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President's Column

By John Hamma
SSHSA President

I had the privilege of addressing a meeting of the Waterman Lecture Series at ExplorOcean located in the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum on March 14. Newport Harbor (Newport Beach) is located between San Diego and Los Angeles. The organization and museum is a wonderful venue dedicated to ocean exploration and related maritime activities. It's small by some comparisons, but everything in the museum, and all their programs, are top-notch. They are in the planning stages for an expansion over the next 5 to 10 years that will

Coming to ShiPosium? Bring your family too!

Long Beach, CA / May 2-5, 2013

[Sign Up Here!](#)

ShiPosium is not just a conference – it's a great way to have some fun, meet other members, and see some of the things that make us all love ship history. [Register today](#) to hold your spot!

While our members get their fill of all things maritime at the Conference, there is plenty of fun for friends and family over the weekend.

Start the weekend early with tours and a special President's Reception



Let's start with our host vessel. If you arrive on Thursday, May 2, you'll have time to explore. The *Queen Mary* offers one of the last opportunities to delve into a classic ocean liner. On their own, the art deco décor and the cambered decks are well worth a visit. Add to that the "Legacy of a Princess" exhibit or one of the night time historic or paranormal tours, and you've got something for everyone. Of course, you and your family can enjoy these tours anytime during the weekend if you don't have time on Thursday!

Then, join SSHSA members for a casual yet elegant President's Reception on the *QM*, with open bar! Its a great way to meet other

rank them among the premier maritime museums in the nation.

My subject was “An Introduction to the Steamship Historical Society of America.” How could I ask for anything better? The PowerPoint presentation included a brief history of engine-powered vessels, a brief history of SSHSA, where we (SSHSA) are today, and where we hope to go in the future. The presentation included many ship and other illustrations, most of which came from our own archives. I believe it was well-received. At least I didn’t get hit with any fruits or vegetables past their expiration date.

If you are ever in the area, the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum should be on your “must see” list. In developing the presentation and finding the data and graphics that I wanted, I appreciated just how much of an extensive and unique collection we have. If someone were to ask “what is SSHSA’s most valuable asset?” it would have to be the collection, followed closely by our outstanding publication, *PowerShips*. We don’t just have “things,” we have an in-depth knowledge of engine-powered ship history, and as an adjunct, an understanding of how the subject matter of our collection has contributed to the development of the United States since 1776, including the passage of immigrants to populate the country, westward expansion, and today’s commerce which is heavily dependent on waterborne transportation.

Another vital asset is our members, every one of whom is interested in, and probably collects memorabilia of some particular facet of our engine-powered vessel history. If sometimes we think we’re not moving ahead fast enough, or we are not on top of everything we’d like to be on top of, let’s stop and take a look at all we have and all we have done. And with our

members who are in town for the conference and to ease your way into the weekend.

On Friday, enjoy the ShiPosium...or some of the other things Southern California has to offer

Is your significant other interested in ship history also? Sign them up for ShiPosium and bring them along!

If not, there are plenty of activities in the area to keep your guests busy (distance is from the *Queen Mary*):

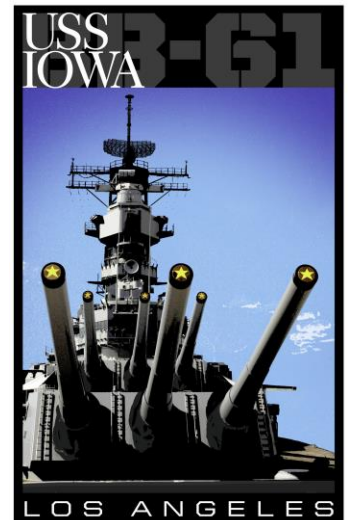
- Disney Land - 30 minutes/27 miles*
- Aquarium of the Pacific - 5 minutes/1.5 miles*
- Hollywood - 40 minutes/31 miles*
- Runyan Canyon Park - 40 mins./35 miles*
- Corks Away Wine Adventures - 20 mins./8 miles*
- Catalina Express - 5 mins./2 miles*
- Knotts Berry Farm - 30 mins./25 miles*
- Russian Submarine Scorpion - adjacent to the QM*

[Click here](#) to learn more about attractions in the Long Beach area.



After the

ShiPosium on Friday, enjoy our Friday night reception on the *USS Iowa* where you can get a look at the only bathtub ever installed on a Navy warship, fitted for FDR for his journey to the Tehran Conference. This reception is sponsored in part by the *USS Iowa* and by Mt. Gay Rum. Take a tour, have a sip, and enjoy the view from the deck of the battleship. This special reception is exclusively for registered attendees only, so make sure to sign up your significant other for the Full Conference or ShiPosium Only options.



Saturday: Time for a little bit of everything!

After the morning ShiPosium sessions, on Saturday afternoon you'll

current formalized Goals and Objectives, we will be moving even further ahead in the coming years. Not to brag, but we have a great organization going here, and it will only get better every year in the future.

You can't escape without a word from our sponsor. ShiPosium II, onboard RMS *Queen Mary* from May 2 through 5, will be an event [you don't want to miss](#). We have presentations from very significant ships that we hope will survive and thrive, and from experts in the field of historic ship preservation, plus several interesting tours, events, and social gatherings. Anybody who likes ships will love ShiPosium II. Registration forms are found in the current Winter 2013 issue of *PowerShips* and also on our website, www.sshsa.org.

Don't miss the boat! Not just figuratively, but literally. One of the events is a harbor cruise on the tug *Angels Gate*, now operated by the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, which is itself an attraction you don't want to miss, and both of which are included as options in our ShiPosium program. As always, please feel free to contact me directly at jfhamma@aol.com, 619-466-4854, or at 7959 Eastridge Drive, La Mesa, CA, with any thoughts or comments. If you're in town, come bang on my door.

John Hamma
President, SSHSA

Last Chance!

Renew Your Membership Today to get your April issue of PowerShips

If you received a "This is Your Last Issue" notice with your January issue of *PowerShips*, then you need to renew your membership if you want to continue to receive *PowerShips*.

find a range of things to do, both on your own, or planned by SSHSA. We've arranged transportation to nearby San Pedro with free admission to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and the *Lane Victory Victory Ship* for

all registered attendees. You can also pre-purchase special tickets for a unique harbor tour on the tug *Angels Gate* (pictured here, from lamaritimemuseum.org), or explore the famous "Red Car Line," a vintage trolley linking the World Cruise Center with attractions along the San Pedro waterfront (the cost to ride all day is only \$1.00!) We can also offer discounted group tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific – sea otters, anyone?

A highlight of the conference is the Saturday evening Award Banquet at Gladstone's Restaurant, located in the heart of Long Beach's waterfront development district (easily accessible by the free Passport bus). The banquet includes a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, awards ceremony, and keynote speech. Photo from gladstoneslongbeach.com.

Wind Down on Sunday

On Sunday join members for our annual members meeting with a special presentation by Martin Cox, founder of MaritimeMatters.com. Then, take a group trip to the home of maritime collector and historian, Peter Knego (an SSHSA member, contributor to MaritimeMatters.com, and ShiPosium presenter), for a special tour of his ocean liner collection and refreshments. Join with your fellow SSHSA members to see firsthand this extensive and impressive collection.

If you prefer, explore Southern California on your own before you head home. Either way, we encourage you to bring your family with you for some vacation time in the Golden State! [Click here for the official Long Beach, California Visitor's Guide](#).

[Register today online and reserve your spot for this year's events!](#) Special hotel rates at the *Queen Mary* are available but only for a limited time.

New Video Features Coming

RENEW ONLINE

You can call us at (401) 463-3570 or mail your renewal to our office:

SSHSA
30C Kenney Drive
Cranston, RI 02920

Thank you to everyone who has renewed for 2013!

Board News

The next Board meeting will be Thursday May 2 on the *Queen Mary* in the Caronia Room. The meeting will take place prior to the start of the ShiPosium & Annual Conference. Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meeting from 3:00-4:00 pm.

New Additions to SSHSA's Collection

Thank you to the following members and friends for donating ship history memorabilia to our collections.

Michael P. Kenney - Motor Vessel Ship Plans

Norman Laskay - General Arrangement Drawings and a November 1957 Sea Trial Book for the M/V *Jerusalem*

Cecil Spanton Ashdown - Postcard of the *Alcoa Clipper*

New Members

Welcome Aboard to all of our recent new members! (as of March 13, 2013)

Mr. Taylor Apollonio
Mr. William Baird

to www.SSHSA.org

We will soon be launching a new feature on our website: www.sshsa.org. By the end of the month, SSHSA will feature historic video footage of things maritime, like steaming ships! Using the streaming service Vimeo, we will now be able to show our web visitors not only photos on our Image Porthole, but also unique video footage from our collections.

Initiated by Executive Director Matt Schulte, facilitated by Sprintout Internet Services and put into practice by Research Assistant Astrid Drew, this new media project has been a successful group effort. Footage from our collections is in the process of being digitized, and will soon be uploaded to our website for all to view. Please stay tuned and check www.sshsa.org for updates!

Nominate Your Favorite Ship for an SSHSA Award

We are now accepting nominations for the 2013 Ship of the Year, as well as a number of other ship awards like Tugboat of the Year, Cruise Ship of the Year, Museum Ship of the Year, and more.

Our awards will be presented at this year's Awards Ceremony on May 4th at Gladstone's Restaurant in Long Beach, California, during our ShiPosium & Annual Conference. Anyone registered for the conference is invited to attend the Dinner and Awards Banquet.

If you are not signed up to attend the Awards Banquet and you are interested in going, [please click here to sign up](#). We hope to have you join us!

Coming Soon

Soon you'll be notified about placing your ballot vote for the 2013 Board of Directors. The ballots will be available online for download. The results will be announced during the Annual Members Meeting on May 5th on the *Queen Mary*.

In Memoriam

We are sad to inform our readers of the passing of two friends and members of SSHSA, Mr. Leo Keating and Mr. Richard Anderson.

Mr. Keating was a former Board Member of SSHSA and also served as legal counsel for SSHSA. Mr. Keating was a veteran in the Asiatic-Pacific theater during World War II with the U.S. Army, with the 25th Infantry Division. He participated in the landings of

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Mr. Gus Bourneuf
Mr. Douglas Brookes
Mr. Warren Bush
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Mr. Justin Parkoff
Dr. Courtland Robinson
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Mr. Joseph Snodgrass
Mrs. Sheryl Stapleton
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Mr. Steve Swan
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Mr. Greg Trauthwein
Mr. Jonathan Williams
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Ms. Julia Winters
Mr. George Wissler

Cabin Class

Thank you to our recently joined or upgraded \$100 Cabin Class members!

Mr. Joseph L. Anuszewski
Mr. John F. Baesch
Mr. William L. Baxter
Mr. C. Graham Berwind III
Mr. Philip Blauvelt
Mr. Erik Borgen-Larsen, Jr.

Guadalcanal and Vella Lavella in the Solomon Islands, and Luzon, Philippines, and earned three Bronze Battle Stars. Mr. Keating will be greatly missed. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame in 1943 and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Marquette University Law School in 1950.

Richard Anderson was the Founder and President of the Board of the S.S. Columbia Project. He was an art dealer and gallerist and had a passion for historic boats. Richard wrote the article "Pulling A Treasure from the Brink," for the Spring 2011 issue of *PowerShips*, about S.S. Columbia Project's efforts to revive the nation's oldest surviving passenger steamer. He was a great friend to SSHSA and will be greatly missed.

Duplicate Book Sale

Preparations for our Duplicate Book Sale are underway. You may contact us ahead of time to find out if we have any books you may be wanting to add to your collection.

Available authors include William Miller, John Maxtone-Graham, and Frank Braynard, among others.

To find out if we have a book you are interested in, please contact us at (401) 463-3570 during our weekday business hours or at info@sshhsa.org with the title and author you are looking for.

This special book sale will be available to current members only, and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Chapter News

Our Chapters have been very busy lately! To read about the latest news or for information on joining a chapter, [please click here](#).

Southern California Chapter

The Southern California Chapter's May 4, 2013 meeting will be held at 1:00 pm during the SSHSA ShiPosium & 2013 Annual Conference, onboard the *Queen Mary*. See the schedule of events for the conference weekend and plan on attending the Saturday 1:00 pm presentation by maritime artist and SSHSA member Ken Marshall. Mr. Marshall will present, "Exploring *Titanic*: Unseen Interiors." You're encouraged to sign up for the SSHSA ShiPosium & Annual Conference since you will be on the *QM* for the meeting. Enjoy great presentations and events. Book a room aboard the *QM* and make it a party. [Learn more and register here](#). Contact Diana or Vera at SSHSA at (401) 463-3570 or info@sshhsa.org for information of if you have questions about the conference!

The August 3 and November 2 meetings will be conducted as usual in

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Mr. Edwin C. Carlson
Mr. Eric Christensen
Miss Carol Cooper
CAPT John M. Cox
Dr. Daniel J. Crowley
Mr. Richard W. Curtis Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Denny-Brown
Mr. Mike Eagan
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Mr. Ronald Helmecki
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Mr. John Miller
Mr. Brian Morgan
Mr. John P. Morrisby
Mr. William G. Muller
Mr. Brian L. Norden
Mr. Robert Patterson
Mr. Henry Posner III and Ms. Anne Malloy
Mr. Brian Rea
Mr. Michael Revnes
CAPT James S. Reyburn
Mr. Stephen S. Roberts
Mr. Bruce C. Seibel
Mr. Britton C. Smith
Mr. Steven M. Snyder
Mr. David Spiro
Mr. Brent Stubbins
Mr. Donald B. Wallace
CAPT John Walsh
Mr. Richard Weiss
Mr. George Wissler

the Caronia Room of the *Queen Mary*, 1:00-3:00pm, with November being our annual Fall Tea (semi-formal). Guests are always welcome, so bring a friend.

Thank you Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers who dedicated their time over the past few months to furthering SSHSA's cause, as well as our fantastic members across the country who have been helping to spread the word about SSHSA.

- Ed Spinney, for organizing and preparing for a book sale of SSHSA surplus books as well as ongoing collections work in the office.

- Eric Takakjian, for spending time in the office cataloging and evaluating SSHSA's ship plans collections.

- Erik Ryan for ongoing collections work in the office.

- Member Nick Langhart for advising on our Library and maritime book collection.

- Member Don Leavitt for advising on our ocean liner brochure collection and maritime book collection.

- Jim Shuttleworth, John Hamma, Bruce Vancil, Erik Ryan, Richard Barwis and Jim Pennypacker for serving on the ShiPosium committee.

- A special thank you to all other Board and committee members who have volunteered their time and knowledge.

If you want to volunteer or get involved in a committee please contact us at info@sshhsa.org.

Thank You Captains' Circle Members

The Captains' Circle is still growing! We would like to say thank you to all of our Captains' Circle members for their continued commitment and support of SSHSA.

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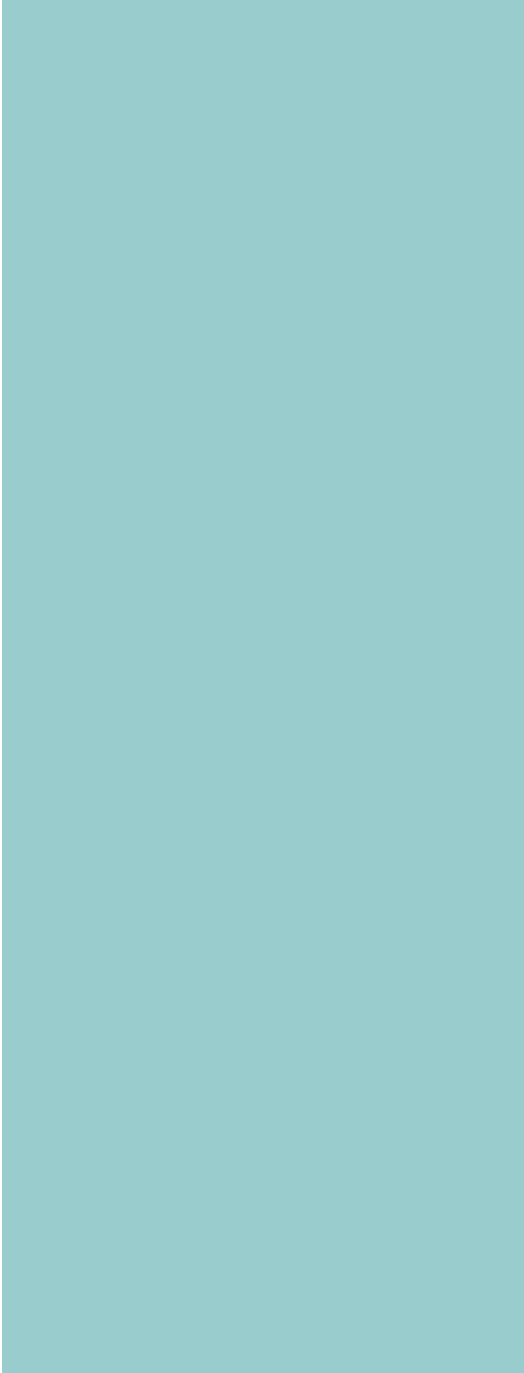
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