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WOMEN'S CLUB HOME TOUR — ...FROM SANDCASTLES TO DREAM HOMES...



Nauticus Isle

Homes from sleek contemporary to charmingly rustic will be on view at this year's Women's Club Home Tour on May 14. Home Tour co-chairs, Suzanne Enis and Marilyn Moon, promise to dazzle us with the spectacular, the charming, the green, the grand and grander, remodeled and rebuilt, art and antiques—something for everyone.

Some history: Twenty four years ago members of the Niguel Shores Women's Club thought it would be interesting for their members to visit homes in Niguel Shores that had been recently remodeled and promptly got organized and started a Home Tour. As far back as our records show,

the first Home Tour was in 1989 and one has been held every two



Tampico Bay

years since. One of the objects of the tour, other than the pleasure of visiting beautiful homes, has been to demonstrate what can be done to our 1970s houses to update and modernize them. No doubt many of those 1989 and subsequent remodels have had extensive remodels since and some have been completely torn down and rebuilt. Whenever possible

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Hi! I'm Kelly Boss. I am very excited to be joining the beautiful Niguel Shores community! I am happy to be back here in Orange County after living in San Luis Obispo for the last eight years. I grew up in Mission Viejo and left to attend college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where I studied

Psychology. I fell in love with the rolling green hills and stunning beaches of the Central Coast, and enjoyed backpacking, cycling, beach volleyball, and running with my husband Bobby. We've been married for three years and have made the decision to move back home to be with our families and pursue new opportunities and adventures. I'm happy that that decision has led me here to Niguel Shores and I am looking forward to meeting all of you! Please come by and say hello!

Kelly started at NSCA in April and is doing a great job. We are excited to have her as a staff member. —D.B.

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

APRIL 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Financial Reports
- 2012 Report of Asset Disposition
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Special General Session Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2013
- General Session Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2013
 - Reappointment of Jeannie Sticher as the Finance Committee Chairman
- Filing liens against (3) properties form non-payment/delinquent assessments
- Audit as recommended by Finance Committee
- Engineering services proposal for 2013 street work

DISAPPROVED:

- Request to place additional bulletin board in Community Center

HEARINGS/MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master landscape project update
 - Gatehouse project
 - Manager's report

TABLED:

- Review of annual retainer agreement
- Request to place bluebird houses in common area trees

APRIL 2, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- IDR request
- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2013
 - Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013
 - (1) Settlement agreement

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Delinquency report
- Manager's report

TABLED: none

APRIL 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013
 - Camp Hobbledehoy contract for summer 2013
 - Annual legal retainer agreement
 - Reserve expense to purchase replacement pool umbrellas and trash cans
 - Reserve expense to purchase LED lights for spa
- Request from Traffic & Safety Committee to mark specified curbs along Manta Court for no parking
- Request to allow resident to install and maintain 10 bluebird nest boxes in common area trees
- Request to increase annual renewal cost for guest and waiver bar codes

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS: none

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Master landscape project update
 - Gatehouse project
- Traffic & Safety Committee recommendation regarding dogs off leash
- Homeowner correspondence regarding block perimeter wall below property
 - Office computer inventory
 - Manager's report

TABLED: none

APRIL 16, 2013 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013

DISAPPROVED: none

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- (1) violation of Rule 6404.1 and 6405
- (3) violations of Rule 6405
- (1) violation of CC&R Article IX, Section 5 and Rules 3103 and 3129

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal correspondence
- Annual Legal retainer agreement
- Request to reduce violation fine
- Camp Hobbledehoy contract
- Manager's report

TABLED:

- Hearing for violation of Rule 3103 and Rule 3104.5

NOTE: The NSCA Board of Directors meets the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month unless otherwise posted. 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 Thursday prior to the next meeting.

REMINDERS: OPEN FORUMS ARE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH GENERAL SESSION MEETING (6:00 PM)
THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**

Alejandra Sierra — NSCA is fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome Alejandra Sierra (Ale), an intern from the University of California Irvine (UCI) International Business School. Ale is from El Salvador. She joined our team in April to gain experience in project management as part of receiving her advanced degree. She will be with us for 10 weeks. Ale is assisting with the management of the major landscape projects that are currently underway. I hope you will make her feel welcome when you see her in the office or working in the field.

Turf Reduction Landscape Project: The turf reduction project is complete in Area 3 and is nearing completion in Area 1. You can see the maps of all areas involved in this project on the Niguel Shores Website (niguelshores.org). Harvest is doing an excellent job and working hard to get this large project completed on time. An important part of this project is the renovation of the irrigation. Drip irrigation has been installed in the planting areas along the sidewalks. This system provides water directly to each plant and has eliminated the problem of overspray onto the concrete. This is great for all of the walkers, but please keep your dogs out of the planter areas. Dogs will scratch at the mulch and may damage the irrigation hoses. To read more about the drip type of irrigation, read the Landscape Committee article this month.

The Board of Directors is working with the landscape architect firm—Monarch Environmental—to finalize the conceptual design for the Mariner Entrance and select the plant palette. For the entrance turf area to be included in the water district rebate program, the work must be completed by June 20. The Board and management are working with all entities involved to make this happen. The timeline is tight.

Audit Mailing: As required by the Governing Documents and Civil Code, the membership mailing of the annual audit was placed in the mail the end of April. Schonwit and Company, an independent CPA firm, audited the Association financials for the 2012 fiscal year and this report is provided to all members of the Association. Please take a few minutes to review this information.

Beach Revetment: The Board and Association legal counsel are scheduled to meet with Orange County Parks staff and their legal counsel the first part of May to continue discussions on the repair of the beach revetment. Any update of information will be posted on the Niguel Shores Website (niguelshores.org).

Camp Hobbledehoy: We are happy to announce that Camp Hobbledehoy will be returning this summer. This is the 14th year for this wonderful day camp under the leadership of Craig Dunn, Ryan Crane and Peter Chance. The camp will run for nine weeks and will begin the week of

June 17. For more information please go to their Website, camphobbledehoy.blogspot.com or you can contact the instructors directly at 949-489-3447.

Important Announcements for all Residents:

- **Annual meeting May 21—please vote and return your ballot to the inspector of elections by May 20 to establish quorum.** On May 21 registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center; the Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. It is very important that you vote. For the election to be accomplished, the Inspectors of Election must receive quorum of 50 percent plus one, which is 481 ballots. A few things to remember when voting: Only individuals listed as the legal owners of the property (e.g. members) may vote, each property gets two votes (two Board seats open) and you must sign the outside envelope in order for your vote to be valid. Your vote is very important.
- **Pool to be closed from May 13 through May 17** for Maintenance Staff to do the semi-annual pool water 50 percent removal and replenishment.
- **Enforcing rule 6406 Beach Bluff parking**—Guests parked at the beach lot: Please make sure that your guests have their guest passes properly displayed on the vehicle dashboard and they are parked within the designated upper parking tier as posted when visiting the Beach Bluff. Guest vehicles found without a properly displayed pass or found parked outside of the top parking tier are subject to an immediate tow when a citation is issued per Rule 6440.
- **Nauticus slope renovation** is complete and has been signed off by the City.

Happy Mother's Day from the Niguel Shores Staff!

— Deborah Baker

In Memoriam
Pat Long
April 2013

Manta Court Resident
Member Men's Club

the organizers like to include in the Tour homes from the different areas of Niguel Shores and different models within those areas. Over these many years, a total of 72 homes that included custom homes, garden homes, villas, townhomes, and Broadmoor and Berkus homes have been shown and, this year, there will be five more.

Each of the tours has had five or six homes open for viewing with hostesses to assist the owners in showing the homes. In the beginning tour attendees met at the Community Center where they were served coffee and pastries and received their tour agendas and car pool assignments. At the end of the tour the owners and hostesses who had not seen the homes other than their own, had time to tour the others. A copy of the 1993 Home Tour Committee Meeting minutes notes that the cost at that time was \$5. Some of the early organizers were Dottie Foth (twice chairman in the beginning), Patty Therolf, Josephine Turner, Marian Pearl, Lois Songer and Ginny Parret.

The Home Tour attendees are now treated to a catered lunch in the ClubHouse after they have completed the tour and, once again, owners and volunteer workers take a tour of the homes after lunch.

This year's Committee, in addition to the co-chairs mentioned above, includes Mary Crowl, Christy Martinek, Marcy McNulty, Linda Ritch, Janet Traver and Carol Yocom. The theme for the tour is *...from Sandcastles to Dream Homes...* and, after seeing this year's dream homes and others on recent



Home Tour Co-Chairs Suzanne Enis and Marilyn Moon with their Sandcastle

tours, I must upgrade my old designation of Niguel Shores as being "between the Ritz and the ritzier." It seems we're well up there with the "ritzy," too!

The tickets for the tour which includes lunch catered by Something Special Catering are available in the office for \$30. The number is limited. The date is Tuesday, May 14. Ticket holders meet in the Bluff Parking Lot at 9:30 to pick up the program and carpool to the homes.

—Mary Crowl

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letter to the Editor

Recent objection to my calling in to question the placement of ads in the front of the Association's official communication the *Seashore News* were met with modern day reference to the efficiency of making the medium pay for itself. Contrary to those that now contend the *Seashore News* must pay its own way or be relegated to the web do not realize just how ineffective that would be with many not using that media and those with the ability just not interested in that format.

The Editor and some others in the office see no problem with selling ads at a premium to put them at the front and back. This displaces the front normally used for Association Board and Manager news as intended. Common sense and policy should be that the Association is at the front and advertising should be relegated to the rear regardless of profit.

—Don Beaver

Calling All Niguel Shores Singles

Being single is not the same as being part of a couple. Singles have a different perspective than those who are co-habiting or otherwise involved. Do you ever hesitate to go out to dinner or to the movies, theater, music, concerts or even happy hour because you don't have anybody to go with? Isn't it more fun to take a walk or try new outdoor activities with a companion?

Maybe it's time for the Shores Singles to find each other and explore common interests. Let's get together and have some fun. Call or email me if you are interested and I'll start the ball rolling.

Kathy Newport 949-2768462
newporter@sbcglobal.net

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Auto Preparedness. You might be caught in your car when a disaster strikes or your car may be your only hope to reach safety. You might be stranded for hours, even days, without access to any significant help. Always have some comfort and basic emergency supplies stowed away and check them intermittently. Make sure they are portable in case you need to abandon your car. The amount of food, water and supplies needed varies based on the size and needs of individual families. Always carry a cell phone if for no other reason than to call for help.

Be sure your car is always in good working order. You could easily need to drive several hundred miles or handle gridlock for hours. Keep a pen and a note pad in the glove compartment as information may come too quickly to memorize.

Keep your gas tank as close to full as possible. Especially during the high risk seasons. Consider the half full mark your new empty sign.

Be sure you know how to change a flat tire. Know where to find the spare and jack. Know how to use jumper cables. Regularly check your spare to be sure it's usable.

Have the right equipment including a general tool kit, axe, crowbar, collapsible shovel, lug wrench, duct tape, jumper cables, electronic flares and a flashlight with extra batteries. Keep a knife in the glove compartment (or closer) in case you have to cut yourself from a seat belt. If your cell phone does not have a camera, carry a disposable camera... you never know when it might come in handy. Consider extra clothes, extra shoes/boots, rain gear, umbrellas and hats. You might consider a CB radio; they can be very helpful with minor disasters, but in major calamities authorities may not be listening.

Have a first aid kit in the car. Have a three-day supply of prescription medications on you or in the car. Also include items such as ibuprofen or Tylenol, Imodium and antacids. Have extra bottled water. Have an old pair of your prescription glasses or a cheap pair of magnifying glasses in the glove compartment. In case your air bag deploys have an eye wash for the chemical irritation. Keep hand sanitizers.

Consider owning a GPS system. The usual landmarks may be altered and street signs may be down. Have a compass and be sure the arrow is fluorescent. Have a portable radio in the car and regularly check the batteries. Check the radio emergency station to know if there's massive damage and which direction is likely to be clear for passage.

Place copies of all important documents in the glove compartment including a list of your medications, their doses and the prescription number.

Consider installing bike racks or keep fold-up bikes and saddle bags in the trunk in case you need to make an immediate escape from an area of gridlock.

Keep a series of boldly printed signs for your front, side or rear windows such as: **FLAT TIRE, CAR TROUBLE, OUT OF GAS AND NEED HELP, CALL POLICE.**

Have a fire extinguisher in the trunk and don't forget to check it intermittently. Bang the bottom to loosen up the powder and change the gauge.

Always have your owner's manual, car insurance voucher and registration and a copy of your critical contact list in the glove compartment.

Remember you may have to sleep in your car or stay at a shelter. Consider keeping inflatable pillows, air mattresses and blankets.

Very few tragedies come announced. Be proactive!

—Jan Sener

LANDSCAPE

Water conservation is a key issue in the Niguel Shores Community. Choosing the most efficient irrigation system is always being evaluated. As part of the turf reduction project, the irrigation system along the walk ways has been changed from spray to drip. The benefits of the change to drip irrigation are described below.

Saving Water: Drip irrigation applies water only where it is needed, with less runoff and evaporation. Drip systems water at a slower rate. This way the irrigation can be absorbed by the soil rather than a runoff.

Saving Money: Low flow drip irrigation systems will save money by significantly lowering water waste. Typical spray heads are 60%-70% efficient, where drip irrigation is 90% efficient. Spray heads tend to overspray the landscape beds and cause long term damage to surrounding hardscape.

Long Life: The new products are designed to withstand the toughest conditions in both residential and commercial installations. They are manufactured from high quality, durable plastics and contain added quantities of the compound Carbon Black, making them resistant to the damaging effects of ultraviolet rays. Also the emitters are coated with root deterrent chemicals to prevent roots from entering the emitters and clogging them.

Less Maintenance: Directly watering the roots also inhibits germination of weeds because the area between plants is not wet, as it is with a sprinkler system. The water is directed to the plants only.

Better Looking Plants: Watering only the base of the plants at a slow rate reduces the amount of "pests" found on the plant. When a plant gets wet consistently through overhead

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irrigation this allows weeds, bugs and fungal pathogens like powdery mildew to thrive. Drip irrigation prevents this by only watering the root zone and keeping the foliage dry and healthy. Independent studies continue to demonstrate that drip watering promotes better plant growth and health than other methods of irrigation. Plants receive water in precise measured doses, never too much and never too little, and moisture in the root zone can be maintained at a consistent level. This allows the roots to grow deeper and healthier which allows the plant to survive longer between water cycles.

Eliminates Overspray and Runoff: Sprinklers often apply water where it's not wanted, onto walkways, driveways, fences, walls and windows. Not only does this waste water, but it can even be a nuisance. In addition, sprinkler distribution can often be blocked by foliage or other landscape structure which interferes with the plants receiving the water where intended.

—Steve Schinhofen, President
Harvest Landscape

MAINTENANCE

A Maintenance responsibility that does not have a lot of visibility but yet consumes considerable man hours and is vital to the ongoing operation of the community's facilities is **agency compliance**.

Maintenance will assist Orange County Health Care Agency inspectors to check our swimming pool and spa for water chemistry, filtration and code conformity. Log books are checked to be assured that Maintenance has kept a daily record of pH, turbidity, temperature, and calibration of all sensors. We average eight random, unannounced visits from this agency each year.

The Orange County Fire Authority requires reports and on-site inspections. Twice a year Maintenance schedules a Security Systems Company to inspect the fire alarm system, fire plumbing system and the kitchen fire suppression system.

This report is submitted to the Fire Authority for review and approval. Annually all fire extinguishers are recharged and a report submitted to the Fire Authority. Every five years the entire system is flushed out and inspected. This year some modifications were required for the location of two office sprinklers and some sprinkler heads were replaced in other locations. A Hazards Waste report is updated for the Fire Authority every five years. This report details all the chemicals on site, a map with their locations, and appropriate warning signs.

The South Coast Water District requires that we annually test and report all the potable water backflow regulators in the ClubHouse, office, and gatehouse. The Water district requires an annual test to confirm that there is no cross contamination of potable and reclaimed water in the ClubHouse, office or gatehouse. The Water District and Harvest Landscape staff annually test all the irrigation controllers to insure that there is no cross contamination.

There are five locations in the community where, each quarter, Maintenance collects samples of water going into the sewer lines. The staff measures the flow rate and sends a sample to an independent lab for analysis. A report is submitted to the Water District to enable renewal of the permit to discharge to the sewer system. To maintain the commercial kitchen permit, the Water District also requires an inspection and report of the kitchen grease interceptor.

A storm water and pollution protection plan is required for all the large landscape projects. Maintenance keeps data and reports on all rain events or any non-storm water runoff for the State of California Water Board.

While we may question the need for these time consuming reports and inspections, it is reassuring to know that these safeguards to our health, safety and extended community are in place and working properly.

—Jack Christiansen



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RECREATION

May is the month to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. This is also the month to realize how lucky we are to live here where summer is so special. I know I keep telling you to mark your calendar, so please do with these dates of events:

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Taco Cart from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Beach Bluff Park. There will be D.J. music to enjoy with your tacos. Bring your own beverages. Tickets are on sale in office \$10. The ice cream and cookie food truck will be there with cash only.

May 26: Memorial Day BBQ at the Bluff from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Bring your own food and beverages. BBQ with friends to share as you watch the sunset.

June 15: In-N-Out Burger Night...the name says it all... Well all love this night... We have a D.J. to add to the enjoyment. Bring own beverages. Tickets are on sale in office \$10.

July 4th: Niguel Shores special time that you must attend. As always, the day will have activities for everyone.

July 27: Food Truck Night with two food trucks plus the dessert truck. Cash only night.

August 17: Summer Bluff Concert Night...5:00 to 8:00 p.m...

Start out the summer with Cinco de Mayo night. The Recreation Committee is looking forward to seeing you all summer.

—Carol Yocom

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Parking Passes: In March our security personnel issued 137 citations to cars parked in Niguel Shores not displaying a valid pass or bar code (violation of our rules section 6401 and 6505). Hopefully, these “cites” and any associated penalty served as a sufficient warning for the violators, and then in a perfect world, we would never experience such a problem again. Unfortunately, we live in a great community, but it isn’t perfect yet. It is up to us to remind our guests, and ourselves, to clearly display a valid parking pass on any vehicle parked in our community without a bar code. In the future such violators will be subject to being cited again and then towed away. The current cost for retrieving a towed vehicle is: \$215 plus \$45 for each day the car is in storage. There will be an additional fee of \$85 to pick the car up during non-business hours.

Dogs Again: We continue to get complaints about dogs running off leash. Our Dana Point Municipal Code and our rules are clear about this. Dogs have to be on a leash when outside. Recently most of the complaints have come from people trying to use the Bluff area. Off leash dogs are

frolicking about to the consternation of folks trying to enjoy the view and congenial atmosphere. Even the dog fanciers are annoyed when strange dogs come up to their tables and start mooching food. Please respect the rules and concerns of your neighbors and keep that magnificent hound of yours on his/her leash.

Again we get complaints! This time it is about smokers of tobacco and an unidentified other product that has a sweet pungent odor. It is a both a health issue and a source of annoyance. Just a reminder, our rules (section 5102[6]) prohibit smoking in the ClubHouse area (including the pool and Jacuzzi) and on the Bluff. The state’s Health and Safety code also prohibits some of this activity. Please appreciate the concerns of our neighbors.

Pool Law: I haven’t seen it yet, but you may have. State law requires that we post a sign near the pool admonishing incontinent folks and those not toilet trained of the requirement that they use either “rubber covers” or a swim diaper when using the pool. In case you get to the pool, and discover you forgot a diaper for your child, our staff wants you to know that they are available in the office. God Bless

— Tim Murphy

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Calling all Teens: In a few short weeks, school will be out. Do we hear a few cheers? The Communication Committee and the *Seashore News* would like to invite all NSCA teens to write an article for the *Seashore News*. With all your blog-ability and web-savvy, we are sure you can come up with your own interesting article. But just in case, here are some suggestions to get your creative spark going...What are your plans for the summer? Any interesting travels or adventures? Do you have a summer job? Volunteering anywhere? Were you a recipient of a scholarship from the Men’s Club or any other organization? Is it still cool to use the word *dude*? If you are a senior, what will you miss about high school and what are your college plans? Do you play a sport?

We don’t want this to feel like a summer school assignment, we would just enjoy hearing from all of you. In other words, we can offer you space to share your stories and photos. And who knows, it might look pretty good on your college application to say that you were a reporter for an award winning Newsletter. Hope to hear from you. Please forward your article, along with any photos, to Matt Northrop at mnorthrop@niguelshores.org.

To Parents: If you’re the only ones in the home reading this article, please share with your teens. Thanks!

—Matt Northrop, Patti Staudenbaur and Ellen Dovey

CLUBS

GARDEN CLUB

April Meeting: In lieu of the usual monthly meeting, Garden Club members boarded a bus for a trip to Beverly Hills on a gloriously sunny day, to visit Greystone Mansion. It was built by Edward Doheny, oil tycoon, for his son and family, at the then staggering sum of \$3.1 million. One time it was considered the largest home on the West Coast; with 55 rooms; but now modest, compared to a few other homes in the area. Interestingly, there have been many instances reported by credible people that paranormal activity occurs, probably a result of several sordid events that occurred there.

Following the guided tour, members and their guests moved on to the famous Farmer's Market adjacent to CBS Studio City for lunch, where they partook of a wide variety of cuisines, and enjoyed the lovely weather. This



Garden Club Members visiting Greystone Mansion, April 2013

was finished up with a relaxing snooze on the trip home.

Coming up in May: The Garden Club will hold its **Fourth Annual Plant Sale in the ClubHouse on May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All residents of the Shores and their friends are invited to attend. There will be a very large assortment of plants, pots, garden art and hand crafted items to whet the appetites of the "green thumbers" among us. The Club expects to exceed last year's plant sale when several hundred people came to browse, buy and receive advice on plantings. Admission will be **\$1 per person**, and includes refreshments and entry into the plant raffle. Come early to take advantage of the very large selection.

Thinking about growing citrus? When growing citrus in this area, gardeners should be on the lookout for Psyllid infestations. Psyllid insects are typically of the Asian variety, and are most active in springtime. They have been responsible for the destruction of millions of citrus trees in Florida, and have found their way to California, where they threaten what remains of the once thriving citrus industry.

If your citrus bears bitter, misshapen or inedible fruit, symptomatic of infestation, it is probably too late to take curative action. Regular checking

of foliage is necessary, and if leaves take on a splotchy, mottled appearance, you had better visit your local nurseryman pronto to obtain appropriate treatment of the tree.

If you have any suspicions about possible infestation, you are urged to call the California Department of Agriculture at (800) 491-1899. Residents are warned not to import citrus plants from other countries, or even from outside of Orange County, nor to take citrus outside of Orange County (oh, the irony!). The Ag Commission even warns against taking home-grown citrus fruit off the homeowner's property!

Gardener's quotation:

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, a gentle breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, the flowers are in bloom . . . and the lawn mower is broken. —James Dent

—Morry Meadow

MEN'S CLUB

The Niguel Shores Men's Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Niguel Shores ClubHouse. We serve breakfast which is a great opportunity to get together with our neighbors. All male residents are invited and we always welcome new members.

Our meeting Tuesday, April 16 featured Stan Brock who is a

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registered Medicare Counselor. He gave the membership lots of valuable information on how to deal with Medicare. Stan works for the Council on Aging which is based in Santa Ana. They have counselors working at senior centers throughout Orange County to assist with Medicare issues. Steven Weinberg, Mayor of Dana Point, is scheduled to speak at one of our upcoming meetings.

The Men's Club is both social and philanthropic. We have golf outings, an annual trip to Del Mar, a Christmas dinner, and of course our famous 4th of July Breakfast which helps raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

—Bill Talley

NIGUEL SHORES MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Using high quality Niguel Shores logo apparel to reward contributions to the scholarship fund is off to a good start with gross donations of over \$1,000 at this writing. One generous soul took only a \$15 level wind shirt for his \$100 check.

Remember, we are happy to bring samples and order forms to your club functions or loan you the samples.

We are creating a page and link to the Niguel Shores home page so you will be able to look at photos and

colors and download the order forms. Meanwhile call Jon 949 292-5983 or Bob 949 637-5485 for help.

—Jon Cobain

MEN'S CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Niguel Shores Men's Club is pleased to announce that they have selected the scholarship recipients for 2013. The following Dana Hills High School students will be awarded this year's scholarships:

- Cynthia Hou
- Katherine Flowers
- Mitchell O'Leary
- Ethan Rinchik

Each of these students will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The Niguel Shores Men's Club is very



pleased to be able to present these fine students with these awards.

If you are interested in learning more about the Men's Club Scholarship Program, please contact Club President, Charlie Clark or Jerry Pearl, Scholarship Committee Chair.

WOMENS CLUB

The May luncheon will be in the ClubHouse at 12:00 noon on the 9th. Our speaker will be Susan Hecht, faculty member at Saddleback Emeritus Institute. Ms. Hecht teaches, among others, the Emeritus Institute's "Film as Literature" class that is held here in the ClubHouse at Niguel Shores on Monday afternoons. It's always fascinating to hear about the movies and, given Ms. Hecht's expertise, this will surely be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the world of film.

E-mail invitations will be sent on Thursday, May 2, and your answer should be sent by Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to get your tickets for the May 14 Home Tour—they are in the office for \$30 and, in addition to those great houses, you will have a great catered lunch. Read about it in this issue of the newsletter and don't miss it!

—Mary Crowl

ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE NEWS

We play bridge every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. If you are a bridge player and interested, we'd like to invite you to join us. Please call Helen at 496-4230 for more information. All are welcome to join our fun, friendly group!!

Our recent winners are:

- March 20 Helen Campbell and Jeanne Bookai
- March 27 Doris Deal and Margaret Brugger
- April 3 Margaret Brugger and Dorothy Horany
- April 10 Pouri Fowzi, Doris Deal and Trudy Buck

—Helen Campbell

OREO BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Oreo Cookie Book Club met April 17 at the home of Norton Schwartz to discuss the book *Time to Start Thinking—America in the Age of Descent*, by Eduard Luce. While there was no dispute as to the factual content of the reports, there were different responses on the implications of the facts. The author, as well as some group members, believe that America is on an unstoppable downhill slide in many aspects of its education, income distribution, world influence and leadership. Indeed, some felt the success of our middle class over the last 75 years was an aberration that would

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not be repeated. Others believed the author overstated the case and this segment of members insisted on looking at American education, culture and economics through rose-colored glasses that they insisted had no coloring at all. The future will yield a more informed judgment for us all. The next meeting is to be on May 15 at the home of Diane Hearne, with *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal, to be discussed.

— Norton Schwartz

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners Book Club will meet this month to discuss *Turn of the Screw*, by Henry James, a novella published serially in Collier's Weekly in 1898 and published in book form later that year. One of the world's most famous ghost stories, the tale is

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told mostly through the journal of a governess and depicts her struggle to save her two young charges from the demonic influence of the eerie apparitions of two former servants in the household. This selection is the one classic book that we have chosen for the year. Some may remember reading it in school. Often it is fun to reread these books and gain a new perspective on them.

The Monday groups will meet on May 20, due to the Memorial holiday. The morning group will be meeting at 10:00 at Karla Sanders' home at 33902 Manta Court. The Monday afternoon group will meet at 12:30 in the home of Ginny Nevitt at 23862 Marmara Bay. The Thursday afternoon group will meet at the ClubHouse at 1:00 on May 30.

At our May meetings each group will decide the books they want to submit for next year's list. At the June meeting the three groups will get together at the ClubHouse to vote on the choices for the coming year. All members are encouraged to write a short synopsis of the books they would like to be considered and submit that list to their group leader. Since we can only have eight nominations per group, it is fun to try to come up with a list of books that are enjoyable to read, but also lend themselves to a challenging discussion.

For more information about Page Turners contact: Gretchen Rask: grask707@gmail.com, 489-2259—Monday morning.

Diane Hearne: Phearne4@cox.net, 661-6267—Monday afternoon. Lisa Buchner: lisabuchner@cox.net, 496-9546—Thursday afternoon.

—Lisa Buchner

YOU ASKED ABOUT A RULE...by Karen Decker

As a dog owner I know how much our puppies mean to us and what an important part of our lives they are. That's why my stomach just sank listening to a person on the other end of the phone describing the accident they had just witnessed — '...a frightened dog ran in front of a passing vehicle....' I'm not sure I even heard the rest of the statement. My mind wondered to my dogs and the heartache I would feel if anything ever happened to them. I realize as I write this that my statements may seem a bit raw or unnerving to some and I do apologize for that, but my point to this story is simple. There are many residents in Niguel Shores that own dogs. They wind down their day by taking their four-legged friends out for a stroll and enjoying that bond they share. They take them through the parks to interact with other dog families for a little fun. All of this is part of the routine, part of our way of forgetting

the daily stresses and reveling in the joy of watching our dogs just being their happy selves. But we cannot forget that while we know our dogs, others do not. While we are comfortable in our dog's presence and they in ours, others may not be. Our dogs will react to us in a completely different manner than they react to other people and other dogs. For those reasons Niguel Shores established a set of rules (Rules 9100-9111) that mirror the existing Orange County Codified Ordinance (OCCO) in order for us to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our dogs. You can review the list of County ordinances pertaining to pets by visiting ocpetinfo.com/services/petlaws.

I would ask as one dog owner to another, please for the safety of your puppies and those around them, keep your dogs on their leash when walking them through the neighborhood or taking them to the park areas.

MEN'S GOLF

On March 26 we played a new course for the Niguel Shores Golfers. It was Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook. Many of us have played there individually but this was the first time we have had a tournament. We had a great turnout and beautiful weather and will definitely put this course on the schedule going forward.

The game played was Individual Tin Whistle. Not sure where the name came from but assume it was the creation of our golf godfather Bob Borland. For those who care, the scoring is done on a hole by hole basis with a net bogey counting as point, net par counts as 2, a net birdie counts as 3, and a net eagle counts as 4. The person with the most points wins.

Coming in first was Jon Cobain. Second was Bill Johnson. Third place went to Gary Katsuki, and fourth place to Bob Russell. Closest-to-the-pin on #4 was Bill Johnson and on #14 Peter Rask.

On April 30 we will play a favorite—The Crossings in Carlsbad. On May 28 we play at Arrowood in Oceanside.

We welcome anyone who wants to join our group. We have golfers of every skill level from single digit handicaps to very high handicaps. Our only requirement is that you have fun. For more information contact Roy Dohner at roy@dohner.com, or Bob Russell at russler65@gmail.com.

New Golf Rules: *The Veterans Golf Association has negotiated with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club based in St Andrews, Scotland to modify the Rules of Golf for Seniors: Rule 1.a.5 - A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which groundskeepers failed to mow.*

—Bob Russell

WOMEN'S GOLF

Weather, being the topic of conversation these days, we start with the weather on the Monday in April, when the Niguel Shores Women Golfers played. “Windiest day ever at Aliso Creek Golf Course”...(sometimes known as Icebox Canyon to shivering golfers)...the same wind which was said to whip up white caps on our swimming pool, according to several Dippy Dolphins. And then there was the **Tax Bill** presented to every foursome as they teed off...deductions per player, per hole, with a loop-hole, here and there. Pretty much as complicated to figure out as the government tax documents. The foursome to best negotiate the requirements, and thus win the game of the day, consisted of Brenda Tuckley, Linda Ross, Val Mitchell and Irene McDonald. Pam Strayer was the golfer who navigated her golf ball best on a windy day, winning the prize for low gross score and lowest putts. Linda Ross landed her golf ball closest to the flag stick on hole #8, and Val Mitchell drove her ball the longest distance on hole #3. Both received prizes.

The golf captains for Fun Day coming up Monday, May 13, are Chris Beaver, 493-7430, and Linda Ross, 248-3408. If you wish to play and are not signed up, please contact one of them.

A word to the wise...earmark this date...the annual Memorial Tournament and luncheon will be held on Monday, July 8. It will be a very special Fun Day.

The older you get the stronger the wind gets and it's always in your face. —Jack Nicklaus

—Ceacy Johns

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Curt Swanson

Curt Swanson and his wife, Ortrud, have been our neighbors in the Shores since 1972, moving here from Laguna Beach.

Curt was born on his grandparents' farm near Story City, Iowa. During World War II Curt spent the first years of his life in California and Washington where his father was stationed. Just before D-Day his father shipped off to Europe while Curt and his mother returned to the farm in Iowa. Curt's first of many universities was Iowa State, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He started out as a Physics major but quickly discovered that he had great interest in languages as well as a natural aptitude, leading him to switch majors.

During his junior year at Iowa State he left Iowa to study German language and literature in Frankfurt,

Germany, where he met his future wife, Ortrud.

Curt pursued advanced degrees in German Literature at the University of Iowa and then at the Eberhard Karls Universität in Germany and finally at UC Berkeley for his Ph.D. Following his studies in Berkeley, Curt completed his military obligation as an officer instructor at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado. There a daughter, Christina, was born.

After his discharge, the young family returned to California where Curt became a professor at California



Curt Swanson

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Carol's Cuisine Corner

Sunday, May 12, Mom: Stay away from the kitchen today. The family will take over. They will take you out for breakfast, lunch or dinner, and serve you breakfast in bed if you like. If your family wants some ideas where to take you, let me help them. All of these need advance reservations.

Pelican Hill: 22701 Pelican Hill, Newport Coast, 467-6800 ext. 3. Four possible dining areas with different menus. Call to see the one that fits your schedule.

Mare: 696 S. Coast Highway, Laguna beach, 715-9581. Brunch 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with Jazz.

Marche Moderne: South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, 714-434-7900. Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

L'Hirondelle: 31631 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, 661-0425. Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cedar Creek: 2680 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, 240-2229. Brunch 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Las Brisas: 361 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, 497-5434. Champagne Brunch 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gemmell's: 34471 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, 234-0063. Champagne Brunch 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fisherman's: 611 Avenida Victoria, San Clemente Pier, 498-6390. Brunch 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Luciana's: 24312 Del Prado, Dana Point, 661-6500. Regular dinner menu from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Balboa Bay Club, First Cabin: 1221 Coast Highway, Newport Beach, 630-4145. Ballroom Brunch 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Al carte menu.

Montage: 30801 S. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, 715-6420. Three different dining areas: Ballroom Brunch, Loft and Studio. Call for menus.

Ritz Carlton, St. Regis and Marriott: All in Dana Point and will have a special Brunch.

*Treat the one who has given so much to you and your family. Remember to make reservations, this is a busy day.
Bon Appetite! Carol Yocom*

Travel Tidbits . . . America the Beautiful – Our Fifty States

So you think you know your country. Recently I came across a book with an interesting short history of each state and a "Did You Know" set of five or six questions for each one. Let's test your knowledge of just the Western States.

Did you know?

- The distance from Southeast Alaska to the tip of the Aleutian chain roughly equals the distance from Miami to Los Angeles.
- More native Americans live in California than in any other state.
- As protection against earthquakes or nuclear explosions, the operation center of NORAD in Colorado is mounted on 1,319 giant springs that allow it to sway up to 12 inches in any direction.
- There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet....A E I O U H K L M N P W
- Arco, Idaho was the first city in the world to be lighted with electricity generated by nuclear power.
- Montana is the only state with river systems that empty into the Gulf of Mexico, Hudson Bay and the Pacific Ocean.
- More than a thousand atomic bomb tests have been conducted in Nevada by the US Army.
- During World War II, Japan tried unsuccessfully to start huge fires along the Oregon coast by launching fire bombs.
- The Great Salt Lake is three to five times saltier than the ocean and it is the largest lake west of the Mississippi.
- Washington is the only state named for a President.
- Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote.

If you have not visited each of these states, treat yourself to a scenic and historically interesting adventure. You will enjoy getting to know your country better.



*"The World is a book and those who do not travel read only one page" —St. Augustine
—Barbara Milner C.T.C., bmilner@wtbinc.com*

WELLNESS – Abundance Affirmations

Are you someone who has an **abundance mindset**? Or do you too often slip into a mindset of scarcity? It's something that most of us don't think about very often...we just do it. Actually, I think that unfortunately, too many of us have had the mindset of scarcity drilled into our psyche for so much of our lives by family, teachers, coaches, employers...you know the list...that it has become a habitual way of living our lives. That, in turn grows into a pattern of making scarcity thinking a way of life for far too many of us resulting in poor health and unfulfilled dreams...we just kind of give up and resign ourselves to that negative self-talk. Talk that tells us we can't do, can't change, can't improve our lives and our health.

What does that have to do with creating health in your life? Well, actually, quite a bit. Making a change in your life, a big change like altering your daily eating/moving/thinking habits so that you can live life to the fullest, can be driven right off your own personal "map" with scarcity thinking. When your thinking tells you over and over that you've failed before so why should this be different...that's scarcity! That repetitive little voice that guides you down that path to being unsuccessful because you have made it a **habit** to not believe in your ability to change...well that is a scarcity affirmation...every thought like that affirms in our minds that we can't.



If you would like to make a comment or suggest a topic please send an email to . . .
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On the other hand, with practice, an **abundance mindset**, that is, one that is nurtured by abundance affirmations which is *you* reminding yourself very often daily that you **are** doing a great job making the necessary changes in your lifestyle... that is the way to go. Making changes that will result in you feeling better, improved lab work (like lower cholesterol, blood sugar, etc.), that you **are** doing a wonderful job of exercising, getting enough rest, drinking plenty of water, being patient with your family and friends, and so on...these all are affirmations of abundance that will, over time, become **new habits** that will pull you toward your health and life goals... goals that will take you to a place of health and well-being that will allow you to really live and enjoy the gift of life.

So, ask yourself, what kind of thinking do **you** have going on? Need to make a few adjustments in how you view yourself in the context of this thing called Life? It's never too late to get your thinking in alignment with your goals and dreams...just take the time to stop...and be quiet...and take a look at your life and what you really want...and what you are doing to prevent it from happening...and then how you can move those obstacles (usually yourself) out of the way and really **live!!!** It is all a **big** component of a healthy lifestyle, because we all know that a healthy lifestyle is not just our physical bodies, but also our healthy minds. The door is open...all you have to do is step over the threshold.

To Your Health!

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State University Fullerton, remaining on the faculty for 37 years while also serving as Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and as Chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures for several years. During the mid-eighties, Curt, Ortrud, and Christina moved to Germany for two years while Curt was assigned as the Resident Director of the CSU International Program in Germany. As the sole CSU administrator in Germany, he wore several hats: registrar, professor, academic advisor, and sometimes even counselor and "father confessor." He says he found the whole experience both invigorating and challenging.

After retiring in 2007, Curt's first project was an edition of a seminal novel by the German author Theodor Fontane. While teaching courses and seminars over the years he had discovered that many aspects of this important work first

published over a hundred years ago were scarcely comprehensible to today's students—even to native German students. Besides including the German text and his new English translation on facing pages, Curt's edition is full of background information, references, and annotations that enhance the reader's understanding of the work and the times.

Christina grew up in our little community, but some of the wild blue yonder spirit must have stuck: She married an officer (now Colonel) in the US Air Force. They have a son who brings them and Curt and Ortrud much joy.

As 40 year residents of the Shores, Curt and Ortrud love our ocean-close Niguel Shores community. As they say, Niguel Shores is beautiful in any language.

—*Laurel Livesay*



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