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You Really "Autumn" Know

If you haven't heard of Shazeebo yet, then you really "Autumn" know who they are, what they do, and how they have contributed to the education of thousands.

Who is Shazeebo? Shazeebo is a team who pays it forward. Just like when you are waiting in line at Starbucks for your PSL (Pumpkin Spice Latte now that it is officially Fall) and the cashier tells you the person in front of you paid for your order. What happens next is a beautiful string of events. You naturally pay for the person behind you. We've all experienced the gesture of paying it forward and Shazeebo embodies this expression to their core. They believe, "helping their community is just something they should be doing." The individuals that make up their local San Marcos team are considerate, friendly and give you their absolute best work from product to customer service. Shazeebo "invests in communication so that they understand their co-workers point of view and speak their language to better solve problems.

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THE BUZZ
UPCOMING EVENTS
At the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation

EVENTS

Bat Chats & Friends

Sa Oct 19
3:00-5:00pm
FREE Family Event
No RSVP/Registration Required

Up close and personal LIVE BAT presentation!

Games. Crafts. Raffles. Critters. Costume Contests.

Sponsorships Available

Sustainable Santa

Sa Oct 26
10:30-12noon
FREE
Open to the public
Kids learn how to make their own holiday gifts from nature!

Field of Screams Fundraiser

Fri & Sa
Oct. 4– Nov. 2
7pm-11pm
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Email: volunteer@aguahedionda.org

AT THE D.C.

Kids Klub
Sa 9-10:15am
Oct 26 I Nov 16 I Dec 14

Yoga
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$12 / First Class Free
$8 Drop in Members
Yoga + Wine + Environment
Oct 20 I Nov 17 IDec 22
$10 Member/ $15 Drop In/
Yoga for 2 $25

Bird Walks
Su 8am @ the DC
Oct 20 I Nov 17 I Dec 15

Closure Dates
Nov 28, Dec 24, Dec 25, Jan 1
Partial closure dates, please check website

Discovery Center Hours
M - Sa 9am-4pm, & Su 12pm-4pm

Trails

Hubbs Trail
Sa Nov 2
9am-12noon

D.C. Trail
Sa Jan 25
9am-12noon

* Please remember closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and reusable water bottle

Contact: lauren@aguahedionda.org

Annual Members Meeting

Sa Oct 19
10am-12noon

Light breakfast served

Members must be active and in good standing by Sep 20, 2019 to attend

RSVP: RSVP@aguahedionda.org

They will bend over backwards to fix any problems to make it right. And, they celebrate each other on birthdays, holidays and special events making 168 S. Pacific Street a happy place to work."

What does Shazeebo do? Simply, they provide custom made shade sails that are ensured to last. Because they know their product is the best, they teach shade sail classes at their factory so you can do it yourself. Plus, they help support great causes like Shelter to Soldier, the North County Food Bank and us.

How have they contributed to the education of thousands? This past summer, the Shazeebo team led by Patrick Howe helped the Carlsbad community– their community- by donating and installing two new shade sails completing two of our outdoor educational classrooms just in time for Discovery Summer Camp. Immediately, the new shades helped keep campers and visitors cool during the hot summer. The benefit of their shade sails lasts past the summer, and throughout the start of this school year, and beyond too. When kids field trip on a sunny, 75 degree Southern California day, we want them to be able to enjoy nature and learn about nature; as opposed to, sweating and being distracted by the heat. The Shazeebo shade sails add to their experience here by letting them focus on retaining the knowledge of environmental stewardship we are teaching. Generations to come will be the beneficiaries of the future lagoon stewards that were inspired here. You really "Autumn" visit the Discovery Center to see for yourself.

By Cierra Russo, Director of Education

Additionally, we were able to bring part of who Shazeebo is and their happy work place back to the Discovery Center by celebrating with them after their project completion. We provided lunch and a tour to their entire team to thank and show them what their generosity means to us and how far it goes. Their generosity allows us to continue providing direct access to nature, and interactive experiences to the 8,500 students and 25,000 visitors with diverse bodies that rely on the lagoon for years to come.

Shazeebo used their expertise to pay it forward and we were lucky enough to be the recipients. We continue in their momentum so that others can be lucky enough too.

We are grateful for the support of new and returning members of the foundation. This list includes all new members and renewing members received since September 25, 2019.

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Names in red refer to members from 2009-2019 consecutively and names in blue refer to members from 2014-2019 consecutively
**Please note that misspellings of names may occur. If this is the case, please accept our apologies and let us know so that it will be corrected.*

DISCOVERY $150

Ray Adler—Rebecca Arciaga—Melissa Barry—Janet Biggerstaff—Donna Bilek—Christopher Blumka—Mary & Rocky Chavez
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Carson Linxwiler—Nadine Martin—Thomas Morberg—Bethany Morgan—Natalia & David Muller—Diana & Ed Navarro
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Katherine Waumans—Anjelica Wilson—Wayne Woodard—Mae Wright—Shelley Wright—Clarissa Zulick

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INDIVIDUAL LAGOONATIC $50

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A Message from the C.E.O.

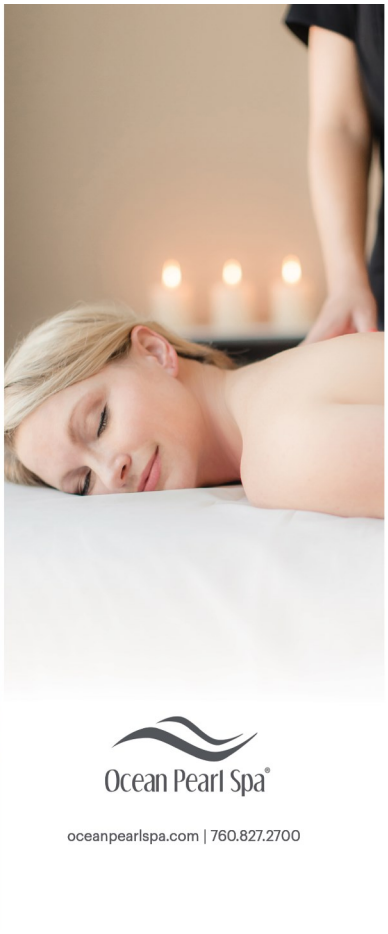
By Lisa Rodman, Chief Executive Officer

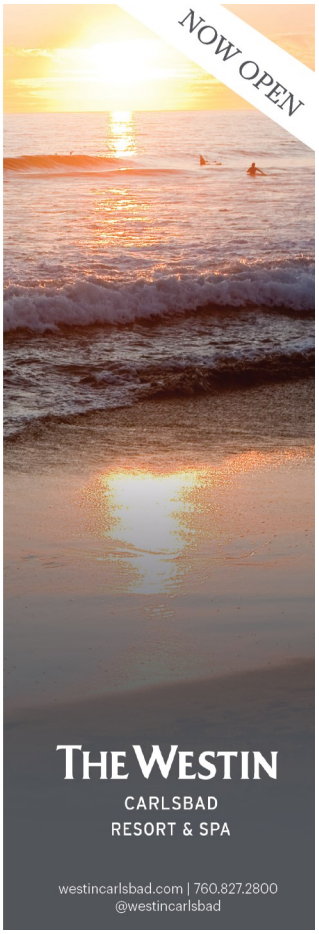
One important aspect of our foundation I think you "Autumn" know is Our Members Make It Happen ~ this mantra is becoming part of our daily nature talks around the Discovery Center that we are so proud to be associated with. We were blessed this summer to have Kelly Cardenas as a coach, once a week for a month, who inspired us all, by creating a vision of 5000 members in our future! His premise is simple; why not? He coached us by pointing out the obvious; what you do here is EPIC, people need to understand the value of their membership through your story. He asked us to present a tour depicting all the fun learning we have to showcase. Katie Fudge, our curriculum writer, amongst other hats she wears, took the lead to create the tour. We tasked Katie to bring this statement to life: AHLF is a member supported non-profit that delivers dedicated leadership in lagoon sustainability, water recreation and hands on educational programs making a difference for our future lagoon stewards.

We placed the tour in our timeline and now happily take people through our foundation's centerpiece making our mission dynamic. **Our mission is to inspire people through education and outreach to preserve the Agua Hedionda Lagoon as an accessible and healthy watershed.**

And, once a year we dedicate a month to appreciate our members. Every September as you probably "Autumn know" we thank our members by adding special events and annual outings to our calendar so members are able to enjoy showing this amazing watershed superstar to friends, family, as well as participating in the activities together. This year is no different with the addition of the ever-popular Aqua farm tour 9-20-19 (thanks Tom Grimm), the Columbia Store fundraiser through 9-29-19 and the traditional Oktoberfest tickets for membership renewal on Oct 5th.

We have a lot to be grateful for and we think you "Autumn" know how much you mean to us! Board members Wendy Wiegand and Jim Brubaker are retiring off our board but not in our hearts. Join us for our Annual Members Meeting, October 19th from 10am-12noon, to help us honor these amazing members. Please also come take a tour of the new Pollinator Path, Educational Nodes (tricked out by Shazeebo Sails/Troop 784) and experience the newest exhibits while visiting your old favorites too. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Kelly Cardenas for his inspiration growing us to 5000; one member at a time, just thought it is worth repeating or did you "Autumn know" that too!



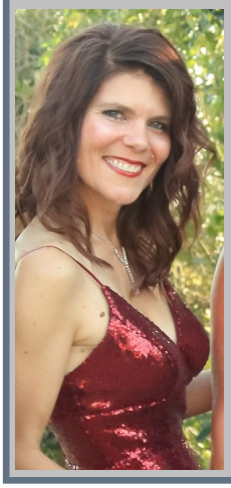


Our Members Make it Happen!

BOARD MEMBER OF THE QUARTER

RACHEL IVANOVICH

We are pleased to recognize Rachel Ivanovich as the Board Member of the Quarter. Rachel joined the Board of Directors one year ago and we bet as you "Autumn" know already, she earned the title Co-Rookie of the Year at least year's Discovery Gala 2018 for her hard-work and devotion. She didn't stop there. Rachel continued to shine, stepping up and going above and beyond. Her business, Easy Life Management, competitively participated in our inaugural Lagoona Kahuna Team Challenge and she graciously volunteered to pick up all donated auction items for our Discovery Gala 2019. We thank Rachel for her commitment and enthusiasm towards all things Agua with a shout out to Kristen, a team members of Rachel's that assisted too!



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Native Animal Spotlight

Fun Facts You "Autumn" Know about the Cougar

In San Diego County, there are few animals that cause as much fear and awe as the Cougar, a.k.a. the mountain lion. Believe it or not, this big cat is actually quite common in Southern California, and more than half of California (San Diego County included) is considered Mountain Lion territory. The Cougar goes by many names, including Puma, Cougar, Mountain Lion, Panther, Catamount, Red Tiger, and Deer Tiger, but is most commonly known as the Cougar or Mountain Lion. Mountain Lions can be up to eight feet in length and weigh up to 220 lbs (Male; Female: 140 lbs). They can jump up to 15 feet high and 40 feet in distance and can run at up to 50 mph. They usually try to avoid humans; However, development has caused encounters to be more common. Apart from humans, Mountain Lions have the largest geographical range of any mammal in the western hemisphere. Depending on where they are, these big cats feed off of a variety of different animals, including deer, elk, coyotes, rabbits, raccoons, mice, rats, bighorn sheep, and squirrels. Adult mountain lions are beige with yellow eyes, helping them blend into the autumn surroundings. Babies have black spots and blue eyes, but they lose these as they grow up. Mountain Lions don't roar; Instead, they purr or whistle, sounding much like a human whistling or a bird chirping. Mountain Lions have also been known to scream, and can easily be mistaken for a woman's scream. In the end, Cougars are quite interesting and awe-inspiring animals. The carnivorous Cougar is one cool cat!

By Aiden Bolstad, 11 year old volunteer

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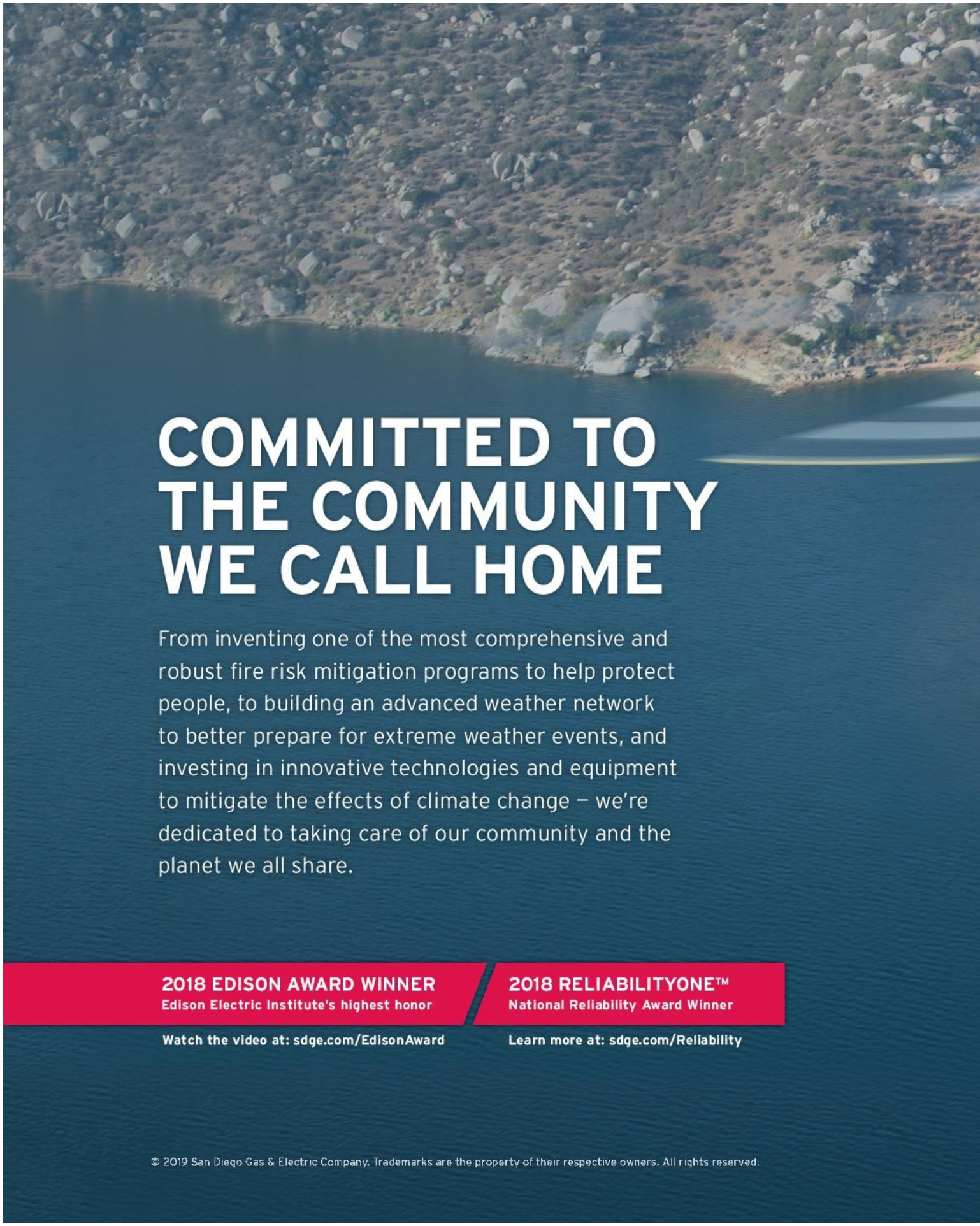
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Presented by San Diego Gas & Electric, Discovery Gala 2019, BOND ~ The Lagoon that Loved Me was a magnificent success. Held at the beautiful Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa, opulence, style, and valor filled the night as guests were welcomed to a very BOND themed evening. Greeted with a champagne toast, courtesy of Rick Ryberg's 7-Eleven in the Village, on the red carpet, thank you Ara's Party Rentals, attendees were entertained with a live Casino, Venom Vodka Martini Bar, BOND themed cars from Peder Norby, Hoehn Motors and Marisa Gustafson and lounge music by the Swinging Johnsons. A record breaking 318 attendees, entered the main ballroom to the classic songs of the 007 main titles performed by vocalist Celeste Barbier, accompanied by Lyra Acrobat Performers from Aerial Theory Fitness Studio in San Marcos. Pegasus Estate Winery provided a variety of wine for the tables, and the Westin crafted many BOND themed martinis, shaken not stirred of course. The evening was beautifully led by our Mistress of Ceremonies, Katy Temple and auctioneer Thomas Nelson, with M, CEO Lisa Rodman steering the night and in the wings, our Gala Chair, Lynnell Talone-Honda. After honoring our Top Agent, Josh Cantor of California Watersports for his leadership and commitment to our organization, agents danced the night away to live music by Cool Rush. Additional special guests such as Katie Cuppett-Bringuier (2019 Volunteer of the Year), Diane Proulx (2019 Board Member of the Year) and Stacy Hall (2019 Rookie of the Year) were honored. Another special salute to Rachel Ivanovich as our Board "Mover" of the Year, for effortlessly picking up all auction items that were not mailed to us, so our guests could bid on fabulous baskets. Her and her team at Easy Life Management truly moved all over San Diego.

Our goal to bring in $165,000 was almost met; we raised $151,000. Increasing our revenue from last year, we will continue to provide quality environmental education for our future lagoon stewards through our Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Programs. We want to thank everyone who attended, donated, sponsored, and volunteered; this night could not have happened without you. And if you would like to contribute to helping us achieve our goal, consider sending a donation or using the link online: https://www.aguahedionda.org/donate.

You "Autumn" know to Save the Date for our Discovery Gala 2020 ~ GREASE, Lagoon's the Word, celebrating our 30th year as a Foundation on August 29th.

By Samantha Richter, Chief Operations Officer

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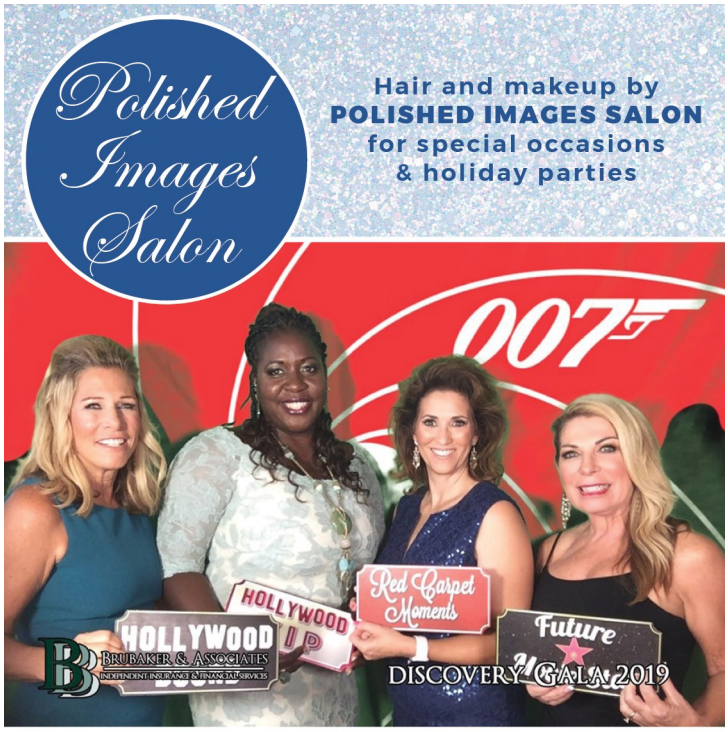
DONOR OF THE QUARTER

BRIAN MARYOTT

You really "Autumn know" that Brian Maryott is recognized as this edition's Donor of the Quarter. Brian attended our Discovery Gala 2019 this past August and generously raised his paddle to donate $5,000 towards our educational programs. He understands that the kids are counting on us and his contribution makes a real difference towards not only their education but also our lagoon, watershed and environment. We thank Brian with our whole hearts for helping us continue to inspire the future lagoon stewards who learn within our walls.



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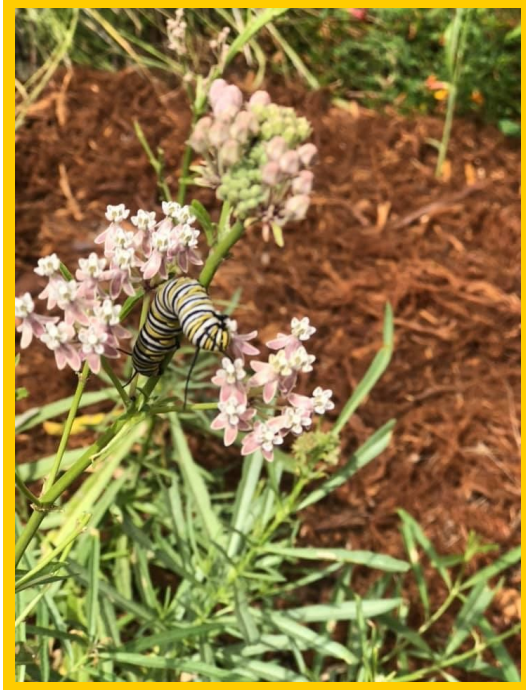
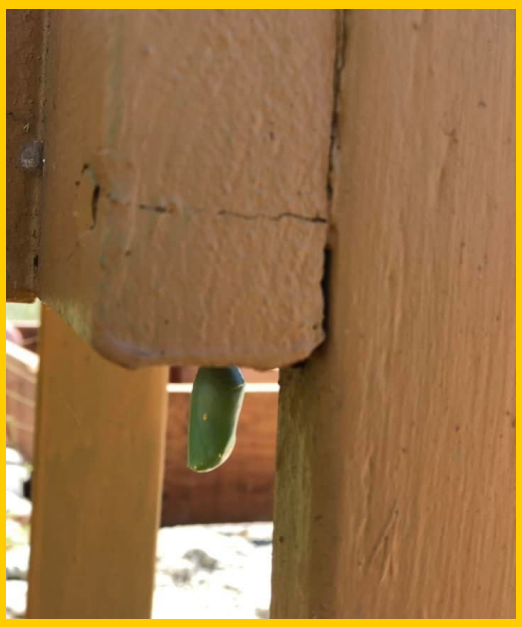
You Really "Autumn" Know about Pollinators and Native Plants

This year at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, we wanted to give support to the amazing native pollinators that inhabit California by creating a healthy pollinator garden! We are still putting on the finishing touches but we have already been visited by many wonderful pollinators. The Discovery Center's thriving pollinator garden is full of native plants providing shelter and homes to the native wildlife and pollinators. Leading the way into our wonderful garden is the Pollinator Pathway! The eye-catching mosaic stones create a beautiful and welcoming walkway that encourages visitors to engage with our native plants. These amazing stones were hand crafted by the San Dieguito United Methodist Church. This past month, the center has been documenting the growth of many pollinators such as the monarch butterflies. The variety of milkweed and yarrow provided a sustainable breeding ground for these pollinators! Hundreds of monarch caterpillars have been seen over this past month a few changing into chrysalis. You still might be able to find a few more hanging off our wood railings (see picture right) or some caterpillars munching up the last of the milkweed (see picture left), as well as beautiful monarch butterflies fluttering overhead! Another observation you "Autumn" know, is other pollinators spotted visiting the garden have been ladybugs, hummingbirds, as well as bees from our bee hive.





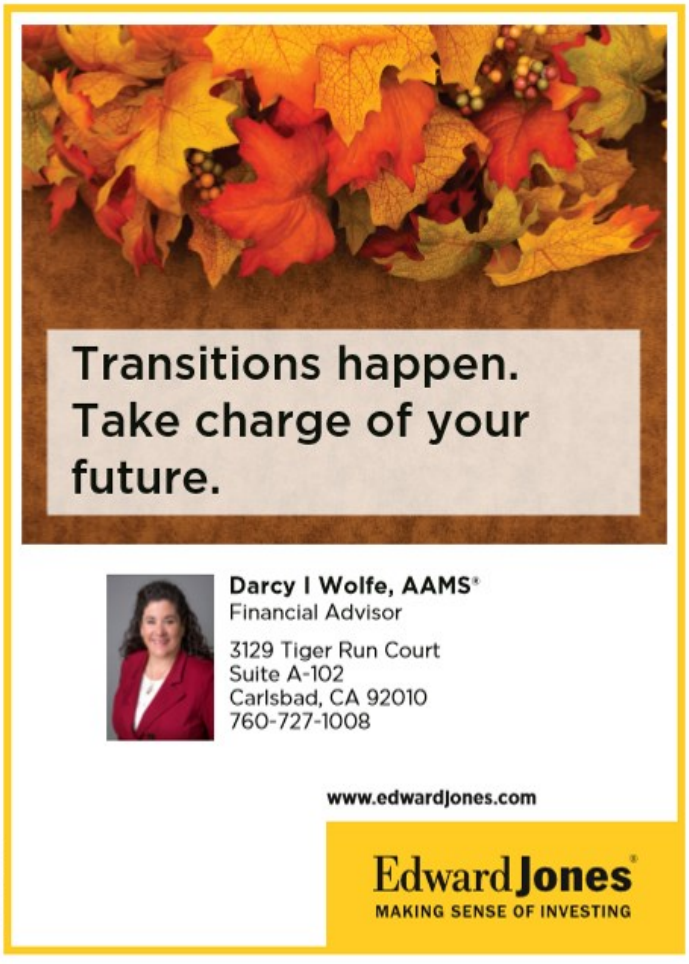
Fall, specifically, October and November, is the best time to plant California natives in your garden! By planting the many species of native plants, you are supporting the lovely pollinators we depend on to spread pollen and seeds to ensure their growth. Native plants are also very easy to take care of because they do not require fertilizers or pesticides and are genetically designed to survive the harsh winters, summer heat, and are drought resistant. Native plants need very little weeding, watering, mulching, or mowing which saves time, money and effort for the gardener! You "Autumn" know that if you need some inspiration on what natives to grow, stop by the center and check out what we have planted!

By Katie Fudge, Marketing, Outreach & Program Coordinator

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

JULIE RAGOZZINO

We think you "Autumn" we are honored to recognize Julie Raggozzino as not only our Volunteer of the Quarter but also as the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation's Volunteer of the Year for 2019-2020. Julie starting volunteering at the Discovery Center about one year ago and has without a doubt earned her new title. She consistently volunteers her time every Monday and during special events like our Discovery Gala 2019. Julie will help with any task or project and goes above and beyond in ensuring that it is completed perfectly. Also, she takes initiative in working on her projects to further enhance the Discovery Center and the Foundation's mission. Julie, in her spare time, also volunteers elsewhere working with rabbits. She has taken that knowledge and passion and used it to help us with Marshmallow our Lionhead Rabbit. To sum it up, Julie is passionate, hard-working and genuinely kind and we are extremely thankful she found us.



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DAFs have increased in popularity due to their flexibility, overall simplicity and small administrative fees. They accept a wide range of assets including cash, stock and mutual funds and will handle the administrative burden associated with the gifts. The tax benefits of DAFs also make them very appealing. When a donor contributes assets to a DAF, and immediate income tax deduction is received. The capital gains tax associated with an appreciated asset is also avoided with that contribution.

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PIFs are generally appropriate for those wanting to make charitable gifts and to reduce their estate for the tax benefits. They also have the option of receiving income from the gift without being subject to high costs associated with other gifting strategies such as a "Charitable Remainder Trust". The income they receive from the PIF gift may reduce their tax deduction.

The Mission of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is to inspire people through education and outreach to preserve the Agua Hedionda Lagoon as an accessible and healthy watershed.

For information on Legacy Planning ideas you "Autumn" know – contact Lisa @760-804-1969 or lisa@aguahedionda.org

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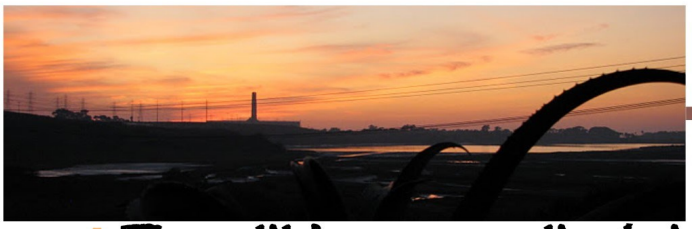

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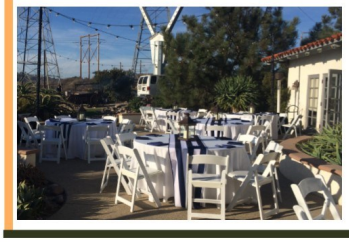

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