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## DPHS Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner Wednesday, January 25



Please join us for our annual meeting and potluck dinner on **Wednesday, January 25**, at **Dana Point Community House at 24642 San Juan Avenue**. Doors open at 6 p.m., although *volunteers to help set up chairs and tables at 5:30 p.m. would be greatly appreciated*. A reception starts the evening, followed by a potluck dinner at approximately 6:45 p.m. Opening comments and approval of the 2016 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. Our final program event will feature longtime DPHS member **Willa Porter**, left, who will receive the Pat Plepler Award. Several guest speakers will describe her active citizenship and community involvement.

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

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.

## 2017 Election of Board Members & Confirmation of Appointed Committee Chairs

### OFFICERS to be elected by the members in January 2017:

Barbara Johannes (2017-19)	President
VACANT (2017-19)	Museum/Archives
Marsha LaRusso (2017-19)	2nd Vice President, Membership
Heidi Hyde (2017-19)	Recording Secretary
Kat Wallace (2017-19)	Treasurer
Joel Bishop (2017-19)	Parliamentarian

### Board-appointed committee chairs renewed for two years in 2017:

Bruce Beal (2017-19)	Ocean Heritage Projects
Joel Bishop (2017-19)	Public Relations/Technology
Max Brown (2017-19)	Newsletter/Web Editor
Sandie Iverson (2017-19)	Photos
Keith Johannes (2017-19)	Preservation
Kirsten Reynolds (2017-19)	Exhibits
Vacant	Docent Scheduling & Recruitment

## Current Board Members & Appointed Committee Chairs

### OFFICERS elected by the members in January 2016:

Bob Minty (2016-18)	3rd Vice President, Programs
Nancy Jenkins (2016-18)	Corresponding Secretary

### Board-appointed committee chairs confirmed in January 2016:

Elizabeth Bamattre (2016/18)	Special Events
Judy Henderson (2016-18)	Sunshine Ambassador, Director Emeritus
Rod Howorth (2016-18)	Merchandise
Terry Walsh (2016-18)	Walking Tours

## President's Message



Happy New Year! 2016 ended on a melodious note when three South Orange County School of the Arts students appeared in costume as "Dickens Carolers" to entertain us at our Holiday Open House on December 4 (pictured). Some 50 members and guests enjoyed appetizers, sweets, drinks and a video montage of our year in review --- all organized by your Board of Directors in thanks for your support.



2017 is charging ahead! The Dana Point City Council approved the Hobie Alter memorial statue's location and concept in December (please read Bruce Beal's article on page three). The \$9,000 balance of the Historical Society's \$10,000 pledge for the Hobie Alter Memorial statue will be due when the city signs the final agreement,

which is expected soon. As stated last January, the Historical Society hopes to inspire other individuals, organizations and corporations to contribute toward the cost of the memorial sculpture.

Please join us for our January 25th traditional potluck dinner and Annual Meeting, always a sociable event to greet old friends and meet new ones. Brief annual reports will be given. We will thank outgoing treasurer Paul Hinman, who is retiring from the board to travel, and we will welcome Kat Wallace as our new treasurer. A highlight of the Annual Meeting program will be presenting Willa Porter with the Pat Plepler Award for her active citizenship in our community. Willa is never too busy to volunteer for the Historical Society and is an avid recruiter of new members.

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT as members and volunteers. Our dues are payable at the first of the year unless you were a new member who joined in the last quarter of 2016 or you have a Life Membership. Your active individual, family or business membership allows us to keep our programs going and we want to count you as an active member. **Please consider bringing you dues to our January meeting.**

HERE'S WHAT YOUR DUES, SUPPORT & VOLUNTEERISM HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE LAST YEAR:

- The museum was open during regularly operating hours for 144 days in 2016, as well as several other times by appointment. Docents were scheduled or board members were present for each of these days.
- Our DPHS outreach tent filled with information, books and merchandise appeared in five community festivals for a total of 12 days. Volunteers were scheduled daily to set up and host.
- \$ 1,387 is the monthly cost to support the museum, programs and outreach.
- We had nine program meetings, three with dinners, seven with receptions. One dinner was underwritten by two members.
- History enactor Bob Minty portrayed U.S. Attorney R. H. Dana Jr. for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of R.H. Dana Elementary School in March and the Society also presented the school with commemorative gifts.
- Newly purchased Richard Henry Dana light-pole banners were installed throughout the city for the Sixth Annual Reading of *Two Years Before the Mast* in April. Over 125 volunteers plus guests were involved with the reading over three days.
- The June Scholarship Fiesta Dinner at Doheny raised funds for two scholarships.
- The Historical Society was chosen as the lead nonprofit for the 50-Year Harbor Time Capsule Celebration, which included long hours of preparation and many volunteers.
- Nearly 40 members participated in the November bus trip to Heritage Village and historic Clifton's restaurant in Los Angeles.
- Six editions of *The News Drogher* newsletter were mailed or sent electronically to our members in 2016. In addition, volunteers sent many emails announcing upcoming events and posted notices on our web page and on Facebook.

It has been an honor to serve as your president this year with a dedicated Board of Directors. Please allow us to thank you for your support in honoring and preserving Dana Point's history. I look forward to working together to continue to celebrate our history throughout 2017.

*Barbara Force Johannes*

## Fair Winds Come for the Hobie Memorial Sailboat Statue

By Bruce Beal

It's official! Dana Point will soon have a world-class bronze statue commemorating a life-sized Hobie Alter sailing his Hobie 14 catamaran in the waves of Dana Point (rendering, pictured right). The base will commemorate Hobie's other historical contributions to the world.

So much has happened! The City of Dana Point and Hobie Memorial Foundation (HMF), after a successful vote of the city council, have entered into an agreement whereby the city will grant up to \$200,000, dollar for dollar, to match funds contributed to HMF in cash or in kind donations for installation of the statue. HMF has over \$100,000 in such funding thus far.

The City has finalized plans with Zephyr, the developer of the South Cove project, to place the Hobie Memorial in an adjacent public park, which will be located on PCH between the Pedestrian Bridge and Doheny Park Plaza. This park will not only contain the Hobie Memorial but talks are also underway to include up to 10 additional statues of local surfing legends! With these new installations, the Historical Society's desire for promoting bronze statues of its surfing and sailing legends in Dana Point will be realized.

With substantial city funding and provision of a fine location for the Hobie Memorial, further fundraising should be facilitated, and the Society will now pay the remainder of its \$10,000 pledge. The HMF is planning a Kick-Off Party at Cannon's next month and a charitable golf tournament at Ben Brown's Ranch Golf Course in South Laguna Beach in May. Keep an eye out for event updates, and start polishing your golf clubs! HMF welcomes all individuals who would like to volunteer at these events.

You can also visit us online at <https://hobiememorial.com/>.



## Festival of Whales 2017

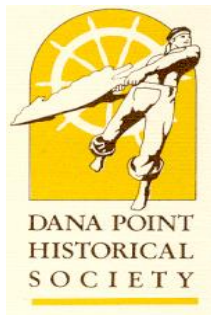
This year's Festival of Whales will take place on March 4-5 & 11-12. The Dana Point Historical Society will once again have an outreach booth each day of the festival. Volunteers will be needed for two hour shifts starting at 10 AM each day. Please Contact Max Brown at [DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com) or at 949-248-8121 if you would like to volunteer to sell merchandise and provide membership information.



**VINTAGE CARS!** We are also looking for individuals with old cars or trucks to drive Society members in the Festival of Whales Parade on Saturday, March 4. Parade line up must be completed by 9 a.m. Please contact us if you would like to drive your classic car or truck in the parade to help represent the Historical Society at 949-248-8121 or [DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com).



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## 2017 DPHS Calendar

**Jan. 25** Annual Meeting & Potluck

**Feb. 22** Membership Program (tba)

**March 4-12** Festival of Whales

## Membership

Please welcome new members **Beverlee & Stanley C. Morse.**

**As a reminder, the annual dues for 2017 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

**Please remit your dues at this time either via mail at PO Box 544, DP, 92629; at the museum Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, or at our membership meeting on January 25.**

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

Questions? Contact me at [rmlarusso@msn.com](mailto:rmlarusso@msn.com)

## Preservation Volunteers Needed

The City of Dana Point Planning staff has reached out to the Historical Society to discuss the results of the Architectural Resources Group's *Historic Resources Inventory*, completed last February. The survey is a citywide listing that is intended to include structures 45 years old or older. The Planning staff will be presenting the survey to the city council in the near future. The DPHS Preservation Committee is looking for help from members to review the document for possible omissions and also to provide property description detail where necessary.

Members who wish to help or have questions can contact the Preservation Committee Chair, Keith Johannes, at [kjohannes1@cox.net](mailto:kjohannes1@cox.net) or 949-248-8121.