A year at a glance: Quite a challenging way to encapsulate all the awesome efforts from so many amazing individuals. We have hit records and increased our capacity on many fronts. The Educational Outreach has been evolving and growing with Cierra Russo leading the charge. Samantha Richter has kept our oars steadfastly in the Agua waters as our exhibits have grown, changed, and become the pride of all who experience their glory. Our volunteer of the year, Katie Bringuier, despite health challenges, really has made us shine in every graphical sense possible. Infinity and beyond is what we feel about her multitude of talents, and we are so grateful. The fact is, your reading this spectacular report, created by her and she continues to be not only a force to be reckoned with but a generously giving human being.

Our Board of Directors grew its capacity in both members and vision. They collectively lead us through our strategic plan, as one chairman passed the gauntlet to the other, and exceeded their own goals in every way. Our Gala surpassed all others before them both in revenue and attendees. We actually completed the entire extended parking lot including landscape and shade roofs for outdoor classrooms. We have said hello and goodbye to numerous interns and student volunteers. Our Limonium solarization eradication project is well on its way to being successful in making a difference to a variety of native plants that call the lagoon home while still killing off the sea lavender that threatens their home. Hundreds of volunteers, thousands of visitors, and 8750 school aged children have touched us here.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

In 1990, a thoughtful group of committed people with a BIG vision formed. Throughout these 29 years, it’s evolved into a foundation that is important to its community and sustainable because of their passion. As we continue to embrace Mother Earth a bit more with TLC, we are about to embark on our 30th year — March 3, 2020 to be exact. We are finally now coming of age, and with the continued strength and wisdom of this great community we will surpass this celebration for decades to come.

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Dear Samantha,

I just want to thank you again for giving me the wonderful opportunity to complete my service learning here at Agua Hedionda. All the staff and teachers were wonderful to me, and they all really enhanced my experience here at this site. It’s hard to leave since I had such a positive and warming experience every time I stepped foot onto this site, but I wish everyone the best and I would love to come back here again in the future if I need to complete any more service hours. Thanks again for welcoming me with open arms and please, please tell everyone else that I had worked with that I had a wonderful experience and I wish them all the best in the future.

Thanks for everything,

Tyler Luis
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Sponsors

OF EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Grants

GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED

$50,000
City of Carlsbad Ag-Mitigation Fund Program for New Educational Interpretive Signage around the Discovery Center and the build of planter boxes for our pollinator garden coupled with new irrigation.

$40,000
(to be used through 2022)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program in collaboration with UCSB, The Nature Collective & California Department of Fish & Wildlife for eradication of Algerian Sea Lavender (Limonium ramosissimum) in the Agua Hedionda watershed.

$30,000
MALK Nature Fund for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Program.

$25,000
San Diego Gas & Electric Environmental Champions Grant for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Program including transportation (bus) funding with a focus on inland and urban locations in San Diego.

$20,033.84
County of San Diego Community Enhancement Grant for refurbishment of the native garden exhibit including plants, mulch, irrigation and landscaping material as well as recycled art, expansion of our adult learner volunteer program, and Camp Pendleton School sites to visit the Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Program two times throughout the year to honor our military families.

$5,000
Coastal Community Foundation for fourth graders in coastal school sites (Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Cardiff and Solana Beach) to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship.

$5,000
Datron World Communications for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship with a focus on North County sites.

$4,000
Nordson Corporation Foundation for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship with a focus on North County sites.

$2,000
Metropolitan Water District Community Grants for new interpretive signage on our Discovery Center Trail educating the public on the rarity of vernal pools.

$1,900
Pratt Memorial Fund for Title I students/ school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship with a focus on North County sites.
ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

8,750 STUDENTS SERVED IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

School Evaluation Stats

PRE-PROGRAM STUDENT TEST ACCURACY 58%

POST-PROGRAM STUDENT TEST ACCURACY 87%

APPROVAL RATING BY TEACHERS 98%

12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

CARLSBAD UNIFIED
9 SCHOOLS

ENCINITAS UNION
4 SCHOOLS

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED
1 SCHOOL

CARLETON CENTER
1 SCHOOL

CARDIFF UNION
1 SCHOOL

ESCONDIDO UNION
2 SCHOOLS

SAN MARCOS UNIFIED
7 SCHOOLS

CHULA-VISTA UNIFIED
1 SCHOOL

FALLBROOK UNION
1 SCHOOL

VALLEY CENTER-
PAUMA UNIFIED
1 SCHOOL

DEL MAR UNION
3 SCHOOLS

OCEANSIDE UNIFIED
13 SCHOOLS

VISTA UNIFIED
10 SCHOOLS

+ 19 Private, Charter, and Homeschool Groups

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About the Academy for Environmental Stewardship

The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation’s Environmental Stewardship Program is an innovative and cooperative program between north county schools and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. Its mission is to awaken in our children the need to appreciate and care for the natural environment. The program provides hands-on classes that stress responsible interaction with our natural surroundings and creates awareness of the environmental impact of day-to-day human activities. Students break into small groups and rotate through stations taught by educators who engage students with interactive activities that bring the lessons to life. AHLF offers three field trips within the program that are aligned with Common Core, History/Social Science, and Life Science State Standards.
Teachers **LOVE** Our Academy!

“Always love the three part-past, present, future focus of these trips. Great presenters who expect appropriate amount of attention from third graders (especially wiggly boys). Thank You.”

– Patricia Rowe, 3rd grade teacher at Pacific Rim Elementary (Carlsbad)

“The program was very well organized and followed well. Students were engaged in activities. Loved outside learning spaces. The migration game was very creative.”

– Sandy Ashcraft, 3rd grade teacher at Lake Elementary (Vista)

“Format is of high interest, kids were so motivated! The ANIMALS and opportunity to hold/touch them is a huge draw for the students. Continue inspiring young minds. We are forever grateful and moved by your generosity.”

– Gina Modelo-Selgrath, 3rd grade teacher at Otay Elementary (Chula Vista)

“The most valuable part about the program is being outdoors, experiencing nature, and the strong NGSS alignment.”

– Kraig Kemp, 3rd grade teacher at Park Dale Lane (Encinitas)

“The instructors and their presentations are knowledgeable and engaging. Some of the kids really liked the station on the “Trophic Levels.” It’s the first time most of the kids have looked through a microscope.”

– Yvette DeView, 3rd grade teacher at Santa Margarita Elementary (Oceanside)

Instructors are very knowledgeable and helpful with students. We love that students can be actively engaged and take things home with them.”

– Danielle Alpert, 3rd grade teacher at Richland Elementary (San Marcos)

All things hands-on. The kids get a much deeper understanding of things by trying them. Plus, taking home crafts opens up a discussion between the kids and their parents so they can share/build on their learning.”

– Gordon, 3rd grade teacher at Sage Canyon Elementary (Del Mar)

We collaborate with **Girl Scout** and **Boy Scout** troop leaders to develop a program that will help support their leadership journey. We help troops:

**Earn badges**

**Achieve service project goals**

**Have a sleepover**

**IMPACT 2019:** 135 **BOY & GIRL SCOUTS EARNED BADGES!”**
**SUMMER CAMPS 2018 & 2019**
- 113 Kids ages prek-6th grade attend.
- Themes: Life Week, Science Week, STEAM Week, and Sweet Summer.
- July 2018: During Life Week, campers focused on learning about living things such as plants, animals with and without bones, and fungus.
- July 2018: Science Week had campers learning about astronomy, chemistry, physics, geology, paleontology, archaeology and biology.
- August 2018: STEAM Week was all about being creative and problem solving. All week campers were given challenges to build, change or come up with better ideas by thinking about the problem, designing a solution and testing out that solution.
- June 2019: Sweet Summer had campers learning more about bees, the benefits of bugs and birds, and how we can help protect them all. We will also look at ways that we can use engineering and chemistry to create everything from portable gardens to slime.

**FALL CAMP 2018**
- 6 kids ages prek-2nd grade.
- Theme: Dig into Fall.
- Campers experienced the changes in our surrounding plants, made homemade butter, and learned about hibernating and migrating animals.

**WINTER CAMP 2019**
- 13 kids ages prek-2nd grade.
- Theme: Science & Sea Life.
- Campers dove into Discovery Winter Camp to discover the sea life that swims below us. They learned all about marine biology and the scientific method in order to perform their own chilly experiments.

**SCIENCE DAYS**

Students are able to interact and learn about the Discovery Center’s reptile and amphibian animal ambassadors. They learn where these animals are native to and what special features or adaptations these animals have, along with their diet, behaviors, and fun facts.

Participating groups included:
- Del Mar Pines Science Day
- Pacific Rim Science Day
- Aviara Oaks Science Day
- Calavera Hills Science Day
- Hope Science Day

**SCIENCE DAYS & OUTREACH**

Thermo Fisher Scientific led a STEM lesson to 23 third grade students from Del Mar Pines Elementary. Students tested the pH of orange juice, milk, soapy water, and lagoon water from five different sites around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Students also used microscopes to look at marine sea kelp and freshwater species to see living organisms up close and magnified.
**Volunteers**

**Volunteer of the Year**

KATIE BRINGUIER

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation recognizes Katie Bringuié as our 2018 Volunteer of the Year. An amazing woman with three young children, she makes time to volunteer her talents while maintaining a business of her own. Tidewater Media. Always willing to help, Katie is an incredible graphic designer responsible for our polished look, from flyers, to gala invites, website design, to this annual report. Her superior graphic design talent is only outshined by her kindness and commitment to family and her community. She is a pillar and leader within Carlsbad. We thank and honor Katie for her immense generosity, time, and talent that she has given and continues to give to us; our waters sparkle because of her.

**Volunteers of the Quarter**

**SUMMER 2018: THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC**

Congratulations to Thermo Fisher Scientific for being chosen as our Summer 2018 Volunteer of the Quarter. Thermo Fisher Scientific has planned five volunteer events with us this year. They play a key part in helping to preserve the lagoon by maintaining trails, restoring habitats, planting native species, and cleaning up trash from the lagoon. They have definitely made a huge impact on The Agua Hedionda Lagoon, ourselves, and the environment. Thank you!

**FALL 2018: NORDSON**

We are proud to recognize Nordson ASYMTEK as our Fall 2018 Volunteer of the Quarter for their efforts in our Academy for Environmental Stewardship. In July 2018, Nordson ASYMTEK inquired about a volunteer project their team could work on for the month. Being familiar, as past and present supporters of our Academy for Environmental Stewardship program, they proposed to put together the recycled field journals that the students use. Every year, we make upwards of 2500 recycled notebooks out of recycled paper, cardboard, sticks, and rubber bands. Nordson ASYMTEK took this project on, successfully and beautifully making the 2500 needed notebooks. We cannot thank Nordson ASYMTEK enough for their hard work and time.

**SPRING 2019: 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**

This quarter, we were excited to recognize three 5th grade students, Loic Smedra, Geovanny Matias Carrillo, and Carlos Anguiano from Jefferson Elementary because of their initiative and motivated volunteer. Loic, Geovanny and Carlos chose to focus their efforts on pollutants and other potential problems facing the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. As a team, they created a recycled trash art project with an informative brochure, which are currently on exhibit in the Discovery Center. Our lagoon has a wise future with stewards like these three.

**SUMMER 2019: ANDY SANCHEZ**

Our Summer 2019 Volunteer of the Quarter is Andy Sanchez. Andy is a hard-working, dedicated, and motivated volunteer. Andy is constantly willing to go above and beyond the call of duty and has aided the Discovery Center on multiple landscaping and building renovation projects that have helped us to keep the Discovery Center looking welcoming and beautiful. He cannot thank Andy enough for sharing all his talents with us.

**Board Member of the Year**

JIMMY UKEGAWA

At the Discovery Gala 2018, we announced our Inaugural Board Member of the Year, Jimmy Ukegawa of the Carlsbad Strawberry Company. We are proud to recognize and honor Jimmy for all his accomplishments and all he has helped us achieve this year. Jimmy has been an active board member since 2015. He sits on multiple committees within the Board of Directors including the Tip Top Run Committee, Gala Committee, and Trails Committee. This year, Jimmy also helped us run our Capital Campaign- It’s All About the Water, as co-chair, which raised more than $100,000 towards capital improvements in our extended parking lot. Lastly, but surely not the least, he also organized a 0.7 mile haunted corn maze at the Carlsbad Strawberry Company Pumpkin Patch as a fundraiser for the foundation. The Field of Screams was open every Friday and Saturday in October.

**Board Members of the Quarter**

**SUMMER 2018: JOSH CANTOR**

Josh Cantor is our Advisory Board President and has played an important role in the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. Not only has he supported many of our events, he has also donated his space, equipment, and, staff for events such as our Paddle Pull and Sweep this year, and helped us set up our Lagoon Treasures gift shop and snack shack. He recommended and successfully helped coordinate a fieldtrip for his daughter’s class here. Most recently, Josh attended the Ali for 4 Change luncheon with us and has been an avid supporter of everything we do: Josh and his two children, Savannah and Wyatt, are regulars here at the Discovery Center, and we cannot thank him enough for all he has done.

**ROOKIES OF THE YEAR ~ FALL 2018: RACHEL IVANOVICH & FRED HALE**

We recognize Fred Hale of Hale and Associates and Rachel Ivanovich of Easy Life Management as our Fall 2018 Board Members of the Quarter—and as our Rookies of the Year. Rachel and Fred joined our crew late last year and did not hesitate to jump right in and get their feet wet. Within their first year, Fred and Rachel helped us successfully run our Capital Campaign- It’s All About the Water and lead our Auction Committee for this year’s Discovery Gala. Both of these committees required time, learning, and commitment, which these two never shied away from. We thank Rachel and Fred for their dedication and active participation during their first year as board members.

**SPRING 2019: FRED HALE**

This spring, we warmly recognized Fred Hale as our Board Member of the Quarter. He first began helping the Foundation during our Capital Campaign- It’s All About the Water. Not only did he contribute to our goal financially, but he also sat on the committee and connected us to new friends who contributed to our goal as well. From there, his law firm, Hale and Associates became our coffee sponsor for one month allowing visitors and teachers to enjoy a cup of coffee on him. Continuing his reach, Fred jumped on our Discovery Gala Auction Committee in 2018 and is continuing his efforts here this year too. There is never a challenge that Fred shies away from, nor a dull moment when he is around. We are so glad that Fred has taken us under his wing and continues to lift us higher.

**SUMMER 2019: DIANE PROULX**

We are grateful and appreciative of our Summer 2019 Board Member of the Quarter, Diane Proulx. Diane provided us tremendous support for our inaugural event, The Lagoona Kahuna Team Challenge. She recruited a total of 6 different teams to participate, including Grand Pacific Resorts, Grand Pacific Palisades, Carlsbad Seapointe Resort, Carlsbad Inn, Grand Pacific Vacation Services, and San Clemente Cove Southern California Beach Club. This fundraising effort generated $5,000 in funding for the educational programming.
AWARDS

"Teamwork makes the dream work"

AHLF team members Kyle Lunneberg, Samantha Richter, and Cierra Russo were awarded Most Valuable Players at the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Small Business Luncheon on October 12, 2018. Lisa Rodman, CEO, unknowingly to the team nominated them, and cheered alongside as they were honored.

In the Spring of 2019, AHLF installed a Pollinator Path with the help of many individuals and organizations. The beginning stages included mosaic stepping stones by the Don Myers Foundation and volunteers from the San Dieguito United Methodist Church. This project was lead by Kyle Lunnenberg (AHLF) and supported by Don Myers, Jurgen Launspach, and Greg Severson. Next came the garden, which featured a variety of milkweeds and plant species to provide habitat for migrating pollinators. The plants were paid and installed by Thermo Fisher Scientific Interns on their Countrywide “Intern Day” on July 25, 2019, which featured numerous onsite projects. In August, we watched as our first monarch chrysalis emerged into a beautiful butterfly. Below, from left to right are almost all 4 stages of the monarch butterfly’s life cycle (no eggs were photographed): Adult monarch about to lay eggs, caterpillar (larvae), chrysalis (pupa), and lastly adult monarch butterfly.

SPOTLIGHT

POLLINATOR GARDEN

In March 2019, Senator Patricia Bates honored Lisa Rodman, Chief Executive Officer, as the 36th Senate District’s Woman of the Year.

“I admire her pragmatic can-do spirit to protect the environment and serve her community, and it is my privilege to highlight her work at the State Capitol.”

- Senator Patricia Bates

WHAT WE DO

STIMULATE THE KNOWLEDGE & LOVE of gardening among amateurs through scholarship, public garden maintenance, and garden-related events/speakers/programs.

SUPPORT THE PROTECTION of native plants, trees and birds.

ENCOURAGE CIVIC PLANTING and beautification of the Carlsbad community.

Meetings held FIRST FRIDAY of each month
Dove Library, in the Gowland Room, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, 92011
Guests and new members are always welcome.
Join with others like you who appreciate and support conservation and preservation of our community’s precious natural resources. Through membership in the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, you can too make a difference in your local environment – and enjoy exclusive benefits at the same time.

MEMBERS

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American Avocet ($2500)
Hilton Grand Vacations Club at MarBrisa • Hunter Industries
Pondview Water LLC • San Pasqual Game & Fish

Preserver ($500)
Bruder & Associates Insurance
California State University, San Marcos
Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc • Switch L

Defender ($500)
7-1-Cardiff Bay • N.A.Y. Adoptive Services LLC
Believe in Sign • Berkshire Hathaway Lloyds Telehome
Bridal Gown: Properly Parties & Wines
Stillic Nicholas — Cardiff By The Sea

Protector ($250)
First Citizens Bank • Cardiff Castle Garden
Develop Your Team • Edward Jones
Finger Lakes • Greg & Belinda Carlsbad
First Team Real Estate, Gary Nash • Hyde & Associates
Hilton & Company Farm • JFL Print & Copy
OrthoScapes • South Bay Real Estate
Richard: Philips • Co • Polished Images • Radiant Consulting
Samarita • Sam & Lisa Altman • Scott & Lisa Altman
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Friend ($100)
Ali’s Party Equipment Rental, Inc
Applegrow Counseling Services, LLC
Bridgepoint Investigations Group Inc • Terry Bones
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GMB Building Services Inc • House of the North Coast
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Solar Watt Solutions • The Lund Team • Venture LLP
Women’s Resource Center

Individul

Snowy Egret ($100)
Lin & Joe Ball • Angel & Christopher Crespo • Amy & David Kulchin • Mary Apr & Henry Shute

Red Tail Hawk ($200)
Robert Hemphill & Leigh Beavers • Jerry & Kristen Cisneros • Michael & Emily Duff • John & Van Veld • Joel & Russell Walls • Kristin Williams

Brown Pelican ($50)
Carla & Thomas Applegate • Elaine & Stewart Bryn • Susan & Andrew Concor • Holy & Don Duoton
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Discovery ($50)
Ray Adler • Rebecca Arneson • Janet Aragon • Donna & Larry Black • Christopher Burke • Seena Burt • Paul & Clark Chell • Cricket Cohran • Sarah & Daryn
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Stacey Schmitke • Tracy & Bruce Severson • Jennifer & Michael Skinner • Anne Spiridak
Sarah Tahter • Colleen & Colleen Wilson • Beau & Beth • William & William Wilson

Steward ($100)
Amy Allsman • Kareen Barnes & Richard McColl • Robert Beatt • Elizabeth & Richard Bigham
Keith Beaudoin • John & Julie Berman • Laura & Larry Bixler • Aaron Scott
Kate & Nathan Bringerg • Simon Brown • Margaret Carnan • Janet & Giant Green
Teresa & Thomas • Mike & Kathy • Susan & Richard
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**EVENTS & FESTIVALS**

**Discovery Gala 2018**

**GILLIGAN’S ISLAND: ADVENTURES OF AGUA**

**September 15, 2018**

**Presented by Grand Pacific Resorts**

Our 2018 Discovery Gala, held at the Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa, honored Dave Kulchin and featured “Gilligan’s Island: Adventures of Agua” as the theme. With more than 260 attendees, guests enjoyed entertainment by world-renowned mentalist Kevin Viner and music by Cool Rush. The evening was emceed by Katy Temple, and Rick Grove was the auctioneer.

**Field of Screams**

**CORN MAZE FUNDRAISER**

**October 2018**

**Presented by Carlsbad Strawberry Company’s Pumpkin Patch**

AHLF provides the volunteers and receives half of the proceeds. In its inaugural year, $15,000 was raised and approximately 75 volunteers provided frights and received community service hours to willing guests.

A twist of corn maze trails, this experience provides just about one mile of haunted scares, featuring themed rooms, robotics, fog, and frightening delights executed by live actor volunteers.

**$100,444 Raised**

**$15,000 Raised**

**MEMBERS MAKE IT HAPPEN**

**Fundraising Events**
- Discovery Gala
- Field of Screams
- Tip Top Run
- Lagoona Kahuna

**Adult Series**
- ECO Walking Tour
- Lecture at Sunset

**Nights at the Museum Series**
- Astronomy Night
- Wolves of the West
- Raptor Reflections

**Member Events**
- Mingle with Members

**Educational Opportunities**
- Birding
- Composting

**Outreach Collaborations**
- Gelson’s Operation Gratitude
- CEF’s Spin for Schools
**LEPRECHAUN DASH & BASH**

**Tip Top Run**

March 16, 2018

Presented by Poseidon Water

AHLF hosted 399 runners including 60 military runners and their families, which were sponsored by local businesses. They included Active Duty, Camp Pendleton Marines, Gold Star Families, Stroller Warriors, and Army Navy Academy Cadets.

All runners were able to get hydrated at our fun and engaging hydration stations throughout both the 5K and 10K courses. Business who hosted these and provided water, snacks and fun included Carlsbad Educational Foundation, Hale & Associates Family Law, IDE Technologies, Wiegand Realty and The Women’s Club of Carlsbad.

The Geobiology Institute of America (GIA), for the fourth year in a row, won the largest team award with 161 employee participants and 41 family members! The Army Navy Academy holds title as fastest team to finish. They also lend us their shuttles so we can transport our guests back to their cars at the starting lines.

The day began with a scavenger hunt clean-up effort via kayak, paddle board and shoreline stroll along the lagoon then switched to a team-building competition including challenges such as Corn Hole, Giant Volleyball, Water Cycle Basketball and Water Relays. Teams were awarded points for winning the games and for collecting trash and invasive species (weeds) on the lagoon.

Although only one team was crowned champion, everyone was a winner for removing 767.8 pounds of debris and 135.8 pounds of invasive species and weeds. We thank the presenting sponsor Walmart Labs, special shout out to California Water Sports the Venue & Vessel Sponsor, and Pizza Port for providing the lunch and beer. Our sustaining sponsor Ryan LLC really rounded out the field. Competing teams included Caltense, Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, CSUSM, Easy Life Management, Grand Pacific Resorts (Carlsbad Inn, Grand Pacific Palisades, Vacation Services, San Clemente Cove, Southern California Beach Club & Cipistrano Beach Club), Hospice of the North Coast, Ryan LLC, Salesforce, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Walmart Labs.

Non-Profit Team Sponsors included Sofel Carlsbad and Weseloh of Carlsbad.

The Big Kahuna was awarded to Caltense. Congratulations!

**TEAM CHALLENGE**

May 10, 2019

Presented by Walmart Labs

Walmart Labs

$18,000 Raised

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**Lagoona Kahuna**

May 10, 2019

Presented by Walmart Labs

$28,000 Raised

**MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY**

January 25, 2019

We hosted our annual Mingle With Members party to provide our members and their guests with a joyous and educational night! They learned about the importance of membership to the Foundation and were able to meet their cohorts! Rock Irish band Brogue Wave provided an exciting performance, while Tommy V’s catered exquisite charcuterie boards.

**LECTURE AT SUNSET**

May 16, 2019

Attendees enjoyed wine and cheese as they listened to the lecture titled “The History of Agriculture and Farming in San Diego County” presented by Eric Larson, executive director of San Diego Farm Bureau.

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November 30, 2018

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**MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY**

January 25, 2019

We hosted our annual Mingle With Members party to provide our members and their guests with a joyous and educational night! They learned about the importance of membership to the Foundation and were able to meet their cohorts! Rock Irish band Brogue Wave provided an exciting performance, while Tommy V’s catered exquisite charcuterie boards.
Educational Opportunities

**BIRDING**

On the third Sunday of the month, starting at 8 am, AHLF provides Monthly Bird Walks led by local birder Rick Grove. Our bird walks take place along our different Discovery Center Trails located around the beautiful Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Birders meet at the Discovery Center and caravan over together.

Rick has a bachelor's degree in biology and economics, as well as a master’s degree in education, and has been an avid bird watcher since 1983. Additionally, he is a member of the San Diego Field Ornithologists. In 2015, he observed an outstanding 300 species of birds in San Diego alone!

**COMPOSTING**

AHLF partners with Re-Earth Consulting and the City of Carlsbad as a distributor of compost and worm bins, which is a sustainable program led by Re-Earth Consulting for City of Carlsbad residents. We also provide the space when asked upon for them to hold their composting classes. A compost class was held at the Discovery Center Facility on June 8, 2019.

Outreach Collaborations

**GELSON’S OPERATION GRATITUDE**

*August 18, 2018*

Gelson’s Operation Gratitude is a community event day giving thanks and gratitude to the community, featuring Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, Carlsbad Educational Foundation, Art Walk, USMS, and Carlsbad Police and Fire Departments, held at Gelson’s Carlsbad location. AHLF provided animal interactions for guests.

**CEF’S SPIN FOR SCHOOLS**

*March 23, 2019*

For the second year in a row, AHLF has put a team together to support Carlsbad Educational Foundation’s Spin for Schools fundraising event at the Omni in Carlsbad. “Agua’s Slow and Steady Tortoise Crawl” raised funds towards CEF’s programs. We even brought our tortoise ambassadors to pedal alongside and provide educational and interactive opportunities for the kids!

FINANCIALS

**AGUA HEDIONDA LAGOON FOUNDATION**

Balance Sheet Summary

*As of June 30, 2019*

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