

Changing the Symposium Game

Highlands Resident Pamela Nye Breaks the Mold



Inside the FantaSea One

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Pamela Jane Nye, an assistant professor at the UCLA School of Nursing and long-time Palisadian, stepped off the beaten path to teach continuing education symposiums in a new way.

Usually held in hospital theaters, hotel ballrooms and conference centers, Nye broke from the mold when she announced her inaugural Operation:Scrubs 2019 symposium will take place on a four-deck mega yacht, FantaSea One, in Marina del Rey on National Nurses Day: May 6.

The Highlands resident said she believes “yachts are special,” according to a press release, and wants to make nurses feel special too by way of her symposium.

“I chose to use my business as the platform to inspire and create a new standard for continuing educa-



tion for nurses,” Nye said, “and a standard which routinely recognizes, publicizes and says ‘thank you’ to these ‘unsung heroes of healthcare.’”

The luxury yacht classroom will be paired with a pre-symposium continental breakfast and a “multi-choice soup-salad-dessert bar for lunch.”

At the end of the class, the whole thing turns into a two-hour sun-

set harbor cruise with a “reception celebration, gourmet buffet dinner, surprise guests and swag bags with ‘thank you’ gifts from a diverse group of nurse-supporting people and companies.”

All staff and presenters will be unpaid volunteers—and 100 percent of the event’s proceeds will go toward scholarships for nurses seeking advanced neuroscience education.

Nye will be retiring from her position at UCLA in February, marking an end to a prolonged career in medicine that started in 1974 as a nurse in the state of Iowa.

Since then she has worked as director of Post Acute Care Services at UCSF-Stanford Health Care, the president of California Neuroscience Nursing, Inc., a neurosurgery/stroke clinical nurse specialist at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center until her final position as an assistant professor and stroke coordinator.