

Dear NASBA Guests,

We are traveling to the West Coast of sunny (cross your fingers) California for our April Board of Director's meeting. Both Gaylen and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the beautiful Terranea Resort on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Terranea sits on the coastal bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean with a clear view of Catalina Island across the channel. On many days you can see dolphins or whales swimming in the channel. I actually visited this site in the 1960's when Marineland, one of California's first major theme parks, was on this property. Many of you may remember the television series, Sea Hunt, which starred Lloyd Bridges and his cute sons, Beau and Jeff. Sea Hunt was filmed at Marineland in the 1950's – 1960's and Nelson's restaurant on the property is based around the Sea Hunt theme and memorabilia. I personally plan to spend plenty of time enjoying the pools and the walking trails that surround Terranea.

Our guest activity on Friday finds us aboard the Queen Mary docked in Long Beach, CA. The Queen Mary's history is legendary from her beginning as "the grandest ocean liner in the world" to her service in WWII as the "Grey Ghost", the fastest troopship on the water, sailing at 30 knots. She has since been fitted to her original glory for us to enjoy several guided tours as well as lunch on board in the Promenade Café.

On Saturday morning, many of us will treat the golfing world to our skills as we master The Links at Terranea, a stunning 9-hole par 3 oceanfront golf course, ranked #2 by Golf Magazine for Top Ten Par-3 courses. Afterwards, we head to the ferry at Long Beach Marina for our Catalina Excursion. We'll enjoy a light lunch on the ferry (about a 1 hour ride) so we are ready for a guided historical walking tour of the island and the town of Avalon as soon as we dock. There will be plenty of free time to explore Avalon on your own by way of the town trolley or golf cart or bike rentals if you prefer. Or you may just explore the many shops in town or stroll along the bay and harbor. At 5:00 p.m. we will all join back together for yet another NASBA dinner at Steve's Steakhouse located on the beachfront of Avalon Harbor. We will head back to the mainland on the 7:30 ferry. It will be a long day – be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes and a light jacket for the ferry ride.

Tom and Katie have worked hard to make these outings possible considering the many kinks that the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach threw into our plans for the weekend. We appreciate all their planning and hard work. I'm sure our smiling faces will make it all worth it!

Travel safely – see you soon in the snow-free land of Rancho Palos Verdes,

Colleen

