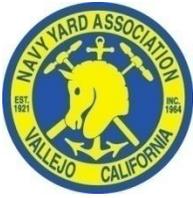


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NYA Bulletin Board

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Shop 64 Breakfast Meeting

Rotating between Vallejo, Suisun, Fairfield, Vacaville, & Napa
Third Friday each month at 9:00am
POC: Jim Davis; (707) 226-1119

Vallejo Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador St., Vallejo
Second Tuesday of each month at 1:15pm
POC: Robin Leong; robin_leong@netzero.net

Napa Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
Last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm
POC: Dotty Mufich; (707) 226-3642

Delta Chapter of NARFE Meeting

Denny's at Hwy 4/Somerville, Antioch
First Monday of each month at 12pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Sep)
POC: Bob Martin, (925) 458-1260

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation

Mare Island Quarters "A"
Third Monday quarterly (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 10:00am
POC: Ken Zadwick; (707) 557-1538

Nuclear Inspectors' Luncheon

The Sardine Can, Vallejo
First Tuesday of each month at 11:30am
POC: Lea Zajac; ldzajac@aol.com

Ocean Engineering Luncheon

Sports Bar inside the Marriott Hotel, Napa
Last Wednesday of each month at 11:30am
No POC at this time

Nuclear Engineering Luncheon

Locations vary each month
Each Friday at 11:30am
POC: Allen Green; aalgreen@napanet.net

President's Corner

Ralph McComb

Welcome to our beginning-of-Summer newsletter! There's been a lot going on at Mare Island these days.

Before you get into the nitty-gritty, good stuff in this issue of our newsletter—such as upcoming events and what's going on around the island, I'd like to take a moment to share one of many success stories of former Mare Island Naval Shipyard employee—who have gone on to exciting new adventures. This month, I'm talking about someone very close to our hearts—who I've watched grow up from a young lady in her early 20s—our own Executive Secretary, Veronica (Cullum) Laird. Veronica started as a student aide clerk-typist and in less than 7 years was a department head secretary. Just as her career at Mare Island was starting to take off, the Shipyard up and closed. A little scared (but very determined), she found another semi-local Federal job with the U.S Department of Agriculture in Berkeley, and she proved her value and worth there. But Veronica found she had more to give, and recently she found a new position with NASA at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View—where she has already met several astronauts, including national treasure and former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, and shaken hands with the President of the United States. Veronica is a very hard-working and generous young lady and we, her adopted family, are all very proud of her. Who knows? Maybe someday, someone will be writing they were able to shake hands with Veronica.

Have an NYA member you'd like to recognize or an event you'd like to share, just let us know, and we'll do our best to help *you* spread the word.

Don't miss out on being part of this year's NYA group trip to the O.co Stadium to see the Oakland Athletics play the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, July 20. We'll all sit together in field level seats, and all members of our group with a paid ticket will receive a gold replica jersey of Josh Donaldson! Tickets are \$25 each and are a real bargain. Time is running out to get your tickets (see the full-page flyer in this newsletter to find out how to get yours). We had a terrific time last year, and I hope to see you there this year!

Vallejo to Honor Vietnam War Veterans

The Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building Council (VVMBC) will honor Vietnam War Veterans later this summer, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution.

When: Saturday, August 9, 2014
1:00pm

Where: Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane
Vallejo CA 94591

Contact VVMBC Volunteer Nestor Aliga at nestor.aliga@comcast.net for more details.

Around Mare Island...

Bruce Christensen

The following are some of the current goings-on around Mare Island:

Ship Repair Work Comes to Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC

USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB-10). In May 2014, Congressman Mike Thompson's office announced the awarding of a \$5.1 million contract to the Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC, for repairs to

the US Coast Guard icebreaker, POLAR STAR. The 399-foot long POLAR STAR was built in 1976 by the Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company in Seattle and has a crew of 140. The 3-month ship repair availability will start in mid-summer and will employ as many as 70 employees.

ex-USS PONCHATOULA (AO-148).

Prior to the arrival of the POLAR STAR, the Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC, will be cleaning the hulls of three MARAD ships from the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet. The first, fleet oiler ex-USS PONCHATOULA built in 1956 by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, arrived in May. The 655-foot long ship served most of its career as a support ship in Southeast Asia and was removed from active duty in 1992.

NOAA's RONALD H. BROWN (R-104). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research vessel, RONALD H. BROWN, also arrived at Mare Island in May after Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC, was awarded a \$1.9 million contract to dry dock and repair the ship.

Fire at Badge and Pass Building

In March 2014, Building 513, the former badge and pass office building, was set ablaze apparently by a fire that started in the trash piled inside the building by the several homeless people living there. Although the building was not destroyed, a result of the fire is that the homeless were removed from the building. The dilapidated condition of Building 513 is another example of the blight remaining after the closure of the Shipyard.

Characters' Annual Mare Island Reunion

This year's reunion was held on Friday, April 4 at Characters Saloon from 3:00pm until closing. This free event featured a keg of beer, some light snacks, and pasta. During the reunion, about 100 former Mare Island employees (and guests) dropped by to exchange memories from the "good ol' days." A surprise visit to the reunion was

made by Mare Island's former Nuclear Engineering Manager, Jim Bever.

What Will Happen to the North End of Mare Island?

In March 2014, the Vallejo Times Herald reported results of a special City Council meeting to address reuse of the north end of Mare Island. Discussion at the meeting included several visions and failed attempts at development after the Navy turned the north-end property (580 acres) over to the City of Vallejo in 2002. Since that time, little progress has been made toward redeveloping it. Because much of the land is located on unstable bay mud, special foundations for structures on the property will be costly. The Navy still must complete environmental cleanup on 32 acres located at the north end of the Island which will not finish until 2017. In addition, the City estimates the cost to demolish the 32 old dilapidated buildings in the area will cost \$10 million, and the infrastructure (roads, sewers, water, etc.) improvements will cost another \$30 million.

First Structure to be Demolished at North End: Building 755

Demolition of the former Nuclear Power School, which later became the Mare Island Apprentice School and Shipyard Training Center, will go out for bid on June 19, 2014. This dilapidated eyesore, clearly visible from Highway 37, has sat vacant, with peeling paint and broken windows, for years. Now, the City of Vallejo has funds available to begin the process of removing derelict buildings from the north end of Mare Island.

San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

In May, the Vallejo Times Herald reported that Mayor Osby Davis officiated over a groundbreaking ceremony on the Mare Island waterfront just north of Building Ways #1. This \$28.5 million waterfront Operations and Maintenance Facility project provides an opportunity for Mare Island to

be the hub of transportation for the North Bay. In addition to performing maintenance and fueling services, the facility will contain four ferry slips and a passenger terminal.

Mare Island Building Numbering Confusing?

With growth in business at Mare Island, the existing (Navy) building numbering system is causing confusion. Those familiar with the Navy numbering "system" may recall that up until the 1970s, the buildings in the main shipyard complex were generally numbered in the order that they were built—with all buildings south of 8th Street being even-numbered and those north of 8th street being odd-numbered. Now that businesses are leasing these buildings, they need to have street addresses, so that they can be easily located. This is particularly important in the event of an emergency, such as a fire or personnel accident. The occupied buildings on Mare Island are slowly being given street addresses, but many also retain the Navy system numbers—confusing to say the least!

The Mare Island Brewing Company Opens at the Coal Sheds

Lennar Mare Island (LMI) LLC reports that "old friends" Ryan Gibbons and Kent Fortner recently opened the Mare Island Brewing Company in the historic coal sheds on the Mare Island waterfront. Their first beer, Saginaw Golden Ale, is available at select locations, including the Mare Island Golf Course. Their second beer, Coal Shed Stout, is expected to be released soon.

Memorial Day Ceremony at the Mare Island Cemetery

This year's annual event at the old Navy cemetery was attended by more than 50 people and started at 9:00am on Memorial Day. As in the past, the Admiral O'Kane Sea Cadet Division provided the color guard for the event, and a bugler played taps. Mare Island Historic Park Foundation President Ken Zadwick was the Master of Ceremonies, and historian Peggy O'Drain provided historical information about the cemetery. A

handout was provided to attendees with a brief history of Memorial Day, including information on the Day's origin.

In May 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) declared that May 30 was to become Decoration Day, which would be a day of recognition for all war dead. In 1971, the Memorial Day date was reset, by an act of Congress, as the last Monday in May and declared a national holiday. Despite the renaming, the holiday is still often referred to as Decoration Day.

Lennar Reports Increase in Businesses on Mare Island

Lennar Mare Island General Manager and Vice President Tom Sheaff indicates that since the first of the year, 8 new businesses have signed leases to locate on Mare Island, and 14 of the existing Mare Island businesses have reported their business is expanding. The Vallejo Times Herald reported in April that one of the expanding Mare Island businesses, Blu Homes, made available their 2,300 square foot “green” Breezhouse model home for a media “sneak peek” during a “Design Smart, Live Beautifully” home tour. This model home was named for its feature allowing opening up the center of the house to create a breezeway. The model home is located at 1205 Club Drive and sits on a hill overlooking the water near Touro University. Three future models to be built by Blu Homes at Mare Island are the Glidehouse, Balance Metro, and Element.

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation

Bruce Christensen
Dennis Kelly

Mare Island Museum in the News

In March 2014, both the Vallejo Times Herald and the Contra Costa Times newspapers featured articles with photos about recent displays and activities inside the Mare Island Museum.

On March 20, a unique model of the USS ALBACORE (AGSS-569) was donated to the museum by Steve Cuff, who was employed as the Ship Superintendent during the construction of the Navy's ALBACORE at Portsmouth (New Hampshire) Naval Shipyard in 1954. The hull design of the ALBACORE was the design from which all of the Navy's modern, nuclear-powered submarines evolved—including many of the nuclear submarines constructed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in the 1950s and 1960s.

Later in March, a news article was published describing the efforts of Vietnam veteran Bob Smith and his crew of volunteers at the Mare Island Museum in restoring a Vietnam-era Special Boat Unit 11 PBR (Patrol Boat, River). The PBR currently on display at the Mare Island Museum sat at the north end of Mare Island for nearly two decades before being rescued by Bob and his volunteer crew. After serving aboard a PBR in Vietnam, Bob worked at Mare Island Naval Shipyard as a Machinist and Planner and Estimator.

Become a Plankowner of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation!

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) continues to offer its Plankowner Program to those interested in preserving and displaying the history of Mare Island. As a reminder, the MIHPF is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) foundation.

Those interested in becoming a Plankowner may do so at any of the following levels:

Ensign.....	\$25+
Lieutenant.....	\$100+
Commander.....	\$500+
Captain.....	\$1,000+
Rear Admiral.....	\$5,000+
Vice Admiral.....	\$10,000+
Admiral.....	\$20,000+
Other.....	\$_____

To enroll in the Plankowner Program, please send your tax deductible donation check to:

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation
328 Seawind Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590

To donate by VISA or Mastercard,
Call: 707-280-5742

MIHPF Needs Volunteers

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) is the major force in the maintenance and preservation of historic properties and promotion of Mare Island's past.

Do you have a few hours each week when you can volunteer as a docent, tour guide, or to do gardening or maintenance work in the Mare Island Historic District? If so, the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) will be glad to put you to work!

Some of the sites for which the MIHPF is responsible are the St. Peters Chapel, Officers' Mansions (Quarters A and B), the Mare Island Museum (Building 46), and the grounds surrounding each of these sites. If you wish to volunteer, please call 707-557-0662 or 707-280-5742 and leave your contact information or send an email to: kenzad01@sbcglobal.net or JIG313@aol.com.

Also, anyone interested in becoming a member of the MIHPF Board of Directors is cordially invited to attend the next Board Meeting as a guest.

Membership update

James Porter

Following the kick-off of this year's annual membership drive in March, our current membership stands at 512—well on our way to meeting last year's numbers. Our dental plan membership is holding steady at 241 members.

While we're on the subject, let's clear up something that may have confused some folks. It's true that membership in the NYA is required to

enroll in the dental plan; however, you don't have to give up your NYA membership if you no longer need the dental plan. All you need to do to stay connected with the NYA is pay your membership renewal fee of \$15.

The NYA must rely on our members spreading the word to others and encouraging them to join, too. This is especially true because we won't be having a reunion this year in anticipation of our big celebration in 2016.

Our champions in gaining new members deserve recognition for their tireless efforts to get the word out that the NYA is alive and thriving. A big "thank you!" to Tom Cosso Jr., Sonya Domingo, Carmen Merriman, and Robert E. Smith for their efforts on behalf of the NYA! Thanks, too, to ALL of you who have brought new (or returning) members to the NYA.

NYA members Pat and Ron Brosio made a cash donation in memory of Pat's dad, Verlin (Casey) Cassity. NYA members Peter Schimpfle and Jim Rookwood donated more money for "the good of the order." A sincere "thank you!" to our generous members!

Welcome new member Dollye L. P. Harmon, who was recruited by Shirley Morton.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our deceased members, Ursula Crockett, Tim Ellis, Russell F. Pohle, Hubert L. Welch, and Antonio Ledesma.

Thanks to NYA member Helen Morgan for putting us in touch with a fellow NYA member and (more importantly) dental plan participant with whom we had lost touch. There is so much going on in everyone's busy lives, it's easy to forget the small but important details, such as updating the NYA when your contact information changes (i.e., mailing address, e-mail address, etc.). When we lose touch with a member (and they aren't visiting the dentist regularly), we really have no way at all to find them. Following is a list of NYA members with whom we've lost touch due to inability to

contact them: **Maryanne Homa, Timothy King, Frank May, William Nelson, and James Ray, Jr.** If you are reading this newsletter and know one of these members, please let them know we've lost touch with them and ask them to contact Robin Leong. Thank you!

Thanks to the 111 of you who asked us to send their NYA newsletter by e-mail! Now that we are paying first class postage on newsletters, we encourage everyone to have their newsletter sent by e-mail. (A side benefit is that the e-mail version of the newsletter is in color!) If all our members with e-mail addresses opted to receive their newsletters by e-mail, we'd only have to mail 178 newsletters (our mailing crew sure would appreciate that!).

Benefit Officer's Column

Robin Leong

Hope everyone is enjoying the sunny weather. Just like the slow and lazy days of summers past, there's not much going on in the area of NYA benefits.

You've probably noticed that our benefits list has been shrinking lately. Unfortunately, it's a little harder to attract benefits when your group is not so large. If any of our members are aware of benefits that we could offer to other members, please contact me.

As you can see from Bruce Christensen's articles, Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC, is getting more work. In a bad bit of timing, I was away on a birding trip when Ken Zadwick of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation forwarded an e-mail announcing that Mare Island Dry Docks is now hiring, which I would have then forwarded on to our membership.

Even though the information is a bit late, anyone interested in working for Mare Island Dry Docks, LLC, should contact Christine Snyder. There may still be positions available.

NARFE Membership

I encourage those who are or were Federal employees and their spouses to join their local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). NARFE lobbies Congress to protect and improve our Federal benefits. Like all non-profits, though, they need members so there have a strong presence before the government decision makers. Please help recruit members for this organization, too, because they are one of the strongest advocates for government employee benefits.

Benefits

Our dental plan brochures are still "under construction" but will soon be posted on our website. However, you can always contact me or the dental plan administrators for more information.

Here is the contact information for our dental plan administrators, Integrity Administrators, Inc.:

Integrity Administrators, Inc.
1787 Tribute Road, Suite E
P.O. Box 13128
Sacramento CA 95813-3128

Phone: 916-921-3388 or 800-562-9383
Fax: 916-921-3383

E-Mail: brentjones@integrityadmin.com
OR
kfranklin@integrityadmin.com

DOD Retiree Identification Card

If you retired from the Department of Defense (DOD), I have new information on getting a retired DOD identification card from Travis Air Force Base (AFB) in Fairfield, CA. This card gives you access to many travel amenities available at DOD facilities. Visit <http://site.travisfss.com/index.php> to make an appointment; or call (707) 434-4075 or (707) 424-

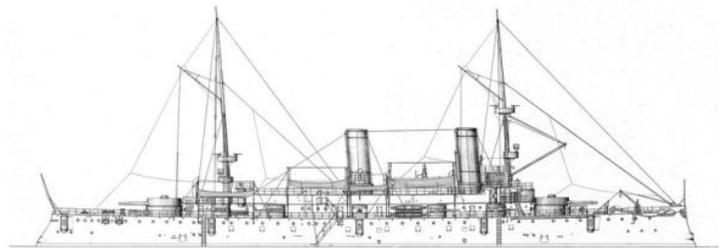
5604. Making an appointment to get your card is much better, because there could be a one to three hour wait without an appointment. As an example, my total wait time without an appointment was 2 hours. Once there, you will need two pieces of identification to obtain your retired DOD identification. It is a bit complicated, so please refer to <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf>. Basically, you will need an unexpired passport, driver license, or military identification AND Social Security card or certified birth certificate. Even though the current instructions do not say to bring your Standard Form 50 showing your retirement date/grade/rate, I **strongly** recommend it.

This DEERS/ID Card Site is located at Travis AFB in Customer Central on the first floor at 540 Airlift Dr., Building 381, Wing D-100, Fairfield, CA 94535. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7am-3pm (Emergency walk-ins 7am to 2pm).

The other facility that issues retired DOD identification cards in the Bay Area is the Coast Guard Station in Alameda, CA. Visit their website at <http://www.uscg.mil/baseAlameda/PSD/IDs.asp>. The PSD Customer Service Center, located in Bldg. 21, 1st Floor, Room 111, is chartered with issuing ID cards. The main Customer Service Center number is (510) 437-5648/2905. NOTE: These numbers are not set up for voicemail. If the recorded message starts over, then all lines are busy. Keep trying! Hours are as follows: Monday is WALK INS only from 7am-3:30pm. Open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7-11:30am and 12:30-3:30pm for APPOINTMENT ONLY. Thursday, 7am-12noon for APPOINTMENT ONLY; and third Saturday of each month from 7am-3:30pm for APPOINTMENT ONLY. For those who live outside of the S F Bay, please use <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/default.aspx> and enter your zip code.

I think the base closest to you would have the same identification requirements. They keyed in my SSN number and got my work history. The card is good for four years. Good luck!

Every once in a while, I get a request asking me if we still have a lawyer to help create a living trust. The lawyer we've used is Jean Gifford. She can be reached via phone at (530) 759-9659 or her website at www.giffordlaw.com. I recently contacted her to see if she still offers NYA members a 10 percent discount. Jean is still taking clients and offering the 10% discount from her website prices; however, she'll be retiring in about 3 years.



The Future of the OLYMPIA

Dennis Kelly

Following the 2011 announcement by the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) in Philadelphia, PA, of their intent to either sink or scrap the cruiser OLYMPIA, the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) and the Navy Yard Association (NYA) immediately recognized the importance of the Spanish-American Warship OLYMPIA to Mare Island, the west coast's, and our nation's history. The NYA was the first organization to provide active support to the effort to save and acquire the OLYMPIA. It was because of this help that the MIHPF was able to submit an expression of interest to acquire the ship and bring her back home to the San Francisco Bay Area for display at Mare Island's historic Dry Dock 1.

In August 2011, the Phase I application for OLYMPIA was submitted to the Independence Seaport Museum, the Navy, and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The MIHPF continued the application process until, on April 3, 2014, ISM unexpectedly announced that they are terminating the donation process, and they will retain stewardship of the cruiser OLYMPIA.

While our fundraising efforts had never generated the level of financial support needed, we were surprised by the ISM's about face. At that time, the MIHPF ceased all fundraising activity on behalf of the acquisition of the OLYMPIA and modified our various marketing materials to reflect the changed status of the ship.

Our plans now include moving forward with an existing plan to increase awareness of this iconic ship by preparing an exhibit in the Mare Island Museum highlighting the role that Mare Island and the OLYMPIA played in the Spanish American War, and we are currently exploring other uses of Dry Dock 1 consistent with the Mare Island Reuse Plans.

The ISM also announced their intent to launch a fundraising campaign for the preservation of the National Historic Landmark ship. Together with the national alliance we formed with the South Carolina OLYMPIC Committee and Maritime Heritage US, we are evaluating whether the ISM's efforts to retain the ship in Philadelphia warrants continuing to lead an effort move the Naval Museum in Washington DC from the Washington Navy Yard to an area more accessible to the public in the south Capital area. This effort would potentially include the display of OLYMPIA out of water as part of the museum.

On behalf of the MIHPF I would like to thank the NYA and its members for your support.

"Restore the Logo" Campaign Updates

Tom Watson provides the following updates on the efforts to restore the Mare's Head logo sign on the Wichels Causeway bridge (at the main entrance to Mare Island):

- **The campaign kicked off on March 17, 2014.**
- **Jerry "Hutch" Hutchinson, the original designer and painter from Shop 71, has gotten Kresky Signs out of Petaluma to redo the sign and logo, and provide transportation to their facility once the sign can be removed from the Wichels Causeway Bridge. The logo sign is on the northern approach from Tennessee Street onto the island and is mounted about 115 feet in the air. They're still awaiting a quote on the cost of restoration.**
- **Hutch says, due to wind factors, the 20-foot-diameter logo is bolted down, and the sign had to be cut into two pieces before it could be installed. It's made out of 1/8-inch aluminum—originally; two coats of enamel paint were used to paint it, but Hutch thinks it should be done with a "powder coat" process this time so that it will last longer over time. It weighs about 560-600 lbs. total--with each of the two sections weighing about 280 to 300 lbs.**
- **The City of Vallejo will not allow any work on the bridge unless the required liability insurance is in place for the cranes and personnel.**
- **The campaign has until the 20th anniversary of the closing of Mare Island Naval Shipyard—April 1, 2016—to get the logo off the bridge, get it restored, and put it back.**
- **The Mare's Head should continue proudly gracing Wichels Causeway Bridge for many years to come. But, the team needs your help to make this happen. With the success of crowdfunding lately, the team has come up with a new and easy way to donate towards this worthy effort. They have created a "Save the Mare Island Naval Shipyard Logo" You can learn more about the effort and donate towards the cause at: <http://www.gofundme.com/8awkto>**



Join the Navy Yard Association for a Day at the Ballpark



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Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 1:05pm
O.co Stadium
\$25 per Ticket

Tickets must be **reserved** and **purchased no later than** Sunday, June 22, 2014

To purchase tickets, please contact Sonya Domingo at (707) 326-5275 or k-s-domingo@sbcglobal.net



Jersey Day – with each ticket purchased, you will receive a gold replica jersey of Josh Donaldson

NYA BENEFITS

BENEFITS	COST	WHAT TO DO	COMMENTS
LEGAL SERVICES			
 Notary Public	Free	To make an appointment, contact Sonya Domingo at (707) 326-5275 or send e-mail to k-s-domingo@sbcglobal.net	Please allow 24 hours - you will be contacted to set up an appointment
 Living Trust	10% off the prices posted on the website, at: www.giffordlaw.com	To make an appointment, contact Jean Gifford at (707) 453-1647 or (530) 759-9659	
RETAIL/SERVICE DISCOUNTS			
 Kelly Moore Paint and Wallpaper	25% off	To obtain the discount card, contact Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287	
 Balbin Smog Shop Test ONLY Center	10% off	Contact the Balbin Smog Shop at (707) 647-1601	Other discounts may be available – call the shop and don't forget to mention that you're an NYA member
Handy Consumer Tips Emergent Benefits Job Announcements/Reunions	No cost	Send your e-mail address to Robin Leong at robin_leong@netzero.net	
TRAVEL DISCOUNTS			
 Ambassador Travel	Heavily discounted tours and cruises	Please contact Robin Leong at (707) 643-1287	

If you would like to receive benefits updates via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Robin Leong at Robin_Leong@netzero.net.