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**Big Brothers Big Sisters
Bolsters Board for 2016-2017**

By NB INDY STAFF

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing youth with professionally supported mentoring relationships, has announced a host of changes to its board of directors for 2016-2017. The moves help reinforce the organization's leadership and fundraising efforts while furthering its community standing.

The shifts include the promotion of Laguna Beach resident Doug Antone to board chair and Newport Beach resident Todd Pickup to vice chair.

In addition, Farmers & Merchant's Bank President W. Henry Walker has rejoined the executive board, and Dave Moellenhoff of Laguna Beach has been added to the governing board.

"Our board of directors significantly impacts our organization, our programs and our community reach," said Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire Chief Executive Officer Melissa Beck. "Each of these impressive individuals brings valuable experiences and perspectives to the table, and their influence will allow us



Todd Pickup of Newport Beach

to help even more children, especially given their experience encouraging companies to give back."

Doug Antone has enjoyed an accomplished career, holding executive, sales and marketing positions primarily in the technology market. Most recently, he served as president and CEO of

Networks in Motion before making a successful exit from the industry.

Todd Pickup is a private equity investor specializing in public securities, private corporate investments, private portfolio management and hospitality assets. Currently, he is the CEO of International Bay Clubs, the parent of the Balboa Bay Club and Newport Beach Country Club.

W. Henry Walker is president of Farmers & Merchants Bank (F&M) and has led the company, founded in 1907, to now reach more than \$6 billion in assets and to become one of the top 150 largest banks in the nation.

Dave Moellenhoff co-founded Salesforce.com, the market-leading software-as-a-service provider. Moellenhoff currently serves on the board of directors of the company's foundation, Salesforce.org, and helped pioneer the 1:1:1 model of corporate philanthropy, suggesting that corporations give back to the communities in which they operate by donating 1 percent of their product, equity and employee time.

For more information, visit ocbigs.org.

**Lunafest
Film
Festival
Supports
Junior
League**

By NB INDY STAFF

The Junior League of Orange County is hosting LUNAFEST, a fundraising film festival featuring six short films made by, for and about women, in Corona del Mar on April 23.

All proceeds from the event will support Junior League initiatives and the Breast Cancer Fund.

The films range from animation to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women's health, motherhood, body image, aging, cultural diversity and breaking barriers.

Two screenings will be held Saturday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Port Theater at 2905 East Coast Hwy.

An additional screening will be held Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m. at OASIS Senior Center at 801 Narcissus Ave.

"We are thrilled to host the LUNAFEST film festival in Orange County for the first time," said Junior League President Carla Dillon. "This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate women in film, bring awareness to issues affecting women across the globe and further our mission to improve the health, education and well-being of all members of the Orange County community."

The program runs 90 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer session with Los Angeles based Anna Schurnacher, director one of the featured films, "Finding June."

On Saturday evening following the screening, guests are invited to enjoy a classic Hollywood-themed red carpet party.

The party includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a silent auction and prizes.

General admission and VIP tickets are available at jloc-lunafest2016.eventbrite.com, or at the door.

The Junior League of Orange County is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Based in Newport Beach, the Junior League's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

For more information about JLOC, its community partners or how to become a member, please visit the website at jloc.org.

**Orangewood Foundation Names
New Academy After Samuelis**

By NB INDY STAFF

Newport Beach philanthropists Henry and Susan Samuelis have generously assisted numerous local charities, and have had everything from a theater at Segerstrom Center to medical centers and schools name after them.

Now, they can add Academy to that list.

Orangewood Foundation, the parent non-profit of The Academy, recently completed a capital campaign to build the first phase of their high school campus.

The campaign raised \$25 million.

According to press material, the public charter school was developed to "provide a transformational learning environment for foster, underserved and community students that offers consistency, stability, support, and a community in which to belong, thrive, and grow into successful, independent adults."

The first-phase campaign reportedly included purchasing the land on which the school sits, building infrastructure, opening a temporary campus in 2013, constructing a 30,000 sq. ft. academic



Henry and Susan Samuelis

building, and opening a community center for school activities.

A future capital campaign will provide funding for residential housing, additional classrooms, a student union and school theater.

In total, 189 gifts were received, with

lead gifts coming from Samueli Foundation, A. Gary Anderson Family Foundation, Stars and Stripes Children's Foundation, Argyros Family Foundation, Kay Family Foundation, and The Dhont Family Foundation.

The school has been known as The Academy, but it recently changed its name.

"For the last 15 years, Henry and Susan Samuelis have made significant financial contributions to The Academy," stated Board Chair Bruce Fetter. "In addition, they secured the loan for the land purchase and construction of the Academic Building. They have been an active part of the fundraising team and have an unending passion for helping our kids. For these reasons, it is only fitting that the school be known as Samueli Academy."

This capital campaign is the first conducted by Orangewood Foundation in 34 years since General William Lyon and Supervisor Bill Steiner successfully completed the campaign for the Orangewood Children and Family Center in 1982.

For more information, visit samueli-academy.org.