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DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser**

Join Us for Our  
**June 22 Fiesta Dinner!**

The Dana Point Historical Society annually awards two scholarships to graduating seniors based on merit and community involvement. The committee --- Judy Henderson, Fay Kristjanson, Georgelean Olvera and Judy Brandmeier --- has reviewed the applications and decided on the winners for 2016.

The *Doris I. Walker Scholarship* was awarded to **Sarah McGauley** of Dana Point at Dana Hills High School on June 1st.

The *Lucy C. Saunderson Scholarship* was awarded to **Alison Oliver** of Capistrano Beach at San Juan Hills High School on May 26th.

Please join us at our annual Fiesta Picnic Fundraiser at **Doheny Beach on Wednesday, June 22 at 6 PM** to support next year's scholarships and meet this year's honorees. Tickets can be ordered using the **form on page 3** (there is a discount for advance purchase) or at the door.

We hope our members will also contribute with prize donations for the Opportunity Drawing to be held during the Fiesta Dinner. As always, volunteers to help with the evening's program are welcome. Please call the museum with any questions: 949-248-8121.

*Heidi Hyde, Scholarship Chair*

## **Historical Society Volunteers Needed at Doheny Surf Festival June 25-26!**

Our Dana Point Historical Society Booth will be selling merchandise and performing community outreach this month at the Doheny State Beach Surf Festival. Volunteers are needed for both days to set up our tent, tables and merchandise and to man the booth in two-hour shifts.



Please contact Keith Johannes at **kjohannes1@cox.net** or leave a message for him at the museum **(949) 248-8121** if you would like to spend two hours on idyllic and historic Doheny State Beach on Saturday, June 25 or Sunday, June 26. We will need help at 7:30 AM on June 24 to put our booth up and arrange our displays.

Consider taking the Dana Point Trolley Service from the stop nearest to your home. For more information, please go to <http://www.danapoint.org/departments/public-works-engineering/summer-weekend-trolley-service>

More Surf Festival information is available at: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-surf-festival/>

## President's Message



Our May Founders Day dinner was an elegant event thanks to co-chairs Sandie Iverson and Nancy Jenkins. More than 60 members gathered to honor Marlene and Bruce Beal (photo inset below) for their volunteerism and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner while appreciating the sunset views from the Dana Point Yacht Club where Bruce and Marlene are officers. Mistress of Ceremonies Nancy Jenkins named the Beals' contributions to the Society, which include participating in the Home Tour Committees, creating five oral history interviews of surfing pioneers, writing *A Beach History of Dana Point* and later compiling the "Oceanic Heritage Outline." The outline is currently 67 pages and growing, with 608 documented references to the significant events, people and institutions of surfing and oceanic history of Dana Point area beaches. It is available for viewing on the DPHS web site. Nancy called on guest speakers to highlight other nonprofit groups in Dana Point that the Beals have helped achieve nonprofit status and assisted with their legal advice. These include: Councilman Scott Schoeffel, Dana Point Symphony; Pete Hammer and Terry Rifkin, Fifth Marine Support Group and Marine Corps League-South Coast; Commodore Bob Purdue, Dana Point Yacht Club; Robbie Roberson and Donna Yost, Hobie Memorial Foundation; and Heather Johnston, DP Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Dana Point Historical Society, I had the pleasure of presenting Marlene and Bruce with a proclamation declaring them Founders for their contributions to the Dana Point Community and the Historical Society.



Speaking of guests, we have had recent visitors researching topics with Museum Docent Mary Crowl. Architect Ted Wells is researching Knowlton Fernald Jr.'s work as an architect and as Vice President of the Laguna Niguel Corporation's planned community. Chris Jepsen, Orange County Archivist, stopped in to research newspaper articles and photos documenting the August 29, 1966, Dana Point Harbor Rock Placing Ceremony of the time capsule in preparation for the 50th Anniversary celebration to be held this August 29th (see page 4 for more information). On May 31st, 14 members of Las Buenas Amigas (pictured at right), a nonprofit dedicated to providing support to worthy organizations that serve youth and/or seniors in South Orange County, visited to see and hear an overview of Dana Point History as illustrated in our permanent exhibits and to hear Bob Minty's presentation on whaling history that includes his amazing Scrimshaw Exhibit now on display.



My thanks to Heidi Hyde, Recording Secretary, who as Scholarship Chair organized the committee that read the scholarship applications and chose the recipients. I have had the privilege to present Alison Oliver of San Juan Hills High School with the Lucy C. Saunderson \$1,000 Scholarship, and Sarah McCauley of Dana Hills High School with the \$1,000 Doris I. Walker Scholarship at their respective Senior Award Ceremonies. We look forward to meeting these deserving young ladies and their families at our ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FIESTA DINNER FUNDRAISER ON JUNE 22 at DOHENY STATE BEACH! Heidi would appreciate your help with the Fiesta Dinner! Jack Saunderson's *El Patio Café* is once again preparing the delicious Mexican Cuisine, but we need your assistance in donating prizes for the Opportunity Drawing and helping to set up our raffle items and drinks. You will have the pleasure of lending a hand to a good cause and many hands make light work setting up and later returning items to our cars after dinner. Our Doheny event is always fun and we look forward to seeing you there!

*Barbara Force Johannes*



**DANA POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser**

Wednesday, June 22, 6:00 PM  
Reservation Form for Doheny State Beach

Come and join us for a fun time, good food and support our annual mission to enhance the college experience of our two scholarship winners!

Mail by **Wednesday, June 15** to: **Dana Point Historical Society**  
**PO Box 544**  
**Dana Point, CA 92629**

(You may also pay at the museum during open hours: Tues & Thurs 1-3 PM and Sat 11 AM – 3 PM)

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

Number of Society member children (12 & under): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each (enclose check/money order)

Number of NON-Society member adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each (enclose check/money order)

Number of NON-Society member children (12 & under): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each (enclose check/m.o.)

Parking charge is \$5 for the evening, payable at the Dohney Beach parking meters.

If you cannot attend, and/or you would like to donate money to the scholarship fund in addition to ordering tickets, please enter the amount of your donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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Questions? Please call the museum office, (949) 248-8121, or email [events@danapointhistorical.org](mailto:events@danapointhistorical.org)

# 50-Year Time Capsule Celebration Will Be Held Monday, August 29, 2016

Fifty years ago on Monday, August 29, 1966, a rock-placing ceremony sponsored by the County of Orange, the Orange County Harbor District and local organizations marked the start of construction of Dana Point Harbor. The event took place at Doheny State Beach, during which a time capsule was sealed into a rock chosen from those forming the breakwater. The event was celebrated with music and a program followed by a BBQ dinner. Over 60 organizations and individuals contributed to the time capsule as listed in Doris Walker's local history, *Home Port for Romance*. On May 6 of this year, Orange County Parks removed the 8-ton rock from Puerto Place at the Harbor to the John D. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center in Santa Ana where the time capsule contents will be catalogued and prepared for exhibit. "The Rock" will be steam cleaned and placed at its new location at Baby Beach.



*Beauty Queens placing the original 1966 Time Capsule are, left to right: Miss San Clemente, Valerie Zagwolski; Miss Dana Point, Nancy Buenger; Miss Laguna Beach, Marsha Bennet, and Miss San Juan Capistrano, Selena Forster.*

Please mark your calendars and join us for the festivities at **Dana Point Harbor's Baby Beach** when the time capsule's contents will be revealed — exactly 50 years after the signature event. Also, please share any items you or your organization may have pertaining to the 1966 event in the form of photographs, film or a record of what was submitted to the Time Capsule. The Historical Society was very pleased to scan photos and documents belonging to Jonathan Jenkins, whose parents, Jim and Mary Jenkins (pictured seated at right), and their group performed folk music, including "Dana's Voyage" during the 1966 program. These materials and others were submitted to Chris Jepsen, Orange County Archives, and will be featured in an exhibit at the event.



The Dana Point Historical Society, as the lead sponsoring nonprofit organization, cordially invites you to support and attend the Time Capsule Celebration. This special event is presented by Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett in partnership with the City of Dana Point, OC Dana Point Harbor, OC Parks and the Dana Point Harbor Association. Our Historical Society will need volunteers to identify sponsors, take BBQ reservations and register guests on the day of the event.

When becoming a sponsor of the 50-Year Celebration, your contribution will go directly to support the work of the Dana Point Historical Society in furthering our preservation efforts, including this event. Sponsors will also be recognized in the Official Event Program that all attendees will receive upon arrival. In addition, a tax-deductible donation will provide you, a company or organization with the options and incentives listed in the Sponsor Form (which can be found online [here](#)). Your involvement will also demonstrate your appreciation for South Orange County's recreation and resort lifestyle as well as our unique history.

The festive time capsule **unveiling ceremony will begin at 4 PM** with a welcome address by Supervisor Bartlett. The program will highlight the original 1966 Rock Placing Ceremony and unveil the items placed in the time capsule 50 years ago. An Audio/Visual Presentation of both the 1966 Ceremony and the 2016 Time Capsule Rock unearthing process will also be featured.

Over 1,000 guests are expected to attend from Dana Point and the surrounding cities. At the close of the program, a **BBQ Dinner will be available** for purchase by all attendees. The dinner will be complimentary to the 2016 Event sponsors and the **original BBQ Dinner tickets issued in 1966** will be honored.

Thank you for considering to volunteer and/or become a sponsor. As an Event Sponsor, not only will you be supporting the 2016 Dana Point Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Opening Celebration, you will also have the opportunity to become part of history when your name or organization is featured in the Official Event Program, which will be included in the new Centennial Time Capsule to be opened in a special ceremony in 2066. Please see our website, [www.danapointhistorical.org](http://www.danapointhistorical.org) for more information to sponsor or volunteer, or call the Historical Society at (949) 248-8121.



## California Preservation Conference By Keith Johannes

The California Preservation Foundation (CPF) 2016 Conference was held at the Presidio of San Francisco, April 16-20. The Presidio's history begins in 1776, when the Spanish established a fort, of which an original adobe wall can be seen in the current Officers' Club (pictured at right). In 1821, Mexico achieved independence and assumed control until 1846 when U.S. troops seized control, initiating 130 years of the U.S. Army presence in the Presidio. It was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1962 and Congress included the Presidio Army Post within the newly created national park, the *Golden Gate National Recreation Area*. In 1994, the Department of Defense transferred the Presidio to the Department of the Interior's National Park Service, and two years later Congress passed the Presidio Trust Act to preserve the site on behalf of the American people. Finally, in 2012, the Presidio Trust achieved the required financial self-sufficiency to ensure this National Park will remain in public hands by raising \$4 dollars of private investment for every \$1 of public funding. When the Presidio became part of the National Parks system, it connected the surrounding city and state parks that now encompass the rolling hills north of the Golden Gate Bridge and various diverse parklands around San Francisco's northern and western edges. Golden Gate National Recreation area covers approximately 74,000 acres of land and water. Today, the public can visit museums in former military buildings along the parade ground, have lunch in the Spanish-era adobe Officers' Club and make reservations to stay in the Inn at the Presidio, all part of the National Park. The best views of the Golden Gate Bridge are from the San Francisco National Cemetery adjacent to the Golden Gate Club, a former post facility, where we attended sessions and were inspired by these preserved surroundings.



The 41<sup>st</sup> annual CPF conference theme was "New Acts, New Assets: the Changing Face of Preservation," and the Presidio's Main Post was well chosen as the place to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Preservation Act, as well as the centennial of the National Park Service. The federal preservation of national and community resources has itself become historic since President Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act on October 15, 1966, establishing the legal framework to help preserve the places, objects, sites and traditions important to our shared heritage.

Our first session was a study tour of the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans building across from City Hall. Built in memory of WW I veterans in 1932, the Beaux-Arts building is now rededicated for all veterans. Historic events there include the 1945 signing of the United Nations Charter. The building's \$120 million rehabilitation was driven by the need for seismic retrofitting and restoration of the historic interior serving veterans, the San Francisco Opera and the City of San Francisco Civic Center area.



*War Memorial Building, pictured left; City/County Hall, center; Opera House, right.*

A conference session highlighted the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, developed by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Its main goal is to help communities view historic preservation as a significant contributor to their economic, environmental and social sustainability. "Historic preservation is most effective when it is integrated into and coordinated within the broader context of overall community planning and development, along with a robust public

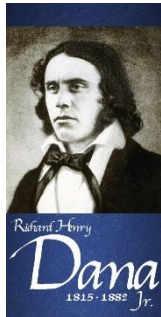
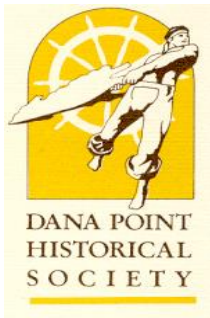
participation program." One conference speaker highlighted these points when stating, "If any district is totally developed to the maximum which the building codes allow, neither the citizens nor visitors will be pleased with the result."

The San Francisco City Planning Department conducted the second study tour we attended, a visit to the Sunset area residential tracts (seen at right). Historical districts have been identified, owners have been informed of their homes' significance and the districts have been recommended for city historic designation. The website to review the survey is: <http://sf-planning.org/sunset-historic-resource-survey-map>



There have been 50 years of preservation, more in some communities than others, as a result of the National Historic Preservation Act to save the places that tell the visual story of our nation. Progress has been made and is illustrated by terms such as *rehabilitation*, *restoration*, *repurpose*, *historic districts*, *cultural sites* and *CEQA* (*California Environmental Quality Act*) that have become common usage in our state and nation. Yes, there is a tension between preserving the past that tells the unique history of a community versus the push for new housing and commercial development, often at the expense of cultural resources. But the tools exist to restore and repurpose buildings that represent the periods in which they were built, if local, state and national government agencies can work together with private organizations and nonprofits as exemplified by the Presidio of San Francisco. Locally, the new *Coastal Kitchen* restaurant is a current example of a new business in a uniquely restored and repurposed 1927 building at Blue Lantern and PCH in Dana Point.

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## 2016 DPHS Calendar

**June 22** Scholarship Fiesta (Doheny Beach)    **June 25-26** Doheny Surf Festival    **August 29** Time Capsule Event

## Membership

Please welcome new member **Bonny Pitkin** and group membership **Las Buenas Amigas**. Also welcome new **LIFETIME** members **Gary and Judy Olson, Hansa and Lakshman Sehgal** and **Karl and Carol Kuhn**.

**As a reminder, the annual renewals for 2016 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

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](mailto: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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