

JANUARY

2023



NEPTUNIAN WOMAN'S CLUB

Since 1909

920 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy Savaiano

UPCOMING

- **Jan 10:** Luncheon
- **Jan 12:** Mahjong
- **Jan 19:** Book Group
- **Jan 19:** Mahjong
- **Jan 22:** Bingo
- **Jan 26:** Mahjong
- **Jan 28:** Camp Pendleton donation drop-off
- **Feb 2:** Volunteers needed - Project Needs
- **Feb 14:** Luncheon
- **Feb 15:** Tour of USO (tentative)
- **Feb 16:** Book Group
- **Mar 3:** Paint & Sip
- **Mar 14:** Luncheon
- **Mar 16:** Book Group
- **Apr 11:** Luncheon
- **Apr 20:** Book Group
- **Apr 29:** Casino Night

Happy New Year, Neptunians. Our holiday lunch drew the biggest attendance since before the pandemic shut-down. It was gratifying to see the clubhouse once again full of members having fun. Let's keep the momentum going; plan to join us in the New Year and stay connected with your friends and all the club has to offer.

A new feature of this Newsletter is the calendar showing all upcoming events. Lorri Kampfner and her committee have planned several activities which are sure to be of interest to many of you. We are also launching, under the leadership of Karin Miller, a new Special Interest group. If you've always wanted to learn how to play mahjong or hone your skills, be sure to reach out to Karin. Amanda Wyatt is chairing our annual fundraiser taking place on April 29. Consider volunteering at this fundraiser, not only may you meet your new best friend, but you'll help the club achieve its philanthropic mission of giving back to the community. Contact Amanda for more information.

See you all in the new year,
Sandy

MONTHLY LUNCHEON: JAN 10

Maria Zebrowski

From Lisa's Bon Appetit



Beef Stroganoff



Green Beans with Almonds & Shallots



Buttered Egg Noodles



Vegan Option:
Stuffed Spaghetti Squash



Assorted Cupcakes & Cookies

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our January luncheon meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th**. Your invitation will be emailed from Eventbrite on December 28th— please look for it and register by the deadline, January 5th. 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 (Jan 5) 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. We hope to see you!

Carla Petroff
Reservation Manager
310-545-5996



JANUARY LUNCHEON GUESTS: PALOS VERDES AUDUBON SOCIETY

Geri Eisen

Our guest speaker for January is Maria Jazmin Rios. She is the Project Manager for the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society. Jazmin will be speaking to our group on the many species of birds found in our area, along with the importance of native plants and the implementation of habitat restoration.



2022-2023

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Dear Ladies,
I would like to thank you all for making me feel most welcome. I really enjoyed the lunches outings, and book club. I wish you all a Happy New Year. Lots of love
Amanda's Mum,
Jeanette



SANTA
AT LUNCHEON

SANTA STROLL



Check out the Neptunian Team of Santas: Kim Edwards, Barbara Schafer, Ellen Modes, Betty Herring & Patti Mahoney who joined in on the fun of The CA Great Santa Stroll, benefiting Mychal's Learning Place, a 5K fun stroll along the strand from HB Pier to MB and back. Great fundraiser! Thank you for participating!

2022-2023

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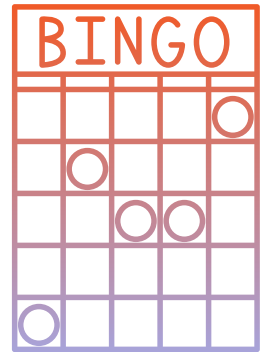
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE ACTIVITIES & MORE

Lorri Kampfner

Join us 1/22/23 at the clubhouse for **BINGO!** 2-4 pm. \$25 gets you a card for seven games. There will be an option to buy additional cards for \$1 each. We will have exciting non-cash prizes for each game. Proceeds will go towards scholarships. Snacks and drinks provided but feel free to bring something to share.

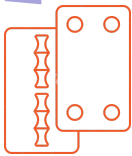
We will be dropping off our February in-kind donations and taking a tour of the USO at LAX on February 15th at 11am. Email me if you would like to go. The tour can accommodate 20 people.



MAHJONG

Thank you to the club for purchasing 3 Mahjong sets and 12 cards to begin our lessons with 12 members on January 12, 19 and 26. At the luncheon we had 26 women sign up for lessons and if you would like to join the group please contact Karin at karinmiller53@gmail.com.

An email to all will be sent the first week of January with more details for January and February lesson groups.



There will be another donation drop-off for Camp Pendleton on Saturday, January 28th. See the flyer to the right for more information.

Please welcome new members **Sajda Kahn, Susie Young, Joanie Neumayer, and Carina Luswich**. Look for them at the next luncheon and introduce yourself!

Our website is continuously being updated. Please visit <http://www.neptunians.org> for updated information about the club. If you see any items that need to be changed or added, please let me know.

SAVE THE DATES

- 1/22:** Bingo at the clubhouse
- 1/28:** Camp Pendleton donation drop-off
- 1/12, 19 & 26:** Mahjong
- 3/3:** Paint and Sip at the clubhouse

Donations to Camp Pendleton for Mothers and Children

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CENTINELA VALLEY UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

There are over 70,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton and 10,000 children under the age of 5! More than 160 babies are born there each month! Most families arrive with whatever they can fit in their car. With a very low income, most do not have everything they need for newborns and small children. They also have to furnish an apartment and set up a kitchen.

The Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5280 are collecting new and gently used baby, child and household items for these young families. The families will select what they need from our contributions to the "Warrior Warehouse".

Items in the greatest need are:

Diapers, diapers and more diapers, baby and young children's clothing, toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs, dishes, cookware, meal preparation tools, bedding and gift cards (\$25) from Target and Walmart.

Monetary donations can be made by contacting Rotarian David Henseler.



Saturday January 28th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hawthorne High School
4859 El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, California 90250

David Henseler
South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club
(310) 753-0929



BOOK GROUP

Pat Downing

The Neptunian Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the NWC Clubhouse. Our reviewer will be Beverly Janus and she will give us a brief review of the book, *Sleeping with the Lions: A year in Tanzania* by Lee Anne McIlroy. But Beverly is also giving us a special treat. She has invited the author to join us and we will hear Lee Anne talk about her book and her opportunity to spend a year in East Africa. You might want to consider reading the book in advance so we can have a lively Q&A with the author after her talk. And if you have the book with you, perhaps you can ask her to sign it.

After the book discussion, we will need to select a book for our group read in February, so please come prepared with a suggestion so we can take a vote as to which one we want to read and discuss. If time permits we can also talk about the books we selected at the December book swap or others we have read. We plan to Zoom this meeting so a Zoom invitation will be sent out a few days prior. Hostesses for this meeting are Jan F and Mary Sue and we will need to get another volunteer as Kathie is not available.

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. My email is downing-vallarta@juno.com.

GARDENING ANGELS

Robin Kirk

The Gardening Angels continues its long tradition of caring for the 9/11 garden. A heartfelt thank you to all our Angels: Carla Petroff, Ellen Modes, Cindy Denny, Mary Sue Brubaker, Janet Paperin, Barbara Harris-Holdrege, and Jan Fleming (newly retired). We are fortunately fully staffed but occasionally need an extra hand.

Contact Robin Kirk
robinkirkone@gmail.com



PHILANTHROPY

Kathie Nichols

HAPPIEST NEW YEAR!

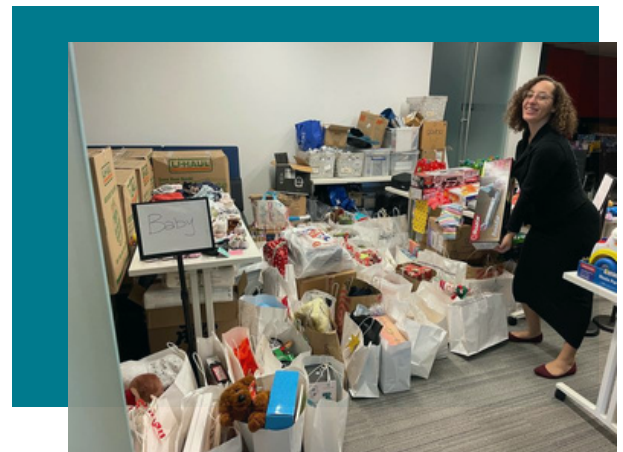
Your generosity shined through in your Reach for the Stars donations. So many children will have received wonderful gifts as a result of your giving. I wish you and them happiness for the year ahead.

This month, we will donate to the SPCA to bring warmth and comfort to four footed fur babies. Jeri Dearden will once again bring donated items to the Yukon SPCA. She requests that any food be unopened and all small rugs or mats, towels, and blankets be clean and without scent from heavily scented detergent or dryer sheets. Collars, leashes, clean beds, and toys are gladly accepted.

If you have opened bags of dog or cat food, we can donate them to **Project Needs** for pets of homeless people or those who have difficulty purchasing pet food.

There will be opportunities to sign up to help sign in clients at Project Needs on February 2, 2023. And, we will be looking for some bakers who can bake bread, cookies, cakes or whatever is their specialty and deliver it to the Torrance office of the 1736 House. Women and children who need to sequester from an abusive situation are cared for by this organization.

Love of Learning hearts will be available at our January and February luncheons. We can show our love and appreciation for special people in our lives while helping to provide scholarships for local students.



Our holiday gift donations were delivered to Zoe Moctezuma, Development Associate at CASA of Los Angeles - Court Appointed Special Advocates on Dec 15. So many great presents! Thank you to all who participated in making the holidays happier for those in need.

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

JAN

SPCA: Donated pet food has to be unopened. Small rugs or mats, towels, and blankets need to be clean and without scent from heavily scented detergent or dryer sheets. Collars, leashes, clean beds, and toys are gladly accepted.

FEB

USO at LAX: (List of items will be provided in next month's 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**. 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!

REACH FOR THE STARS



Making the holidays memorable for those children in need! Lots of donations were purchased from their wish lists and gathered for our "Reach for the Stars" program through CASA of Los Angeles - Court Appointed Special Advocates. These gifts are then delivered to the children for the holidays at the Ed Edelman Children's Courthouse for overburdened child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Great kickoff for our last meeting and luncheon of the year! Pictured: Kathie Nichols, VP Philanthropy with Miriam.

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! This month we received very positive reviews from our renters including the Mira Costa Waterpolo Booster group and the Sandpipers after their holiday boutique. We are also pleased to announce that LA Insight will begin having a meditation class on Tuesday evenings at the Clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend. They ask for a small donation. More details to follow. 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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