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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **TAMARA TATICH**

I hope no one minds my taking up ink space to express my gratitude to those that have made this year the best it can possibly be for all our members. My focus is on those that led us through 2020. Since they weren't able to stand up at an opening day and receive the accolades they so deserve for their gift of time, knowledge and talent, I want to take this opportunity to do so. This is going to be a very long article this month!

HATS OFF TO OUR STAFF! We are best known up and down the coast for our food and bar service. Thanks to Chef Joel Fish and crew Jorge, Juan Carlos and Fadia for their gift of delectable cuisine and Bar Manager George Moreno, along with mixologists Mike and Kris. Let's not forget everyone's favorite shortstop, Jose for keeping us happy and hydrated. Also, to our ODs Patrick and Dawn for creating a warm and friendly experience.

There are also those that are out of sight, but certainly not out of mind: Paul Musico as our bookkeeper assisted by Debbie and super star Darlene who takes care of the day to day office tasks. We've kept Darlene jumping all year, and she's never skipped a beat.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS – We wouldn't be able to provide the level of service and quality of food and drink without those that come forward at a moment's call to serve. **THANK YOU TO:**

► Dockmaster Ray Bell for welcoming our guests into the harbor even when those guests couldn't receive our well-known hospitality,

► Race chairs Rod Woods & Commo-Dearest Michael Tatich for organizing races even not knowing if poor Jackie would get them to the start line to start the race. Thank you to those that assisted: Nancy May, Santa Ed, Jerry Wetzler, Ron Hascall and Anthony Capri.

► Editor Julie D'Urso for always helping us sound smarter than we are by correcting our grammar, for cracking the whip on the article deadline and all else that goes into the Lines & Bits...which most clubs no longer publish and mail!

► Cindy Salway for her birthday wishes, anniversary congratulations and warm notes for a speedy recovery as

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the Health and Happiness chairman. And for keeping us informed about comings and goings!

► Rear Commodore Molly Dearing and her Membership Services Team of volunteers that answered the call of duty to assist with errands and shopping for high risk members, as well as to make phone calls during the lock down to check on the health of our club family. Molly and Matt also hosted Monday Night Game Nights to keep us connected, laughing and entertained for several weeks.

► Membership Service and Phone Tree volunteers: Jim McNamara, Jodey & Mike Dugan, Sue Stinson, Cheryl Kelly, Cindy & Roger Salway, Jan Jordan & Ed Howie, Bruce Brown, Tom Rafferty and Cindy & Steve Fiorillo

► SC Helen Hawkins, Director Bruce Belanger with his crew and our staff worked tirelessly to use our downtime for needed maintenance during a long six-week closure.

► SC Mike Metz for leading our Long-Range Planning and Finance Committees for so many years. His years of experience have certainly mentored many commodores over the years. He is truly dedicated to DWYC and I wanted to thank him for all he has done and continues to do for the leadership

► Brian Savage for founding the DW Anglers and launching several tournaments for our fishianodos.

► SC Pam Northcott for steering the Food and Beverage Committee, which is the most vital committee of our club as one of the two main income centers for Dana West. She is joined by SC Helen Hawkins, VC Hydee Riggs, Jr. SC Alex Gelman, SC George Bloomfield, and Matt Dearing.

► SC Pam Northcott and SC Helen Hawkins, along with Mary Strazzulla and SC George Bloomfield as they are seeking ways to raise money for our Charity Regatta benefitting the American Cancer Society. THANK YOU FOR HOSTING A SPECTACULAR WINE DINNER. Pam and Helen have also worked hard to raise money for the Silver Stars Scholarship Fund.

► IT chairman SC Mark Kovacs with SC Rick Rossback and Matt Dearing for keeping us up to date on the latest technology.

► Nancy May as the Islander President, who hit the ground running, and then like all of us, came to a

screeching halt in March. The good news is that her board will return in 2021 to carry out their plans for fun that benefits the club.

► Seamen President Kevin Riggs, VP Matt Dearing and Treasurer Michael Tatich hosted many fun events and I can't wait to see what's planned for 2021. I'm sure their board will be growing and more fabulous events coming.

► Mark Williams and his team of SCs Steve White and Dawn Rasmussen. If there was an area that excelled in 2020, youth sailing brings the most reward to me personally. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank them for rising to the challenge and exceeding the goal.

► Chaplain Austin Peay has been our chaplain for more years than I can recall, as he joined in 1997. The Peay's recently moved to South Carolina to join the rest of the family. Austin, thank you for your years of service!

► Thank you secretary Cheryl Kelly for serving this year, as well as the many previous years and going forward into 2021. Having a person that carries so much history and understanding of procedures makes chairing the meetings so easy and consistent.

► Our directors have come together more than their obligatory 3rd Tuesday a month this year. There have been numerous online meetings and on most occasions everyone was in attendance. There was sharing of documents and information based on the current developments and processes that fed us the guidelines we needed to be able to transition through the pandemic phases. Thank you Bruce Belanger, Julie D'Urso, Brendon Dalrymple, David McGuire, Leigh Ann Pack and Dan Rodowicz.

► There were other officers that joined these meetings, as well as pre- and post-meetings and participated in countless phone and email dialogues. That would be Jr. SC Alex Gelman, our Judge Advocate and SC Phil Eaton and our former Treasurer SC Cliff Fellows who we will miss terribly. Every time I feel a gust of cold air, I think of Cliff freezing in Idaho. David Walsh has stepped in as our new treasurer and will continue on in 2021 and for that we are all grateful.

Commodore's Report continued

► Our Jr. Flag Officers were challenged with doing whatever they could do while following social distancing and other guidelines, especially while we were in the thick of the pandemic. But, they worked that in addition to the attending all the meetings.

► Port Captain Nina McNeely brought music back and she graced us with her voice yesterday alongside Carl Strazzulla and numerous talented performers. I'm looking forward to the fun she's got planned for NYE!

► Fleet Captain Rich Blanco was the first to bring us together over Memorial Day weekend and we were all so happy to finally get together as a club family. It proved that it's the people that make the club! Thank you for hosting several cruises over the summer and into the fall when so many other clubs remained in their ports.

ON TO THE BRIDGE - These two ladies brought their A-Game and will lead us well into the future:

Rear Commodore Molly Dearing was called upon more than any Rear Commodore I can recall in the history of my service – and most of it in quarantine. I mentioned Membership Services earlier, but she also became proactive in other committees that were beyond her required scope. She participated in F&B regularly and has been engaged throughout the year. She wasn't able to read all the names of our visiting dignitaries at Opening Day, so I think we should pour her the giant beverage of her choice and have her read the club roster on NYE! She will be an amazing Vice Commodore in 2021.


Your Vice Commodore is the MVP of the year. If I had an award to present, I would. Her passion for DWYC is demonstrated in everything she does. I've never worked alongside someone that was so articulate, smart and willing to do whatever it took to not only get the job done, but the best results possible. She has exceeded the expectation and she will be a phenomenal Commodore. I seriously could not have made it through this year without her and I will forever be IN her DEBT.

THOSE THAT SUPPORT - My mom, ML Buck submersed us in this lifestyle many decades ago, and I'm happily

shadowing her footsteps and Rod Woods for bringing balance and happiness to our lives.

The last and most heartfelt acknowledgement that I would have presented at Opening Day is to my husband Michael for patiently gifting me these six years to serve Dana West Yacht Club - being my editor in chief – idea man – and keeping me grounded.

There are so many others that have come forward this year, and I can't call them all out by name for fear that I would leave someone out. But, I've received so much happiness through our members' support and encouragement. While this may not have been the stellar year for the history books, it rewards me to have been your COVID Commodore during this most challenging year.

With that, I'm heading to the club. I'll meet you on the patio since I can't sit at the bar! Cheers, 



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **HYDEE RIGGS**

December? Whaaaaat? Where did the year of 2020 go??

While November found us going backwards into the dreaded purple tier and back to outdoor dining, we still have to count our blessings that we have the ability to remain open!! While I know the weather is getting colder and it may be chilly since we have to keep the windows and doors open, just be sure to bring your jackets and blankets with you to cuddle up with while you enjoy Chef Joel and his crew's scrumptious meals and George and his crew's tasty cocktails.

You may have also noticed there are some new items on the menu. We are now serving Italian Sausage and Mushroom Rigatoni, Chicken and Butternut Squash Alfredo, Spinach Salad with a warm dressing, Turkey Burgers, Nachos and Fried Chicken Sandwiches or Sliders. Pam Northcott, Helen Hawkins and Kevin Riggs have been working hard testing out new wines to be brought into the club, so come and check them out!

The election for our Board of Directors is now complete. I am proud to introduce to you to the:

2021 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore: Me!

Vice Commodore: Molly Dearing

Rear Commodore: Nina McNeely

Fleet Captain: Megan McGuire Noyes

Co-Port Captains: Marnie Feely and Jan Casteel

Secretary: Cheryl Kelly

Treasurer: David Walsh

Judge Advocate: SC Phil Eaton

Jr. SC: Tamara Tatich

Director: Brendan Dalrymple

Director: Dan Rodowicz

Director: David McGuire

Director: Rich Blanco

Director: Bruce Belanger

Director: Leigh Ann Pack

I am extremely blessed and excited to be working with such a talented group.

The new membership directory is in the works! A special thank you to Brian Stowe for his assistance and time in working on this! If you have not gotten your photograph in to me, send it to me in case it is not too late. Please

send to membership@dwyc.org. We are striving to roll this out in January.

We are also planning to have a Boat Wall of Fame where we place photographs of our members' boats up on the wall in the club. So, if you own a boat, and you have not already provided one, please forward a photograph of your boat to membership@dwyc.org. Thank you!

Last but certainly not least, on to my year end expressions of gratitude for the assistance I received this year. While I wish I could thank everyone personally for everything they did this year, that would require too much space for my article. So, here are some highlighted words of appreciation.

To Commodore Tamara Tatich for her endless time and hard work as Commodore. It was an extremely difficult year and even without the usual fanfare, she endured with steadfast dedication by always working for the best interests of the club and its members. The club was lucky to have her at the helm during this unprecedented time.

To Molly Dearing for always being available when needed, ready to listen and being thoughtful, organized and creative.

To Rich Blanco for being resourceful during the Fleet season and being able to pull off some amazing cruises and events despite the restrictions imposed.

To Nina McNeely for planning and executing some fabulous and fun port events even when port events didn't seem to be possible, including Sunday music, karaoke, the Halloween party and more.

To Pam Northcott and her committee for running the Food and Beverage Committee ensuring we continue to have a variety of excellent, but affordable food and drinks.

To my Membership Committee members Nancy Galaz and Kathy Belanger for assisting me this year with membership.

To Mark Williams, Dawn Rasmussen, Steve White and the Juniors program who truly rocked it this year!

To all of the 2020 Directors, Appointed Officers, Committee chairs and volunteers for your commitment and giving your time to our club and helping me and us



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By **MOLLY DEARING**

Vice Commodore's Report continued

get through this year. We could not do this without you! To our staff, Joel, George, Jorge, Juan Carlos, Fadia, Mike, Kris, Jose, Dawn, Patrick, Darlene and Paul for their dedication in contributing to the success of our club.

To my husband for always being there for me, being understanding of the time commitment I provide to the club and making me laugh in general and at myself.

To all of YOU members, for being patient and supportive. We are always working for you even when you don't realize it. So thank you for trusting us.


Finally, I wanted to give a special shout out to Julie D'Urso who tirelessly works to gather all of the information and get our Lines & Bits prepared and ready for publishing each and every month. This is a hard and time-consuming job, so thank you Julie!

The following applicants have been posted for approval at the December Board of Directors meeting:

Sam and Laurie Svitenko – Boat Owner
Bert and Christina Smit – Boat Owner
Keri Rupp – Boat Owner
Bill and Paula Koop – Boat Owner
Bryan and Dionne Hill – Boat Owner

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

Barry and Melissa Clark - Boat Owner
Mike and Meg Winkelman – Boat Owner
Greg and Kristin Welsh – Boat Owner

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to you and your loved ones. 

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.

Happy Holidays!! And goodbye 2020 (ugh!!) I can't believe that we are in December already, and this very weird year is wrapping up. I am hopeful that 2021 is much better...it can't come soon enough!

This will be my last month in the Ship Store, which has been an interesting and enjoyable job. What a great opportunity to meet many members that I had not met previously, and I had so much fun finding new treasures to bring into the store. As I write this article, we have been informed that Orange County has moved back to the "purple" tier. For now, the plan is that store will continue to be open weekly (varying days/times). I just ask that shoppers please wear masks while browsing, and limit shopping to one person at a time to assist with social distancing. Please stop on by, there are a lot of items which would make wonderful holiday gifts, and shopping the store is a great way to continue to support your club! Also, don't forget that you can use your membership appreciation card in the store as well (reminder that they must be used by Dec 31, 2020).

I can assist you with virtual shopping too, if needed. Just send me a text, give me a call, or email me at rearcommodore@dwyc.org. Please look to the weekly eblast and/or the Dana West Yacht Club Facebook page for the weekly store hours and announcements on new arrivals and special sales!

Some Holiday Gift Ideas

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Holiday print shirts, men's/ladies' - limited availability!
- ✓ Aloha brand tote bags and pouches
- ✓ Toadfish brand non-tipping can/drink holders,
stowaway cutting boards, fishing knives
- ✓ DWYC sweatshirts, t-shirts, and jackets

As I sign off for the last time as Rear Commodore, I would be remiss to not offer some heartfelt "thank you"... Commodore Tatich, thank you for selecting me to be a part of your Bridge this year and kudos to you for adapting and managing what can be described, at the very least, as an unusual year. You've done a wonderful job navigating unprecedented times. Thank you to VC Riggs for your advice and guidance. Thank you to FC




FLEET LOG

By **RICH BLANCO**

Blanco and PC McNeely for doing your best to keep us entertained and offering some normalcy this year. Thank you to SC Helen Hawkins for your help in the Ship Store, it is much appreciated! Thank you to those who volunteered for the Member Services committee, running errands for your fellow members in need.

Thank you to our amazing DWYC staff for making sure that we are comfortable (ODs Dawn and Patrick), fed (Chef Joel, Fadia, Jorge, and Juan Carlos), and NEVER thirsty (Geoge, Kris, and Mike).

And, last, but definitely not least, a HUGE thank you to my lovely husband Matt for the helpful advice, heavy lifting (man, did I make Matt move a lot of boxes for the Ship Store!), and unwavering support. It turns out, volunteering at DWYC is best done as a team, and I am certain that I couldn't do this job successfully and easily without Matt!

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and a Happy BRAND-New Year! Cheers friends! 

Just like the song says, "Santa Catalina Island is the place for me!" With 28 boats heading over to Catalina along with a group that stayed in the hotels, DWYC had a strong showing on the Island! Boaters were greeted with a "welcome bag" put together by Fleet which included the cruising face masks, a DWYC koozie, DWYC pins (courtesy of Commodore Tatch), a container of nuts and an envelope with \$20 for each couple to spend as they liked! Many boats arrived early to ensure a mooring.



Friday evening, we had a champagne toast, the dinghies surrounding the "At Last" boat. Saturday eye openers were provided by the Riddles and Latins, where not only could you get an adult beverage, but also the famous "McRiddles" and "McLatins" muffins filled with ham, cheese and eggs, served along with fresh fruit. Great thanks for starting our morning off just right.

Next up on the Island was the DWYC Miniature Golf Tournament which had a great turnout. There were 29 participants, each trying to outscore their teammates. The winners received drink tickets for DWYC. Tying for first place were Bob Kelly and Nick Miraglia! Third place went to Cindy Salway. While the weather was warm, the players were hot! A great time was had by all!

As this was our final cruise of our (short) cruising season, I want to give thanks to everyone who helped us this year, who attended the cruises and for everyone's support. It has been truly an honor to be the Fleet Captain this past year. Karen & I have met many new members and made lasting friendships. We wish you all very safe holidays ahead. We are looking forward to putting 2020 behind us, and are positive that 2021 will be a year to make many more memories together.

Happy Holidays...Stay Safe! 




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Islanders	12/5/2020	Gift Exchange
Port	12/31/2020	New Year's Eve Party
Port	1/6/2021	Odyssey Book Club Zoom

**All dates are tentative. Check for latest in email blasts!*

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is the place for me!





PORT REPORT

By **NINA McNEELY**

As I write this on Tuesday, November 17th, we've just received word that we are going back to the 'Purple Tier,' or patio dining only. I'm glad we were able to pull off a couple of parties in the interim! The Halloween Party was well attended, and it was awesome to see how many Rocky Horror Picture Show fans we have in the membership. We also did socially distanced and frequently sanitized karaoke in November. Seeing DJ Adam return to the club felt a bit like a return to normalcy!

Due to the changing nature of how we can operate in the clubhouse, it is difficult to say what social events will take place in December. If we are able to plan an event, we'll advertise on the weekly email and on the Facebook page. Make sure you are on the weekly email blast!

For my final article as Port Captain, I want to take some time to say thanks. I want to thank the membership for sticking together, caring for each other and continuing to support the club. I'd like to thank Tamara for her

leadership through one of the most difficult times the club has had in several years. Hydee and Molly did an amazing job as senior flag officers and Fleet Captain Rich brought as many people together as he could! Julie is not only a wonderful newsletter editor; she is a patient one as well. The entire Board worked so hard this year to do everything they could to support the club!

This year began with so much hope, and it was sad that so many plans had to be amended or postponed. I fervently hope that 2021 will bring us all together more and we'll see a return of the yacht club traditions we love so well.

Book Club Update: Book Club meetings will now be the first Wednesday of the month! A monthly meeting seemed that it would allow more members to attend. Join us December 2nd and January 6th! For current book selection see the weekly email, Facebook or email port@dwyc.org.

See you at the club! Or online! 

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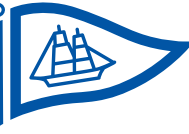
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JUNIOR'S CORNER

By **DAWN RASMUSSEN**

2020 has been a challenging year, no doubt, but we'd like to end it by saying THANK YOU to all of you who have supported us over the course of this year. Even during COVID, we accomplished all of our goals for the year: two full-time coaches, six successful weeks of summer camp, additions of four fall/winter racing programs and fundraising.

KIDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In addition, we are SO proud of our kids: five of our summer camp kids who came into the Fall Intro to Junior Racing/Intermediate Sailing program have all now advanced to the Junior Tera Racing Team! Kudos to the kids for their diligence and hard work! In addition, we now have the top two Tera Sailors in Southern California, Oliver and Delaney Ernest, both of whom have been coached by Anthony.

EXPANDING OUR FLEET: As our program expands, we are selling our sabots and doubling down on the RS Teras. We have two fully rigged Sabots left for sale – we'll take the best offers. We've raised close to \$15,000 for the program and have commitment to purchase one RS Tera. Thank you to our one donor! We are planning a christening of the new boat in December and our goal is to buy three more Teras.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On Saturday, December 6th, we are looking for handy volunteers to help us rebuild/retrofit the racks for the RS Teras and build a cabinet/locker for the kids' things. So, bring your hammer and saw and c'mon down to the club!

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS: Be on the lookout for more information/registration later this month on our Winter/Spring Programs. The programs will start January 11th and run through April 16th. Our three most popular programs will be offered again: Intro to Jr Racing/Intermediate Sailing, Junior Racing and DWYC High Performance Racing. In addition, Dana West Yacht Club/Youth Sailing will host 2021's Mid-Winter Regatta for Juniors in February.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS & DONATIONS: Sailing camp is a great holiday gift! We are offering gift cards of any amount good for any program in the 2021 season. Also, now is the time to get that end of year tax write-off completed. We continue to work to provide a great




program for our DWYC and community Junior sailors and racers. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit so you can write all donations off on your taxes! If you would like to give a gift card or donate to our program, please go to our webpage at www.dwycjrs.org.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook @DWYJJuniors and Instagram pages @DWYJJrs, as well as check our website for up to date information.



Once again, thanks to this year's Flag Officers, Board and all members of Dana West Yacht Club for your wonderful support of the Juniors Program.

Happy Holidays and here's to a great 2021.

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ISLANDER'S UPDATE

By **NANCY MAY**

We would love to have you join us for our annual Islanders Gift Exchange luncheon on Saturday, December 5th from noon to 2:00pm. The ticket price of \$25 includes a delicious lunch and a drink ticket. Additionally, we will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle and two fun gift baskets! Please bring a \$20 gift for our Secret Santa exchange.

Signup sheet is on the table by the front door. Seating is limited and for members only, so your payment of cash or check made out to DWYC Islanders (put in Islander box by the back door) secures your spot for this popular event!

Karen Blanco still has Islander Logo shirts available for purchase. If you are interested, you may contact her at kblancoam@yahoo.com.

Stay happy, healthy, and smiling and I wish you all very happy days in the holidays ahead! 




SEAMEN UPDATE

By **KEVIN RIGGS**

The DWYC Seamen would like to thank all of those who participated in our events this year. We look forward to another fun filled year with some new and exciting events.

We have decided to venture south of the border for our next tasting to try some nice sipping tequila. Before you panic, this won't be the worm on the bottom tequila you got sick on in college. This will be the good stuff. We're looking to plan a dinner event with a Mexican theme and taste a range of tequilas from blanco to anejo. We're hoping to schedule something at the beginning of the year, so keep watch for the details. I will warn you, our last few events have sold out VERY quickly so act fast if you want to combine Seamen and Tequila.

Now a quick update on the first ever bourbon barrel the Seamen have ordered. One of the benefits of purchasing your own barrel is you are able to keep the actual oak barrel the bourbon was aged in, choose a custom label and bottle neck hanger and of course, drink it! The Seamen let their creative juices flow and we came up with some great label ideas, but you'll have to wait and see which label was actually chosen. As a teaser, I'll let you know the label that almost got selected, but due to government regulations and restrictions we were unable to use it. To begin, I need to clarify and define this word: "bunghole". A bung hole is a hole bored in a liquid-tight barrel to remove the contents. The hole is capped with a large cork-like object called a bung. Those of you familiar with the wine industry, will have probably heard this term and even had a sample of wine using a "thief" from the bung hole. When distilling bourbon, there is also a bung hole in each oak barrel. When ready to bottle, the barrel contents are emptied from the bung hole and prepared for bottling. Now the label for the first ever barrel of bourbon ordered by the Seamen was almost, "From Our Bung hole to Your Lips." Again, due to government regulation and COVID-19 restrictions, we had to change it. However, we had all the executives at Garrison Brothers in Texas laughing and they have officially come forward and said both our labels, the reject and the one we used, are by far the best they have ever had. The owner actually wanted to buy one of our bottles just so he could have one with our label. He'll have to wait until next time because we're sold out!

Thanks again for helping us get through these tough times while still staying safe and having some fun. We're looking forward to a great 2021 and many more good times. 


BOOK REVIEW

By **BOOK CLUB**

TITLE: 2020 THE BOOK

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There were so many plot twists! The narrative never really stayed on topic and bounced around. It started with the death of an NBA star, shifted to a global pandemic, ventured into civil unrest, followed by economic concern leading into an election and back to the pandemic. I wanted the author to stick to a single theme instead of following so many story lines. It did not seem well thought out and could have used a heavier hand in editing as it consists of 10 volumes of 700+ pages each. You'd think, 2020, it should be 12 volumes, but I'm thankful it's just 10. I haven't finished the final chapter yet, but can already rate this one two stars out of ten – would not recommend. Next! 

HEALTH & HAPPINESS

By **CINDY SALWAY**

December is here! I'm writing this column in mid-November and already I see Christmas lights lit up in our neighborhood. Harbor staff have been busy decorating the area with lights. People are getting excited for the holiday season and I'm loving it. This year will be different with fewer parties and smaller gatherings, but we will find ways to make this season as meaningful as always.

Maimu and Robert Belhumeur were fortunate to get away recently. They flew to Maui on November 5th and spent an incredible couple of days in Wailea, just the two of them. From there, they went on to Kaanapali and met up with good friends. They spent their time swimming, snorkeling, walking, exploring the island and enjoying every day. The surroundings were beautiful as always, but they also experienced a most outstanding rainbow. If you see Maimu at the club, ask to see it. It's stunning!

On October 31st, Bev and Jim Montrella were the escort boat for a friend who was attempting a 12-mile swim around Coronado Island. Audrey Viers, 36 years old, started her swim at the launch ramp at the open end of Glorietta Bay, proceeded under the Coronado Bridge, through the harbor, around the Zuniga Getty and landed on the beach at the Hotel del Coronado. Her time of 4 hours, 53 minutes and 56 seconds established a new woman's record. Bev and Jim were able to use their reciprocal privileges for two nights at Coronado YC and two additional nights at San Diego YC. A huge thanks to Bev and Jim for taking care that Audrey swam safely.


Carolyn and Roger Williams ventured out to Joshua Tree for a couple of days. Their son and daughter-in-law joined them for a day of hiking along the trails. Their walks took them through the beautiful park filled with flora and fauna. The weather was perfect. They loved the Cholla Cactus Garden. Seeing bighorn sheep at the top of a beautiful rock formation was a thrill for the four of them.

Sending our thoughts and much sympathy to family and friends of Alicia McNulty who passed away in October after a lengthy illness.

Please let me know one week prior, if you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like to celebrate with DWYC members in our weekly email.

Also, please remember to email me at happiness@dwyc.org or text me at 949-632-0807 with any health and happiness news to share in Lines&Bits. I appreciate all the

help I've had with obtaining articles for this past year. I couldn't do this on my own, so please keep them coming!

Wishing you all good health, joy, faith and peace during this holiday season. Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas to All! 



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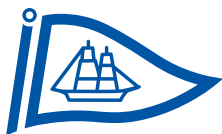
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