As Fall begins to flourish and the weather starts to cool down, we find ourselves reminiscing about all the adventures we had this summer and the fun that is to come this school year.

Summer at the Discovery Center consisted of seven weeks of camp. Each day 36 campers, Kindergarten – Fifth Grade, participated in nature hikes, science-based curriculum, crafts, games, animal interactions and more. From playdough making, bird house painting and extracting strawberry DNA, everyday brought a new adventure. We shined a spotlight on honoring the Earth and inspiring future stewards of the environment by using recycled materials and materials found in nature for our crafts and projects. Some of our favorite science inspired activities included making lava lamps, testing the solubility of ice with different solutions, and making diagrams of the earth.

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This summer we also had the pleasure of partnering with The San Diego Foundation to provide two, one-week coastal exploration camps. Through those two weeks 60 students, who had no formal coastal experience, traveled from San Diego to our very own Agua Hedionda Lagoon. The campers had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities around the lagoon, including hiking and kayaking. During these activities students visited a different section of the local lagoon/shoreline/coast/watershed every day and truly explored the coast. The campers participated in hands on learning with lessons focused on Watershed and Hydrology, Coastal Ecology and Flora and Fauna in the ecological reservations surrounding the lagoon. Campers also had several opportunities to learn how to operate an Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle, (uROV) to see beneath the shoreline. This provided a unique experience to explore terrestrial ecosystems on the coast and view underwater communities in a fun way. An uROV is a small remote-controlled submarine with multiple underwater cameras and monitoring devices. Campers were able to see the underwater feed through multiple video screens and virtual-reality goggles. Virtual reality goggles provided 360-degree monitoring. After a full week of exploring the lagoon via hiking and underwater viewing, the campers had the opportunity to get out on the water via kayak with California Watersports. This allowed the students to explore the lagoon and the places they had been throughout the week through a different lens. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to share our great outdoors with these incredible students that otherwise may have never had the opportunity to explore the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

Now, as fall unfolds, the Discovery Center is flourishing with our Preschool Playdate students and our Academy of Environmental Stewardship students! We are excited to welcome back the schools for another great year of hands-on environmental education!

To book field trips, please contact Emily Bonds at emily.bonds@aguahedionda.org.
The theme Flourishing in Fall comes directly from how our members have continued to support our growth this last quarter. We cannot thank you enough for your commitment to be Stewards of the Watershed. To show you how much we care, September was dedicated as Membership Appreciation Month.

This month included discounts at Columbia, a private tour of Leon Raymond Hubbs Junior Marine Fish Hatchery, a giveback night at Shake Shack in Carlsbad, and an oyster/mussel tasting with wine at the Carlsbad Aquafarm. The Hubbs Hatchery Tour gave a group of members a chance to see the impact they make firsthand. Hubbs incredible guide, Karen, educated members on the innovative techniques and detail-oriented processes that allows them to produce over 350,000 juvenile white seabass annually. Since the Hatchery first opened, they have released about 2.7 million white seabass into the wild. The Agua Hedionda Lagoon, in fact, serves as one of their outgroups where the fish can transition to life outside the tanks in a protected space and then eventually take the plunge into the open waters. After a group photo, members made their way back to Garfield Street reveling at the intricacy of the operation and surprised, once again, at how important our local lagoon is in helping ecosystems and life to flourish.

The ever-generous Shake Shack in Carlsbad has our wealth of gratitude for hosting a giveback night and doing their part to ensure the Agua Hedionda Lagoon remains a safe and healthy space for all. Members were delighted as they watched their opportunities tumble around in the raffle ticket drum. As they reached in to find their fortune, members would uncover their prize: a menu freebie including the coveted Shack Burger, Root Beer Float and fries! With full bellies, members retreated home, excitement brewing for the next giveback night.

A celebration of Membership Appreciation Month would not be complete without a special sundowner. To kick off the evening, members visited the beverage stand where our lovely COO, Samantha Richter, stood by to provide the happy hour. An assortment of Pegasus wines was on offer, to be paired with the freshest mussels and oysters available in the city supplied by the Carlsbad Aquafarm! An incredibly special offering exclusive to this evening and the AHLF members enjoying it, since the other 364 days in the year there is no alcohol permitted at the venue! In groups of 10-12 people each, members had the opportunity of an in-depth exploration of the premier aquaculture taking place daily at the Carlsbad Aquafarm. Learning the nitty-gritty details of what it takes to produce over 2 million pounds of oysters and mussels annually, members were able to understand the amazing symbiotic relationship of the Aquafarm with the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. To bring the evening to a close, members were treated with some groovy tunes and dancing as the sun set on September.

By Haile Brant, Manager of Individual Giving and Special Events
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 10-1-2022.
We apologize for any misspellings or errors in member acknowledgment. Please let us know if you see a mistake to your recognition.

**AMERICAN AVOCETS $2500**
Hilton Grand Vacations Club at MarBrisa  
NRG Energy Inc.  
Poseidon Water  
SDG&E San Diego Gas & Electric

**PRESERVER $1000**
7- Eleven - Oak Street  
Believe in Signs  
Brubaker & Associates  
Carlsbad Seapointe Resort  
CleverMade  
Hunter Industries  
Law Offices of Borg & Norris  
Thermo Fisher Scientific

**DEFENDER $500**
Ara’s Party Rentals  
Bristol Cove Property HOA  
Edward Jones - Darcy Wolfe  
Grand Pacific Resorts  
AT&T  
Stifel Nicolaus - Gary Endres  
The Silva Group - Lynnell Talone-Honda  
Three Lagoons Realty  
Vigilucci’s Restaurant Group  
Waste Management  
Wiegand Realty

**PROTECTOR $250**
Advanced Brokers Insurance Services  
Carlsbad Educational Foundation  
Carlsbad Garden Club  
Cavanaugh Properties, Inc.  
Develop Your Team  
EcoWater SoCal  
Empower Print  
Engel & Volkers Carlsbad  
Farmhouse Catering  
First Citizens Bank  
Harmany.ai  
NuSpine Chiropractic  
Polished Images  
Sunset Bay Candy  
Terramar H.O.A.

**FRIEND $100**
Friend Business Membership  
Clean Air Specialist  
Design Grotto  
Edward Jones  
Hospice of the North Coast  
Coldwell Banker - Lynette Fox  
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Yoga Your Way  
Melanie Robertson Photography  
Santianna Oakmont Signature Living  
Senior Care Options Placement and Consulting  
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**LIFE MEMBERS**
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Bruce Bandemer  
Judy & Kent Bricker  
California's Own Native Landscape Design  
Component Concepts  
Bonnie Dominguez  
Debra Douglas  
Ramona Finnila  
Randi Fjaeran  
Alexandra Govorova  
Genie Hansen  
Denise & Gary Hill  
Sara Huber  
Inger Huber  
Carol & Tom King  
Judith & Wesley Marx  
Jeanne & Robert McFadden  
Mario Monroy  
Jim Naegeli  
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Hunter Phillips  
Carlsbad Country Day School  
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Robert Wilkinson  
Barbara & Thomas Wood

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**BRONZE: $30 QUARTERLY ($120 ANNUALLY)**

**GREAT BLUE HERON $2500**
Karen Bond . Andrew Hughes

**SNOWY EGRET $1000**
Leah Bissonette & Robert Hemphill . Joann & John Johnson

**RED TAIL HAWK $500**

**BROWN PELICAN $250**
With climate change as a significant challenge facing the health of our planet, taking action in a meaningful and educational way is what drives the AHLF programing. And while it will take many innovations and people working together to create a sustainable impact, we here at Agua believe this year we are particularly flourishing in Fall due to the following program(s).

On Arbor day we launched our pilot program of “Foster Family’s” tree initiative. We energized our families, to become a part of our call to action and after giving them a lesson, take Torrey seedlings home to nurture them until the fall planting season was here. We had our visionary volunteer George Wever whose brainchild this was check-in, do site visits, communicate directly with the families through letters, emails, phone calls and text messages. We wanted to support our families who had chosen this journey with us. The fact is many of the young seedlings don’t survive and we set out to create a path forward for more of the trees to thrive; George said if we hit 50%, we could consider this a monumental success. On Indigenous People Day, Monday October 10th the seedlings came back to the center. Research supports that trees are proven, affordable, and a natural way, that can be implemented quickly, to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere every day. With this initiative we welcome many new trees here at the Discovery Center, as well as Hubbs trail. We also partnered with a few neighboring entities and a local Girl Scout troop to join in on the effort. These kinds of collaborations are important for this initiative to be effective.

Thermo Fisher Scientific also got involved with the Torrey Tree seedling program. One of our local schools visited the center for their fieldtrip last April and they all experienced a STEM lesson from Thermo Fisher Scientific, spearheaded by our own board member, Linda Hammond PH.D. After the lessons, AHLF gave instructions to the onsite elementary teachers and they in turn sent the information home with each family.

In late August, we had set out to achieve a new milestone here by having our first ever family gala (The Aggua Family Fun Fest). We decided one of the outcomes of the event was to teach replicable and lasting lessons to our attendees. We partnered with The Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians and SDG&E for our next round of “Foster Family’s” for trees. The trees were also returned here on October 10th. The trees will remain at the Discovery Center in our outdoor nursery until event day.

Being a part of something bigger is what our members have embraced yet again.
We have a tree delivery scheduled on December 3rd and at the time of publication, the event will run from 10:30AM-1PM. Again, these families were taught to watch, nurture and water as they allowed the trees to mature in a protected environment. As all the details continue to be defined our team here and some of our families intend to carpool out to the Rincon reservation to deliver the native trees; Cottonwood, Sycamore and Baby Oak. In closing, we hope you are inspired and energized to flourish in fall.
Floating hands popped out of a spooky Champagne Wall greeting guests with a toast of their arrival. The halls of the newly turned Haunted Mansion featured tons of Addams Family inspired fun. The Pollinator Garden was home to our tarot card reader who happily provided her insights of the future to our believers seeking her wisdom. Homemade seed pods could also be seen flying off into the open space as this area also served as the platform for our Gomez’s Rooftop Golf activity, supported by Taylor Made Driver’s.

The Great Room, acting as Gomez’s Study, became a lounge featuring indulgent offerings of Maker’s Mark and Henebery whiskey tastings as well as a Payne and Mason cigar station featuring a hand-rolled cigar demonstration. The perfect Gentlemen’s escape, Gomez approved! Nature Node #6 was a dead man’s party for the night, complete with tombstones created by talented local artists at our surrounding high schools and a cemetery bar so no party goer would risk dying of thirst. The liveliest center

For the first time since 2012, we hosted the Discovery Gala at our very own Discovery Center.
of the night had to be our ballroom and dancefloor combo located in Nature Node #1 and the surrounding area. Farmhouse catering delighted guests with food that was to die for! Gratitude was the attitude during dinner as our speakers took the time to thank all our incredible sponsors, shine a spotlight on our honorees the wonderful John and Carole Sanders, and celebrate our volunteer of the year, the lovely Shell Durham. Atomic Groove had attendees dancing the night away as the evening came to a kooky spooky end. A monumental day to be sure as we also hosted our very first Aggua Family Fun Fest this year, the family friendly event preceding the Gala. Kids enjoyed an exciting slime experiment hosted by Thermo Fisher Scientific, an informative Raptor meet and greet with Morticia and Celerity, a talented magician and many other fun activities. 120 people joined us for the fun! It was a perfect way to start this event filled day.


Approximately 200 attendees joined us to make this night a truly memorable experience.

Blast off with us for the 2023 Discovery Gala – DC Superheroes – August 26, 2023
So Nice, We Had to Have it Twice!

Although our annual Lagoona Kahuna event took place last May, when Chelsea Investments and Emmerson Construction told us they wanted in on the action, we couldn’t refuse! A special offshoot event for their company took place on September 15th with almost 80 people divided between eight competing teams. At stake, of course, was the legendary Big Kahuna Paddle, a trophy of glory awarded to the team with the most points at the end of the day’s activities.

To kick off this fun filled event, participants collected their custom AHLF shirts with their company logos to show off their lagoon pride! Pizza Port Pizza and beer were an incredible ice breaker to the day, helping people to gather and get to know their teams. We were gifted with gorgeous 80-degree weather that day, so of course we had to make sure Handel’s was there to offer some tasty ice cream to cool participants down and give them the sugar rush necessary for the next item on the itinerary. After the eat and greet, participants were debriefed on the plan for the day.

Teams 1-4 began the competition by setting forth in kayaks and stand-up paddle boards to scour the lagoon for trash and help us clean up this incredible watershed. Meanwhile, Teams 5-8 tested their brains and brawn with a word game, a memory game and blindfolded cornhole. Some impressive records were set and the bar was high for the teams coming back from trash collection. Once all teams had completed both the games portion and cleanup portion of the day, it was time to tally up the points. Team 5 was declared Lagoona Kahuna’s Big Kahuna. Their accomplishments were impressive: 96 pounds of trash collected, an outstanding blindfolded cornhole record of 24 seconds, a memory game feat of 4:38 seconds, the longest piece of trash collected at 10.5 feet, the second heaviest pieces of trash collected at 50 pounds and one of the most interesting pieces of trash collected: a weathervane. The Agua Hedionda Lagoon was the biggest winner of the day however, with The Chelsea Investments and Emmerson Construction teams 1-8 cleaning up 49 bags and over 470 pounds of trash! The most unique piece of trash found that day was half of a Roomba Vacuum cleaner and the heaviest piece of trash weighed in at a whopping 80 lbs.

We have so much gratitude for the efforts and excitement displayed by these dedicated lagoon lovers and cannot thank them enough for selecting this event to both enjoy some team bonding opportunities and keep our lagoon safe and clean for all! The Lagoon itself is Flourishing into Fall in large part to this clean-up effort. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors, Pizza Port and California WaterSports, without them none of this would have been possible. Join us for the annual Lagoona Kahuna event in 2023! Everyone can participate! From small businesses to large corporations to individuals and families, come one, come all to celebrate and maintain our beautiful Agua Hedionda Lagoon!

By Haile Brant, Manager of Individual Giving and Special Events
Dear Members

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world”. When I read this quote, I think about our members. Our members strive to leave the world a better place through their support and generosity. Transitioning through seasons has its challenges, but when you have fantastic supporters like our members, something challenging transforms to something prosperous. Flourishing to us means carrying out our mission, to energize the community through education and outreach to preserve the lagoon as a healthy and accessible Watershed. Members, you are extraordinarily supportive and we thank you for your desire to help us succeed in our venture. Fall in love with the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation and become a member today where you too can help us flourish!

Madison Coleman, Engagement Manager

We Love Our Volunteers!

As the new Education/Volunteer Manager, I am so excited and humbled to be working alongside such giving people here at Agua Hedionda. I look forward to meeting all our wonderful current and new volunteers in the coming weeks and helping continue to create a welcoming, respectful, and fun environment, where members of the community want to spend their free time. Our volunteers are our helping hands here at the Discovery Center. The Center would not and could not flourish the way it does without the countless hours our generous community members have contributed. Thank you again to everyone who dedicates their time to being Stewards of the Watershed. As AHLF continues to flourish this Fall we are in need of more and more volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me directly at carly.shields@aguahedionda.org

By Carly Shields, Education/Volunteer Manager

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November 29, 2022

4 Ways To Give

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   Head to our website or text DONATE To 760-227-2708 to contribute

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   Head to our website to choose your animal(s) and fill out the form

3. Pizza Port Giveback Night
   PRINT the flyer and join us for pizza and beer on November 29th and 20% will go back to AHLF ~ flyer coming soon

4. Buy From Our Amazon Wish List
   Head to our website for the link to our lists!

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Our Members Make It Happen!

Carlsbad Strawberry Company

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation recognizes the Carlsbad Strawberry Company (CSC) as our Business of the Quarter for the Fall 2022 Edition of the Quarterly Watermark. As Fall flourishes, the AHLF and CSC team up for a premier fundraising event ~ The Haunted Corn Maze (HCM), which is in its fifth year of operations. AHLF provides the dedicated volunteers, CSC provides the infrastructure, and together our event is born, and the proceeds divided. We thank the CSC for providing this opportunity and valuing our partnership.

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Come on by to the Carlsbad Lagoon.

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Margie and Dick Newell

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation wishes to recognize Margie and Dick Newell as our Donor of the Quarter. As our largest Individual Donors, the Newell’s support our endeavors yearly, allowing us to flourish in the fall by fulfilling our mission and vision through a variety of programs. Due to their generosity, our back patio has a new name ~ “The Duke” on Newell’s Terrace. Margie and Dick Newell are passionate about art and nature and friendship and have made the world a better place through their thoughtful and generous contributions, including those to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. The Duke’s legacy will live on through our future stewards, who will learn environmental lessons daily on their Terrace.

Connections

Businesses are a lifeline for communities like Carlsbad. That’s why AT&T works with local organizations to help keep business connected.

We’re proud to work with the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation.

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Marian and Lucas Clancy

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation wishes to recognize two of our outstanding volunteers, Marian and Lucas Clancy, as our Volunteers of the Quarter. Marian and Lucas not only volunteer twice a week at the Discovery Center, helping with a variety of tasks from administrative to gardening work, but they always arrive with friendly smiles and impeccable work ethic. The Center is a better place because of them, and we look forward to seeing what amazing things they do next at the Foundation. Congratulations Marian and Lucas for helping us to Flourish this Fall and beyond!

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San Diego Gives

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is excited to announce San Diego Gives as our Non-Profit of the Quarter. Created in 2021, San Diego Gives was born as the brainchild of twelve diverse local non-profit organizations. Their goal was to highlight all the amazing non-profits in our community and galvanize donors to give locally. A regional, annual day of giving was the result of their hard work: an inclusive campaign that allowed individuals and businesses alike to donate to their favorite local non-profit online. Their generosity was awe-inspiring this year, with the San Diego Gives campaign raising a total of $1,088,647 through 3,743 donors. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation has been involved with San Diego Gives since its inception, participating in its first ever campaign. This year we raised $2,530 from thirteen generous donors to support facility expansion for our Education Team. AHLF is proud to offer the distinction of Non-Profit of the Quarter to San Diego Gives and looks forward to working with them again next year to kick off our fundraising season and flourish in the Fall.

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Why You Should Follow AHLF On Social Media

TikTok videos offer fun themed clips almost every day! This includes Meet an Animal Monday, Trails Tuesday, Watershed Wednesday and more! These awesome videos highlight the Discovery Center, sustainability, and our flourishing trails and animal ambassadors.

Instagram and Facebook give followers updates on volunteer opportunities, events to attend, community news, interactive polls, and information about weekly educational opportunities such as Falcon Feeding Friday!

LinkedIn gives us the opportunity to connect with businesses and support our community. We love to highlight other companies’ events and support local businesses in any way we can! Our Twitter is currently transitioning to an interactive platform to share fun facts, give important information, and support local companies.

YouTube offers informative videos about the animal ambassadors at the Discovery Center, children’s activities including crafts and story time, and getting to know the staff. These videos highlight part of our mission to energize the community through education.

Nature All Around Me is a podcast produced during the COVID-19 lockdown as a way to bring people to nature without them having to leave the house. It has flourished into a space for experts, team members and supporters to discuss animals, plants, Discovery Center updates, and history. If you love learning on your way to work, this is the podcast for you!

These media outlets support AHLF by spreading the word about our Discovery Center and helps us find much needed volunteers, as well as offering equal access environmental education. We also love to show off the Discovery Center and want to encourage people to fall in love with it as we have!

Like, Share, Subscribe, and Follow to support AHLF and continue allowing us to Flourish this Fall!

Erin Hardin, Director of Community Relations

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