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Happy Thanksgiving

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD - AMERICA250

President Leo Fracalosy opened the meeting. **Pastor Dan Erlenbush** of Newport Harbor Lutheran Church offered the invocation. **Ken Dufour** led in the Pledge of Allegiance. "Thank you city and community leaders, educators, veterans, Gold and Blue Star families, and friends from across our community for joining us. This is exactly what today is about: coming together. This year, America turns 250. Two hundred and fifty years ago, a small group of patriots pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the idea that free people could govern themselves"

We gather today, the day after veterans Day for three reasons. First, to honor our veterans, and the families who served alongside them, for the freedoms we enjoy. Second, to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and to remember the words that led to the beginning of this nation. And third, to reflect on the faith, service, and unity that have carried our country forward.

Americanism is at the heart of what the Exchange Club does. For more than a century, Exchange Clubs have been about service to our community and to our country. Our motto is "Unity for Service", and today we put that into practice.



OUR VETERANS

Roy Shlemon, Joe Brown Garrett TeWinkle, Ed Romeo, Cory Vigil, Richard Swinney, Mike Newcomb



We were once again honored to have **Cory Vigil** as our keynote speaker. Cory served seven years in the U.S Navy, with deployments in support of Operation Desert Strike, Operation Southern Watch, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today he works with military-connected families at Strong Families Strong Children, and for ten years he has volunteered as the Post Service Officer for American Legion Post 291, helping veterans in crisis. He has earned two Presidential Lifetime Achievement Awards, and this year the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce named him Person of the Year. His commitment to help all veterans though difficult times has saved many individuals and families. It is an honor to have Cory share with work.

Pictures Speak a Thousand Words















THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NEWPORT HARBOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	SPEAKER/SUBJECT
Nov 19	**No Guest Speaker | Board Meeting - 1:30 PM**
Nov 26	**Thanksgiving - No Club Meeting**
Dec 3	**Patricia Wenskunas, Crime Survivors**
Dec. 5	**Holiday Party | The Strasmann's**



President
Leo Fracalosy

Lunch will be served at next Thursday's meeting at 12:20 PM. You will be emailed an invitation before the meeting. Please notify Lisa Jelke by Sunday evening if you are planning on attending.

Please visit our website:
www.exchangeclubofnewportharbor.org

Spindrift

EXCHANGE CLUB OF NEWPORT HARBOR
Box 1022, Newport Beach, CA 92659-0022

Newport's First Service Club,1926 * Re–Chartered January 18, 1959

National Club Achievement Award 2009 * National Service Award 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2011
National Big E Award 17 Years * District Best Club Newsletter Award 2001—2006, 2009, 2010 2011
National Club Membership Achievement Award 2005, 2009 * National Excellence Award 2009

National Awards

FirstPlace

Best ClubBulletin Editor, 2001
Best Club Web Video 2011
Best Club Public Relations 2017

CA/NV District Awards

Outstanding Club Awards
Dare to Dream Award 2026

Meets at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
1601 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar
Thursdays | 12 Noon

OFFICERS

President - Leo Fracalosy
President Elect.- Richard Swinney
Vice President, Programs- Mitch Mitchell
Secretary - Lisa Jelke
Treasurer - George Lesley
Immediate Past President - Ross Stewart

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One Year Term	Two Year Term
Marianne Amerine	Barbara Kirkham
Michael Newcomb	Gina Lesley
Lauretta Stansfield	Claudette Mekalian

AMERICANISM - TBD

Field of Honor. - Richard Swinney
Freedom Shrine - Gale Demmer
Proudly We Hail- George Lesley

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Leo Fracalosy

John Crean Book of Golden Deeds - Garry TeWinkle
Crime Prevention - Cynthia Strasmann
Fire Prevention - Jerry Strom
Service to Seniors - Ed Romeo
Adopt a Family - TBD
Child Abuse Prevention - Richard Swinney

FUNDRAISING - Ken Dufour & George Lesley

Movie Benefit - George Lesley
Budget Committee - George Lesley & Ken DuFour
Sports Books - TBD
Football Pool - Mike Gertner

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - TBD

Birthday Recognition - Fran Murphy
Christmas - Cynthia Strasmann
Member Welfare - TBD
Social Events/Fellowship - TBD

MEMBERSHIP - TBD

Education - Mike Gertner
Club Roster - Cynthia Strasmann
Inductions - Past Presidents
Membership Badges - Ken Dufour
New Member Orientation - Sponsors
Recruitment - All Members

YOUTH PROGRAMS - Cynthia Strasmann

Youth of the Year - Lydia Ledesma-Reese
A.C.E. Program - Cynthia Strasmann
Young Citizenship Award - Cynthia Strasmann
Patriotic Art - Cynthia Strasmann
Buddy Bench - TBD
Freedom's Legacy Student Program - Cynthia Strasmann

PROGRAMS - Mitch Mitchell & Diane Daruty

Meeting Setup …….K Dufour/R Shlemon/M Newcomb

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media Coverage - Dave Schapiro
Spindrift Editors - D Schapiro/D Daruty/M Newcomb.
Roy Shlemon

INVESTMENT - Richard Swinney

ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Mike Gertner | CDM Club 67-68
Mike Gertner | 9/78-8/79
Garry TeWinkle | 9/79-8/80
Mitch Mitchell | 9/83-8/84
W.C.Fox | 9/91-9/92
George Lesley | 9/93-8/94
W.C.Fox | 1/00-6/00
Duncan Forgey | 7/05-6/06
Jerry Nininger | 7/09-6/10
Leo Fracalosy | 7/12-6/13
Wally Ziglar | 7/13-6/14
Leo Fracalosy | 7/15-7/16
Richard Swinney | 7/18 - 6/19
Ken Dufour | 7/19-6/20
George Lesley | 7/20-6/21
Mike Gertner | 7/21-6/22
Ken Dufour | 7/22-6/23
Shirley Lashmett | 7/23-6/24
Roy Shlemon | 7/24-6/25
Ross Stewart| | 7/25-6/26

ANNUAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY
National Convention
Membership Drive

AUGUST
Membership Drive I

SEPTEMBER
Sports Books
Membership Drive

OCTOBER
Serving with Honor

NOVEMBER
One Nation Under God
Proudly We Hail

DECEMBER
Christmas Party
Families Helping Families

JANUARY
ECNH Birthday

FEBRUARY
Community Service Month

MARCH
National Exchange Birthday
Club Nominations

APRIL
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Club Elections
Youth of the Year

MAY
Freedom Shrine Month
GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE
Citizenship Award
Field of Honor
Patriotic Art Initiative
A.C.E.

JUNE
Milestones of Freedom
Installation Banquet