



The News Drogher

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DPHS Annual Meeting, Election and Dinner Wednesday, February 15

The Dana Point Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and dinner on **Wednesday, February 15**, at **Bankson Hall at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 33501 Stonehill Drive, Dana Point**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A reception starts the evening, followed by a dinner at approximately 6:15 p.m. Opening comments and approval of the 2023 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members will begin at 7:00 p.m. Only members in good standing may vote. Good standing is defined as members whose dues have been paid within the last year. **Please go to page 3 to view the slate of candidates proposed for membership approval.**

Following membership voting, Robert Zasa will give an update about the new Dana Point Sister Cities program. This will be followed by a presentation and Q & A with Mike Frost, Dana Point's newly elected mayor. Members are encouraged to prepare questions for Mayor Frost.

Local restaurateur and Society Lifetime member Enzo Scognamiglio of Brio Tuscany Grille will prepare the evening's main course. Society members and prospective members are encouraged to bring a beverage, beer, wine to share or dessert that serves 4-6 people. **Please RSVP** for dinner to: museum@DanaPointHistorical.org or call 949-248-8121 by **Saturday, February 11**. We need to know the number of dinners to order.

Members who wish to nominate individuals or apply for vacant positions should contact Parliamentarian Joel Bishop or President Barbara Johannes at least two days prior to the annual membership meeting. Please note members may also pay their 2023 dues at the event. Marsha LaRusso, Vice President of Membership, will be on hand to receive your dues.

Guided Tour for Society Members and Guests on January 28



Society members have been invited to a special guided tour of the newly opened Moulton Museum in Laguna Hills on **Saturday, January 28**, beginning at 10 a.m. The entrance fee for each attendee is \$5. The museum is located at the Moulton Ranch Center, 25256 Cabot Rd, Laguna Hills, CA.

Please RSVP by January 25 to events@danapointhistorical or leave a message at 949-248-8121. Be sure to include the number of people in your group.

Following the tour, the group will meet at Outback Steak House, located at 25322 Cabot Road in Laguna Hills, for a no-host luncheon.

Pictured are Lewis Moulton, seated, and Nellie Gail Moulton, standing, along with their two daughters.

Happy New Year!



Please join us on Saturday, January 28, for a tour of the Moulton Museum. This will be a chance to gather with fellow Historical Society members and friends to visit the museum on Cabot Road. Just nine miles from Dana Point City Hall, it is an easy 20-minute drive. Our special tour of the Moulton Museum includes the main exhibition space, filled with Moulton Ranch antiques and photographs, and the Nellie Gail Art Gallery. Afterward, a brief walk for an optional no-host lunch at Outback Steakhouse. You can leave your car where you parked it for the tour. Outback Steakhouse offers a popular lunch menu. RSVP by calling 949-248-8121 or email museum@danapointhistorical.org by Wednesday, January 25, with your name and number of people in your party so the museum can arrange enough docents for the tour. There is a \$5 per person entry fee paid to the Moulton Museum when you enter. It has been 18 months since 50 DPHS members and guests visited the Aliso Viejo Ranch in 2021. This tour will answer any questions we had then and give us a deeper understanding of Orange County ranch life that included the Monarch Beach area of Dana Point.

Our February 15, 2023, Annual Meeting and Dinner is a ❤️ Valentine ❤️ to express our appreciation for everything our Society members and volunteers have done to preserve and share our history during the past year. Enzo Scognamiglio of Brio Tuscany Grille will cater the salad and dinner entree. We are asking members to bring a beverage, possibly beer or wine or a dessert to share. Past DPHS honoree Jim Miller of Coffee Importers will provide coffee service and the Society will have water, iced tea and tableware available. We need your RSVP by Saturday, February 11, to let Brio know the number of confirmed dinner guests.

The evening's program will include introductions, approving the slate of officers, a brief installation of officers and remarks from newly elected Council Member John Gabbard and Mayor Mike Frost. Please consider sending your questions in advance for Mayor Frost, who is looking forward to learning them. You can also bring any questions with you that evening.

March will bring the Festival of Whales including our outreach booth on March 4 & 5. We would love to have some new enthusiastic volunteers to greet visitors and answer questions about Dana Point's history and Dana Point Harbor. We will give walking tours of historic Dana Point on both days. Would you like to sign up to learn the tour? Then you might want to lead one in the future. You can call the museum to volunteer or, better yet, come by to see us at the museum.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at each of these events.



Lewis Fenno Moulton courtesy of Moulton Museum.

Barbara Force Johannes

2023 Election of Board Members & Confirmation of Appointed Directors

OFFICERS to be elected by the members in February 2023:

Barbara Johannes (2023-2025)	President
Marsha LaRusso (2023-2025)	2nd Vice President
Heidi Hyde (2023-2025)	Recording Secretary
Gary Prenovost (2023-2025)	Treasurer/Merchandise
Joel Bishop (2023-2025)	Parliamentarian

Board Appointed Directors to be confirmed in February 2023:

Bruce Beal (2023-2025)	Ocean Heritage Projects Chair
Joel Bishop (2023-2025)	Public Relations/Technology Chair
Max Brown (2023-2025)	Newsletter/Web Editor
Vacant (2023-2025)	Historic Photos Chair
Keith Johannes (2023-2025)	Preservation Chair
Grant Earl (2023-2025)	Technology/Social Media Chair
Randy Roberts (2023-2025)	Baby Beach Tile Wall Chair

Board Appointed Chairs to be confirmed in February 2023:

Kirsten Reynolds (2023-2025)	Exhibits Chair
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Current Board Members & Appointed Chairs

Officers Elected by the members in 2022:

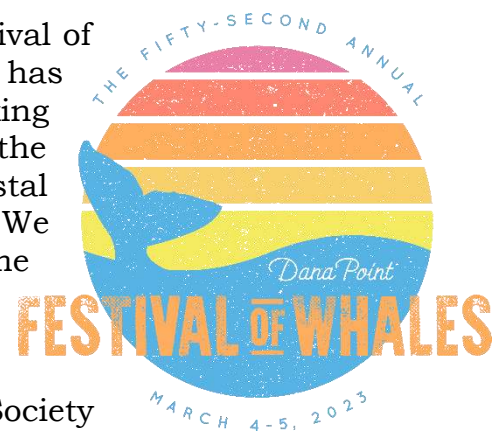
Vacant (2022-2024)	1st Vice President
Bob Minty (2022-2024)	3rd Vice President, Programs
Nancy Jenkins (2022-2024)	Corresponding Secretary

Board Appointed Directors confirmed in 2022:

Elizabeth Bamattre (2022-2024)	Special Events Chair
Marco Carralero (2022-2024)	Social Media Chair, At Large
Judy Henderson (2022-2024)	Sunshine Ambassador, Director Emeritus
Jim Proett (2022-2024)	Museum Docent Scheduling Chair

Festival of Whales 2023

As usual, our Society will have our outreach booth at the Festival of Whales on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5. The event has been changed to only one weekend. Historical Society Walking tours featuring historic buildings and historic sites above the harbor will be held both days at 2 p.m. Meet the guide at Coastal Kitchen, at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway & Blue Lantern. We are also looking for volunteers to greet visitors, welcome perspective members and sell historical photos and other merchandise. It's lots of fun and no experience is needed! There will always be someone at the booth to help with your questions. If you would like to participate please contact the Society at **949-248-8121** or send an email to **events@danapointhistorical.org**.



Mayors Sign Sister Cities Agreement

Dana Point Sister Cities Association has made history since we were honored to co-sponsor its June fundraiser. On December 6, 2022, the Dana Point City Council unanimously approved a Sister Cities Friendship Agreement with Sorrento, Italy. The council authorized the mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement and other ceremonial documents; it adopted a resolution of intention, approving a friendship agreement and declaring its intent to build a city-to-city relationship with Sorrento; and it authorized city staff to work with Dana Point Sister Cities International to build a “Sister City Relationship” with Sorrento. Mayor Joseph Muller signed the Memorandum of Agreement.



Pictured are Sorrento’s Mayor, Massimo Coppola, left, with Dr. Silvana Gargiulo, the International Regional Director, center, and Marco Marino, V.P. of Academic Affairs at the Santa Anna Institute.

the Sorrento Peninsula and the South Orange County region. The goal is to promote international education exchanges with students of middle- and high-school age, realize common events in art, culture, music, theater and marine life preservation, and includes the history of the respective territories and their local foundations, museums and local associations. Currently, Dana Point Sister Cities Association is planning a cocktail party & priority-seating event at the Righteous Brothers Pacific Symphony Pops concert on February 10 to raise funds for an artist delegation visit to Sorrento.

We look forward to Bob Zasa, DPSCA President, updating us on the Sister Cities Association’s recent activities at our Annual Meeting. It seems Sorrento’s influence on Dana Point’s early development, started nearly a century ago, will return as a mutual exchange of culture and friendship.

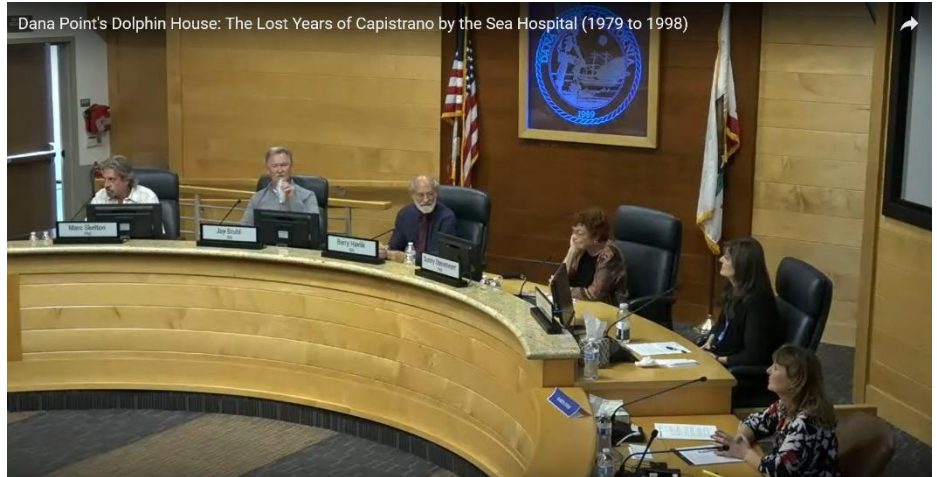
On Friday, January 13, 2023, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Mayor Mike Frost, City of Dana Point, County of Orange, California, USA, and Mayor Massimo Coppola of Sorrento, (Province of Naples), Italy, at a virtual 8:00 a.m. meeting (5:00 p.m. in Sorrento) at the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce. The mayors and official representatives of both cities committed to promote cooperation in tourism, arts, culture, education and mutual economic initiatives. Activities to accomplish this commitment include cultural and artistic exchanges, common events and experiences to expand cooperation and friendship, encourage tourism and support the cultural heritage of both cities including



“Sorrento, Italy © Sorrento Insider 2023

The Capistrano by the Sea Hospital Archives

We have received an addition to our museum archives, a result of our May 2022 program, *The Lost Years of Capistrano by the Sea Hospital & Clinic*, which was presented by a panel of professionals employed at the hospital from the late 1970s until the facility closed in 1998. Barry Havlik, the panel's moderator, hopes sharing the archives will contribute to the legacy of the Dolph House, c.1955-1998, fill in some of the mystery surrounding the psychiatric hospital on the hill and reveal its contribution to the community, then and now. Many of the hospital's employees went on to serve in advanced professional careers.



Pictured left to right are Marc Skelton, PhD, Jay Bruhl, RN, Barry Havlik, MA, Sunny Steinmeyer, PhD, Dee Goodfellow, LCSW and Karen Stein, former employees of San Juan by the Sea Hospital & Clinic.



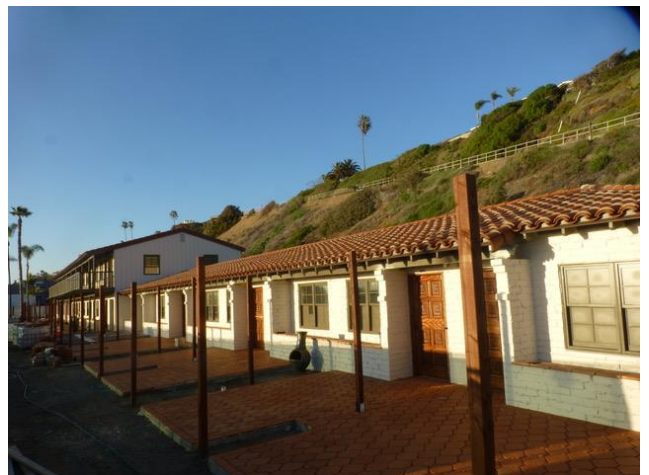
Aerial view of the Dolph house during its time as a psychiatric hospital and clinic.

Barry has described the large binder of materials as mostly original, unpolished documents, c.1980-1985, consisting of formal and anecdotal staff communications, marketing and program data, staff photos and clinical planning materials. Former employees who read this announcement are invited to submit additional information as available, which will be added to the archive. There are plans to eventually digitize the materials. The archives are available for public viewing during museum hours. Barry has retained the rights to these archives (including the movie rights). Our thanks to Barry for sharing these materials with Dana Point residents.

Capistrano Seaside Inn Nears Completion



Owners Jeff Finn and Danny Hyde of Artist Guild Hotels are making progress on what once was a city eyesore for years. The motel, which illustrates a Spanish influenced motor court of the mid-twentieth century, appears to be adding some finishing touches before opening to the public. DPHS Preservation Chair Keith Johannes stopped by this week to take some pictures showing the detailed renovation of the historic structure.



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2023 DPHS Calendar

January 28 Moulton Museum Tour **February 15** Annual Meeting and Dinner **March 4 & 5** Festival of Whales

Membership

Please welcome new members **Alan & Cathy Berkov, Hugh Daniels & Susan Wynne, Tim Johnson, JoAnn & John Kelly, Billy Pratt, Tom Rafferty, Susan Redsun, and Anthony Small !**

As a reminder, the annual dues for 2023 are due in January. The membership categories are:

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 P.O. Box 544, Dana Point, 92629; at the museum Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., or at our membership meeting on February 15.

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

Questions?

Contact Marsha La Russo at rmlarusso@msn.com

Ralphp Nonprofit Contribution!



January is a good time to check if you are still registered in the Ralphp Community Contribution Program. Each year participants are required to register or re-register. Go to www.ralphp.com to check your card registration and make sure your community contribution program lists our Society. Ralphp give a percentage of your eligible purchases to our Society.

Once you log into your Ralphp account (or create one if you don't have one), scroll way down to COMMUNITY and choose Food 4 Less Community Rewards. There, you will be able to choose the Dana Point Historical Society (# CL111) as your beneficiary!

Unfortunately, our other nonprofit rewards program at Amazon.com is being discontinued. The company has decided to close its program, so AmazonSmile will no longer provide any benefits to our Society.