



DANA POINT
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DPHS Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner Wednesday, January 28

Please join us for our annual meeting and potluck dinner, on Wednesday, January 28, at **Gloria Dei Fellowship Hall** in Dana Point. Doors open at 6 PM, although volunteers to help set up chairs and tables at 5:30 PM would be greatly appreciated. Following the meet and greet period, there will be a potluck dinner at approximately 6:45 PM followed by the presentation and approval of the 2015 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members. Our program will feature longtime DPHS member **Dick Dietmeier** who will receive the Pat Plepler Award. Several guest speakers will describe his active citizenship and community service.



Please bring a dish to serve 6-8 people for the potluck dinner. Beverages will be available but a donation of wine or beer is always appreciated.

Gloria Dei Church is located at 33501 Stonehill Drive. Parking is available in the adjacent parking lot.

2015 Election of Board Members & Confirmation of Appointed Committee Chairs

OFFICERS to be elected by the members in January 2015:

Barbara Johannes (2015-17)	President
Marsha LaRusso (2015-17)	2 nd Vice President, Membership
Heidi Hyde (2015-17)	Recording Secretary
Paul Hinman (2015-17)	Treasurer
Elizabeth Bamattre (2015-17)	Parliamentarian

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS to be confirmed in January 2015:

Bruce Beal (2015-17)	Director, Ocean Heritage Projects
Joel Bishop (2015-17)	Public Relations
Max Brown (2015-17)	Newsletter/Web Editor
Rene Cortez (2015-17)	Docents
Sandie Iverson (2015-17)	Photos
Keith Johannes (2015-17)	Preservation
Kirsten Reynolds (2015-17)	Exhibits

Current Board Members & Appointed Committee Chairs

OFFICERS:

Ross Teasley (2014-16)	1 st Vice President, Museum/Archives/Website
VACANT (2014-16)	3 rd Vice President, Programs
Nancy Jenkins (2014-16)	Corresponding Secretary

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Elizabeth Bamattre (2014-16)	Special Events
Judy Henderson (2014-16)	Sunshine Ambassador, Director Emeritus
Terry Walsh (2014-16)	Walking Tours
Rod Howorth (2014-16)	Merchandise & Tiles

President's Message



Welcome to 2015, **The Year of Dana**. Plans are underway to highlight the 200th birthday of our namesake, Richard Henry Dana Jr., born August 1, 1815, throughout this year. We want to encourage sharing Dana-related activities in the community. The goal is for residents and visitors alike to know the educated young sailor who described this locale as “. . . the only romantic spot on the coast.”

Of course, we will have a Dana exhibit in our museum! Our Board of Directors recently acquired two rare and certified Dana documents. The first is a letter written March 12, 1853, where, as the attorney in an ongoing court case, Dana must decline a lecture invitation. The letter is signed, “Yours truly R. H. Dana Jr.” The second document is dated Boston, Jan. 26, 1856, wherein Dana is indebted for an invitation to the festival of the Worcester Bar, will take pleasure in being present, and is signed Very Respectfully, Rich H. Dana Jr. Somehow reading 160-year old handwritten notes, one signed “Rich,” allows you to feel as though you are acquainted with the author.

Our February program will feature Randy Biddle of Windship Studios. He is a published author of maritime history and builds and repairs ship models. Randy has conducted extensive research on the brig Pilgrim and promises to be an interesting speaker.

A special committee has met to create a design concept for vertical street light pole banners to be featured throughout the city to commemorate Dana for two weeks in March for the Fifth Community Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast*. The banners will appear again for four weeks in July and August in celebration of his birthday. We welcome donations and sponsors for this project. Committees are also organizing and asking for volunteers to docent at the museum, participate in the *Festival of Whales* booths and volunteer for the community reading of *Two Years Before the Mast*, as a reader, watch officer and/or booth volunteer. It is the immense popularity of Dana's classic book that describes a common sailor's life at sea and 1830s California for which the author was first known. But he was also an activist attorney, an abolitionist, politician, husband and father. Our challenge is to convey the most important and interesting facts about Dana's life and share them with our community.

Thanks must go to Mike Leahy and Joel Bishop, who organized our November train excursion and Union Station tour with Ken Pratt, Director of Union Station Property Management. Thirty-six folks enjoyed the train ride, tour, lunch and return on the afternoon or evening train. More thanks to members who shared holiday cheer at the December 7 museum open house and to those who helped host the museum open house for City of Dana Point staff on December 18 to view the Official City Seal Exhibit. Kudos also go to all of the docents who faithfully opened the museum during our scheduled hours and by appointment during 2014. Do encourage groups to schedule a private museum tour or a historic Walking Tour of Dana Point. Many new museum visitors are amazed by the depth of our museum collections.

Our January 28th Traditional Potluck and Annual membership meeting is an opportunity to see friends and meet new ones. We will recognize Mary Crowl, who is retiring after 16 years of outstanding service, and we will officially elect new members to the Board of Directors, including Paul Hinman, who replaced Christy Johnson as Treasurer, and Marsha LaRusso, who replaced Regina Barnes as VP Membership (both Christy and Regina have moved away). We also welcome Bruce Beal as our new Director of Oceanic Heritage. The highlight of the evening will be honoring Dick Dietmeier as the 2015 recipient of the Pat Plepler Award for his active citizenship and civic service to Dana Point.

Barbara Force Johannes



L to R: Joint owners Boyd & Carol Plowman and Michelle & Ben Day; Liz Claus, Planning Commission Chair; Erica Demkowicz, Senior Planner and John Tilton, City Architect.

PRESERVATION UPDATE

Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Community Development Director, has reported that the City Planning Staff has archived the City's Historic Resource Inventory and sent it to California Historical Resources Information System's South Central Coast Information Center (SCCIC) located at Cal State Fullerton. Resources will receive a new ID# assigned by the SCCIC. Planning staff is currently in the process of obtaining cost estimates to update the City's Historic Resource Inventory and Ordinance with the hope the survey will take place in 2015. Senior Planner Erica Demkowicz is attending a series of three California Preservation Foundation webinars on Certified Local Government Status granted by the California State Office of Preservation. As Preservation Chair I am also attending the webinars.

In an exciting addition to our city's historic inventory, the Dana Point Planning

Commission approved 34545 Scenic Drive (Cook's Point, seen above left) for historic designation at the January 12, 2015, meeting. -
Keith Johannes, Preservation Chair

2014 DPHS Financial Summary

The Historical Society finished 2014 with cash reserves of \$53,051, and an additional \$20,026 in short-term CDs. It should be noted that nearly half of the liquid assets are from donations or raised funds reserved only for specific uses such as Scholarships or Awards to honor the memory of former members. Total expenses for the year were \$35,663 and total income was \$34,954. The \$709 deficit was covered by the reserve funds.

The Home Tour was our major fund raiser for the year. This year it provided \$14,078 income from sponsors, ticket sales and donations. Expenses were \$6,477. The net of \$7,600, while quite satisfactory, was lower than many previous years because the homes on the tour were in a gated community which necessitated the use of a van service costing \$3,628. Other significant income was from membership dues, the Fiesta Scholarship Dinner, and sales of books, photographs, holiday ornaments and other merchandise.

One of the larger expenses this year (\$7,500) was for restocking our sales merchandise, but this will ultimately return a profit. Printing and postage expenses for mailing our newsletter, *The News Drogher*, are \$3500 per year. Other significant cash outflow items are recurring annual expenditures necessary to operate and maintain our museum. These include Insurance (\$2,300), Storage (\$2,053), scholarships (\$2,000), taxes and tax preparation (\$1,134), and Internet & phone (\$265). Actual storage costs this year were \$3,998 as we took advantage of a special discount by prepaying for 2015 storage.

While expenses for 2014 were 2 percent above revenue, we continued to maintain a comfortable cash balance. A committee of the Board will audit the 2014 cash flow for approval by the Board. Anyone wishing to examine the detailed cash flow and banking summary may do so by appointment during the next 90 days.

Paul Hinman, Treasurer

Museum Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are need to staff the museum on Tuesdays 1-3 PM, Thursdays 1-3 PM, and Saturdays 11-1 PM or 1-3 PM. All shifts are only two hours. Training is provided for all new docents. Please consider giving the Society a couple hours of your time once per quarter. It is fun, informative and a wonderful way to help out the Society. **Contact Rene Cortez** at aka_papa@cox.net or DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com. You can view the volunteer schedule and also sign up at: <http://www.danapointhistorical.org/dphs-museum-docent-schedule/2032/>

Thank You



Patrons!

We're grateful to all of you who signed up for the Ralphs Community Program this fall. Our quarterly infusion from Ralphs was received for the quarter and it was \$95, down from last year. If you're interested in finding out how to designate DPHS as your community non-profit for the Ralphs program, send an email to DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com, or stop by the museum and pick up our flyer with the bar code and present it to your cashier on your next visit.

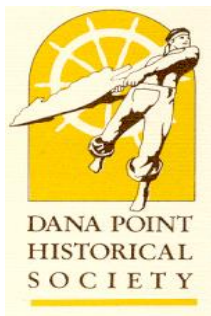


Train Trip to Historic Union Station

In November, 36 Society members and guests visited L.A.'s historic Union Station, which has undergone extensive renovation. You can get a link to Rick Morgan's Dana Point Times account of it, as well as see more pictures on our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/DanaPointHistorical>

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2015 DPHS Calendar

Jan 28 Annual Meeting

Feb 25 Program

March 7 & 8 FOW

March 27, 28 & 29 TYBTM

Membership

Please welcome new members **Timothy and Carmen Murphy.**

Membership Dues

Your membership dues are important. Our activities, such as the newsletter, program meetings, collection and preservation of documents and photographs, are funded by your dues.

Annual dues for 2015 are due in January. The membership categories are as follows:

Individual	\$25 annual
Family	\$30 annual
Business	\$50 annual
Patron	\$100 annual
Life	\$500 lifetime

Look on your address label to see if you have a date of 1/15. If so, please remit your dues at this time.

All contributions are tax deductible as the Historical Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Marsha LaRusso

Holiday Party



Many DPHS members came and went during the three hours of our Holiday Open House on December 7. Above are some of the first revelers to arrive.