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Community Grand Marshal & Laguna Niguel Citizen of the Year

Betty Pequet



On June 4, 2016, long-time resident and community volunteer Betty Pequet was named the 2015 Citizen of the Year. Since moving to Laguna Niguel in 1977, Betty has devoted much of her time giving back to a City she is proud to call home. Her service to the community spans many decades and covers a wide range of community organizations.

For the past thirty-four years, Betty dedicated her time and effort to supporting the City's business community. She is a charter member of the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce and over the years, served the Chamber in a variety of roles including the role of President. Betty continues to support the business community and remains an active member of the Chamber to this day. In 1980, Betty was appointed to the Moulton Niguel Water District Advisory Board and eventually served as an elected member of the District's Board of Trustees.

Betty currently serves as a member of the Laguna Niguel Historical Society Board of Directors and is Past President, Treasurer and current historian of the Laguna Niguel Senior Citizens' Club. She was recently appointed by the Laguna Niguel City Council to serve a two-year term on the City of Laguna Niguel Senior Citizens Committee. And if that wasn't enough, Betty also serves as a member of the Laguna Niguel Lions Club, where she volunteers her time helping with vision screenings, fundraisers and student speech contests.

Betty's outstanding, dedicated service to the community is indeed worthy of recognition and very deserving of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award. Betty celebrated her 90th birthday in June with her 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many, many relatives and friends! Congratulations Betty and thank you for all that you do.

Teen Grand Marshal

Brec Bassinger



Brec Bassinger was born and raised in Saginaw, Texas and began her career in entertainment after winning the Little Miss World pageant in 2009. Bassinger trained in Dallas for years before coming to Hollywood for the first time at the age of 13. She quickly booked a guest starring role in the pilot of ABC's *The Goldbergs*, and a recurring role on Nickelodeon's *Haunted Hathaways* which led to her starring role on *Bella and the Bulldogs* just 6 months later. Brec portrays Bella, the head cheerleader with an amazing arm that becomes quarterback of the school's football team. Brec also filmed her very first TV movie, *Liar Liar Vampire*, in October of 2015. Brec graduated High School at just 16 years old, and was a competitive cheerleader and also played volleyball and basketball. When not working she loves to hike! She is also an animal lover – she has two dogs, a Yorkie and a Lab. She has two older brothers and her family has a Koi Fish Farm!

She is passionate about her charity – JDRF (previously known as the Junior Diabetes Foundation) and was recently made a junior ambassador. She is looking forward to raising awareness and helping children that have been diagnosed. She was diagnosed at the age of 8 and wants everyone to know that this doesn't define you and you can do anything and be anyone you want!

Grand Marshal Rita Rudner



Rita Rudner is a part-time local resident. She performs frequently at the Laguna Playhouse and over the course of a 15 year run in Las Vegas, sold two million tickets and became the longest-running solo comedy show in the history of Nevada. Rita has been named Las Vegas's Comedian of the Year nine years in a row. She has recorded fifteen TV comedy specials, and written five best-selling books. Rita moved to New York at the age of fifteen to become a dancer on Broadway. She appeared in several Broadway shows, including the original productions of *Follies* and *Mack and Mabel*. It was while in *Annie* on Broadway that Rita began exploring the comedy clubs of Manhattan. In the early 1980s, she took a full-time leap from chorus lines to punch lines and was soon a regular guest on both *Late Night With David Letterman* and *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*. Rita has performed for President Obama as well as for Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

This New Year's Eve Rita will yet again be performing at our own Laguna Playhouse, ably supported by the two young, local women – Molly Bergman and Sidney Bowen. Both are most accomplished, local singer-songwriters who together and separately are destined for great things. The New Year's Eve show celebrates midnight at 9pm, using East Coast time rather than West Coast. Sounds very sensible!

Special Guests The Noble Cause Foundation

The Noble Cause Foundation motto is to "Protect and Preserve the Legacy of the Greatest Generation". The founder is Cornell Iliescu of Costa Mesa, California. Cornell, who is now 78 years young, has been dancing in parades for over 19 years! Since 2005, the Noble Cause Foundation has been honoring and supporting the Veterans as our National Treasure.



Besides the authentic WWII military vehicles, there are the 3 Harmonettes who portray the Andrews Sisters singing their WWII hit tunes, including "I'll Be Home for Christmas". There are Stagedoor Canteen type swing dancers, including founder Cornel Iliescu, in Military or period dress to accompany the music. We hear that on occasion, General Douglas MacArthur has been known to show up in a Parade "I Shall Return"!

Besides the authentic WWII military vehicles, there is a 1939 Buick Staff Car, which was used to rescue the downed B-24 crew members during the bombing raids of the Ploesti Oil Fields in Romania, in 1942-1944, where we lost 3000 young U. S. Airmen, who are still classified as Missing in Action! The Foundation's ultimate goal is to build a monument to the 3000 young American Airmen MIA in the WWII bombing raids of the Ploesti, Romania Oil Fields.

Entries

Laguna Niguel City Banner--G. S. Junior Troop #2999
 California Army National Guard, State Honor Guard, Team 3
 California Army National Guard's 40th Infantry Division Marching Band
 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment
 Betty Pequet--Community Grand Marshal/Citizen of the Year
 Laguna Niguel Police Services Essay Contest Winners 2016
 Jeff Adams--Laguna Niguel Chief of Fire Services
 OCFA--Engine 5, Truck 49, Medic 5, Explorers Post 9605, Freddie the Firetruck
 Laguna Niguel City Flag--Eagle Scouts--Julien Favero Troop 772, Alex Spino Troop 773
 Mayor Jerry Susiewicz
 USS Stockdale DDG 106
 Mayor Pro Tem Fred Minagar
 Laguna Niguel Historical Society
 Council Member Elaine Gernaswey
 Laguna Niguel Youth Committee
 Council Member John Mark Jennings
 Niguel Botanical Preserve
 Council Member Laurie Davies
 Dana Hills High School Marching Band
 Dana Hills Football
 Cantor's Baby Bear
 Santiago Trailblazers Equestrian Cleanup
 OC Coastal Puppy Raisers-Guide Dogs for the Blind
 Laguna Niguel Lions Club
 Laguna Niguel Little League
 Rita Rudner -- Grand Marshal
 Trabuco Trailblazers 4H Fyggny Goats
 So. Cal Mets
 Tesoro High School Entertainment Units
 Laguna Niguel American Legion Post 281
 Laguna Niguel American Legion Post 281 Auxiliary
 Chick-fil-A Laguna Niguel
 Southern California Wondle Club
 Special Guests - Noble Cause Foundation
 Southern California Unicycles
 75 Years of Civil Air Patrol
 Dana Rohrabacher -- Congressman
 Friesian Horse Club of Southern California
 Pat Bates -- State Senator
 Laguna Niguel KinderCare
 Porsche Club of America Orange Coast Region
 Lisa Bartlett -- OC Board of Supervisors
 West Coast Movement Project
 Knights of Columbus-St. Timothy's
 White Flite Dove Releases
 Sons of the American Revolution
 Thunderbird Circle of Orange County
 Linda Lindholm -- OC Board of Education
 Hot Rods Unlimited
 Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California



Entries

Brec Bassinger -- Teen Grand Marshal
 South Orange County & Saddleback Young Marines
 USMC Mounted Color Guard, Barstow
 Semper Par #1-Memorial Honor Detail-Riverside National Cemetery
 Freedom Committee of Orange County
 Orange County Sheriff's Explorer Post 449 Color Guard
 Orange County Undersheriff Don Barnes -- Wells Fargo Stagecoach
 Orange County Sheriff's Dept. Search and Rescue
 OC Parks--Laguna Niguel Regional Park
 San Juan Hills High School Marching Band
 Girl Scouts of Orange County
 McDowell School
 Tutu School Laguna Niguel
 Laguna Niguel Community Theatre
 Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
 Military Vehicle Owners of Orange County
 St. Arne School
 South Orange County Rods & Customs
 Cyclone Coaster Vintage Bicycle Rides
 Veritas Masonic Lodge No. 855 Free and Accepted Masons
 South Coast Conservatory
 Laguna Niguel Senior Citizens Club
 Capistrano Valley As
 Capistrano Valley High School Black & Gold Brigade
 Laguna Niguel Elementary Schools
 CUSD Trustees Gila Jones, Martha McNicholas
 Saddleback Canyon Riders
 CUSD Teachers of the Year
 Kristy Clarke -- High School, Troy Kubly -- Elementary
 Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce
 Ms. America 2017 -- Oksana Vovk
 Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church Children's Choir
 Southern California DeLorean Club
 Lighthouse Church
 Ovations Performing Arts
 Mini Madness Miniature Therapy Horses
 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile
 San Clemente High School Triton Marching Alliance
 Laguna Fencing Center
 Neighbors of Ana Maria Lane
 Rancho Niguel Little League
 Jurassic Park Motor Pool
 CR&R Environmental Services
 YMCA of OC
 Planters NUTmobile
 Aliso Niguel High School Girls Water Polo
 Aliso Niguel High School Girls Basketball
 Aliso Niguel High School Marching Band, Drum Line and Color Guard
 Santa Claus -- Top Hat Balloon Werks

Broadcast Information

All program scheduling is subject to change.



December 14 - January 2 at 10am, 2pm & 6pm
Chris Cardenas - Producer, SOCTV Productions

Also available online at
[YouTube.com/CityofLagunaNiguel](https://www.youtube.com/CityofLagunaNiguel)

General Information

MAKE A NOTE

Due to construction at Crown Valley Park, the Parade route will end at Central Park Drive.

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE!

Use sidewalks and be aware of moving entries and vehicles on both sides of the street. Please do not sit or stand in the center median landscaping.

Information/First Aid Booths

Located at Nueva Vista, La Paz, La Plata & Central Park Drive

Portable Restrooms

Nueva Vista, Adelanto, La Paz, La Plata, Central Park Drive & Crown Valley Park (near end of parade route)

Concession Stands

Local Boy Scouts will be selling a variety of items for your enjoyment. Stands located at the corner of Nueva Vista & Crown Valley Parkway (near the beginning of the route) and Central Park Drive & Crown Valley Parkway (near the end of the route). Support your Boy Scouts!

Parade Photos

Please be aware that City staff and photographers will be taking photos or video for marketing purposes. If you do not want your image used, please notify the photographer at the time of the photo. Professional quality photos will be available for purchase after December 16th. Go to LagunaNiguelParade.com and click on PHOTOS. All proceeds benefit the Holiday Parade.

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