

Channel Islands Gulls



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | DINA SCHWALBACH

"Every moment is a fresh beginning." T.S. Eliot

Happy New Year Gulls! Our December luncheon at PCYC was fun and festive – delicious food, great items from our vendors and beautiful stained-glass snowflake ornaments gifted for our opportunity raffle by Julia Marshall. Many thanks to Kelly Eriksson for all her hard work and leadership as Gull President for the past two years – for making each year fun and successful despite the obstacles Covid presented. Many thanks to Pepper Grout and Sarah Kelleher for serving on Ways & Means for the past two years and for making 2022 the best ever. We are so thankful we were able to give all 11 charities \$5,000, due to the hard work and generosity of each of you. Thanks to all Gulls for a great 2022.

Let's make 2023 another successful and fun year!

JANUARY 2023

"The Flight Log"

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SAVE THE DATES

Jan 19
Luncheon
at The Greek
Cost \$40 | RSVP

February 16
Luncheon
Yolanda's - CAMARILLO
Cost \$40/RSVP

March 16
Luncheon
Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
Cost \$40/RSVP

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BROOKE PRIMERO

Happy New Year, Gulls!
I am looking forward to
serving as your Vice
President in 2023,
and thank you for the privilege.

Our first luncheon of the year will be at the Greek on January 19 in the Ventura Harbor. Please be sure to RSVP before the deadline of Tuesday, January 10 at midnight. As usual at this venue, the meal will be served family style and there is no assigned seating. The harbor views will be wonderful and the belly dancing will be in full effect for our entertainment! I look forward to seeing you there.

WAYS & MEANS

We ended 2022 with a fabulously successful luncheon. Thank you, Jasmine Owens for the gorgeous stained-glass snowflakes – they made \$1,310! And thank you to all our outside vendors and for their generous donations to the Gulls.



Many Gulls ask us, how can we help? At the January luncheon, there will be TWO opportunities to help us with our fundraising efforts for 2023. Karen Knight will be taking sign-ups for Gulls to help create centerpieces for a few of our luncheons throughout the year. And Joy Roy will be signing up Gulls to help on the Ways & Means Committee. This committee offers a variety of ways to help us raise money. You can:

- help create baskets
- donate items for auction, and
- solicit outside companies for financial and/or product donations.

If you're new to the Gulls, this is a great way to jump in, meet some incredible ladies and help raise money for our charities.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Don't wait to renew your membership! If your membership lapses, you stop receiving the newsletter.

Bring your membership renewal check to the January luncheon

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

This month our Charity Spotlight shines on Safe Passage, a program designed to steer children away from participating in troublesome behavior and possible gang affiliation. Safe Passage is an outreach program for vulnerable youth from kindergarten through sixth grade. Safe Passage Centers are open six days a week, free of charge to hundreds of underserved youth, who live within micro-communities that have traditionally been targets for gang recruitment and violence. Safe Passage focuses on “Steamo,” Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Medicine, Outdoors. Its activity components include:

Art, Music, Culture, Community
Literacy, Academics
Mentorship, Resiliency, Curiosity, Grit

Safe Passage uses many of the gang’s proven recruitment pillars to fill the void for youth. Gangs provide a sense of belonging, safety, infrastructure and education. At Safe Passage, they say “Stop the supply chain of future gang members and in turn, make tomorrow’s business and community leaders.

SAFE PASSAGE YOUTH FOUNDATION



Thank you to all our generous Gulls for filling the Lighthouse van to the BRIM at the December luncheon!



JANUARY LUNCHEON

Luncheon will be served family style
Open seating

Thursday, January 19 – The Greek
1583 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura Harbor
11:00 AM Social 12:00 Noon Meeting, Followed by Luncheon

MENU

Appetizers:
Pita Bread with Hummus
Spanikopita

Entrée:
Salad
Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Chicken Kabob
Filet Mignon Kabob
Dessert: Mini Baklava

Beverage Station:
Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Tea
Cash Bar: Nectar of the Gods (\$9), Bloody Mary (\$7),
House Wines (\$8)
Corkage: \$15

CALL OR TEXT YOUR RESERVATION (805) 263-7759
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LUNCHEON COST \$40.00 Skip the line – pay in advance with Venmo!

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RESERVATION DEADLINE
Tuesday, January 10th at Midnight.
No Exceptions!



SUNSHINE & IN-MEMORIAM

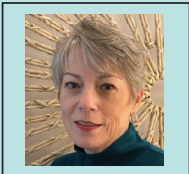
Thinking of you cards to: Maxine Exler, LoLo Chisik-Lysle, Nancy

Our hearts go out to Gloria Speck – Her husband and daughter both passed away in December. If you'd like to send her a card: P.O.Box 305 Cimarron, New Mexico 87714

Welcome to Cheryl Mahoney! She has joined the Sunshine and In Memoriam Committee and will be mailing all the special cards to our Gulls. We appreciate your assistance, Cheryl

Karen Knight has just purchased a new sporty BMW convertible – Congratulations, Karen!

A little humor from Shirley: I just lost my job at the bank my very first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.



Please let us know of anything you would like to share in our newsletter.
We would love to print your news.
Call: Shirley Spangenberg 805-824-4005 or Cheryl Mahoney 805-302-8086



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Happy Birthday, Gulls!

Pictured: Gulls with December birthdays at our most recent luncheon

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH THE GULLS!

Attention Gull members with birthdays in December! Attend this month's luncheon and be eligible to win a Swarovski birthstone bracelet. You must be present to participate in the free drawing. Plan to attend the Gulls luncheon in your birthday month for a chance to win a little birthday bling from the Gulls!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dayna Haupt
Peggy Hicks-Moore
Stacie Murphy
Rebecca Loving Nichols
Anita Petersen
Carolyn Samuelson
Amy Singletary
Sue Stile
Dawn Turnier
Pat Yost



- GULLS GATHER AT DECEMBER LUNCHEON -



A NEW YEAR! A NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR GIVING GULLS DONOR LIST!
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2023 GIVING GULLS

DIAMOND \$5,000 +	EMERALD \$1,000 - \$4,999	RUBY \$500 - \$999	GOLD \$100 - \$499	SILVER \$1 - \$99	SILVER \$1 - \$99
	Clara Duran	Julia Marshall	Karen Knight	Mary Beth Hanson	
				Connie Mooneyham	
				Pat Yost	

For more information regarding Giving, please visit our website at www.channelislandsgulls.org/donate.





OUR "CHANGE" IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Let's keep it going in 2023! Bring your spare change to the luncheons this year. In 2022 we raised more than \$1,000! Please keep those coins coming!

LUNCHEON REMINDERS

The luncheon reservation deadline is Tues, January 10th at midnight. **REMEMBER**, a reservation made is a reservation paid. No refunds.

MEMBERSHIP AND LUNCHEON COST

Your Gulls \$40 membership dues are due annually – if you haven't renewed, please send a check or renew at the next luncheon!

Pay via Venmo:

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Pay via PayPal:

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK, NEW GULLS:

Kristy Bowler
Nadine Corte
Virginia Dao
Alison Marschewski
Neila Poteshman
Janina Seczechowicz
Alyson Soter
Nancy Stulberg
Diane Tindall
Rosemary Tobin
Brenda Woodgrift

178 Members And Growing!

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Or bring your membership renewal check to the January luncheon

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Care Instructions:

- Hang suncatcher on secure hook/ nail.
- Indoors strongly recommended.
- Polish with a soft towel.
- Wash your hands after touching lead.



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ON-GOING FUNDRAISERS



AMAZON SMILE

Channel Islands Gulls is a recognized charity with Amazon Smile. We receive automatic donations when you shop online www.smile.amazon.com. So far, we have collected more than \$600 from this program!

YOLANDA'S GIFT CARDS

When you purchase a gift card from the Gulls, we receive 30% of the proceeds. Purchase a gift card from Sarah.

\$25, \$50, \$75 Amounts

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Luncheon

Thursday, March 16

Location: Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club



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Advertising to our members is a great way to get the word out about your business or services while supporting the Gulls' charities.

ONE-TIME AD RATES

\$15 Business Card Size Ad

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