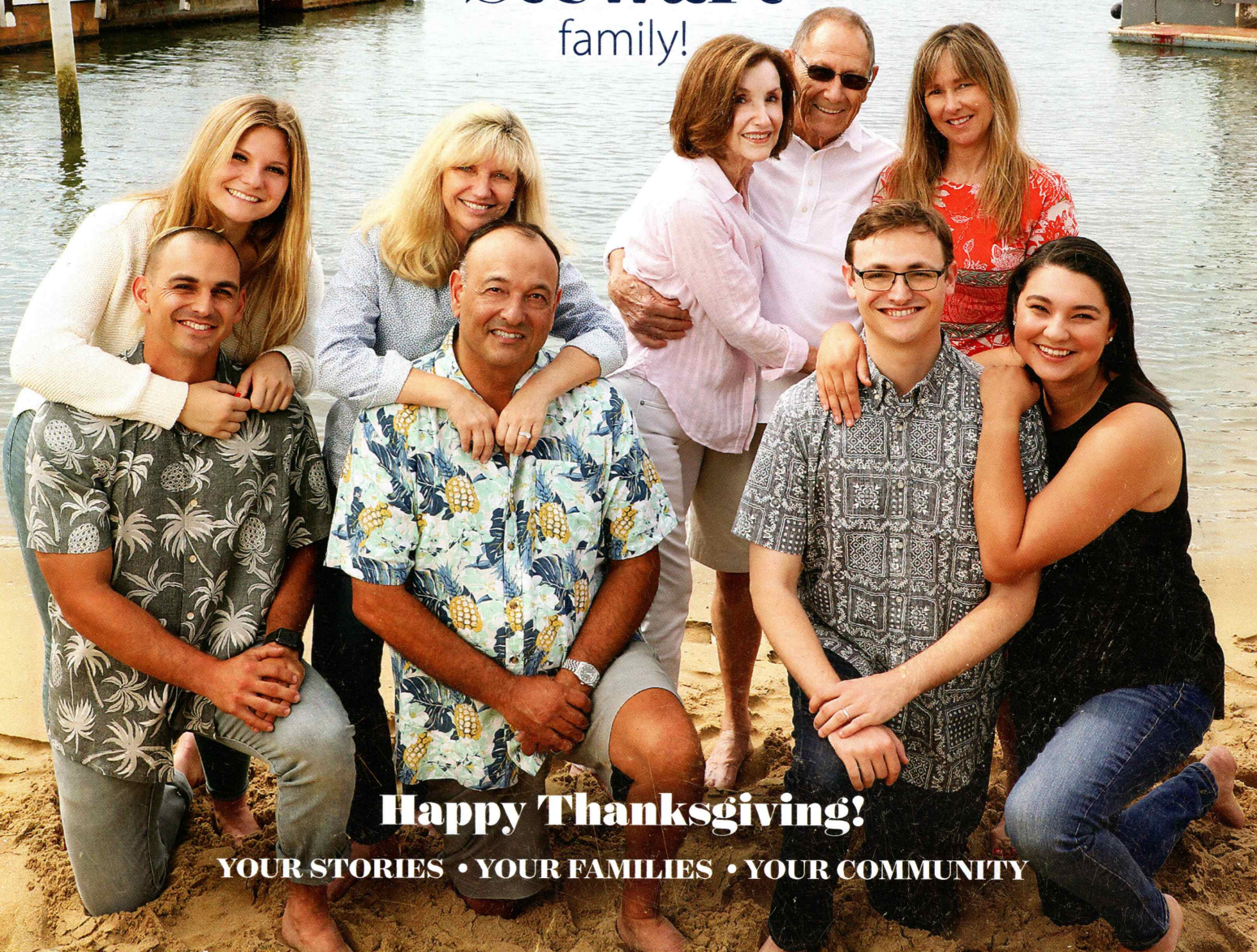


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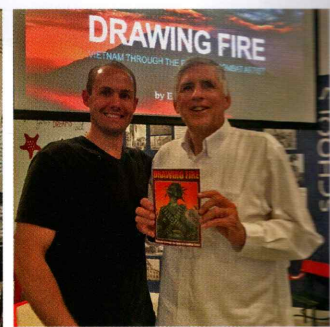
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Celebrating Our Past Looking Forward to Our Future

history

By Shirley Pepys- President of Balboa Island Museum/Resident Contributor

Everyone loves an island. Newport Harbor has eight, but only Balboa Island invites tourists and locals to visit and explore. Until recently there was no historical museum in our community. Now we have the best of both worlds — a historical museum and a meeting place on Balboa Island. We started out in a little upstairs office near the ferry, moved to a four-room house built in 1947 on Marine Avenue, and then on December 1, 2018, settled into our new magnificent home at 210 Marine Ave.

“Step into the Museum — listen to a young child clicking typewriter keys, wonder as another child examines a 1950s telephone, watch a family putting together a crossword puzzle on our long wooden community table, smile as tourists marvel at our local celebrities, and revere the veterans who call the Museum their home,” says Museum Board Member Paula Castanon.

You’ve entered a living, vibrant community Museum, along with 65,000

other locals and tourists in the past 11 months. According to Museum Board Member Dennis Bress, “International visitors make us a destination and our docents answer all their questions about Newport Beach: what to visit, where to eat, what to see, etc. For international and domestic tourists, we have become a local visitor’s center.”

Since December 2018, we have educated, fed and entertained our guests at over 20 events. Our popular speaker series presentations have included a Vietnam combat artist (Ed Bowen), “Bal Week” speakers, and Bert Minshall (Captain of John Wayne’s *Wild Goose*). We hosted a Vietnam Veterans Day pinning ceremony, part of an ongoing national effort to honor Vietnam-era veterans. This moving presentation was long overdue for many veterans, who were publically recognized for the first time since their service. Other events include women’s lectures, movie nights, knot-tying classes and live music. Our Sunday Suppers have become the hottest

ticket in town! We celebrate different cultural cuisine while friends and neighbors gather together at a community table to enjoy great food, drink, conversation and a raffle.

It is only through your support that we can continue to preserve our community’s history for years to come. As a supporter, you provide opportunities for children and adults to explore, learn, and dream. We invite you to become a member, sponsor, supporter and/or volunteer. Call the Museum for more information: (949) 675-3952.

Be sure to visit the Museum and our website (www.balboaislandmuseum.org) to sign up for our newsletter and to check for new exhibits and upcoming events, including Sunday Suppers, our Speaker Series, Book Signings and special holiday activities. And don’t miss our First Annual Fundraising Celebration — the Black & White Party on November 21.

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