



Laguna Niguel Historical Society

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 5 PM

Laguna Niguel Library

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members.

We celebrated the end of 2013 with our annual Laguna Niguel Birthday and Holiday Party which was attended by most of our Board and General Membership. Our beautiful 'first edition' note cards were presented and order sign-ups exceeded expectations. Special recognition goes to **Linda Bayme** and her 'sales team' of **Marc Winer, David Weiss, and Bruce Rasner** who devoted a great deal of time during the hectic holiday season to distribute the ordered cards and get our local businesses to carry them for sale in their stores. A special thank you goes to Board member **Jeanette Krembas** for opening her beautifully decorated home which provided a most festive holiday setting for all to enjoy.

Your Board has begun 2014 with renewed ideas and energy which was evident at our January Board meeting. We all participated in a strategic planning session to set goals for this year. Top priorities include: increasing our membership and expanding the Board of Directors; providing more opportunities for member participation in committee work; and focusing more efforts on fundraising so we can fund more projects such as a student scholarship program, and finance a permanent home for our artifacts.

All of these goals are possible with the Board and Members working together. Do plan to attend our March 26 General Membership meeting and get involved so as we celebrate our Society's fifth year and our wonderful City's 25th year, December 1, 2014, we can certainly be proud that we made it a year of "Goals Accomplished."

Pat Bates, President

Hon. Pat Bates



President
Pat Bates

Vice President
Bruce Rasner

Secretary
Jeanette Krembas

Treasurer
Jerry McCloskey

Newsletter Editor
David Weiss

Calendar

Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday
of each month.

Archives Committee 10-12 noon
each Wednesday.

March Meeting - March 26 - 5 PM



Preserve the Past Enrich the Present Promote the Future

March 26 - General Meeting Guest Speaker - Robert (Bob) Montgomery

Robert Montgomery is Vice President/Director of Planning for the Buie Stoddard Group. Mr. Montgomery has been employed as a planner for 40 years, primarily in real estate development in south Orange County. Bob has been associated with the Buie Stoddard Group for more than 30 years. Prior to working with Buie Stoddard, Bob was Director of Forward Planning for Avco Community Developers, Inc. in Laguna Niguel, and a Senior Planner with the County of Orange. Bob grew up in Newport Beach and is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine. Bob has been involved in planning and development of many projects in Laguna Niguel, and has enjoyed working with the community to achieve balance between private and public interests.

Bob was the representative to the Laguna Niguel Community Council's 15 member board who reviewed the planning of the projects coming at a fast development pace before Cityhood. Bob was the liaison to this Council for the Buie Corporation during the 1980's development boom working with this Council in the planning & building of the Greenfield Shopping Center and surrounding neighborhoods of homes and multi family units.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 26, 5:00 pm at the Laguna Niguel Library's Community Room to hear Bob share his experiences of working in this development period of our City.

A Birthday Celebration Honoring The City of Laguna Niguel Sunday, December 1, 2013, at The Krembas' Home



Archives Committee News

Spring 2014



PROGRESS

The hundreds of news clippings donated to the historical society by the city of Laguna Niguel and covering the period from the 1980s to 1990s are almost completely prepped for entry into our Past Perfect museum database. Already we have cataloged/scanned some 200 items into the computer and safely stored them in archival files. We could use more help with data entry. Interested? **Contact Nancy Kurtz at 949-495-4958.**

ORAL HISTORY

In 2013 former Laguna Niguel resident Dennis Devine gave us our first video-recorded oral history interview. Dennis was a key figure in both the development of the Crown Valley Park and the founding of Mission Lutheran Church on La Paz Rd. back in the 1980s.

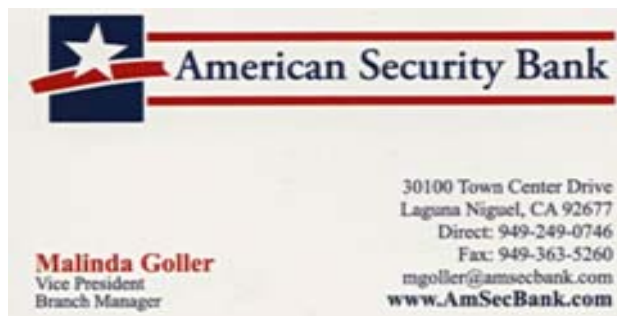
DISPLAYS

This year the City of Laguna Niguel will celebrate its 25th anniversary! The Historical Society is planning to create a display for the Laguna Niguel Library during the month of November. Would you like to help with this project? If so, contact Sheryl Bailen at 949-495-8667 ASAP.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Looking for a way to contribute to your community and to preserve the story of Laguna Niguel? Join the Archives Committee on Wednesdays from 10-Noon at the Watershed building next to the parking lot of the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.

**Nancy Kurtz, Archives Committee Chairman
949-495-4958**



Education Committee

Paul Whitelock, Education Chair

With the renewed approval of the Capistrano Unified School District the Laguna Niguel Historical Society will once again be offering a History of Laguna Niguel unit to the 3rd grade classes in our city. We have plans to include city wide private schools this year as well.

Schools have been contacted, class counts have been calculated and the unit has been edited and is ready to go to print. The unit will be a voluntary teaching exercise that can be presented to the students after state mandated curriculum has been completed.



A note from the Membership Committee:

It is Membership renewal time. We are hoping for 100% membership retention so please, if you haven't yet renewed your membership, please send it in now.

Do you have neighbors and friends who might be interested in receiving information about upcoming meetings and interesting speakers? Please let us know and we will put them on our meeting/speaker e-mail announcement list.

Brochures can be mailed to anyone interested in joining the Laguna Niguel Historical Society so please help spread the word. Any questions -- give me a call or send me an e-mail. Also, membership applications are available on our website. <http://www.lagunaniguelhistoricalsociety.org>

We know that your time is a highly valued commodity so when we ask for member participation it is because we really need your help. We have several interesting and important projects on our "to do list". You need not be a history buff - just someone willing to give of their time and talent to help document/preserve "the story of Laguna Niguel". Take a look at the "Volunteer Opportunities" list and let us know your area of interest.

**Solveig Darner, Membership Chairman
949 495-143 - Solveig.darner@gmail.com**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Laguna Niguel Historical Society relies on its wonderful volunteers for everything we do. We truly need your help.

Please check your areas of interest and send to:

Laguna Niguel Historical Society
30025 Alicia Parkway, #190
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Attn/Subject: Volunteer Opportunities

Or email to: Info@LagunaNiguelHistoricalSociety.org

Questions? Call Nancy Kurtz at 949-495-4958.

Thank you so much!!

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

___ Acquisitions: seeking, contacting donors

___ Archiving artifacts, news clippings, documents

___ Computers: databases, web

___ Create displays

___ Educational activities for all ages

___ Financial/accounting activities

___ Grant writing

___ Programs for meetings

___ Newsletter

___ Oral interviews

___ Photography/videography

___ Publicity

___ Other (a skill or interest you have to offer) _____

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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.

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