



NEPTUNIAN WOMAN'S CLUB

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Since 1909

920 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy Savaiano

Holiday Greetings. December is always a festive time at the Club. For our new members, you'll certainly be amazed at the festive tablescapes created by our ladies. The Club turns into a winter-wonderland. We'll be welcoming back the Mira Costa High School Choir. These talented singers are the highlight of our holiday luncheon. We are so fortunate to have so much talent in our community. There is no business meeting in December rather it's a time to socialize with friends old and new and enjoy a respite from the busy holiday season.

This month we'll be saying good-bye to one of our long serving Board Members, Jill Dunn. Jill currently serves as Director At Large and will be leaving the Board due to a well-deserved promotion at Chevron. I speak not only for the Board but for all our members, that Jill's support and thoughtful guidance will be missed. Thank you, Jill, for all you have done for the Neptunians.

Whatever your holiday traditions, may they be filled with family, friends and all the best the season has to offer.

### UPCOMING

- **Dec 5:** Santa Sleigh
- **Dec 10:** Santa Stroll
- **Dec 13:** Luncheon, ft. Mira Costa Choir
- **Now-Dec 13:** Etta's Strudel Fundraiser
- **Dec 15:** Book Group
- **Jan 10:** Luncheon
- **Jan 22:** Bingo
- **Feb 3:** Homeboy Industries Tour (Tentative)
- **Mar 3:** Paint & Sip

# MONTHLY LUNCHEON: DEC 13

Maria Zebrowski



Chicken Pesto Medallions Stuffed with Provolone



Roasted Brussels Sprouts in Balsamic Glaze



Assorted Holiday Desserts



Buttered Penne Pasta



Marinara Sauce



**Vegan Option:**  
Vegan Fettucine Alfredo

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Our December luncheon meeting is Tuesday, December 13th and includes our holiday tradition of being entertained by the Mira Costa Choir. We will also have Santa Claus as our special guest - you won't want to miss him! Your invitation was emailed from Eventbrite on November 30th—please look for it and register by the deadline, December 8th. If you do not receive it (check your spam folder), please let me know.

After you register (RSVP), you will receive an immediate email from Eventbrite confirming your reservation. If you don't get this email, you are NOT registered! You will need to return to Eventbrite to complete your registration. Note: Depending on what device you are using, you may need to scroll down the page to see where you will add your name, email address, menu selection and then enter your name and email a second time followed by clicking "Register."

Reminder: If you have a reservation and need to cancel, please do so before the deadline (Dec 8) so we can give the correct numbers to the caterer. If you do not cancel, you will be charged \$25 dollars to cover your catering cost.

Please RSVP as soon as you can as we often reach capacity for this special event which is open to members only.

We hope to see you!

FYI: There will be a few boutique vendors at the luncheon so be sure to bring some spending \$\$\$ with you.

Carla Petroff, Reservation Mgr  
310-545-5996

## A JOLLY DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Maria Zebrowski

Our December lunch is always the highlight of the year as we are serenaded by the Mira Costa Choirs, but this year we're stepping it up a notch. Santa will make an appearance and local artists will be at boutique tables for your Holiday shopping pleasure. For those of you who have set up and enjoyed the individually decorated tables, of course we are doing that again. There is room for a couple more members to take a table and make it their own winter wonderland. So if you'd like to decorate a table, or need more information, contact me, Maria Zebrowski at zebrowm@aol.com.

# 2022-2023

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# DECEMBER LUNCHEON GUESTS: MCHS CHOIR



Our December guests will feature the Mira Costa High School Choir. Please welcome Kate Crellin:

Kate Crellin joined MBUSD's music faculty in 2021 as the Choir Director for both MBMS and Mira Costa High School. In addition to her enthusiasm for teaching and love of singing, Kate brings a wealth of experience as a vocalist, composer, educator, researcher, conductor, and arranger.

Kate holds degrees from the Queens' College, Cambridge in the UK (Masters in Choral Conducting) and the University of Southern California (BA Choral Music & BA Law, History and Culture). As an educator, Kate has taught pre-K through 12th-grade music in both public and private schools across Los Angeles. She is a published and award-winning composer, with three works under Heritage Music Press.

Kate is passionate about singing and teaching both classical and contemporary music. She has performed across the world, including singing with the Rolling Stones, David Crosby, Eric Whitacre, Pentatonix, and touring across eight countries. Additionally, she is active in the contemporary a cappella scene as a freelance arranger, performer, and staff at A Cappella Academy. For fun, Kate loves to travel, spend time with her friends, and go on adventures with her dog, Maisie.



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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FIELD TRIPS, ACTIVITIES & MORE

Lorri Kampfner

Thank you to all that members that could make our last outing to the LA Central Library and The Last Bookstore! For those that couldn't make it, check out our upcoming events.

Each year the Kiwanis Club presents the **Santa Sleigh** that travels through different neighborhoods throughout the holidays. Local organizations, like the NWC, are given a night to be the elves on the sleigh. This year, look for some of our new members cruising through the neighborhood between Peck Ave and Redondo Ave. on 12/5/22. For more information and the routes each night, click on the link. <https://www.manhattanbeachsantafloat.com/>

Team NWC is set up for **Mychal's Learning Place's Santa Stroll on Saturday, December 10th at 9am at the Hermosa Pier**. The proceeds from this 5k stroll will benefit programs for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities. Click the link below then the register button on the top right corner to be part of the team. Registration is \$45. Santa suit pick-up info to follow. <https://santastroll2022.funraise.org/fundraiser/lorri-kampfner>



SANTA STROLL



## SAVE THE DATES

- 1/22/23: Bingo at the clubhouse
- 2/3/23: Tentative Homeboy Industries tour
- 3/3/23: Paint and Sip at the clubhouse

Stay tuned for times and details.

Also in the planning stages for the New Year are more field trips to gardens, museums or landmarks and get togethers around town!

On November 29th, we did wreath decorating at the clubhouse with snacks and sips! Many of you had fun listening to holiday tunes while decorating your pieces.

If you missed a luncheon or you want to know more about what is going on in the club, please email me or call me at 310-616-6187 with any questions. If I can't answer them, I will connect you with someone who can.

Please welcome our newest members: Janet MacWilliams and Susie Young!



WREATH  
DECORATING



## BOOK GROUP

Pat Downing

The Neptunian Book Group will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM at the NWC Clubhouse.

This will be our holiday event so we will not have a regular book reviewer. Instead we will have Manhattan Beach Librarian, Patrick Lait join us. Patrick will share with us his recommended holiday reading and book gift ideas.

In addition, instead of having hostesses, this will be a holiday potluck so please bring your favorite dish to share. We don't need a lot and you can certainly just bring an appetizer or a dessert or some beverage. It's mainly about having fun. And along that line, we will also go back to our Christmas book swap which was always fun. For those of you who are new, this means to bring a wrapped book that you have read and include on the outside a small note with a teaser of sorts or a very brief description of the book but not the title. Then one by one these "no titled" books based on description only will be offered up by the "book auctioneer" (for free). Whoever speaks up first, gets that book. Everyone gets one book and opens it there. Trades are possible and frequent (like if you've already read the book). We will then discuss these books at the January meeting.

Although it might not be the same for those zooming in, we will still plan to zoom this meeting so a zoom invitation will be sent out a few days prior.

If you are a book lover, and not already part of our group, we would love to have you join us. Just contact me and I will send you an invitation.

## CASA REACH FOR THE STARS PROGRAM

Kathie Nichols

**'Tis the Season to be Jolly!** Gifts for CASA children can be brought to the luncheon - unwrapped - in the white bag or with the bag attached. If you cannot deliver the gift to the luncheon, please have another member bring it or it can be dropped off at my house (1413 Elm Ave, MB.) Thank you for your caring spirits bringing joy to these children. May the joy you bring return to you ten-fold.



# PHILANTHROPY

**Kathie Nichols**

Three members have requested to join our committee, Ida Schrag, Marlene Thompson and Katelyn Sullivan. Welcome and we look forward to working with you.

On December 5, Neptunians will assist Santa on his float visiting Manhattan Beach families. Betty Herring, Michelle Erickson, Kathleen von Behren, Cindy Baeuchler and I will be in our finest elf attire and OH WHAT FUN we will have!

There will be more opportunities to sign up to help with **Project Needs'** food distribution on the first Thursday of each month. More opportunities to help with **A Sense of Home** projects will be available January through May.

**Baking Buddies** will be a new outreach beginning in January. Neptunians who love to bake can come together individually or in small groups to provide baked goods - cookies, breads, cakes ... - and deliver them to the 1736 House office in Torrance. These goodies will be given to the women and children who reside in the shelter. So get out your recipes and tie on your aprons and be ready for some baking fun.



Through the generosity of our members, bags and bags of food, blankets and warm clothing were donated and dropped off at **Project Needs in Redondo Beach** to feed the hungry and homeless in the South Bay Area. Thank you, amazing Neptunian ladies.



**In-kind donations for the rest of the Neptunian year are as follows:**

JAN

**SPCA** (A complete list of items to donate will be available in the next newsletter). If you ever find yourself with dog or cat food that you no longer need (even if the bag is opened) please consider donating it to **Project Needs** in Redondo where it is distributed to pets of people struggling to provide food for their fur babies.

FEB

**USO at LAX** (again a list of items will be provided in an upcoming newsletter) We bring snacks and personal hygiene items which are used and enjoyed by military personnel who travel through LAX. In addition, we will be able to write Valentines cards to them at our February meeting. So, let's say thank you and we appreciate their service to the women and men in our military.

MAR

It's time for bunnies and diapers for **St. Margaret's Center**. Actually, any soft and cuddly animal will bring fun and comfort to a young child.

APR

**Clothes the Deal** will give us a great reason to clean out our closets. They accept gently used (or new) clothing, accessories and shoes. Casual, Business Casual and Business attire is welcome. These clothes are made available to people looking for jobs or recently hired.

MAY

**Manhattan Beach Friends of the Library** will collect books, CDs and DVDs which they sell to bring funds to our local library. They are always impressed by the quality and quantity of books we donate!

That wraps up our in-kind donations for the Neptunian year. Please know that your donations are very much appreciated and that you give what you can, when you can.

# PHILANTHROPY CONTINUED

## Scholarship Committee

From about March to May, the committee will gather, read and evaluate student scholarship notebooks from MCHS. All reading is done on-line. This is such an exciting and humbling experience when you get to reflect upon the amazing accomplishments and aspirations of our local students. If you are interested in joining us on this undertaking, please contact me at [klnichols817@gmail.com](mailto:klnichols817@gmail.com).

Thank you and I wish you the happiest and most peaceful season of all!



## RENTALS

Michelle Erickson & Barbara Dietsch

NWC continues to have increased interest in renting the clubhouse for various events including birthdays, wedding vow renewals, celebrations of life, and non-profit organization events. Remember, NWC members receive a 20% discount on rentals! The Cancer Support Community South Bay and 18th annual Girls Night Out 'Fund-raiser' were very successful. This month we rented the clubhouse to Mira Costa for their Cheer and Waterpolo Booster events. Don't forget to support the Sandpipers at their holiday boutique the first weekend in December. Please let others know that the clubhouse is ready to host their next event.



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Teresa White

Keep up-to-date with our club on social media! Be sure to check out Neptunian Woman's Club on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter**. Monday Motivation, Throwback Thursday memories, Member Spotlight and more are highlighted. It is a fun way to keep up with the latest news.



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