

# PACIFIC PALISADES HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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*On January 14, 1922, Pacific Palisades officially came into being when a group of the Founders gathered under these oaks in Temescal Canyon and drew lots for their choice of homesites in the two initial subdivisions.* Zola Clearwater Collection/PPHS

## SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022

We are eager to hold public events once again. We last gathered in person on February 26, 2020, when the PPHS hosted a talk at Theatre Palisades titled "100 Years of Fire in the Santa Monica Mountains." We subsequently had to cancel our June Membership Luncheon and our December Holiday Celebration, both at Aldersgate. We missed getting together with our friends and sharing history and stories while enjoying a

tasty meal at these gatherings.

Fortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic is easing and on January 14, 2022, PPHS will celebrate the 100th birthday of Pacific Palisades at the actual birthplace of our town – Founders' Oak Island, on Haverford Avenue, next to Pierson Playhouse. This will be an exciting opportunity for the community to come together and look forward to the next 100 years.

## SUPPORT THE PACIFIC PALISADES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Enclosed is a handy remit envelope to begin a new membership or renew your current membership. Our website has a pay button for even more convenience. Please include your email address so you can receive our e-newsletters and program notices. Membership dues and contributions enable PPHS to continue community

outreach by presenting free community programs, providing historic photos, awarding a scholarship to a Palisades High graduate, and archiving and researching our community history. We appreciate your support! View our website at [www.pacificpalisadeshistory.org](http://www.pacificpalisadeshistory.org) or visit us at [board@pacificpalisadeshistory.org](mailto:board@pacificpalisadeshistory.org)

## HARRIS SMITH, CPA, IS OUR NEW TREASURER

When our longtime treasurer, Dick Wulliger, died in January (see Page 2), we not only lost a dear friend, we had to somehow find his replacement. Fortunately, when we asked Harris Smith if he would join our board as treasurer, he readily agreed. Harris is a retired Partner with Grant Thornton, an international accounting firm, where he spent his entire 40-year career. He's also an adjunct

professor of accounting at USC and has been active in various nonprofit organizations (e.g., a board member and past board chairman at Jewish Vocational Services), while also serving as treasurer of Temple Isaiah Los Angeles. Harris and his wife, Jill, live in the historic Alphabet Streets neighborhood and have two adult children, along with a beloved basset hound named Mavis.

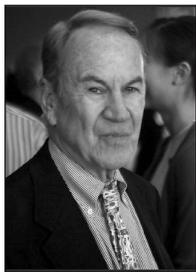
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## TRIBUTE:

### Richard Wulliger, 88, PPHS Treasurer



Richard Charles Wulliger, an attorney who was active in four local organizations, passed away on December 11. Born May 9, 1932, to Jack and Carrie Wulliger, he was a life-long resident of Pacific Palisades.

Wulliger was praised by fellow board members of the Pacific Palisades

Historical Society:

Shirley Haggstrom: *"Dick was our treasurer from July 2006 to present. His witty asides, attention to details, warm personality and willingness to work together made him an irreplaceable member of our Board."*

Susan Orenstein: *"He was always so dedicated to the organizations he served – and reliable. You could always count on Dick to show up and do the job at hand."*

Eric Dugdale, president: *"Richard's interest in our community was sincere, deep and wide. He contributed his manifold skills, and personal time, unselfishly, to a long list of organizations. His steady hand and wry humor will be greatly missed."*

Barbara Kohn: *"Dick also served conscientiously for years as treasurer of the Democratic Club, and was a representative for years on the Community Council. He was a gracious host, along with his wife Marilyn, to organizational meetings. He encouraged others to get involved in community issues. A great loss to all."*

Donna Vaccarino: *"Dick was a backbone of our community, serving so graciously in many organizations. We will miss his wisdom. It's like losing a giant sequoia in the forest. The roots run very deep."*

After graduating from University High School, Wulliger received his undergraduate and law degrees from UCLA, and was admitted to the state bar in 1957. He spent his career working as a lawyer, administrative law judge/arbitrator, and also served as a U.S. Army Judge Advocate General.

He married Marilyn Kudell, who worked as an AP English teacher at Beverly Hills High School. They first met 44 years ago, and she survives him.

Wulliger devoted his life to civic and community service. He was a member of the 1984 Olympics Equestrian Commission, a trustee of the California Historical Society, a president of the Opera Association (at the Music Center), a Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commissioner, a member of the L.A. Police Department Board of Rights, a judge pro tem of the Superior Court and an L.A. Civil Service Commissioner.

*(Obituary courtesy Sue Pascoe, CirclingtheNews.com)*

## TRIBUTE:

### Barbara Manaugh, Past PPHS President

Barbara Claire Manaugh, who passed away on January 25 at the age of 96, was a dedicated member of our Historical Society and the first person to serve three consecutive terms as president (from 1994 to 1997).

"When pandemic restrictions are lifted, we will plant a memory tree in Los Leones Gateway Park, in honor of Barbara's contributions to the restoration of this long-neglected property," said PPHS Secretary Shirley Haggstrom. "Barbara's letters of support for the park were handwritten in such beautiful penmanship that they stood out for all to read. She also assembled her neighbors to prepare lunches that they brought to those of us working in the canyon. We were so grateful for that special attention and the food!"

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Barbara attended Ohio State before marrying Richard Drukker, an attorney and Navy lieutenant. After World War II, they moved to Los Angeles, where Dick practiced law and they started a family (son Bill and daughter Jan).

A trip to Europe ignited Barbara's interest in history and gourmet cooking and, thereafter, she returned to college. After 10 years of study, she graduated from UCLA with honors. In 1968, three years before Dick's death, they built a home at the top of Paseo Miramar in Pacific Palisades.

Through a mutual friend, Barbara was introduced to a fellow Palisadian, Carlisle Manaugh. Sharing a love of family, travel, birds, garage sales, gardening and music, they married in 1975. Barbara's family now also included Carlisle's four children, whom she treasured (along with five eventual grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren). Carlisle, who volunteered as the town's Santa Claus for 40 years and received Citizen of the Year honors, died in 1992.

Said Barbara's daughter, Jan Gong: "My mother and Carlisle were both deeply interested in the history of the Palisades. He had lived here for decades and she grew to appreciate the community feel of the Palisades through her volunteer work with the Woman's Club, the Library, Palisades High School and the Methodist Church.

"My mom wanted to learn more about the history of the Palisades, so she joined the Historical Society. Her service culminated with a stint on the Board and a three-year term as president. This was a very proud achievement for her, and the experiences and friendships that she formed in that role endured for many years."



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