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General Membership Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2012 Laguna Niguel Library

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hon. Pat Bates

Greetings Members.....2012 was a year of exciting growth for our fledgling Historical Society.
Achievements included:



New equipment purchased with a grant from the city of Laguna Niguel, enabled our archive committee to review and catalog scores of photos and articles capturing the community's milestones on the way to incorporation. Our education committee developed a "Laguna Niguel History" booklet that may be used by teachers as a teaching aid for the elementary grades history unit. And, the program committee provided us with interesting speakers who focused on the origins and growth of our community and its' civic organizations. We ended the year with our traditional December Holiday party celebrating our City's 24th Birthday.

With a successful 2012 year behind, your Board has begun 2013, our 3rd year, with renewed energy and enthusiasm for our mission...Preserve the Past, Energize the Present, Promote the Future. The first General Membership meeting will be held in the Community room @ the Laguna Niguel Library on Wednesday, March 27, at 5 P.M. We look forward to sharing the evening with you so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Pat Bates, President



Holiday Parade

Calendar

Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday of each month.

Archives Committee 10-12 noon each Wednesday.

General Meeting - March 27



Preserve the Past Promote the Future

Guest Speaker: Thomas E. Shaver, M.D.

"A trauma center's patient population is a mirror of what's wrong in your community and prevention is the most cost-effective care."

Thomas E. Shaver

Dr. Shaver was born and raised in Long Beach, California and graduated from Santa Monica High School. He enrolled in the U.S. Air Force and was soon director of a medical laboratory in Morocco, which peaked his interest in medicine. Undergraduate studies were at the University of Arizona and a B.S. from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, in 1961. He attended Kansas University Medical School, graduating in 1965 AOA (medical honorarium). Internship and residency at USC LA County was completed in 1970.

His private practice began in 1970; he was founding partner of Saddleback Valley Surgical-Medical Group 1971 to July 1, 2007.

In 1980, Dr. Shaver was very instrumental in the development of the **Orange County Trauma System**. Mission Hospital is a Level II Trauma Center, verified by the American College of Surgeons. Following this designation he was appointed Chairman, American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma for Southern California and served six years. He has served as Medical Director of Trauma Services at Mission Hospital for 27 years.

In the early 80's he facilitated organ procurement in trauma patients, not only for the obvious life saving purpose, but the thought of bringing life to an organ recipient helps the nursing staff and family deal with tragic death.

In 1988 he created a **Tumor Planning Conference** where cancer patients are examined, their x-rays and pathology reports are reviewed by pathologist, radiologist, oncologist, and surgeons and a specific treatment with options is recommended.

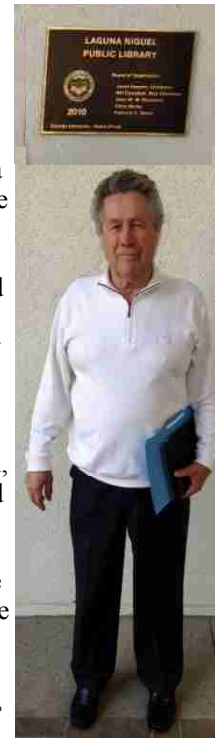
The trauma population in 1993 demonstrated an unusual number of catastrophic auto and auto versus pedestrian injuries and deaths near the INS check point. Subsequent evaluations revealed that the three mile segment of the freeway was one of the most dangerous in the Country. In addition INS chases through surrounding cities placed others at risk because of pursuit. Public awareness brought about Cal-trans and INS policy changes that restored safety to this segment of freeway.

After a horrific night dealing with tragic injuries to teens who were involved in a prom night crash, Dr. Shaver brought together civic, school, and law enforcement leaders to explore the issue of teens and drinking and driving. Hence was founded the South County division of **Safe Rides Program**. This program is still going strong. It involves teens and adult volunteers from all 11 South County High Schools volunteering their Friday or Saturday nights to answer an 800 phone lines. Teens call in who require a safe confidential ride home because either they or their ride home has been drinking.

He was also involved with the county court system in a **Youthful Drink Driving (YDD)** program whereby the court mandates youths under the influence to visit the coroner, trauma center and neurological rehab unit.

Trauma prevention efforts have been vast. He helped raise public awareness of gangs in South Orange County by going to the media with a photo of a dying trauma youth, his skull x-ray showing an impaled paint roller. This was to show that the cause of the violence in our area is not just "unchaperoned youth," but organized gangs. As a treating physician, **Dr. Shaver established a relationship with gang leadership**. This resulted in a weekly Sunday evening meeting in his home. Gang members attended and subsequently a judge, a public defender, clergy, school personnel and community leaders were invited to explore not only the reduction of violence but to create a productive pathway to adulthood. Activities with gang members included dinners, picnics, a retreat to our Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Big Bear, fishing on his boat and snorkeling. Active gang members recommended that in order to reduce gang participation it is necessary to reach the youth at a younger age. Mission Hospital Foundation helped finance camperships and Dr. Shaver took 21 teens at risk to Emerald Bay Boy Scout Camp on Catalina Island for a week that none of them will ever forget. In continuing these efforts he was involved in the early development of the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.

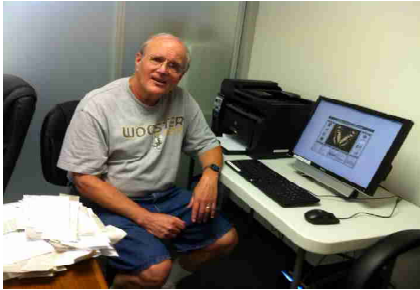
Dr. Shaver retired from private practice and director of Trauma Services at Mission Hospital on July 1, 2007. He enjoys life in Laguna Niguel with his wife Diane, deep sea fishing aboard the "Osprey," raising orchids, playing guitar, his five children, John, Robert, Neal, Jenna and Steven and his twelve grandchildren.



Linda Bayme

LNHS Program Chairman

Archives Committee



Carl Schulkin

WHAT'S NEW IN THE ARCHIVES?

The Archives Committee continues to meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 to catalog and digitalize historical materials that are coming to us with greater frequency.

Several Laguna Niguel residents have recently shared 1960s and 1970s photos and documents with us. The Historical Society especially wishes to thank the following people for their archival donations: Gil and Pat Solorio, Ray and Karen Strauch, Jim and Sue Peters, Dennis Devine, the Laguna Niguel Woman's Club and the past presidents who generously donated their presidential-year memory books.

GREAT NEWS! The historical society is now the proud owner of a camcorder and accessory kit, which was purchased with a portion of the 2012 grant from

the city of Laguna Niguel. The camcorder is being used to record guest speakers and oral interviews.

The Society recently completed its first oral interview with Dennis Devine, a former Laguna Niguel resident who was a moving force behind the development of Crown Valley Community Park in the 1970s. Dennis was chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the LN Community Assn. during the building of the ballparks, picnic area and swimming pool.

ON DISPLAY! The LNHS is sponsoring its first historical display at the Laguna Niguel Library from February 27 to April 1. The collection will feature the Laguna Niguel Woman's Club, showcasing the club's development, diverse activities and philanthropies through the years.

Be sure to visit the display case in the back reading area of the library during this time. Ask at the front desk for the exact location.

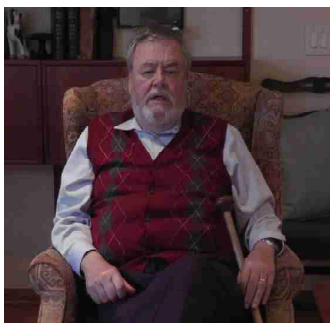
ROOM FOR MORE! If you are interested in helping with the archival process, there is a spot for you on the Archives Committee. It's an opportunity to relive our history, work with others who share an interest in Laguna Niguel and have some laughs along the way.

For more information, contact: Nancy Kurtz, Archives Committee Chairman, 949-495-4958.

Membership

Last month we mailed out our 2013 membership renewal notices. Thank you to all who responded. For those who may have put the renewal notice aside or possibly forgotten to respond, please continue your membership. Membership dues are "the bread'n butter" for non-profits so please... we need your support.

We are also seeking new members - residents who may wish to participate in reviewing and archiving donated material, serve on other committees or simply provide financial support of our efforts. So please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in our efforts to preserve documents and memorabilia that tell the story of Laguna Niguel. Membership applications are available on our website: www.lagunaniguelhistoricalsociety.org. For further information please contact our Membership Chairman, Solveig Darner at 949 495-1438 or via e-mail at solveig.darner@gmail.com.



Dennis Devine



Holiday Party



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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