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Holiday Issue November/December 2016

*The Dana Point Historical Society cordially invites you a holiday reception on Sunday, December 4 from 2-5 pm at the Society's museum, Dana Point City Hall, 33282 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA.*

*Be sure to arrive by 3:30 pm to hear carolers from South Orange County School of the Arts!*

*We will also have our annual slide show featuring pictures from this year's events and programs. Please join us for this afternoon of food and friendship!*

**Save the date of Wednesday, January 25, 2017 for our Society potluck and annual meeting! See page 2 for details. ►**

*Remember that DPHS merchandise makes wonderful gifts for the holidays. We will have members available at our holiday party to help you with your purchases of our limited-edition ornaments, photos, books, shirts, caps and pins. Cash, check or credit card accepted!*

Please note the following dates that our museum will be closed for the holidays: Thursday, November 24; Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31.

## President's Message

Jonathan Morgan Jenkins set the mood for our "Time Capsule Memories" program with the song *Dana's Voyage* at our October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The ballad's lyrics were written by his father, Jim, and originally sung by his mother, Mary, at the 1966 Harbor Rock Placing Ceremony. Jonathan's personal family memories and photographs of that day inspired him to document Dana Point Harbor's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He explained the process involved in creating his documentary "The Rock, The Time Capsule, The Harbor" and the challenge of editing hours of video into a 30-minute film. Orange County assistant archivist Chris Jepsen shared the process of opening the time capsule and the treatment of the contents, which included handling mildewed papers, restoring dampened photographs and flattening items that had been rolled up for a half century. Don Hansen of *Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching* contributed his thoughts about friends who returned for the Harbor's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary --- the building of which they remembered as boys --- and the lifelong friendships they made as teenagers while working for Don. All of them went on to positive careers related to harbors or law enforcement and returned, many from out-of-state, for the anniversary. Sergio Prince attended, representing Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, and thanked Jonathan, Chris, the Historical Society and everyone who participated and provided many hours of work on the Time Capsule Planning Committee for the enjoyment of so many who attended the event.



*Left to right: Chris Jepsen, Barbara F. Johannes and Jonathan Morgan Jenkins.*

Everyone appreciated our speakers and enjoyed the refreshments donated by our Board of Directors. The harbor documentary and time capsule contents were on display in our museum, thanks to *Performance Production Services* and *Orange County Archives*. The time capsule and its contents will be on display in the museum through January 2017.

Our Board of Directors recently met with film producer John Underwood in October and agreed to be a resource for his proposed documentary on California as described in *Two Years Before the Mast* by Richard Henry Dana Jr. Mr. Underwood is applying for a grant through the California Council for the Humanities.

Board directors Joel Bishop and Heidi Hyde planned the November field trip to historic Heritage Square and Grier Musser Museum on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-eight members and guests enjoyed our annual field trip and the special lunch stop at the newly restored Clifton's Cafeteria in old town Los Angeles.

In this season of giving thanks, we are very grateful to each of you for your time, talent and support. The Historical Society is a 100% volunteer organization and we couldn't preserve and celebrate our history without help from our members who pay dues and who serve as museum docents, DPHS booth volunteers, board members and so much more. Have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and be sure to join us for our Holiday Open House on December 4.

*Barbara Force Johannes*

### ***DPHS Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner Scheduled for Wednesday, January 25***

The Society's annual meeting and potluck dinner will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2017**, beginning at **6 pm at Community House**, 24642 San Juan Avenue, Dana Point, CA 92629. Volunteers to help set up chairs and tables at 5:30 pm would be greatly appreciated. A reception starts the evening, followed by a potluck dinner at approximately 6:45 pm. Please bring a dish to serve 6-8 people. Beverages will be available, but a donation of wine or beer is always appreciated.

Opening comments and approval of the 2017 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members will begin at approximately 7:15 pm. Members in good standing will be asked to vote on the Board of Directors' choices to fill board vacancies. Members who wish to nominate individuals or apply for vacant positions should contact Barbara Johannes at least two days prior to the annual membership meeting.

We will also present the 2017 recipient of the **Pat Plepler Award**, which recognizes an individual who emulates the personal attributes of Pat Plepler, who passed away in 2007. Pat was a vibrant citizen and volunteer who closely followed civic activities and participated in events that promoted Dana Point's quality of life.

## A Season to Be Thankful for Our Many Volunteers!

We would like to thank our docents for their time in helping to keep the museum open three days a week. In particular, Mary Crowl and Robin Valles both cover weekly and bi-weekly recurring time slots every month. We appreciate their working our organization into their busy schedules!

One of the Society's most time-demanding volunteer work is appearing at functions at our booth to do outreach and sell merchandise. This year we were present at the Festival of Whales, the Doheny Beach Surf Festival and the Ocean Institute's Tall Ships Festival.

Our April reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* also requires a large number of volunteers to coordinate readers, check in people on the days of the event and to monitor the reading.



The June Scholarship Fiesta Dinner demands a great deal of coordination to assess scholarship applications, set up details with our caterer, Jack Saunderson, and to prepare the tables and raffle at Doheny Beach.

We also had a large scale volunteer effort as the leading nonprofit for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the time capsule. That event required manning a volunteer booth for admission to the celebratory dinner for over 1,200 people following the time capsule program in August. After that event, the premier night of Jonathan Morgan Jenkins' time capsule documentary was hosted by our Society along with the Ocean Institute and Coffee Importers.

Additionally we have a variety of volunteers who helped with our organization's technology and video production, photography, food preparation, and myriad other small jobs that take a lot of time.

### THANK YOU ALL!

*Jill Amadio*

*Janice Barbari*

*Bill Bamattre*

*Elizabeth Bamattre*

*Nik Bamattre*

*Bruce Beal*

*Marlene Beal*

*Joel Bishop*

*Brad Brandmeier*

*Judy Brandmeier*

*Max Brown*

*Mary Crowl*

*Dick Dietmeier*

*Pete Hammer*

*Judy Henderson*

*Paul Hinman*

*Susan Hinman*

*Rod Howorth*

*Heidi Hyde*

*Jim Hyde*

*Carl Iverson*

*Sandie Iverson*

*Nancy Jenkins*

*Barbara Johannes*

*Keith Johannes*

*Fay Kristjanson*

*Marsha LaRusso*

*Rich LaRusso*

*Ann Liebowitz*

*George Miller*

*Bob Minty*

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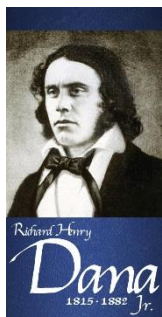
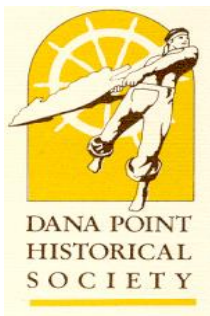
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## 2016/17 DPHS Calendar

Dec 4 Holiday Open House      Jan 25 Annual Meeting

March 4 & 5, 11 & 12 Festival of Whales

## Membership

As a reminder, the annual renewals for 2016 were due in January. Surprisingly, we still have some members who have not paid their dues for this year. Since the next dues cycle will begin in January 2017, members are encouraged to pay their 2016 dues before the 2017 deadline begins in two months. The membership categories are as follows:

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

Also, please check to make sure we have a current email address for you. You can also send your email to me at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com). REMEMBER that all contributions, including dues, are tax deductible as the Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Marsha LaRusso

## Annual Field Trip

Board members Joel Bishop and Heidi Hyde arranged for 38 DPHS members and guests to visit Heritage Square Museum, an area of historic buildings in Los Angeles. Our day also included a visit to the Grier Musser Museum as well as lunch at historic Clifton's Cafeteria in old town Los Angeles.



Above, DPHS members and guests break into smaller groups to visit the various buildings at Heritage Square. Right, the group enjoyed lunch at Clifton's Cafeteria.