



# Laguna Niguel Historical Society

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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 5 PM

**Laguna Niguel Library**

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members.

Spring is here and it is a season that is marked by renewal not only in the physical landscape but also in many community activities. Your Historical Society's endeavors are no exception.

We are still receiving accolades and thank yous from members who attended our member's annual Laguna Niguel Birthday/Holiday celebration held in December at the unique, historical home of LNHS Board member, **Ted Wells**, a widely recognized architectural historian. He provided not only all the libations and appetizers, but a glimpse of his work on a book about Laguna Niguel due out this Fall.

Our education committee, at the invitation of our local schools, has broadened its outreach, presenting the Laguna Niguel History lesson to intermediate grade levels. And, our fund raising efforts have provided education grants to four of our local elementary schools.

With the addition of new video recording equipment, we are planning to have our Archives committee initiate the Laguna Niguel Oral History Project this coming summer. If you are interested in sharing your story of life in Laguna Niguel, stay tuned as we will be publishing the filming dates and sign-up procedures in the near future.

In February we were pleased to have three more members join our Board of Directors: **Cher Alpert** will serve as Recording Secretary, **Ted Wells** as Chairman of the Historical Committee, and **Anna Bryson**, Publicity Chair. We welcome them and thank them for their willingness to share their time and talents with us.

While we have enjoyed many successes since our modest beginnings in 2010, we have also shared some sad losses, those of two of our founding members, **Ron Langer**, and **Jeanette Krembas**. They share a special place in our hearts as well as in our 'becoming' as we will never forget their devotion to the Historical Society and their tireless efforts to ensure Laguna Niguel's unique history is preserved for all in the years to follow. May they rest in peace.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held **Thursday, March 24, 5P.M.** in the Laguna Niguel Library Community Room. Program Chair, **Linda Bayme** has scheduled another excellent program so please plan on joining us.

*Regards, Pat Bates, President*

**Hon. Pat Bates**



President  
**Pat Bates**

Vice President  
**Bruce Rasner**

Secretary  
**Cher Alpert**

Treasurer  
**Jerry McCloskey**

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**Betsy Sater**

### Calendar

**Board Meeting** - 4th Thursday  
of each month.

**General Membership Meeting** -  
March 24 - 5 PM



**Preserve the Past . . . . Enrich the Present . . . . Promote the Future**

## March 24 - General Meeting Program Speaker - BOB BUNYUN

I am pleased to announce LNHS March 24 scheduled General Meeting invited featured speaker **Bob Bunyan** accepted our invitation to share information on the history of Moulton Ranch, now the master-planned community of Laguna Niguel neighbor Aliso Viejo.

Bob was fortunate to be present at the unique experience of the birth of the new community and also participate in its planning, design, construction and growth. Bob will be sharing with LNHS members photos, documents and personal knowledge of this growing experience. Bob authored *Images of America: Aliso Viejo*, published in 2011 that provided a look at how the last piece of the Moulton Ranch became a new South Orange County City. In the process, he met members of the Moulton Family and works collaboratively to pursue and preserve the surviving family history documents and artifacts that were part of the Ranch history.

Bob is currently president of the Aliso Viejo Community Foundation, a charitable organization founded in 1988 to support education, culture and recreational activities in Aliso Viejo. He is chairman of the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, the County agency providing support resources for worker training and

assistance, and a member of the Samueli Academy career advisory committee, a charter high school in Santa Ana founded by the Orangewood Foundation. Bob is the principal of Robert Bunyan and Associates. His career has spanned 47 years in real estate development in Orange County.



With all the interesting and valuable history that Bob will be bringing, I do hope the membership will invite guests to attend this March informative program. In addition, hear more about *Laguna Niguel's Images of America: Laguna Niguel* book proposed to be on sale this Fall, authored by our own LNHS member Ted Wells (and newest Board member). This meeting should give all who attend an exciting picture of what is in the future plans of educating and preserving the history of both Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo cities...

We are looking forward to seeing you Thursday, March 24, 5:00 in the Laguna Niguel Library Community Room.

*Linda Bayme*  
*LNHS Program Chairman*

## Laguna Niguel Birthday/Holiday celebration held in December at the unique, historical home of LNHS Board member, Ted Wells



## Education Committee Report by Paul Whitelock, Ed. Chair

With the advent of Common Core and less emphasis on testing at the end of the school year the Laguna Niguel Elementary School teachers are now teaching a unit on local history for the third graders in March. As such the Laguna Niguel History Society will be delivering our "History of Laguna Niguel" booklets to third grade teachers in all of Laguna Niguel this month instead of near the end of the school year.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED by Sheryl Bailen

Albertsons on Alicia Parkway has given us the opportunity to sell our boxed note cards from 10AM to 5PM on **Saturday, April 2** (rain date April 9) at the entrances to the store. Each box, at an even \$10, contains 12 scenic cards of some of the treasures we enjoy in Laguna Niguel. Membership brochures will also be available.

Tell your friends and neighbors to visit the LNHS fund raising sale.

To volunteer to sell the note cards and promote LNHS, contact [sherylbill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherylbill@sbcglobal.net).



## A Note From the Membership Committee

Welcome to our new members **Mari Colvin, Rod Foster, Jerry Slusiewicz, Mellissa Caldwell and Joyce Norwood**. We appreciate their membership and participation and hope to see everyone at our General Meeting later this month.

This is membership renewal time and we have sent out renewal notices. If you have put the renewal notice in "the tomorrow" pile, please take a second and send it in now.

Also, if your friends and neighbors are interested in our efforts to collect and preserve documents/memorabilia that add to the story of Laguna Niguel, please, invite them to join us. Membership applications are available on our website [www.LagunaNiguelHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.LagunaNiguelHistoricalSociety.org)

If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving information about speakers and other meeting programs, please let me know so we can add their name to our meeting/speaker e-mail announcement list.

Any questions - give me a call at 949 495-1438 or send me an email.

**Solveig Darner**  
**Membership Chairman**  
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## from Anna

Thank you to everyone, for helping me publicize our LNHS by sending me information on the friends, neighbors and relatives you know, who have marvelous stories about our city.

I'm keenly interested in the unusual and compelling stories that will pique the curiosity of new members, and the press. I read the history of the founders of our country and think —one hundred years from now, there will be questions about how Laguna Niguel went from grassy pastures to a thriving community of individuals. Help me write about some of the people not so well known but important. Does anyone know the first Doctor in our area?

Please contact me about unique individuals and events for publication.

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## 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 it's 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.

### Laguna Niguel Historical Society

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### Founding Directors

*Patricia "Pat" Bates*

*Linda Bayme*

*Gary Capata*

*Solveig Darner*

*Jeanette Krembas*

*Gary Kurtz*

*Nancy Kurtz*

*Jerry McCloskey*

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