



HEAL THE OCEAN

NEWSLETTER 2012

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By the time you read this the news of HTO going through significant restructuring is fairly well known – but we feel it is important for everyone to know we have returned to our grass roots with the express intention of keeping our business simple and to the point. We thank **Kelly Smith**, for his years of service as HTO treasurer, and we couldn't have gotten along without the sage advice of **Charles Vinick** for so many years (Charles helped HTO get our 501c3, helped form the organization in 1998!) We wish these wonderful gentlemen the best of everything, and thank them for everything all they did for us.



Dick Lamb

We thank founding Board Member **Jean-Michel Cousteau** for staying on, along with founding Board Member **Francoise Park**, now Secretary to the Board. We thank **Thomas Dabney** for taking on the role of Treasurer, and with great joy we received back into the fold **Dick Lamb**, HTO director from 2001 to 2008, who rejoined the Board to help executive director **Hillary Hauser** refocus the organization and fine-tune HTO's future strategy. New to the Board are **Leslie Brice**, a Santa Barbara businesswoman, and **Francesca**

Cava, a longtime friend and supporter who developed the National Geographic Society's Education and Children's Programs. **Sam Scranton**, who was for over 30 years the moving force behind the Santa Barbara Bowl and Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, has also joined our Directors! Thank you, one and all!



Sam Scranton



MJ Bakove

MJ Bakove, who established our database when we formed in 1998, jumped in to help find and move us into our new office at 1836 State Street. Volunteering, she had headed up HTO's participation in California Coastal Cleanup Day, and still volunteering, she came in every day to fine-tune our database (which has grown enormous since she started it!). She got our signs up, and trained our new Office Administrator, **Grant Schmitz**, a former sound engineer for Hollywood productions, who was semi-retired

but who jumped into work at the end of February, 2012. **James O. Hawkins**, a UCSB environmental studies/political science graduate (whose thesis was on climate change) then joined the staff, taking on the most important role of HTO Associate Researcher. During his first week in office, James tackled HTO's statement to the State Water Resources Control Board on the subject of Contaminants of Emerging Concern (or CECs – see page 10 of this newsletter), a difficult subject.



James Hawkins

We thank **Ruston Slager** and **Ava Everett** for continuing with their important public outreach work (i.e. Earth Day on April 22!), and we thank our trusty CPA, **Hillary Tentler** and bookkeeper **Jane Banick**, for keeping our numbers straight.



The team, L to R: Jane Banick, bookkeeper; Ruston Slager, Hillary Hauser, Ava Everett, and HTO's CPA Hillary Tentler

OUR NEW OFFICE

Yes, we made another jump! This time, closer to town and with a 3-year lease...we have relocated to a fabulous office on State Street, much more accessible to City Hall and the County Administration Building, as well as other places we need to get to for hearings and meetings.



Executive Director Hillary Hauser stands near our State Street sign!

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COVER PAINTING BY KAREN BEZUIDENHOUT

Our beautiful cover is from an original oil painting by **Karen Bezuidenhout**, called "Ocean Watchers," a fantastic 48"x60" work that was immediately acquired by HTO



executive director Hillary Hauser when she saw it on Karen's Facebook page. Born and raised in South Africa, Karen has been drawing and sketching all her life. Her works are now featured on the cover of Robert Redford's Sundance Catalog, and can be found in homes all over the world. See more of Karen's work at www.karenbezuidenhout.com

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HI FROM HILLARY



Welcome to the new Heal the Ocean!

Since our last Annual newsletter, many things have occurred within our organization. To ensure that we remain the most effective we can be in our environmental work, we have taken big steps to return to our grass roots founding, to drop the heavy load of bureaucracy that we, ourselves, had become.

The truth of the matter is, California's environmental community has taken a big hit in a couple of leavings. Mark Gold, President of Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, has left the organization to take the post of Associate Director of UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. This is a gift to UCLA but a loss to us – we worked with Mark closely for years on a number of issues, including getting AB 885 regulations on the books. Linda Sheehan has left the helm of California Coastkeeper, and she, too, was an environmental powerhouse.

These leavings are, to a large degree, about talented individuals deciding they can best work without the heavy daily load of running big organizations. Perhaps an allegory can be found in surfing: when you're on a huge wave (either financial or bureaucratic or cumbersome), you jettison the bricks to make yourself light, you position yourself well on the wave and, staying ahead of white water, you ride.

In a sense, that is what we have done at HTO. We moved from a big downtown office, took a brief stop at an out-of-the-way location that allowed us to refocus, then we moved to a more permanent place that is a comfortable and effective work environment that allows us to concentrate on the issues our supporters pay us to do. We have deleted activities unrelated to the issues of clean water. HTO's environmental work has increased and become more powerful – at a lesser cost.

In this regard, we are grateful to have the most excellent consulting advice of former officials who headed the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services. From them we are getting important guidance as we grapple with groundwater pollution problems and/or septic system regulations. We are working with other government officials through the County's IRWM process to bring in big funds to help upgrade wastewater infrastructure. In this way, we are achieving significant progress with the powerfully effective alliances rather than big staff.

We are grateful for everyone who has served on our Board, our Gala committees, and everyone who has helped us along the way to becoming a major voice in California's environmental-political scene.

We are also grateful to those who have helped us return to our grassroots so that we can stay effective. You all know who you are.

Thank you for helping.

Hillary Hauser 

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.

ENVIRONMENTALISM WE LIKE.....

At Heal the Ocean we like bulldozers and backhoes...

THIS...



HTO executive director Hillary Hauser and Jeff Maassen diving Goleta Sanitary District outfall, to show the Regional Water Quality Control Board how GSD should upgrade to full secondary treatment. In 2002 HTO won this battle.

...HAS BECOME THIS...



THIS...



December 18, 2002

Mark Fong, Division of Clean Water Programs
Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program Priority List
State Water Resources Control Board
Loans & Grant Branch
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
P.O. Box 944212
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120

Re: Carpinteria Bluffs Sewer Main Relocation Project

Dear Mr. Fong:

Heal the Ocean is active in improving water quality in the Pacific Ocean and local watersheds of Santa Barbara County, and is organized as a non-profit, public benefit corporation under the laws of the state of California. We represent over 2,000 citizens greatly concerned about the pollution problems of Santa Barbara County beaches.

The Carpinteria Sanitary District (CSD) has applied to the Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program for funding that will allow for the relocation of a stretch of its sewer main from the edge of an ocean bluffs area now threatened by erosion, to a more desirable location along an inland highway....

HTO lobbied for \$2 million from the State Water Board to help pay for the relocation of Carpinteria Sanitary District sewer main off the fragile Carpinteria Bluffs to an inland highway.

...HAS BECOME THIS...



...AND THIS...



Abandoning old septic system at Sand Point

THIS...

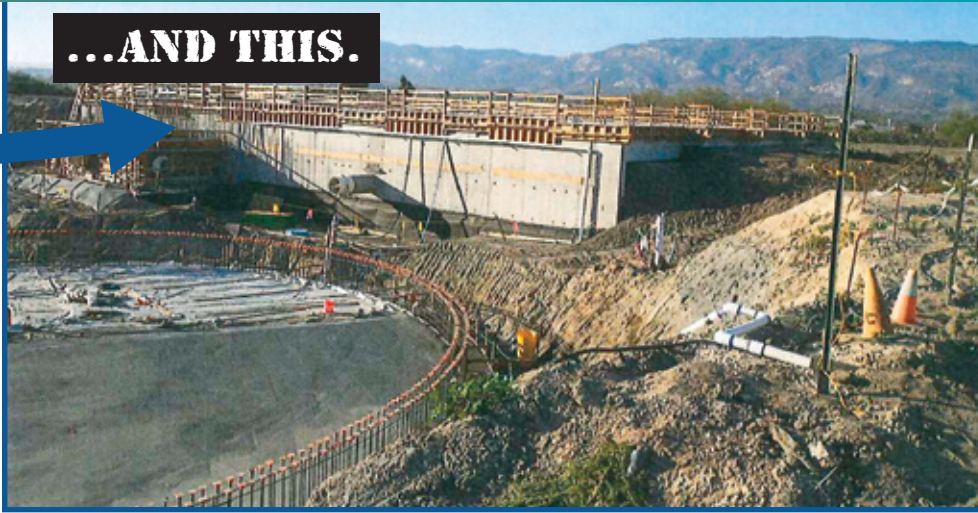


...HAS BECOME THIS...



.....BULLDOZERS & JACKHAMMERS

...AND THIS.



March 2012, and GSD is on its way to full secondary upgrade. Through HTO's seat on the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process, we encouraged GSD to apply for \$500,000 from Proposition 84 funds to help pay for the upgrade – and GSD got the money! Completion expected by June 2013, 6 months ahead of schedule.



...AND THIS.

...AND THIS...



...AND THIS.



Inserting 3" pipe into old septic system hole at Sandyland.

...AND THIS...



Setting up at Sandyland, to abandon septic systems, connect to sewer.

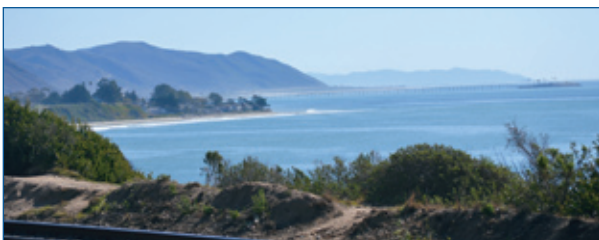


Locating septic system at Sandyland...

...because digging out old wastewater infrastructure is a physical change to the land that makes physical change for a cleaner ocean.

A letter from Sandyland...

The enclosed check is sent in appreciation of the fine (and endless) work done by Heal the Ocean in support of the sewer system for Sandyland Cove, etc. Without your untiring efforts there would be no sewer. It has been a long struggle and we are all grateful for your perseverance. P.S. I am probably happier than most as my tank was put in in 1947. It needs to go!



The 74 homes on Rincon Point will be the last portion of the South Coast Beach Communities Septic to Sewer project, following Padaro Lane, Sand Point and Sandyland. As of the printing of this newsletter, there have been frustrating delays with Rincon, due to archaeological mitigations that have had to be resolved along the way, but the project IS moving forward and construction is now expected to begin September 2012. The entire septic-to sewer project, when finished, will have involved the removal of 175 septic systems from 7 miles of Santa Barbara south county coastline...one of the most important environmental victories ever!

\$ GETTING THE MONEY FOR CLEAN WATER... \$

It has become a core part of our philosophy that the best environmental work may be to find, or advocate for, funding not only for homeowners, but agencies needing infrastructure upgrade.

Along these lines, HTO is participating again in the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process, which gives access to Proposition 84 funding for regional clean-water projects (and infrastructure upgrade). There is \$8 million in the next round for the Central Coast region (meaning a potential \$3 million for Santa Barbara County).

In 2011, when HTO served on the IRWM Steering Committee, Santa Barbara County received our full requested amount of \$3,000,996 for various clean-water projects – including \$500,000 for the Goleta Sanitary District, to add cogeneration to its full secondary treatment upgrade (see elsewhere in this newsletter for HTO’s involvement in forcing that upgrade!).

In 2012 - 2013, HTO is serving on the IRWM Steering Committee, as well as the Objectives, Targets and Project Selection Workgroup (which identifies the regional issues and objectives, then prioritizes them), as well as the South Coast Recycled Water Development Planning work group. HTO was instrumental bringing all five sanitary districts operating on the South Coast (Carpinteria, Summerland, Montecito, the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Sanitary District/Goleta Sanitary District West) and their correlative water district managers to the table for this special study. When finished, in January 2013, the plan will become part of the County’s IRWM).

Other elements of the IRWM, which is expected to take two years to complete, will include Salt & Nutrient Management as well as Climate Change. Having focused on Climate Change for his UCSB graduate thesis, James Hawkins, HTO’s new Associate Researcher, is serving on the IRWM Climate Change committee, which is focusing on emergency preparedness in sea level rise, among other subjects.

HTO BLASTS STATE CEC MONITORING PLAN

At the same time that HTO promotes the recycling of wastewater as a means of 1) not wasting precious water resources, and 2) eliminating disposal of wastewater in the ocean, we believe recycled water should be free of Contaminants (or Chemicals) of Emerging Concern (CECs).

When the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) convened a panel of experts to promulgate a monitoring program for CECs in recycled water used by people, and CECs as they impact California’s Aquatic Ecosystems, we got involved. We attended expert panel meetings in Costa Mesa and we attended meetings remotely by computer technique.

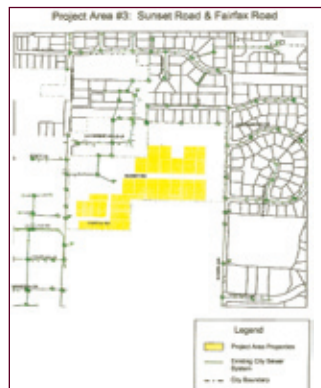
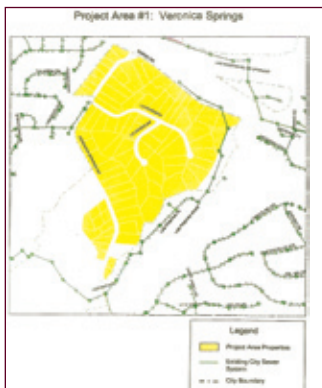
In the end, we weren’t too keen on the expert Panel’s summation of how CECs should be monitored in recycled water (a report released last year), but in March 2012, when the Panel released its Draft Report, “Monitoring Strategies for Chemicals of Emerging Concern (CECs) in California’s Aquatic Ecosystems- Recommendations of a Science Advisory Panel,” we really weren’t happy! We wrote the State Board that the Panel had failed its charge because it made no recommendations (despite the title of the Draft Report!). We also told the State Board that the Panel’s dismissal of Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) discharge into the aquatic environment as nothing to be concerned about was a serious mistake, because evidence presented during the one-year “Expert Panel” process showed the ability of CECs to “bioaccumulate” over extended periods of time in marine animals.

The WWTP managers and engineers HTO engages with flat-out tell us their treatment plants can’t process CECs, and that for now the best way to keep CECs out of the environment is not to put them in the waste stream in the first place. HTO is therefore revisiting the business of pre-treatment at hospitals and other sources of high drug use, and urge everyone to become aware of the contaminants that can be avoided in everyday products. Call or e-mail our office for a free copy of the Heal the Ocean Pocket Guide for Chemicals of Emerging Concern (805) 965-7570, info@healtheocean.org – or, download from our website, www.healtheocean.org.



DUSTING OFF WEST END MASTER PLAN

In April 2012, HTO began discussion with the City of Santa Barbara to dust off the West End Master Plan – the septic-to-sewer engineering for the “city pockets” of septic systems in 1) Veronica Springs, 2) Northview Road & Vista Vallejo, 3) Sunset & Fairfax, and 4) Calle Cita, Carol Avenue and Russell Way. Although the engineering has been done, homeowners have not been able to reach a consensus to move forward, largely because of formidable costs. Through the IRWM process (see “Getting the Money” story, above), the City of Santa Barbara and HTO hope to access funds to pay the major price of sewer connection.



TACKLING CECS...

by James Hawkins, HTO Research Associate

HTO Executive Director's note: the following essay is a description of an unusual first week on the job for a university environmental studies/political science graduate who came to work at Heal the Ocean. Only moments after he got in the door he had to exercise his hard-earned learning on a tough subject.



Before joining Heal the Ocean I had heard almost nothing about Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs). Even though I had majored in Environmental Studies at UCSB, the subject of CECs was rather foreign to me. Despite my apparent lack of knowledge, my first day at Heal the Ocean began with Hillary handing me a thick report by a California scientific advisory panel, "Monitoring Strategies for CECs in Aquatic Ecosystems." She asked me to study it, and prepare a comment letter to the panel that had written it. It was due in a week.

I felt overwhelmed, but could not help but laugh at being assigned such a hefty task at a time we were still ordering furniture for my office!

Undeterred, I quickly found out that Contaminants of Emerging Concern are all of the chemicals and compounds that are continually being designed, developed, and incorporated into the products that we utilize in everyday life. Things like plastics, flame retardants, personal care products, medications, and many others all include compounds that are considered to be CECs.

You may have already heard of some CECs like polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), a component of flame retardants, and 2,4,4'-trichloro-2'-hydroxydiphenyl ether (triclosan), which is found in anti-bacterial soap. These are two of the better known CECs that have been identified as hazardous. (Imagine if you were a fish, wouldn't you be a little freaked out if something called polybrominated diphenyl ethers was coming at you?) These CECs aren't inherently more dangerous than any other chemical just because they have the "CEC" label. The key distinction is that they are emerging or relatively new chemicals that have not been fully tested as to their effects on the environment and human health.

Heal the Ocean is especially concerned about the dangers that CECs pose as they enter watersheds and come in contact with human and aquatic life. Studies have already shown that some CECs can disrupt hormone levels and seriously affect the reproductive health of marine species. Just like with DDT, CECs also have the potential to bioaccumulate, affecting species all the way up the food web.

I have to admit that as I worked on this project I wondered what I had gotten myself into. My assignment was essentially to write a comment stating how this report, compiled by experts in the field of CECs, might have missed the boat. I may have completed a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, but these people had PhDs! Nevertheless, after about a week, dozens of sticky notes, and enough green tea to wake the dead, I had an outline of the report and a draft comment letter in hand. I gave it to Hillary, hoping, but actually praying, she wouldn't fall on the floor, kick me out the door, or worse, look at me like I had come to the wrong address. But lo and behold, Hillary was thrilled with the draft and we proceeded to build the final product.

On March 19, 2012, Hillary submitted the comment letter – my first piece of writing since I started my work at Heal the Ocean only about 10 days before. I was incredibly proud, not just because I was witnessing the fruits of my labor, but because I had a hand in helping Heal the Ocean craft a response on an issue of serious consequence to the welfare of marine ecosystems.

A week later the expert CECs panel held a public meeting in the San Francisco area to discuss the comments they had received on their draft report, as well as talk about the changes they would incorporate into their final draft. Ironically, this was a public hearing held by webcast + conference phone with all of the attendees on the phone unable to hear (pun intended) almost anything because of a horrible buzzing noise that bleeped out anything and everything that was being said by the Panel or to the Panel.

Annoying noises notwithstanding, we could make out that our comments had clearly made an impact since much time was spent addressing the points we had made in our letter. When these explanations did not adequately address our concerns, Hillary and I pressed the Panel further. And then I suddenly heard myself addressing the Panel on a number of points, even though I'd only been working at Heal the Ocean for a little over two weeks in my capacity as a Research Associate.

I'll be the first to admit that two weeks does not seem like much time to speak with authority for an organization with as storied a history as Heal the Ocean. However, during my experience working on CECs at Heal the Ocean I have witnessed firsthand the incredible ability of this organization to positively engage citizens, stakeholders, and politicians to uphold the basic founding message upon which the organization started – that "the ocean can no longer be used as a dump." Unfortunately, we live in a time when grand statements and promises can too commonly be forgotten in the chaos that is modern life. It takes something special to transform a dream and a vision into something that can truly help the world. Heal the Ocean is a special force for change and I am incredibly proud to be a part of it

James Hawkins

GROUNDWATER...WHAT'S IN IT?...

Elings Park	1298 Las Positas							
SB City Dump	Montecito & Garden							
Caltrans	324 De La Vina	PCE						
SB Harbor Dry Dock	117 Harbor Way							
Former Cinco de M.	434 Olive St.	PCE /TCE	cis-1,2-di					
Former U-Neat Cl.	212 E. Anapamu St.	NOT DONE YET						
Former Schauer Pr.	1126 Santa Barbara	NOT DONE YET						
Mission Ind/Ambass	201 E. Haley	PCE /TCE	cis-1,2-di					
Pacific Scientific	402 E. Gutierrez St.	PCE /TCE	cis-1,2-di					
Carrillo Plaza/Norv.	1015 De La Vina	PCE /TCE						
Fenn, Former Dry Cl.	201 E. Figueroa St.	PCE /TCE						
Goldberg/Goss-J.	220 W. Gutierrez	PCE /TCE						
Mission Linen	619 E. Montecito			benzene				
Abiltt's Cleaners	14 W. Gutierrez St.	PCE /TCE						
SB City Parking #12	321-327 State St.		cis-1,2-di					
SB City Police Stn.	215 E. Figueroa St.	PCE		benzene				
Park's Texaco Mkt	1502 San Andres St.	MTBE		benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
Former Arco #1884	34 Montecito St.			benzene				
SB Nissan	36 State St.	no detects in 5 wells						
Delmonte Mgmt.	1233 De La Vina St.			benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
SB City Fire Stn. #5	2505 Modoc Rd.			benzene				
Agri-Turf Supplies	130 Garden St.	nothing above CA DWS						
Mobil Oil #11-KLC	402 W. Mission St.	nothing above CA DWS						
Ingram Paper	416 N. Salspuedes	NOT DONE YET						
SB City Site	101 State St.	JUST DONE						
Former Phillips Stn.	331 W. Montecito	NOT DONE YET						
Culligan Soft Water	1026 Santa Barbara	PCE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
Ellis Property	12 E. Montecito			benzene				
SB City Recycling Ctr	631 Garden St.			benzene				
Heite Property	414 Chapala St.	benzene, ETB, MTBE, TBA, TPH						
California Hotel	35 State St.	no detects in 3 wells						
Mission Linen Supp.	619 E. Montecito			benzene				
Mobil Oil #11-KRA	2299 Las Positas Rd.	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a		ETB	toluene	xylenes	
Tosco-76 SS#4974	1929 Cliff Drive	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a	Cr				
SB Co. DoGen. Svcs.	118 E. Figueroa St.		1,2-diCl-a			(toluene)	(xylenes)	
Chevron #9-1799/Ed	401 W. Montecito	MTBE		benzene				
Former Shell Svc. S.	636 W. Carrillo	MTBE		benzene				
JR's Gas	1905 Cliff Drive	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene		toluene		
Mobil Oil Stn 99-CTL	311 Castillo St.	nothing above CA DWS						
MacDonald Trust/	2034 Cliff Drive	PCE /MTBE		benzene	ETB		xylenes	
Auto Repair Former	126 W. Carrillo	PCE /TCE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene				
Union Pacific RR/	240 W. Montecito		Pb	benzene				
Diving Sys. Intl.	425 Garden St.			benzene	ETB			
Canon Perdido Car	112 W. Canon Perd.	PCE /MTBE	cis-1,2-di	benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
SB City Fire Stn. #1	121 W. Carrillo St.	MTBE						
Porter Auction Co.	813 Garden St.	PCE /MTBE		benzene				
Arco #1766	328 W. Montecito	nothing above CA DWS		benzene				
R.J. Carroll & Sons	625 N. Salspuedes			benzene				
Seaside Shell	101 W. Carrillo St.	MTBE		benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
SB City Motor Pool	625 Laguna St.							
Enterprise Fish Co.	225 State St.							
Polycarp	923 St. Vincent St.	no detects in 4 wells						
Petre Industries	428 E. Haley St.		1,2-diCl-a					
UCSB Naval Air Stn.	UCSB & SBCo. Airt			UCSB				
Former Gas Station	636 Santa Barbara	PCE						
Reagan Ranch V Ctr	217 State St.	nothing above CA DWS						
Haley/State St.	436 State St.	nothing above CA DWS						
Wolfgang's Mesa T.	2036 Cliff Drive	NOT DONE YET						
Carrillo Rec. Ctr.	100 E. Carrillo St.	nothing above CA DWS						
F Chevron SS#206699				benzene				
SB Fire Stn. #1 - D.	121 W. Carrillo St.							
Gold's Gym	21 W. Carrillo St.	1,2-diCl-a	benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes		
Mobil Oil #11-ERG	314 Santa Barbara			benzene				
Seaside Shell	101 W. Carrillo St.	MTBE		benzene	ETB	toluene	xylenes	
F Chevron Stn.	902 Anacapa St.	1,2-diCl-a	Pb	ETB	toluene	xylenes		
F Unocal #0957	825 Anacapa St.	1,2-diCl-a		ETB				
Pep Boys Store	424 State St.	PCE						
Tony's Body & Fend.	18 W. Cota St.	NO WELLS						
Cooney Property	321 E. Haley St.			benzene				
Parking Lot	217 Helena Ave.							
Justo the Tailor & C.	2275-9 Las Positas							
In & Out Paint & C.	314 State St.	PCE /TCE	cis-1,2-di/1,2-diCl-a					
Artisan Court Proj.	420 E. Cota St.							
El Estero Diesel Tnk.	520 E. Yanonali St.							
Highway 101/Salsip.	42 Calle C. Chavez	no detects in 4 wells						
McCormix Corp.	336 Calle C. Chavez	MTBE						
McCormix Corp.	22 Calle C. Chavez	MTBE						
Mission Linen Supp.	702 E. Montecito	nothing above CA DWS						
Muzak Music	735 E. Montecito	MTBE		benzene				
SB Distribution Base	630 E. Montecito							
So. Cal. Edison	701 E. Montecito							
Tecknit/Tube Hold.	312-20 N. Nopal St.	TCE	cis-1,2-di/1,2-diCl-a					
Thrifty Oil #206	231 Milpas St.	MTBE		benzene				
Fess Parker Waterf.	110 S. C. C. Chavez							
Gas Company	630 E. Montecito	2010						
Andrews Automot.	8 S. Milpas St.-N 101	MTBE	As	benzene	ETB			
A-1 Cleaners	324 N. Milpas	PCE /TCE	cis-1,2-di					
Milpas Arco	302 N. Milpas			benzene				
Tosco-76 SS#0265	236 N. Milpas St.	nothing above CA DWS						
SB High School	700 Anapamu St.	nothing above CA DWS						
Milke's Texaco	134 S. Milpas St.	MTBE		benzene	ETB			
Unocal SS#5877	200 S. Milpas St.	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene				
Birdsell/Drewisch	132 S. Milpas St.			benzene				
Roth Property	335 N. Milpas St.			benzene				
Peppard Sidewalk T.	800 N. Milpas St.	NOT DONE YET						
Peppard/Clark Prop.	800 N. Milpas St.		1,2-diCl-a	benzene	ETB			
Chevron SS#9-2444	803 N. Milpas St.	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene				
Doug's Bougs	735 N. Milpas St.	MTBE	1,2-diCl-a	benzene	ETB			
SB Manufact. Gas	Islay & De La Vina			benzene				
Chevron SS#9-0421	1800 State St.	1,2-diCl-a		benzene				
Mobil Oil #11-EP9	1936 State St.	no detects in 2 wells						
Cottage Hospital	2315 Bath St.			recalcitrant owner				
SB American Fuel &	2234 De La Vina	no detects in 14 wells						
Former St. Francis H.	601 Micheltorena	NO WELLS						



Heal the Ocean has been systematically developing a strategy, and moving forward, on a reasonable plan to tackle the problem of polluted groundwater in and under and around the City of Santa Barbara. This is a hard subject to get a handle on, but we're doing it – and we thank the Tomchin Family Charitable Foundation for earmarking its most generous donation for this work!

We have for years been mapping and charting the groundwater data in the City of Santa Barbara monitoring wells containing TCE, PCEs, benzene, toluene, and other pollutants. In January 2012 we began researching. We talked to Santa Barbara County Fire Department Site Mediation Unit (SMU) officials and to a Regional Water Quality Control Board staff senior engineering geologist, Land Disposal & Site Cleanup Programs. We contacted a Department of Water Resources official in Sacramento, to see if there could be any funding to work on this problem.

As this newsletter goes to press, HTO is working on orchestrating a \$250,000 State grant for Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. Site Mediation Unit (SMU) and the Regional Board "hazmat" staff to develop an assessment and prioritized approach to the contaminated groundwater underneath the City of Santa Barbara.

LANDFILL WOES FOR ARROYO BURRO?

HTO has also been sniffing out unlined dumps and landfills that could be leaching into groundwater. This includes the old unlined City landfill under Elings Park.

The Elings Park landfill is of interest because it sits at the top of the Arroyo Burro watershed, and Arroyo Burro is one of Santa Barbara County's most polluted creeks. In October 2011 the Regional Board asked the City of Santa Barbara for a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), to include a discussion of the landfill and waste characteristics, closure or post-closure activities and other information.

In May 2012, the Regional Board asked for monitoring well information, as well as analysis of samples for pH, chloride, volatile organic compounds (VOC's) and dissolved metals.



...AND WHAT ABOUT NITRATES?...

In April 2012 HTO sent a letter of support to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for **Proposed Funding for a Regional Groundwater Assessment and Protection Program and Specific Projects**, which would allocate \$1.271 million from the Water Board's enforcement settlement accounts to begin building the Groundwater Assessment and Protection (GAP) program that will assemble all data in one place to give a regional view of the nitrate con-



Albert Einstein on the beach at Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1933.

“We need an Einstein and a half for this. You have to take into account the geological processes that have taken million of years to evolve, as well as phytoplankton, which takes seconds. You have to

look at the interaction of every living thing, including man. Light a match to hydrogen and you get an explosion every time. With living organisms, you never know.”
- Dr. G. Carleton Ray

*From Call to Adventure,
by Hillary Hauser (1987)*

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AB885

WHAT AB 885 WILL MEAN TO SEPTIC SYSTEM OWNERS

Knowing the environmental impact septic systems can have when they are improperly placed or improperly functioning, and watching the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies grow, Heal the Ocean has been working for years on AB 885 – septic system regulations for the 1.2 million septic systems operating in California.

Authored by former Assembly Member (and current state Senate candidate) Hannah-Beth Jackson in 1999, AB 885 was signed into law in September 2000, and the State Board was required to adopt regulations, or standards, for the permitting or operation of septic systems by January 2004. To stop this delay, Heal the Ocean joined Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, in a “friendly lawsuit” vs. the State Board in February 2011 to urge movement forward on the development of standards.

In numerous conference calls and Sacramento workshops, our two groups have been working for over a year with State Board staff to pin down every single word of these regulations. HTO also spearheaded the addition of a financial aid section, which outlines a State Board Clean Water Revolving Fund mini-loan program to assist property owners in complying with the AB 885 policy.

Here is a snapshot view of what AB 885 will mean to septic system owners:

There will be four “Tiers,” or categories, of septic system (also called Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, or OWTS). Each Tier is defined by location (i.e. within 600’ setback of impaired water body, depth to groundwater, distance from public water well or vernal pool, etc.), reliability in operation and other criteria. Some OWTS usage will be regulated by TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) development for an impaired water body, which identifies the OWTS as contributing to impairment and assigning a “maximum daily load” to its pollutant. Local Agency Management Plans (“LAMPS”) will be developed, with some guidelines outlined in AB 885 regulations for environmental health directors overseeing septic system use in their individual counties.

FORMER EHS DIRECTOR RICK MERRIFIELD CONSULTS FOR HTO

Heal the Ocean is proud to announce that Rick Merrifield, former director of Santa Barbara County’s Environmental Health Services, has joined in our work as a consultant! Having worked many years on septic pollution problems, Rick is a seasoned pro on the subject, and before his retirement in 2010, HTO had worked with him for years on a number of septic to sewer conversions, including the South Coast Beach Communities Septic to Sewer Project (including Rincon).



Rick Merrifield

Early in May 2012, Rick came to our rescue as we muddled through, with Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, the difficult process of working with State Water Board staff in crafting language for AB 885 – septic system regulations for the State of California.

HTO and Heal the Bay, Santa Monica, have been in countless Sacramento workshops and teleconference meetings ever since we filed our “friendly lawsuit” to nudge the State Water Board to move forward on the regulations.

The goal is adoption of regulations on June 19, 2012.

When at the last minute differences emerged between environmentalists, environmental health officers and State Board staff, HTO enlisted the help of Rick Merrifield, who not only has a great understanding of all the angles – bureaucratic as well as water quality – but who had served on the State Board AB 885 steering committee as well.

Rick provided HTO and Heal the Bay with a more informed voice, spoke the special language of environmental health directors, urged measures in the regulations to protect water quality, and mediated the differences between us all. He helped get the stakeholder’s final draft of AB885 to the State Board on May 11, 2012, one we could all agree on. Thank you, Rick!

MORE SEPTICS LEAVE THE BEACH!

On Friday, May 11, 2012, sewer contractors working for the Carpinteria Sanitary District completed their check-off list for the Sandyland community of beach homes, meaning that another group of septic systems are off the beach! Sandyland homeowners now join Sand Point in being free of the septic system nuisance, and homeowners can use their plumbing without worry. Both communities, along with Padaro Lane, are part of the South Coast Beach Communities Septic to Sewer Project, one of HTO’s flagship programs to reduce



Sand Point to Sandyland – this much beach along the Santa Barbara south coast no longer has septic systems!

ocean pollution. The Rincon portion of the project has met with frustrating delays, but the latest (in May 2012) is that an updated archaeological report was going through the County planning process, final design for construction was in the works, and actual construction is scheduled to start during fall 2012. HTO has watched this process along the way, calling the County Board of Supervisors every time a step for Rincon gets stuck.

ADVERTISE ON A DOGGY BAG DISPENSER!

Sponsored by

San Roque Pet Hospital

805.682.2647

In conjunction with HEAL THE OCEAN

Soon to appear on the dispenser at Butterfly Beach...

Heal the Ocean is firing up its joint dispenser sponsorship program with Santa Barbara County again. Businesses can advertise for one year on a doggy bag dispenser in return for funds to pay for bags. Thanks again to Santa Barbara Middle School and CPA Sandra O'Meara for supporting our trial year program.

This year's program is getting a strong kickoff from **San Roque Veterinary Clinic**, which will sponsor the 3 dispensers at Arroyo Burro (Hendry's) Beach, and Montecito Pet Hospital, which will supply the bags at the Butterfly Beach dispenser. Both clinics are owned by **Dr. David Dawson**, who has been buying bags for Arroyo Burro for some time. Thank you, Dr. Dawson!

THE DIRT ON DOG BAGS

Imagine this scenario: you drive into a gas station with your family in tow, and in your family there is a baby (or two). Behold! There is in this gas station a dispenser with a sign that says: Free Disposable Diapers! Please help yourself!

Believe it or not, this is the situation with our beloved dogs we take to the beach every day. As we descend the trail or steps to the beach – behold! – there is a dispenser with doggy bags, magically put there by Magic. Free!

Santa Barbara County has for a long time been paying \$20,000+ per year to provide biodegradable dog waste bags in dispensers not only on our beaches, but in parks and along trails. When budgets became tight for the County, expenses had to be cut, and the not-so-free doggy bags were headed for the cutting block.

At HTO we recognize the importance of keeping our beaches clean of dog poody. HTO developed a joint dispenser sponsorship program with the County, in which businesses can advertise for one year on a dispenser in return for funds to pay for the bags. Thank you, Santa Barbara Middle School and CPA Sandra O'Meara for supporting our one-year sponsorship program! In addition, we are proud of the wonderful support that has come in from everywhere, in honor of dogs whose pictures we post on our website www.healthocean.org and keep in our "Doggy Gallery." (\$60 buys 1,000 bags!)

We appreciate all the support we can get, to keep up with the doggies who love to romp the beaches of south Santa Barbara County...but in the meantime, we would like to pass along this message: Please love your pets enough to bring with you your own bags. Please think of the bag dispensers at the beaches as emergency rations ("I forgot") rather than a given service. You can buy biodegradable bags at Petco, Lemos – and on-line at <http://www.biobagusa.com/> – and in the meantime, please consider donating to Heal the Ocean's dog bag program, to help the owners who forget to bring bags for their beloved, wonderful dogs!

...as we descend the trail or steps to the beach – behold! – there is a dispenser with doggy bags, put there by Magic. Free!



DISPENSERS AVAILABLE!



- LOOKOUT PARK
- SUMMERLAND DOG BEACH
- GOLETA BEACH – RESTROOM
- GOLETA BEACH – E. PARKING LOT
- RINCON BEACH
- POSILIPO LANE BEACH ACCESS
- OCEAN VIEW PARK

(HTO buys the bags for Miramar Beach steps and Hammonds Trail. Thank you Monica Lodato, and Deb Monroe & Jesse (HTO Poster Dog), for manning these dispensers!)

Call the HTO office (805) 965-7570, or e-mail info@healthocean.org for information and prices.



BARK FOR BAGS!

HTO is still collecting funds from Santa Barbara dogs who want to help us keep bags at Santa Barbara County South Coast beaches for themselves and their buddies. \$60 buys 1,000 biobags. We thank all the doggies who have contributed. Please have your doggies renew their contributions, and please send us their pictures, to add to our Great Doggy Gallery on our website! www.healthocean.org. Thank you!



Aye'la has bought 1,000 bags for HTO's dog bag program!

We thank the great kids of the HTO Junior Council for giving the



HTO dog bag program all their time and effort. Thank you, Kim & Andy Busch for buying the first huge palette of bags for the County, to get things going! Thank you, Ron & Stacy Pulice and Paula & Shawn Stussy for financial help for bags and getting the kids around to fill the dispensers. We thank the anonymous donor who not only paid for bags, but for the installation of a dispenser on the Ventura side of Rincon Park. A big WOOF! to you all!

ODDS & ENDS...

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Thank you MJ Bakove, for being an angel to us! Not only did you create our database when we began our organization back in 1998, but you showed up to help when we were going through major reorganization. When we had to move in December 2011, you showed up to help us move, you picked me (Hillary Hauser) up when I was on crutches, to look at real estate, you measured furniture and organized the move, you interviewed and hired, and then – you cleaned up the database.

And then you organized HTO's involvement in California's Coastal Cleanup Day, to clean up the beach at Rincon! Thank you, dear MJ!



Thuy Greer, Brad Bakove, Hannah-Beth Jackson, MJ Bakove, Rand Hayes



Ruby Haber (left) and Ella Deardorff, both 8th graders at Santa Barbara Middle School, swim by the HTO booth at Earth Day!

EARTH DAY FUN!

The HTO booth was hopping during Earth Day weekend April 21-22, 2012...! Our T-shirts were on special sale and Ruston Slager and Ava Everett sold a ton of them! We were blown away when two fabulous mermaids came by, waves painted on their faces, with a Heal the Ocean sticker displayed between their teeth!



HTO booth was jammed

HTO FLAGS FLY ON STATE STREET

The happy dolphins are coming to State Street again! Heal the Ocean's sea blue flags will fly from August 13-23, 2012 in downtown Santa Barbara. We are celebrating our 14th birthday on August 19, right in the middle of our flag-flying! Hillary Hauser and Santa Barbara attorney Jeffrey Young co-founded Heal the Ocean on August 19, 1998 after Hauser's editorial in the Santa Barbara News-Press sparked a public protest over closed beaches in Santa Barbara. Our logo, created by HTO founding member Chris Wilkinson of E-Wave, combines sun, mountain, river and ocean to indicate the interconnectedness of all things to the sea – and to the happy dolphins. The flag design was created by architect Steve Hausz from Wilkinson's original logo.



HTO NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

HTO needs your help to pay for the following:

- **Consultant AB 885.** We have two consultants helping us with this one!
- **Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant writer, project consultant.** We are orchestrating a \$250,000 State grant for Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. Site Mediation Unit (SMU) and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Staff (senior engineering geologist, Land Disposal & Site Cleanup Programs) to develop a "holistic" approach to the City of Santa Barbara's contaminated groundwater, and prioritize sites for cleanup focus.

On-line donations are secure! <http://healtheocean.org/donate>
Thank you!

Call for E-Mail addresses

If you would like to receive electronic notices from HTO about upcoming events, please e-mail your e-mail address to us: info@healtheocean.org.

In particular, please let us know if you are interested in receiving our monthly E-letters!



1% FOR THE PLANET

Heal the Ocean learned from 1% for the Planet that among its 2,700 non-profit partners, we are among its top 100 recipients! 1% for the Planet is a growing global movement of 1,475 companies donating 1% of their sales to a network of 2,779 environmental organizations worldwide. 1% for the Planet was started in 2001 by Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, and Craig Mathews, owner of Blue Ribbon Flies, with the goal of becoming one of the largest funders of environmental work anywhere. Read their fascinating story at <http://onepercentfortheplanet.org/en/>. Thank you, 1%!!!

CLEAN A BEACH! EARN COMMUNITY HOURS!

Heal the Ocean will give Community Hours to any student who organizes a beach cleanup of at least 2-3 people (more is better!). All you have to do is:

- Pick a beach;
- Call Grant at the office (805) 965-7570 to request HTO t-shirts (free!);
- Clean your chosen beach of trash;
- Record what you've removed;
- Take a picture of your group (with trash bags) and e-mail photos & trash log to Grant@healtheocean.org.

A clean beach is a happy beach. Thank you!



Jesus Laredo and Perla Munoz cleaning East Beach at Milpas.

SPECIAL THANKS TO "HOT WHEELZ"

HTO gives a huge High Five to the group of Santa Barbara City College students who cooked up their own beach-cleaning project for a college class, and made a "Group 5 (Hot Wheelz)" power point presentation. This group not only picked up a lot of trash, but wrote a sweet thank you card to us. In their power point they inserted the statement: "Six people had made a substantial difference. Just think what 50 people could do, or even 100! Amen!"



*"Hot Wheelz":
Brandon Triguero,
Sawyer Campbell,
Sadye Terre, Asante
Lewis, Maddie Joyce
(not in that
particular order)*

SAVE THE DATE: HTO PARTY 9/29!

YES! HTO is going to party hearty! Music, bands, surprise performers, pizza, beer, wine, sangria (the "Curemos") drink! The details are being worked out now...THANK YOU, Heather Hudson Crummer, Shannon Trotta and Jacob Tell, for throwing yourselves into this sure-to-be-wild-and-whacky event where we can all get together again without robbing our bank accounts! Stay tuned to www.healtheocean.org for details, and/or watch your mailbox!



Heather Hudson Crummer – a winning smile, and planning a party!



NEW BUMPER STICKERS!

Hooray, hooray! Heal the Ocean has new bumper stickers that are smaller and cooler...9.5x2.25"...so now they don't wallpaper your entire bumper! Plus a reissue of our popular Curemos el Océano! sticker in the new, smaller size also. Also a 3x3" square model (in English). They are FREE! Call our office, or e-mail for yours! (805) 965-7570, info@healtheocean.org.

WE LOVE OUR INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISERS!

Heal the Ocean is so very thankful to those individuals and organizations who come up with their own ideas and fundraising plans to help us! It cannot be stated enough how valuable it is for a non-profit organization to be assisted in fundraising beyond all the necessary time given to this important part of business.

Santa Barbara Kids Magazine is a fantastic kid-friendly magazine, created by kids for kids in Santa Barbara, with a hard-working staff that sells ads to raise money not only to publish the magazine (distribution 10,000!) but to donate 100% of its proceeds to local charities of choice. A typical issue in a 2011 issue of SBKM featured interviews with local singer/songwriter Jack Johnson and actor James Franco, as well as articles about kids sharing their dreams and explaining why they choose to do what they love, whether playing in a band, skateboarding or raising money for charities. Heal the Ocean is deeply honored to be chosen by SBKM as one of the non-profits it donated to in 2011! We are literally blown away by the enormity of the gift, in that it is not only a sizeable amount, but represents such a large amount of work by these enterprising young people.



Santa Barbara Kids Magazine presents a total of \$6,300 to Heal the Ocean, the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation and Direct Relief International. From L to R: Sophie Haber, SBKM photographer; Logan Carmody, SBKM Chief Technology Officer; Kerri Murray, VP of Marketing, Communications and Development for Direct Relief International; Colette Hadley, Executive Director of the SB Scholarship Foundation; Hillary Hauser, Executive Director of Heal the Ocean; Skyler Matthews, SBKM Publisher, Sumner Matthews, SBKM Editor in Chief.

Thank you, **Sotheby's International Realty**, for choosing HTO once again as one of your Santa Barbara non-profits chosen share the proceeds of your one-year (2011) collection of a portion of your real estate commissions! We are honored to be chosen to share this most generous bounty with Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Transition House, CASA and Unity Shoppe! It is noteworthy, too, that Sotheby's is a strong global supporter of Conservation International to protect more than 20,000 acres of rainforest and more than 88 square miles of ocean.

Finally, thank you to the dear family of **Mike deGruy – Mimi, Max and Frances** – for choosing Heal the Ocean has one of three non-profits to send memorial donations to honor Mike. Please see the following pages of this newsletter to read the list of people who responded to this invitation – from all over the world!

We thank ALL of our donors, who contribute so generously to us! We cherish all of you. Because of you, we are able to do the work we do.



Sotheby's Senior Vice President Greg Tice (center) presents very generous donations from Sotheby's International realtors to HTO Executive Director Hillary Hauser, as well as to Foodbank, Transition House, CASA and Unity Shoppe.

OUR FABULOUS IMAGINARY GALA 2011!

Stay Home!

No driving necessary!

No attire required!

With these words, Heal the Ocean announced its Imaginary Gala 2011!



HTO Fantasy Chair Julia Louis-Dreyfus

With Julia Louis-Dreyfus serving as Fantasy Chair, HTO sent out invitations in July, 2011 invit-

ing supporters to take a night off and

have a "Gala Evening

at home with your

family and friends...

Reach into your HTO

Entertainment Bag for

an oceanic puzzle, an

adventure book, great

music by Jack Johnson or

watch a fantastic movie

about the ocean! And

then

help us by sending a

real donation!"

The response was

huge! We got letters

of laughter as well as "imaginary checks"

for a million dollars! We got thanks for

the "night off" and notes saying how

great it was not to miss the party!

The Imaginary Gala netted well beyond

our goal of \$100,000!

Heal the Ocean is deeply grateful to

the Brittingham Family Foundation for

giving us an immediate dose of cour-

age by buying a huge "Dream Table"

sponsorship of \$20,000! Scott & Ella

Brittingham said they doubled their

usual annual sponsorship because they

wanted to encourage all non-profits to

cut back on fancy annual galas.

We invite you to review the list of won-

derful supporters who bought Phantom

Tables, Unreal Tables, Mirage Tables

and Invisible Seats at our fantastic Non-

Event! These donors were celebrated in

full-page ads in both the Independent

and Montecito Journal during the

week our flags went up on State Street,

August 18-29, 2011.



(This is the most unreal party we've ever had!)

No one showed up! The valets went virtual! The table decorations were a dream!

The band was unheard of! The auction was unreal!

And HTO met our goal – we raised \$100,000! (plus!)

We give deep thanks to the generous sponsors who made our funnyraising so successful!



"HTO is and always will be our favorite!"

PHANTOM-DREAM TABLE

Stan & Cheryl Tomchin
Tomchin Family Charitable Foundation

PHANTOM TABLE

Anonymous
Rae & Dan Emmett
Bill, Pam, & Lily Poehler
Poehler-Stremel Charitable Trust

FANTASY-PHANTOM TABLE

Keith & Heather Hudson Crummer
Roy E. Crummer Foundation
Brian & Laurence Hodges
WWW Foundation

INVISIBLE SEATS (Multiple)

Anonymous
Peter & Becky Adams
Cooper Allebrand/Turpin Family Foundation
Lee Bacon
Brian & Carrie Chee
Aubert & Pamela de Villaine
Robert & Christine Emmons
Jed & Kathy Hirsch
Melissa & Christian Riparetti-Stepien
Sam & Sherilyn Scranton
Paul & Evan Turpin
Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
Travis Turpin
Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
Cricket Wingfield

INVISIBLE SEATS

Cotty & Isabella Chubb
Rich & Krista Coffin
Bernard & Joan Fried
Sarah Jane Lind
Frank Meister
William Otto, D.V.M.
Susan M. Powers
Ed & Karen Shiffman
Virginia Sloan
Sander & Virginia Vanocur
Donna vonHoesslin
Daniel & Paula Waldman
Alex & Gina Ziegler

DREAM TABLE

Ella & Scott Brittingham
Brittingham Family Foundation

FANTASY TABLE

Susan O'Connor
in honor of Cricket Wingfield
Julia Louis-Dreyfus & Brad Hall
Hall Charitable Trust
James & Francoise Park

UNREAL TABLE

Henry & Nanette Nevins

MIRAGE TABLE

Anonymous (2)
David & Lyn Anderson
Philip & Leslie Bernstein

MAKE BELIEVE SEATS (Multiple)

Ann Smead & Michael Byram
Allyn McLerie & George Gaynes
William Hildreth
Deborah Monroe
Victoria Pauley
Dr. Bob Saunders
in memory of "Busted" the Cat
Christine Schlumberger
Ken & Elizabeth Slaughter
Hunter Turpin
Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
Polly & George Turpin
Turpin Family Charitable Foundation

MAKE BELIEVE SEATS

Adam & Penny Bianchi
Stephen & Maria Black
Inga & Jack Canfield
Martha Clyde
Sue & J. W. Colin
Wendy Foster
Mark Schildhauer & Joyce Gauvain
Karen Ingram
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Shawn & Paula Stussy
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Susan Venable & Charles Vinick
Judy & George Writer

Heal the Ocean would like to thank these additional donors who gave to us while our Imaginary Gala was in progress! (All future donors will be acknowledged in HTO's print newsletter)

JoAnne Adams
Ann Todhunter Brode
Vincent & Deborah Burns
Tomaso & Irene Falzone
in memory of Marie Falzone
Stanton Foster
Jeffrey Hayden & Eva Marie Saint
Paul Maienza
Ronald & Roberta Nye
Kendra Peterson
Kathy Snow & Bendy White
Cricket Wingfield



"Thanks for the free evening!"

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 January 2011 to the present. 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.

\$30,000 and up

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Brittingham Family Foundation

\$15,000 - \$29,999

Anonymous
Stan & Cheryl Tomchin/
Tomchin Family Charitable Foundation

\$10,000 - \$14,999

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Dan & Rae Emmett
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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Yvon & Malinda Chouinard/
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WWW Foundation
Jodie Ireland/
The LOJO Foundation
in memory of Mike deGruy
Susan O'Connor
in honor of Cricket Wingfield

\$3,000 - \$4,999

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Nevins/Lewbel Property Mgmt.
Santa Barbara Kids Magazine
Sotheby's International Realty Foundation
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in memory of Mike deGruy

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in memory of Mike deGruy
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Adam & Kara Rhodes/
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Susan & Carl Robertson
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in honor of Jim Ryerson
Peter & Nini Seaman/
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Olivia Erschen & Steve Starkey
Steele Family Foundation
in loving memory of Mike deGruy
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Moms in Motion

\$500 - \$999

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in memory of Mike deGruy
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Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
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Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
Travis Turpin/
Turpin Family Charitable Foundation
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The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara
Cricket Wingfield
in memory of Mike deGruy

\$250 - \$499

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in memory of Mike deGruy
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The memory of these wonderful people and their pets, lives on in our hearts as we work for the ocean they all loved.

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IN MEMORIAM: MIKE deGRUY 1951 - 2012

The news was cruel to us on February 3, 2012, when we heard Mike deGruy had gone down in a terrible helicopter crash in Australia. He was working on a *National Geographic*/James Cameron expedition that was to take Cameron to the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Just recently, the whole world watched that dive, as historic as Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, and we watched Cameron as he emerged from the submersible that took him to the deepest spot in the ocean.

Mike was supposed to be there, celebrating with everybody aboard the support ship. It just wasn't right that he wasn't there – and it's not right that he isn't here with us today. It seems impossible.

Mike was loved by everybody. He was kind, and he was generous with his good will. He had come to Heal the Ocean in our beginning years and said, "I want to help!", and by 2005 he was on the HTO Advisory Board. For a lot of organizations, being on the advisory board can be an inactive position, but Mike would call and assist. He was a backup diver on our earliest dives on a sewer outfall that involved a big NOAA ship and the *Deep Rover* submersible. He called and came by when controversy broke out, eager to resolve conflict, always gentle, always kind (yes, it involved the Miramar Hotel project).

Mike loved the ocean and would do anything for it. So did his wife, Mimi Armstrong deGruy, whom he met when she was an associate producer for Ted Turner making a film about the American Trust Territories in the Pacific. They decided to hire a Hawaiian crew rather than bring a crew from Atlanta, and Mike got the call. The two of



them were the Pair of the Century. How Mimi is dealing with this tragic, sudden loss is something all of her friends wonder about day after day. Their wonderful children, Max and Frances, are in our hearts every day, too.

Mike was director of photography for a gazillion films and series about ocean animals, he worked for *National Geographic*, PBS, he worked with BBC and David Attenborough and James Cameron and Turner Broadcasting. He received numerous awards for his ocean work. His most acclaimed footage includes: 1) Enormous orcas attacking sea lions in the frozen north – giant, incredible, wild, and awful footage, with Mike in the frozen water amid the sea lions (!); 2) A tiny yellow pufferfish blowing itself up when suddenly attacked by an eel – blowing and finning while the

eel works on gulping it down until...until...the pufferfish gets away!
3) A shark grabbing an albatross, the bird getting more mangled as the shark keeps chomping, until the bird repositions itself and suddenly gets away!

Oh, Mike! Like the pufferfish and the albatross you should have gotten away from the jaws of the tragedy that took you from us. What can we do? We promise to look after Mimi, Max and Frances. We will do our best to express the positive attitude and enthusiasm you always gave to others. We will celebrate you in November 2012 in Las Vegas, when the American Academy of Underwater Arts & Sciences gives you the highly esteemed NOGI Award for Distinguished Service.

Above all, Mike, we will never forget you.



Mike deGruy AWARDS

NOGI Award for Distinguished Service, 2012
Creative Community – Best Host, 2006
Best Presenter/Host – International Wildlife Film Festival 2004
National EMMY for Cinematography, 2002
BAFTA Award for Cinematography, 2002
CINE Golden Eagle (2) 2002
CINE Special Jury Award, 2002
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CINE Golden Eagle, 2000
Ciclo Internacional De Cine Submarino Festival –
Primo Especial Award, 2000
Int'l Electronic Cinema Festival – Astrolabium Award for
Cinematography, 2000
Valle d'Aosta Int'l Film Festival – Airone Prize, 1997
CINE Golden Eagle, 1996
Wildscreen International Wildlife Film Festival, Panda –
Underwater Innovation, 1996

Festival Mondial, Antibes, Palme D'Argent, 1996
US International Film Festival, Gold Camera Award, 1996
Missoula International Film Festival, Cinematography Award, 1996
International CINDY, Gold Award, 1996
National EMMY 1996
BAFTA Award for Cinematography, 1995
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BAFTA Award for Cinematography, 1994
The New York Festivals, Bronze Award, 1993
Missoula International Film Festival, 2 Merit Awards, 1993
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