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Join Us on Wednesday, October 26, for Our Special Program, "Time Capsule Memories"



On Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 7 pm the Dana Point Historical Society will meet in City Hall Chambers for our program "Time Capsule Memories" with speakers Jonathan Morgan Jenkins, (pictured left) of Performance Production Services, and Chris Jepsen, (right), Orange County Assistant Archivist. We hope you will bring your questions as well as any memories and photos you have to share from the 1966 event. Commemorative souvenir



tote bags (see photo at bottom of this page) will be available for those that did not get one.

The program will be followed by a reception and viewing of our Time Capsule Exhibit in the museum.

DPHS Co-hosts Time Capsule Film Documentary Event

On Tuesday evening, September 27, the premier of Jonathan Morgan Jenkins' documentary "The Rock, The Time Capsule, The Harbor" was held at the Ocean Institute. Along with the Ocean Institute and our Society, the program was hosted by the office of O.C. Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and Coffee Importers.



A large crowd gathers for the first showing of the film, which was shown every half hour until 8 pm.

Mary Follo of OC Board of Supervisors 5th District gives out commemorative bags featuring the 50th anniversary harbor logo.



Photos by Mark Montgomery.



Mike Mollenhauer and Jonathan Morgan Jenkins reprise "Dana's Voyage," a ballad first sung for the 1966 Harbor Rock Placing Ceremony by Jonathan's mother, Mary, with lyrics by his father, Jim Jenkins.



DPHS members and other guests enjoy snacks and survey part of the exhibit featuring harbor history.



President's Message



Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and staff, together with a committee representing civic, business and nonprofit organizations, kept a 50-year promise on Monday, August 29, 2016. The promise, under the auspices of Supervisor Alton E. Allen, was made to those who attended the 1966 Harbor Rock Placing Ceremony, pageant and dinner. A "Complimentary Ticket" to a Bar-B-Q Dinner for the Dana Point Harbor Time Capsule Opening Ceremony on August 29, 2016, was issued by the Orange County Coast Association and was to be valid when presented by the original holder. This year, over three dozen original 1966 tickets

were presented. Miss Dana Point 1966, Nancy Buenger McNaughton, had her ticket pasted in her scrapbook, but she attended as the guest of an event sponsor.

We were contacted by Cynthia Nelson Ossowski and her email is just a sample of the many we received before and after the 2016 Time Capsule Opening Celebration: Regarding the photos taken during the time capsule ceremony in 1966. There are a few photos of Miss Dana Point [as well as other local pageant winners] accepting items for the time capsule. In the background of those pictures it was fun to see my sister and I [Cynthia is the center child] with neighborhood friends standing in the background. I remember our friend's mother, being a photographer, telling us to stand there so we would be in the pictures. I received my barbecue ticket that day and kept it all those years. I was fortunate to make it to the opening ceremony in August along with my long held ticket. It was a fun day and I appreciate you all making it special for us who thought 2016 was so just too far into the future. Boy, how time flew by! (Pictured is Miss Laguna Beach, Marsha Bennet, right, with a representative from Laguna Federal Savings).



The Dana Point Historical Society is indebted to the civic and service groups that directed and produced the 1966 Time Capsule Ceremony because our organization didn't exist until 1987. We did have some acquired items in our files that we shared with Chris Jepsen of the Orange County Archives, who curated the 2016 Time Capsule Exhibit, currently on display in our museum. Our docents had been receiving phone calls since 2014 from people who had their 1966 Bar-B-Q tickets ready to use. Some of our founding members attended the 1966 ceremony, including Doris Walker, Mel & Helen Pierce and Don Hansen. Because Doris described the occasion vividly in her book *Home Port for Romance*, we already knew the lyrics to "Dana's Voyage," sung in 1966 and reprised for this year's event, and we knew the Rock Placing Ceremony was sponsored by the Orange County Harbor District, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the California Division of Beaches and Parks.

Early in the spring of 2016, Supervisor Bartlett's office invited Dana Point Harbor, OC Parks, the Ocean Institute and many other partners and sponsors to participate in the celebration. Our Society accepted the invitation to be the lead nonprofit sponsor of this year's time capsule celebration in Doris' memory --- we knew she would have wanted to be involved and was with us in spirit. Her books also include great photos that bring the 1966 event to life. This year, we were joined by many people who attended the 1966 time capsule event, including two of the high school queens who officiated, Miss Dana Point, Nancy Buenger McNaughton, and Miss San Clemente, Valerie Zagwolski Shinkle. We were also joined by alumni from the Boy Scouts who had directed traffic and assisted with flag raising. Folks contacted our Society who were in the pageant photos taken at Doheny Beach, where Richard Henry Dana's arrival on the *Pilgrim* was re-enacted 50 years ago. Guy Swentek, now a teacher in Santa Ana, emailed us that he portraved a Native American in the pageant and his dad had played the part of Father Serra.

Elizabeth Bamattre contacted many of the groups who contributed to the 1966 Time Capsule and many of their members made special arrangements to attend. Members from the American Association of University Women attended with their co-founder, Lyn Harris Hicks. The American Gold Star Mothers attended as our guests, who included Sue Pollard, the National First Vice President and Proud mother of Spec. Justin W. Pollard, Iraq/12.30.2003. Two Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution were represented, the American Legion and VFW were contributors to the time capsule and Fred Hunn, son of the VFW Post 3801 Commander, attended with his original tickets that he helped distribute in 1966. Doris was represented by her sons, Brent and Blair Walker, and all her friends who knew her and all of us who read her books.

Les Remmers designed the Harbor logo on those original BBQ tickets, the program and the capsule's bronze plaque. The bronze plaque sealed the capsule on October 1, 1968, marking the completion of the breakwaters, the first phase of the harbor's construction. Photos of the event included Harbor District Director Ken Sampson, County Harbor Engineer Jim Ballinger and Ernie Silberberger, one of the three brothers of Silberberger Constructors who built the breakwater. Twenty-six members of the Silberberger family came from the Carlsbad area along with Ernie to attend the 2016 celebration!

When I spoke at the ceremony in August, I asked those who attended the 1966 event to stand and then asked others to join them if they were related to someone who was there in 1966 --- hundreds were standing! It was a harbor reunion!

The first two pages of Time Capsule 50-Year Celebration souvenir program contain a list of all the 1966 contributors and the items each selected for the time capsule. OC Parks estimated attendance at 1,500 people, many of whom lined up for over two hours to view the time capsule exhibit in two of the picnic pavilions. More than 600 people chose to enjoy the chicken picnic dinner provided by the harbor's restaurants. Many had their photos taken at the newly relocated Time Capsule Rock at Baby Beach. (cont. >)

Among those photographed near the rock were Jay Elder and his friends, who were just 13 and 14 years old in 1966 when his mother, Frani Elder, put their complimentary dinner tickets in her purse for safe keeping. Jay had forgotten all about it until his mother reminded him and gave him a file with five tickets, an original program, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia. Jay's mother died July 7, but Jay came from Washougal, Washington, to meet his friends at the Time Capsule Celebration. After the program, he found me in the crowd and gave the Historical Society the contents of the file in his mother's memory. Then Jay returned to Don Hansen and his buddies, all of whom had worked for Don Hansen at the San Clemente Pier as teenagers—another reunion. The Elder family items and story are in the museum exhibit.

The Time Capsule Opening Celebration was really a reunion for all the people who were present for the harbor's beginning, to remember those who made the harbor a reality for the enjoyment of so many as well as for those who surfed Dana Cove and wistfully recalled the loss of a legendary wave known as Killer Dana. --- Barbara Force Johannes

50 Years of History Highlight Harbor Anniversary; Display of Time Capsule Contents Now on Display at DPHS Museum

DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

DPHS volunteers wait to assist with BBQ registrations.

As the leading nonprofit organization for the harbor's anniversary and time capsule presentation, the Dana Point Historical Society was pleased to work with a variety of county and local officials and business people to create a memorable day of celebration and reminiscences. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with registration, who included Nancy Jenkins, Chair, along with Judy & Brad Brandmeier, Elizabeth & Bill Bamattre, Janice Barberi, Mary Crowl, Pete Hammer, Heidi Hyde, Carl & Sandie Iverson, Keith Johannes, Bob Minty, Willa Porter, Rob Ramsey, Karin Schnell, Robin Valles, Kat Wallace and Lee & Terry Walsh. Thank you also to all our members who donated to and attended the event! Photos by Rod Howorth and Mark Montgomery.



DPHS President Barbara F. Johannes, direct from the hospital following a fall earlier in the day, gives remarks to the crowd with help of DPHS Founder and Director Elizabeth Bamattre. Photo by Mark Montgomery.



In its new location at Baby Beach, "The Rock" awaits its new time capsule.



Realtor Patti Short and DPHS Founder and Director Judy Henderson discuss the day's festivities.



Brad and Judy Brandmeier assist at the registration tent.



An estimated 1,500 people attended the time capsule ceremony.
Photo by Mark Montgomery.





November Field Trip to Historic Heritage Square and Grier Musser Museum on Saturday, November 5



Heritage Square Museum (http://heritagesquare.org/about) transports visitors to the end of the 19th century, when California was a fledgling state and the former cow town El Pueblo de Los Angeles began shaping itself

into the metropolis it is today. The museum is not housed in one building but is actually eight different historic structures constructed during the Victorian Era. The buildings were saved from demolition and are now

used to educate the public about the everyday lives of Southern Californians dating from late 19th Century into the early decades of the 20th Century. From the simplicity of the Longfellow-Hastings Octagon House to the opulence of the William Perry





Mansion, the museum provides a unique look at the lifestyles of the people who contributed so much to the development of modern Los Angeles.



The Grier Musser Museum is located in an old Queen Anne house built in 1898 not far from downtown Los Angeles in a residential neighborhood. Unlike most museums in old homes, this one is lived in by the curators, Susan and Rey Tejada. A tour here is like going back in time through a curio shop with an eclectic collection of decorative items including ceramics and paintings as well as a number of oncefunctional items from decades gone by including an old black & white TV (run on cathode ray tubes), a wind-up record player, and an ancient typewriter.

Your day begins by meeting at Strands parking lot at **9:45** am sharp where you will board the bus to Heritage Square. A private tour of the Heritage Square building is followed by a late lunch (**1:30** pm) on your own. You may pack a lunch to eat on the bus or make a reservation with our group that will be dining at Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles, a three-level restaurant and bar: http://www.cliftonsla.com/.

Your next stop is the Grier Musser Museum to view the Victorian house filled with curiosities and antiques. Afterward, the bus will be boarded at about **4 pm** and return to Strands parking lot at approximately **5:15 pm**.

If you wish to attend please complete the following reservation form and return it, with your payment, to the **Dana Point Historical Society**, **PO Box 554**, **Dana Point**, **CA 92629** no later than **TUESDAY**, **NOVEMBER 1**st. You may also drop off the form and your payment at our museum during regular hours, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 1-3 pm.

Reservations are \$45 per member and \$50 for non-members payable by check, money order or cash. Space is limited to 55 people.

RESERVATION FORM FOR HERITAGE SQUARE/GRIER MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

NAME:	
NO. OF <u>TOUR</u> RESERVATIONS	NO. OF <u>LUNCH</u> RESERVATIONS:
CONTACT PHONE(S):	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED (Cash, check or money order): \$	



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Register at Ralphs.com and not only receive special coupons, but Ralph's will give from 1% to 4% of your grocery bill to DPHS as your designated community participant.

Ralph's no longer provides a printed letter for easy registration. You must go online to re-register, ANNUALLY. This year's enrollment started in September.

It's free! Just follow these instructions for FIRST TIME enrollment:

Go to RALPHS.COM

- 1) <CLICK> Register (upper right) for an account unless you already have one.
- 2) Type in your email and choose a password
- 3) Type in your zip code to find your local Ralph's
- 4) Enter your Ralph's card, if you have one, or skip
- 5) Choose any email offers you want to receive
- 6) Confirm your information and <CLICK> Create Account
- 7) GO TO the Ralph's home page (refresh the page) and SIGN IN
- 8) Scroll to the bottom and <CLICK> "Services"
- 9) <CLICK> "Community Contributions"
- 10) Scroll to the bottom and <CLICK> "Enroll"
- 11) Type our organization number 90334
- 12) Confirm your enrollment choice. (Only one allowed)

THAT'S IT !!!

Now, each time you shop at Ralph's, a percentage of eligible food item charges will go The Dana Point Historical Society.

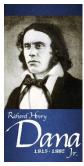
If you have previously created an account and enrolled in the community program, you will see an option to update your annual enrollment in the community program. Simply re-enter our organization number 90334 and confirm.

The Dana Point Historical Society greatly benefits from your participation in this program and we very much appreciate you taking the time to enroll.

If you need assistance participating in this program, please call DPHS at 949-248-8121.

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2016 DPHS Calendar

October 26 Time Capsule Memories

November 5 Heritage Square Trip

December 4 Holiday Open House

Membership

Please welcome new members **Thomas and Paula Miller**, J. Kelly and Sherree Ware and Bridget Flavin Daniel, Real Estate Agent.

As a reminder, the annual renewals for 2017 will be due in January. 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 for you. You can also send your email to me at rmla-russo@msn.com. REMEMBER that all contributions are tax deductible as the Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Marsha LaRusso

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