As the times change, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation and Discovery Center continue to meta-morph with the needs and wants of the community. From transitioning to virtual nature learning experiences to safely reopening, we are excited to run the Discovery Camps again this summer. We are confident in our abilities to provide a fun, educational, and safe camp for kids that allows them to learn, experience, and grow their relationship with nature. (continued on page 3)
The Buzz

Upcoming Events

At the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation

Events

Discovery Gala 2020,
August 29th 5:30pm.
More information coming soon

Lagoona Kahuna Team Challenge:
September 18th 11am – 2pm
@ California Watersports
4215 Harrison Street, Carlsbad CA 92008

New

Preschool Playdates Program
Inviting all children ages 3 to 5 to join Miss Emily on:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
from 9:30am-12:30pm for
nature themed lessons and activities!

Each day will include environmental
education and literacy, a craft made from
recycled materials, outdoor play and more.

Amazing Animals
June 30th, July 1st & 2nd, July 7th-9th

Our Feathered Friends
July 21st- 23rd

The Deep Blue Sea
July 28th-30th

What Grows from Seeds?
August 11th-13th

Under the Stars
August 18th-20th

Kids Klub:
We invite all children
ages 4-12 to join our monthly
Kids Klub meetings.

Each month the themes and
activities will change,
but the exploration and fun
will remain the same.

Visit our webpage for
pricing and details.
www.aguahedionda.org/kids-klub

June:
How Does Your Garden Grow?
Saturday, June 13th at 9am-10:15am
Tuesday, June 16th at 9:am -10:15am
Thursday, June 18th at 1pm-2:15pm
(Virtual via Zoom)

July:
Animal Adaptations
Saturday July 11th 9am – 10:15am
Tuesday July 14th 9am – 10:15am
Thursday July 16th 3:30 – 4:45pm
(Virtual via Zoom)

August:
Bird Friendly Backyard
Saturday August 8th 9am – 10:15am
Tuesday August 11th 9am – 10:15am
Thursday August 13th 3:30 – 4:45pm
(Virtual via Zoom)
We had great success in partnering with the Carlsbad Educational Foundation’s Enrichment Camps for kids of essential workers. This opportunity was an alternate solution for parents working in essential sectors to help families manage their student’s care during the recent district-wide closure. During the four weeks of camp, students participated in small group educational activities and various outdoor experiences. The Carlsbad Educational Foundation employees supported students’ academic needs through live virtual classes with their teachers and engaging lessons to keep their minds sharp. In the afternoon, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation teachers provided students with environmental and STEAM related hands-on interaction. We are grateful for the opportunity with the Carlsbad Educational Foundation in continuing to be able to support and develop the future generations of environmental stewards during the necessary closure.

Moving forward, our Discovery Camps will follow the same model, providing campers with enriching environmental activities in small groups limited to twelve kids. At this time, we have three different weeks of camp programs available. Families can sign up for Green Week, June 22-26, Kingdom Animalia Week, July 13-17, or Life Around the Lagoon Week, August 3-7. During Green Week, campers will learn all about recycling, reusing, reducing, and how to care for the environment. Then, during Kingdom Animalia, campers will learn all about biological classification. During the final week, Life Around the Lagoon, campers will learn about native flora and fauna and indigenous peoples. Discovery Summer Camp is open to kids in preschool through sixth grade and they are organized into groups by grade level. Being a nature center, camp takes place outside in our educational nodes which all have seats and shade. Registration is open on our website: www.aguahedionda.org/discovery-camp. Spots are filling up quickly! Families and kids are eager to be back outside at their go-to community clubhouse! Last, but certainly not least, we will ensure evolving CDC guidelines are integrated into our program as safety is at the forefront of our practices. We look forward to you meta-morphing with us as we develop, transform, and adapt our new and existing programs creating unforgettable nature experiences this summer!

By Cierra Russo, Director of Education
We are grateful for the support of new and returning members of the foundation. This list includes all new members and renewing members received through June 4, 2020.

Names in red refer to members from 2009-2019 consecutively and names in blue refer to members from 2014-2019 consecutively.

*Please note that misspellings of names may occur. If this is the case, please accept our apologies and let us know so that it will be corrected.

**AMERICAN AVOCETS** $2500
- Hilton Grand Vacations Club at MarBrisa
- Poseidon Channelside
- SDG&E

**PRESERVER** $1000
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- Edward Jones– Darcy Wolfe
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**RED TAIL HAWK $500**

**BROWN PELICAN $250**
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STEWARD $100

FAMILY $60

INDIVIDUAL LAGOONATIC $50
A Message from the C.E.O.

By Lisa Rodman, Chief Executive Officer

“Gregor Samsa wakes in his bed and discovers he has transformed into a giant bug. Wondering what has happened, he looks around his small room, where everything appears normal. He sees the fabric samples that he uses in his job as a traveling salesman, a picture of a woman in furs that he tore out of a magazine and framed, and the rain dripping down outside his window. He tries to roll over and go back to sleep in order to forget about what has happened, but because of the shape of his back, he can only rock from side to side.

_The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka_

Our world was turned upside down during this meta-morph-ing phase of life, so we committed to emerging a better version of ourselves here at the Discovery Center. Like the character in the excerpt above, Gregor, transformed into a giant bug overnight, we brought nature education into a virtual reality to continue inspiring the future lagoon stewards. There are several new programs that we hope inspire you!
Along our journey we have created multiple offerings. *Agua A Day* is a TV-like show on our very own YouTube channel. It is broken into small segments of teachable moments from our teachers here at the Discovery Center. My personal favorite is our *Grand Pelicans* that help connect intergenerationally through a Zoom call. Whether we are all asked to shelter in place, or we just have a bit of distance between families, these recycled inspired crafts are fun, friendly and give families an opportunity to create their magic together. We offer the *Grand Pelican* program as part of our membership here and for those that aren’t a part of our Agua family yet we have a nominal suggested donation of $5.00.

With so many organizations creating virtual nature experiences we decided to help our members and beyond by consolidating them all onto a resource page with several of “our favorites” therefore creating a “virtual one stop nature collective.” Part of the morphing for us was to create an opportunity for parents to break out of their cocoon into teachers of nature.

This is the inspiration behind Agua Apprentices: we filmed a step-by-step, do-it-yourself, nature-exploring learning and created lessons for all to enjoy; we even created levels of completion and awards for each individual’s success.

Like the book *The Metamorphosis* our “meta-morph-ing with us” would not be complete without creating our popular *Kids Klub* in a virtual setting. We now are holding both “Live” and “Virtual” *Kids Klub* meetings monthly. We believe our Discovery Center has a bright future and we hope our hands-on learning activities continue to inspire the future lagoon stewards for an additional 30 years.

Celebrating 30 years as a foundation inspires us even in this absurd and chaotic time to emerge from our chrysalis state into a butterfly that is majestically resilient in its transformation. After all, Our Members Make It Happen! Please accept this invitation to logon to our website (aguahedionda.org) and enjoy the many additional new pages we’ve added helping to continue our mission forward. **Thanks for morphing with us!**
This quarter, we recognize Andy Hughes as the Donor of the Quarter for the Watermark Summer edition. Andy has been a long-time volunteer, supporter, member, and friend of the Foundation. He enjoys building projects and making capital improvements to the Discovery Center. Most recently, Andy redid the kitchen flooring inside the Discovery Center. He purchased the materials and installed them himself. The kitchen looks bright, refined, and beautiful thanks to his handy work. Some of Andy’s previous works include the Discovery Center Front Desk, kitchen backsplash and cabinets, and shelving for the animal ambassador exhibits. Thank you, Andy, for continually meta-morphing the Discovery Center into a beautiful community clubhouse.
Celebrate your Birthday with Agua Hedionda and the Discovery Center Animal Ambassadors virtually!

We will bring the “interaction” to you through ZOOM, where you will meet our animal ambassadors and more! Invite your friends (up to 8 individuals) and all can participate! This is a 45 minute facilitated interaction.

For more information contact
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Merriam Webster’s Dictionary defines the verb **morph** as “to change form or character”. In our COVID-19 world, morph, adapt, change and transform, are all verbs each person, business, and institution are learning to exhibit. During our closure in April due to COVID-19, we had only one team member onsite at a time (to keep our animal ambassadors fed and cared for), one critter care volunteer, and a whole lot of needs.
Red Tides, in essence, are harmful algae blooms. Carlsbad, and much of Southern California, experienced this month-long bloom in April and May, and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon was no exception. Most think the red tide is purely the blue neon glow of the crashing waves you can view from the beaches and boulevards at night. This phenomenon is due to tiny phytoplankton organisms called dinoflagellates that react with bioluminescence when jostled by the moving water. According to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, “Where the wave crashes onto the shore, as it rolls over, that’s where the turbulence is highest”. Thus, creating the beautiful neon blue hues pictured over the course of the month. But the Red Tide has a very shocking side effect evidenced during the day:

Because the red tide was so widespread and lengthy, many of the fish, eel, shark and ray species died in the lagoon. This is caused by the anoxic conditions the red tide creates, where much of the natural inhabitants can’t survive. This resulted in thousands of dead species washed ashore on our Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation and City of Carlsbad trails. In a time of social-distancing and stay-at-home orders from Covid-19, many brave volunteers acted during trying times to clean up the shores. They morphed into our “Agua Super Heroes” to help us in a time of need, when our Discovery Center was closed and our future unclear. We thank our courageous volunteers who cleaned up approximately 33 bags of dead specimens to help the community, residents and patrons of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.
Hospice of the North Coast celebrates 40 years of our Commitment to Compassionate Care

Join us at this year’s events:

April 4th
3rd Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration at Army Navy Academy

May 17th
40th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Butterfly Release at The Flower Fields of Carlsbad

December 3rd
40th Annual Light Up a Life Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony at The Flower Fields of Carlsbad
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My experience with Megan listing and selling my home (in less than 48 hours) was incredible. Her professional demeanor and knowledge of the market can’t be beat. She was so thorough and timely with paperwork that it made the transaction very smoothly. Not only is she a fabulous agent, she is kind and always had my best interest in mind. I would highly recommend her.

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Stacy Hall is recognized as the Board Member of the Quarter for the Summer edition of the Watermark for her tremendous fundraising efforts in helping the Foundation meta-morph after losing 80% of its revenue from closing due to COVID-19. Stacy took it upon herself to personally fundraise and is currently submitting a matching funds grant from her employer. She recognized the resources she had to help, planned, and went into action. We thank Stacy for meta-morphing with us to sustain some of the AHLF’s lost revenue from our educational programs, rentals and daily visitors with a new grant opportunity.

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We are known here for our Academy of Environmental Stewardship Program and have served many classrooms, teachers, and students from across San Diego County. As many of you know, these different programs continued to be successful as students explored the world around them. Over the past nine years we have carefully cultivated and morphed our academy into a hands-on nature education program. Just like many natural cycles, this hands-on program has morphed and changed due in part to Covid-19. In March, as San Diego and the rest of the world pressed pause on school programs and classroom field trips, we paused and reevaluated how to support our community through these changes.
Even though our doors were literally closed, we never stopped brainstorming. As a team, an idea was born: Awesome Agua Animals. Our animal ambassadors are one of the many draws to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, so why not take them online? We designed a program where four of our animal ambassadors would join an online classroom, the students could learn about their behaviors and adaptations. Students have been able to ask any questions they have about the animals, and share some of the animals they have at home! Although students are not able to meet animals in person, they are able to observe our animals’ habits and see how amazing and important all types of animals are.

**Our Awesome Agua Animals program** was brought to 57 virtual classrooms from 15 different school districts and organizations including two Girl Scout Troops. We thank all the teachers who joined our virtual programs, the parents for helping their children through distance learning, and all who have supported the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation during these changing times.

By Emily Bonds, Programs Coordinator
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This quarter, we recognize Anne Shute as the Volunteer of the Quarter. Anne has been a volunteer for the past 6 years caring for all the Discovery Center animal ambassadors. She has meta-morphed with us, continuing to volunteer throughout the necessary closure of the Discovery Center, safely caring for the animals who call the Discovery Center home. Countless times, Team Agua has said “we do not know what we would do without her.” She is a past recipient of volunteer of the year, we are incredibly grateful and appreciative of all that Anne does in helping the AHLF soar.
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Come on by to the Carlsbad Lagoon.

We have everything from standup paddle boards to electric speedboats. It’s a great family friendly environment and has equipment that everyone will enjoy.

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Piper the Pig Pop-Ins!

Looking for a guest to join your Business Zoom Meetings or Happy Hours?

Piper the Pig would like to “Pop-In”! Piper is a three-year-old miniature Juliana pig, and a perfect addition to your business and corporate ZOOM meetings for added entertainment, laughter, and insight into having a pet pig!

For $25, Cierra Russo (Director of Education at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, and Piper’s mom), will pop into your ZOOM meeting for 10 minutes to share a virtual laugh. Piper will be fed, and feel free to ask questions as she snorts her way into your meeting.

For availability and booking, email Cierra@aguahedionda.org.

Native Animal Spotlight:
The Quino Checkerspot Butterfly

Butterflies are among some of the most beautiful and diverse kinds of insects on the planet. One of my personal favorites is the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly, an endangered species native to Southern California and Baja. The Quino Checkerspot is a medium sized butterfly, with wings that resemble a brown, yellow, and red checkerboard. Their wings are covered in thin scales that give them their color. Their caterpillars are hairy, with an orange and blue stripe down the center of their back. They were once an abundant and extremely common species, but urban development, invasive species, unauthorized trash dumping, fire, and many other threats have caused much of their scrub land habitat to be destroyed or otherwise uninhabitable, and their range and population has declined rapidly. Quino Checkerspot adults eat nectar, while their caterpillars eat the leaves of the Indian Paintbrush plant. This butterfly does not migrate, and they mate and lay eggs around March and April. The Quino Checkerspot Butterfly is a rare and amazing butterfly, and we need to save them by being more ecologically minded.

By Aiden Bolstad, 12 year old volunteer
June Scavenger Hunt!

Explore in and around your own space! Circle what you see and when you are done, send us a picture of you and your completed scavenger hunt to accounts@aguahedionda.org!

A lizard  Purple Flowers  Mallard Duck

A mushroom  Pick up one piece of trash!  A grasshopper

A plant with red berries  A hummingbird  An animal burrow

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