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This monthly contest challenges you to find this particular anchor, no others will do, hidden within the pages of the Lines&Bits newsletter.



When you find it, send an email to editor@dwyc.org with the page number and location description. Reply by the 20th of the month and you will be entered in a monthly random drawing to win a complimentary cocktail at the club, courtesy of the Commodore!

SAVE THE DATE!

(See articles for event details)

Charity Regatta	6/3-5/22	25 th Annual Charity Regatta to benefit ACS
Charity Regatta	6/4/22	Dinghy Poker Run
Jrs.	6/4/22	Jrs. Sailing for Life Regatta
Islanders	6/9/22	Islanders' Mixer
Juniors	6/13-17/22	Session 1 - Sail Camp
Juniors	6/20-24/22	Session 2 - Sail Camp
Race	6/25/22	Crew of 2
SS	6/26/22	Bingo
Juniors	6/27-7/1/22	Session 3 - Sail Camp
Juniors	7/11-15/22	Session 4 - Sail Camp
Islanders	7/14/22	Islanders' Mixer

**All dates are tentative. Check for latest in eBlasts!*

The By-Laws require that new applicants for membership be posted on the Bulletin Board for twenty one (21) days. Any regular member may place an objection against an applicant by submitting the objection in writing to the Board of Directors prior to the next Board meeting.

Dana West is a 501(c)(7), not for profit, mutual benefit corporation. In compliance with the California State Liquor Laws, we must have an Officer of the Day at the door, and all guests of DWYC members must be signed in by the member with our "Swipeon" system before entrance. All visiting yacht club members must present verification, sign in with "Swipeon" and must wear a guest badge, printed by the "Swipeon" system. The OD must verify individuals, by requesting them to present their current membership card. Most members have their cards ready as they enter.



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Wow! Opening Day this year was one for the books! I hope that you were able to attend this wonderful day! Our fleet looked amazing in the parade. We had over 20 boats participate, and they all looked amazing.

The ceremony featured the best of yacht club traditions: the parking lot decorated with US, State and Military branch flags; DWYC members and visitors dressed in their nautical best; bagpiper Stephen Wilkinson leading our procession, and playing Amazing Grace as we remembered those we have lost this year with the traditional 8 bells ceremony; raising of flags and the DWYC burgee, announced by the boom of a cannon; the Pledge Of Allegiance led by our junior Delaney Ernest; the celebration of our military members and veterans (thank you to the DWYC Juniors for assisting with the military flags); and the National Anthem led by Colleen Remyer. Many introductions were made – Directors and Officers, Staff Commodores, DWYC committee chairs and volunteers, local dignitaries and visitors from other yacht clubs.

After the ceremony, we celebrated with fabulous food prepared by Chef Angel and his staff, delicious drinks provided by George and team, and awesome music provided by both Emo Alaeddin and the Ortega Highway Band. And when I say we celebrated, I mean it! I am not sure that I have ever seen the DWYC dance floor so packed (and that is saying A LOT!)! What an amazing day this was for our club, I am proud to have been a part of it, and I am humbled and thankful for the volunteers that made the day so perfect. And the members who were there to make it so very joyous!

The 50/25/25 raffle tickets were also drawn on Saturday, and we had two lucky winners – Ed Lee and David Stahl. Thank you to those who bought tickets!

I also wanted to mention that the Opening Day boat parade also included a wonderful surprise as our launch, *Jackie*, was able to return from her visit to the boat doctor just in time for the parade, a feat which could not have happened without the persistence and dedication of Ted Olsen. Thank you to Ted for making this happen!

By the time that you are reading this article, we will have hosted the 25th annual Charity Regatta ("Sailing For Life").

DWYC appreciates your support of this important event which helps us support the community and the American Cancer Society. I hope to have some exciting updates for you in the July Lines & Bits about this great event!

The winner of last month's anchor raffle was Helen Hawkins! Congrats to Helen, she certainly deserves it... Helen, your next drink is on me!

Wishing you all a wonderful first month of summer, hopefully without our usual "June gloom." Stay tuned to the weekly E-Blast for updates on menus, parties, races and other special events, as the upcoming summer months promise to be busy and fun!

Looking forward to seeing you at the club! Cheers! 



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

Whoosh! That was the sound of this year flying by! We just had the best Opening Day ever, and I'm so excited to see what the rest of the year will bring. We are so fortunate to have such active members who love making the club their home away from home!

Please continue to wear your name tags so members new, old and somewhere in between can get to know you. This is exceptionally helpful when we have special events like the upcoming Charity Regatta, and we have the Islanders Mixer coming up on June 9th. Remember you can leave your name tag at the club on the wall around the corner from the entrance!

Also at the entrance of the clubhouse is the Dana West Suggestion Box. If you have a compliment, suggestion or concern, use the comment cards to drop a line to the Board of Directors. Every card is read at the monthly Board meeting, but only if the comment is signed or has your member number. We love to hear your feedback!

See you at the club! 

The following applicants have been approved as members at the May Board of Directors meeting:

Gary Chastain & Tacy Southard – *Boat Owner*

Christa Chastain & Stanislov Spassoff – *Boat Owner*

Gary & Toni Nelson – *Boat Owner*

The following member has been reinstated as a member:

Martha & Ervin Hall

The following applicants have been posted for membership approval at a future Board of Directors meeting:

Paul Vanderbeen – *Boat Owner*

Charles & Michele Mel – *Boat Owner*

Stan & Janette Braden – *Boat Owner*



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MEGAN NOYES**

Hello DWYC members,

Spring has sprung, and the club has been bustling with lots of fun activities and parties! What better way to show up to the club than with some new DWYC goods!

Just in....more DWYC beach totes and our new "Sea you at DWYC" canvas totes, as well as, new DWYC make up bags!

Lastly, we have a large order of new branded items such as 1/4 zip sweatshirts, golf shirts, visors, hats and more "Cheers" logo items on their way!

Please check our E-Blasts and Facebook page for updates as to when the store will be open! I've been opening twice a month on different days to try and be as convenient as possible. You can also email me, and I can put an item aside for you. See you at the club! 



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FLEET LOG

By **ROGER SALWAY**

Good Day from the Fleet Deck!

Our cruise to Newport Beach (April 29 to May1) had 21 boats visiting BCYC for the first time in ten years. Because of the large turnout, we had to locate eight boats to Marina Park. It's great to see so many of our members cruising this year! There were three first-time cruisers with DWYC (Jerry and Joan Mensik, Paul and Michelle Hamilton and Randy Casteel). Welcome back Fran Reynard and Brenda Berkery. We kicked off the weekend, with a Friday dock greeting with lunch and later with appetizers, followed by a full Saturday of cruising the harbor, visiting American Legion YC for lunch and music on the patio. We wrapped up the cruise with dinner at BCYC.

Our DWYC Opening Day Parade had more than 20 boats decorated in Traditional and this years' theme "Cheers"! See photos on page 9 and 10.

We presented the following awards:

- Best Power Boat Traditional
Maggie (Jim and Kathy Ferguson)
- Best Sailboat Traditional
Clarebouyant (Clare Kenny)
- Best Power Boat Cheers Theme
Whole Life (Jim and Maggie McNamara)
- Best Sailboat Cheers Theme
Island Dream (Gloria and Jerry Markussen)
- Best overall Parade Award
Cheers (Kelly Rinderknecht and Jennifer Kneeland)

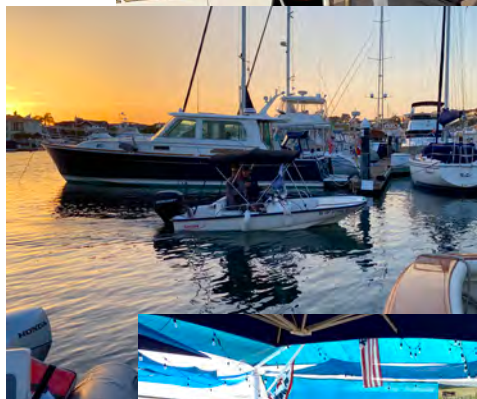
Congratulations to all!

Thanks to JSC Hydee and Kevin Riggs for the use of *Island Time* as the Review Boat.

We also had a number of first-time boat entries in the boat parade. Welcome to *Tomol*, *Spray*, *Wave Therapy*, *Renud II* and *Nauti Luigi*.

By the time you are reading this, we will have cruised to Shoreline YC for Memorial Day Weekend. An estimated 17 boats will have participated in a parade of dinghies, decorated in red, white and blue to celebrate Memorial Day a day early on Sunday.

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All of the planned cruises have sign-up sheets posted on the Fleet board next to the fireplace. If interested in cruising any of our events, please sign up early as these events have limited space.

The planned DWYC cruises for the next three months are:

July 22nd-24th, Long Beach YC – Alamitos Bay
(Wait Listed)

July 24th – 27th, Long Beach YC –
Extended cruise to Marina del Rey – CYC

Aug 26th-28th, Isthmus, Catalina Island

Please see our weekly E- Blast for a complete list of 2022 events and any last minute changes.

Don't hesitate to email me at fleet@dwyc.org, text at 949-322-9222 or stop me at DWYC with questions or comments. Fair winds and safe passage to our cruisers.



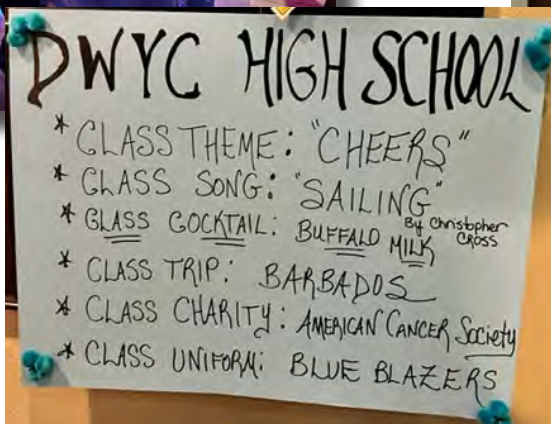
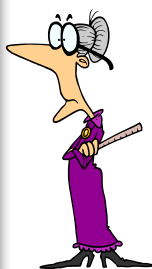
PORT REPORT

By **SOPHIE LENTINI**

The Adult Prom turned out to be such a fun and nostalgic evening at Dana West Yacht Club. Rumor has it we may have to put that on the calendar as a yearly event! Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who helped decorate and turn our little Yacht Club into a high school gymnasium for one night. The outfits and planning were spectacular.

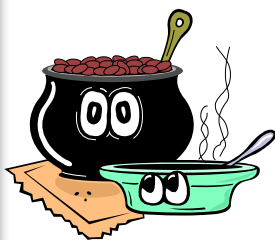
Highlights of the evening included: Matt and Molly Dearing being crowned the King and Queen of the prom, The Knockouts band which kept everyone on the dance floor until well after 11 PM plus George's Prom Punch and Mike's Jell-O shots!

Make sure to check out all of the fun photos and all of the fun videos and posts on Facebook as well.





The Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Seamen was a big hit. The band that played that afternoon, Sticks and Stones, got rave reviews and the exciting news is that they will be playing again on August 6 at the club as well as at the Commodore's Ball. Thank you for all the wonderful feedback. Such a blast to have everybody dancing all afternoon on a Sunday at the club while enjoying the wonderful chili and festivities that Matt and the rest of the Seamen provided.



The Morning in Paris Mother's Day Brunch was a great way to honor all of the amazing Moms who represent the heart and soul of our yacht club. Special thanks to Angel and his staff for making a special menu. We love the feedback about the Locks and Bagels and Sweet Table. It is such a great way to interact with everybody.

Looking forward to all of the fun events planned for the upcoming summer months! I will be updating the calendar within the week so you can plan accordingly. Get your dancing shoes ready! 🚢





RACE

By **BARRY CLARK**

There are lots of great opportunities for racing this summer.

Wet Wednesdays are back as our Beer Can club series which starts on June 15th. We are looking forward to a great club series on Wednesdays this year. The club will be open with a limited menu for most of the Wednesday series dates. This is sure to be a fun and exciting opportunity to hone your racing skills and share stories at the club after the race. Registration signup coming soon.

We need experienced Race Committee volunteers to help with both our Charity Regatta and the Wet Wednesday series. It's a fun way to stay engaged in racing and spend time on the water. If you're not experienced, join us anyway. We will train! For details email race@dwyc.org

Are you a skipper in need of crew or a potential crew member looking to race? Swipe right for the DWYC crew matchmaking service. Just email race@DWYC.org and we'll hook you up with a Sugar Daddy skipper or a Sugar Baby crew member. You can also search Dana West Yacht Club Racing on Slack, and join our DWYC Slack Community.



IN THE MEDIA

As Seen Online In: **THE LOG**



Tomol broke the previous record for funds brought in by a single ship at \$3,800. Credit: Jordan B. Darling Photo

Dana West Yacht Club to 25th Annual Sailing for Life Regatta

Jordan B Darling May 17, 2022

DANA POINT The Dana West Yacht Club will host the 25th Annual Sailing for Life Regatta, supporting the American Cancer Society from June 3-5.

The regatta has three days of races and other events participants can take part in to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and is open to boats in the PHRF monohull class and accepted One-Design Classes. Boats must be over 21 feet in length and have a current valid rating and certificate for the class they are entering; boats without a rating will be assigned one.

There is a \$95 entry fee, \$90 for members of US Sailing with a valid USSA membership card, due by June 1.

There are three courses set for the weekend, Newport to Dana Point on June 3, Drop Bouy and Random Leg races near Dana Point Harbor on June 4, and another set of Random Leg races on June 5.

A pledge sheet is attached to the bottom of the Notice of Race for captains and their crew to raise funds for the charity; the pledge sheet is due by June 4 at 5 p.m.

The club's goal is to raise \$60,000 this year, almost \$7,000 more than the \$53,325 the club raised in 2021.

Tomol, skippered by Griesbach and Langan, brought in \$3,800, breaking the record for donations brought in by a single boat.

Aside from the three days of racing DWYC will also host a dinghy poker run and virtual auction to help raise money.

Daily, overall, and perpetual trophies will be awarded throughout the weekend, including Top Fund Raiser for the Charity, PHRF Overall, Wesley Hawkins Trophy, Cruising Fleet Overall, and Jim Ferguson Trophy.

Interested parties can enter online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24354>.



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Photos by: Julie D'Urso
Special thanks for additional great photos
shared by Members Karen Blanco and Brian
Randall on the DWYC Facebook page!



Club Opening Day 2022





SILVER STARS

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

The Silver Stars will again be hosting bingo on Sunday June 26, 2022, from 1-3 pm. Game cards are \$25 and additional cards will be available for purchase. There will be many great prizes available, and all proceeds go towards the Silver Stars scholarship fund.

Everyone is welcome and feel free to invite your friends. We hope to see you all there!

Silver Stars Planned Events:
(though subject to change)

June 26, 2022 - Bingo

September 4, 2022 - Champagne Brunch

October 22, 2022 - French Toast Breakfast

November 9, 2022 - Wine Tasting and Surf and Turf Dinner

November 13, 2022 - Zoom Bingo



Join us for these events to support the scholarship fund! 



JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

DWYS rocked the RS Tera High Point Series, with Delany Ernest being crowned Champion! Delany participated in all seven races, spanning from last fall through May and accumulated 62 points to beat a field of 28 racers. Lucas Dalby moved up and took 3rd place, with Daniel Guo, Kaden Brown and Bryce Laws taking 6-8th place respectively. What a fantastic showing and race series for the DWYC Junior Sailing team. Congrats to all!

The DWYC Juniors hosted RS Tera and 420 Regattas to support DWYC's 25th Annual Sailing for Life Regatta, Saturday, June 4th. Registration was \$50 / racer. We had Sponsor a Junior for \$25, sponsoring our racers in the regatta. All proceeds went directly to the American Cancer Society. Sign-ups for both were at dana-west-youth-sailing.square.site or on our website <https://dwycjrs.org>.


The first Summer Camp Session is almost sold out and the others are filling fast! Six summer camp sessions start on June 13th and will go through the week of July 25th. (There is no camp the week of July 4th). Our US Sailing Certified Instructors will run camp Monday through Friday with a fleet consisting of RS Teras, CFJs and 420s. We will have discounts for multiple sessions and multiple kids per household.

Camp is a combination of 'classroom' and on the water instruction, where beginners will learn the basics of sailing, while experienced sailors will continue to hone their skills on the water. Our program caters to ages 7-18. Lunch is provided on Fridays.

Spread the word to kids, grandkids and neighbors! Let's get those kids out of the house and on the water. Register soon! For more information and registration, visit www.dwycjrs.org

As always, thanks for your support!

Fair winds and following seas,
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ISLANDER'S UPDATE


By **KAREN BLANCO**

June is upon us! This year seems to be flying by so quickly! It seems like just yesterday everyone was enjoying the Kentucky Derby Party at our beautiful club! And, don't ever count the underdog (I mean horse) out! With odds of 80 to 1, those who bet on Rich Strike struck it rich!

Many thanks to Mindy & Ed Sicard who always put together such a fun race day. And, to Cindy Holmes for taking the pictures of all of those fine hats and spats! Congratulations to Helen Hawkins who walked away with \$220 from the 50/50 drawing!



Stacy Mata once again won the Best Hat Contest and the Dapper Couple Contest went to Joe Harris and Loretta! So many winners and so much fun! Check out all the great pictures of this truly eclectic group!

Ladies, please join us on Thursday, June 9th from 4-6, on the patio for our first of the season Islanders Mixer. It is a great way to get to meet and make new friends. Light appetizers will be served. Let's enjoy this summer like no other! Boating, barbecues and beer (or wine if you prefer)! Cheers! 



The Kentucky Derby



Dana West Yacht Club Islanders

Save the Dates

Ladies, as a DWYC Member you are an Islander!

- Jan. 8 - Islanders Installation Luncheon
- ~~March 30~~ Feb. 9 - Valentine Mystery Dinner
- March 6 - On Golden Pond Play
- April 2 - Black Jack Tournament
- April 9 - Islander Spring Luncheon
- May 7 - Kentucky Derby
- June 9 - Islanders Mixer
- July 14 - Islanders Mixer
- August 11 - Islanders Mixer
- Sept. 8 - Islanders Mixer
- Oct. 22 - Islanders Social
- Nov. 5 - Black Jack Tournament
- Dec. 10 - Islanders Holiday Party

Stay tuned for upcoming details



HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

Bob and Cheryl Kelly and Debbie and Rick Rossback traveled with the U.S. Lighthouse Society in April to tour lighthouses along the Texas Gulf Coast and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Following the tour, the four went on to Cozumel for a week of SCUBA diving, snorkeling and pina colada drinking.



On May 1st Sheri Meehleis celebrated her 50th year of being a "Stewardess" for United Airlines. She recently found a two-page essay she'd written in the fourth grade about becoming a flight attendant when she grew up. Sheri says that "While the changes in the aviation industry have been enormous, it's still such an exciting and rewarding career and I'm not certain I'll retire any time soon. Today I'm humbled and so very grateful to have the privilege of seeing the world while working for the #1 airline in the world. It's been quite a ride!!!" Congratulations Sheri!

After having their plans cancelled twice in the past two years, Bev and Jim Montrella were able to make their


trip to the Amazon and Galapagos. After a couple days of touring the city of Quito, which included a trip to the Equator, they flew across the Andes to board a small, motorized canoe for the one-hour cruise to their lodge in the Amazon Jungle. They spent three days hiking through the rain forest and cruising to various locations on the Napu River. They flew on to the Galapagos where they boarded the *Archipell II*, an 88' x 36' catamaran with eight staterooms and nine crew for the next seven days. They enjoyed excursions to various islands to see blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, sea turtles, giant tortoises, iguanas, Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, white tip sharks as well as snorkeling with a playful sea lion. It was a trip worth waiting for.

Kathleen Young was recently awarded Saddleback Memorial's Nurse of the Year! A statement from her nomination is as follows. "Kathy lives and breathes the



values and simply better behaviors of Saddleback. She is positive and compassionate; always taking the time to understand others and problem solve how to remove barriers so that the nursing staff can perform at their best and provide extraordinary patient care".

Dave Helton is recovering from surgery. We send him our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

Please let me know if you'd like to share special events with members in this column (travels, family celebrations, weddings, new grandbabies). Also, be sure to let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to celebrate in our DWYC Weekly E-Blast. Email me at happiness@dwyc.org or text me at 949-632-0807. 



ODYSSEY BOOK CLUB

By **NINA McNEELY**

The Odyssey Books Club's next meeting is at the club on June 8th at 6:00pm. We will be discussing "Sooley" by John Grisham. Basketball fans are encouraged to attend to explain all of the sports terms to us book nerds!


In the summer of his seventeenth year, Samuel Sooleymon gets the chance of a lifetime: a trip to the United States with his South Sudanese teammates to play in a showcase basketball tournament. He's never been away from home, nor even on an airplane. The opportunity to be scouted by dozens of college coaches is a dream come true.

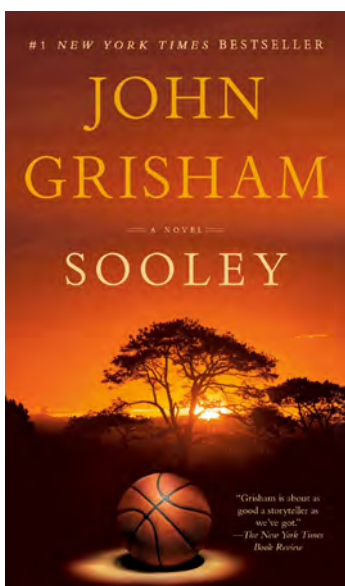
Samuel is an amazing athlete, boasting speed, quick moves and an astonishing vertical leap. However, the rest of his game, needs work. The coaches seem less than impressed by his talent.

During the tournament, Samuel receives tragic news from home: A civil war is raging across South Sudan, and rebel troops have ransacked his village. His father is dead, his sister is missing and his mother and two younger brothers are in a refugee camp.

Samuel desperately wants to go home, but it's just not possible. Partly out of sympathy, the coach of North Carolina Central offers him a scholarship. Samuel moves to Durham, enrolls in classes, joins the team and prepares to sit out his freshman season. There is plenty of more mature talent and he isn't immediately needed.

But Samuel has something no other player has: a fierce determination to succeed so he can bring his family to America. He works tirelessly on his game, shooting baskets every morning at dawn by himself in the gym, and soon he's dominating everyone in practice.

With the Central team losing and suffering injury after injury, Sooley, as he is nicknamed, is called off the bench. And the legend begins. Happy reading! 





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By **MEMBERS ON LINE**

Age and Treachery, were the May 25th weekly trivia winners! That makes FOUR weeks in a row!!





BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP

By **PATRICIA CHIKU**

The last meeting was a big success. Thank you so much to all BNG members and guests who attended. To those who missed the meeting, RSVP soon for our June 7th, 2022 meeting. We hope to see everyone. Feel free to invite family and friends who own a local business. Come and promote your business with us!!


Our featured speaker last month, Vickie McMurchie, answered all our questions about the Dana Point Chamber Of Commerce. The Dana Point Chamber of Commerce champions business prosperity, economic vitality and community engagement, promoting a high quality of life in and around destination Dana Point. Whether you're a business owner, legislator, event planner or a guest traveling to visit them, the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce is always there to help! Feel free to contact the Chamber at 34183 Pacific Coast Highway, Dana Point, CA 92629. Phone: (949)496-1555 Fax: (949) 496-5321 email: admin@danapointchamber.com

The Summer 2022 Dana Point Trolley will begin daily service on Friday, May 27, 2022, as a kickoff to Memorial Day Weekend and extend through Labor Day on Monday, September 5, 2022.

At the June 7th meeting, Faradean will be teaching us about Antiaging. Faradean will be sharing critical information on anti-aging of the brain, skin, hair, and cells, healthy weight management and overall wellness. Serious stuff, but in a fun and interesting way. Real science with real results to help you look better, feel better and live better. Bring a friend! Raffles and Prizes, too!!

Bar Open 5 pm till 8 pm. BNG will serve light appetizers during the meeting. Networking is from 5 pm till 6 pm. Program is from 6 pm till 7:30 pm. Wrap up networking is from 7:30 pm till 8 pm.

All DWYC members are welcome to BNG meetings. See you at our next meeting! BNG members, who wish to present their companies, please let me know. Ideas to grow BNG are welcome from the DWYC members. Invite a local business you know to join us.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Pat Chiku at BNG@DWYC.org or (714)595-8672. 



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