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General Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 24, 2012 Laguna Niguel Library

at Laguna Niguel's Library Community Room,
Laguna Niguel, CA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hon. Pat Bates

With our summer recess behind us, your Historical Society Board and committees are back at work. We began the new season celebrating the opening of the newly re-modeled Laguna Niguel Branch Library and presented the Friends of the Library with a framed copy of the Laguna Niguel Land Grant Chain of Title. The title chain traces the 202-year history of the ownership of Laguna Niguel lands from territory owned by the King of Spain in 1769 to its acquisition in 1971 by the AVCO Community Developers who established the community of Laguna Niguel. Copies of the Chain of Title are available to members. If you wish to purchase a copy, please contact Solveig Darner, Membership Chairman.



We are looking forward to members joining in our new season of events and activities which will kick-off on October 24 with a General Membership meeting & program at the Laguna Niguel Library community room. Hope to see you all there.

Pat Bates
President



Laguna Niguel Library

Calendar

Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday of each month.

Archives Committee 10-12 noon each Wednesday.

General Meeting - October 24



Preserve the PastPromote the Future

Guest Speaker: Elaine Gennawey

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We have invited guest speaker Elaine Gennawey, a 27 year resident of Laguna Niguel, serving on numerous Laguna Niguel City Committees and Commissions, 26 year member of Laguna Niguel Woman's Club, and sharing experience of her accomplishment of organizing the City's celebration of the California's Sesquicentennial by installing an El Camino Real Bell on Crown Valley to show the children of Laguna Niguel where the missionaries traveled in establishing our state. She will be sharing her experiences while serving our City in so many capacities.

Hoping to see you at LNHS General Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Laguna Niguel's Library Community Room.

Linda Bayme

LNHS Program Chairman

Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade

For the past several years the Laguna Niguel Historical Society has participated in the Annual Community Holiday Parade. The parade is always an exciting community event featuring bands, clowns and community organizations, etc. travelling Crown Valley Parkway greeted by the cheers of citizens on the parade route. Ron Langer has been generous enough to once again procure a vintage vehicle for the LNHS to use in the parade. We are asking for 2 volunteers from our Society to ride in the parade. This year's parade will be held on Saturday, December 8th, at 10 a.m. Let us know if you have an interest in taking part in this celebration. You can call me at 949-495-5957 or e-mail me at jkrembas@cox.net. Thank you.

Jeanette Krembas

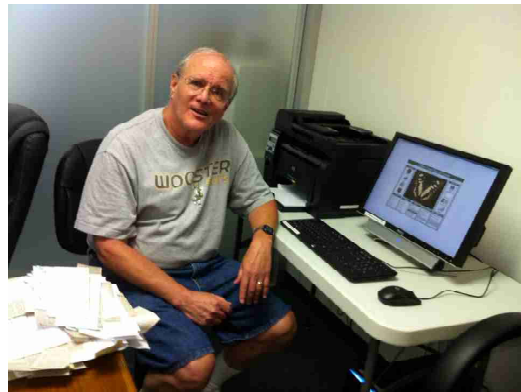
Secretary

Treasury

As of August 31, 2012 the Society had total assets of \$4,973, consisting of cash in the bank. \$300 of this amount is restricted to archival needs. The balance of the cash is available for the general expenses of the Society.

Jerry McCloskey

Treasurer



Archives Committee

The Archives Committee has begun work on cataloging our entire collection. We began by purchasing a new, faster computer with a larger hard drive and Past Perfect 5.0, the software package used by many museums and historical societies nationwide to catalog their collections. We have also purchased a new flatbed scanner to take advantage of Past Perfect's ability to store photographs and the multimedia upgrade to the software, which enables us to store videos and sound recordings as well. Members of the Archives Committee, including Solveig Damer, Nancy Kurtz, Kathy Beaufort, Betty Pequet, Sheryl Bailen and Carl Schulkin, have been working throughout the summer to begin sorting the City of Laguna Niguel's collection of newspaper clippings and to begin scanning and entering each of the news clippings into the searchable databases which are important components of the Past Perfect software.

Carl Schulkin

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Look for announcement of the January LNHS General Meeting where we will be launching an 'oral history' taping with those who would like to participate in sharing your stories of people, places, and events during the explosive growth years of Laguna Niguel, preserving these memories for the future. We will be taping oral contributions to document memories of the preparation for Cityhood, political history and again memories shared by so many during the formative years of our City. Look for more information advertising this opportunity to share your memories....

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**Members of the Archive Committee -
Kathy Beaufort, Carl Schulkin,
Betty Pequet and Shirley Bailen**



Laguna Niguel

Our Times: Orange County Community News July 10, 2000

The city will buy an El Camino Real Bell for \$1,000 as part of a project commemorating California's 150th birthday on Sept. 9.

The Laguna Niguel Woman's Club, a 31-year-old local women's volunteer group, in conjunction with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, made the request to the City Council last week. Throughout the state, 205 bells have been purchased to celebrate California's sesquicentennial.

Membership

We currently have 53 individual/family members. As we continue to enhance our community presence we would like to encourage our members to join our committee activities. We have made great strides and, with continued support we will move forward with our mission to "Preserve the Past, Enrich the Present and Promote the Future".

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in our efforts. Membership applications are available on our website <http://www.lagunaniguelhistoricalsociety.org>

For questions regarding memberships, please contact me at (949) 495-1438 or via email email at solveig.damer@gmail.com

Solveig Damer

Membership Chairman



Education Committee

The Laguna Niguel Historical Society is providing our local schools with a brief history of Laguna Niguel. Curriculum, teacher guide and student coloring books that fit into the State Education Standards have been developed and will be presented to the L.N.H.S. Board of Directors on Oct, 24th-2012 for final review.

Paul Whitelock

Education Committee

Laguna Niguel Historical Society

OBJECTIVES & PURPOSE

*The primary objectives and purpose of
The Laguna Niguel Historical
Society shall be the promulgation
of historical information
about the Community of Laguna Niguel
and its surrounding area.
This will include the gathering,
storage and display of historical
documents and artifacts and
sponsoring of activities and events
that will celebrate our history*

History is made every day and as every day passes more of it is lost to memory. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society has been formed to preserve the record of Laguna Niguel's past and of its new history that is constantly being created. Even though the City of Laguna Niguel was incorporated as recently as 1989, there is a rich past preceding cityhood that needs to be preserved for this and future generations. The native American population, the Spanish explorers, the mission fathers and the ranchers all had a part in our history that needs remembering. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society intends to preserve this history for future generations.

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