



***Happy New Year To Our Members***

*Thank you for your continuing support.*

***Be Prepared – Your New Year’s Resolution***

**FREE Neighborhood Disaster Planning Class  
Oasis Senior Center – 800 Marguerite Avenue  
Saturday, January 27 @ 9 a.m. & Monday, January 29 @ 6:30 p.m.**

CdMRA is sponsoring CdM’s first Neighborhood Disaster Planning Class, presented by the Newport Beach Fire Department, to help you prepare you and your family for emergency situations in and around our City. And it’s **FREE!**

The class will cover:

- Family Emergency Planning
- Disaster Supply Kit Preparation
- Home Safety Measures
- Understanding Local Threat Potentials

Select one of the dates above that best fits your schedule. An RSVP would be appreciated, but is not required. This class is open to all residents of Corona del Mar. Be sure to let your neighbors know about this important event. Brochures with information about this class are available at the Oasis Senior Center and the Newport Beach Fire Department.

***Our New City Council & Mayor***

Our new City Council was sworn in on December 11, and they unanimously elected Steve Rosansky as our new Mayor. Our thanks to Dick Nichols for his years of service on the Council, and a hearty welcome to Nancy Gardner, CdM’s new Councilwoman. Given council members’ diverse backgrounds and proven ability to work with others, we are expecting great things from this Council.

Councilwoman Gardner’s website can be found at [www.nancygardner.org](http://www.nancygardner.org).

**Member Renewals**

**Starting in 2007, only paid-up Members will receive notices and newsletters by US Mail.**

Check the mailing label on this newsletter. It will indicate your Member Dues payment status.

**Contacting CdMRA**



• **Internet Access:**

Website: [www.cdmra.org](http://www.cdmra.org)  
Email: [info@cdmra.org](mailto:info@cdmra.org)

• **U.S. Mail:**

P.O. Box 1500  
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

• **Phone: 949.721.0132**

See back page of our **Fall Newsletter** for Board Members’ phone numbers

**CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

PO Box 1500

CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

**INSPIRATION AT INSPIRATION POINT**

We've written about Kay Finch before, so this is not new, but for those of you new to the community, this is a relatively unknown treasure.

Kay Finch operated a ceramic art studio where "Crown Cove" senior care facility is today on Coast Highway next to Five Crowns. The figures of animals, oriental and Asian figurines, as well as children and peasant figures designed and crafted at the studio are now worldwide collector's items. The studio employed as many as 65 artisans to assist in this artistic endeavor, and since its opening in 1939 it was a community focal point for adults and children alike.

Kay Finch gave a great deal to the community. She also operated "Crown Crest Kennels" next door to the studio where she raised Afghan hounds. On any given day, Kay could be seen walking her national champion dogs throughout the neighborhoods of CdM.

Kay and her husband Braden operated the studio until 1962 when Braden died. In 1971 she sculpted a life-sized bronze mother seal and her baby in memory of her husband. It was lifted by helicopter and placed on the rocks below Inspiration Point where, if you look closely, that mother and her pup may be seen today.

**CdMRA ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2006**

Meetings & Newsletters

- 11 Board Meetings
- 2 Newsletters to all 92625 Residents
- 1 General Membership Meeting
- 1 Candidates Forum

Outreach Programs/Resident Feedback

- ❖ Crosswalk Project – Orchid
- ❖ Crosswalk Proposal – Iris
- ❖ Newport Center Park
- ❖ Noise Control–Landscape/Power Tools
- ❖ Parking/Loitering Issues – Big Corona
- ❖ Letters to City supporting resident issues

**Help us continue our success in 2007**

Participate in our monthly Board Meetings and renew your membership dues. It is your participation and support that allows CdMRA to continue its efforts on behalf of 92625 members and residents.

More News & Updates

Interested in events and projects which impact Corona del Mar? For the latest information on Parks, Crosswalks, City Council, and more visit our website at [www.cdmra.org](http://www.cdmra.org)

Board of Directors

Please refer to our Fall Newsletter for CdMRA's Board and Advisor listing. That information is also available on our website: [www.cdmra.org/board.html](http://www.cdmra.org/board.html)

**SOMETHINGS DIFFERENT AT LOOKOUT POINT**

To some it is very obvious, to others they can't quite put their finger on it, but something looks very different at Lookout Point.

In late October the City removed three massive palm trees that adorned Lookout Point for decades. Unfortunately, according to Newport's Urban Forester John Conway, the palms had an incurable fungus known as Fusarium Wilt. It is a destructive disease that clogs the vessels of the tree, preventing nutrients from flowing throughout the tree. The City has planted new sod where the trees once stood, however, a search is on for mature replacement palms to be planted in the same area.

Keep an eye out early next year for the planting of the replacement palms.

CdMRA's Council Members Respond to Member Questions

Additional questions were submitted by members after our Candidates Forum in October. Council member responses to those questions are available on our website at [www.cdmra.org](http://www.cdmra.org). If you would like to see "Council Q&A" as a regular feature in our Newsletters and website, please drop us a note and let us know. Be sure to include a question you would like to have answered. Use either US Mail or email to reply.

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**CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – MEMBER APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

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CdM ADDRESS:	
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COMMENTS:	

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