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EXCHANGE
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – There were 24 people who showed up for our weekly luncheon last Thursday, which was held in the banquet room of the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. Guests for the day included **Jean-Pierre Fallou**, who is **Past-President of the Las Vegas Exchange Club**, and current **President of the CA/NV District Exchange Club**. The other distinguished guest was our speaker for the day, **Lauren Kleiman**, who is current **Mayor of Newport Beach** and who is a candidate for City Council at the next election. **Leo** asked our centenarian **Ed Romeo** to give the invocation. **Ed** asked **Our Lord** to help the leaders of our country to go in the right direction, as well as to continue supporting our Club and what we do. **Leo** then led us in the Flag Salute, followed by a buffet lunch including chicken, salmon, and salads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Leo** reminded everyone that next week's meeting will honor members of the **Newport Beach Police and Fire Departments**, and that 55 guests have been invited, including honorees and their families, and City officials. **The meeting will begin at 11:30am** and **Leo** strongly encouraged all members to attend…..**Leo** mentioned that a Board Meeting was scheduled immediately after last Thursday's luncheon…..**Ross Stewart** stated that he would like to schedule Field of Honor Rehab sessions at the N.B. Utility Yard on every Friday, and that we will decide at our Thursday luncheon whether we want to work on the following day, depending on the weather…..**Cynthia Strasmann** (who BTW is currently serving as Treasurer of the CA/NV District Exchange) announced that volunteers will be needed to help set up for the **Newport Spirit Run**, which will be held on **Sunday, October 18th** on the Back Bay. Set up time will be at 6:30am. Details will be made available shortly. Please contact **Cynthia** if you are interested…..**Michael Call** again passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man our Exchange Club booth at the **Veterans Day Celebration**, to be held at the O.C. Fair and Event Center on Saturday, November 14th, from 1pm to 3pm. Program details are TBA.

FOOTBALL POOLS – **Shirley Lashmett** noted that there were no winners of the Football Book this week from our Club…..**Garry TeWinkle** announced that **Marianne Amerine** was the low-end winner (?) of the week's Football pool with 6 right, and the winner with 15 right answers was **Fran Murphy**.

N.B. MAYOR LAUREN KLEIMAN – Our own City Councilmember **Sara Weber**, representing District 7, was privileged to introduce **Mayor Kleiman** as a person who is one of the hardest workers she has known. **Sara** stated that N.B. is thriving in part because of the mayor's work and her commitment to addressing the City's issues, e.g. homelessness, airport noise and pollution, e-bikes and public safety. **Mayor Kleiman** defined the "4 Cs" which she considers to be the foundation of her service: **(1) Communication**- redoing the City's website, as well as using social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and the employment of a new Public Information Officer; the use of surveys to better determine the wants and needs of our residents; the **"Not in Newport"** campaign to educate the younger population as to what is and what is not acceptable behavior in our City **(2) Connectivity**- the use of phones, computer technology, and the upgrading of the City's infrastructure to keep pace with technological improvements; (3) **Customer Service:** Anyone who works for N.B. and has direct contact with our residents has and will be receiving customer service training and **(4) Commitment to Public Safety,** referring to issues raised by the July 4th riots. In the past, the City was generally prepared for the influx of people coming from outside on the 4th and have increased the number of police and assistance of Police Departments outside the City in an effort to mitigate any issues, but this year's riots overwhelmed the resources that we had available. We are now going to issue triple fines for people who violate any municipal code, which will be expanded beyond July 4th to include all holiday weekends. She mentioned restrictions on tents on the beach, which reduce the visibility of the lifeguards;

Lauren outlined some of the features which were accomplished while she was a member of the City Council, including the following:



Newport Beach Mayor Lauren Kleiman

- Construction of the Balboa Fire Station;
- The use of drones by the Police and Fire Departments to significantly decrease response times in emergencies and to assist in detection and surveillance activities;
- the use of mounted police (4 horses) at the beaches to increase police visibility in areas where motorized vehicles are not as effective;
- the significant decrease in the number of homeless people residing in the City (from 94 to 8);
- elimination of some mental health programs which were costly and not working;
- reinstatement of anti-camping laws;
- regulation of homes which are used for drug rehabilitation etc. which are currently not licensed or controlled by any government oversight.
- E-bikes: The City is working with the State to adopt regulations which will control their use. There are currently no infrastructure, guidelines for protection, or licensure. Regulation to date has been a band-aid approach to handling the younger population who generally has no training or experience to drive these vehicles on City streets. The City is working on ordinances to allow officers to cite unsafe e-bike drivers, etc. We need to license both the e-bike and the driver.
- The City is working on adopting regulations which restrict or ban the OTC sale of drugs at smoke shops, e.g. kratom, Nitrous Oxide, and flavored tobaccos.

Mayor Kleiman also identified Quality of Life issues including parking; walking in the Corridor; use of Hop-On-Hop-Off trolleys; PCH beautification; private security; and artistic enhancements, e.g. murals.

"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE NEWPORT". The mayor showed a promotional video entitled **"Mayor's Dinner Video 2026"** which was produced for the City of N.B and which is available on U-tube. However, **Lydia Ledesma-Reese** mentioned that the video does not include our Field of Honor, which is among the largest events celebrated by the City each year. **Lydia** requested that the Mayor include FOH photos as part of the video.

For more information, please visit *www.Lauren4Newport.com*, at which you will find her newsletter and the video.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING – This week's raffle tickets were held by **Marianne Amerine** and **Lisa Jelke,** who each took home $25.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	SPEAKER/SUBJECT
Oct 15	Honors Awards for N.B.P.D. & N.B.F.D.
Oct 22	Dr. Andy Gerken, Candidate N.B. City Council (w/ Camp. Mgr. Teray Stephens
Oct 29	Richard Swinney, Patricia Wenskunas
Nov 5	Robyn Grant
Nov 12	"One Nation Under God", Board Mtg.
Nov 19	Business Meeting



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

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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