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## DPHS Annual Meeting, Election and Potluck Dinner Wednesday, January 23

The Dana Point Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and potluck dinner on **Wednesday, January 23**, at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Bankson Hall (rear of property) at Stonehill Drive and Ocean Hill Drive**. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. A reception starts the evening, followed by a potluck dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m. Opening comments and approval of the 2019 slate of incumbent officers and appointed board members will begin at 7:15 p.m. Only members in good standing may vote. Good standing is defined as members whose dues have been paid within the last year.

Our final program event will feature local author Joe Dunn, along with Dick Metz, who will present Joe's new book, ***Lifestyle Retail, The Story of The Hobie Surf Shops***. It is the history of the Hobie shops and the two principals involved, which heavily features Dick Metz, who opened, owned and ran Hobie Alter's first retail shop in Honolulu. The book references the youths of the two men and continues through the history of the shops up to the present owners.

Attendance is open to the public, but please be sure to bring a dish to serve six two 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 Parliamentarian Joel Bishop or President Barbara Johannes at least two days prior to the annual membership meeting. Please note members may also pay their 2019 dues at the event. Marsha LaRusso, Vice President of Membership, will be on hand to collect dues.

## 2019 Election of Board Members & Confirmation of Appointed Directors

### OFFICERS to be elected by the members in January 2019:

<b>Barbara Johannes (2019-2021)</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Marsha LaRusso (2019-2021)</b>	<b>2nd Vice President, Membership</b>
<b>Heidi Hyde (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>
<b>Gary Prenovost (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Joel Bishop (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>

### Board-appointed directors renewed for two years in 2019:

<b>Bruce Beal (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Ocean Heritage Projects</b>
<b>Joel Bishop (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Public Relations/Technology</b>
<b>Max Brown (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Newsletter/Web Editor</b>
<b>Jeff Huston (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Tile Wall</b>
<b>Sandie Iverson (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Photo Archive</b>
<b>Keith Johannes (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Preservation</b>
<b>Kirsten Reynolds (2019-2021)</b>	<b>Exhibits</b>

### Current Board Members & Appointed Committee Chairs

#### OFFICERS elected by the members in January 2018:

VACANT	1st Vice President, Museum/Archives
Bob Minty (2018-2020)	3rd Vice President, Programs
Nancy Jenkins (2018-2020)	Corresponding Secretary

#### Board-appointed directors confirmed in January 2018:

Elizabeth Bamattre (2018-2020)	Special Events
Judy Henderson (2018-2020)	Sunshine Ambassador, Director Emeritus
Max Brown (2018-2020)	Merchandise
VACANT (2018-2020)	Docent Scheduling & Recruitment

## New Year Greetings to our Members and Friends!



2019 begins with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Dana Point's cityhood. On January 1, 1989, the first five council members were sworn in on board the brig Pilgrim. This event was commemorated for our city's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 3, 2009, again on the Pilgrim. As the 28<sup>th</sup> city to incorporate in Orange County, we are a fairly new city, but the effort to incorporate dates back to 1959, as reported in *20 Years Before the Mast: A History of the City of Dana Point* by Autumn Hayner and Carlos N. Olvera. The first City Council sent out a call for

submissions for a City Seal to reflect a nautical design and, after 33 submissions, Rick Morgan's design was selected in July 1989. Morgan's seal conveys our early history in a contemporary, yet timeless, way, connecting Dana's 1835 visit to the present. The sculpted likeness of our namesake surveys the stylized scene representing Capistrano Bay with the Pilgrim lying quietly at anchor. The sun shines above the headlands and the breaking wave pays homage to "Killer Dana," the legendary surfing spot east of the Headlands until Dana Point Harbor was built in 1966. "Dana Point • California" curves around the upper half of the seal's outer ring while "1989," the year of the city's incorporation, is centered at the bottom. A gold rope surrounds the entire seal in keeping with our nautical history. To me, the gold rope also symbolizes the incorporation of the three seaside communities of Capistrano Beach, Dana Point and Monarch Beach tied together into the seacoast city of Dana Point. It was in observance of the city's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary that the Historical Society had a medallion ornament created in the likeness of the city seal to commemorate our history.



The first attempt to develop a community named Dana Point began in the early 1920s when the San Juan Point Corporation advertised in a booklet entitled *Dana Point and Vicinity*. The corporation issued stock certificates signed by J.L. Beebe, President, and Joe W. Skidmore, Secretary-Treasurer. The two remaining officers were P.H. Krick, Vice President, and Anna G. Walters, Executive Manager and Sales. Walters is especially significant because she is the only original founding officer who remained in Dana



Point, where she built a home in 1925 and a commercial building in 1927. It is due to the generosity of her great-grandsons, David and Steven Guy and their families, that we have the current Walters-Guy Exhibit in our museum. Their most recent donation is the re-discovered stock certificates owned by Anna G. Walters. Of most interest is No. 14 of the San Juan Point Corporation certifying 4207 shares in their corporation, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1924. It was the San Juan Point Corporation that developed the Scenic Inn and Dana Point's first park, now the Bluff Top Park, in 1923-24. We hope to have a descendant of the park's 1923 builders, Ed and George Seeman, speak to us this spring.

Please join me in congratulating the Orange County Historical Society (OCHC) in celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They are planning special events throughout the year and inviting those of us interested to join their Centennial Circle. In addition, they are celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Captain Gaspar de Portola's overland expedition through what is now Orange County. On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, OCHS will present a guided bus tour along the Portola route featuring stops along the trail to which the public is invited. Reservations can be made at \$90 per person for non-members. Tickets go on sale this month and more details are on their website: <http://www.orangecountyhistory.org/wp/?cat=18>

Your generosity of time and support is appreciated. Please consider sending in your DPHS membership dues with the enclosed envelope or, better yet, bring it with you to our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will want to join our members and special guests when we install our officers and hear the stories of Joe Dunn and Dick Metz as they describe the Hobie retail experience in *Lifestyle Retail*, Joe Dunn's latest book.

Barbara Force Johannes

## Gary Prenovost Is Named Treasurer for Dana Point Historical Society

Following the retirement of Kat Wallace as the Society's treasurer, Gary Prenovost has agreed to take over the board of directors' treasurer position. Gary is a former Chief Financial Officer and CPA, retiring from the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) in 2013 after 34 years. He previously earned an accounting degree from Loyola Marymount University. Gary resides in San Juan Capistrano with his wife, Stella. They have four adult children and 11 grandchildren.



## DPHS Welcomes New Committee Chair



The Society is pleased to welcome the new committee chair of our Tile Wall Project, Dr. Jeff Huston. He will fill the capable shoes of our beloved Rod Howorth, who performed this duty for many years.

Aside from being a licensed dentist, Jeff volunteers on the brig "Pilgrim" at the Ocean Institute and at Crystal Cove State Park giving tours. He is an American Cetacean Society Naturalist and a San Diego Museum of Natural History Whaler

on the Hornblower's "Adventure." Jeff loves learning about coastal conservation, marine mammals, family genealogy and the lamentable history of whaling in SoCal and Baja. He is an accomplished "Do-It-Yourselfer." He and his wife, Janet, have three children and one grandchild. Jeff will be overseeing the installation of our Baby Beach tiles. In December he photographed our professional helpers Mike Choate and Randy Roberts, pictured right, and our most recent installation, pictured below. Tiles are usually placed annually, or more frequently, depending upon the number of tiles available.



**Plan now to volunteer for the DPHS booth at the Dana Point Festival of Whales, March 2, 3 and 9, 10! Call 949-248-8121 or email [museum@DanaPointHistorical.org](mailto:museum@DanaPointHistorical.org). Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**BE SURE TO STOP BY OUR MUSEUM FOR OUR "FIRST SATURDAY VINTAGE PHOTO AND MERCHANDISE EVENT" ON FEBRUARY 2, 10 A.M.-3 P.M. PHOTO CHAIR SANDIE IVERSON WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP YOU CHOOSE AND ORDER VINTAGE PHOTOS OF DANA POINT AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.**

**Correction:** In our Holiday *News Drogher*, we inadvertently omitted past DPHS President Carlos N. Olvera from our list of Lifetime Members, due to a change of address. We regret the error.

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## 2019 DPHS Calendar

**Jan 23** Annual Meeting & Potluck    **Feb 2** First Saturday Photo Sales 10-3    **Feb 27** Program    **March 2-10** FOW

## Membership

Please welcome new members **Gary and Stella Prenovost** and **John Stuart Graves**.

Also, please congratulate new lifetime members **Bill & Marylou Johnson**.

**As a reminder, the annual dues for 2019 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 January 23.**

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)

Marsha LaRusso

## Benevity

We want to thank **Grant Earl** of the Microsoft Corporation for participating in Microsoft's giving program, which grants money and volunteer time to nonprofits through the Benevity program, a consortium of charitable foundations. Grant's work with the Society has resulted in over \$700 of volunteer time, goods and services being given to DPHS in 2018. Grant works with our board of directors to install, maintain and update various software products and is continually seeking to enhance our social media presence across various platforms.

Thanks to all our members who have included us in their Ralph's Community



Participation Program. This past year we raised over \$400! If you need to know how to sign up for the Ralphs program, please contact us at [museum@DanaPointHistorical.org](mailto:museum@DanaPointHistorical.org).