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**SPECIAL EVENT AT
JENNINGS HOUSE CAFÉ**
March 21, 7pm

Cathy Gallagher at the
Jennings House Café, P.L.

March - April 2019 • President: Eric DuVall • Editors: Susan James & Jonnie Wilson • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

Thursday, March 21, 7 PM
Special Event-Program at the
JENNINGS HOUSE CAFÉ
at 1018 Rosecrans, Point Loma

THE JENNINGS FAMILY MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

BY CATHY GALLAGHER,

The historic Jennings House on Point Loma, built in 1886, will be the topic, and the setting, for the OBHS meeting on March 21. Located at 1018 Rosecrans, the one-time residence of Frank Jennings, early San Diego County Sheriff (1895-1902), is the oldest house built on Point Loma. In recent years, it has found new life as the Jennings House Café (previously the Living Room), co-owned by our March guest speaker Cathy Gallagher.

In researching the history of the house, Cathy came up with many fascinating facts about Frank Jennings, his brother Fred (who also served as San Diego County Sheriff from 1907 to 1914), their families, and their descendants. She will provide a detailed account of Frank and Inez Jennings, their entrepreneurial and philanthropic commitment to San Diego, and their role in the development of Point Loma in particular.

Join us as we travel a few miles from our usual Ocean Beach meeting place to "the other side of the hill" for a fascinating slice of local history. (And enjoy snacks and a hot beverage, too!) You may even learn about a connection between the Jennings family and the world-famous San Diego Zoo.

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**HEAR HISTORY AS IT
HAPPENED!**
BY VERONICA AND
WALTER RITTER
THURS., APRIL 18, 7PM
at Water's Edge Faith Community
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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HEAR HISTORY AS IT HAPPENED!

BY VERONICA MURPHY & WALTER MURPHY

Thursday, April 18, 7 PM
WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Hear history as it happened! Poignant World War II letters written by young San Diegans serving in the military will be the focus of our OBHS April 18 program.

Join us for a memorable evening as guest speakers Veronica Murphy and Walter Ritter of Write Out Loud San Diego read from a treasure trove of 5,000 letters housed at San Diego State University's Special Collections and University Archives.

VERONICA MURPHY and WALTER RITTER are co-founders of San Diego's Write Out Loud, a theatrical company that brings together experienced actors to do staged readings of literature to a live audience. Both have extensive backgrounds in local theater.




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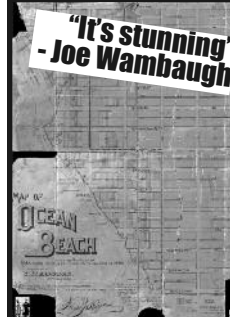


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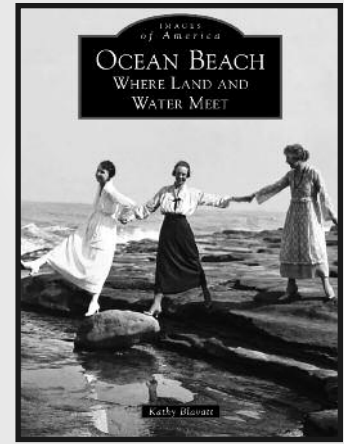
The 1887 O.B. historical color map poster has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map’s natural aging, torn edges & stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.

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PRESERVE O.B.’s HISTORY Thru CONTRIBUTIONS!

The OBHS Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula.

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

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 addresses, their spouses & occupations).

Dedicated volunteers assist with processing and organizing incoming materials.

THE OBHS NEEDS:

- **Historical Photos, Items & Documentation**
- **Cash Donations**
- **Historical Interviews**
- **Archival Supplies**

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Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are! Unfortunately, important history is lost when photographs, house plans, business and organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs are historically important because shots of people depict their activities and customs, homes and buildings, and dress. Without records of O.B. buildings, we lose links to the past when the buildings vanish or their functions change.

Likewise, when the cliffs erode and scenery changes, it needs to be documented. Donations to the OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into Ocean Beach’s past.

WHEN DONATING PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE ARCHIVES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECORD THE DATE AND IDENTIFY THE PEOPLE AND PLACES.


Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archives 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

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

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CATHY GALLAGHER, *managing partner of the Jennings House Café,* ran several small businesses on the East Coast before relocating to Point Loma 16 years ago. She initially worked at Point Loma Nazarene University, but in February 2017 became an entrepreneur once again with the purchase of the Jennings House (then the Living Room). She and her husband have two children and three grandsons, all Point Loma residents.


Great Conference... Don't Miss It!

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250 YEARS

CONGRESS OF HISTORY of San Diego & Imperial Counties
54TH ANNUAL HISTORY CONFERENCE
 Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, 2019
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 2818 Avenida de Portugal, San Diego, CA 92106 (Point Loma)

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25th ANNIVERSARY



THANK YOU Eric DuVall and side-kick Kitty McDaniel for the wonderful January 17th OBHS Program “TROLLEY TO THE BEACH.”

THANK YOU Kitty McDaniel, Dedi Ridenour, Jonnie Wilson, and OBHS Board Members and Archivists who helped with our February Ocean Beach Historical Society program “Treasures from Our Archives” and 25th Anniversary Celebration.