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## November Weekend Will Commemorate 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Raid on San Juan Capistrano



The San Juan Capistrano Historical Society and the Dana Point Historical Society invite the public to join in marking the 200th anniversary of the Raid on San Juan Capistrano by Argentinian patriot and alleged “pirate” Hipólito Bouchard (below) in 1818. On **Saturday, November 3**, a group of *Living History* “pirates” will recreate the historic walk from Dana Point to San Juan Capistrano to “sack” the town. The walk will begin at **11 a.m.**, starting at Trabuco Creek Trail at Descanso Park, **32506 Paseo Adelanto, SJC**, and end at Los Rios Park, 31747 Los Rios Street, where the “sacking” will commence. Downtown merchants will be “pillaged” until approximately 1 p.m. This will be immediately followed by a family-friendly **“Pirate Fiesta”** at the Blas Aguilar Adobe organized by curator Domingo Belardes. Food, games and children’s events will be featured until 4 p.m.

The *Living History* “pirates” group will then camp overnight on the grounds of the SJC Historical Society. On **Sunday, November 4**, the public is invited to attend the “trial” of Bouchard at a joint meeting of the Societies at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center at **2:30 p.m.**, located at **25925 Camino del Avion, SJC**. A jury will render a verdict deciding if Bouchard is a patriot, privateer or pirate at approximately 3:30 p.m.

All daytime events are free and open to public. For more information contact the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society at (949) 493-8444 or the Dana Point Historical Society at (949) 248-8121.

## Celebrating the Innovation of Waterman Hobie Alter in October

The Hobie Cat Company has announced the 50th anniversary celebration of the *Hobie Cat*, scheduled for **Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 9 a.m.** at Doheny State Beach, Dana Point. First developed in 1968, the celebration of the Hobie 14 will feature the “Hobie Cat Funtastico,” a 10-mile distance catamaran race that will launch from Doheny State Beach and sail past historic Hobie landmarks along the way.

Boat participation is limited due to safety, so be sure to register early for this once in a lifetime event. You can read about the event and register your boat by going here: <http://hcana.hobieclass.com/hobie-cat-50th-anniversary-celebration/>



As an added tribute, the presentation of the life-sized Hobie Alter statue will take place in the near future, pending completion of the project. The City of Dana Point will announce the date and it will take place at the new linear park adjacent to the South Cove development at 34202 Del Obispo Street. The statue, a bronze creation designed by local artist Lance Jost, will be the anchor piece of a series of statues of local legendary watermen, sculpted by local artist Bill Limebrook.

## President's Message



Where has the summer gone? It began with our June Scholarship Fiesta Fundraiser, a very successful event thanks to the 70 members who reserved in advance or purchased tickets that evening. Members and businesses donated opportunity prizes that raised \$631. Four generous donors who could not attend contributed \$475 toward the scholarships. Treasurer Kat Wallace reported a total income of \$2,901 with expenses of \$2,806, including the two \$1,000 scholarships to be given when we receive the students' fall schedules. Our special thanks to Heidi Hyde, Scholarship Chair, the scholarship committee and our Fiesta volunteers who helped buy supplies, decorate, serve and underwrite music during the social hour. We heard the future plans of our scholarship recipients, Margaret O'Melveny and Madison Bowen, who also introduced their families. Special guests Jack Saunderson and Brent Walker shared stories about their mothers, Lucy Chavarrias-Saunderson and Doris I. Walker, respectively, who inspired these two scholarships. Our thanks go to Lucy's *El Patio Cafe* who again catered at their cost and to Doheny State Beach for the providing the location convenient for our members and guests.

Nine Historical Society members enjoyed a trip to Madame Helena Modjeska's *Arden* on July 21. This National Landmark is one of Orange County Parks' treasures and is limited to small group tours of up to 15 people, if you reserve far enough in advance. There is no entrance fee to experience Madame Modjeska's rural retreat and visiting there helps one appreciate her renown as the Shakespearean actress of her day.

The Board of Directors wish to thank our faithful members who volunteered for our booth at the Ocean Institute Tall Ships Festival on September 7-9. Bob Minty, Vice President of Programs, also shared his expertise on the history of whaling at a separate venue, one of the Ocean Institute's many activities that included ship tours, cannon battles, mermaids and pirate encampments.

Speaking of pirates, please save the date for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Hipólito Bouchard's 1818 "visit" to Mission San Juan Capistrano. It is planned for the first weekend of November, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, and is not to be missed. Adults, children and grandchildren will have the chance to dress as Argentinian mariners or "pirates" and decide at the November 4th trial whether Bouchard was an Argentinian Patriot sailing for independence from Spain or simply a pirate raiding the mission. This once-in-a-century event is co-sponsored with the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society and our participation is organized by Bob Minty.



*Visitors to Madame Modjeska's "Arden" included Rich and Marsha LaRusso, Joel Bishop, Deborah Beech, Tina and Bob Minty, Heidi Hyde, Barbara and Keith Johannes.*



From the beaches of Dana Point to the world! The Hobie Cat 14 was created in Dana Point in 1968 and it will come full circle the last weekend of October, when the Hobie Cat Company will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Hobie Cat 14! Visitors will be coming from all over the globe to race at Doheny State Beach on October 27th. All those Hobie Cats are a sight to behold and everyone should see a Hobie Cat Regatta at least once in his or her lifetime. Stay tuned for other Hobie Alter related events such as the presentation of the Hobie Alter Memorial as well as the publication of Joe Dunn's new book, *Lifestyle Retail, The Story of The Hobie Surf Shops*.

*Barbara Force Johannes*

## In Memoriam: Rodney Howorth, 1940-2018

How sad to report that we have lost one of the best of our Historical Society's pillars—our longtime friend and colleague, Rodney Howorth. Rod passed away on August 1 after a long illness.

Rod was a member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society for the past 14 years. He served as Secretary, as Publicity and Public Relations Chair, as Committee Chair for the Baby Beach Tile Wall Project and most recently as Chair of our Merchandise Sales. Rod served on every Home Tour Committee after he joined the Board and handled all the logistics that contributed to the smooth operations of these events. He wrote articles for our newsletter, assisted with most every event that featured our Outreach Booth, volunteered as a docent at our museum and, in general, was always helpful with a gracious good spirit and ready smile. An article written about Rod a few years ago in the Historical Society Newsletter was titled, "If You Need Something Done, Ask a Busy Man." For Rod Howorth, that says it all.

Rod was also a pillar of our community with his work as President of the Lantern Village Association, in which capacity he worked for the improvement of the historic core area of Dana Point. He contributed also as a board member of the Dana Point Civic Association, the group that brings us the monthly "Coffee Chat" meetings. Rod was a member of the committee that brought back the Festival of Whales Parade in 2002 and participated in city government as Chairman of the Dana Point Traffic Improvement Subcommittee. There were many other miscellaneous efforts on his part to participate in and improve life in Dana Point. All this led to his being chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce for 2008.

Rodney Howorth was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and moved to Akron, Ohio, with his family as a young boy and then to California when he was 16. He attended Orange High School, during which time he drove down many times with his friends to surf at Killer Dana and Doheny State Beach. He graduated from California State University, Fullerton, and, subsequently, had a 35-year career with Rockwell International where he was an Executive Advisor and Contract Negotiator. During those years he lived in several places around the Los Angeles area as his work demanded, many of those years on Balboa Island in Newport Beach. He bought his home in the Lantern Village area of Dana Point and moved here in 1980, glad to be near the beach in this welcoming small town. Rod's sister, Susan, reports that he was an entrepreneur from a young age, selling cards and magazines and earning money for the special cars that he loved. We all admired the more exotic acquisitions of his later years. Rod loved his home here and had happy memories of the special places that existed in those early days.

Those of us who knew Rod and worked with him will always remember his generosity, his great sense of humor, willingness to help and his caring about those around him. So, we must bid a long, fond farewell to this good citizen and good friend.



*Rod Howorth at his installation as 2008  
Citizen of the Year*

## November 8 Field Trip Will Feature W.K. Kellogg House in Pomona



Our annual field trip on Thursday, November 8, will be a visit to cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg's West Coast retreat, an 8,777 square-foot house built in 1926 at a cost of \$150,000. The home sits on the northern edge of the Cal Poly Pomona campus. The Kellogg ranch became well known in Southern California for its horse exhibitions and breeding program. It was also a venue for the Kelloggs to entertain assorted Hollywood celebrities and to open the ranch to the public. Myron Hunt, a distinguished southland architect whose projects included the Pasadena Rose Bowl and the

Huntington Library, was commissioned to design W.K. Kellogg's new West Coast estate. Myron Hunt designed not only the main house and guest cottage you pass as you enter the main gate, but also the Arabian stables and the other ranch buildings, including the Manor House. The Manor House was originally built for Kellogg's eldest son Karl and his family. Karl agreed to move to California and manage his father's ranch in hopes the weather would improve his health following a bout with tuberculosis. Today, the Cal Poly Pomona university president and his family occupy the Manor House. Because W.K. Kellogg loved the outdoors, his house was set on top of the hill to take full advantage of the Pomona Valley panorama. Charles Gibbs Adams was selected to landscape the grounds. One of his more notable commissions was the Hearst Castle garden in San Simeon, California. Most of the furniture and décor that adorn the house are original pieces once owned by Kellogg and his family.



W.K. Kellogg deeded 813 acres of land to the state of California in 1949 prior to his death in 1951. In 1956, 508 students and 44 faculty and staff moved to the new Kellogg campus. In a first for the all-male campus, 329 women joined the student body in 1961. The Pomona campus separated from the San Luis Obispo campus in 1966 and became California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg Campus. University status was granted in 1972. Today, the university is part of the 23-campus California State University system. Cal Poly Pomona has about 24,000 students and 2,600 faculty and staff.

Tour groups are only allowed at the ranch during weekday hours. **The Society has reserved Thursday, November 8. The cost of the trip is \$60 for members (\$70 for non-members) which includes bus transportation to the site and admission fee to the house, grounds, stables and the ranch farm market. A buffet lunch is included as are refreshments on the return bus trip. The tour bus will board at Strands parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 4 p.m.**

People interested in the trip should fill out the form on page 5 and return it via mail or in person to the Society by Saturday, November 3. For more information call 949-248-8121 or email [events@DanaPointHistorical.org](mailto:events@DanaPointHistorical.org).

November 8 Tour of W.K. Kellogg House  
Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 Per Member Ticket (or \$70 Per Non-Member Ticket)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by check or money order and return this form by Saturday, November 3 to:

DPHS, PO Box 544, Dana Point, CA 92629

You may also bring your payment , which may include cash, to our museum during open hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.

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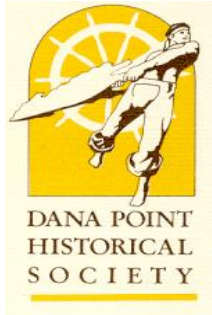


Many thanks to Keith Johannes, event chair, and our Society members who volunteered at our booth for the Ocean Institute's *Tall Ships Festival*. They included Alice Anderson, Bruce & Marlene Beal, Judy Brandmeier, Bridget Flavin Daniel, Grant Earl & Lauren Owl, Pete Hammer, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara & Keith Johannes, Willa Porter and Jim Proett.

Our booth's rear window provided a great view of re-enactments on the Pilgrim during the Ocean Institute's two-day festival which included costumed sailors, soldiers and demonstrations of furling the sail.

DPHS Booth volunteers shown with visitor Lisa Bartlett, 5<sup>th</sup> District OC Supervisor: Left to Right, Barbara Johannes, Keith Johannes, Supervisor Bartlett, Nancy Jenkins, Willa Porter, Pete Hammer and Judy Brandmeier.

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## 2017 DPHS Calendar

**Oct 27** Hobie Alter Cat Race      **Nov 3 & 4** Hipólito Bouchard 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary      **Nov 8** Kellogg House Tour

## Membership

Welcome new members **Dr. Al Rajput, Tony & Mary Princiotta, and Mark McGinn.**

**As a reminder, the annual dues for 2018 were due in January.** The membership categories are as follows:

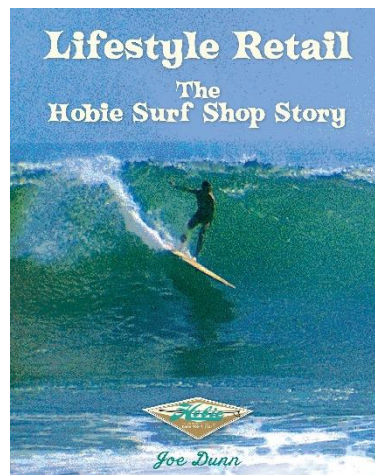
Individual	\$25 annual
Family	\$30 annual
Business	\$50 annual
Patron	\$100 annual
Life	\$500 lifetime

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

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

## New Book to Feature History of Hobie Shops



*Lifestyle Retail, The Story of The Hobie Surf Shops* is the title of author Joe Dunn's new book. It is the story 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 contin-

ues through the history of the shops up to the present owners. The book is being funded by the Surfing Heritage and Culture Center and Dick Metz will organize the book's debut. Two book signing events are planned for Autumn; one private event at the Surfing Heritage and Cultural Center in San Clemente and another for the public at the Dana Point Hobie Shop.