

# Newport Harbor Area Council

## September, 2006



*President's Message (or the Mistress of Matching Underwear):*

Good Evening Sisters,

Thanks again to all of you for allowing me to serve as your President this year. It is an honor to represent you, here each month, on visitations to the other City Councils, and at the OCCC Brunch last Saturday.

I hope you all had a fantastic summer. It was wonderful to see several of you at our Summer Social, and I want to thank Carol Bernstein for arranging that fun day. For those of you who weren't able to join us, you missed a lovely afternoon, a great meal, and I wish there had been more of you with us.

Earlier in the summer, Kathy and I attended the OCCC Presidents/Vice-Presidents Meeting and got to spend some quality time with our counterparts from the other three City Councils. At that time, NOCC had not determined who was going to take over as their President after the untimely loss of Bobbie Raven. But shortly after that, they selected Jan Reichert as their new President. In June, Kathy and I presented some of the topics discussed at that meeting to our NHAC Chapter Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Also in June, we had our In-N-Out Board meeting, and we held a full Board meeting in August to go over this new sorority year. Much of what we talked about will be presented to you in the chairmen's reports coming up.

Hopefully you all got your "Harbor Lights" over the summer – if not, please let us know. We have found it a very useful method of communicating with our Council members and the only cost to NHAC is a little time. My personal thanks go to Kathy for preparing it and sending it out every month. Her humor and wit are evident in every issue.

And speaking of communication, I have brought a file box, much like OCCC has begun using at the Brunches, to hold the Chapter mail and agendas. I will be retrieving mail at the Brunches for any NHAC chapter not there, and will bring it here. If your Chapter has not already checked our mailbox, please do so before you leave tonight. And each Chapter should have received an NHAC Yearbook, created by Paula Clymer. She did an excellent job as usual on it, and our thanks go out to her.

I imagine you have all probably noticed the fashion décor around the room, and of course my theme says it, too. And you may have heard that I have a 'thing' for lingerie, not to mention clothes, shoes, and shopping in general. This summer I found this little tea towel which I will use instead of a banner: it says "Don't give in to frumpy undies". After all, life is too short for boring underwear. My mission is to beautify America from the inside out, one woman at a time!

Let's have fun this year!

I'd like to thank our Council Representatives this evening – will you all come up here so we may show you our appreciation?

And now, here's Kathy, our expert Vice-President.

## Vice President's Message (or Bad Hair Day):

My eye bags, I noticed the other day while shopping, had ceased to be an anatomical feature and were approaching the status of an actual piece of luggage.

The September Brunch was very enjoyable seeing old friends and new. Thank you, Chris, for a great NHAC meeting, the first one in the new digs. I think that this place will suit our needs quite nicely. We had a good turn out. Don't forget the October Pot Luck. The table decorations will be haunted handbags in keeping with the fashion theme. It will be a salad supper held at the Costa Mesa Women's Club and will be \$5 per person or \$6 at the door. NOCC will be hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 21, at 659 Briarwood Drive in Bea. Reservations are \$10, or \$15 at the door. Save the November 4<sup>th</sup> date for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Treasures and Trivia Auction and Brunch. It starts at 8:30 and is being held at the Navy Golf Course at Valley View and Oranewood in Cypress.

My doctor told me recently that I needed to include more fish into my diet. Did you know that fish is the only food that is considered spoiled once it smells like what it is? So why are fish so thin? They eat fish. Jack and I went to Sea World this summer. Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize "Oh, my God, I could be eating a slow learner!"

**IPP Report:** The Naughty Nauticals held their first meeting before the NHAC meeting. We plan to raffle a quilt hanging at the November Brunch. After the first of the year we will be asking NHAC members who can, to donate hats that they have not worn lately. We will be selling them at the January, March and May brunch. The proceeds from these fundraisers will all be donated to OCCC Scholarship Fund.



## **Chapter Chatter:**

**Xi Beta Alpha:** had their beginning day at a teashop in Orange. They will be having their September meeting with a pizza party, and are planning to drive to Arizona to see Pat Michels-McDonald in October.

**Xi Kappa Lambda:** attended the summer social at the Irvine Museum and went to lunch after that.

## **Xi Lambda Gamma:**

**Xi Phi Chi:** went dark for the summer, but Paula did get a new electric chair-iate. She is still learning how to run over toes.

**Preceptor Eta Rho:** celebrated Beginning Day at Norma Crosby's with a barbeque. They also fed the homeless.

**Preceptor Xi Sigma**: Went to the NHAC summer social. They held a “Chick Flick” evening with hot dogs and popcorn (and champagne). Beginning Day was a Brunch potluck at Joanne Racki’s

**Laureate Epsilon Omicron**: went dark for the summer but celebrated Beginning Day with a potluck including husbands and significant others.

***Don’t forget to Remember:***

Our prayers and thoughts are offered to Bobbie Ballard’s husband, Jack, who is scheduled for kidney removal surgery in the near future.