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Ocean Beach tidepools were known for mussels, starfish and abundance of sea life.

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Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

KUMEYAAY ON THE COAST OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF NATIVE FISHING AND MARITIME



by Professor Richard Carrico
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7 PM
at the P.L. United Methodist Church,
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

The San Diego region has always been a mecca for those who want to fish and to enjoy the rich bounty of our bays and ocean. When guest lecturer Professor Richard Carrico says always, he means always—as in for thousands of years.

The Kumeyaay people of San Diego County are often portrayed as people who relied on acorns, deer, and rabbits as their primary food sources. While these foods were important, the Kumeyaay were also masters of the bays and oceans—they were maritime peoples thousands of years before arrival of the Spaniards.

Mr. Carrico has been researching the role of the ocean and bays in Kumeyaay culture, including the Ocean Beach area, for more than thirty years. Relying on archaeological, anthropological, and historical data, Carrico will peel back more than 3,000 years of history to provide an image of the Kumeyaay that has been largely ignored.

This discussion will focus on the techniques and methods used by the Kumeyaay to procure a large variety of fish, shellfish, and other maritime food sources. Topics will range from the types of boats and canoes used by the Kumeyaay, the importance of the oceans and bays in Kumeyaay oral tradition, the various locales exploited by the Kumeyaay including the deep ocean, the off shore islands, and San Diego and Mission Bays. Mr. Carrico will also place Kumeyaay fishing and maritime activities within the context of their overall cosmology including the many native maritime place names.

Mr. Carrico will also be available to sign copies of his recently re-issued, and award winning, book "Strangers in a Stolen Land", a vivid history of the Indians of San Diego County.

THE SISTERS OF O.B. By Sister Marie Louise Flick RSCJ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, at 7 pm

at the P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

The nuns who live/ lived in O.B. are an important part of the history of Ocean Beach, San Diego and California. "CHURCH ROW" on Sunset Cliffs Blvd. goes back to O.B.'s early history, as does Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School (now Preschool). These nuns played vital roles at St. Charles Academy, University High School, USD, St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and other institutions.

The O.B. nuns have helped the homeless, aided children and the disabled as well as many others in our region. Many of these nuns have multiple degrees, music backgrounds, various talents and interesting family histories. Some have lived in O.B. for short periods, while others for many years. Many can be seen walking around the community and enjoying our local coffee houses.

Sister Marie Louise Flick RSCJ is a retired educator. Most of her life has been in secondary education for girls. Primarily she has been the academic dean responsible for faculty evaluation, curriculum development and student academic progress. Every summer for 15 years she was an adjunct professor at Creighton University in Omaha NE in their Christian Spirituality Masters Program. Since 1996, she has been a staff member at the Spiritual Ministry Center on Del Mar Ave. in Ocean Beach.



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1887 OB MAP POSTER

The 1887 O.B. Historical color map poster has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map's natural aging, torn edges & stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.

\$20 ea. (includes tax)

"It's stunning" - Joe Wambaugh

THE OB LIBRARY STORY

In the beginning ... 1916

The very first OB Library began in a storefront on Abbott Street. Miss Kate Spani, principal of OB Elementary School, raised \$200 to buy shelves and materials for furniture, which pioneer residents built. The library was surrounded by a noisy amusement park, but the patrons still were asked to speak in a whisper!



THE OBHS NEEDS:

- HISTORICAL PHOTOS, ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION
- CASH DONATIONS • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY!

THE OBHS ARCHIVES WAS FOUNDED TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OCEAN BEACH AND THE PENINSULA. The Archives Room is in the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held. The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters, artifacts and an extensive biography index and San Diego City Directories from 1926 to 1984 (which list people, their spouses & occupations). Residents are also listed by street address. Dedicated volunteers assist with processing.

ARCHIVES DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are! Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family... photographs depicting people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones appear. The cliffs erode and scenery changes. The OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into O.B.'s past.

When donating photographs to the Archives, please remember to date, identify the people and places in them. Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archive's staff would be happy to copy and safely return items to you with your permission to use the materials.

Preservation work often needs support & supplies.

GIFTS MAY BE DONATED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

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ARCHIVIST MARY ALLELY
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 858-550-5982

MEMBERS
July - August 2015:
New Members:
Maureen Blackhall; Carol Castlen; Tony Cataldo; Eric Duval; Eric Gerhardt; Claire Harootunian; Martha Jordan; Klone Kunzel; Sandi & Mike May; Dennis Perrine; Kevin Smoker & Family; Mary Tolena. Welcome Back: Janet & Scott Hazelton; Joy Young.
Donations: Tony Cataldo; Laura & Dan Dennison; Eric Duval; Bill Russell & Nowell Wisch.

Thanks for Archives Donations:
Patty Fares & Craig Gerwig

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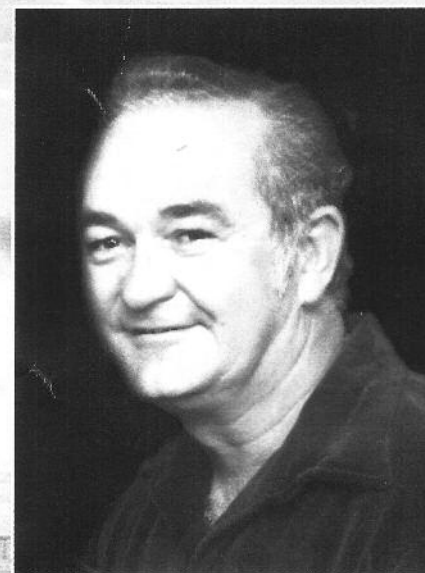
Ocean Beach Historical Society Wins OB TOWN COUNCIL GRANT

OBTC Grant Award Certificates were presented at the Masonic Center to Ocean Beach Historical Society. President Pat James and Board Members Kathy & Ray Blavatt accepted the award given by State Assembly Member Toni Akins and State Senator Marty Block



Farewell to an Obeacan...

William "Billy" Dietsch



January 2nd, 1931 to June 13th, 2015

The world has lost a true gentleman, father, and friend with the passing of William "Billy" Joseph Dietsch Saturday June 13, 2015 in Ocean Beach, California.

Billy was born January 2, 1931 in Evansville, Indiana. He moved to San Diego in the early 50's and settled in Ocean Beach, California where he started a family having five children.

He began a career at Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego, working in the aerospace industry that spanned more than 30 years. During which time he represented the employees of Local 506 U.A.W. as President and later as Chairman of the Retiree Committee.

Billy married the love of his life, Margaret "Toddy" on March 15, 1975. They had the kind of love that would confirm death simply ended a life not a relationship and no matter how hard death tried it couldn't separate them from love. She was the apple of his eye and they are now together once again dancing a jig.

He was an iconic figure and very active in the local community. He was a member of the Ocean Beach Historical Society and supported numerous charities.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, and his brothers Larry and Steve. He lives on in the memories of his brother, the Honorable Judge Terry Dietsch of Evansville, Indiana. His daughters Penny, Sue, Terry, Kathy and Debbie, and his son Billy Jr. as well as his grandchildren Elliott, Jack, Kyle, Joshua, Holly, Laura, and Jennifer and his 4 great grandchildren Paige, Carter, Johnny, and Stevie and his step sons Steven, Michael, and Richard Benedict.

He had more friends than the seas have fish. He was a very giving, loving, and compassionate man who will be missed, but not forgotten.

May he rest in peace.

Also farewell to longtime locals—
Helen Myers and Robert Williams.