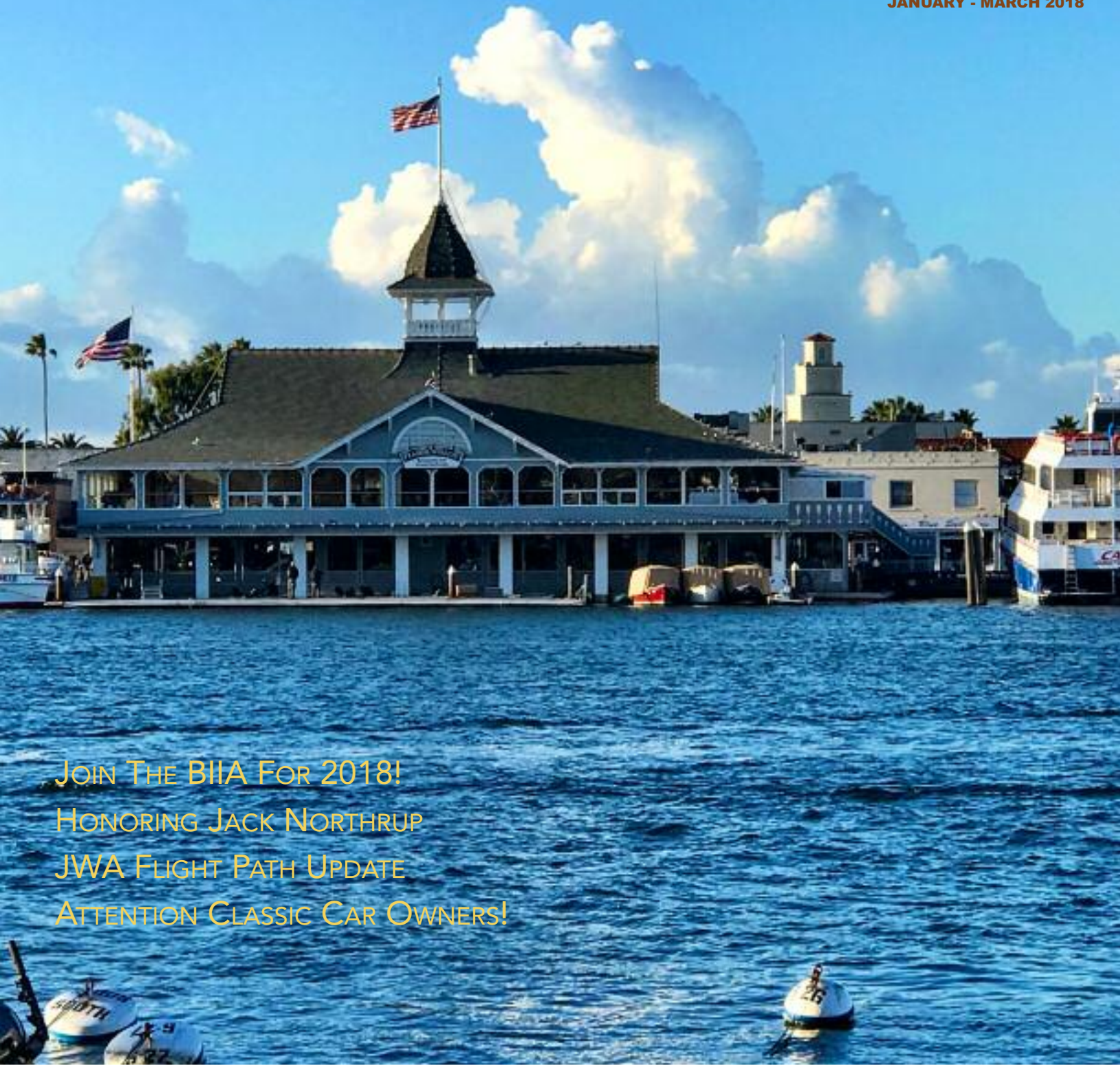


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jack Callahan

The new year is well underway and the Balboa Island Improvement Association has completed another successful year and looking forward to a very busy 2018. There are many things we want to accomplish this year and one of the most important is continuing to build the BIIA membership. Our membership was up last year, but many people on the Island have not joined the BIIA. It could be they are not aware of all the things we do all year long or we are not doing a good job of letting folks on the Island know what we do and how important their membership is in supporting our activities. The membership is our #1 way we raise money to pay for all of our activities each year and this is the best time of year to join. Your membership is for a year and January is the time to join. Some of the things we do are beautify and decorate the Island all year long with Christmas being the highlight. Plants and flowers are planted around the Island. Doggie-Walk bags are a major expense and a very necessary one. We all love our pets, but it's long overdue to put pet owners both on and off the Island on notice, clean up after your pets. The BIIA supplies FREE doggie bags all around the Island-use them. It's a mess all over the island; it's a health issue and it's just plain rude. There is also a leash law in Newport Beach. Lots of folks use our beaches all year long but we still see dogs running loose on our beaches. Our children and grandchildren use our beaches and free running dogs and cats using our beaches as a litter box is a problem. Your membership will help us keep the bag dispensers full. We put on a Pancake Breakfast, BBQ's, concerts, a great Carnival each year, our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Snow Day, a Home Tour and our biggest event the annual Balboa Island Parade. This year is our 25th year and it's been a great run. We are asking each block and street to enter a float this year. It's by far the best family event in Newport Beach. Mark your calendar for this year's Parade, Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, 11am. The BIIA will be working with the City and our councilman Jeff Herdman on a host of issues that affect the Island, our members and residents. The Airport, the Sea Wall upgrade, the Marine Avenue upgrade, and any other issue that may come up. We are working with the NBPd on crime and safety issues on the Island to keep our islands a great place to live. The BIIA will work hard to keep it that way and keep improving it. But we need you help!! So please join now and support our efforts on your behalf. It's important, thanks!

JOIN FOR 2018!

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The BIIA is always in need of volunteers, contact Jack Callahan 949-887-7756 to see how you can help. Meet your neighbors, have fun, and improve Balboa Island!

Also, if you have a story related to the Balboa Island(s) you would like to share, please send with hi-resolution photos to: collinsavenueproductions@gmail.com

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The Balboa Island Museum Honors Jack Allen Northrup

by Ellen Goodman

JACK ALLEN NORTHRUP – A LIFE WELL LIVED



*Jack and Joan on opening day
at the Balboa Yacht Club*

Jack Northrup was a long-time Balboa Island resident and passionate about the community. He passed away at the age of 91 on January 8, 2016, surrounded by family in his Balboa Island home.

Jack was a member of the Museum family from the early days, believing

strongly in its mission to preserve and protect the history of Balboa Island. He and his wife **Joan** built their dream house on the Island in 1990. They became involved in many community activities, including the decoration of the Island bridge at Christmas time, and establishing light standards and flower pots on the bridge. Jack also spearheaded the underground utilities initiative, a project that he had hoped to live long enough to see accomplished. Jack was a member of the Balboa Yacht Club for twenty years, and served as Secretary of the Board of Directors, Cruise Chairman, and Opening Day Chairman. He was a Director and Treasurer of the Balboa Island Improvement Association, where his involvement spanned many years.

Jack and Joan also became very involved with the Balboa Island Museum. They both served as docents and volunteered at Museum events. Jack's dedication was extraordinary, and his incredible commitment to the growth and development of the Museum really stands out. He served on the Board of Directors and as the Vice President, and his insights were instrumental for laying the groundwork for the Museum's strategic plan. His leadership was a guiding force for advancement from the beginning, and he has been one of the Museum's greatest champions and contributors. Museum President, **Shirley Pepys**, said, "Jack was a visionary and a great advocate for the Museum. I had the privilege of working closely with him for many years, and he always provided constructive advice with en-



Jo Ellen, Jack, Shirley

couraging optimism. He was a one-of-a-kind supporter of the Museum and a shining star."

Jack's daughter and Museum Board of Directors Secretary **Jo Ellen Heck**, described his passion for the Museum: "It was my father's ambition to develop a funding program that would make it possible to find a permanent home for the Museum, and to establish an endowment fund to keep Museum operations adequately funded. While he did not live to see that dream realized, his strategic vi-

sion, coupled with his tireless energy and enthusiasm, have contributed significantly to moving the Museum forward in that direction. It is my hope to continue his efforts and see his dream realized."

To this end, Jack made a bequest to the Museum and established the Jack and Joan Northrup Building and Financing Fund. If you would like to help, you can donate to the fund by contacting the Museum.

We will always remember Jack's extraordinary dedication and determination, both of which were contagious. Two years ago, he completed his memoirs, "A Life Well Lived." His exemplary life and the legacy he leaves behind stand as a tribute to the title. All of us at the Museum will miss Jack and remain grateful for his generosity and persistent vision of what the Museum is now and what it can be in the future.



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The entire family at Jack's 90th birthday celebration



AVIATION UPDATE

by Jeff Herdman, Councilman

By now you should be well acquainted with the fact that the City/County negotiated a Settlement Agreement with the FAA, thus avoiding having to move the lawsuit to a judicial setting. The specifics of the agreement have been well publicized in the local newspapers and on social media platforms. Here's a quick recap of the most important aspects of this Agreement:

- First, The FAA has agreed that the NextGen flight takeoff path will stay between the existing seven (7) noise monitors, and will design a curved departure procedure for flights that will cause planes to follow the curves (an "S" curve) of the Upper Newport Bay, thus avoiding flyover of as many residential neighborhoods as possible. Implementation of the "S" curve departure route is scheduled to be implemented in the next couple of weeks.
- Second, and in my opinion the most significant "win" for the City, is that we have gained a place at the table with the FAA when it comes to any further changes in flight paths which will be analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act. This insures the City of the FAA's commitment to working with us and the airport on a going-forward basis.
- And third, protection was secured against excessive "early off-shore turns" which protects the communities of Corona del Mar, Newport Coast, and to the north, Huntington Beach.

So, what's next?

Our job now is to work with the air carriers flying out of JWA, and the most effective way of doing this is through organized community groups such as Airfair, the Airport Working Group, and the newly formed Citizens Against Airport Noise and Pollution (CAANP). Steps have already been taken by the Council to protect our community against the negative effects that the airport creates related to our quality of living.

- First, additional noise monitors have been installed in key loca-

tions along the flight takeoff routes to determine if the seven (7) existing noise monitors are providing accurate readings. The Council will be considering the purchase of permanent noise monitoring equipment to be placed on or near Balboa Island to continually measure the noise of departing flights in order to identify the difference between air carriers, and then to ask why?

- Second, the City has a DC Lobbying firm on board. Additionally, the consulting firm of HMMH has been identified as a viable entity in terms of their relationship with the FAA and air carriers. And by the time you are reading this, a PR Firm will have been hired.

The DC Lobbyist, HMMH Consulting Firm, and the PR Firm will all be working with us to develop higher/quieter departure patterns for all airlines, focus on defining altitude limits in order to get planes higher on their way to the STREL Way Station 3 miles off the coast, and will assist us in meeting with air carriers individually once all of the data has been collected and studies completed.

- Third, the city may initiate the gathering of studies that have been completed on health and pollution issues to further drive home the point with airlines that flying higher over our community is imperative.
- And fourth, the City will not rule out the possibility of future litigation. The question would be, "Who should be involved?" The cities of Costa Mesa and Huntington Beach are currently gearing up interest in coming on board with Newport Beach. Finally, I have brought up the issue of "fanning" when it comes to flight take off procedures. The FAA has closed the door on this topic. Moreover, the community will not tolerate it, for no other village, neighborhood or area within our 5 City is interested in "sharing the pain".

As always, I remain very reachable and will always be a good listener. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or observations.

Jeff Herdman, Councilman



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Flight Path Info

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City Beat

by Lee Pearl



In January, a jet part fell onto this car on Balboa Island while being driven!

John Wayne Airport -

We are participating in an effort to get the departing planes higher and requiring them to hold back on power until after passing the shoreline. All surrounding communities have joined to accomplish this goal working with

County, City, State and Federal officials. For information please contact Sally Peterson or Michelle Lovenduski, at balboaislandcares@gmail.com. They are preparing information sheets and a letter to support this community goal.

You have probably noticed that planes are in one lane in the sky. This is the result of the Nextgen implementation using GPS to control the departure. The City has not included the burden this places on Balboa Island or surrounding communities in any of their discussions. The City has also recently closed the door to finding a plan for relief for those neighborhoods after the backbay and under the planes. We will need to continue to work together on behalf of Balboa Island and surrounding neighborhoods to find a solution to this issue. I urge you to call the aircraft hotline 949-252-5185 to report loud and low-flying airplanes.

Bayside Drive Improvements - Currently in the design stage with construction scheduled for June-December 2018. The four lane road will have significant changes including reduced lane width, raised and non-raised medians and sidewalk and bike-way improvements.

Balboa Island Seawall Cap - Construction has started on the 9" cap on the north and south bayfronts. It will be constructed between January and May of 2018.

Marine Avenue Revitalization Project - This multi-year project is in preliminary discussions. A Marine Avenue Committee headed by John Noyes, resident and Merchant Association President, has met with City staff. A Committee has been formed consisting of residents, BIIA members and business owners. The project will not be funded or finalized for some time and will include community input. For questions contact Mark Vukojevic at the City mvukojevic@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 644-3319.

Balboa Avenue Water Line Replacement - This project is replacing valves in the alleys and the waterline along Balboa Avenue. After some noticeable communication problems, the City has indicated they would be requiring the contractor to provide better notifications to our residents.

The most recent island meeting on Saturday November 11th can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xfjBSEWw-w>
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AND THE WINNER IS...

by Terry Janssen

Beginning with the second quarter, The Island Bridge, your Association's publication, will be adding a new column featuring an Island Car Guy and his Car(s) written by myself and Lee Pearl. It seems that each time I meet someone new they are some kind of Car Guy or Gear Head. Many of you have your own a classic car that is parked in your garage or some place in storage and I know that there are many interesting stories to go along with that car. Some of you may be an original owner or kept your first car from high school. For example, I graduated from college in 1968 (the five year plan) and my parents asked me what I wanted for a graduation gift and my reply was a blue 1967 Corvette. Fifteen years ago I bought a silver Corvette.

Before we send our first article to press we need a name for the column and this is where you come in. Get those thinking juices going, come up with a catchy name and send it to me at fullfender32@aol.com (Now there's a hot rod term). What about a prize? A good contest without a reward wouldn't be a contest at all so send me your thoughts for a title for the column and if your name is chosen you will win a very cool clock for your garage. No way are you getting my Corvette Clock or Patti's Felix the Cat Clock. Put on your thinking hat and enter to win. Until the next edition of The Island Bridge...*roooooooooom!*



What's Blooming?



by Leigh Kelly, BIIA Beautification Chair

201 Emerald Avenue

If you are on the lookout for this season's "Garden of the Quarter," you might want to stop and ask a butterfly "where is the best place to hang out?" He will most likely direct you to 201 Emerald Ave., the home of **Artyn** and **Max Gardner**. Soon you will see why he sent you there. Flowers and color are



Artyn and Max Gardner in front of their garden

everywhere. This home's garden was designed by **Maxine Maly** (a former garden winner, herself). In addition to meticulous attention to plant selection and pruning of such, Maxine planted many, many butterfly-attracting plants of different varieties.

Artyn and Max moved to their home in August of 2015. The home was a new build and of the original plantings, only the Magnolia tree and the Sliver Sheens remain. Shortly after moving in, **Maxine Maly** came by to introduce herself to the newbies Artyn and Max. An incredible friendship bloomed from that first introduction. Both Maxine and Artyn share a love of color, and that love of color is evident in everything that is planted.

The Gardners have lived in the Bay Area of San Francisco, to Shady Canyon, then on to Balboa Island. They have traded coyotes for butterflies, and both Artyn and Max can be seen searching for the latest cocoon that might be ready to produce a butterfly. Max has set up cameras and together with his grandson, captured footage of butterflies emerging from their cocoons.

Artyn takes her love of color to the sewing machine and is quite a prolific quilter. She took some time to show me one of her latest creations: a quilt of the "Hungry, Hungry



Layers of flowers along the side yard



A metal sculpture holding succulents in front of a planter containing an azalea

Caterpillar." It reminded me of her yard: a symphony of vivid color. Roses of different varieties dot the flowerbeds (Disneyland, Love Song, and Double Delight are just a few). In addition, hydrangeas, azaleas, coleus, hibiscus, dusty miller, milkweed, pansies, lillies, gardenias, stephanotis, and camellias all make themselves at home here. Artyn is partial to the roses as both her husband and her mom tended roses in her prior homes.

I asked Artyn what she loves about Balboa Island and she was quick to reply: "I love waking up and feeling like I am on vacation. I love that we hear sea lions instead of coyotes. I

love to sit in my dining room and see people stopping to admire the garden. I love the butterflies."

If you find yourself with a little free time, take a walk past 201 Emerald. Look for the caterpillar's cocoons hanging under any ledge. And if your time is full right now, come back in the spring. You won't be disappointed. Well done Artyn and Max (and Maxine). The butterflies thank you. And so do we.



photo: Betty Christy

FEATURED POT
Abalone and South Bayfront
Susan and Ralph Sims



NEWS & NOTES

by Sue & Ed Siebel



The last months of 2017 certainly provided us with a number of reminders of the disasters that can unexpectedly occur in any locale – the fires north and near, the mud slides of Montecito, and even the falling of jet parts from the sky onto our Island. Attendant with reminders that disasters can and do occur, are the reminders that preparation and communication are both necessary and beneficial. We all need to prepare ourselves, and to be ready to lend help to neighbors, friends and family in need.

On the Island, we have good basics – there is in place both a well-established emergency protocol, and an emergency communication group. The emergency protocol provides that the best place to give and receive information is at one of the Island's Sector Command Posts – Beek, Marine or Little Island.

- Beek Sector: (Beek Park by the Ferry) If you live from Diamond to the west end of the Island, including Collins Island;
- Marine Sector: (Marine and South Bayfront) if you live from Sapphire to the Grand Canal; and
- Little Island Sector: (Park and East Bayfront) if you live on the Little Island.

At each sector's command post, there should be an Incident Commander, organized teams walking the sector to assess needs and relaying messages to the Incident Commander, and attending emergency communicators (EmComms) working on intra-Island and off-Island communications.

The Newport Beach Emergency Communicators (EmComms) are a group of volunteer licensed ham radio operators. The program is a continuation of the CERT Comm program that the Fire Department discontinued. In the City, we have approximately 180 ham operators, about 80 of whom are active every week checking in to roll call and acting as Net Control on a rotating basis. The Island has 14 active EmComms who are essentially the heart of the Island's emergency protocol. If the telephone service is dis-

rupted and cell phone lines are overloaded, it will be possible to coordinate activities on the Island and communicate off-island with other neighborhoods and the City using the radios which each ham has available, along with the ten additional radios held at the three Sector Command Posts.

A most important key to the overall emergency process is the individual readiness of all Island residents. In addition to knowing the protocol to follow in an emergency, each resident needs to individually prepare. Recently, L.A. County suggested a good mnemonic device of The 6 P's for Preparation in case of evacuation – they are just as relevant to preparation for any kind of emergency. Think about what would be needed, and collect as necessary, for each of the "Ps":

- (1) People and Pets
- (2) Papers (ie., important documents)



- (3) Prescriptions
- (4) Photos
- (5) PC hard drives and discs
- (6) Plastic (ie., credit and/or ATM cards, and cash)

And, you might want to add some bottled water, some non-perishable food, a good flashlight or two and batteries, a first aide kit, a blanket, a few clothes, and a warm jacket. Does your car have at least a half tank of gas? Do you and your family have important phone numbers, and an out of area contact person who would relay messages?

We send our best to all those experiencing this Fall's disasters, and really hope that we never need to use our preparedness!



Sue and Ed Siebel - Co-Coordiators
Balboa Island



PLEASE JOIN THE B.I.I.A.

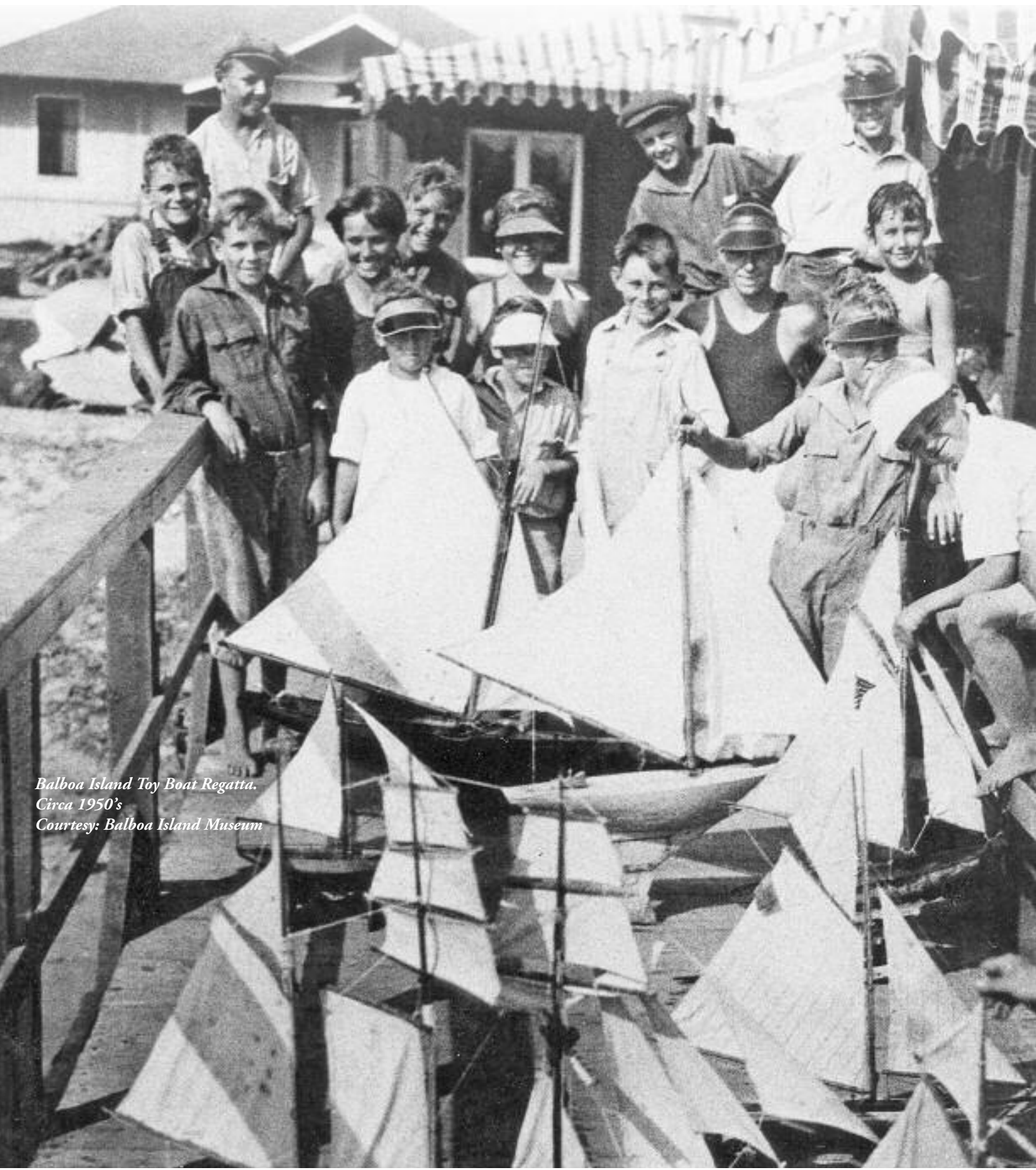
Please help your Association continue to provide great events all year long and contribute to being the driving force behind the improvement of Balboa Island. Your membership provides the beautiful flowers at the entrance of the Bridge and by the Fire Station. The BIIA is made up of volunteers who work on committees all year long on these annual events and tasks: **Parade, Pancake Breakfast, set-up and removal of Island Holiday Decorations, Holiday Home Walking Tour, Holiday Party with Tree Lighting, Snow & Santa, Taste of Balboa Island, Membership, Beautification, Free Doggie Bags, Marquee messages, Island Bridge Newsletter, Sandcastle Contest,** and many other ongoing BIIA functions. This is all volunteer folks! We do it because we take pride on where we live and want the best for Balboa Island! Help us continue our mission and join or renew your membership today. The Membership form is included in this BRIDGE, you can also go to our website balboaislandnb.org to join online. Thank you!



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