

From our Chairperson

As we continue in these unprecedented times we wanted to re-connect with all of our members. Our team is very dedicated to providing you quality programming and networking opportunities while we all navigate this difficult time together. While we may not be able to connect face to face we hope that this newsletter and our future programming can be an opportunity for everyone in the Orange County Regional group to connect virtually and stay on the pulse of what is happening in our industry. With the release of this issue, we are celebrating our 2020 Top ID firm winners. We are honored to showcase their work in the following pages. Please join the board members and myself in congratulating these outstanding leaders.

Finally, I would like to thank our very dedicated NEWH Orange County Regional Steering Committee members for all of their hard work, and we look forward to connecting with everyone throughout the remainder of 2020!

Thank you,

Jessica Wasmer Northover

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NEW MEMBERS

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest NEWH OC Region Members!

Rega Maiwandi

Vanrooy Design

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MAC Faucets

Student Members:

Qi Wu

Vivian Sourial

Shannon Lee

Glenda Lapp

2020 TOP ID



Fable & Spirit Restaurant, Newport Beach, CA



Margee Drews, Principal
Margee Drews Design

Prior to founding MARGEE DREWS DESIGN in 1998, Margee was the Director of Design for Acapulco Restaurants, Long Beach, CA; Senior Designer at Beckham Eisenman Commercial Design in Irvine, CA and In-house East Coast Designer for EL Torito Restaurants located in Irvine, CA. During Margee's five year career with El Torito Restaurants, Margee relocated to the Boston Area to oversee the interior design of the rapid expansion of ET on the east coast.

2020 TOP ID



Fable & Spirit Restaurant, Newport Beach, CA

Most recently her joint collaboration with Keisker & Wiggle Architects and Coastline Design created an outstanding new look for Fable & Spirit restaurant in Newport Beach CA that attributed to the restaurant winning the prestigious Golden Foodies BEST NEW RESTAURANT of the Year 2019. Margee's ability to visualize exciting new interiors has helped put the fast casual restaurant LYFE Kitchen on the very top of the list for the Hot New Concepts by Nation's Restaurant News. The fast casual concept featured a residential vibe along with sustainable products and finishes supporting the restaurant's message for complete healthy living. She also provides design consultation on high profile projects internationally for Synergy Restaurant Consultants of Newport Beach CA. Margee is currently designing the restaurant at the new Assiniboine Park Conservancy in Winnipeg Canada.

2020 TOP ID



Christine van Rooy

Principal — Vanrooy Design

Christine's entire career has been dedicated to the development and success of hospitality environments. Prior to completing her advanced education in Interior Architectural Design, Christine studied performance arts. There, she developed a deep understanding of human behavior; the way people move, interact, and experience their surrounding environment.

Christine brought that vision to her work completing over 115 projects in 4 countries; specializing in the creation of unique restaurant, bar, and hotel experiences.



Westin Hotel, Long Beach, CA

2020 TOP ID

As founder and managing principal, Christine works in tandem with her husband; although, she's built an impressive track record for herself. A Nationally Certified Interior Designer, prior to launching VANROOY, Christine worked as the youngest Design Director for an award winning international design firm and two Orange County based industry leaders. VANROOY design is now celebrating 12 years.

Born and raised in Southern California, Christine is a globe-trotting idea-gatherer, frequent design workshop leader and sought-after speaker with a passion for immersing herself in the details of design.

“Creativity is intelligence having fun.”



Westin Hotel, Long Beach, CA

SCHOLARSHIP\$

Our annual scholarship process has begun! Candidates have until October 23rd to submit their applications online via the NEWH.org website. This year we were excited to be able to award two students with their own \$3700 scholarship. In addition, winners also receive a complimentary year of NEWH membership. Due to covid, our awards event will look a little different this year, but we are planning for a great virtual celebration of our student winners. Stay tuned for more details.

Anyone interested in donating to our chapter scholarship fund may do so directly online at <https://newh.org/donate-chapter-scholarship-fund/>

~ Sonya Miles,
Scholarship Director





New Board Positions

Equity, Inclusion & Diversity Initiative

At the national level, NEWH Inc. has established a Diversity Committee with the mission of enhancing, bringing awareness, and assisting in promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in the hospitality industry.

New Orange County Regional Group Position –

Director of Diversity - The new Diversity Director will present opportunities to the chapter to promote diversity, equality, and inclusion within the hospitality industry to ensure fundraising, programming and community service events align with NEWH's pledge for diversity to our communities.

In addition, NEWH is excited to announce a new position that will be a key component to support students who plan to enter the hospitality industry.

New Orange County Regional Group Position –

Student Relations - The Student Relations Director will help plan events for students to connect with hospitality professionals and will maintain relationships and connections with student members after graduation.

This is an exciting and hopeful time as we grow and expand our reach for the greater good of NEWH, the Hospitality Industry and our community.

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