



## Luminarias

The Bella Committee will gather for a quick clean up and assemble luminarias at 4:00 p.m.

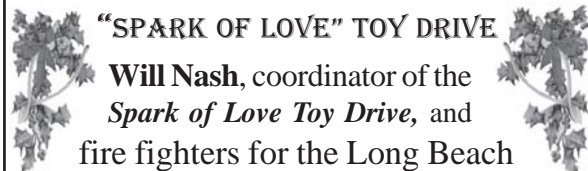
**La Bella Fontana di Napoli  
Luminaria and Carol Night  
at the fountain  
Bay Shore Community  
Congregational Church  
Chancel Choir  
Julie Ramsey, Director  
Monday, Dec. 12th, at 7:30 p.m.  
a traditional carol sing.**

### LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

If you would like to contribute canned goods or checks to Lutheran Social Service would you please bring them to the November General Meeting on November 14th.

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### “SPARK OF LOVE” TOY DRIVE

**Will Nash**, coordinator of the *Spark of Love Toy Drive*, and fire fighters for the Long Beach Fire Department, is graciously arranging for a Fire Engine to pick up the abundance of your donated toys at the end of the Christmas luncheon next month. Bring your cameras and enjoy meeting the fine members of this department who are willing to give volunteer hours to collect, store, and deliver these gifts to needy children. This is such a worthy cause...a gift from the heart is the real meaning of Christmas.

**Don't forget to invite and carpool with those who are unable to drive. You may also drop off your guests at the main entrance and then go park.**

## FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, November 6th**

Counting the days 'till our  
**FUNDRAISER at ROMANCE, ETC.**

in Belmont Shore at 5209 2nd St.!!  
Don't forget Santa's wish list and enjoy the festivities between 11:00am to 3:00pm for a little bubbly, nibbles and great SHOPPING!

Bring friends and see you gals there!!  
p.s. 15% of the sales go towards  
Beautification of Naples!

*Pam McCredie and Wendi Vodhanel*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lovely cool mornings are greeting us now and many of our gardens are blossoming in beautiful autumn colors. I think this has to be my very favorite time of year here on Naples Island. I'm also proud to be a part of this group of women who care so much about our community. You demonstrate this by volunteering on our many and varied committees and participating in our fundraisers and excursions.

Thank you to everyone who will be either attending our event at Romance Etc. or who purchased tickets and donated to this annual project. A huge thank you to Wendi Vodhanel and Pam McCredie for not only chairing this wonderful event but hosting a cocktail party in late October to encourage everyone to turn in their money. Way to go ladies!!! That's dedication.

Of course, Betty Hercus has done an extraordinary job of turning our Veteran's Day event into a "not-to-be-missed" affair. I hope all of you have a chance to come by La Bella Fontana and celebrate the dedicated service of our local Veterans. Many thanks to Betty and her committee.

Marge Holy is planning our upcoming Victorian Christmas excursion to see the historical Bembridge House on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure not to miss it! We will round out this year with the ever-popular Christmas Luncheon at Virginia County Club. Trish Schooley is planning this event for us and it promises to be great fun. Be sure to get your reservations in soon. "Put on your pearls girls" and let's have some fun!!

*"Gardening is an Instrument of Grace"*

*Barbara*

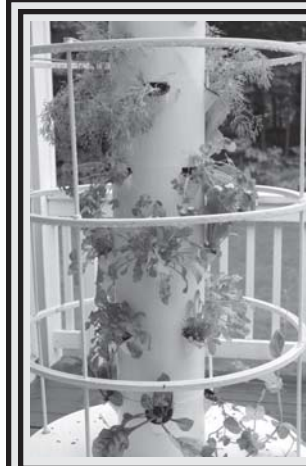
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## NEXT MEETING

*November 14th, 2016*

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5872 Naples Plaza, Long Beach  
12:30 p.m. Social 1:00 p.m



## “Tower Gardens”

*by Dave Mehl*

Demonstrates his  
Nationally  
recognized  
hydroponic towers  
for growing salads  
without dirt.

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## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EXCURSION

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 8.

**Meet:** We will car pool from Long Beach Yacht Club parking lot at 10:45 a.m., leaving for event at 11 a.m. Volunteers to drive needed.

**Lunch location:** George's Greek Cafe, Pine Avenue, 11:30 a.m.

**Tour of Victorian Christmas Decorated Bembridge House:** 2 p.m. Stan Poe will provide us a talk about the history of the house.

The house will be decorated with a different Victorian Christmas in each room. If we arrive early for the tour, we can see the gardens.

**Cost:** \$31.00 includes lunch and Bembridge tour. Does not include parking. **Guest are welcome.**

**Payment:** Please address check for \$31 (or cash is ok) to Marge Hohly. Either bring check/cash to the November meeting or mail/drop off the check/cash to Marge at 5572 Campo Walk. You can reach Marge at 562-439-9554.

**Lunch includes the following:**

**HUMUS & TZANTZIKI DIP** - A Generous Selection of Tzantziki and Humus served with fresh hot Pita Bread.

**SPANAKOPITES** - Baked Mini Filo Triangles Stuffed with Feta Cheese, Spinach and Spices

**TRADITIONAL GREEK SALAD** - Fresh Mixed Greens with Sliced Tomato, Red Onion, Kalamata Olives, Cucumbers, Feta Cheese, Bell Peppers and our signature, homemade George's Greek Dressing.

**GREEK STYLE RICE** - Our Signature Greek Style Vegetable Rice

**BEEF AND LAMB GYRO** - Shredded Beef and Lamb Cooked on a Spit and served with Tzantziki Sauce.

**CHICKEN SOUVLAKI (KABOB)** - Skewered Chunks of grilled boneless Chicken Breast Marinated in Fresh Lemon Juice, Extra-Virgin Olive Oil and Greek Spices

Please call me with any questions. (562) 439-3932. This will be a lovely event to start the Christmas season.

*submitted by Marge Hohly,  
Excursion Chairman*

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 28, 2016

**Hostess:** Barbara Jordon

**Co-hostess:** Ducky Caswell

## General Membership Meeting

**Door Hostess:** Lynette Sewell

**Flowers:** Rosanne O'Brien

**Refreshments:** Pauline Thopson, Gloria Gesselman, Kristie Nairne, Carol Sage, Lynn Little, Ann Devlin

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Delphine Kaufman  
November 2 Laurie Scanlin  
November 3 Cindy Murphy  
November 6 Loretta Lusk  
November 9 Marianne Huntley  
November 12 Margaret Russell  
November 16 Marilyn Bittle  
November 18 Kathy Kildebeck  
November 21 Marion Beckman  
November 22 Lynn Little  
November 24 Margaret Hay  
November 29 Judy Taylor



## BUNCO

Don't be a turkey; Trot on over and join the "Bunco Babes"

Monday evening, November 14th  
at 7:00 p.m.

Jeanie Miller's house  
53 Rivo Alto Canal

Remember to bring \$5.00 in singles  
and "treat", (no tricks) in a bag.

call: Jeanie Miller (562) 433-0566

## VETERANS DAY

### Veterans Day Celebration Friday, November 11th



*Veterans and attendees at the 2015 dedication.*

### THANK YOU TO BUNCO BABES!

*"I would like to thank all the Bunco Babes who have participated in playing, hosting and bringing goodies for our yearly Bunco games. Looking forward to more fun filled games and a wonderful New Year. Remember, there will be no Bunco in December, but we will gather in January; place to be announced in the January Island Poppy!"*

*Special thanks to Dolores Montoya for consistently handling our funds each month; to Betty Hercus who prints our score sheets; to Kathy Kildebeck who reminds everybody by email blast.*

submitted by Jeanie Miller

This year our Garden Club has another great celebration planned for our local Veterans!

**When:** Friday, November 11th, 2016

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Social:** 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** La Bella Fontana Park  
at the Colonnade

New this year, the Garden Club will have a PA System so that everyone can hear the names of our local Veterans. Also new this year... coffee and donuts and more chairs. Our Veterans Day committee will once again place a beautiful floral wreath at the flagpole, local Boy Scout Troop 105 will present the colors and lead the group with the pledge of allegiance, and Marilyn Bittle will lead the group in a closing patriotic song. The Veterans Day Committee needs everyone in the club to get the word out and invite their neighbors and especially help in getting Veterans in our community to attend.

*Betty Hercus, Veteran's Day Chairperson*

## Much Appreciation

to  
Peet's Coffee,

Belmont Shore  
for donating coffee  
for this event.

# Our Honorary Members



**Firefighter, Will Nash, coordinator of the “Spark of Love” toy campaign,** is a guest of honor at our Annual Christmas Luncheon. He received a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in arranging the volunteer Fire Fighters to collect the gifts brought by members on the day of our luncheon. We congratulate him for his recognition as “Firefighter of the Year 2015”.

**Don Easterby, Superintendent of Beach Maintenance for Parks, Recreation and Marine,** and has been a staunch supporter of the Garden Club for many years. He has assisted us in many of the Community beautification projects that we have been involved with during his tenure. His support is greatly appreciated and we honor him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Please address any comments to Lynette Sewell

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**Cindy Murphy**  
**Margie Burri**

sponsors:  
**Marianne Huntley**  
**Sharon Civalleri**

**Nancy Pinckert** (Byron)  
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*“Ladies in Waiting”*

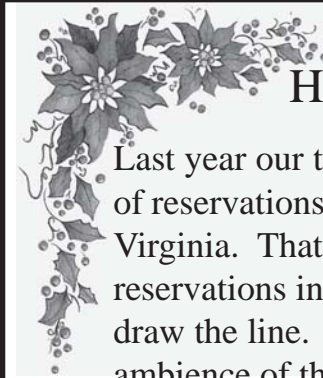
*Admission to the Club as an Active Member is based upon membership availability.*

## \*\*\*ROSTER CORRECTIONS\*\*\*

Please make corrections in your roster for the following members.

Margaret Hay  
Betty Hercus  
Lynn Little

Her email is: mmhay22@icloud.com  
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Her email is: lynn.little4@aol.com



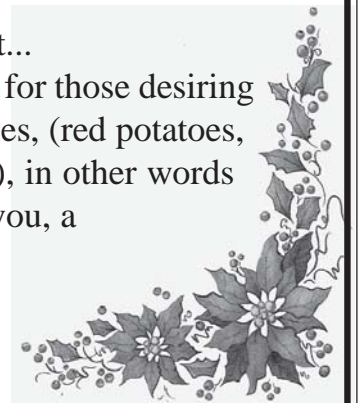
## Helpful information ~ Christmas Luncheon

Last year our turn out for this lovely event met a maximum number of reservations that will fit comfortably into the dining room at Virginia. That number was 14 tables. It would be wise to get your reservations in as quickly as possible in the event that we have to draw the line. As usual it promises to be a beautiful event ~ the ambience of the club is always festive and the service most pleasant. It is a lovely way to get into the holiday spirit with the volunteer firemen collecting your gifts and happy chatter of visiting with friends. So get your tables of 8 or 10 organized early and send your reservations to Sharon Civalleri.

The luncheon menu is a repeat by popular request...

Salmon Cucumber which is virtually a nicoise, so for those desiring not to have salmon, the salad is loaded with goodies, (red potatoes, green beans, tomato, lettuce, baby corn and more), in other words a meal unto its self. If neither of these appeal to you, a Penne Pasta is available. Please indicate on your reservation form the choice of one of these three. No changes can be made the day of the event.

*submitted by Trish Schooley, event Chair.*



## Appreciation

NIGC would like to thank  
**Polly's Gourmet Coffee**  
owner, Mike Sheldrake, for his continuous generous donation of coffee for our monthly meetings.



*L-R: Officer LeBaron of the 3rd District; Suzie Price, 3rd District Councilperson; President, Barbara Jordan.*

# October Program

Suzie Price, our Third District Councilperson, spoke on issues that are pertinent to our community. She explained what is happening with SEASP and how it works regarding the wetland areas. This also encompassed what plans are moving forward with the Seaport Marina Hotel. She mentioned the owner of the hotel is looking at developing a retail outdoor mall similar to the new outdoor mall in Huntington Beach, just south of Main Street. It would be no higher than 3 stories and would have no residences. She discussed traffic issues, particularly the intersections of Pacific Coast Highway and 2nd Street, and Pacific Coast Highway and 7th Street. She would like the City to take over both intersections from Cal Trans, enabling the City to calibrate the lights. This would reduce traffic significantly.

Suzie also presented negative effects that have resulted from Proposition 47, which passed in 2014, and discussed upcoming Marijuana dispensary propositions and their impact regarding the City of Long Beach. Her recommendation was to vote “No” on MM and “Yes” on MA. By her invitation, Officer LeBaron from the East Side of Long Beach came and discussed current crime in our area. Car burglaries were on the rise as residents were leaving their cars unlocked, and cautioned that robberies were on the rise. We thank them both very much for their time and such detailed reports.

*submitted by Marianne Huntley, Program Chair*



*Suzie Price presents most informative discussion about our City.*



*Pam McCredie and Wendi Vodhanel speak about the upcoming Fundraiser.*



*Officer LeBaron interacts for one of our members.*



*Jan Dark has question for Suzie Price and Officer LeBaron.*



*L-R: Lisa Mauck brought the beautiful arrangement for the refreshment table; Hospitality Chairman, Marion Beckman.*