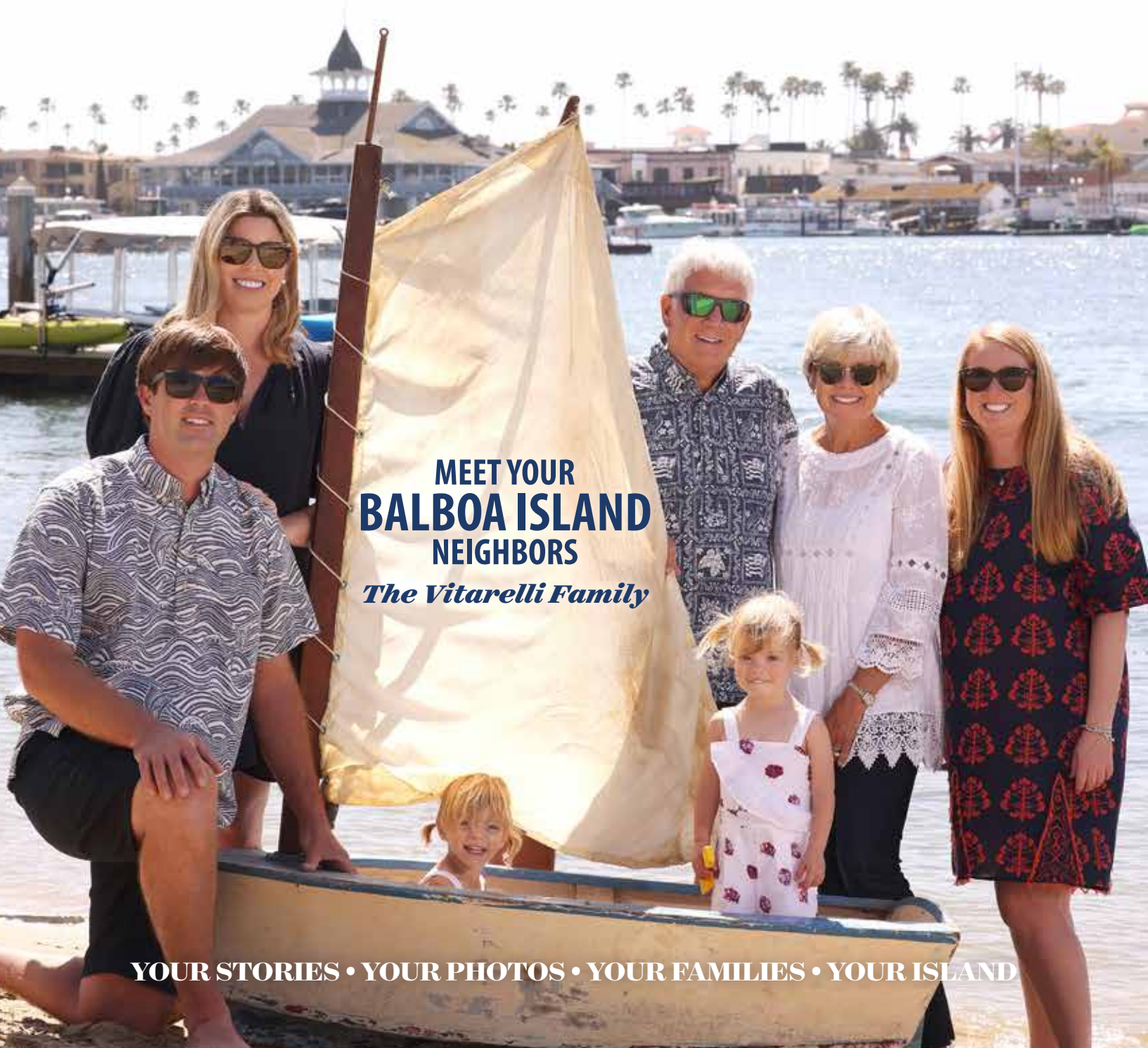


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Chairman Pepys meets with her E-Team at her South Bayfront home.

meet the MUSEUM BOARD



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By **Pete Weitzner** – Balboa Island Resident and Co-Producer, “The Golden Age of Newport Harbor”



“Diverse Talents, Passion for the Mission”

The 2022 Board of Directors of the **Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach** counts 13 members: a restaurateur, fuel-and-ferry operator, homebuilder, artist, doctor, council member ...

“Everyone brings something to the table,” **Executive Director Tiffany Pepys Hoey** said.

And there’s a bond.

“Passion to share the stories of our amazing Newport Harbor and the villages that surround it,” **Chairman of the Board and Founder Shirley Pepys** said.

The Museum’s board meets bi-monthly. The requirement is involvement in the community and contacts that can support the Museum and its mission. **Newport Beach City Council Member Joy Brenner** is the 13th and newest.

Below, the directors share their goals and dreams, favorite museum events and moments, and why they chose the Museum to devote their time, talents, and treasure.

WHY MUSEUM?

“Growing up in New York, my friends played outside. I went to museums ... Modern Art, Natural History, Guggenheim ... never a bad day at a museum,” **Paula Castanon**.

“The Museum has painstakingly researched the history of Balboa Island, its construction from a sand spit to an island, its influx of residents ... I knew I would enjoy working with others who cherish the uniqueness of this Island community,” **Barbara Abbott**.

“Shirley Pepys introduced me. So impressed with the dedication and passion she and the other board members put into preserving the history of Balboa Island. I knew my financial background could (help) take the Museum to the next level,” **Bernadette Peterson**.



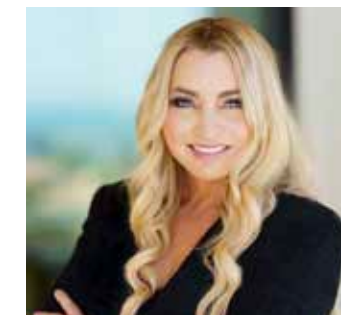
Barbara Abbott



Marleen & Jim Quandt at Fun Zone Festival



Burton & Linda Young at Fun Zone Festival



Bernadette Peterson



“Brings the community together,” Castanon says of the Sunday Suppers.



Chairman Shirley Pepys with president Paula Castanon



Sue Sibley



Jo Ellen Heck



Board Member Abbott helped save “Mustang.”



Museum Vice Chair and BYC Commodore Beek secured the venue for Museum’s film premier, “Golden Age of Newport Harbor.”

“My father, Jack Northrup. His dream was a permanent home for the Balboa Island Museum. He didn’t live to see that dream fulfilled; I hope to continue his legacy,” **Jo Ellen Heck**.

“I love Balboa Island. One of the best ways to express my feelings is passing along the accumulated history and stories to others,” **Sue Sibley**.

PERSONAL FAVES

“Nothing more gratifying than watching a family visit our Museum for the first time, and reliving our history – it is magical! And it was such a rewarding evening ... that first Fun Zone celebration ... truly Newport Beach history at its best!” **James ‘Jim’ Quandt**.

“Love Sunday Dinners. They’re about the community. Bringing everyone together,” **Castanon**.

“My proudest achievement – saving ‘Mustard,’ the yellow horse that generations of kids have ridden on the sidewalk of Marine Avenue. It was repainted black, renamed ‘Mustang,’ and now lives in front of the Museum,” **Abbott**.

GOAL

“Biggest goal for the museum in 2022 is raising funds to eventually buy our building, which would guarantee (it) for generations to come,” **Abbott**.

“Ultimate goal is buying our building. Can you imagine the Guggenheim not owning its building?” **Castanon**.

THE 2022 BALBOA ISLAND MUSEUM NEWPORT BEACH - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Shirley Pepys (Chair), David Beek (Vice-Chair), Paula Castanon (President), Dennis Bress (Vice President), Jo Ellen Heck (Secretary), Barbara Abbott, Joy Brenner, Tony Guanci, Bernadette Peterson, James “Jim” Quandt, Cynthia Shafer, Sue Sibley, Linda Young

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