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NEXT DOCENT SOCIETY MEETING

Saturday, October 21, at 9 A.M.

Florence Shipek, well-known anthropologist, comes to the Reserve to be our October speaker. She will reminisce about her conversations with Delfina Cuero, about whom she wrote a biography, and will also discuss ethnobotany topics relevant to our area. Her talk, covering aspects of Native American culture and plant use, will be of special interest and value to all docents participating in the Society's education program for school groups.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET

The State Legislature recently approved "full" funding of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) budget, but only by transferring \$19.4 million from the Beverage Container Recycling Fund. This is considered to be a one-time transfer, so next year DPR will be facing another budget shortfall, estimated to exceed \$20 million. The increasing use of the parks and the decreasing appropriations have created a crisis for the park system.

In response to the budget crisis, according to the Issues Update, July-Aug. 1995, of the Friends of California Parks, DPR has formed committees to examine revenue generation, conversion (i.e., divestiture), program reduction, and closures. Clearly, the State Legislature, DPR, and the park users face difficult choices in the next few years.

It appears that the parks we all enjoy can no longer be taken for granted. Individuals concerned about the future of the parks may want to read about what one person can do, page 5 of this issue.



DOCENT DOINGS

Docent of the Month - Mary Weir received the award for September in recognition of her work this past summer in putting together summaries of the four topics that will be covered in the school group education program this year: plants and habitats, Native American culture, whales, and ecosystems & food chains. Mary joined the Society three years ago, and with her teaching experience she quickly found a home in the then just developing school program. Mary was also the first recipient of this award in February 93, an indication of her commitment to the Society and the Reserve - well deserved congratulations, Mary!

Thanks, Reserve Staff! At the September meeting, President Diana Gordon expressed thanks on behalf of all the docents for the Docent Appreciation Party arranged by the Reserve staff. Special recognition to Ranger Chris Platis, whose family prepared the food.

School Program News - Barbara Wallach thanked Wes Farmer at the meeting for making life-size animal track stamps that can be used to show school groups "real" animal tracks on the ground by the Lodge and on the trails. Barbara reminded docents on Lodge duty that all requests for school visits should be referred to the Reserve staff, who approve and schedule all public visits. The school program is starting at a near full schedule and promises to be even bigger and better this year. Thanks go to the following docents for their participation in the program in September: Pamela Drechsel, Vida Fruebis, Joan McNally, Joan Nimick, Hilda Renner, Carol Schroeder, Theo Tanalski, Barbara Wallach, Mary Weir, and Cindy Wollager.

Docent Walk a Hit - On a recent weekend docent walk, Theo Tanalski introduced an interested group of visitors to the Reserve. Afterwards, unknown to Theo, one of the visitors donated \$100 to the Docent Society to show his appreciation of the docents' work and Theo's interpretive walk. Way to go, Theo!

Bird List - The Reserve bird list is out of stock and also out of date, so a new list with current names is being prepared. Don Grine arranged for an independent list of the area birds, and Hank Baele will handle cross-checking and preparing the new list.

Computer Help, Anyone? Theo Tanalski offers help to docents who want to use the computer in the staff office but are unfamiliar with its operation.

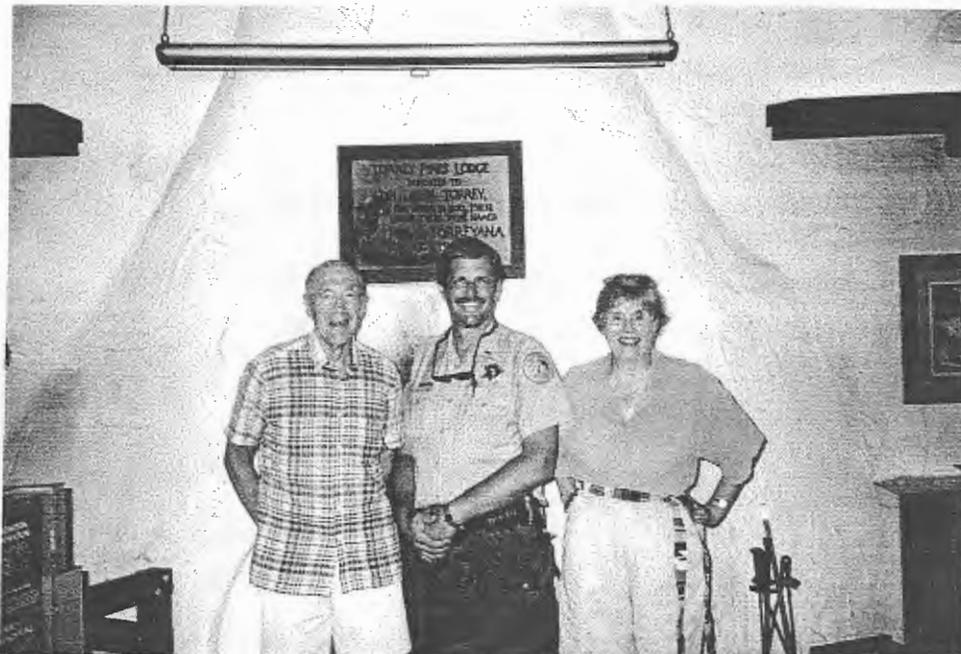
Newsletter Note - Any member interested in writing articles for the *Torreyana* and eventually taking on the responsibility for the newsletter next year, please call John Carson.

Docent Spouse in the News - Of special interest to docents is an article in the fall issue of *Explorations*, the quarterly magazine of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Entitled "Pioneering Science on the Frozen Frontier," it tells of the work of Gerald Kooyman, husband
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of docent Melba Kooyman. For 30 years he has been a pioneer in Antarctic studies, concerned most especially with the diving physiology of marine mammals and birds. It is a fascinating article, with many pictures of penguins, seals, and frozen landscapes. There is a copy of the magazine in the docent library in the pamphlet file under the name of Gerald Kooyman.

Marion Dixon Honored - Marion Dixon recently received recognition from the International Center of UCSD: 1995 Tutor of the Year for her many years of service in the English as a Second Language Program. Among her contributions were serving as program coordinator from 1981 to 85, during which time the number of volunteer tutors increased from 20 to 180, and personally tutoring over 100 students. As docents recall from Marion's six years as *Torreyana* editor, she has a passionate commitment to the English language and the highest standards in its use. Her students were indeed fortunate to have her as their tutor.



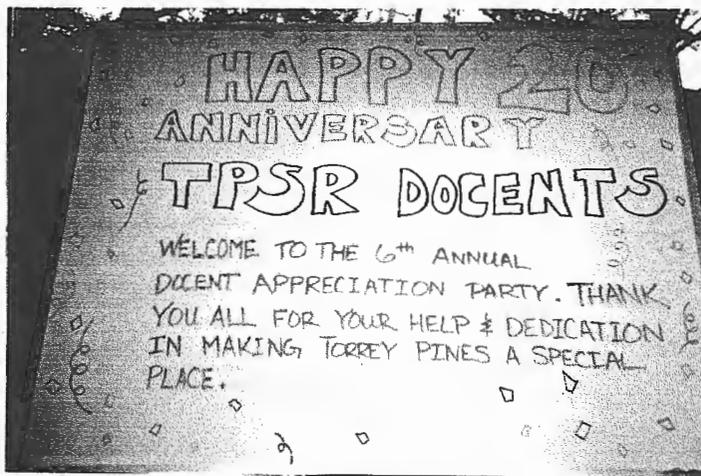
Famous Name at Reserve
Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl was host recently to Carl and Ella Torrey, photographed in the Lodge with Bob. Carl is the great-grandnephew of John Torrey.

TPSR Rangers Show Their Appreciation - YASSOU!

"Yassou," a traditional Greek word suitable for festive occasions, welcomed over 140 guests at the Sixth Annual Docent Appreciation Party on Tuesday, September the 12th. A sign stretched across the Lodge, "Yassou Docents," designed by Park Aide David Franks, set the spirit for a feast catered by The Greek Gourmet Souvlaki. Ranger Chris Platis, his lovely wife Doreen, and his parents worked hard to supply hungry guests with traditional Greek specialties. Park aides kept the long lines moving, serving from behind a table overflowing with tabouleh, spanakopi, salad, rice, yogurt, pita bread, gyros and baklava.

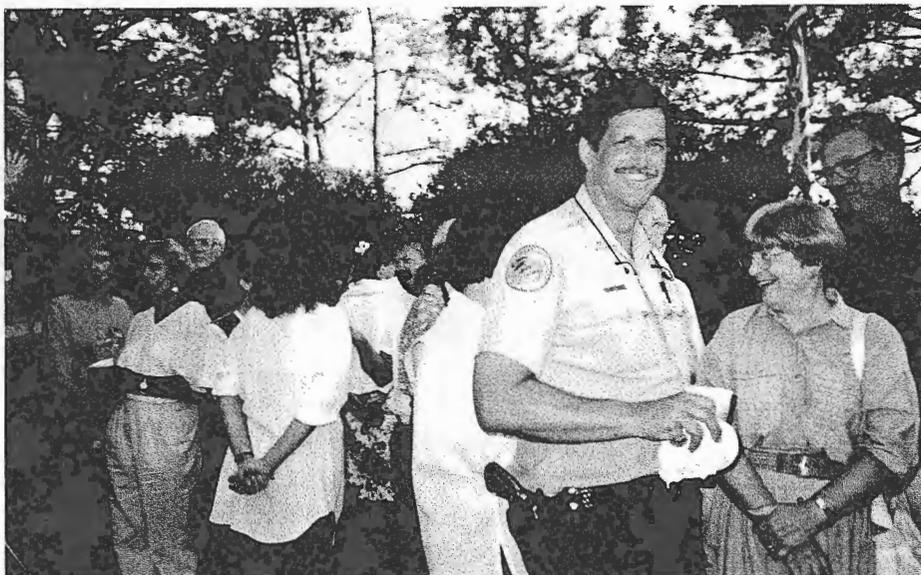
The docents felt duly honored. Ranger Bob Wohl voiced his appreciation and said, "You're all family to me." Rangers Allyn Kaye and Greg Hackett expressed their gratitude for the terrific job docents do, and Ranger Chris Platis congratulated all on the 20th year anniversary, saying "You get bigger and better." Certainly a great many of us got bigger after that feast, and all felt a deep appreciation for the wonderful staff at TPSR. Yassou!

(text and photos courtesy of Del Roberts)



The sign that greeted docents at the party (above)

Some of the many docents and Ranger Bob Wohl (below)



Environmental Advocacy

One Person Can Make a Difference

When Lynn Benn moved to Del Mar Heights from Coronado in 1971, it never occurred to this former budget analyst that she was about to begin a new career in environmental advocacy. A chance meeting and discussion with a young TPSR park aide in her back yard, which is adjacent to the north boundary of what was to become the Extension, started her thinking about the need to save San Diego's remaining endangered areas. She quickly found herself getting involved with like-minded local residents, such as Peggy Whitehead and Jessie LaGrange, helped to save part of the Lagoon from development by SDG&E, and through her work with the local Sierra Club chapter and as a member of the San Diego Planning Commission, became recognized as one of San Diego's most effective and prominent environmental advocates.

After commenting on the environmental successes of the 1970s and 80s, she discussed problems that current and proposed development near the Reserve pose to the future of TPSR. She is especially concerned about the plans to widen Carmel Valley Road and the intersection of this road with Camino Del Mar. Incursions into the Lagoon to accommodate the road expansion and the increase in traffic that such road widening will bring are just one example of the negative aspects of continuing development in the area.

The speaker's contributions and successes demonstrate that one person can make a difference. She offered the following tips and suggestions to people who want to get involved.

- ♦ Pick an issue that is just getting started (it is too late to influence the outcome just before a vote, for views of people are already determined).
- ♦ Be sure there is a constituency (support of at least a segment of the public is essential).
- ♦ Attend public meetings and hearings (far more effective than writing letters).
- ♦ Use TV, local newspapers and magazines to deliver the message.
- ♦ Be wary of words in environmental agreements that aren't quantifiable ("to the extent feasible" can be used to avoid the originally intended environmental outcome).
- ♦ Review mitigation agreements very carefully (too often these agreements turn out to be, in the words of a friend of the speaker, "sugar on cow chips").
- ♦ Monitor environmental agreements continually to ensure that the terms are followed.

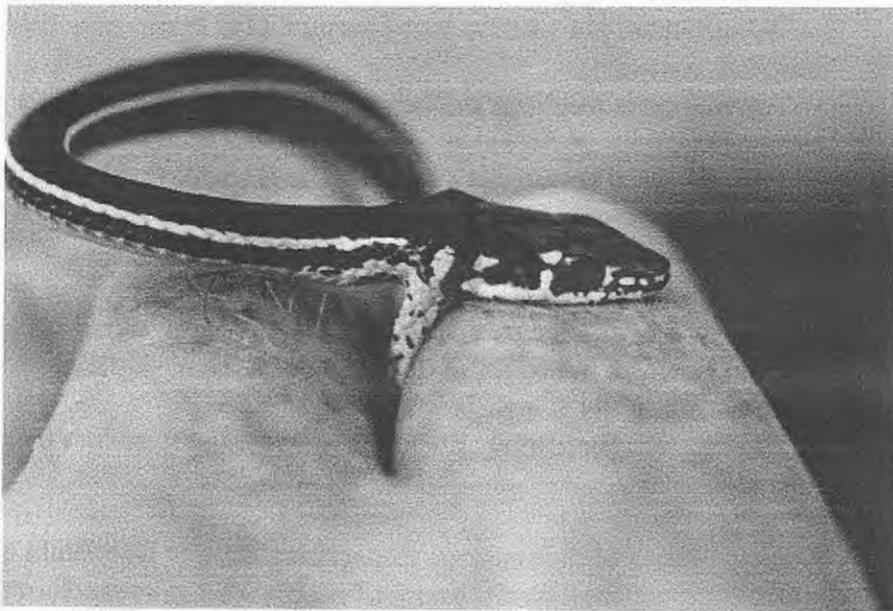
As part of the introduction to the speaker, Supervising Ranger Bob Wohl noted that Lynn Benn was one of a small but special group of people who gave much of their time during the past 25 to 30 years so that the Reserve could exist as it does today. We are indebted to them for all that they have contributed - now it is time for the next generation of concerned people to be advocates for Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Reserve Research Update

New Staff Member - Stacie Hathaway, a recent graduate from the University of San Diego with a degree in biology, has joined the Reserve staff as an environmental services intern. She is assisting Resource Ecologist Mike Wells by coordinating several projects in the Reserve's Wildlife Corridor Study, and in her spare time she is in a graduate program at San Diego State University specializing in biogeography. The projects she is coordinating, with the participating organizations and principal investigators indicated in parentheses, are: reptile-amphibian survey (Prof. Ted Case, UCSD Biology Dept.), mammalian predators (Michael Soulé, chairman of Environmental Studies Board, UC Santa Cruz), habitat map (Douglas Stowe, head, Geography Dept., SDSU), and a sensitive bird species study (contractor to be selected).

Lagoon Study - A contract will be awarded soon for a hydrological study of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. One of the objectives will be evaluation of the effects of the Lagoon dredging done in 1988-89 in the area between the beach bridge and the railroad tracks (since the dredging, there are indications that the increased tidal flow and resultant flushing action have been beneficial for the Lagoon plant life). This study is supported by Caltrans mitigation funds.

Torrey Pine Planting - Based on results of seed and seedling plantings the last two years and recent studies of Torrey pine distributions in the Reserve, a long-term planting program is being developed for Reserve areas adversely impacted by the bark beetle. At present a San Diego area resident, Mike Barth, is helping the Reserve in this program by raising 300 Torrey seedlings in his greenhouse for planting early next year. One area being considered is the south side of the Guy Fleming Trail. Every one to two years a few hundred seedlings will be planted, taking into account the results of previous plantings and ongoing studies, until the affected areas are restored.



Take That, Wes!

While Wes Farmer was holding a young striped racer (caught during the August reptile survey) with one hand and trying to hold his camera with the other hand, the snake expressed its critical view of this business by biting Wes's index finger.

Report From the Ranger

Exhibit Renovation - Joyce Anderson, a taxidermist who specializes in educational displays, spent several days in September renovating the large west display in the Lodge. New animals were added, including a striped skunk. Also, a great horned owl now perches on top of the Torrey pine section on the east display (will it help keep the mice away?).

TPSR Extension - On September 16 a group of 50 boy scouts from Solana Beach did extensive work on the lower part of the Margaret Fleming Trail. They cut back all the overgrown vegetation and filled eroded areas in the south entrance with sand. The Reserve staff thanks them for their contribution and looks forward to additional work in the Extension by other volunteer groups.

Parking - DPR is checking parking lots in several coastal units, including TPSR, for compliance with parking regulations. Docents are therefore reminded to display their parking passes on their car dashes when parked in the Reserve.

Carmel Mountain 8A - DPR has agreed to take responsibility for about 150 acres of land in the 8A section if - and that is a very big if - it is transferred to the park system. Tentative designation would be Torrey Pines State Reserve East.

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