

# SEAL BEACH Historical & Cultural SOCIETY

MARCH/APRIL  
2000  
NEWSLETTER



DON'T MISS THE  
MARCH COMMUNITY MEETING!

Thursday March 23rd, 7.30 p.m.  
Mary Wilson Library, Sen. Ctr.

P.O. Box 152 SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 + LAURA ALIOTO, PRESIDENT (562) 683-1874

## '00 Board of Directors

New officers of the Seal Beach Historical and Cultural Society were appointed at the January general meeting.

### Elected officers include:

President: Laura Alioto

Vice President:  
Kathy Morton

Secretary:  
Jackie Fitzpatrick

Treasurer: Bill Ward

Facilities:  
Bruce Frenzing

Graphics/Visual display:  
Rick Murphy

Liaison: Carla Watson

## New Members

Mary Jo Hendrickson  
Gay & Bill Kelly

## Welcome Aboard!

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Historical Ad: 1960's

## Articles from the Attic:

### Silk Stockings Vivaly Needed by Government



War Productions Board announced recently that thousands of silk and nylons stockings, now past the stage where they would be a credit to a lady's leg,

are exceedingly valuable to the Army and Navy for reclamation purposes.

Believing that the woman of Seal Beach would like to cooperate in the nationwide drive for silk and nylon stockings, a receptacle has been placed in "Frosty" Felts store.

Stockings placed in this box will be sent where they will go into production. Please remember that only silk and nylon stockings are desired. They should be washed before turning them in.

At the processing plants the silks are separated

from the nylons by dipping them in a chemical bath in which the silks turn one color and the nylon another.



Silk stockings are then sent to a reclaiming plant, where rayon and cotton feet, top and seams are cut off, and the remaining pure silk is spun into yarn and rewoven into powder bag cloth. The silk is particularly valuable as powder bag material because the silk burns instantly and leaves no ash residue in the guns.

Nylon stockings, after being separated out from the silk are processed in various ways. In one

method, for instance, the nylon is melted down and the resulting liquid forced through tiny holes and solidified into thread, which is woven in tough durable material for war use.

Not even the cotton and rayon which may be removed from the stockings is wasted. With other rags, it is used in making products such as roofing.

The conservation division of the War Productions Board is directing the silk and nylon hosiery salvage campaign. Collection boxes already have been placed in most Southland retail stores hosiery departments.

There is no money involved in this stocking collection, no money to the woman who turn them in, no remuneration to the retailers who collect them. The campaign is purely voluntary and patriotic, but experience with present salvage drives indicated that Southern California women will not fail to respond with vigor and enthusiasm.

Seal Beach Post & Wave  
Thursday, Dec. 3, 1942

## March Community Meeting: "The Way We Were"

"How the L.A. Basin came to be as we see it today" will be the topic of our next community meeting on Thursday, March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. in the Mary Wilson Library, Sen. Ctr.

Bruce Fitzpatrick, processor of earth sciences and astronomy will tell us how our territory came to be the way it is. Dr. Fitzpatrick will give a short geological story with slides about the origins and development of the L.A. basin. Dr. Fitzpatrick is director of the M.E.S.A. program at El Camino College in Torrance.



Historical Photo: Seal Beach  
Proposal. June 2, 1928

## Dick Dale Makes Bid to Seal Beach



Newest bit of news for Seal Beach is the request of popular band maestro, Dick Dale, who has requested a permit to change the old Airport Club into a dance

palladium for teenagers. According to reports, Dick has stated that he would operate the hall in an ultra strict fashion. The Seal Beach Council are purportedly studying the proposition now, and according to reports will make their reports after a closer study. In trying to keep an open mind they are preparing some further questions to ask the Dick Dale group.

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## April White Elephant Sale

Cleaning out closets? Discarding those old records or a partial set of dishes? Or that waffle iron you haven't used in ten years? Wait!! Give them to the Historical Society for the spring White Elephant Sale, our biggest fund raiser. We need all your discards (no clothes please) from apple cores to zebra rugs! Call Elouise Shanks (562) 431-9501 for information or to drop them off at Shanks', 215 Surf Place, Seal Beach.

### President's Note:

I would like to thank the 1999 Board Members who worked with such dedication and fervor. Kathy Morton, Jackie Fitzpatrick, Bill Ward, Maj Harmon and Rick Murphy.

Also, the loyal members that gave up their Saturday afternoons to meet and greet our visitors at the Red Car, staff the community meetings, bake cookies, donate memorabilia, work on the archives, etc., etc.

For everything you do, your kindness and support never goes unnoticed.

## Seal Beach Oral History Project

### Do You Remember When?

How many times have you heard someone say, "You should write that down. Someone will want to remember it some day." Well, the Historical Society is doing just that with our Oral History Project.

Long time member Libby Appelgate has been working on this project for several years. After taking a workshop in Oral Histories at Cal State Fullerton, she did several oral histories with Seal Beach residents. Now,

she's ready to chair our Oral History Project committee and train others to collect the historical memories of long time Seal Beach residents.

We're looking for members who are interested in learning how to do oral histories. The work involves an introduction, (meet and greet) and a second meeting for a taped interview. Someone else transcribes the tape and prints the paper copy of the interview. These interviews will be stored in our archives for further reference and research.

Oral History Project committee members Laura Alioto and Kathy Morton are assisting Libby in locating the proper equipment to do these interviews. We hope to be ready to start interviewing in a few months.

Our long time residents are fascinating people. If you'd like to hear more about the past from someone who lived it, you'd probably enjoy doing oral histories. For more information on becoming an interviewer or a transcriber, please leave your name and telephone number at (562) 683-1874.

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### To Join:

To become a member of the Seal Beach Historical Society, or for more information on society events, call: 562-683-1874

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### The Red Car:

Open dates through the end of the year as follows:



- March - 25
- April - 8 & 22
- May - 13 & 27
- June - 10 & 24
- July - 8 & 22
- Aug - 12 & 28
- Sept - 9 & 23
- Oct - 14 & 28
- Nov - 11 & 25
- Dec - 9