

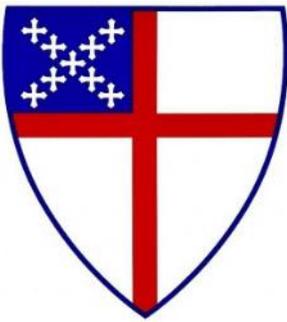


THE ANCHOR

SEPTEMBER 2018

St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion**

PARISH MISSION:

Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.



“This Church of Ours is Open To All...There Will Be No Outcasts.”

-The Most Rev. Edmund Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Ministries...

It has been a busy time around our beloved St. Clement's. I guess it is in many parishes as we gear up again for the Fall, and the return of kids to school, and – we pray – the safe return of all our parishioners from their various travels and adventures. This year, seems especially so, because we have made some substantial changes to our Peaceful Warrior Tae Kwon Do program. We are still in the midst of some of those changes, and we have some encouraging signs that we are heading in the right direction.



As you may know, Peaceful Warrior was founded by our beloved Earl “Duke” Welliver in September 2005. That effort was supported by the then rector, now Bishop, Diane Bruce, and with a grant from Kiwani's, which was secured by our late parishioner, Miki Cumming. Duke's incredible dedication to this program cannot be overstated. Until his retirement in 2015, Duke was here almost every weekday to teach Tae Kwon Do and to lead this ministry for our parish and community.

Duke's vision, as I understood it, was to create a program for “at risk” youth. Peaceful Warrior was primarily, a low-cost, after-school ministry. This program put the benefits of a Martial Arts education within the reach of many kids for whom commercial programs were simply too costly. For many years, the tuition for this program was just \$10/mo., and Duke never turned a student away, who couldn't pay. Of course, that tuition could be that low, because Duke was also doing all these things without compensation.

Needless to say, I was impressed with Duke and what he was doing since even before I became the Rector. Later, when I heard the stories from these young people about how transformative this ministry had been in their lives, I was even more inspired. You'll recall, not that long ago, when these students achieved their black belt, Duke would have them come into the worship and thank the congregation for us having this program, and we got to share a little bit of their joy at their amazing accomplishment.

In the three years since Duke's retirement, my perception is that these two organizations, the parish and Peaceful Warrior, have drifted a bit apart. We've not had the black belts coming into the worship as in the past, for example. And because none of the regular instructors is a parishioner here, perhaps that little bit of distance between was to be expected.

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But, Peaceful Warrior remains a vital ministry of this parish, and I've taken some deliberate steps recently to reconnect us. We are returning to Duke's vision for this ministry, as an after-school program for at-risk and low-income youth. While the program is open to any young person, this was the purpose for which it was created, and it is a vision in which we believe. This program deeply connects us to our community and meets a real need. That need is especially prevalent in the youth that live right around our parish.

We'll soon have a parents' night for the parents of our Peaceful Warrior children. At that session, we'll share our vision of the values we hope to inspire in these youngsters, like "courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and an indomitable spirit." Again, Duke's vision! We'll make some realities about this ministry clear. Like the fact that the only reason we can offer a high-quality martial arts program for only \$30/month is because St. Clement's provides space for this ministry, rent-free, and supports the program administratively.

In order for us to continue to be able to offer such a program, we need the volunteerism and participation of parents (who have a vested interest in our continued success) and from parishioners. Commercial programs pay people to do much of what is necessary for a program like this to function. But, they also must charge tuition that is several times higher than our tuition. We charge very little, but we also need the support (from volunteers) that makes any program or ministry function well.

We are, in some respects, presently re-building this program. We've brought on an additional instructor and once again offer classes immediately after school lets out at Las Palmas. And, I'm pleased to say new students are registering. As an important step in reconnecting ministry and parish, one of our clergy will be opening belt tests *with prayer*, and those students who achieve black belt will be returning to thank the congregation for making this ministry possible.

In addition to the ways we support this ministry noted above, we also provide "scholarships" which we make possible for students who cannot afford even our very low tuition (again preserving that tradition that Duke started of not turning any student away). You can help us! If you have expertise in grant-writing for example, financial management, or leadership development, we could certainly use your expertise. If you are comfortable with spreadsheets or have skill with developing an on-line presence or marketing, we could use your assistance. And, if you'd like to make it possible, through scholarship, for a young person to participate in this program, you can also make a donation to Peaceful Warrior.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

- Ruby's Diner Fundraiser Recap -

By Mary Ann Morrison



On July 11th, 2018, eleven of us met at our local Ruby's Diner at the Outlets at San Clemente to have breakfast in the TiKi Room. We were the first ones to take advantage of the fundraiser to support our church, St. Clement's by-the-Sea. Throughout the day, many more parishioners and friends participated in our fundraising event. Father Patrick noted that at the time he was there to enjoy a meal, it seemed half of those dining were members of our congregation! Enjoying a meal with friends was a wonderful way to connect with church members while creating income

to support St. Clement's. Ruby's Diner graciously shared 20% of the proceeds, which amounted to over \$238.00. Thank you all for coming out and supporting our good cause!

- World Trekker: Russell Kerr Conquers Mr. Everest Base Camp -

Russell Kerr, who attends St. Clement's with his wife Pamela, recently shared with parishioners his amazing, inspiring adventure climbing to Mt. Everest Base Camp.

Russ, a native of New Zealand and life-long "trekker", spent 17 days in Nepal in May climbing to and from Mt. Everest Base Camp, with an elevation of more than 17,000 feet.

Russ's brother-in-law, a physician who volunteered for 6 months at Sir Edmund Hillary's hospital in Kunde, which is on the route to Base Camp, along with Russ' sister, invited Russ to join the trip. He agreed, and said that after a lifetime spent hiking at high elevations there was not too much extra training required.

The trek was 10 days up and 7 days back. The 26 New Zealand trekkers each carried 20 pound backpacks, while the Sherpa porters carried 60 pound packs. Russ said that 20,000 people a year travel to Base Camp, and 3,000 attempt to scale the Everest peak itself, which is 29,029 feet.

His presentation featured jaw-dropping photos of spectacular mountain beauty. Russ said that the beauty and stillness of trekking in the steep valleys and being in sight of the highest mountains in the world was profound. He was also impressed by the simple Sherpa life in the villages along the Everest trail, with no mechanization or vehicles because "everything is either going up or going down", so there is no place where wheels can be used.

Thank you, Russ, for sharing your adventure with us.



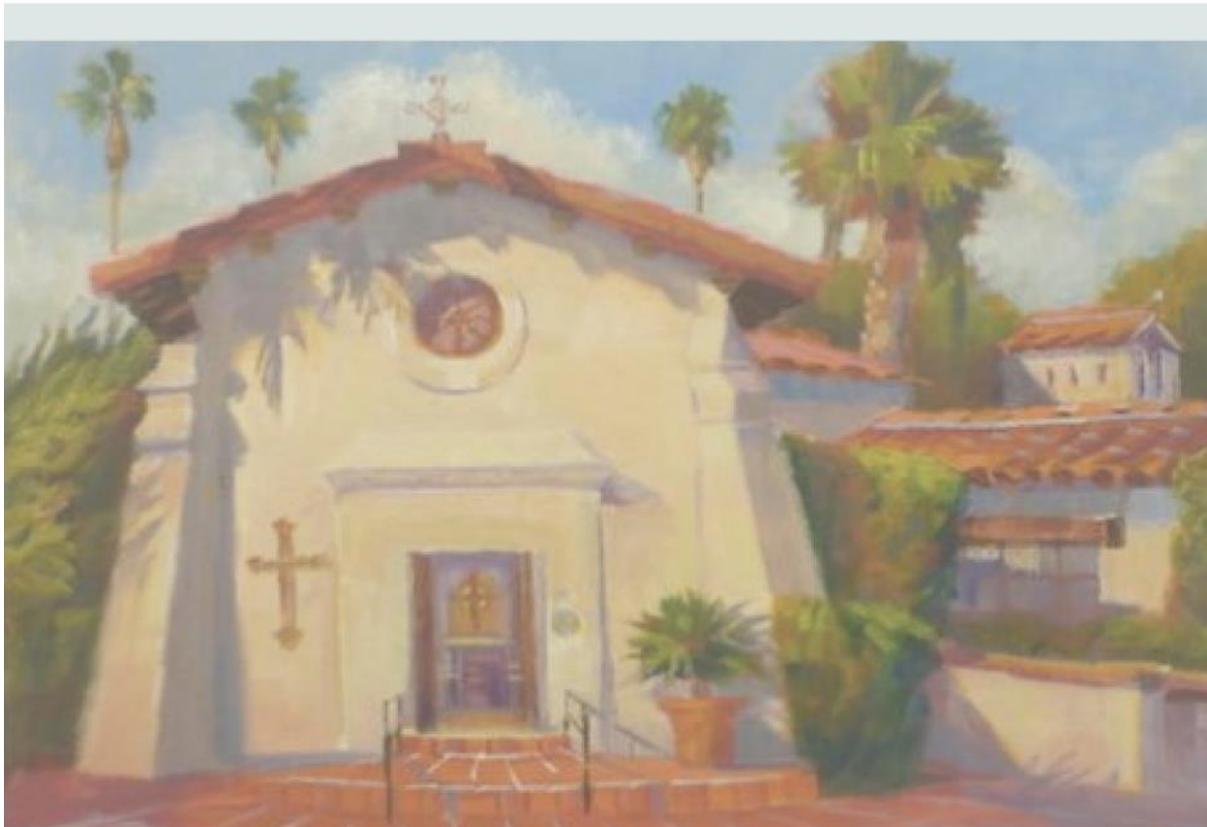
- Founders' Day Service -



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Celebrating 89 years as San Clemente's first church!

All are welcome. Join us for the COMBINED 9:00am service, followed by our annual celebratory Founders' Day brunch!



- Blessing of the Animals Service -



Sunday, October 7th

at the 10:00am Service

in the Parish Hall

(8:00am & 12:00pm services will be as usual)

Please bring your families, friends, and pets to the Church for this joyous time!

- Veterans Day & Marine Corps Birthday Service -



November 11th

Veterans Day &

Marine Corps

Birthday Celebration



10:00am Combined Service

Followed by a luncheon celebration in Okie Hall

12:00pm Spanish service will be held as scheduled.

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11th. It honors military veterans and all those who serve or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Marine Corps Birthday celebration is a commemoration of the birth of the United States Marine Corps on November 10th, 1775. This date was chosen as a result of the Second Continental Congress resolution to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

JOIN US EVERY MONDAY NIGHT IN
SEPTEMBER TO SUPPORT



GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY



206 S. El Camino Real
San Clemente

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, AND 24

7:00PM - 9:00PM

HAPPY HOUR UNTIL 7:00PM

\$1.00 per Bingo Card, per game - and 100% of all
proceeds goes directly to Laundry Love!

On the last Monday night (September 24th)
Goody's will hold a raffle to raise additional funds!

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS ON MONDAY NIGHTS TO HAVE FUN,
PLAY BINGO, SUPPORT LAUNDRY LOVE, AND SHOW OUR
APPRECIATION TO GOODY'S TAVERN FOR THEIR
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE LAUNDRY LOVE MINISTRY!**

- Sunset at Salt Creek Recap -



On August 3, 2018, Mary Erickson Community Housing hosted their 16th annual fundraiser, “*Sunset at Salt Creek*,” in Dana Point. The event featured delicious foods from local vendors, a silent auction filled with elaborate gift baskets, and dancing on the beach to live music. With the support of their guests, Mary Erickson Community Housing raised \$54,000 to continue their mission of providing sustainable housing to working families.



DRAWING

Saturday, October 20th
at Swing Time! Dinner and Silent Auction
Attendance not required to win!

*Win \$100 Worth of
Lottery Tickets!*

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5.00 per ticket OR \$25.00 for 6 tickets

Purchase raffle tickets for yourself, or sell them
to your friends! Tickets are available for
purchase every Sunday during Coffee Hour or
online: www.scbythesea.org

- Back-to-School Preparation: Not Just About the School Supplies -

Use This Time to Revisit The Parts of Your Estate Plan That Impact Your Children Most

With all the considerations about your children's wellbeing weighing on your mind from day to day, it can be easy to forget about some of the most important factors in keeping them well cared for and secure: naming a guardian in your estate plan.

When was the last time you reflected on your selection of a guardian? If the answer is hard to pinpoint, it's probably time to revisit this issue. Children change a lot from year to year as they mature from infants into their teenage years. Their care needs and who would make a good guardian can change over time, as well. Is the person you previously appointed as their guardian still the best choice? Because your children's lives are constantly evolving, something that worked even a few years ago may be out-of-date now.

Back-to-school time is a perfect reminder to revisit your estate plan and guardianship designations. Here are the specific areas we'll want to address:

- **Review and refresh of guardianship nominations:** Is the guardian you've chosen for your children in the event that something happens to you still the person you would want to fill that role? Are they still available to do so, and would your children be satisfied with this choice of guardian?
- **Review and refresh intent letters:** If you've used intent letters in your estate plan to provide additional meaning and context to your guardianship designations and other estate planning documents, it's a great time to make sure those are reflective of your current goals and wishes, as well.
- **Review and refresh your estate plan:** It's always a good idea to keep your estate plan as up to date as possible. The addition of a new child to your family by birth or adoption may mean your plan requires substantial changes. This is also the case if one of your children has turned 18. If either of these events occurred since our last assessment of your plan, it is imperative that you don't wait to make any necessary alterations to your plan.
- **Review college savings plans and strategies:** Do you have a child who is preparing to attend college in the coming years? We can explore various planning strategies to help financially plan for the cost of tuition and help your family make strategic choices about higher education planning. It's never too early to begin researching scholarship opportunities if you have a child already in high school. There are also a variety of accounts, such as 529s, UTMA/UGMA, ESAs, and HEETs that can be used to reduce the financial toll of tuition.

Back-to-school time means a flurry of activity for most parents. While shopping for supplies and attending school functions may dominate your to-do list, remember to set up an appointment with us to review your estate plan for any necessary updates that could impact your children's wellbeing. We're always here to help. Give us a call today.

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Jennifer Medeiros
Trusts, Estates, and Probate Law

- Something for Everyone -

Still Life

by Louise Penny

Tuesday, September 4th

5:00pm at Rocco's in San Clemente

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Please join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, September 16th

at 9:00am

to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!

NOTE:

We need your help to continue our monthly ministry to provide bag lunches for the Welcome INN. Volunteers are needed to purchase supplies and coordinate the sandwich-making in October (after the 10:00am service) and November (after the 1200pm service).

Thank you!



When: September 19th from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket-South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.

Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2:00pm-6:00pm

The first Sunday of almost every month we gather donations for Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour. Since November 2016, this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families in need. Let's keep the momentum going!

Contact Tina English for more information on this ministry: ringlish@cox.net

- Something for Everyone -



Peace & Reconciliation Book Club Thursday, September 20th at 7:00pm in the St. Clement's Library

Please join us for the next meeting of the combined St. Clement's and St. Edward's Catholic Church book discussion group on **Thursday, September 20th, at 7 pm** in the St. Clement's library.

We'll be discussing the book *Ubuntu* by Michael Battle.

Questions? Please contact Jan Genevro at outreach@scbythesea.org.

⚓ Anchors Potluck Supper Club



Friday, September 21st, at 7:00pm

Hosted By: Mirtha Wincele

Where: 264 Avenida Vista Del Oceana, San Clemente, CA 92672

Please contact Mirtha Wincele (954.295.2518) or Pat Sawyer (818.281.9943) with any questions, or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2018!

Monday Morning Counter Needed

Are you free one Monday per month?

Do you like working with numbers?

Do you have a good sense of logic?

St. Clement's has an opening for one additional Monday Morning Counter. If you are free one Monday per month at 9:30am, for approximately two hours, and can meet the above criteria, **WE NEED YOU!** Training is provided.

If you are interested in this ministry, or have any questions, please contact:

Myrna Gray (949.661.3452)

JOIN ST. CLEMENT'S *
CHANCEL CHOIR

CHEAPER
THAN
THERAPY.

Join the Choir!

Singing builds confidence, reduces stress and anxiety, and raises endorphins! No kidding. It's also a fantastic way to be a part of worship leadership each Sunday.

So, come out and join us!

Rehearsals are each Sunday, 11:30am-1:00pm in Room 11. We have a great time learning new music and being challenged to do our best. We sing each Sunday at the 10:00am service, with a 9:00am warm-up.

**For more information, please contact Larry Gates:
949.735.2526 or larry@scbythesea.org**

- Columbarium -

Columbarium Pre-Construction Pricing Deadline: September 30th

The proposed columbarium, which is a structure in the church Memorial Garden for the inurnment of sacred remains, has been well received by St. Clement's parishioners. We have already exceeded the required minimum number of 25 sales set by the Vestry earlier this year.

Niche selection is first-come first-served

While there are plenty of niches in the columbarium, because it is designed to serve the needs of St. Clement's for a long time, people do have preferences of niche location. The eye-level niches and along each end seem to be the most popular. The sooner you purchase your niche (which holds two urns) the more niche choices you will have. It is also helpful in the church planning process to know the number of initial participants.

You can select and purchase a niche at the church office from Alicia during office hours, 8:00am-1:00pm, Tuesday through Friday. Payment by credit card can be done in the church office.

You can also turn in the paperwork and your check to Columbarium Committee members Roger Morrison or Judy Johnson. The Vestry has authorized a pre-construction price of \$1,000 for each two-urn niche until September 30th, 2018. Effective October 1st, 2018, the price increases to \$1,500.

One-on-one meetings

Judy Johnson is available to meet with you privately if you want to review the columbarium package. Judy can be reached at 949-422-8210 or jjohnson120@cox.net.



Architectural rendering of future columbarium

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Tickets - \$65.00

Appetizers, Silent Auction, Dinner, Music & Dancing

Join us for St. Clement's Annual Gala and Silent Auction!

Invite your friends for a "fun-raising" night of music by SwingSet, dancing, and food by Rocco's. Free childcare.

Tickets are available for purchase following each Sunday service, or online at: www.scbythesea.org

For more information please contact:

Judy Johnson (949.422.8210) or Tina Inghis (949.489.0870)

St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

202 Avenida Aragon

San Clemente, CA 92672

- Swing Time! at St. Clements - A Great Evening for a Great Cause -

Tickets are now on sale every Sunday during 8:00am and 10:00am Coffee Hour and on our website at: www.scbythesea.org. The theme for our 2018 Annual Fall Fundraiser is *Swing Time! at St. Clement's*.

The gala is on Saturday, October 20th, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are \$65/each, and include:

- Appetizers and buffet dinner prepared by Rocco's Restaurant
- Selection of luscious desserts
- No-host bar and non-alcoholic beverages
- Silent Auction and sale of raffle tickets to win \$100 in California Lottery tickets
- Free child care with dinner and a movie
- Music by SwingSet, a seven-piece swing band playing some of the greatest tunes of all times!

SwingSet is an Orange County band with tons of entertainment experience. St. Clement's parishioner Wendy Berube, daughter of two of the band members (Brian and Bobbette Cameron), secured the services of this popular band.

The evening will include two sets of music, with a female vocalist and room for dancing! Among the crowd favorites likely to be performed are:

- Big, Bad Leroy Brown
- Embraceable You
- Five Foot Two
- Blue Moon
- Nice Work if You Can Get It
- Don't Get Around Much Anymore



This is a great chance to invite your friends to experience St. Clement's hospitality and support the many ministries of St. Clement's.

See you at Swing Time!

Swing Time! at St. Clement's

Silent

Auction

The silent auction will feature many wonderful items, with new donations coming in every day. Please donate a desirable item or service for others to bid on and enjoy. In general, we are looking for items that will attract a bid of \$75 or more. Think creatively!

Popular Silent Auction Items

- Tickets to events and entertainment venues
- Vacation venues, such as second home or time share
- Boat ride
- Hand-made items, such as a hosted dinner, artwork, crafts
- Jewelry and clothing accessories
- Personal services, such as handyman, singing, or instrument
- Massage certificates
- Musical instruments
- Home décor items
- Baskets of related items: baby; wine; food; personal care items

Please drop off your Donation Forms to Alicia at the Church Office, or email them to: info@scbythesea.org

- Swing Time! Donation Form -

St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church



Silent Auction Fundraising Form

In conjunction with Swing Time at St. Clement's Sat, October 20th, 2018
 Please print clearly and fill out completely; list one item per form.
 (Donation Receipt at bottom of this sheet to be given to the donor.)

Name of St. Clement's representative contacting donor:	Date:
Representative's phone and email:	

Donor Name:	Company Name:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Email			

ITEM DONATION INFORMATION (list one item per form)	
Item Description:	Value: \$
Suggested minimum bid \$	

SPONSOR DONATION: (see the companion letter that describes sponsor benefits)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum: \$500 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold: \$250 - \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver: \$100 - \$249	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Sponsor Donation Amount \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Payable to St. Clement's Church)	

Item/Donation Received?	<input type="checkbox"/> No ; Donation to be delivered to St. Clement's by October 13, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No ; Donor to call St. Clement's to arrange pick up (949.492.3401)

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DONATION RECEIPT (retained by donor)
ST. CLEMENT'S SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISING EVENT, SATURDAY, October 20, 2018

DONATION TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	Item/Sponsor charitable gift value: \$
Item Description:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Item/Donation given to St. Clement's by-the-Sea representative <input type="checkbox"/> Item/Donation to be delivered to St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church by Saturday October 13, 2018. Address: 202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente, CA 92672. 949.492.3401 <input type="checkbox"/> Item/Donation to be picked up by St. Clement's. Call the St. Clement's parish office at 949.492.3401 to arrange for pick up no later than Friday October 12, 2018.			

Signature of St. Clement's Church representative _____ Date _____

St. Clement's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is a 501 C3 Organization. All donations are tax deductible. (Tax ID: 95-2243928). Please keep this form for your tax records.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION & HELPING TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

- Laundry Love Fundraiser -



St. Clement's by-the-Sea
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Outlets
at San Clemente



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CHRIST LUTHERAN

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA CHARITY FUNDRAISER AT THE SAN CLEMENTE OUTLETS!

ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA & CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

have been selected by the Outlets of San Clemente as (1) of (37) charity organizations to participate in a fabulous and fun shopping extravaganza & dining event to raise money for the laundry love program!

Saturday, October 6th

10:00am– 8:00pm (Registration ends at 1:00pm) at the Outlets at San Clemente

Tickets: \$35.00

HOW DOES LAUNDRY LOVE GET MONEY

- FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD, \$25 OF THE \$35 WILL BE DONATED BACK TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE OUTREACH PROGRAM
- Last year Laundry Love received \$1,938.00 from this event!
- If 125 or more people attend who have selected “**Laundry Love San Clemente**” as their charity when purchasing their ticket, Laundry Love will be able to participate in the profits from this event as well.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR \$35

- Exclusive Discounts at Participating San Clement Outlet Stores
- Catered Lunch, VIP Wine and Cocktail Tasting
- 2 Raffle Tickets (a \$10 value) for multiple prize drawings through the day, including 1500 \$25 Gift Cards and Grand Prizes
- Outlets of San Clemente Tote Bag

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

- **Tickets must be purchased on line at ShopOSC.com/Tickets**
- When purchasing your ticket, you must select the charity that will receive the \$25 of your ticket price. The charities are listed in alphabetical order, and Laundry Love is listed under “L” as “**Laundry Love San Clemente.**”

For more information or assistance in purchasing your tickets, please contact:

Mary Ann Morrison (949.361.0031) or Tina English (949.489.0870)

- SCMFO Fundraiser -

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 1000 military families living on base at Camp Pendleton – just a stone's throw away from south Orange County? That over 10% of those same families are living below the poverty level?

SCMFO's mission is to provide emergency assistance to qualifying military families in Camp Pendleton, responding promptly to requests for financial or material aid, as well as conducting seasonal morale projects for military families within the community served.

The bulk of the proceeds of the "Salute" will go to provide turkeys and all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinners for 800 military families, with the balance being used throughout the year to meet emergency needs of enlisted Marine/Navy families.



San Clemente Military Family Outreach 2018 Annual Fundraiser

REMEMBER TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
6:00PM AT TALEGA GOLF CLUB

Salute
to
Military
Stars!

- *Social Hour and Dinner
- *Recognition of Military Honorees
- *Entertainment: Don McMillan, comedian
- *Silent Auction
- *Tickets: \$60.00 per person
(\$20.00 tax deductible)

A sign-up sheet is available during Coffee Hour. Mark Pocino will contact you to collect payment for your tickets.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Pocino (818.317.8607) or Tina Inghis (949.489.0870)

- Desert Spirit Places: The Sacred Southwest -

***Desert Spirit Places: The Sacred Southwest*, Brad Karelius.**

To be published by Wipf and Stock Publishers in **December 2018**.

The iconic landscape, the American Southwest, reveals luminescent mittens, looming rock arches and vast sagebrush oceans made vivid and memorable by writer Tony Hillerman, artist Georgia O'Keefe and director John Ford. Professor Brad Karelius, drawing on forty years of college teaching, will guide you into hidden mysteries of the sacred as revealed by the Zuni, Navajo/Diné, Hopi, Hispanos and desert mystics as you seek spiritual encounters in these desert spirit places.



Endorsements

“Brad Karelius has mastered the art of successfully combining a personal narrative with joyful observations of the natural world. His graceful writing adds generous helpings of both humor and humility to a story of adventure and insight gained from spending quiet time beneath the towering Western sky. Well-selected quotes from scholars and mystics underline the author’s own observations about the links between the rugged beauty of the desert and the flowering of a spiritual life. This is a book to savor and to keep at one’s bedside as an antidote to life’s anxiety. If my mother still shared our planet, it would be her birthday gift.”

-Anne Hillerman, Author, *Cave of Bones*

“For some years I have deeply valued Father Brad Karelius’ beautiful writings on the spirituality of the desert. There is a deep continuity between the sayings of the early Christian desert fathers of the fourth century and these contemporary journeys that are both physical and spiritual, though these forms of journeying cannot finally be separated. I have found these personal writings of Father Karelius deeply moving and inspiring at many levels. The desert is here never less than a real place, but within its harsh and beautiful landscape we find also the wisdom of deep spirituality - learnt also from St. Ignatius of Loyola and many others. And then there is, for Father Karelius, his disabled son Erik, his guide into Second Naivete. Innocence and wisdom come together in this wise book for our troubled age.”

-David Jasper, University of Glasgow, UK

“Brad Karelius has invested his well-lived life in an engagement with the Southwest desert. From that life-experience he articulates deep respect for the native Americans who live there and their traditions, deep awe at the mystery or the place that he knows be haunted in holy ways, and deep faith as he mediates between the Christian Gospel and native American religious traditions. The outcome of his writing is testimony to the “otherwise” he finds there, an alternative to the self-destructive ways of our dominant culture. Other readers will find as compelling as do I his direct first-person narrative witness. My reading of his book has led me to fresh gratitude for Brad and for his son Erik.”

-Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary

“Here find a learned and seasoned guide to the deep desert offering so much to the seeking spirit.”

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Sample Chapter Portion

Fine red, powdery desert dust covers the tires of the Ford Bronco up to the hub caps. If we stop on this road we will be stuck. Our Navajo/Diné guide, Don Mose, keeps the car moving forward at a fast pace as Janice and Erik and I bounce up and down in our seats and frantically lurch left and right. Erik is laughing up a storm.

The road into remote Mystery Valley is crisscrossed with side roads and desert washes. If it were me navigating we would be lost in minutes, but Don Mose knows what he's doing and nonchalantly keeps up the conversation as we bounce along.

I first greeted Don in Monument Valley, Utah, north of Mystery Valley, at the meeting place for Navajo Spirit Tours. A Diné guide is required in order to enter the restricted area into Mystery Valley. "Ya'at'eeh abini," good morning!

"Very good. Yes, good morning!"

--Which started him into a story about his many years teaching the Navajo/Diné language at Monument Valley High School. "You know, our language is the second-most difficult language to learn, next to Chinese. It is difficult teaching the young people, as you can't get them away from their cell phones."

"At Goulding's Trading Post this morning I said 'Ahéhee', Thank you," I replied. "The lady corrected my pronunciation, telling me that what I had actually said was, 'I am married!' At least this was not as bad as some of the mispronunciations I made when I first celebrated mass in Spanish. At the time of communion, instead of saying "Los Dones de Dios para el Pueblo de Dios --The Gifts of God for the People of God," I said "Las Donas de Dios --The Donuts of God..."

Nevertheless, my attempt at the Diné language was reaching out to Don Mose, and I could see that we had made a connection.

A faint trail on the right brings the vehicle through dense juniper and pinyon pine and what looks like the end of the road: a steep granite shelf jutted upward before us. "Time to engage first gear, four-wheel drive," announces Don Mose. "I hope this works. I wouldn't dare do this in my own car!" And remarkably, the weather-beaten Ford slowly ascends the rocky face, our guide expertly navigating the fissures and crannies to a level place high above. He stops the car and tells us it is safe to step outside.

In the distance is the iconic landscape of Monument Valley which is called in Diné, Tsé Bii' Ndzisgaii, The Valley of the Rocks. Sandstone buttes erupt here and there. In my mind I see John Wayne riding atop a stagecoach here --John Ford's *Stagecoach* of 1939 was the actor's breakout movie. Monument Valley is the main player in a dozen iconic Westerns. Here, nothing seems too long ago, the past is present. In fact, the Navajo Tribal Park has its own time zone. The ruins of villages and the rock art remind us of the ancient people who once lived here, and bring them to the present.

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