

News Bites

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PROPS, RECOGNITIONS AND MORSELS OF INFO

► The office of **Dr. Eric Johnson** will host an **official ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony** on Saturday, September 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. located at 647 Camino De Los Mares, Ste. 209 in San Clemente. San Clemente residents, patients and friends are all invited to attend the event. Also in attendance at the event will be members of the San Clemente City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and other community leaders. Lunch, music and entertainment will be provided, in addition to a raffle, which will include a brand new Kindle. More information is available at 949.493.9311 or by visiting www.drericjohnson.com.

► The **8th Annual Toast To The Casa**, An Evening of Elegance, event will be held September 25 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reserve your tickets to the most spectacular gala benefit of the year in south Orange County. Tickets are \$175 with early registration prices set at \$150. Early registration is offered as a benefit to members, toast supporters and friends. Purchase tickets before September 7 and receive a \$25 discount per ticket. For more information or to reserve your tickets call The Casa office at 949.498.2139 ext. 10.



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► Laguna Woods Art Association is hosting demonstrator and award-winning landscape painter **Rick J. Delanty** at its upcoming meeting on Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse 3 Auditorium in Laguna Woods Village. The role of acrylics as a versatile and enduring medium in plein air painting will be featured, as the artist will create a painting from start to finish during the meeting, which will then be donated to the Association for auction to audience members present at the demonstration.

Delanty is a former arts educator of 32 years in Capistrano Unified School District, retiring four years ago to devote full-time to painting in the studio and en plein air (outdoors). With degrees in art and literature, he has painted professionally since 1981, and exhibited at the Laguna Festival of the Arts between 1985-1990. Currently he exhibits paintings in the Essence Gallery in Laguna Beach, Divine Inspiration Gallery of Fine Art in Santa Barbara, Westervelt's Gallery in Laguna Niguel, and his own studio and gallery in San Clemente.

Preservation of California's resources, history and open spaces, particularly along the coast, is one of the artist's primary interests. Last year he was commissioned to create in paint the mission statement of the San Onofre Foundation in a large plein air painting, "San Mateo Valley," that evokes the image of that valley as it might have appeared over a century ago. As one of Crystal Cove State Park's fourteen juried artists who show in the plein air gallery in the park, Rick creates paintings that are interpretations of that environment and its cottages. Rick painted at Hearst Castle this past spring, as one of 13 California artists who were privileged for the first time to paint on park grounds.

Rick is a member of both the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association and the California Art Club, as well as Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA). He will be painting for the third time at next month's Laguna Plein Air Invitational at the Laguna Art Museum, and again in October at the Sedona Invitational in Arizona, where last year Rick was awarded both "Collectors' Choice," and "Sponsor's Award," by which one of his paintings was selected into the permanent collection of the l'Auberge Resort. To view more of Rick's work, visit www.delantyfineart.com. For directions to the event and admission, contact Maria Faur at faurmaria@gmail.com.

► The **San Clemente Junior Women's Club** will be participating in the **2nd Annual Hope 4 Hanna**—"Taking Down Autism One Step at a Time" event on Sunday, October 10, 2010. This event includes a 10K/5K run/walk for the adults, and 1K/2K run for the kids. Start time for all races is 7 a.m. at the Plaza Pacifica shopping center in San Clemente, near Wal-Mart. Hope 4 Hanna, a competitive run/walk that raises money to support autism, has set a goal to raise \$100,000. For information on how to participate in the event visit www.hope4hanna.com.

The San Clemente Junior Woman's Club is always interested in obtaining new members who are looking for a way to give back to their community and make new friends. They are a casual group of civic-minded women who meet the second Monday of each month to discuss ways to raise money and donate their service to the community. Monthly meetings are held at the RIO Adult Day Health Care Center, 2021 Calle Frontera. For more information visit www.scjwc.org.

► The **3rd Annual World Medical Tourism and Global Healthcare Congress** will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Los Angeles September 22-24 and San Clemente's own **Terry Lee Ives**—a health insurance broker with more than 30 years of experience—will be in attendance as the official photographer of the event.

This gathering will bring together up to 2,000 U.S. and international delegates, more than 10,000 pre-arranged networking meetings, up to 500 buyers of healthcare services, up to 200 sponsored buyers through the Buyers VIP program, up to 150 exhibitors and sponsors.

Delegates from more than 60 different countries and will have cocktail receptions and entertainment each night.

More information is available by visiting www.medicaltourismcongress.com or email info@medicaltourismcongress.com.



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► **Saddleback Church San Clemente Military Ministry** hosted its **2nd Military Baby Shower** on Camp Pendleton recently and a total of 13 expectant moms were in attendance. All celebrated with donated items like cake, food, fun and being an "extended family," as their immediate family could be up to 2,500 miles away. Beautiful homemade blankets for each mom to wonderfully decorated cookies were also generous personal touches that too were donated. A wonderful harp player also delighted those in attendance, and guests played several fun games to help break the ice. If you would like to help and/or donate to their future baby showers, call 949.609.8359 or email scmilitaryministry@saddleback.com.



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► Six-hundred backpacks filled with supplies were collected and given away to the **San Onofre School** on Camp Pendleton at the **Saddleback Church San Clemente Military Backpack Giveaway and Ice Cream Social**. More than 30 volunteers came out to help at this two-hour event, and every family in line was able to get a backpack and then grab a bowl of ice cream. For more information, call 949.609.8359, email scmilitaryministry@saddleback.com or visit www.saddlebackchurch/sanclemente.

► The **6th Annual International Day of Peace Celebration** is set for Saturday, September 25 at the **Baha'i Center of San Clemente**, located at 3316 Avenida del Presidente. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from multi-faith groups will be offering devotions for unity and peace, and you will be treated to the beautiful music presentations of Leslie and Kelly, Ruby and Summer Spiro, Gia Sachs, Aria Bruss, and Suzy K. Dual keynote speakers for the event are Dr. Wilma Ellis and Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh. The theme of this year's talk is "Human Rights—Prerequisites for Peace." And mayor pro-tem of San Clemente, Bob Baker, will give the opening welcome. This event is free to the public, and no donations will be solicited or accepted. For more information, email bdjeffers@hotmail.com or call 949.433.9555.

► There will be a fundraiser for **Judy Jones** on Sunday, September 26 at 4 p.m. Jones is running for the California State Assembly 73rd District. For more information, visit www.judyjonesforassembly.net or call 949.366.5859.

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