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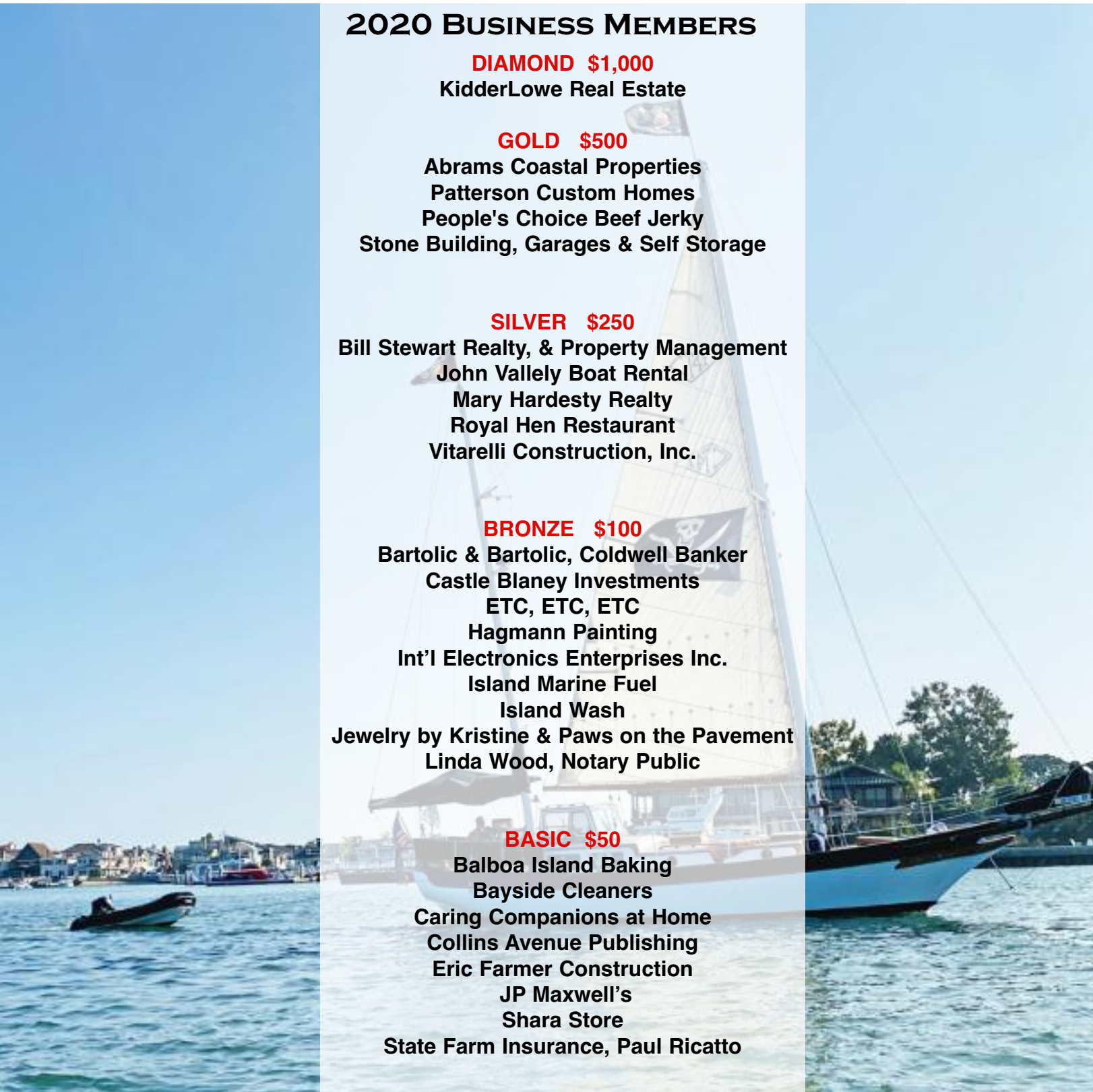
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Terry Janssen*

**Here's some exciting news:** Have you ever wondered if you have paid your annual dues for your BIIA membership? I have, so this year we have solved that problem by sending you a renewal letter reminding you of your Membership Renewal. Now that takes one thing off the table so I don't have to think!

Let me begin with a few housekeeping items: First, from time to time I believe it is important to remind all Island residents that the City requires all trash containers be placed out of sight; more specifically "Containers shall be stored in a garage, trash enclosure or sideyard and beyond a line drawn parallel to the alley to the adjacent property line except when containers are placed out for collection" otherwise it's an eyesore. I hear many conversations about cleaning Marine Avenue sidewalks or dog droppings but keeping trash cans out of sight is something that each one of us can do to help keep our Island(s) beautiful. Please do your part. Secondly, here's an item that I received plenty of comments about...the All Island Garage sale. With the virus all around us this was the year not to participate. Generally, there were a few residents that were willing to open their garage doors to strangers from off Island and let them shop. I briefly motored around and there were only a few of our residents participating. Thank all of you for being cautious.

So much for "Mother Superior". We are now in the final stretch of 2020 and what a different year it has been. Dining on our sidewalks or visiting the dentist was considered an exciting outing. From my perspective I miss all our activities whether they are BIIA sponsored or not. While I am writing to you in October, it looks like the year end finale will be the "Tree Lighting" with a twist. It is my understanding that The Marine Avenue Merchant's Association under the direction of **John Noyes** has some activities up their sleeve, but I'll let them tell you about what they are. The BIIA is exploring the possibility of having another "Golf Cart Parade" associated with the Holiday/Christmas Tree Lighting. Two fun events that are clearly off the table for 2020 and those are the Taste of Balboa Island and the Holiday Home Tour. If all goes well, we'll be back next year with a ROAR. 2020 will be the year that "WAS" and 2021 will be the year that "IS".

**Here's a little more exciting news.** We will soon have our own **BIIA Online Store!** We plan to carry a wide variety of items with our logo and some custom options just for Balboa Islanders. Thanks to **Laurie Sloan** and **Jon Remy** for spearheading it! We plan on a November launch just in time for Christmas shopping, so please stay tuned! Lastly, thank you for allowing me to represent you as the Balboa Island Improvement Association President during 2020. While we didn't see each other much this year, your Association continued working behind the scenes to keep our Island(s) beautiful, and work with the City of Newport Beach on special projects. Have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and Holiday Season.

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The Bridge Flags  
Thank you Larry & Pam Kallestad

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# Tall Tail:



## A True Fish Story With Uncertain Facts!

The first day my wife **Jasmah** and I drove over the bridge to Balboa Island, we noticed the greeting sign from the B.I.I.A. I can't remember WHAT it actually said, but ever since we've related the bridge with a sense of community. After spending countless weeks with Scott and Sue Sibley the past 5 years at the Balboa Hotel, we've witnessed how the fabric of community is woven by the spirit of volunteering. Now that we're full-timers here on the Island, I vowed to be useful somehow...

### A Divine Coincidence

The B.I.I.A. leaves its calling card in many ways. Every time we walk, we're reminded of Dotty's painted flower pots at each and every street along the boardwalk. Meeting Dotty in the magazine, then in person the very same week was divinely coincidental! That morning, while acquiring the usual beach chair, umbrella and beach goodies for our own enjoyment; I noticed a set of trash-picker-upper pincers at the end of the aisle. This was my chance to turn a commitment to give-back into bona-fide action.

"Hey, there's a fish head floating over there!"  
The past few months I've had the pleasure of ridding Ruby beach of its (usually incidental) trash that dots the shore and wall. Minor offenders such as the kids' little plastic toy goodies, flip-flops (or just a single flip or a flop ;) ... maybe an umbrella or something worthy of 'posting' on the boardwalk wall so its owner can find it easily the next day.

**Carre Otsuka** is one of the many sweets spots of Balboa Island; right up there with Balboa Bars, warm evening walks and the Boat Parade. We had a chance to connect as the next few minutes unfolded; which I'll never forget. I always knew I was born a Pisces for a reason; fish, fishing, fish tanks, sushi and scuba merely a few of my list of faves. But the following is something far more memorable than an unagi hand roll.

Carre pointed out a fish head floating just offshore... and as I waded out to clasp it with my pincers, it became clear that the visible little triangle sticking out was the tip of the iceberg. As I pulled it closer, with tremendous effort, it became clear that not a single bone was missing on this 6 footer! Carre, the smart one here, guided me to use the public trash can and even running home to grab gloves for me. As the crowd gathered, and my ego soared, I naturally seized the opportunity to boost my 'street cred' with the kiddies, who are all locals so early in the morning.

"Hey Beach Guy" (my moniker to the 5-10 year olds; the local Ruby beach kids know me as the Senior Sand Fixer for the Balboa Sand Authority as I tell them my day job is fixing individual pieces of broken sand from Diamond to Collins Ave) "how did you catch that thing?!" ... here comes the tallest tale ever told.

"You bet I did. My cats like tuna and stopped eating dry food. So, as this huge tuna swam by I grabbed it with my trash picker-uppers... then a shark started wrestling me for it! He pulled from the tail, while I pulled from the head, then he was winning, but then I found my strength, and back and forth, until.... POP! ... the huge fish turned inside-out! The shark left with all the meat and I was left holding this skeleton, every bone intact! Jaws dropped... (no pun intended)..."

Ya know, looking at what was likely a 200+ pound big eye tuna, without a single bone out of place, this story becomes more believable the younger your years are.

Carre, thank you for your alert and for your quick thinking! What a bonus to have even more, eh hem, street cred, here on the beach. And now the youngsters can see that giving some time back TO the beach has its moments in the sun ;)

**B.I.I.A. Member and Volunteer: Paul Fiore**  
**The Ruby Beach Rubbish Wrangler**



by Betty Christy

**MICHAEL AND KAREN SMITH**  
Onyx Avenue and North Bayfront

# BEARY HAPPY DAY!



Marcy Cook holding her very first bear, where it all started.

Rooftop Christmas decorations are award-winning every year



by Staff

**Marcy Cook**, who resides in the Bear House on South Bayfront, has lived and loved her Balboa Island life for the past 40 years. In 1975 she, her husband Bob, and their two young sons moved from Fullerton to paradise. It started with a trip to the beach at the end of Marine when the boys wanted an ice cream cone at Jolly Rogers. Passing the corner realtor Bobby and Jimmy saw the realtor golf carts and begged for a ride on one (as if it were an amusement park ride). Marcy convinced Bob to act like they were interested in looking for a house and wanted to see the lowest priced house (but really just wanted a ride on the golf cart for the boys). After seeing one home the realtor suggested looking at two other houses and thus more rides on the cart so why not?. Two days later the offer to buy the

Diamond Avenue house was made and accepted (to everyone's astonishment) and the Cook family came to live on the island. Bob, who passed away in 2013, was the personnel administrator for Fullerton School District. Marcy taught at Cal State Fullerton, was a GATE teacher for the Newport Mesa USD, and as an independent mathematics specialist/consultant/author (most known for her tiling activities in elementary and middle schools) presented math workshops to teachers in 40 countries, 5 continents. Sons, Bob & Jim, both graduated from Corona Del Mar High School and were proud to be captains on the Balboa Island ferry. Young Bob was so appreciative when his ferry working friends shaved their heads as he fought (and sorry to say lost) his battle with cancer in 1991.

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Bob & Marcy Cook



He wouldn't fit in the window, or you can bet she would have.



Marcy goes all-out on every holiday, bringing joy to boardwalk strollers.

In 1993 Bob and Marcy moved to the bayfront home which soon became known as the Bear House with a BEARY HAPPY DAY sign in front and bears everywhere. Hundreds of people walk by, take pictures and ask questions so....

**Q: How many bears do you own?**

**A:** The current bear count is 4834 (with close to 1400 Christmas bears hibernating until December). An angel bear room with about 250 angel bears honors Bobby all year long while other bears dress for specific holidays or come out of hibernation to appear throughout the house and in the windows when it is their time.

**Q: Where do you store them?**

**A:** For the most part in garages off site (no room in the bayfront garage except for one really big Christmas bear—and a car)

**Q: What started you on bears?**

**A:** When living on Diamond a neighbor brought a bear to show Marcy and asked her to hold it and see how soft and sweet it was, almost like a baby. A trip to the same store brought a twin one for Marcy's dresser. One bear. Then beanie babies came into being and the one became 101 +. With a love of decorating for holidays the search was on for Christmas bears, Halloween bears, Thanksgiving bears, St Pat's bears, 4th of July bears, Valentines bears, etc. and the numbers kept growing.

Gifts and bears appearing on the doorstep kept adding to the collection. A couple who were downsizing knocked on the door one night with a big red bow on a big bear and asked if it could join the collection as they had loved it forever but could not take it with them. Marcy is always on the lookout for Cook bears for the kitchen, angel bears for the angel bedroom, and souvenir bears from countries or places visited. Many trips have required buying another suitcase to bring home the bear purchases.

One morning from upstairs Marcy and Bob laughed when they heard 2 men on the bayfront talking and one said, "It's a hobby gone awry." When visiting friends in Florida they found a sign that said Teddy Bear Collector, Orphans Welcome Here. They had a friend repaint it to say Teddy Bear Collector, Hobby Gone Awry. So the story goes with Marcy and her bears hoping to bring smiles and happiness to others. Marcy's adult son Jim and his wife, Kate, have brought additional joy to Marcy with grandson Logan and granddaughter Sydney; they live close by, having had a new house built on the island, and no surprise—they love their golf cart!

Newport Harbor High School. Mine says 'Nobody had any more fun here than I did.'"

The film also seeded new fans of Harbor lore, like Realtor and Success Coach, Stephanie Theard.

"I now know the magic of Newport Harbor began a long time ago, Theard said. I felt like a kid in a candy shop I was so happy to be there...had this urge to hug everyone!"

"The history of Hollywood on Balboa Island is fascinating, said Debra Huse, co-founder of Balboa Island Artwalk. It was a rather magical time."

The film was co-produced by local journalist Pete Weitzner, and one Weitzner's former Chapman students, Anthony Liechti, co-owner of Firecat Productions.

"Incredible evening, Shirley Pepys said. Pepys was an executive producer of the film, which was shot in late spring and took several months to complete. "I loved the movie and was thrilled we could premier it here at BYC. Very gratifying. People told me they had a great time."

Pepys hedged on the Museum continuing in the film business...for now. "Maybe another screening, people were asking. Maybe at my house," Pepys said. Like many in the crowd she's a harbor fan and harbor resident.

And Pepys knows there are many more stories to tell, of a magical and transformative period in Newport Beach history.

You can purchase a DVD of Tim Mang's "Golden Age of Newport Harbor," at the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach or order online. Visit their website, balboaislandmuseum.org. Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach is open Monday-Thursday 10am to 5pm, Friday - Sunday 10am to 6pm. Free general admission.



Think you or a friend or Newport Beach neighbor is Legacy worthy? Just email or tweet at **Pete Weitzner** at weitzner@chapman.edu, @Weitzner or © 949-291-1316.

# Take the Tim Mang Quiz:

Tim Mang likes post-tour quizzes. He upheld tradition at the "Golden Age" premier. One table went nine-for-nine. Here's your shot. The category is "Name Their Oscar." The stars are below. Note: Most won one Oscar. #8 won a special statue. #9 won four.

All lived, owned homes or spent much of their play time in Newport Harbor. (Answers below)

## Tim Mang Quiz - These "Newport" Stars won Oscars. For what?

- 1 Victor McLaglen
- 2 Jane Wyman
- 3 Claire Trevor
- 4 Broderick Crawford
- 5 James Cagney
- 6 Humphrey Bogart
- 7 Ray Milland
- 8 Charley McCarthy/Edgar Bergen
- 9 Johnny Mercer



- 1 "The Informer," 1932
- 2 "Johnny Belinda," 1948
- 3 "Kay Largo" 1948
- 4 "All the King's Men," 1949
- 5 "Yankee Doodle Dandy," 1942
- 6 "African Queen" 1951
- 7 "Lost Weekend" 1946
- 8 Special Entertainment Oscar, 1937 (Wood)
- 9 "Breakfast at Tiffany's," 1961; "Days of Wine and Roses," 1962; On the Beach, Topoka and The Santa Fe," 1946; "In the Cool of the Morning," 1951

### Answers

“About the best and most optimal place to host an event, a film, that’s about the harbor, Beek said. We’re on the harbor, and a very important part of its history.” Beek’s grandfather Joe started BYC in 1922.

Commodore Beek took a risk hosting the Museum’s film premier. It was easily the largest, live-event gathering for both since March – a risk that was another good fit with harbor history, with BYC history, according to Beek.



Movie night at Balboa Yacht Club, fans enjoying premier of Balboa Museum’s “Golden Age of Newport Harbor.” Photo by Joy Bronny/BYC

“We’ve always pushed the envelope, just a little bit, Beek said. BYC is the only yacht club on the west coast that never closed (since March). From day one we started doing to-go, shipping orders...only yacht club that had a junior summer sailing program this summer. The film event? People said ‘You’re crazy. I said no, we’re not.’ We spaced the tables. Could have done it inside. Wouldn’t have been the same.”

Besides Mang himself, the film stars Newport, the “world’s largest small craft harbor,” just being discovered at the time. And it stars The Stars, many “seeking safe harbor” as Bob Verini wrote in a New York Times story in 2019, safe harbor from a privacy-deprived Hollywood.

“No one bothered them here,” Mang said in the film. They wanted to be left alone, and to sail, and party. Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power, Dick Powell, Ray Milland, they all loved to sail, and they were very good sailors.”



Pavilion in the 30s. “Harbor was a lot less crowded then,” Mang says in the film.

The film runs 45 mins. And takes viewers on a tour of much of Newport Harbor, with raconteur Mang weaving in stories every twenty feet.

### The film sparked lots of memories.

“Crazy memories, Commodore Beek said. “I’m 57, even when I was in high school, I recall that a lot of the people on the island and on the peninsula – left. It was a seasonal town, and you could stir up a lot of stuff. And a lot of people did.”

David’s dad Seymour joined Mang on an after-film panel. He recalled his old racing rival, Humphrey Bogart.



Mang and ol’ friends Rypinski and Beek shared more stories with Producer Weitzner after the premier

“Good sailor. Good guy, Seymour Beek said of Bogie. And he was a lot of fun. I did race against him...beat him a few times. More than he beat me.”

Alan Rypinski joined the panel. Rypinski could qualify as one of the latter-day industrialists Mang refers to in the film. He created the car-care products giant Armor All in the 70s, led a ‘90s marketing phenomenon with his World Pog Federation – perhaps fueled by growing up Newport.

“I think I love Newport more than anyone in this room, Rypinski said. He and his wife of 59 years, Pat, just moved back from Bozeman, Montana. There’s a plaque at

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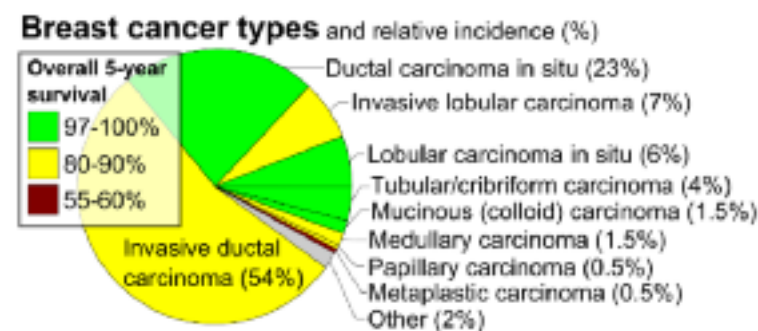


by Karen Frinzi, RN, BSN



As you all are most likely know that October had been selected as Breast Cancer Awareness month. I thought I might cover some basics regarding breast cancer facts. Over the last decades advancements have been made from research directed into early detection, personalized treatment and knowledge of the disease.

There are many types of breast cancer found in both men and women. I did want to talk a bit about the difference in the two types that seem to cause confusion most likely because “carcinoma” is in the name of both types.



### DCIS - Ductal Carcinoma In Situ

This form of breast cancer is noted by abnormal cells found in the milk ducts of the breast. DCIS can be found on a routine mammogram. Generally, there might be no signs and symptoms but if there are the patient can exhibit nipple discharge and/or a breast lump. Thus, early detection can occur with individual AWARENESS, as found in regular self-breast exam and adherence to your physicians recommended mammogram screening.

### LCIS - Lobular Carcinoma In Situ

Another type listed is LCIS, this is an uncommon condition in which abnormal cells are found in the milk glands of the breast. Although, its name contains the term “carcinoma” it technically is not a cancer its diagnosis is an incidental finding and suggests an increased risk of developing breast cancer by about 20%. This type is not found as a result of mammogram testing conversely found usually by biopsy of the breast for some other known reason. Such a diagnosis would put the patient on increased screening measures to monitor breast health.

### Signs and symptoms of breast cancer may include:

- A breast lump or thickening that feels different from the surrounding tissue
- Change in the size, shape or appearance of a breast
- Changes to the skin over the breast, such as dimpling
- A newly inverted nipple
- Peeling, scaling, crusting or flaking of the pigmented area of skin surrounding the nipple (areola) or breast skin
- Redness or pitting of the skin over your breast, like the skin of an orange

In addition, I would like to share with you some information from a breast cancer surgeon **Jay K. Harness, MD, FACS** he is a passionate, dedicated breast cancer surgeon who has launched a web site and U-Tube video channel entitled “Breast Cancer Answers”. The sites offer information on the multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer care, support for the patient and current facts about the disease. Dr. Harness is a past president of the American Society of Breast Cancer Surgeons. He is the author of multiple publications, one of which entitled, “The Breast Cancer Answers Book, Your Guide to Achieving Emotional Reconstruction”, a book authored by he and a breast cancer patient. To paraphrase Dr. Harness, he feels that breast cancer is a galaxy of disease, we are in an era of personalized cancer care and his launching of this project is meant to empower women with the knowledge of their disease. With this, a woman can along with a multidisciplinary team make the right choice of care for her. He talks about the paradigm shift in care which occurred some 35 years ago with the results of two studies, BO6 Trial and the Milan Trial, in these scientific studies the comparison of mastectomy vs. the conservation of breast tissue approach. This valuable information has brought breast cancer care where it is today. Dr. Harness states “time is your friend”... time gives you the ability to evaluate, analyze and plan your individual care with your multi-disciplinary team. As, as he states, “one size does not fit all” in your disease and personalized comprehensive care.

Let October the month of Breast Cancer Awareness be your own reminder of checking in on your breast health. Information taken from: [www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/breast-cancer/symptoms-causes/syc-20352470](http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/breast-cancer/symptoms-causes/syc-20352470)

“Christian’s Hut,” a favorite Newport haunt during “The Golden Age”



# Museum's Film a Premier to Remember



By  
Pete  
Weitzner

## "GOLDEN AGE OF NEWPORT HARBOR" DEBUTS AT BYC

Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach has gone Hollywood. In late September, the Museum debuted its film, "The Golden Age of Newport Harbor," at a sold-out event at Balboa Yacht Club (BYC).

The film's tour guide is Hall-of-Fame High-School Tennis Coach Tim Mang, a harbor resident who grew up here during the Golden Age, the 1940s – 1960s.

"These are all famous people I'll be talking about, Mang said at the start of the film. These are all movie stars and industrialists and some local people that are still here."

Mang's given casual Duffy tours of the harbor for the last twenty years, his recall the stuff of local legend.



Mang tells stories "every twenty feet of water" says Weitzner

Longtime Museum President Shirley Pepys took one of Mang's tours and got an inspiration – make a film on that special era of Newport history, with Mang as storyteller.

"You can't include everything, not even close, Pepys said. These are just some of the stories. But it's also the way Tim tells stories. He's unique."

The premier sold out, 150 Museum patrons, film-and-harbor buffs, and BYC members coming out on a balmy Thursday night on the lower deck of The Balboa Yacht Club. BYC Commodore David Beek offered up the Club to host the premier.



Commodore Beek's BYC hosted the film's premier. Pepys was executive producer. Beek says BYC always pushes envelope, "just a little." Club offered to host film premier in August. Photo by Joy Bronny/BYC.