# HEALTHE OCEAN NEWSLETTER 2019

#### MEET HTO'S POWERHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD

Many people know that HTO operates with lean administration, and that we get much help from outside consultants and experts. Over the years we've hired college graduates, PhDs and PhD candidates, master's degree students - and now we're proud to announce a new strategy: HTO has employed a strong and active Advisory Board. It includes former County officials who have worked for years in the areas we're working in. Now retired, they are experts who know the most about the issues, because of all they've learned from a lifetime of service.







## S.B. COUNTY FIRE CHIEF **ERIC PETERSON (RET.)**

Santa Barbara County Fire Chief (ret.) Eric Peterson is a fabulous addition to HTO's Advisory Board. Peterson had been with County Fire for 32 years before he retired in 2018, making him a veteran of the Painted Cave, Zaca, Tea, Jesusita, Gap, Sherpa, Alamo, Rey, Whittier, Thomas, and Holiday Fires. With fire being the "new normal" for California, environmental issues come up for the handling of these disasters, and Eric Peterson's skill, leadership, and experience will help HTO with no-nonsense environmental decision-making on these issues. Eric has already established communication with fire and police basins, and he feels strongly that it officers about the best way(s) to handle homeless issues that pose problems for the environment.

## FORMER EHS DIRECTOR **RICK MERRIFIELD**

Rick Merrifield, former director of Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services, worked closely with HTO on septic pollution problems, including the **South Coast Beach Communities** Septic to Sewer Project (including **Rincon)** and now he is helping solve current septic system issues. He has helped HTO with an expert Productions, Harry is a talented analysis of the HTO-sponsored Groundwater Characterization Project: Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin report, soon out. Merrifield has been in problematic septic areas, looked into worn-out systems, seen the holes drilled into the tops of groundwater is time to act before groundwater basins suffer irreparable harm.

#### HARRY RABIN, **ACE FILMMAKER**

Film producer, writer, cinematographer, and director Harry Rabin has joined Heal the Ocean's Advisory Board, lending his invaluable hand with aerial drone work to assist State Lands Commission (SLC) work on the Summerland oil field cleanup. The founder of On the Wave film producer who has worked as an official advisor and liaison between universities, community and government entities like NOAA, USGS, WHOI, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and others. Harry has been contracted by SLC's engineering firm **InterAct** to work on underwater and aerial drone work, to accurately pinpoint where the next oil-capping project is focused.

#### NORA MCNEELY HURLEY, **OCEAN GUARDIAN**

Some years ago, Nora McNeely Hurley contacted Heal the Ocean and said, "I want to help!" Her chief concern has been the leaking oil wells off Summerland, which she sees every day as she looks out from her Summerland seaside home where she lives with her talented musician husband Michael Hurley. When Heal the Ocean dived into the leaking oil issue (see page 4), Nora came forth with financial help from her family's Manitou Fund to pay for the Planck Aerosystems study that started the process of identifying the leaking wells to be capped. There isn't anything Nora won't do to help the environment and her beloved ocean.



# WENDY PELAYO, **HTO'S NEW OPERATIONS INTERN**

Heal the Ocean welcomes Wendy Pelayo to our team as Operations Intern! This wonder-woman has produced an immense amount of work that has helped us move

forward on many fronts, and she does it all with the most amazing smile. Wendy, a third-year undergraduate student in Environmental Studies at UCSB, is responsible for assisting with research projects, administrative duties, and supports HTO social media.

# **COVER PAINTING BY ELIOT CROWLEY**

"Twin Palms" (Printed on metal & available in custom size in ratio of 20x31, Eurowrap-style frame)

Eliot Crowley is a well-known Santa Barbara artist, whose striking – even arresting – photographs grace the publications of many corporations, including General Motors, Patagonia, T. Rowe Price, Bank of America, and others. A main focus of his lens is on surfers, with exquisite lighting and staging.

"Twin Palms" reflects the joy of the surfing culture, Beach Boys style.



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# HI FROM HILLARY



#### Institutional knowledge.

Heal the Ocean was recently contacted by Santa Barbara city officials needing background on a certain issue. They came to our office, and we turned over notebooks and files we had on the subject. We told them the history of the issue—what worked and didn't work in previous times, and we offered advice on how to proceed.

We are in our 21st year of formation, entering a time when city, county and state officials are retiring, taking with them information they've gathered over the years. Many replacements are having to start all over, putting together data on subjects about which they have no historic background.

Historic background is institutional knowledge, and Heal the Ocean has it. We willingly share it. As many new officials start from scratch at City,

County, Regional, and State levels, we are able to bridge the information gap by sharing this knowledge, which helps to prevent any loss of work and purpose.

In addition, Heal the Ocean has installed on our Advisory Board retired officials who have their own deep Institutional Knowledge and know-how. Santa Barbara County's former Environmental Health Services director, Rick Merrifield, is a case in point (see page 2, opposite).

Merrifield helped us navigate septic-to-sewer issues that resulted in the successful Rincon septic-to-sewer project. He helped HTO and Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, to make important input on the development of language for AB885 (Jackson) septic regulations. He knows the score, still, and he's helping us today as we grapple with septic pollution issues in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Heal the Ocean welcomes current city, county and state officials to use the work we have done in past, like the West End Master Plan, a conceptual cost feasibility study to get septic systems out of unincorporated "City pockets". They are welcome to the information from our 2001 Metcalf & Eddy Tertiary Treatment Upgrade cost feasibility study we commissioned for the Santa Barbara south coast. The study contains basic engineering information now coming into play in wastewater treatment plant upgrades currently funded by **Proposition 1**, a \$7 billion water bond passed by California voters in 2014.

We thank our generous donors for making it possible for us to assemble the knowledge and the information to share. And we will continue to use it, and develop it in our own unique way to make physical changes that benefit the ocean.

We thank you all, so very much, for helping.

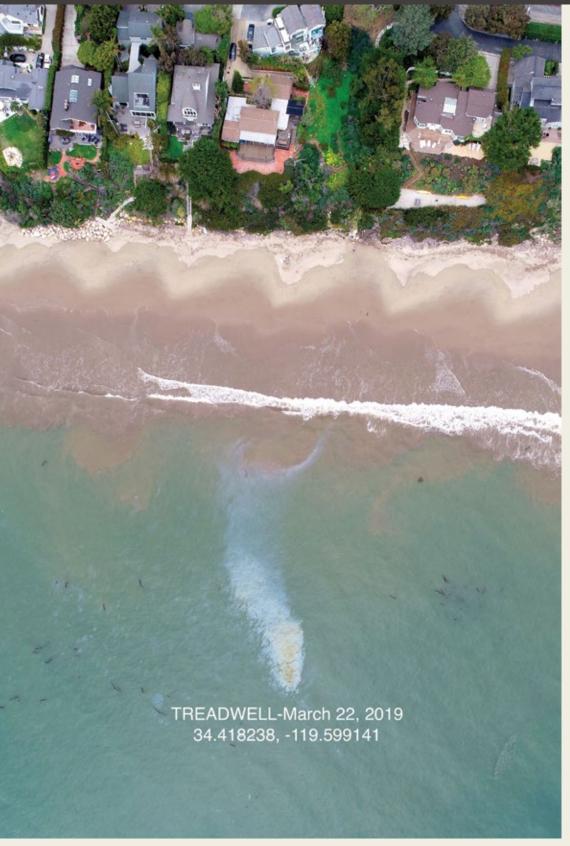
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Hillary Hauser Executive Director

# Thank you, Poehler-Stremel Charitable Trust

HTO once again extends its deep thanks to the Phyllis S. Poehler/Walter E. Stremel Charitable Trust, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the funds to publish this newsletter and to continue our other avenues of outreach. We thank Bill, Pam & Lily Poehler of Santa Barbara (long-time HTO supporters) for their enthusiasm – it means much to us.

# TAKING ON THE PROBLEM OF OIL...& ALSO STYROFOAM



Aerial of Treadwell spewing oil off Summerland Beach/Harry Rabin/On the Wave Productions



Harry Rabin (center) with InterAct engineers Mike Giuliani (left) & Eric Kroh

Commercial divers from Global Marine investigate Treadwell oil leak in May 2019 as part of State Lands study of how to best cap the well (Photo by Nora McNeely Hurley)

# SUMMERLAND "LEGACY" WELLS

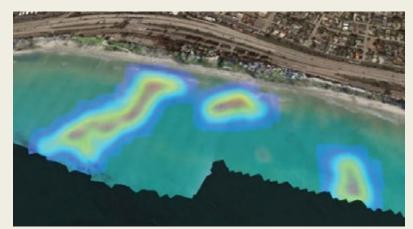
Summerland would be the perfect beach – that expanse of oceanfront that stretches from Shark's Cove, Montecito, to the cliffs of Padaro Lane. Depending on the tides, it's a great walk and a great place to play in the sand.

The only problem is the oil that bubbles up offshore – from old, improperly abandoned oil wells and seeps that work their way up through fissures and cracks in the ocean floor. The oily beach at Summerland is an environmental puzzle Heal the Ocean continues to work on with the **State Lands Commission (SLC)**, whose charge it is to tackle the problem of leaking "legacy" oil wells and other hazards along the California coast.

Becker Well was capped in 2018 with other funds approved by then-Governor Jerry Brown, and then SLC gave us room for input as to the next project. We have insisted on Treadwell, a hole unfortunately sunk into an apparent earthquake fault. The aerial drone image captured by HTO Advisory Board member (and ace photographer/filmmaker) Harry Rabin/On the Wave Productions illustrates the nastiness of this leak.

SLC has hired **InterAct** to engineer the oil well capping, and Harry Rabin has been contracted for continuing aerial and underwater drone work, coordinating with **InterAct engineers Mike Giuliani and Eric Kroh**, to accurately identify project site(s).





Planck Aerial of Summerland oil 2017

## THE PLANCK STUDY

In 2017 HTO commissioned the Planck Aerial Survey, which helped push SB 44 (Hannah-Beth Jackson) through legislative hurdles, which resulted in \$2 million per year for 7 years to cap these leaking wells. The Planck images not only provided the bill with the necessary support to see it through, but it also gave SLC the funds to work with, and gave us distinct targets.



Oil, oil, everywhere....the black dots are the spots where oil was drilled for in the not-so-good old days

# THE PROBLEM WITH SUMMERLAND

We call the above graphic the Summerland Beach "Measles Picture." In the late 1890s, oil was discovered in Summerland, but the "Oil Rush" didn't begin until 1930, when wildcatters flocked to the area and poked holes anywhere they could (just like gold rushers did when they stampeded to Alaska in the 1890s) to dig and stake claims. State Lands Commission petroleum engineer Steve Curran tells us the oil on and offshore Summerland was, and is, shallow, practically oozing onto the sand, such that old-timers would poke hollow steel pipes into the beach sand and light the natural gas at the top to create torch lights by which they could play ball on the beach at night. These guys were having fun, but this little story illustrates the problem – and challenges – of Summerland.

# ...AN OILY MESS OF ANOTHER (HORRIBLE) KIND



Heal the Ocean's Alison Thompson (L) and Wendy Pelayo breaking up Styrofoam to prepare for shipping

During the public debate and hearings in the city of Santa Barbara about limiting the use of single use plastic bags, straws and cutlery, **HTO asked that NO Styrofoam** be permitted beyond the suggested 1-year grace period.

Styrofoam is the worst substance for the environment and it is particularly lethal for sea life. Polystyrene is made of oil, and it never dissolves. It crumbles into smaller and smaller pieces, can disperse with the slightest breeze, and eventually flies into the ocean through storm drains, and other channels. The smaller each piece gets, the more it looks like plankton.

And all sea animals live on plankton.

HTO put out a plea for *No More Styrofoam In The Trash*. We asked everyone to consider shipping it to a company, **Foam Fabricators, in Compton, CA,** where it is repurposed into picture frames, moldings, surfboards, etc. We also said, "bring it to us" – and we're living with the results. In the first week alone, we shipped over 13 large boxes of compressed and broken-down pieces of Styrofoam to Foam Fabricators.

Given that shipping Styrofoam through the mail is less than efficient, HTO is in discussion with MarBorg Industries about the possibility of developing a Styrofoam recycling/repurposing facility in Santa Barbara.

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# GET READY....HERE COMES THE OCEAN

# SEA LEVEL RISE IS THE REAL DEAL



Left: Sandyland/Sand Point (Branden Aroyan) / Right: Predictive coastal flooding in Carpinteria (including Sandyland/Sand Point) due to SLR in 2100 (Our Coast Our Future, prepared by NOAA Office for Coastal Management, based on USGS sea level rise and storm scenarios models)

The Santa Barbara Airport flooded. Goleta Beach Park gone. The ocean washed over Cabrillo Blvd. – are these scenarios sensationalism? No. The above scenarios will come to pass by 2100 if nothing is done to prevent such inundation.

Sea level rise, directly caused by climate change, is a serious threat, and the **King Tides of December 22-23, 2018 & January 20-21, 2019** gave us a hint of what the future looks like for Santa Barbara if we do nothing but talk about it.

A picture is worth a thousand words. During the King Tides of the past December and January, HTO contracted with **On the Wave photographer Harry Rabin** and well-known surf photographer **Branden Aroyan** to photograph Sandyland/Sand Point (Carpinteria coast area), Miramar Beach, Goleta Beach, and the Santa Barbara Airport, among other coastal spots.

The photos speak for themselves. All these areas are at risk of flooding — even now, in a high tide/storm event. Years ago, as climate change symposiums, plans, and analyses began to proliferate, HTO made strong input about adaptation to sea level rise. Years ago, we recognized how much of our infrastructure is located in flood zones, directly in the path of the incoming ocean. We maintained then, and emphasize now, that we must act. A building permitted today should last longer than 30-50 years. All the money spent on expanding the Santa Barbara Airport might have been better spent building a monorail to the Santa Maria Airport — because the Santa Barbara Airport is already flooding, and will only get worse with time and storms to come.



Left: Goleta Slough/Airport (Harry Rabin) / Right: Predictive coastal flooding in Goleta Slough due to SLR in 2100 (NOAA Our Coast Our Future)





## **ANALYSIS PARALYSIS**

In 2015, the City of Goleta did a Coastal Hazards Vulnerability
Assessment that evaluated the time and cost of moving back the infrastructure for the Goleta Sanitary District
Wastewater Treatment Plant (now the Goleta Sanitary Water Resource Recovery District). This is the type of action all cities with coastal wastewater infrastructure should be doing now.

Instead, we are delayed due to meetings about having meetings. We are assessing assessments. We are creating action plans about taking action. We are looking at the ocean coming in like the proverbial **Deer in Headlights**.

Heal the Ocean recognizes the planning and forecasting that occurs with climate change adaptation will take much time, money, and planning. However, we want to stress, that there is, in Santa Barbara County, a list of issues already studied, with time and money already spent—to fix, remedy, and pay for, some of the situations we know are coming. Including:

- Disallowing building in flood zones (including airports);
- Cleaning up toxic pollution in groundwater, which is expected to rise along with sea levels;
- Halting septic system installation in flood zones (and removing those that are already in high groundwater);
- Changing permitting requirements in the coastal zone (require setbacks, pilings, etc.)
- Starting cost feasibility and preliminary engineering to waterproof, raise, or relocate vulnerable wastewater treatment plants, which will otherwise flood;

Heal the Ocean has had this view since 2014, and we continue to campaign for these, and other preventative measures, to prepare for things to come.

Photos: Miramar Beach/by Branden Aroyan; Santa Barbara Harbor/Harry Rabin/; Goleta Beach/Branden Aroyan

# GOING, GOING, GONE... DIRTY GROUNDWATER

Heal the Ocean has tackled contaminated groundwater sites since our inception, spending years going through old records of monitoring wells and soil borings. In particular, **Helene Gardner**, a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry, pollution and toxicology, joined the HTO staff and spent two years going through all the data of monitoring wells within City limits.

We gathered mountains of information, then went over to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Hazardous Materials ("Hazmat") unit, which housed paper records in its Solvang headquarters. We combined our paper records with theirs, and the whole collection went over to Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services Site Mitigation Unit (SMU) in Santa Maria.

The issue of toxic groundwater was then in the hands of SMU experts Paul McCaw, Hazardous Materials Supervisor, and Thomas Rejzek, professional geologist in the SMU program. These two professionals wasted no time getting started on the cleanup issue.

The same information went to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and in coordination with the Regional Board, HTO hired Sarah Treadwell, an Environmental Sciences student from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to organize the information into the State's Geotracker database.

Under the watchful eye of RWQCB geologist **Thea Tryon**, the computerization of this information has made it possible for the Regional Board to methodically prioritize sites for cleanup. HTO is gratified at the number of cleanup and monitoring orders coming in (see sidebar, this page).

Garden/101 in 1999

# **OUR BIG PRIZE:** GARDEN/101

In 1999, during the earliest days **⊥**of HTO, someone came into our office with a vial of putrid water collected from the wall of the 101 Freeway south onramp at Garden Street. We had it tested – and the bacterial readings were off the charts.

HTO chased this issue for years and we were led astray by many officials, who said this area only consisted of earthquake rubble covered by wood-chipping operations that were covered with tarps during a rain.

Finally, this property came before the City Planning Commission in January 2016 for approval of a magnificent plaza project, designed by celebrated architect Brian Cearnal. HTO went to this meeting and praised the project, because, we said to the Commission, it was an opportunity to clean up the mess underneath. The Commission agreed with us, and Brian Cearnal came to HTO offices to discuss a remedy. At this point Santa Barbara County Public Health Site Mitigation Unit (SMU) officials became involved.

Twenty years after HTO started sleuthing on this issue, on January

Garden/101 Today - with a Clean-Up Order

28, 2019, we received a copy of a cleanup directive from Santa Barbara County Public Health to the owner of this property. Heal the Ocean is looking forward to the day this site will be cleaned up such that Brian Cearnal's great vision for this property will be realized.

#### **CLEANUP ORDERS**

Heal the Ocean has spent years of staff time and money on the issue of cleaning up toxic groundwater beneath the City of Santa Barbara, and we have helped both financially and with manpower to incorporate pollution information into the California State Water Board's GeoTracker system. The computerization of this data has made it easier to identify pollution and its sources, and the cleanup orders are now being issued to property owners. HTO is copied on every order, and for this we thank Thea Tryon, RWQCB Engineering Geologist, who generates the orders. The list below is a sampling of what's getting cleaned up.

4/15/2019 - Former Ambassador Laundry Five Points Shopping Center, 3985 State St.

Groundwater contamination

4/12/2019 - Former Sri Padma, 121 Mason St.

> Chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater

4/10/2019 - Former Printing Impressions, 526 Laguna St.

Chlorinated volatile organic compounds in soil vapor and groundwater

1/4/2019 - Carrillo Plaza, 1015 De La Vina St. Tetrachloroethylene in soil vapor

10/4/2018 - Gaviota Marine Terminal, 16899 US Highway 101 Crude oil

8/22/2018 -Former Tecknit and Tube Holding, 312 and 320 N. Nopal St. Trichloroethene groundwater and

soil contamination

7/27/2018 - Mission Linen, Former Ambassador Laundry Site, 201 E. Haley St. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor

7/26/2018 - Dutch Maid Dry Cleaner, 3323 State St.

Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor and groundwater

6/22/2018 - Former Agrichip Facility, 301 E. Yanonali

> Elevated metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and total petroleum hydrocarbons contaminate soil

4/25/2018 - Former Fenn Dry Cleaners, 201 E. Figueroa St.

> Tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene soil vapor contamination

# ONE WATER...ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL...



## WHERE WATERS MEET - CATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**⊥**to supply water to Montecito, the Santa Barbara City Council heard from staff about the Governing Principles of the agreement. One of the main points of the agreement is that the City will supply Montecito with water from the City potable water supply system as a whole.

This means the water available to Montecito could come from "One Water" - a blending of Cachuma, Gibraltar, State Water, and potable reuse water – as well as (and not only) from the City's desalination plant.

The City has long been waiting for the State to finalize its Potable Reuse Standards, the new deadline of which is 2023. In the One Water

In January 2019, in its negotiations with the Montecito Water District scenario, the potable reuse water would be sent to the William B. Cater Water Treatment Plant, which currently treats raw water received from Gibraltar and Cachuma to drinking water standards, and adds desal water to the mix. Adding potable reuse to this reservoir would require less desal water to supply both the City and Montecito, and would help Santa Barbara become truly drought-proof.

> Although California is (pleasantly) experiencing above-average rainfall, the State must move forward under the assumption that weather patterns are not as usual, and that drought could return.

# HTO REPORT INCLUDED IN STATE EFFORT TO INCREASE RECYCLED WATER

TTO has been working on recycled water for a long time, which has included pressuring the State Water Board to move forward on developing standards for Potable Reuse. While working as HTO Policy Analyst (2011-2015), James Hawkins made significant input on recycled water issues locally and statewide. His Inventory of Municipal Wastewater Discharges to California



Institute for the Future of Young Americans, but still finds time to work with HTO on our Advisory Board to continue with the recycled water issue as it moves forward with standards for increased production and use.

Coastal Waters, published by HTO in 2018,

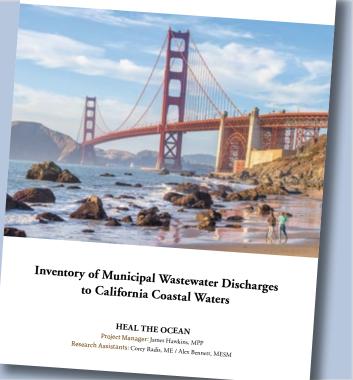
is now considered by many as a very high

standard of research, used by California

agencies working on recycled water issues

James is now with the Goldman School

as Associate Director of the Berkeley



James Hawkins

# HTO DOES ALL THIS AND THEN SOME...

#### **HOMELESS CAMPS**

Homeless camps are not only unsafe for the unsheltered living there, but if they're near the beach or watershed or storm drain, they pose a threat to the health and sanitation of the ocean. With the help of Nora McNeely Hurley's generous donation from her family's Manitou Fund, Heal the Ocean has financially supported the Home for Good intervention program in the Summerland seaside camp, wherein Americorps volunteer(s) visit the camp to check on residents.

However, one abandoned camp on the cliffs of Summerland posed a big problem. HTO was able to develop a good contact with Union Pacific Railroad, which owns the property, and finally, on April 26, 2019 Union Pacific sent in equipment and men, to clean it up.



Before the Cleanup

Photo by Nora McNeeley Hurley



RR workers lift camp trash



After the Cleanup Photo by Harry Rabin

Charles Vinick & Jean-Michel Cousteau with Russian official

"Whale Jail" in Srednyaya Bay

#### FREEING THE WHALES

n April, 2019, Charles Vinick and Jean-Michel Cousteau, both ocean explorers from Santa Barbara (and both on HTO's Board of Directors), went on a mission to Russia, to visit the notorious so-called "whale jail" near Vladivostok, where 10 orcas and 87 belugas are languishing

Vinick, who heads the Santa Barbara-based Whale Sanctuary Project, and Cousteau had received a formal invitation from Russia's Ministry of the Natural Resources & the Environment to visit Srednyaya Bay, where the whales are being held captive. On the Wave documentary filmmaker and HTO Advisory Board member, Harry Rabin went along on the expedition as scientific documentarian.

Vinick and Cousteau quickly managed to get a signed agreement from the Russian officials to free the whales, an unprecedented, historic event. As this newsletter goes to press, our three rescuers are on their way back to Russia, to see the project through.

Photos: Harry Rabin/On the Wave Productions

## WITH OUR OWN 2 HANDS....BEACH CLEANUPS

TO salutes EF International Language School for organizing its HUGE annual coastal Lcleanup in Santa Barbara in April, 2019, to celebrate Earth Day! We also salute EF for

spreading this model to its campuses in Hawaii and San Diego, where on the same day EF students worked with local environmental groups to clean up their own coastlines. Heal the Ocean is happy to provide reusable gloves and non-plastic, reused horse-feed bags to those who want to organize a beach cleanup!

The easiest way to become



EF International School beach cleanup on April 12, 2019

involved and make a difference is to use your "Own Two Hands," as Jack Johnson says. Get out

there on the beach or on a trail, and pick up things that shouldn't be there - trash. HTO is grateful for people who go out every weekend, without organization or clubs or groups, and pick up trash.

# **GET INVOLVED: GLOVES & BAGS FOR ALL**

If you and your friends, coworkers, or teammates want to help clean up a beach, or are looking to fulfill community service hours, email Alison@healtheocean.org or call our office (805) 965-7570 to arrange for pickup of free gloves and bags!

Alison Thompson sorting out beach-cleaning gloves at HTO office

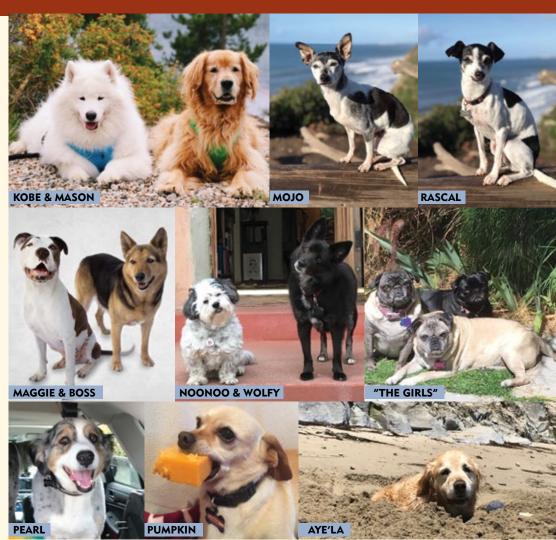
# WE LOVE OUR HTO DOGS!

We at Heal the Ocean send our happiest barks to our wonderful doggy donors who have supported our hugely successful Dog Bag Program!

Since 2010 HTO has been raising funds (over \$115,000 since we started), to stock dog bag dispensers along beaches, parks and trails of south Santa Barbara County. Recently, we have started raising funds for City parks, too.

We are forever grateful to Dr. Beverly Holmes and Dr. Eve Kuesis of La Cumbre Animal Hospital (LCAH), to Dr. David Dawson for his sponsorship on behalf of San Roque Pet Hospital, Montecito Pet Hospital, Goleta Airport Animal Hospital, and Hydropaws Animal Rehabilitation and Performance Center, and Advanced Veterinary Specialists (AVS), a 24/7 Emergency Pet Care Hospital in Santa Barbara, for their generous sponsorships. Finally, a big bark-out to Susan Petrovich, who sponsors the Loon Point dispenser.

If you are interested in sponsoring a County or City dispenser, or donating to our Dog Bag Program, contact alison@healtheocean.org, or call the office at (805) 965-7570. You can also sign up for automatic monthly donations (\$5, \$10, or \$20) if you would like to be a regular contributor.



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!



eal the Ocean is proud to announce that the **City of Santa** Barbara has joined our Doggy Bag Sponsorship Program! There are 26 spots available, many in high dog-traffic parks and places, where your sponsorship could be seen by a large number of dog lovers.

We are also glad to announce the **County has added 13 new dog** bag dispensers – including Jalama Beach State Park – an extremely popular beachside campground on the coast off Highway 1.

Please call Alison at the HTO office to inquire about available dispensers, costs, and how HTO will work with you to design and print custom stickers for your dispenser. We take care of everything - printing, installation and maintenance of your sticker while County and City park rangers restock the dispensers on their regular routes. Your business is advertised for a full year for a reasonable cost, and you are helping to keep the environment clean!

# **BAG HISTORY**

In 2010, HTO learned that Santa Barbara County was considering dropping the \$23,000 price tag of stocking dog bag dispensers in the south county, so we jumped into action with our Dog Bag Dispenser program. This successful public-private partnership has protected the County program from a budget cut to the bags and has helped keep our beaches, trails, and parks clean.



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# HTO Thanks Our 2018 Benefit Sponsors!

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# Heal the Ocean BENEFIT 2018



**Heal the Ocean's Annual Celebration** 

## **HEAL THE OCEAN'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

Heal the Ocean's 20th Anniversary Celebration on October 27, 2018 at the El Paseo in downtown Santa Barbara was great fun, and particularly memorable because on the occasion of our Twentieth Birthday there were fantastic celebratory tributes from County Fire Chief (Ret.) Eric Peterson, City Fire Chief (Ret.) Pat McElroy, and our beloved state senator Hannah-Beth Jackson.

Even our Honorary Chair Julia Louis-Dreyfus blew us a video kiss from her dressing room at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where she was being honored with the prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, and Jack Johnson, who had performed his beloved "Better Together" ballad at Julia's Mark Twain tribute, came on video to say hello to the HTO crowd, and to encourage bidding on one of our Live Auction items.

All in all, it was a great group at the El Paseo, with our wonderful sponsors and friends, politicos and supporters mingling in a party that netted a wonderful sum to support our work. Music by Jason Libs got everyone on their feet to dance – and surprise musical performances were given by HTO Public Outreach director Ruston Slager on piano; surfer/musicians Denny Aaberg & Simone Reddingius on guitars, and HTO Executive Director **Hillary Hauser on piano** – and there were other impromptu rock-out performances that came from members in the audience. The



Heather Hudson

beautiful room was created by HTO Event Manager Heather Hudson and her committee - Shannon Trotta and HTO Operations Coordinator Alison Thompson. Thank you Debbie Kline, and Por la Mar Nursery for the décor, and thank you, Los Angeles auctioneers Rick and Levi Werner for conducting a successful Live Auction.

Thanks to all!



Rick Cowling, Sherry Hursey, & Jason Libs

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Janet Wolf, Gregg Hart, Eric Peterson



The Ubiquitous John Palminteri!





Peter & Nini Seaman, Steve Starkey & Olivia Erschen



Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson & George Eskin



Hillary with Jeannie & Roxy Clark



Jonathan & Elise Wygant table with Jean-Michel Cousteau at head of table, HTO's Advisory Board member James Hawkins in foreground



Dan (seated) & Rae Emmett (behind Dan, slightly right) & their celebrated guests

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Ret. County Fire Chief Eric Peterson and Kit Peterson



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Heather & Kelly Clenet (front row, right) & their guests



Deborah Schwartz, Hap Ziegler



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# CELEBRATING FRIENDS

#### LETTER PERFECT



Hillary & Nora McNeely Hurley celebrating at Letter Perfect

## There was no better way to celebrate the Holidays than with a gallery opening hosted by our friend Leslie Person Ryan, who has opened up another Letter Perfect store as a pop-up in the former Just Folk building in Summerland! Leslie threw us a great Oak Group art show in December 2018, with a portion of sales benefiting HTO - and we kicked up our heels at the super-fun party! Thank you,

## **Artists Painting for** the Environment (SCAPE) exhibited a fabulous collection of sea paintings under the banner, "Heal the Ocean - One Painting at a Time" at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

With beautiful art,



live music, appetizers and wine, the museum was a packed house! Thank you to all who purchased art, and a big thank you to SCAPE for benefiting us.

## TOAD & CO / TOPA TOPA

Letter Perfect!

We celebrated the "Save the Planet, Wear Sustainable" Tour with Toad & Co at Topa Topa Brewing Co. on December 12, 2018



and boy, did we have a blast! We listened to music, met awesome supporters, and learned a thing or two about sustainable clothing. A big thank you to Topa Topa Brewing Co. and Toad & Co for donating a portion of the evening's proceeds to help Heal The Ocean!

## THE RED PIANO MAKES MUSIC FOR US!

On August 23, 2018, The Red Piano on State Street hosted Heal the Ocean at The Final Straw Happy Hour with HTO. It was a night of



great entertainment with pianist Jason Libs at the piano and fantastic drinks mixed and served by our celebrity guest bartenders! We had a blast raising money for the ocean and we are so grateful The Red Piano chose to celebrate their elimination of plastic straws with us. Thank you Red Piano!

Red Piano Friend, Andrew Juiliano and Annick Lamb

## 1% FOR THE PLANET

We love our 1% For the Planet donors! Hoyt Torola of Torola Properties, Ojai, has chosen HTO for the seventh year in a row to benefit HTO through the program. We also received a 1% for the Planet donation from Patrick Marr, a Santa Barbara architect and civil engineer, and another 1% donation came from Chipper & Kelly Bell of Surfclass.com. 1% for the Planet was founded by Yvon



Chouinard (Patagonia) and Craig Mathews (Blue Ribbon Flies) in 2002 to encourage more businesses to donate 1% of sales to environmental FOR THE groups. Thank you, Hoyt, PLANET Patrick, and Chipper & Kelly

## **ENCORE SB SHELLFISH**

During the month of November 2018, anyone that bought a ticket for \$30 on Central Coast Dining in the name of HTO was able to double the value of that ticket (through February 2020) when dining at the Santa Barbara Shellfish Company on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara. Thank you, Tom White & Adam White for coming to us year after



year with your wonderful menu of donations as well as good things to dine on!

## **HOORAY FOR WILLIAM!**



On a recent Friday afternoon 8-vear-old William **Skidmore** came to the HTO office with a present for us: for his 8th birthday party he asked his friends not to bring gifts, but instead, donations to Heal the Ocean. He proudly presented to us an envelope and said that he had asked his friends to help him "save all the fishes in the ocean." His donation envelope said, "Fish are friends, not food!" Thank you,

dear William and friends - we are honored to be a part of your birthday celebration!

**ABOUT** Heal the Ocean is a 501(c)3 non-profit focused on upgrading wastewater infrastructure as a way of cleaning up ocean pollution. We are focused on Santa Barbara County, but our methods are now serving as a model for other coastal communities across the country.

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# With Deep Appreciation

Heal the Ocean sends its sincere thanks to these contributors who have helped assure the success of our campaign for a clean and healthy ocean. This roster records donations made from March 6, 2018 to June 10, 2019. If your name has been omitted, we sincerely apologize and ask that you please call (805) 965-7570 so that we can correct our records.

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# In Memory of...

Heal the Ocean cherishes each and every one of our members, and we are sad when we lose those who are dear to us. We thank those who have sent donations in memory of loved ones who have left us. We are honored to memorialize the following people in the donation pages of this newsletter:

Craig Barilotti Wayne Barker Ward Bayly Eric Brown Joshua Canning Dave & Tyler Carlson Sam (Judy) Case Jacques & Denyse Charest Christopher & Timothy Cutler Mike deGruy Kathryn Holcomb Dole Paul Dore Chad Drier Gilbert Fountain Andy Frease Bernard Fried Randy Hale Rick Jorgensen Marcie Kjoller Frank Louda Mom Mark Montgomery Charles Neubauer Carolyn Roche Robert Rockey Sergio Peggy Stanczyk Eric Sutherland Tyrone & Andre Swader Paul Turpin Glenn West Brandon Yates The memory of these wonderful

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people lives on in our hearts as we

work for the ocean they loved.



"OVER THE RAINBOW" is a photo by Marie Morrisroe, an ocean lover who has taken photos all over the world – including stunning views of the ever-changing sea and sky as seen from Montecito. This picture, we think, is all about Hope.

# Remembering Special People...

# **IN MEMORIAM**

# CRAIG BARILOTTI 1938 - 2019



At Heal the Ocean we take special note of the passing of Craig Barilotti – an all-around ocean person, naturalist, kelp biologist, surfer, lifeguard, sailor, friend to fishermen and all who worked on ocean pollution issues. Craig passed away on January 7, 2019 in San Diego, with his wife, Camilla Ingram, son Armand Barilotti, and son's fiancé, Angela Lyons, by his side.

To Heal the Ocean, Craig was a very special friend and ocean expert who worked tirelessly with us in 2002/03 as a scientific consultant in our campaign to push the Goleta Sanitary District to full secondary treatment for its discharged wastewater after operating as one of the last remaining wastewater treatment plants with a 301h waiver – a thirty year old waiver that allowed for the discharge into the ocean of primary/secondary wastewater.

Today, GSD and Heal the Ocean work together, we are friends, and we were first in line for the District's ribbon cutting for the new and improved treatment plant on October 12, 2013, but in those early days it was a battle. We had to prove everything - and that is where Craig and his consulting talents came into play. Craig was tireless in his research, the bulldog who wouldn't quit. He was celebrated for many environmental battles he waged alongside the celebrated California marine biologist/ocean activist Rimmon ("Rim") Fay, but his chief work was restoring kelp in California, which today we recognize as crucial to the ocean environment. Fair winds and following seas, dear Craig. You will always be in our hearts, and your goodness remains in the ocean you loved.

# CAROLYN ANN ROCHE 1953 - 2018

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On Sunday, November 18, 2018, the crowd was enormous at the Santa Barbara Club to commemorate the life of Carolyn Ann Roche, 65, of Santa Barbara, who passed away just nine days earlier, on November 9, after a heroic 2 ½-year battle with cancer. Carolyn and her husband, **Ted Roche,** and their whole family tree – **Shaun Michael** Roche, daughter Kellie Ann Roche Clenet, son-in-law **Damien Clenet** – have been an integral part of Heal the Ocean's cheerleading team for years. Carolyn passed away much too soon, but she never lost heart, and as was said

by friends, family and all who knew her, she was a "Hanai" mother to many, and we would like to feel that includes us, too.

# Marcie Kjoller 1969 - 2019



On Sunday, March 31, 2019, Marcie Kjoller, a UCSB Hall of Fame swimmer, teacher, and inspirational fitness advocate passed away while swimming off East Beach in Santa Barbara.

This accident is a cruel irony, because Marcie had been a strong swimmer – after coming to UCSB in 1986, she helped the Gaucho women's swim team win four Big West championships. As a freestyler on relay teams, she earned NCAA All-America honors in 1987, 1988 and 1990, and she was inducted into the Gaucho Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. In 2007 and 2008 Marcie participated on sixperson relay teams that swam across the Santa Barbara Channel from Santa Cruz Island to the mainland.

With a best friend and fellow swimmer, Dawn Schroeder, Marcie founded Moms in Motion in 2001, a program that trained women to get in shape for a triathlon. Moms in Motion is how Heal the Ocean got to know Kjoller and Shroeder. These two energetic gals invited us to speak at their oceanfront meets, dedicating entry fees to us, along with their enthusiasm and energy.

Marcie, we wish we could tell you about the ocean wave of love and well wishes that are coming to you and your husband Kevin, and your two daughters, Alanna and Liesl. How you have introduced so many to the **love of ocean swimming** is your legacy, never to be forgotten.

**NOTE:** In memory of Marcie's life and love for the ocean and this community, the Santa Barbara Triathlon will be raising funds for some of Marcie's favorite Santa Barbara causes. Heal the Ocean has been chosen as one of the non-profit beneficiaries. The triathlon will take place on the weekend of August 23-25, 2019. The Santa Barbara Triathlon and the Kjoller Family selected Heal the Ocean as a beneficiary because of Marcie's love of Heal the Ocean's work to keep our waters clean for all the people and animals who live and love this place we call home. If you would like to become a volunteer, donate, or participate in the triathlon please contact our office.

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