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EXCHANGE

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – We were blessed with pleasant weather this week. Our meeting and luncheon was held, as usual, in the banquet room. All six tables were full with our members. **President Leo Fracalosy** opened the meeting, asking **Mike Newcomb** to give the Invocation, He thanked Our Lord for our club asking for guidance as we strive to help those in need and give us wisdom as we strive to make our community a better place. **Leo** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Michael Call** reminded all about the Veterans Day Community Celebration to be held on Saturday, November 14 from noon to 3pm at the OC Fair and Events Center, Heroes Hall/ Plaza Pacifica. The celebration honors those who served and will include exhibits, activities, and booths manned by organizations furnishing veterans' resources. ECNH will have a booth there, and **Michael Call** passed out a sign -up sheet once again asking members to volunteer for a few hours at the event. Please contact **Michael** if you would like to participate.

Claudett Medalian gave an up date on **Mike Gertner.** His wife **Jan** shared that he was in skilled nursing care. His son was coming out to check on his father and encourage him. **Mike** is struggling and in need of our prayers.

Ed Romeo reminded all that the Friends of Oasis Boutique & Rummage Sale was happening Friday, October 2nd and Saturday the 3rd this weekend. Friday's attendees had a $5.00 entry fee. **Ed** encouraged all to attend one of the days.

Lydia Ledesma-Reese gave an update for the effort to raise support for the Clubs various programs. She was pleased with the progress so far. **Lydia** made available the brochures for members to hand out to possible sponsors. If you have questions you may ask any of the committee members: **Lydia Ledesma-Reese, Leo Fracalosy, Claudett Mekalian, Barbara Kirkham, Mitch Mitchell, Marianne Amerine, Lauretta Stansfield** and **Kelly Brennan** to support our efforts.

Cynthia Strasmann met with David Schapiro, Roy Shlemon and **Mike Newcomb** to introduce us to the software for the future Spindrift news letters. Please pray for us!

Last weeks lowest score went to **Claudette.** and **Lisa Jelke** was a winner of last week's Football Pool, and she won $50

The newest member of our Club, **Kim Granderson** was introduced to all. She is friends with our guest speaker **Janice Frechette-Artinger.**



Kim Granderson

Special thanks to **Roy Shlemon** for the following Article:



Janice Frechette-Artinger

Our enthusiastic and most informative speaker was **Janice Frechette-Artinger,** Executive Director of the Parentis Foundation. The Foundation, founded about 10 years ago, seeks to increase the literacy rate of children throughout Orange County. **Ms. Frechette** pointed out that a child who isn't reading proficiently by the 4th grade is four times more likely not to graduate from high school. Further, some 70 percent of incarcerated people are functionally illiterate! These shocking statistics, however, can be substantially ameliorated by providing children with guidance to improve their reading skills. The Parentis Foundation focuses on First- through Fifth grade students in communities where many, far too many, children are reading well below grade level. This reading improvement is accomplished by the volunteer tutor, aged 50 and older, to work with young readers. The Parentis Foundation provides the tutor with about 6 -10 hours of instruction who commits to twice-weekly sessions taking place near the volunteer's residence. The tutors typically work with 2-3 children, individually meeting with them twice each week for a 30-minute session either in person or, if appropriate, via Zoom. The results of the volunteer mentor program are truly amazing: There has been a 60 percent improvement in literacy for the 2,000+ students who received the 1:1 tutoring sessions. And demand for the program is expanding almost exponentially. There are currently 19 mentoring sites in Orange County, and 230+ volunteers who tutored almost 500 students. But another 23 tutoring sites will be opened within the next 30 days! Want to help our community? Become a reading skills mentor for our young students! Check it out at: ***parentisfoundation.org/volunteer***. Additional information is available at their website, ***www.ocgrandjury.org*** or by calling the Grand Jury Hotline. 657-622-6747.



Ed Fracalosy and Janice Frechette-Artinger

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	SPEAKER/SUBJECT
Oct 1	Janice Freshette, Exec Dir. and Founder of Parents Foundation
Oct 8	Lauren Kleiman, Mayor of N.B.
Oct 15	Honors Awards for N.B.P.D. & N.B.F.D.



Pres. Leo Fracalosy

Lunch will be served at next Thursday's meeting at 12:20 p.m. 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.com

Spindrift

EXCHANGE CLUB OF NEWPORT HARBOR

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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

First Place

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

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

Multiple Outstanding Club Awards
California/Nevada District

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 Shrines ..... Gale Demmer
Proudly We Hail ..... George Lesley

COMMUNITY SERVICE ..... Leo Fracalosy
John Crean Book of Golden Deeds ..... Garry TeWinkle
Crime Prevention ..... TBD
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 .....
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 ..... TBD
Inductions ..... Past Presidents
Membership Badges ..... Ken Dufour
New Member Orientation ..... Sponsors
Recruitment ..... All Members

YOUTH PROGRAMS ..... Cynthia Strasmann
Youth of the Year ..... TBD
A.C.E. Program ..... Cynthia Strasmann
Young Citizenship Award ..... Cynthia Strasmann
Patriotic Art ..... Cynthia Strasmann
Buddy Bench ..... Cynthia Strasmann

PROGRAMS ..... Mitch Mitchell / Diane Daruty
Meeting Setup ..... K Dufour/R Shlemon/M Newcomb
PUBLIC RELATIONS ..... TBD
Media Coverage ..... Dave Schapiro
Spindrift Editors: ..... D Schapiro/D Daruty/M Newcomb
INVESTMENT ..... Richard Swinney

ACTIVE PAST PRESIDENTS

Mike Gertner	CDM Club 67-68	Wally Ziglar	7/13-6/14
Mike Gertner	9/78-8/79	Leo Fracalosy	7/15-7/16
Garry TeWinkle	9/79-8/80	Ken Dufour	7/17-6/18
Mitch Mitchell	9/83-8/84	Richard Swinney	7/18-6/19
W.C. Fox	9/91-9/92	Ken Dufour	7/19-6/20
George Lesley	9/93-8/94	George Lesley	7/20-6/21
W.C. Fox	1/00-6/00	Mike Gertner	7/21-6/22
Duncan Forgey	7/05-6/06	Ken Dufour	7/22-6/23
Jerry Nininger	7/09-6/10	Shirley Lashmett	7/23-6/24
Dr. Bob Wood	7/11-6/12	Roy Shlemon	7/24-6/25
Leo Fracalosy	7/12-6/13	Ross Stewart	7/25-6/26

ANNUAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY
National Convention
Membership Drive

AUGUST
Membership Drive
Installation 29th

SEPTEMBER
Sports Books
Membership Drive

OCTOBER
Crime Prevention Month

NOVEMBER
One Nation Under God
Proudly We Hail
Movie Benefit

DECEMBER
Christmas Party
Santa School Program
Families Helping Families

JANUARY
ECNH Birthday
Education Meeting

FEBRUARY
Community Service Month

MARCH
National Exchange Birthday
Club Nominations

APRIL
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Club Elections
A.C.E. Awards
Youth of the Year Awards

MAY
Freedom Shrine Month
GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE
Young Citizenship Award
Field of Honor

JUNE
Milestones of Freedom
Installation Banquet
District Convention