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# President's Message —

Yes! We're here and have been for some time.

A visitor comes into our facility and upon their arrival they say something like "I've lived in Costa Mesa for quite a while and didn't even know this was here". For us at the **Historical Society Museum in Lions Park**, we hear that comment more than we would like to. Even residents who have lived here for decades make the same statements.

Once they look around for awhile, visitors to our **Museum** are usually impressed with various aspects of Costa Mesa's history. Many didn't know about the **Santa Ana Army Air Base** (1942-



1946), which was located within the boundaries of present day Costa Mesa. Nor were they aware of the **Diego Sepulveda Adobe in Estancia Park** (circa 1820), which we open for tours twice a month. There are also items and various photos of Costa Mesa's history.

There is so much to learn about Costa Mesa and we want to share it all. If you know of anyone who hasn't been to our **Museum**, suggest they come visit us. It would be greatly appreciated. One of our goals for 2012 is to let more people know we're here. As one of our members, please make it one of your goals to spread the word too.

Thank you!

Bob Palazzola

Costa Mesa Historical Society
Presents
"Traveling the El Camino Real –
the Founding of
the California Missions"

Speaker: Richard Dodd, Architect

Sunday, February 19 Doors open at 2:00, Program at 2:30



- Free admission and refreshments for all -

Historical Society Museum Northwest corner of Lions Park Complex 1870 Anaheim Ave.

Experienced in many architectural styles, Richard has been in business since 1961 in Newport Beach. An author ("Architectural Styles – Orange County") and columnist (Orange County Home maga-



zine), Richard will share with us his latest visual presentation.

Come learn about California's early years and how the Missions shaped it!

For further information call (949) 631-5918, visit us at www.costamesahistory.org or go to facebook/costa mesa historical society

Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.



We are asking your help for items to be donated for a fund raising yard sale we intend to hold in the Fall. All proceeds

will be used for preservation and renovation projects. Items donated should be useable, clean, and light enough for one person to carry. If you have items to donate, please call ahead 949-631-5918. We are open 10am-3pm Thursdays and Fridays. You are welcome to leave a message after hours and someone will return your call when we reopen. Thank you!

# **SAAAB** Reunion



The 36th Annual Santa Ana Army Air Base Reunion will be held <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 25</u> at the Orange Coast College Student Center. Registration/Checkin begins at 11:30am with Lunch to follow at noon. Program begins 12:45pm.

Featured speaker will be Nancy Robison, author of "Letters From My Brother", a story of real life drama, romance, adventure, mystery, loyalty and patriotism from 1941 to 1946.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Net proceeds benefit the Santa Ana Army Air Base Scholarship for OCC students. Contact Liz at OCC Foundation 714-432-5707 or occfoundation@occ.cccd.edu by Feb.17.

# **Help Preserve Photo History**

We are looking for photos of Costa Mesa to fill some of the gaps in our collection, particularly ones of businesses and industries; service, social and hobby groups. You can donate your photos <u>or</u> if you don't want to part with them, we can scan them.





Volunteers play a key part in maintaining our archives. Tess Bernstein, at left, researches the hard-to-identify images. While Jan Rovan, above, is cataloging the TeWinkle collection.

# **Upcoming Events**

Sun. Feb. 19—Speaker Richard Dodd. Doors open 2pm; Program at 2:30pm. Costa Mesa Historical Society & Museum, 1870 Anaheim Ave.

Sat. Feb. 25—SAAAB Reunion, OCC Student Center. Speaker Nancy Robison. Doors open 11:30am; Lunch at 12pm; Program at 12:45pm. Tickets \$25. Call Liz/OCC Foundation 714-432-5707 by Feb. 17.

Sun. Mar. 18—2pm program with speaker at the Costa Mesa Historical Society & Museum, 1870 Anaheim Ave.

# What's Happening

- ♦ United Neighbors "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" communication network is a volunteer clearing house of shared ideas by Costa Mesa neighbors with input and support from the Costa Mesa Police Dept. and other city departments. To learn more, contact Diane Hill at unitedneighbors@cmprepared.com or 714-546-4252.
- ♦ Welcome our new members December: Ken Ammann; January: Richard Remy
- ♦ In Memoriam: Eleanor Linder, member since 2007 and long-time resident of College Park
- ♦ Find us on Facebook: facebook/costa mesa historical society



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