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OB Clowns, 2009
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Ocean Beach Photographer Steve Rowell Presents: **OUR LOCAL WILDLIFE** Thurs., Jan 21st, at 7 p.m.

At PL United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Steve Rowell will discuss our local wildlife... the animals in the area (not our local bar scene).

Steve will show his extraordinary bird photos that he has taken over many years.

His presentation includes his favorite birds, the OB Ospreys, who have set-up permanent residence at Robb Field. These Opreys have become Steve's extended family. He's tracked their history and photographed them for years. Come hear Steve's interesting stories about the birds and wildlife in our area.

For info. about Steve Rowell: www.oceanbeachphotos.com



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THE OBHS CELEBRATED THE OCEAN BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY BIG-TIME! by Kathy Blavatt



Our Nov. 2009 meeting turned into a reunion for many alumni who shared memories and stories of the schools colorful history between 1909 - 2009.

The night was filled with hilarious comedy as the evening unfolded. Memorable lines include: "How many of you ate tar?" (about 1/3 of the room raised their hands), "OB Elementary always had the hot teachers... look at that one over there." and "Was the zoo's two headed snake really found in the playground?"

Included were stories about riding horseback to school, the WWII bubble gum shortage, and the antics that occurred under the old arbor. These tales brought smiles and laughs to the crowd that filled the room.

Featured guest School Board Member John deBeck, told wonderful tales of living on the point. One of these stories included him having a paper route that he did on horseback. What really impressed me was he remembered that he had 86 customers.

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THURS., JAN. 21st, 7 PM
at PL Methodist Church (PLUM)
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:
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OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS

NO DEC. MEETING

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at PL Methodist Church (PLUM)

1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

EVENTS

OB FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Newport Ave., OB

NEW MEMBERS

thru Nov: "Welcome Back" Ralph Guest & Ruth Vallin.

RENEWED AT SUSTAINING MEMBER: Katheryn Rhodes. Lloyd Hill, Maureen McGrath.

DONATIONS — Oct. & Nov.: Wanda Parrent & Jane Meiners.

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— 2010 — FOR THE NEW YEAR HELP PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY

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LINCOLN GEORGE ROCK

*A fond farewell...
...we will miss your smiling face.*



Below, Lincoln as an OB Lifeguard

LINCOLN GEORGE ROCK was born February 12, 1921 in Ocean Beach to parents Caroline and Aegydius Rock. He was the youngest of four boys, Gid, Robert and Rupert.

He attended Ocean Beach Elementary School and Point Loma High where he was active in varsity basketball, ASB and a charter member of the QWIIGS.

After high school, he worked as a San Diego City Life Guard in Ocean Beach. He attended SDSU where he met his future wife, Olive, and was a member of Epsilon Eta.

In 1942 he joined the Navy as an aviation cadet. He became a Lt Commander USNR and saw service on the Pacific coast as a blimp pilot.

He married Olive Burnett in 1943. After the war he completed his education and became a teacher/administrator for over 30 years with San Diego City Schools.

They built the family home in Point Loma and had 3 children, Gary, John & Joanne. The family enjoyed many days at nearby Kellogg beach.

Upon retirement, he and Olive spent much time with the Rock clan and traveled the world.

He is survived by his wife, Olive. His son, John (Heidi), 3 grandchildren Andy, Alex & Kristin, one great grandchild, Damian. His daughter, Joanne Rock Newman (Jim) & two grandchildren, Kelsey and Jack. He was predeceased by oldest son Gary, (Nancy) & grandson Dominic.

Services honoring his life were held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on Thurs., November 12, 2009.

He was a good friend to the The Ocean Beach Historical Society. "We will miss him greatly."

The family requests any donations be made to THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OB HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Below, Young Lincoln (foreground) with brothers by the Silverspray Plunge - 1923



THE OCEAN BEACH HOLIDAY PARADE '09



In celebration of the 30 Year Anniversary of the parade "Pearl Theme" the OB Historical Society entered a "Tea Room" theme. OBHS thanks its board members and friends that helped with our entry. Special thanks to driver Todd Partridge for use of his classic red & white Chevy truck, and the energetic children that made our entry lively (especially our gong bangers). Thanks to the artists and photographers: Ruben Foat, Kathy Blavatt and Madi Nazari.



OCEAN BEACH ELEMENTARY 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



In the Spring, the OB Elementary PTA will be having a 100 YEAR EVENT.

Alumni can find out more at: www.obelementary.com

