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# Sea Scrolls

Notes from the  
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O.B. women know how to party, as did the Ocean Beach Woman's Club members in past decades! Enjoy the holidays in O.B. style!

November - December 2017 • President: Eric DuVall • Editors: Susan James & Stephanie Greenwald • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

## O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout

Starring: Dean Hollenbeck

PRODUCED BY KATHY & RAY BLAVATT

THURS., NOV. 16, 7 PM

AT ST. PETER'S BY THE SEA

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1371 SUNSET CLIFFS BLVD, SAN DIEGO, CA

NOT AT PL. United Methodist Church (due to renovations)

Ocean Beach is known for its characters, and Dean Hollenbeck is one of our most endearing. Dean loves to walk... and talk! He has made countless friends on his meandering walks in Ocean Beach and the peninsula.

At 89-years-old Dean somedays walks up to 16 miles... though it may take him the whole day depending on how many people he talks to.

Ocean Beach Historical Society's Kathy and Ray Blavatt filmed Dean on his O.B. adventures as he spoke with other interesting longtime OBceans, toured some of their homes, and discussed their tales and histories of living in Ocean Beach.

Featured film guests include Flickie Dormer, Virginia Davis, Shoeshine Willie, Darlene the Garden Lady, and others. Learn why these residents came to O. B., fell in love with O.B., and still live in O.B. Join us for this fun-filled and interesting "O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout" OBHS program with Dean and friends on Thurs. Nov. 16 at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church.

Point Loma United Methodist Church (PLUM) is changing to **WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY.**

"The Church will remain open for services during its reorganization & facelift, and will continue to be an O.B. Community Center."

**The Ocean Beach Historical Society Program on Nov.16 will instead be at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church.**

There will be NO December 2017 OBHS Program.



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### COMING



OBHS PRESENTS:  
**O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout**  
STARRING DEAN HOLLENBECK  
BY KATHY & RAY BLAVATT  
**THURS. NOV. 16, 7PM**  
At St. Peter's by the Sea  
Lutheran Church  
1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

NO December Program

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**SPECIAL OFFER**

Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:  
[www.obhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.obhistory.wordpress.com)



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Individuals-\$15/yr.       Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20  
 Sustaining Member-\$100/yr.       Life Member-\$500/1 payment  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Receive an 1887 Map Poster with \$100 or Larger NEW Membership**  
Redeemable at any OBHS Event or Program



**Ocean Beach California 92107**  
**CONGRATULATIONS to the OB Rag**  
**blog as they Celebrate 10 Years!**  
The OB Rag has been vital in preserving O.B. and it's history.  
We thank them and look forward to another decade of their good work!


**“OCEAN BEACH”**  
*Book by the Ocean Beach Historical Society & Arcadia Publishing*

Be transported back in time through this fantastic book filled with Ocean Beach’s wonderful history, historical photos and fascinating images.

**\$21<sup>99</sup>** plus tax

The “Ocean Beach” book is available at the Ocean Beach Historical Society programs, events and for sale by local vendors.

*Proceeds go to the OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY a 501(c)(3) non-profit org.*

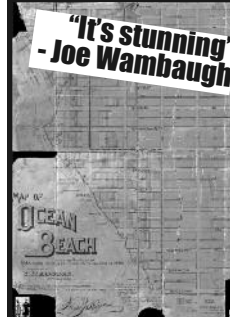


**1887 OB MAP POSTER**

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*



**2018 Ocean Beach Historical Society Board Elections** at the NOV. 16th OBHS PROGRAM.

If you attended a 2017 OBHS program and wish to run for the OBHS Board  
 Ph. Eric: 1(858)735-2589



**PRESERVE OB’S HISTORY Thru GIFT Contributions!**

The OBHS Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives will be closed until mid-January

The OBHS Archive’s Room is upstairs on the top floor of the **WATER’S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY** 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

- THE OBHS NEEDS:**
- Historical Photos, Items & Documentation
  - Cash Donations
  - Historical Interviews
  - Archival Supplies

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
 As 2017 draws to a close, we thank our members, presenters, volunteers, and donors for their participation and support in helping the Ocean Beach Historical Society preserve O.B.’s history.

2017 WAS A FABULOUS YEAR FOR THE OBHS...  
 With wonderful programs, the Wisteria Garden Party, and OB EXPOSED!  
 We also received a number of awards & grants.

2018 will bring some exciting changes and a great line-up of OBHS programs.

A new O.B. history book, *Ocean Beach Where Land and Water Meet*, By Kathy Blavatt will premier at our April OBHS program.

Please consider an OBHS holiday donation or give a gift membership to a friend or family member.

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 Thank You

**THE OBHS ARCHIVE COLLECTION INCLUDES:**

Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters, artifacts and an extensive biography index with 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.** 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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**DONATIONS OF ITEMS & CASH MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

**CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES:**  
 TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 619-226-8125

**OBHS GENERAL INFO. CONTACT:**  
 Pat James: [pjinob@gmail.com](mailto:pjinob@gmail.com) or ph. 619-226-8125

*Thank You Blue Vase Donors*

**OCEAN BEACH CRAFT FAIR**  
 Come to the grass at the foot of Newport Ave. for your holiday shopping on Saturdays at the Ocean Beach Craft Fair!

The Ocean Beach Historical Society has great gift items at the O.B. Crafts Fair including books, magnets, and the 1887 map poster. By making a purchase from the OBHS you are giving the gift of support to our group!

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The Ocean Beach Craft Fair is sponsored by the O.B. Town Council. All proceeds from the space rentals go to the Annual Food & Toy Drive.

**PAT JAMES**  
 Received the 2017 Ocean Beach Town Council OBIE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

OBTC Obie LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Presented to PAT JAMES

The Community of OB is Grateful for Everything You Do 2017




*Farewell to Our Friend*  
**CANDY EILEEN RAND-RILEY**  
 January 31, 1950 – September 29, 2017

The Ocean Beach Historical Society’s friend Candy Rand-Riley passed away peacefully, in the arms of her loving husband and partner Bill (a former OBHS Board Member). After nearly 37 years of sheer bliss she was diagnosed with cancer in early 2015 and battled it successfully for nearly three years, two years beyond what her doctors expected.

She met William A. Huinker Riley in 1980. They were inseparable from that time on and soon married. They had no children, preferring to encourage and expand on their own inner child, to the delight of both.

Candy and Bill loved to drive to the San Diego County outback and travel.

Candy was a lifelong lover of plants. She would see a plant she liked, would snip off a small branch, and soon have it flowering in their yard, always with the saying, “These love to travel”. She loved to decorate, and their home is testament to her skill. With their many skills and talents, they formed “Home Temple Pilots”, a home repair business.

Candy was kind and caring... indispensable to her friends.

Candy’s smiling face, photo to left, was always a welcome sight at our OBHS events. We will always remember and celebrate this OBcean who was a bright light that touched our lives.

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