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# NAPLES NEWS

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**The Holidays and Volunteer Appreciation Issue**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

co-chairs of the event, and their team of volunteers for making this a night to remember.

This year's Heartwell Award, recognizing extraordinary service to the Naples community, went to Rainer Rahaeuser, past president of the NIA, CERT captain, and overall "volunteer for anything" during his past 30 years on the island. Rainer has done it all for our community. Well deserved, Rainer!

Our NIA Service Award, for exceptional effort with NIA programs went to Donna Fleming, our Naples Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) Chair, and Key Liaison with LBFD's Emergency Management Program. Donna has been instrumental in leading, organizing, and executing the most successful CERT program in Southern California. Today, due to Donna's hard work, Naples has over 80 Block Captains prepared to help their neighbors in the event of major disaster.

The NIBA Ken Cassidy Business Excellence Award went to George Miouk, owner of Nico's Restaurant. George has been an island staple for 27 years, serving us some of the best wine and food in Long Beach. He is not only involved in the NIBA but also serves as Membership Chair of the Long Beach Restaurant Association. His commitment to the community and his fellow Naples Businesses make George the perfect choice for this year's award.

Before we turn to 2025, I'd like to thank our outgoing NIA Board Members, Rainer Rahaeuser, Michael O'Toole, John Angelo, and Greg Magnuson for their service. Although we will miss their leadership and dedication to the board, I know each will volunteer in many important ways this year.

We're pleased to welcome to the 2025 NIA Board our newest members, Ben Fisher, Nakée Hanks and Zelna McGee. They bring with them their creativity, energy, and youth. The board is delighted to see new community members step up and offer their leadership to the association.

The theme for this year's board is Continuity, Clarity, and Collaboration. Continuity with the major island projects in progress; Clarity with NIA communications, from social media and Hot Topics to Naples News; and Collaboration with our other island associations and interest groups for improved livability in our community.

Our activities for the year are right around the corner, starting with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 18th, and the General Membership Meeting April 22nd. You'll find the other events for the year on our website at [www.naplesislands.org](http://www.naplesislands.org), as well as in this edition of Naples News.

Hey neighbors! We can always use more volunteers to help with our many events. Come out and join the fun!

See you around the island!



Tony  
NIA President

### Welcome to 2025

March is already upon us—can you believe it?! We hope you had a wonderful start to the year and a joyful holiday season. As we spring forward into the new year, we're excited to share a look back at some of our favorite holiday moments and give you a sneak peek at what we have in store for the months ahead.

Thanks to all our residents who lit up the islands in December with fabulous holiday lighting and home displays. I'm not sure in our 6 years here, we've ever seen as many homes decorated as this season. Enjoy perusing our Home Decor award winners in this issue.

As usual, the Boat Parade saw thousands of people line up to get a glimpse of Santa Claus and his band of dolphins. We can be proud of our island community during the holiday season. We provide a wonderfully safe environment for families large and small to enjoy our festivities!

Our special thanks go out to the volunteers who make the season bright. Nancy Emslie, Stacey King, and Jessica Ripoll led the judges around the island to find the most creative Home Decor. Alex Beltran did a yeoman's job of managing over 60 boats, big and small, in our famous boat parade and even made sure we had our Naples Holiday Banners proudly displayed on the major streets for the first time in several years.

The Naples Garden Club did marvelous work in decorating our island bridges with garland for an even more festive look. And to cap off the island decor, our thanks go to Claudio Garzon for completely refurbishing our toy soldiers. With his handiwork, our soldiers should be ready for duty for the next number of years!

Our annual Community Celebration and Dinner at LBYC was another fabulous affair. Over 180 guests joined Mayor Rex Richardson, and Councilmember Kristina Duggan in recognizing our 2025 Award Winners, and volunteers from around the islands who supported our many activities throughout the year. Our special thanks go to Stacey King and John Boezinger,

# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

## Volunteerism: The “Special Sauce” of Great Communities

I stumbled across a happy memory preparing this issue of *Naples News*. It was a picture taken before we even lived on the island. We had secured our soon-to-be home on Campo Walk, but as of June 4, 2016, we still had weeks to go before we could move in. That, however, did not stop us from diving into all things Naples - starting with our very first Pancake Breakfast. Amélie, having just turned four, was sporting her black karate-gi and befriending a potential new bestie (of the canine variety); and I was carrying potted succulents acquired from the Garden Club's booth in the Craft Fair. Together, we caught the eye of a certain resident, Judy Powell. She asked if she could snag a pic, and explained that she was the **volunteer** editor/photographer for a community publication called *Naples News*.

That chance encounter led me to ask Judy if she needed any help. Within months, I was pitching in by sharing photos of social gatherings. That grew into submitting articles for Naples CERT. Then, a few years later, Amélie was writing periodic “Kids Corner” articles - featuring snippets and pics from dozens of her elementary school pals. Down the road my involvement blossomed into sharing production efforts with Judy, and then taking on editorial duties when she passed in '22. A bittersweet evolution, but one journey of volunteerism.

One little chance encounter... one moment being open to investing in community. Now, nearly a decade of memories and inspiring

experiences later, we're more connected to our community than we ever knew we could be. Ours is not all that unique a story. We've met many long-term volunteers who can pinpoint the moment when the seed of a significant connection planted itself, and grew into a fabulous new chapter.



This issue celebrates the hundreds of volunteers who work front-of-house and behind-the-scenes to make Naples the community they want it to be. They bring a few hours for particular events and hundreds of hours for inspired causes. These pages are filled with their names, photos and stories.

Maybe there's a similar story waiting for you... be it at the Pancake Breakfast, with *Naples News*, in the NIA's Youth Program, or working on a community “Hot Topic.” We invite you to join the NIA team and start your own volunteerism journey. Contact Cindy Bambam, [volunteers.nia@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers.nia@gmail.com), to explore the opportunities.



John Angelo, Naples News Editor

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# HEARTWELL HONOREE

## Rainer Rahaeuser

Each year since 1968, the Jimmy Heartwell Memorial Award has honored an individual or a couple for outstanding service in Naples. It is the highest honor given in our community. The 2025 recipient of the Heartwell Award, Rainer Rahaeuser, has been involved with every aspect of the Naples Improvement Association for more than the last 30 years. Pancake Breakfasts, Flea Markets, Boat Parades, Concerts in the Park, Celebration and Installation Dinners, Naples News, countless committee and project meetings, NIA Board of Directors, and President of the Naples Improvement Association for two years. He is also a member of the LB-CERT Naples Leadership Team and a Block Captain.

You might have spotted him driving in a golf cart around the Island accompanied by his dog Day-Z. He seems to be on a mission. He is the consummate volunteer, and a multi-talented resource for his neighbors whenever a helping hand is needed. He has taught beach volleyball to Naples Youth on Mother's Beach and has been Santa's helper watching over his dolphins and preparing his sleigh for the Boat Parade for the last 30 years. Rainer's dedication to Naples is illustrious.

Rainer was born in Kehl, a small town in southern Germany bordering France, where his father and grandfather had been very active in their community and instilled the spirit of volunteering in him at a young age. He's the younger brother to 2 sisters still living in Germany. He attended the Technical University of Munich where he received his degree in Process Engineering. He served under US Air Force Command in NATO's 4ATAF as a Communications Specialist and speaks four languages: German, English, and - although it is now a little rusty - French and Italian. For his first job he moved to Switzerland, where his boss assigned him to a 2-year project in the U.S., which brought him to Carson, California.

Originally, Rainer moved to Hermosa Beach, where he met and fell in love with his beautiful, funny, talented, and kind East Coast Italian wife Lynda Martinelli at a beach volleyball meet, only a couple of months after arriving here in 1987. The same year, she invited him to his first Thanksgiving at a friend's house on Naples Island, where he instantly fell in love with this neighborhood, as he felt the same close-knit sense of community, he grew up in. Rainer and Lynda have been together and involved in the Naples community ever since. When the project in Carson ended, he was immediately offered another job, which allowed him to stay in California. The couple moved to Naples in 1991, and eventually Rainer joined Diversified Technical Systems, Inc. in Seal Beach as International Sales Manager. His office was at Electric and Main, and on most days, he rode his bike to work. He loved traveling the world for business for the last 21 years, with



every trip reinforcing his feeling that Naples was the place where he wants to live for the rest of his life. They found their forever home on the island in 1994, and he retired January 31st of this year to start enjoying it even more.

Being retired, Rainer now gets to spend more time with Lynda, Day-Z, friends and neighbors, staying busy with home projects, and being very active outdoors: biking, skiing, pickleball, running, swimming, and kayaking. He is also a member of a monthly beer club and, of course, continues to be a very active volunteer in the NIA and LB-CERT Naples.

When you look up "living your best life" in the dictionary, there is Rainer's photo. He loves a good conversation over a nice glass of wine and always has enough to go around. Lynda's wonderful Italian cooking with his German baking make them excellent hosts in their home that is truly a gathering place for all their two- and four-legged friends.



Photos clockwise from top:

Rainer preparing the Santa Float for Naples Boat Parade, Rainer with his "beautiful, love, talented, extremely kin, East Coast Italian wife Lynda Martinelli", Rainer with man's best friend - Day-Z the wonder dog.

# NIA SERVICE AWARD

## *Donna Fleming*

Donna Fleming has called Naples "home" since the autumn of 2013. She and her wife Theresa connected with Naples' CERT initiative when it was re-imagined in 2018. They immediately found the community initiative they were looking for, and they jumped in (kind of like in the picture of Donna's "polar plunge" during a recent trip to Antarctica - see below). By 2019, Donna had joined Naples' CERT Leadership Team.

Before we go further, a bit about Donna...

She retired as the Operations Chief of Orange County Public Health in 2018. She orchestrated her career managing programs and services in nonprofits and local government. She has decades of experience setting up and running programs, working with staff and educating the public. In her professional life she oversaw Public Health's bio-terrorism-response-activities in Orange County and trained others in National Incident Management Systems and incident command. She has served as Incident Commander in several public health threats such as the H1N1 outbreak in 2009, and set up initial COVID testing and vaccination clinics in Orange County in 2020. Currently, she serves as a Red Cross volunteer in multiple capacities: She assists Theresa in surveying facilities that can serve as Red Cross shelters in a disaster, and, as a licensed clinical social worker, she serves as a Disaster Mental Health worker — most recently deploying to Georgia last October and helping with the current response to the LA Fires.

Now back to our Naples CERT story! We got extremely lucky when Donna decided to focus all that experience on our community. She prioritized our Block Captains - building up the volunteer base and providing support through creation of a resource reference manual, orientation meetings, quarterly trainings, and guidelines for Block Captain tasks. She eventually stepped up as coordinator for the team. In the role, she has provided direction to the Leadership Team through the establishment of annual goals, strategies, support and guidance throughout the year. She also worked with our partner organization, LB CERT to obtain resources - including new radios and medical trauma kits - for the island. Over the years, she created regular articles and e-blasts to educate residents, and organized quarterly Block Captain trainings, among numerous other tasks. **Today Naples' CERT initiative is lauded regionally and nationally as "the gold standard" for community preparedness, and our team has grown to 90 resident volunteers.**

When asked about her aspirations for Naples Emergency Preparedness, Donna shared: "The most important thing we can do in Naples is for every household to take responsibility for their own readiness. Much of our CERT focus is providing tools, reminders and volunteer support to help neighbors have a plan and supplies to take care of themselves. The second most important thing is to have a plan in place and a core group of residents trained to work together to address immediate needs



after a natural disaster. We have 90 volunteers now, about half are fully CERT trained and the remaining receive regular training through our Block Captain program. They know how activities will be coordinated after an event; and are trained on things such as search and rescue, suppression of small fires, and lifesaving first aid. My ultimate aspirations are that 1) every household has an active preparedness plan, 2) we have a Block Captain for every block, and 3) every block captain is fully CERT trained."

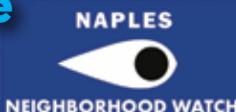
Donna and Theresa have been together 15 years and live in Naples with their little rescue dog Ella Fitzgerald. They are proud grandparents to Charlie, their 18-month-old granddaughter, and are excited to welcome a grandson due in May.

Donna loves living in Naples and being a part of the larger Long Beach community. "I am blessed to have an amazing partner and group of friends who like to play as much as I do whether its riding bikes, kayaking, playing golf, brewing backyard beer, attending book club, going to concerts, plays or happy hours. Theresa and I enjoy cheering on our favorite sports teams - the Dodgers, Angel City Football Club, the LA Sparks and both Long Beach State and the USC Women's basketball teams. We also love traveling near and far, most recently going to South Georgia and Antarctica, with a trip on the Amazon planned in coming months!"



# The Burglar's Guide to Naples Island

by Katie Rowe



Naples Neighborhood Watch is laser-focused on helping residents and businesses keep our island safe. But in the spirit of fairness, we want to be sure our local criminals still have a chance to succeed!

Here are some tips for you burglars in training. Obviously, it's key to pick the best house – these are the neighbors that are here to help you. Head to them first.

p.s. Squatters- don't feel left out – you can use many of these same tips to get that island home you've always dreamed of, no charge!

Look for these key features:

## EXTERIOR LIGHTS

- Exterior lighting off, or off by 10 or 11 pm
- Broken outdoor lights

## CAMERAS

- No video doorbell
- No outdoor security system

## PAPER PILE

- Collection of old Grunion Gazettes, Naples News, flyers, business cards, pizza hang-tags and realtor ads scattered on the porch or by the garage door.
- Mail falling out of the box
- Packages on porch overnight

## INTERIOR LIGHTING

- Completely dark
- Same light on every night at the same time
- Blinds and drapes never move

## GOOD STUFF

- Bikes, paddleboards, ladders left out unlocked for easy pickup
- Electronics left in unlocked duffys and boats

## YARDWORK

- Weedy yards, overgrown plants
- Vacant porch- no furniture or plants
- No lock on the gate
- Shrubbery covering windows

## UNLOCKED

- Front door
- Garage
- Boat deck box

## DING DONG

- No one answers when you knock on the door "selling" something, or "looking" for your AirBnB.
- No neighbors poke their heads out when you make some noise in the street or the alley

## BONUS!!

- Social media post showing homeowners on vacation or a seldom-visited second home!

Naples is known for its generosity and helpful spirit. By visiting these welcoming neighbors' homes you can really feel the 'island vibe' and reach your full potential. Happy hunting!

Everyone is a block captain in Naples Neighborhood Watch! Want more crime and safety tips? Reach out and get on the list! NaplesNW@gmail.com

# Worth Repeating...

by Donna Fleming



It only seems like a few months ago that we were reflecting on the fire that swept through Lahaina, and here we are again, spinning from the devastation resulting from the fires that all but destroyed Altadena and Pacific Palisades. Unfortunately, we have family that lost homes and friends who were part of critical evacuations. Thankfully, they had evacuation plans in place and everyone, including pets, escaped early and safely. In addition, a nearby friend just lost her home in a fire due to faulty wiring in the attic. FIRE is our biggest threat to life and property!

**The tips we provided from the Fall 2023 Naples News article are worth repeating. PLEASE...**

- SIGN UP for Alert LB to receive immediate notifications of an emergency event.
- Make sure you have working SMOKE/CO2 detectors in all bedrooms. Most house fire deaths occur because there was no working smoke detector.
- Plan for redundant escape routes from all rooms. If you have a second story, maintain a rollout ladder upstairs to escape safely from a window if needed.
- Be ready to EVACUATE with little-to-no notice.
- Make sure all family members know pre-established meeting points – on-island and off-island.
- Have pre-positioned "go bags" for all family members. They should include important documents, medications, water, food, a first aid kit, a crank radio with the NOAA station, flashlight, phone charger, basic toiletries, and a change of clothes.
- Have a "go bag" for your pet - including a carrier, leash, meds, food, and toys.
- WEAR closed-toe shoes and be ready to walk off the island if roads are blocked. Have a plan for any family members with mobility issues.
- If you live alone, have a pre-established buddy-system to evacuate with someone nearby.
- Establish an out-of-region contact point for coordinating communication on your location and well-being. (Tip – During an event, texting often works better than calling.)

An important lesson learned from family in the Palisades is that "fire proof" safes will not stand up to intense fires. Everything but wedding rings was incinerated. Make sure to create electronic copies of important documents and take other important items with you if you are able.

For more tips and resources go to [www.naplesislands.org/cert](http://www.naplesislands.org/cert) and review the Naples Emergency Preparedness Guide.



# NIBA KEN CASSIDY AWARD

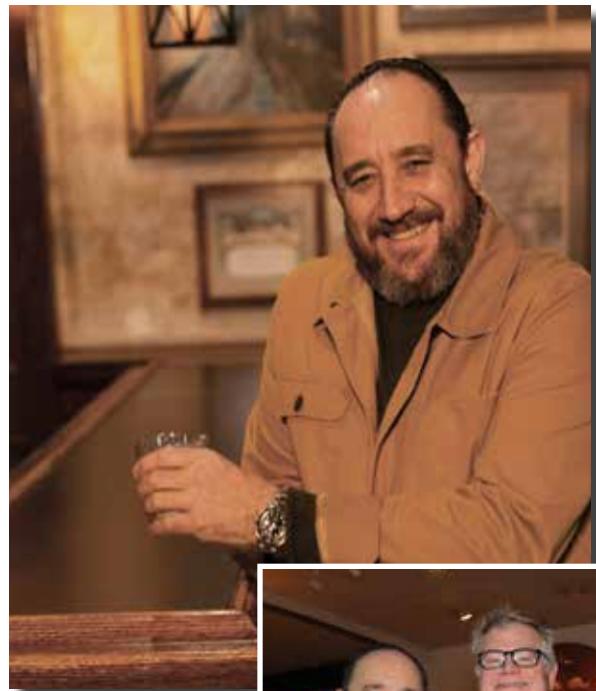
## *George Miouk*

Their website refers to Nico's as "a small boutique restaurant on Naples Island of Long Beach, CA. Our specialty is Italian food with a California flair. We have an amazing wine list and serve rare whiskeys. The atmosphere at Nico's Restaurant is white tablecloth and fresh ingredients are used daily to create our specials."

To us on the Island Nico's is George's Place. He started Nico's 27 years ago. He is warm and welcoming, just like his restaurant. It has become a neighborhood gathering spot. Often it appears that George is "holding court" at the bar. If you want to know what is going on in the community, go see George!

Part of the reason we go see George is that he is engaged. But usually engaged quietly. He often works behind the scenes, both with his fellow restaurateurs, and residents to tackle challenges. Sometimes best not to ask questions but know when he says he says "on it" he is. Besides his long-time involvement with the Naples Island Business Association, he is also on the board, and chair of membership, of the Long Beach Restaurant Association. His commitment to the residents and businesses on Naples and dedication to what we say is Naples is Nicer, has earned him the 2025 Ken Cassidy Business Excellence Award.

The Ken Cassidy Business Excellence Award is presented to a business leader who exemplifies Ken Cassidy's spirit and the contributions he made as a 30 plus year business owner on Naples. Before his untimely passing, Ken owned Pygmalion Salon. His enthusiasm for Naples was unbounding and this award is presented by the Naples Island Business Association in his honor.



## Naples Church Collects Donated Items for Charitable Causes

If you have gently-used clothing, blankets, household goods, warm jackets, sleeping bags, or food, consider donating them to Gloria Dei Lutheran... "The Little Church with a Big Heart" at 5872 Naples Plaza. Drop off times: Monday-Thursday 10AM - 2PM, or call 562 438-0929 to arrange a pick up.

Recipients include: Lydia House, Women's and Children's Shelter, the Long Beach Police Department outreach for children, Fe y Esperanza, LSS (Lutheran Social Services), ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Relief (to aid disasters such as the hurricane and California fire victims), Lutheran World Relief, and Wounded Warriors.

And, best of all, every donation goes directly to the intended recipients.



## Joy of Giving

So closes another very successful Naples Island Joy of Giving Toy Drive for scores of Families in Long Beach... citywide distribution by the LBFD in their Spark of Love Program!

Thank you, island residents, for your support!! Naples truly cares! The kids and our entire Joy of Giving team deeply appreciate your donations!

Keith Muirhead



# Holiday Splendor

photos by Ian Holmes

## **A Yacht Rock Christmas!**

Naples residents "rocked" this year's Boat Parade and Holiday Home Decor theme: *A Yacht Rock Christmas!* Each year the NIA hosts the competition with judges taking pencil to score sheets to determine their shimmering favorites.

Shout-out to contest organizers, Jessica Ripoll and Nancy Emslie. Their judging team included: Jonathan Schnack, Seandra Case, Stacey King, Linda Pachter, Donna Kraus and Melanie Overett.

This year saw guitar-laden snowmen and boat bows teaming with party-happy Barbies. It also saw more traditional fare in sugarplums and toy soldiers in full regalia.

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees.

## **PHOTO KEY TO OUR AWARDS GALLERY**

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- 02 GOD BLESS AMERICA AWARDS The Sangmeister Family
- 03 MEAN GREEN GRINCHY MASTERPIECE AWARD  
The Garcia Family
- 04 BIG KAHUNA AWARD Eric and Sally Springer
- 05 CANDY CANE CRUSH AWARD Eddy and Isabel Zohrabian
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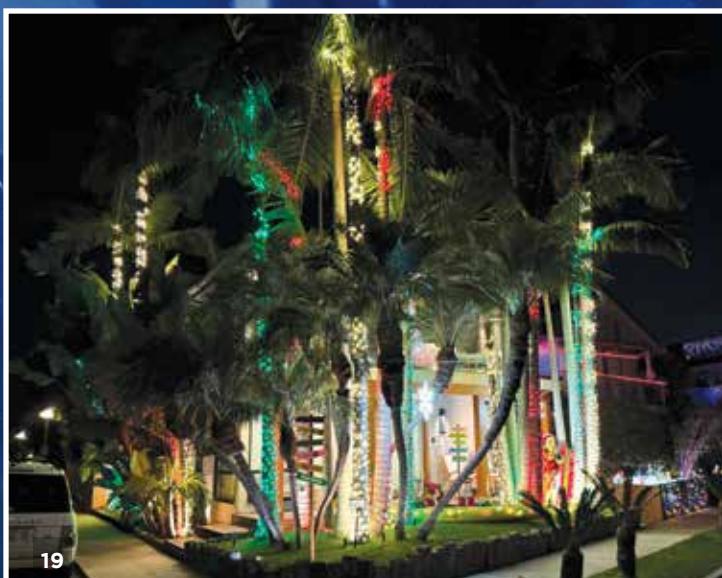


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Not Pictured...

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Hello Naples Neighbors! Mark your calendars for the NIA's 76th Annual Naples Island Pancake Breakfast! It's a morning filled with delicious food, fun, and community spirit!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

June 7th • 7AM - 11AM • The Colonnade

We can't wait to see you there!

**...AND SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER**

Building on the theme of this volunteer appreciation issue of *Naples News*, here's your chance to join our family of volunteers! Connect with neighbors, serve up mouth-watering pancakes, and participate in exciting games and activities. Your involvement makes a real difference in creating a memorable experience for everyone! Scan the QR Code to sign up, or for more info visit

[NaplesIslands.org/pancakes](http://NaplesIslands.org/pancakes)



work a griddle • flip a flap jack • staff a ticket table • serve up some o.j. • set tables + chairs • stock supplies • help with the Fun Run • pitch in on the Craft Fair



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM NAPLES BOAT PARADE

photos by Caught In The Moment Photography

## Yacht Rock Rules!

This year's theme inspired captains and crews alike. From crooners to drummers, guitarists and dancers... the good times rocked and rolled as small boats partied through the canal and big boats boogied around the bay.

Kudos to the Boat Parade coordinator, Alex Beltran, and his stellar team... Bill and Teresa Gagnon, Michael O'Toole, Terie Salinas and John Schuman. Photography donated by Lana and Salvador Farfán Caught In The Moment. Sponsors include Long Beach Public Works and the Port of Long Beach.

### SMALL BOATS

- 01 MUSIC Pat Jennings
- 02 LIGHTS Sean Conboy
- 03 MOST HUMOROUS Lisa Odell
- 04 GRAND PRIZE Darius Bossinas + Janet Eaton
- 08 MOST ORIGINAL Dev 2 Arc Boats
- 09 MOST CREATIVE Chris LA Racing Dragons
- 10 BEST THEME Abby Bolderas
- 11 BEST COSTUMES Kristi Elias

### LARGE BOATS

- 05 FIRST PLACE Johnny Bradford
- 06 SECOND PLACE Chris Lowe
- 07 THIRD PLACE Primo Benigni

### AND JUST FOR FUN

- 12 Kudos to Claudio Garzón and Tiffany Lira, our fantastic Santa and Mrs. Claus!





# Calling Students, Volunteers, Sponsors and Partners for the NIA's 2025 YOUTH PROGRAM

We've got big plans for the NIA's Youth Program this year. We're looking to engage and connect more students than ever with Leadership Activities, Special Events, Community Service - and sheer FUN. We're adding new layers to the NIA's already strong foundation... but we need lots of hands to make it happen!

- Help us plan the calendar
- Volunteer or sponsor events and activities
- Sign up your kids and grandkids
- and more!

It's all-hands-on-deck as we collaborate to create great childhood memories and develop enriching leadership opportunities. Whether you're a student, a parent, a grandparent or a neighbor who believes "it takes a village," you're invited! We're looking for students, volunteers, sponsors and partners to help pull off a fantastic year of Youth engagement for girls and boys ages 2-18.

**Email [NIAYouthPgm@gmail.com](mailto:NIAYouthPgm@gmail.com), Subject: "Let's Rock the NIA's Youth Program" to introduce yourself.**

Photos: 1) High school students help stage the annual Chili Cook-Off. 2) Young students participate in arts and crafts at the Concerts in the Park. 3) Students of all ages join the 4th of July Bike Parade, 4) Students take foot in the NIA Fun Run... part of the annual Pancake Breakfast.



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## NIA CALENDAR

NIA Board Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month 6PM @ Long Beach Yacht Club / Hot Topics eBlasts are published 1-2 weeks following the monthly Board Meetings

Naples News published on a quarterly schedule with deliveries in February, May, September and December

Events in **bold** are events of the NIA

- Mar 29 - Naples Elementary Spring Fundraiser
- Apr 18 - **NIA Youth Program Easter Egg Hunt**
- Apr 22 - **Spring Membership Meeting**
- May 27 - **Concert in the Park**
- May 30 - Naples Elementary Carnival

- Jun TBD - **NIA Flea Market**
- Jun 7 - **Pancake Breakfast, Craft Fair & Fun Run**
- June 24 - **Concert in the Park & Chili Cook-Off**
- Jul 4 - **Independence Day Bike Parade**
- Jul 29 - **Concert in the Park**
- Aug 5 - National Night Out
- Aug 26 - **Concert in the Park**
- Sep 7 - **Street Dance**
- Nov 11 - NIGC Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov TBD - **General Membership Meeting + Election**
- Dec TBD - **Boat Parade**

# LUMINARIA NIGHT

# Naples Islands Garden Club

by Barbie Barker Litterst photos by Trish Schooley

Members of the Naples Island Garden Club & the Naples community gathered at La Bella Fontana on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm where they enjoyed the beautiful Christmas carols and collection of lively lyrics performed by the Downey Warren High School Choir under the direction of Brianna Estrada. It was a very special and festive evening.



# NAPLES CELEBRATES

photos by Ian Holmes

## 78TH NIA HOLIDAY AWARDS AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Saturday night, February 8, a host of NIA members, NIA volunteers, city partners, and holiday event participants converged at the Long Beach Yacht Club for the 78th NIA Holiday Awards and Community Celebration. The mantra of the gathering was “Celebrate the Community We All Call Home!” The evening unfolded in four distinct chapters.

### Chapter One: The Awards Presentation

In a theatre-style setting, complete with synchronized projection on three screens, the NIA bestowed 32 awards for Boat Parade and Holiday Home Decor excellence (see the roster of winners on pages 8-13). Three beloved community awards were also presented: Rainer Rahaeuser was honored with the Heartwell Award (page 4),

Donna Fleming was recognized with the NIA Service Award (page 5), and George Miouk received the NIBA’s Ken Cassidy Business Excellence Award (page 7). Chapter One capped off with remarks by Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, and Councilmember Kristina Duggan installed the NIA’s 2025 board of directors.

### Chapter Two: The Celebratory Toast

Guests then transitioned to the Yacht Club’s deck and patio where they enjoyed beverages and passed hors d’oeuvres. Glasses were raised and the guests toasted the freshly announced honorees and the 2025 NIA Board.

### Chapter Three: Dinner

During the cocktail party, the main dining room and quarter deck were re-configured from theatre-style seating for the Awards Presentation to table-seating for dinner. Chef Haselwood’s service team crafted a Hawaiian theme

buffet complete with Kalbi beef short ribs, grilled jidori chicken, sushi rice with kimchi, and tropical desserts.

### Chapter Four: Dancing to King Salmon

As guests wrapped up dinner, they transitioned to the dance floor. The band brought the funk jams of the ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s. As the floor filled, the celebratory vibes and the joy of socializing with friends and neighbors elevated the mantra: “Celebrate the Community We All Call Home!”

Shout-outs to the evening’s co-chairs, John Boezinger and Stacey King. Kudos to the event volunteer team: Amélie Angelo Neumann, Alex Beltran Jr., Alex Beltran III, Jake Bergkvist, Kim Bergkvist, Maya Bergkvist, Jane Boyce, Tony Digiovanni, Nancy Emslie, Nakée Hanks, Ian Holmes, Donna Kraus, Bob Lane, Zelna McGee, Claire Pachter, Linda Pachter, Roger Powell, Steve Pruitt, Rainer Rahaeuser, and Adrienne White!



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## A Shout-Out to Our 2024 Volunteers

A huge thank you to the scores of volunteers who bring the NIA's initiatives to life! Pancake Breakfast. Summer Concerts. Communications. Community Relations. Without your contributions, the NIA could not fulfill its mission, and Naples would not be a community renowned for such vibrancy and spirit. They say community is what you make of it...what you invest in it. There are "garage communities" where next-door neighbors rarely speak and residents come and go from their back doors. And there are communities where neighbors not only speak, they look out for each other, they create celebratory experiences for each other, and they rally around issues that affect quality of life. Naples is quintessentially the latter. Every year, it takes thousands of volunteer hours to represent the NIA, address community issues, create neighborhood events and maintain island-wide communications. Board members, chairpersons, committee members, day-of-event volunteers... every single person. Following is the NIA's roster of dynamic volunteers who made it all happen last year. Our deepest apologies if we've missed anyone's name. **Would you like to learn more about NIA volunteer opportunities?** Email us at [volunteers.nia@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers.nia@gmail.com).



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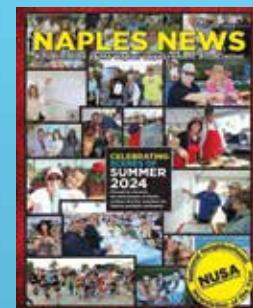
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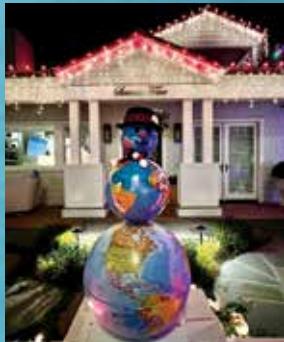
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## SANTA FLOAT AT THE BOAT PARADE

**Assembly Lead**

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Lewis Smith

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**Decorating Team**

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**Chair**

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**Team**

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# A Great Big THANK YOU

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## HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

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Alex Beltran

### Team

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## NIA HOLIDAY AWARDS AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

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## NIA JOY OF GIVING TOY DRIVE

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### Team

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Wine on 2nd



# NAPLES Milestones

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and PASSINGS

**Dan DeLave** passed away peacefully at his home in Naples surrounded by friends and family on December 8, 2024 after a one year battle with cancer.

Dan was born in San Diego and moved to Naples when he was eleven years old... attending sixth grade at Naples Bayside Academy, and most recently residing on Virgil Walk. Dan loved being on the water. He started with surfing and progressed to sailing. He was a test pilot for the Hobie tri-foiler and a competitor in

many fleets including the F18 catamaran class with his boat, "Diamond Girl." He was always looking to go faster and create friends, whether it was a new class on the starting line or through his proud leadership as Commodore of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Dan thoroughly enjoyed attending Naples' summer concerts in the park, the island's annual boat parade and, of course, the pancake breakfast. He was proud of his work with Naples' CERT initiative, where he served as Division 4 Supervisor and on the Leadership Team.

Dan is survived by his loving wife Eileen, his brother and sister, extended family and many friends from a lifetime in and around the water.

Eileen says of Dan's bond with Naples: "Our most recent favorite was Marlena, and before that we loved going to Michael's - sitting at the bar. We always

met great people and always ran into old friends. So much about life in Naples is special, but a highlight for Dan was being asked to play Santa in the boat parade. In full costume, walking home from LBYC, he was stopped by every child and invited into so many peoples' parties. Pure joy! He loved Christmas in Naples. Fittingly, his birthday was December 26th."



## SHARE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

SubmitMilestones(births,marriagesandpassings of Naples residents) to NaplesNewsMagazine@gmail.com. Submissions for the next issue are due by April 15 for announcements spanning January 1 - April 15, 2025.

# NIA Membership Roster as of February 1... continued from back cover

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 Denisac, Sandra  
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 Dilday, Diane  
 Dobovanszky, George  
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 Edrich, Susan  
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 Ladas, Lia  
 Landers, Ashley and Jeff  
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 McCombs, Mary Anne and Jeff  
 McDaid, Kerry and Mike  
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 Miller, Jennifer and Ryan Peterson  
 Muirhead, Trevor and Darcy  
 Muno, Michael and Judy  
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 Murphy, Cindy and Jerry  
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 Potiker, Haley  
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 Roberts, Penny  
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 Zimmerman, Debra  
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**NIA Membership roster as of January 31. Current memberships run through May 31, 2024. The '24-'25 membership campaign kicks off May 1. Watch for delivery of the special-edition Naples News - The Membership Issue, and announcements in Hot Topics. Listing corrections? Email membership.nia@gmail.com.**

➤ An arrow indicates new members registered since last roster published in Naples News

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