable for all ages**. Work on paper is to be framed. Work on canvas may be framed or wrapped. You will be asked to fill out an entry form to include the price if you wish to sell it. All sales will be handled directly by the artist and the buyer. There is no enrollment fee. The cost of framing or presentation will be borne by the artist. Art will hang for 60 days and is accepted on a first come, first served basis. The number of pieces per submission will be limited to four, or less with large sized pieces.

Most important, we need active committee volunteers to keep this program rolling. Displaying artists or their parents will be asked to volunteer their time to handle future signups.

We invite you and your family to take part! Over the years, Niguel Shores has had many fine artists including Buck Ewing, Doris Adams and Frank Turner. Who knows, maybe we can discover a budding Picasso with some finger painting! Come and meet your fellow artists. Refreshments will be served. For further information please contact:

Kay Wittmack 949-661-8177, John Hall 949-489-3172, Susan Chaska 949-248-9536.

—John Hall

LANDSCAPE

The Landscape Committee is busy working on its portion of the 2011 budget. Our primary concern is low water plants that add color and complement our community. Several of our members are also on the Master Landscape Committee and we all look forward to their recommendations for each of our nine communities. This month's issue (September) of the *Seashore News* has a feature article on SilverWood Landscape Design and the progress of the Master Landscape Committee. Check it out and let

us know your thoughts or suggestions. The easiest way to communicate is via the NSCA web page. We will continue with updates to all of you in future editions of the *Seashore News*.

Many thanks to Sue Forrest, Jerry and Linda Koppang, and to Shawn Wendt and the landscaping crew for the Pentas plants at the Mariner gate entrance. A colorful way to end summer and welcome autumn.

Hope you all are enjoying some beautiful sunsets at the beach bluff.

—Ellen Dovey

MAINTENANCE

Some may accept defeat and others will not. Our Maintenance people do not accept defeat.

Monday morning a few weeks ago a resident reported that the Beach Bluff gate would not lock. We checked it and it worked, but a day later it did not work. Obviously an intermittent problem that was difficult to diagnose. Maintenance, being the sleuths that they are, determined the problem to be the Fire Department's Knox Key switch. This is the switch that allows the Fire Department to open any of our locked gates.

Now the bureaucracy kicks in. The Fire Department does not fix or replace these switches. It is our responsibility. The procedure is that we contact the Orange County fire Department and obtain a signed authorization to purchase the switch. We then send the order, along with payment, to the Knox Company in Arizona. We are advised that the order will be put in the queue and it may take a month to fill the order. In the meantime the Beach Bluff gate must remain unlocked 24/7 until the switch is installed. This is a problem.

A lesser group might accept defeat. "You can't fight City Hall!" Not our Maintenance guys. They removed a similar switch from the Maintenance Yard sliding gate and installed it at the Beach Bluff, getting that gate back in legal operation in one day. Keeping the sliding gate closed but unlocked did not pose a serious problem. The proper paper work was filled out and a new Knox Key switch was ordered. As of this writing the new switch has been received and installed. All gates are operational.

—Jack Christiansen

RECREATION

By the time you are reading this you will have enjoyed an evening of Band by the Sea at the bluff with the group

COMMITTEE REPORTS

“The Trip.” Thanks to Alicia Martinez and Danielle Mills and their committee.

It is now September with many activities for everyone:

Taco Night: September 4—6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets in office only. To have the tacos you must have a wrist band. This is the last Taco Night for this year. \$10 Adults \$5 for children under 8. Tickets go fast. Enjoy the DJ music and tacos with friends and neighbors. BYOB



Beach Bluff Grill: September 5—5:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your own food to put on the grill with the hot coals that will be provided. Thanks to Bob Borland and his committee. BYOB

Cooking Class: September 23—11:30 to 1:30. Kookie will have her famous Cooking Class featuring Eggs Extravagant. You will get the recipes in a nice book, plus eat the delicious dishes that have been prepared as you watch and learn. Class size is limited. Sign up in office for \$35.



Cooking Techniques & Wine Tasting: September 30—11:30 to 1:30. Tom O’Keefe will have a class to learn about making gazpacho. He will also be making baked tomatoes and a French tomato salad to accompany a chicken luncheon. Wine will be served during the class to go along with the dishes. Please bring a sharp knife and container to take home the gazpacho that you will make. (Next class: October 6) Class size is limited. Sign up in office for \$25.



Garage Sale: October 9. Remember the Garage Sale you wanted is October 9. Sign up in the office and chairmen Nancy Tinnes and Suzanne Enis will contact you with information. This is for Niguel Shores residents. Maps will be available to visit the homes having the garage sales.

Pot Luck: October 17. Next month’s newsletter will have more details.

Halloween Party: October 24. Time and more information next month. Susan Meredith will again be the chairman for the successful event which children and adults enjoy.

Holiday Bazaar: November 17. Forms are in the office for this Bazaar. Let’s make this a big success by having many vendors for the residents to purchase holiday gifts.

AARP Driver Safety Program: October 27 and 28. Call 949-496-4252 for information about this Dana Point special service.

Trips: Call 949 496 4109 for information about trips that are offered to casinos and places of interest.

Come enjoy all these events that have been planned for You.

—Carol Yocom

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There have been quite a few changes on the website since my last article. If you haven’t been by the site in awhile, be sure to visit. Updated Rules & Regulations, AC Rules and an updated ACC Exterior Modification Submittal form can be found in the Forms Section of the website.

In addition to the forms, we have updated a number of the club pages under the Community Tab on the menu. This includes the latest club information for The Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club and the Page Turners. Thank you to all the residents who continue to contribute to the club pages on a monthly basis.

Last, but not least, don’t forget that you can check out every issue of the *Seashore News* in color on the website. The 4th of July photos from a recent issue can also be seen under the Recreation Tab on the menu.

—Kathleen Capalla, Webmaster



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GARDEN CLUB

The election of officers was held and the following persons were elected:

President—*Jerry Koppang*

Vice President—*Janet Dohner*

Secretary—*Diane Meadow*

Treasurer—*Karla Sanders*

Membership Chair—*Gunjan Anand*

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Correspondent—*Morris Meadow*

The Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, September 20. This meeting will be a garden tour of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, and will be conducted by Valley Landscape. Attendees will assemble at the NSCA ClubHouse parking lot at 8:30 and walk to the Ritz Carlton. The tour will begin at 9:00 and will take approximately one to one-and-one-half hours. Following the tour, those who would like to stay will have a no-host lunch by the hotel pool. Persons planning to attend should contact Jerry Koppang. Future meetings will include speakers with gardening expertise, field trips and a plant sale.

In October, club members will be signing up for the coming year's events and selecting committee chairs for Hospitality, the Forget-me-not Program, the Holiday Party and the Beach Bluff Bar-B-Q.

The Indoor Flowering Potted Bulb: Virtually any bulbous plants (bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers) can be grown indoors—some are more adaptable than others. Bulbous plants are able to withstand amazing conditions, from being submerged in water, to near extreme drought. Indoor potted bulbs have been around since Victorian times. Some exam-

ples of hardy bulbs for indoor enjoyment are: Allium, Crocus, Gladiolus, Iris, Tulips, Narcissus, Rhodohypoxis, Lilium, Galanthas, Convallaria and Chionodoxa.

—*Morris Meadow*

MEN'S CLUB

Summertime and the Grillin' is Easy With summer outdoor grilling in full swing, the club was treated to the musings and tales of David Biber, co-owner of the Dana Point catering firm, Two Guys Grilling. He explained the preparation and execution of very large catered events. The attention level was highest as he showed photos of the setting of a world record of feeding the most Playboy bunnies at one event. His company delivers outstanding BBQ to private parties and organizations throughout the southland. David also left the Club with several hints on how to perfect the backyard dinners this summer. So get the BBQ ready, all our members have been advised.

In early August we were honored to have the former Mayor of Laguna Niguel, Mike Whipple, who is now very involved with International Orphan Care. He made a heartfelt presentation of the dreadful conditions facing the children of Afghanistan. IOC has several orphanages and schools that teach and train young Afghans in basic trades to enable them to become self sufficient. It is hard to comprehend the terrible living conditions and the utter lack of any future that these children face. Mike tried to focus on the children and not the convoluted politics that have made this war-torn country unmanageable. He ended by saying that the greatest problem facing Afghanistan is the pervasive corruption that infects every level of their society.

The Men's Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. in the ClubHouse.

—*Steve Leonard*

WOMEN'S CLUB

It is September, the beginning of our new year with some new officers and some old ones (not really old-old but, you know what I mean), and the first luncheon of the year will be on Thursday, September 12 at noon at the ClubHouse.

We are in for a real treat with one of our residents who has a very special interest. Lynn Schwartz is an avid collector of American Folk Art, both Traditional and Contemporary. The



Lynne Schwartz

Traditional covers baskets, quilts, samplers, etc. and Contemporary can be sculptures, furniture, paintings, found art, etc. She will show us pieces from her collection, and as a former antique dealer, tell how she became enamored of the folk art field, where she travels to find the art and how well-known some of these self-taught artists have become. (You may remember that two years ago this month Lynn was our "Meet Your Neighbor" subject in the *Seashore News*.)

Don't miss this excellent program at which you will see a selection of pieces from Lynne's own gallery.

—*Mary Crowl*

ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

We've had a few inquiries from men asking if they could play in our Group—the answer is YES. We would welcome a mix and we'd be delighted to have you so please sign up. We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at our ClubHouse and we usually play until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. If you'd like to join us, please call our hostess, Freida Baskin (661-3521) and she will fit you in at a table. Remember to bring a sandwich or snack for lunchtime where there's usually an assortment of goodies which everyone likes to sample. We are a casual group, play so-so bridge, and have lots of laughs..

Bridge winners:

- July 21 Edie Tisch, Gloria Thraikill and Helen Campbell
- July 28 Helen Campbell, Freida Baskin and Judy Bates
- Aug. 4 Patricia Conway, Freida Baskin and Pouri Fowzi
- Aug. 11 Helen Campbell and Pouri Fowzi

—Helen Campbell

LIBRARY

Children's Corner: Fall Storytime will get underway for Toddler/Pre-Schoolers on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. September 14 through October 19. Stories, songs and fingerplays will be shared. No registration required.

The School-Age After School Club with Stories and Crafts will be on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Registration required. Call or stop by the reference desk. (949-496-5517)

Look forward to In-N-Out Promotion and a Special Halloween Program coming up next month!

Adult Library Activities: The success of our movie nights has led to a showing of either a foreign or independent film on the third Friday of the month from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

August 20: *Welcome*. This is a French film about Bilal, a 17-year-old Kurdish refugee, who has struggled his way through Europe for the last three months trying to reunite with his girlfriend who recently emigrated to England. His journey comes to an abrupt halt when he is stopped by authorities in Calais on the French side of the Channel. Left with no other alternatives, he decides to swim across. (109 minutes)

September 17: *For my Father*. This Israeli film portrays Tarek, a Palestinian forced on a suicide mission in Tel Aviv to redeem his father's honor, who is given a second chance when the fuse on his explosive vest fails to detonate. Forced to spend the weekend in Tel Aviv awaiting its repair, Tarek must live amongst the people he was planning to kill. (96 minutes)

Computer Basics for Seniors: Tuesday, September 7, is the first day of Computer Basics for Seniors. This class begins with the true basics: parts of a computer and using a mouse. Then it moves on to parts of a web page, basic email, and basic word processing. By the end of the course, students should be able to write and respond to email, add attachments to email, and create a basic document in a word processing program. Please call the library to reserve a spot (949-496-5517).

—Caroline Hopkins

REALLY SERIOUS OREO COOKIE BOOK CLUB

On Wednesday August 19 the Really Serious Book Club met at the home of Sally Lee Howd and ate Oreos, drank coffee and generally had a good time. We discussed *Country Driving*, Peter Hessler's third book on his ten-year stay in China. We shared views on China's trajectory in the world and on the US trajectory, contrasting the values, political systems, and international aims between the two countries.

On September 15, a Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., we will meet at the home of Lyn Long to discuss the book *Fortress America* by Edward Blakely and Mary Snyder, a view of gated communities and their impact on the sociological behavior of Americans.

—Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners resumes on Monday, September 27, with a discussion of *The Forgotten Garden*, a novel by Kate Morton. The novel begins with a small girl left on a wharf in Australia. Through generations and across oceans, two women try to uncover their family's secret past.

The morning group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Lyn Long, 23781 Timor Bay and the afternoon group will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mae Slover, 23612 Tampico Bay. Our discussion leader for both groups will be Lyn Long.

ACTIVITIES

The remaining books for the coming year are:

- Oct. *The Gift of Rain*, Tan Twan Eng
- Nov. *Evidence of Things Unseen*, Marianne Wiggins
- Jan. *Cutting for Stone*, Abraham Verghese
- Feb. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, Muriel Barbery
- Mar. *Let the Great World Spin*, Colum McCann
- Apr. *River Town*, Peter Hessler
- May *The Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger

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

—Karla Sanders

TRAVEL TIDBITS

As you watched the Winter Olympics, did you think “What beautiful country?” Would you like to travel the inside passage to Alaska but don’t want to take an Alaska cruise? Do you enjoy formal gardens, informal gardens, and wild flowers everywhere? Would you like to see a huge field of bright yellow canola? (Yes, this is the plant that produces

the oil.) When you fly, do you like to get to your destination in under 3 hours and under \$300? If you answered “yes” to any or all of these questions you might want to consider a getaway to “Beautiful British Columbia.” Flights to Vancouver are just about three hours, car rental is easy, and the BC Ferry system is superb. You can enjoy a day or two in Vancouver and Victoria then move on to charming small towns and beautiful scenery. Drive up Vancouver Island to Port Hardy and take the all day BC Ferry thru magnificent scenery to Prince Rupert. Along the way enjoy “First Nation” murals, totem poles, and wonderful seafood. For more information on all that British Columbia has to offer, call 1-800-HELLO BC or visit the website at HelloBC.com.

—Barbara Milner

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The first Annual Public Reading of the complete text of *Two Years Before the Mast* by Richard Henry Dana is scheduled during the Tall Ship Festival at the Youth & Group Facility in Dana Point Harbor, September 10-12. Volunteer readers are needed. Details on flyers in the Niguel Shores office.

—Karl Kuhn



Carol's Cuisine Corner

Only a couple of months to use the coupons in Entertainment book. Be sure and look at the valid details. You may want to try some of these restaurants.

On the Border Grill and Cantina: 26661 Aliso Creek Parkway, Laguna Niguel. 643 3821. All your favorite Mexican dishes.

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Cucina Romero: 28241 Crown Valley Pky., Laguna Niguel 831 4131. Southern Italian Cuisine. Open for lunch and dinner.

Hope you will enjoy some of these restaurants featured in your Entertainment Book before November 1, 2010. Bon appetite, Carol Yocom

MEN'S GOLF

It was a beautiful day at the sometimes difficult **Arrowood Golf Course** located just outside the southern entrance to Camp Pendleton Marine Base. Scoring was based upon the two best net scores of each team of four players. This spreads the scoring around all four players contributing to a much less stressful round of golf.

The winning team was Dave Ontiveros, Gary Katsuki, Terry McLaughlin and Jack Sweeney. Second place team of four was Barry Banducci, Al Thome, Roy Dohner and Jim O'Neil. Closest to the Pin prizes went to Roy Dohner on #3 and Terry McLaughlin on #11. Playing as a team makes this difficult course a lot more fun.

Rancho San Joaquin. It has been several years since we held a tournament at this course near the Orange County Airport. We had hoped improvements had been made since our last visit but most of the comments were those of disappointment that few had been made. "A" flight winners were Rob Hastings, Terry McLaughlin and Charlie Clark. "B" flight winners were Dave Ontiveros, Gary Katsuki and Roy Dohner. "C" flight winners were Blair McDonald, Tom McNicholas and Jack Sweeney. Closest to Pin winners were Rob Hastings on hole #2 and Bill Johnson on #13.

Arroyo Trabuco, a very well liked local course, was brought to it's knees by our illustrious golf members on August 10. Two-man teams was the format for the day. Gary Katsuki and Blair McDonald were in first place. Barry Banducci and Boyd Van Ness were in second, and Dave Ontiveros and Jack Sweeney were in third. Closest to the pin was Tom McNicholas on hole #4 and Barry Banducci on #11. It was a very nice outing and the weather was perfect.

Words of Wisdom: "Don't buy a putter until you have had a chance to throw it."

—Tom McNicholas



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WOMEN'S GOLF

The Niguel Shores Women's Golf will have its next fun day of golf on September 13. We will be playing at Aliso Creek Golf Course and check in time is 8:00 a.m. May Gramer (248-1272) and Marlene Lynch are the golf captains for September. Please notify May if you are interested in playing or need to cancel. Following golf we will have lunch at the golf course. Salads and BBQ selections will be available for purchase. New or experienced golfers looking for a fun day with fun people are always welcome.

The theme for the fun day in August was *Summer Fun*. Rubber duckies, beach balls or sunglasses were found at each hole. Fun was had by all as they determined whose score would be used to create a team score. Here are the winners for the August 9 game: Team #1, Lee Sweeney, Gretchen Rask, and Judy Boitano were the winners of the Summer Fun game with a 41. Judy Boitano and Lee Sweeney tied for low net with a 42. May Gramer had the lowest number of putts with a 16. Lee Sweeney had a birdie on hole #7. Closest to the pin on hole #6 was Judy Boitano. Closest to the pin on hole #8 was Liz Kelsch and the longest drive on hole #9 was Irene McDonald.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Today I will be telling you about a devoted couple, devoted to each other and to Niguel Shores. Dick and Hope Luedeke are your neighbors who have been living in the Shores since 1971! Their first home here was on Tampico Bay. When Dick first saw this home, he wanted to buy it but Hope was not with him, so he asked the real estate agent to hold it for him with a \$50 deposit until she could return from Vermont where she was with their two young daughters. Their real estate agent did just that. Oh, those were the days! Of course, Hope loved the house and the Shores when she returned to California. They had found a new home!

Dick Luedeke was born in New Jersey, grew up in various towns and states, and graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, near Cleveland. He was an athlete in his youth and played Minor League Baseball. He also was an excellent skier and served as president of the Short Hills, New Jersey Ski Club. Hope was born in New York and raised in New Jersey. She graduated from Oberlin College, which is west of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dick and Hope met on Labor Day in 1957 at the Jersey Shore. They were engaged on Columbus Day that same year. This was after a momentous day two weeks before. Dick was with a fellow Outing Club member, who suffered a severe wound in his foot. Dick and other club members were carrying him out of the woods when a farmer, who owned the land, shot at them thinking they were poachers. They had to crawl through poison ivy to avoid getting shot. Dick was allergic to poison ivy, so he used a soap that guaranteed relief from the itching that poison ivy caused. The problem was that Dick was also allergic to the soap, so the itching and scratching were even more annoying than before. He went, still itching, to a party with Hope who suggested he go upstairs and take a shower to wash off the soap. Voila, the itching stopped, love conquered all, and Dick got a "Yes!" to his proposal a few hours later.

They seemed to love making important decisions on holidays. They met on Labor Day, were engaged on Columbus Day, and were married on Washington's Birthday. It certainly makes it easy for Dick to remember his anniversaries.

Hope was assistant manager of *Sports Illustrated* at the time of their wedding. She took maternity leave when

expecting Carrie, their oldest daughter, and she never went back. Dick joined CBS in 1958. In 1967, he was transferred to Hollywood where he was Director Administration for KNX Radio and responsible for the Columbia Square facility that housed the Records Division, KNX-FM and the local CBS TV station. He was the right hand man for George Nicholaw, General Manager of KNX Radio.

The Luedeokes moved to Laguna Niguel for a couple of years in the mid 1980s, but missed the Shores and moved back in 1986. They have been loyal volunteers in the Shores, serving as leaders in our community. Dick was committee chair of both the Finance and Recreation Committees in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He served as president of the Niguel Shores Board for three years and he was awarded the Dorothy Dudley Award as outstanding citizen of Niguel Shores. Hope served on many committees in the Women's Club and was president in 2006. She is an accomplished musician, serving as pianist and organist for the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for many years. Hope



Hope and Dick Luedeke

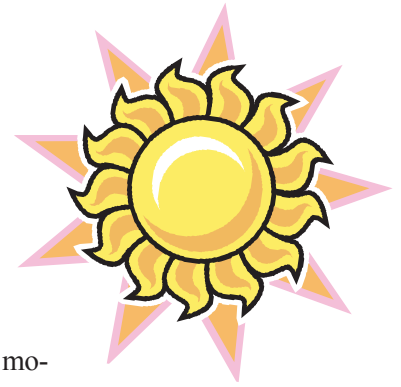
and Dick are now members of St. Margaret's of Scotland Episcopal Church in San Juan Capistrano. Hope has been singing with prestigious singing groups for many years, first with the William Hall Chorale. They traveled all over the world to perform. Now she sings with the Meistersingers, a much smaller group.

Hope and Dick have two daughters, Carrie, who graduated Cal State Fullerton in Orange County and Amy graduated UC Santa Barbara.

Dick and Hope Luedeke helped to preserve Niguel Shores as we know it and love it. They worked with the Coastal Commission and other residents here to fight high density commercial and residential development all around us that AVCO had planned in the late 1970s and early 80s. If AVCO had won, there would be a tall apartment tower where the parking lot is now above the Headlands, and there would be a large gas station at the corner of Niguel and PCH where the lovely park is now. We would also have a huge super market where the library is and another one where Cape Cove is now. Think of the traffic that would entail! Thanks to everyone who fought this. Our Community has been well-served by your neighbors, Dick and Hope Luedeke.

— Laurel Livesay Moonier

Teens Talking



Endless Summers

The one word that brings joy and smiles to every teenager's face is finally coming to an end—Summer. It is slowly winding down and all high school graduates are finding their way into the new world; finding a spot in society and creating a lifestyle to support themselves. My bottle of aloe that sits on my counter is running scarce, the ice cream truck can't be heard singing its songs anymore and the weather is turning. As we all try to reluctantly notice, the tell-tale signs of a summer's end have finally been unearthed. For many it's off to a new school in a new environment with new friends and a new life to finally create. However, as our high school grads go off to college and leave behind crying mothers and younger siblings excited to get their cars, they also leave their loyal juniors, now ready to take on the title of incoming senior.

Senior year is something branded with despair and happiness. It's something we have been waiting all our lives for, but now that it's so close to finally happening, we have a twinge of hesitation in our step. This summer we say farewell to our dearest friends as they embark on the journey labeled "college freshman". One of my closest friends leaves for the University of North Carolina in less than a week and it's scary to think I have to endure senior year without her wisdom and guidance. But, despite her absence, we will always have one thing that keeps us tied together—the unforgettable memories of our endless summers.

You usually never know life's unforgettable moments are, in fact, unforgettable, until the moment has passed. The night you simply went with your friends to the same place you'd been going for years to grab dinner; except this time, you met someone that would literally change the course of your life. The split second you turned right instead of left and encountered your fate on a road you had passed by a million times before. And the summer you lived with no regrets because you danced every dance, stopped and smelled every rose, and lived life to the last drop, without fear or doubt or hesitation; knowing that those few, precious moments would never again be repeated...knowing, somehow, that these are the very moments you will someday look back on and realize that it was then that your life changed. It is often these very moments that define us; that act as catalysts for great movement or change. Though we don't realize it at the time, these moments will one day become hallmarks against which we measure other great moments. And, though we wish we could hit the pause button and soak in the magic of our sweet spot forever, soon enough and often without us even realizing it, time turns the page and a new chapter begins. But before this new chapter begins, we remind ourselves what spurred us to write our life story in the first place.

—Colleen McNaught

Just for a Laugh

ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tried to do.

BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage.

BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with.

CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate.

COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.

ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living.

EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist.

HEROES: What a guy in a boat does.

LEFT BANK: What a robber did when his bag was full of money.

MISTY: How golfers create divots.

PARADOX: Two physicians.

PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

PHARMACIST: A helper on a farm.

POLARIZE: What penguins see with.

PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.

RELIEF: What trees do in Spring.

RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife.

SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does.

SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a government official.

Master Landscape Plan continued from page 1

usage of landscaped areas, gates, plantings and the overall aesthetic and functionality.

The project was broadly planned as a three to five-year program. Money was appropriated in the budget to cover the \$178,000 cost of the master design. This consisted of separate detailed surveys by both SilverWood Design and the permanent committee that was appointed in December, 2009. That on-going committee consists of the following: Jerry Koppang, Chairman. Members: Ellen Dovey, Sue Forrest, Karen Linger and Donna Rosecrans representing the Landscape Committee and residents, Chris Griffiths and Cyril Jones. Sean Wendt and Raoul Gomez of Wendt Landscaping and Mark Garrity of SilverWood Design. Sam Johnson is the Board Liaison. The Committee holds weekly meetings. A five-page questionnaire had been made available by SilverWood to residents asking for input on the project. One hundred were returned and have been helpful in formulating plans.

Phase I of the assessment of "what we have" is finished. After the detailed evaluation of the condition of the slopes, a counting and listing of trees, survey of plant materials, identification of parks and open spaces and a survey of the condition of every public area, SilverWood has created a detailed chart of these results which uses

a scale of zero to three giving a three to areas needing immediate attention down to zero for those areas of little or no needs. SilverWood will submit the cost to implement the improvements to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

A demonstration project has begun at Cabrillo Gate where the existing plants have been removed and drought tolerant and succulent plants substituted (see photograph). Another demonstration area will be created along Niguel Shores Drive across from the Community Center. A final phase of the project with a five-year goal is to redesign entrances and public areas to update the general appearance of the community. These plans will be discussed further as Phase Two progresses. When complete, the plan will be assessed for cost of implementation and financing of each phase will be determined as funds are made available.

Once again we are grateful to those residents who volunteer their time to participate in this major improvement to where we live. Many thanks to them and to the Board and the Committee for implementing this work in progress that has great potential for beautifying our surroundings.

—Mary Crowl

*See page 14.

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Just for fun:

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—Mary Crowl

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