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## DPHS to Honor Beverly Sels at *Picnic Mexicano*, Our June Scholarship Fundraiser Event, on Wednesday, June 26, at 6 P.M.



How it all began: In March 1999, the Dana Point Historical Society honored Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson as the *Local Woman of Women's History Month* and she was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting. President Beverly Sels reported, "It was a standing-room-only meeting with everyone enjoying her stories of the old days."

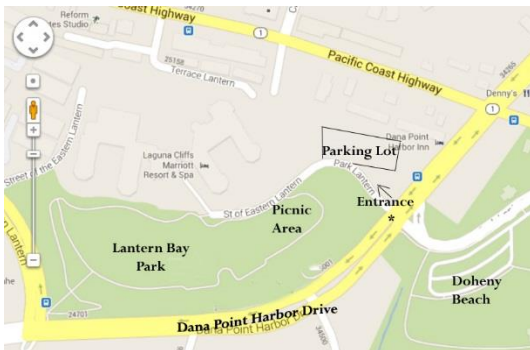
Lucy was the founder of Lucy's El Patio Cafe in Capistrano Beach. She started the restaurant in 1951 and it is the longest continually run business in the city. Lucy cooked for hundreds of men working at the Cotton Ranch and then went into the restaurant business in 1937. According to a May 31st *Dana Point News* article by David Bro entitled "*El Patio Cafe still cooking after 76 years*," Lucy's recipes are still being used to prepare dishes at the popular restaurant now run by her son Jack since 1989. OC Register subscribers may view the article online here: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/saunderson-510758-lucy-patio.html>.

Lucy passed away on April 8, 2000, and her services at San Juan Capistrano Basilica filled the church inside and had nearly as many people outside to pay their respects. Lucy's family requested the Society's participation with them in establishing a scholarship fund in her memory. Donations were made for a Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson / Dana Point-Capistrano Beach Historical Society Scholarship to be awarded at the end of each school year, beginning in 2001.

Doris I. Walker was the DPHS Founders Day honoree, History Advisor and Program Chair who arranged interesting monthly meetings for the Dana Point Historical Society over many years. Just two months ago, on April 16, Doris's sons Brett and Blair Walker joined our City Council and other dignitaries in dedicating a sculpture to Doris, commemorating the stories she has written for us. Following the November 2011 memorial service in her and husband Jack Smith's honor, the Society decided to rename our already existing second scholarship as the Doris I. Walker Scholarship, given in her name for the first time last year.

Joining us in remembering past DPHS President Beverly Sels will be her husband, Glenn. He will speak about Beverly's involvement in the Society and her love for community participation. In addition, Jack Saunderson and Blair Walker will comment about their mothers' legacies in the Dana Point area.

This year, the \$1,000 Doris I. Walker Scholarship has been awarded to **Sarah Anne Martino** of Dana Hills High School and the \$1,000 Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson Scholarship has been awarded to **Melissa Chmelik** of San Clemente High School.



**A change in venue and style has been announced for this year's scholarship fundraiser dinner.** Jack Saunderson, son of scholarship namesake Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson, will be preparing a Mexican-themed picnic for the attendees. This year's picnic will take place at **Lantern Bay Park**, on Park Lantern Street, the entrance of which is located opposite the entrance to Doheny Beach. Look for the entrance sign of the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Hotel. "*Picnic Mexicano*" will include a variety of your favorite Mexican dishes, along with soft drinks and dessert. Beer and wine will also be available.

Parking is available in the lots past the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Hotel entrance, up the hill. Our picnic area is on the left-hand side just past the parking lots and has plenty of tables as well as restrooms across the street.

Tickets are \$25 with advance purchase or \$30 at the door (get the form in this newsletter on Page 2 or print it now from our website: [Registration Form](#)). Tickets for children under 12 are \$10. Advance purchase reservations must be received by June 21. Please volunteer to help at this event by calling Vice President for Programs Ann Shultz at the museum office, 949-248-8121 (message) or email her at [connollyshultz@yahoo.com](mailto:connollyshultz@yahoo.com).

## President's Message

Joel Bishop delighted members at our May meeting with his salute to Ingrid McGuire, our 2013 Founders Day honoree. Joel gave numerous examples of the trail blazed by Ingrid that he would later follow in Monarch Beach Terrace, the South Coast Water District Board, on the Dana Point City Council and as Mayor, with Ingrid always leading the way. City Councilman Carlos N. Olvera also presented Ingrid with official congratulations from Mayor Steven Weinberg and the City of Dana Point. Ingrid told us she was deeply touched and proud to be named the Founders Day Honoree. All of our members should be pleased about Ingrid's assessment of our Society's accomplishments. In a note to us a few days later, Ingrid wrote that she was "blown away" by the effort and thoughtfulness shown by our board of directors who put the meeting together. I also want to express my thanks to Ann Shultz, Program Chair, the Founders Day committee, the board members who brought refreshments and our members and guests who were present or sent messages to honor Ingrid.



A new rug has lowered the noise level in the museum and you will find our new chairs very comfortable when you visit. Museum VP Ross Teasley reports that the new conference/display tables will arrive the week of June 17th. The Fernald Knowlton Exhibit is being reduced in size to accommodate a Surfing History display for the summer. Plan on dropping by with friends or volunteering as a docent.

I am pleased to announce that *Stillwater Spirits & Sounds* will host our 2013 Home Tour Headquarters, which will include an afternoon reception for all ticketed attendees, at their historic Prohibition-era S.H. Woodruff building. Save the date of Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Regina Barnes, Scholarship Chair, presented the Doris I. Walker Scholarship at Dana Hills High School and I had the honor to present the Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson Scholarship at San Clemente High School. We will introduce you to the two deserving winners of our \$1,000 Scholarships at the annual scholarship fundraiser held Wednesday, June 26th.

NEWS!! Jack Saunderson of El Patio Cafe is catering our June 26th Scholarship Picnic with his mother's recipes. What could be more appropriate when our first scholarship was named for Jack's mother, Lucy? Jack and the Society are dedicating the evening to Beverly Sels, 1936-2013, who began our scholarship program during her presidency in 2001. Our Scholarship Picnic Fundraiser is moving across the street to Lantern Bay Park for this Mexican-style picnic with friends, while enjoying a beautiful ocean view. Glenn Sels, Jack Saunderson and Blair Walker will each share a story about the ladies we are honoring. All we need to do is reserve tickets for family and friends so the right amount of delicious food can be prepared. Oh, please bring some folding money to buy tickets for our raffle as well as for drink "tips". Call 248-8121 if you wish to donate an item for the raffle or a dessert for the dinner. See you at the Scholarship Picnic!

Barbara Force Johannes

### ***"Picnic Mexicano" at Lantern Bay Park Registration Form***



**Mail in by June 21 to:**      **Dana Point Historical Society**  
   **PO Box 544**  
   **Dana Point, CA 92629**

**Number of adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$25 each (enclose check/money order)**

**Number of children:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$10 each (enclose check/money order)**

**Additional donation to the Scholarship Fund enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## *Founders Day Evening Honors Ingrid McGuire*

Longtime resident, first Dana Point Mayor and veteran South Coast Water District Board member Ingrid McGuire was our Founders Day honoree. A fun evening of buffet appetizers/desserts and reminiscences greeted the many attendees. Joel Bishop provided an amusing and informative introduction. In her acceptance, Ingrid said:

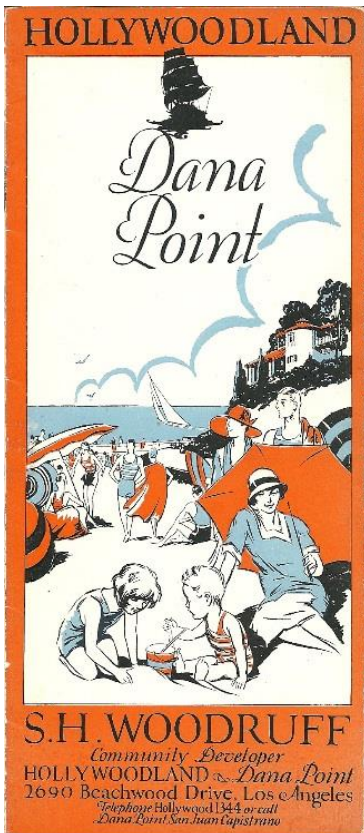


*"In 26 years the Society has done much more than collect historic photographs and maps, conduct home tours and create a lovely museum --- it has brought to life the rich history of the area and made it real --- and thus added a fourth dimension to Dana Point."*



### **2013 Home Tour on Sunday, October 6:**

*"... from the Hills of Hollywood to the Sea ... in Dana Point"*



The Home Tour Committee approved the above theme at our May 20th meeting. Our thirteenth annual Home Tour in 2013 (that has to be lucky) denotes the 90th Anniversary of Sidney H. Woodruff's *Hollywoodland* development, after which he turned his investors' attention to his *Community of Enchantment-By-the-Sea* in Dana Point. We are featuring Lantern Village Woodruff homes and a Town Center commercial building, circa 1928 to 1932. Three homes are within walking distance of each other. Committee members include Regina Barnes, Lisa Bartlett, Elizabeth Bamattre, Bonnie & Bob Beeby, Joel Bishop, Mary Crowl, Norm Denton, Nancy Jenkins, Christy Johnson, Marsha LaRusso, Kirsten Reynolds and Mary Williams. Regina Barnes is the Sponsor Chair who asks each of us to enlist a home tour sponsor --- think of your favorite restaurant, investment adviser or a company from which you have recently purchased a new appliance or car.

"23 Skidoo!" Our exciting news for the October 6th Annual Home Tour is that *StillWater Spirits & Sounds* will provide our tour headquarters! This historic 1920s building and its Prohibition-era historic photo decor will be on the tour as well as providing the morning registration, an afternoon reception and "All that Jazz." The DPHS museum's Woodruff-era exhibit featuring photos, real estate ads and publicity of the period will offer a second home tour registration site at City Hall Plaza during the first half of the tour.

Volunteers are still needed. We have openings for a Registration Chair and co-chairs on the day of the tour. A Logistics Chair is needed to organize the placing of signs at each tour location, along with a table and chairs at registration. A Raffle Chair is needed for in-kind gift donations from sponsors. Of course, we also need our wonderful docents in each home.

**Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. is our next Home Tour Meeting in the DPHS Museum, Suite 104 at City Hall.** Please join us if you are interested in participating at any level. We will have dessert and beverages.

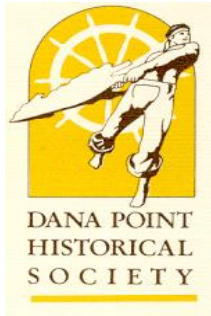
*Thank You Museum Docents!!*

*Thank you to our May museum docents who volunteered during museum hours, several more than once, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, mornings and afternoons, for two hours:*

*Sandie Iverson, Paul Hinman, Linda Moore, Liz Bamattre, Regina Barnes, Max Brown, Rene Cortez, Mary Crowl, Rod Howorth, Christy Johnson, Barbara Johannes, Keith Johannes, Kirsten Reynolds, Ann Shultz, Ross Teasley and Mary Williams. Please consider calling the museum and leaving a message for Mary Williams if you wish to volunteer as a docent or be trained as a docent: 949-248-8121. The month of June has 26 shifts, or 52 hours, for the museum to be open and we would like to have additional docents join us in July and August.*



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### Membership

We would like to welcome the following new members:

**Catherine Wilkinson  
Lauren Payne**

Thanks to all who have renewed your membership dues. It is very much appreciated. Our activities, such as the newsletter, program meetings, collection and preservation of documents and photographs, are funded by your dues.

All contributions are tax deductible as the Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 33-0359288.

*Regina Barnes*

**Remember to sign up to make DPHS your  
Ralph's Community Donor Recipient!**

Send an email to [DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:DPHSNewsletter@gmail.com)  
if you need instructions.



## Still Water

### *StillWater Spirits / Sounds* to Host 2013 Home Tour Reception

Their historic 1920s building and its Prohibition-era photo decor will be on the tour as well as providing the morning registration and an afternoon reception. Thank you to *StillWater*!



*Left, S.H. Woodruff's Auditorium, where he held sales meetings.*

*This building now houses  
StillWater Spirits &  
Sounds, shown at right.*

