



125 ICONIC PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS THAT REPRESENT ORANGE COUNTY FOR ITS 125TH BIRTHDAY

District 1 - Top 25

- **Mile Square Park Archery Range (Fountain Valley)**

The Mile Square Park Archery Range in Fountain Valley is the largest of its kind in Orange County. The range, which has been recently renovated per Supervisor Janet Nguyen's efforts, now features 24 in-line shooting stations for all skill levels and age groups. The range is designed to International Federation standards, which will attract archery professionals and could host an Olympic trials event. Orange County archery aficionados can now come to this local range to practice without having to travel outside to Los Angeles or Riverside Counties.

- **Haster Basin (Garden Grove)**

2014 will kick off with the Grand Opening of the Haster Retarding Basin, Pump Station and Recreational Field Project. This \$25.2 million project was initially intended to focus solely on the improvement of the Haster Basin pump and flood channel. However, Supervisor Nguyen recognized an opportunity to also address the recreational needs of the First District. As a result, in addition to enhancing flood protection, Haster Basin will now also offer recreational opportunities, including: a two acre recreational field, soccer fields, exercise stations, park shelters, an improved jogging trail and an expanded parking lot. Supervisor Janet Nguyen's efforts also yielded a \$15.6 million grant that cut the cost of the project in half.

- **Historic Downtown Main Street (Garden Grove)**

With its roots dating back to the era of Spanish California ranchos in the mid 1800's, Main Street, Garden Grove has stood as the original center of Garden Grove for nearly 140 years. In 1905, with the arrival of the Pacific Electric Railroad, residences along Garden Grove Main Street welcomed the first telephone, gas, and electric services in town. Today, Historic Downtown Main Street provides the residents of Garden Grove with an old town atmosphere and is home to live shows; antique stores, specialty shops and a Classic Car show every Friday night. In 2010, Supervisor Nguyen allocated funding to create a new gateway arch marking the entrance to Historic Main Street.

- **Crystal/Christ Cathedral (Garden Grove)**

Crystal/Christ Cathedral is a piece of modern architecture designed by American architect Philip Johnson in 1981. The cathedral, located in Garden Grove, is a reflective glass building that houses one of the

largest musical instruments in the world, the Hazel Wright Memorial Organ. The cathedral can hold more than 3,000 people and was constructed using over 10,000 rectangular panes of glass.

- **Roger Stanton Park (Midway City)**

In 1989, the County renamed a park built in Midway City in 1987 as Stanton Park, after Roger R. Stanton, a Supervisor on the Orange County Board of Supervisors. In 2010, Supervisor Nguyen allocated funds to create the Heroes Memorial, an educational wall exhibit with displays of U.S. history and the history of the cultural diversity of the First District. A historical narration is presented in plaques, affixed on wall exhibits, with descriptions of historical figures and their accomplishments. Roger R. Stanton Park is located off Bolsa Avenue in the heart of the unincorporated community of Midway City.

- **Vietnam Veterans War Memorial at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park (Westminster)**

Located in the Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, the bronze monument is 12 feet high and depicts two soldiers, an American infantryman and a soldier from the former Republic of South Vietnam standing side by side. They stand on a marble base with the flags of their country behind them. When the memorial was unveiled on April 27, 2003, it brought together members of the Vietnamese community, veterans and family of soldiers who had lost their lives in Vietnam.

- **Rose Center (Westminster)**

The Rose Center is a state-of-the-art theatre complex featuring a 40-foot wide proscenium stage theater, a spacious ballroom, and landscaped courtyard with rose garden. In addition to its own in-house production company, the theater serves the Westminster community by providing a venue for local groups and events, including productions by middle and high schools, youth theater companies, and multicultural companies.

- **Little Saigon (Westminster)**

Located in Central Orange County, Little Saigon is home to the largest community of Vietnamese expatriates outside of Vietnam. Bolsa Avenue is the center of Little Saigon where you will enjoy a variety of cultures, languages and cuisines. Little Saigon also offers unique dining, shopping, and sightseeing opportunities which draw thousands of weekly visitors.

- **County Community Services Center (Westminster)**

In an effort to cut the red tape and simplify access for residents, Supervisor Janet Nguyen opened the County Community Service Center (CCSC) in 2007 to increase efficiency and reduce frustration in accessing County services and information. The CCSC is a one-stop center that provides referral, education and outreach services. Departments and organizations represented at the CCSC include but are not limited to: the Health Care Agency, the Social Services Agency, CalOptima, the Orange County Housing Authority, the Orange County Office on Aging, as well as other non-profits throughout Orange County. Currently, the CCSC assists over 20,000 constituents annually. The CCSC is the only center the County of Orange has of this kind.

- **Old County Courthouse (Santa Ana)**

The landmark Old Orange County Courthouse is Southern California's oldest court building, and has been witness to many of the events which shaped present day Orange County. From its dedication in 1901, this granite and sandstone building has been the traditional home of county government. Today the 30,000-square foot building has been restored to look much as it had at the turn of the last century. The building contains the Orange County History Center (which includes the Old Courthouse Museum, the Orange County Archives, and the library of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society) as well as government offices. The building is on the National Register of Historic places and is a State of California Historic Landmark.

- **Downtown Artist Village (Santa Ana)**

The village includes major art venues such as the California State University Fullerton Grand Central Art Center, the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santora Arts Building, Empire Arts Building, as well as a mix of smaller, up-and-coming galleries and design studios.

- **Santa Ana Cemetery (Santa Ana)**

Founded in 1870, the Santa Ana Cemetery is the burial site of many of Orange County's pioneers. Spurgeon, McFadden, Ball, Waffle, Fruit, Birch, Yost, Tustin and Bishop are just a few of the pioneers laid to rest in the 29-acres of the Santa Ana Cemetery. In addition, the Santa Ana Cemetery is home to more than three-hundred Civil War Union and Confederate Veterans, who are buried there.

- **Santa Ana's Civic Center (Santa Ana)**

After several unsuccessful attempts to separate from Los Angeles County, Orange County was finally formed in 1889, and Santa Ana was chosen as the county seat, where it remains today. Santa Ana's Civic Center functions as the epicenter of government in Orange County for federal, state and local agencies. Nestled between many government buildings lay memorials honoring Orange County heroes, including: the Orange County Walk of Honor, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial, and the Peace Officers' Memorial at the Plaza of the Flags.

- **Ronald Reagan Federal Building and Courthouse (Santa Ana)**

The Ronald Reagan Federal Building and Courthouse is an eleven-story Federal courthouse facility that includes courtrooms, judge's chambers, offices and courtroom galleries of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Renamed for former President and California Governor Ronald Reagan in 1992, the building is owned by the General Services Administration.

- **Bower's Museum (Santa Ana)**

Founded in 1936, the Bowers Museum is one of California's finest and Orange County's largest museums. After closing in 1986, the museum reopened in 1992 as a new cultural center. In 2007, the museum celebrated the grand opening of the 30,000+ square-foot Dorothy and Donald Kennedy Wing. Bowers offers exhibitions, lectures, art classes, travel programs, children's art education programs, and other special community programs. Bowers has been voted "The Best Museum in Orange County" by

the readers of The Orange County Register for 15 consecutive years and is accredited by the American Association of Museums, an honor only 5% of museums receive.

- **Discovery Science Center (Santa Ana)**

Discovery Science Center (DSC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating young minds, assisting teachers and increasing public understanding of science, math and technology through interactive exhibits and programs. Thanks to the efforts of Supervisor Janet Nguyen and Supervisor Bill Campbell, DSC has partnered with the County of Orange for the Eco Challenge exhibit, which combines elements of OC Waste and Recycling's mission to protect the environment and promote recycling. In 2013, DSC received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community.

- **Santa Ana Fire Museum (Santa Ana)**

Housed in a working fire station, the public can view vintage equipment and memorabilia of the Santa Ana Fire Department dating back to the late 1800s, alongside state of the art contemporary fire trucks and equipment.

- **Santa Ana Zoo (Santa Ana)**

Santa Ana Zoo, located at Prentice Park, features over 80 species of animals, including the smallest monkeys in the world, the Pygmy Marmosets. The Zoo is a place to play, a place to learn and a place to spend time with your family. When visiting the Zoo, children and adults can share time together learning about animals, plants and the environment. There is also a children's farm, train ride and carousel featuring endangered species. Supervisor Nguyen has supported the Santa Ana Zoo by advocating and allocating funds to assist their educational mission.

- **Orange County School of the Arts (Santa Ana)**

Orange County School of the Arts is a premier public charter school in Santa Ana. OCSA currently serves nearly 2,000 students in grades 7-12 from more than 100 cities throughout Southern California. OCSA was established in 1987 and is based on the belief that creative artistry is fueled by intellectual insight. The school's dual arts and academic programs produce creative students capable of thinking "outside the box" in real world and scholastic endeavors. These programs help students to be successful in today's challenging and competitive marketplace and ensure their acceptance into higher education.

- **Fourth Street or Calle Cuatro (Santa Ana)**

Fourth Street in Santa Ana, located between French Street and Ross Boulevard, is home to a shopping district specializing in Latino foods, products, and merchandise. Fourth Street is home to many buildings of historical and architectural importance. The W.H. Spurgeon Building Clock Tower, the Brunner Building/Old City Jail, the Philip Blocks Building, the Otis Building, the First National Bank Building and the West End Theatre are just a few of the many historical landmarks that color the downtown urban landscape and which continue to house local businesses to this day.

- **Blakey Historical Park and Museum (Westminster)**

Maintained by the Westminster Historical Society, the Museum and Park preserves architectural and personal artifacts significant to the history of the Westminster area. Artifacts of note include Westminster's first drug store built in 1874, including antique pharmacy fixtures and wares, and the Warne Family Farm House, including its Blacksmith Shop. The Museum is open to the public and educates hundreds of Westminster students about their local history every year.

- **Santa Ana High School (Santa Ana)**

Established in 1889, Santa Ana High School is the oldest and largest high school in Orange County. Previously named Santa Ana Polytechnic High School, the school was demolished and rebuilt as a high school in 1934 after it suffered serious damage from an earthquake.

- **Heritage Museum of Orange County (Santa Ana)**

The Heritage Museum of Orange County is a cultural and natural history center in Santa Ana. The centerpiece of the museum, which covers nearly 12 acres in all, is an historic plaza featuring several buildings from the 1890s set amid extensive floral gardens and citrus groves. Among these is the Kellogg House, familiar to teachers and students throughout Orange County as a favorite field trip destination for over 25 years.

- **Tet Festival and Parade (TBD)**

Started in 1994, the Annual Tet Festival and Parade is a three-day celebration of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. The festival is the largest event of its kind outside of Vietnam, drawing more than 100,000 attendees.

- **Strawberry Festival (Garden Grove)**

Started in 1958, the Strawberry Festival has always been a charitable event benefiting local organizations. In the past 50 years over \$4.5 million has been donated to hundreds of non-profits. The 1959 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival was the first to include a parade. On the festival grounds visitors can enjoy carnival rides and strolled long row of booths where they can buy a wide array of strawberry treats, fresh strawberries, other food and merchandise. The festival, long known for its carnival rides, added a roller coaster in 2003. Today there are over 44 rides for adults and young children.

- **Fiestas Patrias Parade (Santa Ana)**

Celebrated since the 1970's, The Fiestas Patrias Parade down Main Street, Santa Ana is a celebration of Mexico's Independence Day. The Fiestas Patrias Parade is the largest of its kind in Orange County. More than 200,000 people are in attendance.

- **Barrier Free Park (Santa Ana)**

Hidden within Santa Ana's Carl Thornton Park, the Santa Ana Barrier Free Park was established in 1993. The playground and its structures have wheelchair access so that children with special needs can reach them without journeying across difficult terrains like grass and sand. There is a wheelchair accessible

ball court, which Supervisor Nguyen numerous paved walking trails, camping areas, community campfire pits and covered picnic areas, all designed so that all children can enjoy the simple pleasures of playing in a park. In 2009, Supervisor Nguyen allocated funds to complete the wheelchair accessible court.

District 2 - Top 25

Seal Beach

1. The Globe at Leisure World
2. Red Car

Costa Mesa

3. The Estancia Adobe
4. OC Fairgrounds
5. South Coast Plaza
6. Segerstrom Center for the Arts
7. SAAAB
8. Vanguard University

Huntington Beach

9. Sunset Beach water Tower
10. Huntington Beach Pier
11. Bolsa Chica
12. Newland House
13. HB Surfing Museum (Surf City)

Los Alamitos

14. Los Alamitos Joint Task Force Base

Newport Beach

15. Downtown Balboa: Ferry / Pavilion
16. Upper Newport Bay (Muth Center)
17. Fashion Island
18. First Water to Water flight (#775)
19. Dory Fisherman
20. Balboa Theater

Stanton

21. Philip Stanton is responsible for the founding of Stanton, Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. He served in the CA legislature and served as Assembly Speaker and ran for governor.

Cypress

22. Cypress dairy / cows

23. Cypress College Tower

Fountain Valley

24. Courrages Ranch

General

25. JWA

District 3 - Top 25

Supervisor Spitzer has identified the following 25 items from the Third District to celebrate OC 125:

1. Canyons
2. Chapman University
3. Children's Hospital of Orange County
4. Cook's Corner
5. Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant
6. Former MCAS El Toro
7. Hart Park and the Plunge
8. Irvine Ranch Historic Park/OC Parks Headquarters
9. Irvine Ranch Open Space
10. Irvine Regional Park
11. Fred Kelly Stadium
12. Limestone Canyon Regional Park
13. William R. Mason Regional Park/Orange County Crime Victims' Memorial Site
14. Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens
15. Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum
16. Old Towne Orange Historic District
17. Old Town Tustin
18. Orange Park Acres

19. Orangewood Children's Home
20. Peters Canyon Regional Park
21. Santiago Oaks Regional Park
22. Tustin Hangars/Former MCAS Tustin
23. University of California, Irvine/UCI Medical Center
24. Katie Wheeler Library/Scout House
25. Yorba Regional Park

District 4 - Top 25

Top 25 icons in the Fourth District ----- Re: OC 125 Celebrations

1	Walt Ehlers (Buena Park)
2	Knott's Berry Farm (Buena Park)
3	Silverado Days (Buena Park)
4	Alligator Farm (Buena Park)
5	Style In Steel House: 5280 Buckhill Ave. (Buena Park)
6	Disneyland (Anaheim)
7	Angel Stadium (Anaheim)
8	The White House Restaurant (Anaheim)
9	Mr. Frank Garcia (Anaheim)
10	Fox Theater (Fullerton)
11	Fullerton Train Station (Fullerton)
12	Tommy Lasorda (Fullerton)
	Muckenthaler Museum (Fullerton)

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14	Fullerton Union High School (Fullerton)
15	Admiral Gordon Smith (Fullerton)
16	Laguna Lake (Fullerton)
17	George Key Ranch (Placentia)
18	Tlaquepaque Restaurant (Placentia)
19	Carbon Canyon Redwoods (Brea)
20	Brea Plunge (Brea)
21	The Brea Mall (Brea)
22	Corn Festival (La Habra)
23	La Habra Children's Museum (La Habra)
24	Ann Meyers (La Habra)
25	Gwen Stefani (Anaheim)

District 5 - Top 25

Historical/Iconic Landmarks (6)

Mission San Juan Capistrano: Mission San Juan Capistrano, the birthplace of Orange County, was founded more than two hundred years ago as the 7th of 21 missions statewide, with a chapel built in 1782 and still standing, where Father Junipero Serra once celebrated Mass. Today, it is a monument to California's multi-cultural history, embracing its Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage.

Los Rios Historic District – A glimpse of the past can be seen as one walks along San Juan Capistrano's Los Rios Historic District, the oldest residential street in California. Los Rios Street is on the National Register of Historic Places. Of the original adobes built about 1794, three are left: the Silva, Rios, and Montanez Adobes. The Rios Adobe has been continuously occupied by descendants of the original owner.

San Clemente Pier: Built in 1928 during the land boom days of the "Roarin' Twenties" by the founder of San Clemente, Ole Hansen, as a gift to the community and part of his vision of a "Spanish Village by the Sea."

San Juan Capistrano Train Depot: Completed October 8, 1894, it was written that: "Old San Juan will soon blossom with the finest depot on the Santa Fe system. We invite the architecturalist to view this unique building illustrated with arches, a dome 40 feet high with a mission bell, dainty ticket office and quaint old fashion fireplace that will capture the tenderfoot as he breathes the balmy sea air." The statement was by columnist Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rowan on April 14, 1894 in the Santa Ana Standard.

Hotel Laguna: Hotel Laguna in Laguna Beach was a favorite hideaway and cozy retreat for the famous! Celebrities on record as Hotel Guests in the 1920s-1930s registry books with their signatures include Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Errol Flynn, James Irvine, Madame Modjeska and John Barrymore.

Western White House: Also known as "La Casa Pacifica", this was President Richard Nixon's retreat and eventually where he resided after retirement. This estate is a Spanish-style, California Mission Revival mansion and one of many historical buildings in San Clemente.

Cultural/Educational Venues (4)

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens: Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens is located in the spectacular bluff-top Spanish Colonial Revival estate of Ole Hansen, the founder of San Clemente. Casa Romantica provides a year-round array of exciting and enriching cultural and educational programs for all ages, events for the community and visitors to south Orange County, plus tours of the historic estate and award-winning gardens.

Saddleback College: Saddleback College is a community college in Mission Viejo, as well as the oldest and southern-most institution governed by the South Orange County Community College District. Along with its outstanding academic programs, the campus displays a Veterans Memorial that stands as a symbol of sacrifice, freedom and honor.

Heritage Hill Historic Park: A historic park full of rich history, spanning from the Mexican Rancho Era in 1863 to the beginnings of the town of El Toro in 1890. The park in Lake Forest includes four fully restored historic buildings and their artifacts.

Fossil Reef Park: Fossil Reef Park is 17 million years old and the only preserved portion of Fossil Reef in Orange County. The exposed fossil ridge was recognized as a County prehistoric site by the Orange County Historical Commission, which dedicated the one acre Fossil Reef Park in Laguna Hills in 1982.

Recreational/Open Space Sites (4)

Dana Point Harbor: Dana Point Harbor is truly one of the most spectacular man-made harbors in the world. Dana Point Harbor was officially dedicated July 31, 1971. While the harbor was very advanced in design and facilities, it has retained the secluded beauty and historic charm of its romantic past.

Dana Point Harbor is also home to several unique and famous attractions, including:

- **Ocean Institute** – The Ocean Institute has become nationally known for its hands-on marine science, environmental education and maritime history programs. More than 115,000 K-12 students and 6,000 teachers annually participate in the Institute's 61 award-winning, immersion style programs.
- **The Pilgrim** – The Pilgrim, a tall ship located in Dana Point Harbor, is a full size replica of the hide brig immortalized by Richard Henry Dana, Jr. The *Pilgrim* entered Dana Point Harbor in September 1981, amidst tremendous community support, destined to become the Ocean Institute's largest classroom. Today, The *Pilgrim* provides a national award-winning living history program to over 16,000 students a year.
- **Tall Ships Festival** – This year, the Ocean Institute is hosting the 30th annual Toshiba Tall Ships Festival, celebrating the majesty and wonder of real, working tall ships.
- **Dana Point Turkey Trot** – The Dana Point Turkey Trot is the sixth largest turkey trot in the nation. Named one of America's best Thanksgiving Day runs by Fitness Magazine and celebrating its 37th year, the Dana Point Turkey Trot has become an Orange County tradition, attracting more than 16,000 participants.

Main Beach Park and Heisler Park (Laguna Beach): Laguna Beach's two-acre oceanfront park is linked to Heisler Park, a two-mile greenway that runs along the bluffs of the coastline. The activity centers in the park are connected to each other through an efficient system of paths and green spaces as well as the boardwalk. Main Beach Park and Heisler Park are on PPS's (Project for Public Spaces) list of the best parks in the world.

Doheny State Beach: California's first state beach was donated by Edward L. Doheny in 1931. It covers 62 acres and is famous for its surfing beach and campgrounds, as well as the annual Doheny Blues Festival and much more.

Wilderness and Regional Parks: The Fifth District is home to some of the most beautiful Wilderness and Regional Parks in Orange County, including:

- **Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park** – Approximately 4,500 acres of wilderness and natural open space land. Originally part of the Juaneno or Acajchemem tribal land, it was later owned by Don Juan Avila, Louis Moulton, The Mission Viejo Company, and now is under the jurisdiction of OC Parks.
- **Caspers Wilderness Park** – Caspers Wilderness Park is an 8,000 acre protected wilderness preserve nestled among the river terraces and sandstone canyons of the western coastal Santa Ana Mountains.
- **Laguna Coast Wilderness Park** – Laguna Coast Wilderness Park's 7,000 acres are part of the South Coast Wilderness area and lies within some of the last remaining coastal canyons in Southern California.
- **Laguna Niguel Regional Park** – Laguna Niguel Regional Park's acres of turf surround a 44-acre lake, which is regularly stocked with catfish, bass and blue gill and trout during the winter months only. A large assortment of trees dots the park's 227 acres, providing beauty and shade.
- **O'Neill Regional Park** – O'Neill Regional Park's 4,000 acres are situated in beautiful Trabuco and Live Oak Canyons. The park is heavily wooded with coast live oak and sycamore trees. The park serves both as an overnight camping and day use/picnic facility.
- **Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park** – As a wildlife sanctuary, this 544-acre wilderness park is home to an abundant number of native plants and animal life. Old groves of Western Sycamores and Coast Live Oaks border the park's two seasonally flowing creeks.
- **Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park** – Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park encompasses approximately 2,500 acres of riparian and oak woodland canyons, rolling grassland hills and steep slopes of coastal sage scrub and chaparral. The park is highlighted by scenic rock formations, including the beautiful Red Rock Canyon.

Major Events/Activities (4)

Laguna Beach Festival of Arts / Pageant of the Masters: As one of the nation's oldest and most highly acclaimed juried fine art shows, the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts has offered a breathtaking showcase for artists and art lovers for over 80 years. The Pageant of the Masters is the Festival of Arts' crowning jewel and arguably one of the most unique productions in the entire world. It is world-renowned in the artistry and theatrical illusion of living pictures. Each night during the summer season, the Festival of Arts presents this famous attraction.

Sawdust Art Festival: The Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach is dedicated to educating the public and promoting art, drawing more than 200,000 visitors each year.

Swallows Day Parade: The Swallows Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano is the nation's largest non-motorized parade. The Parade is part of Fiesta de la Golondrinas, celebrating the legend of the return of the swallows to Mission San Juan Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day, March 19.

Dana Point Festival of Whales: The Dana Point Festival of Whales is one of Southern California's largest seafaring celebrations and reaches out to whale admirers around the world. The Festival draws nearly 100,000 visitors each year over two special weekends in March, as the California Gray Whale migration features hundreds of these 35-ton leviathans splashing through the seaside community of Dana Point.

People of Historical Significance (7)

Father Junípero Serra – In 1771, Fr. Serra, "Father Presidente" of the Alta California missions, founded Mission San Juan Capistrano. The chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano, built in 1782, is said to be the oldest standing building in California. Known as "Father Serra's Church," it has the distinction of being the only remaining church in which Father Serra is known to have celebrated the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Richard Henry Dana: Richard Henry Dana (August 1, 1815 – January 6, 1882), who gained renown as the author of the American classic, the memoir *"Two Years Before the Mast"*, discovered Dana Point. He referred to Stillwater Bay (now Capistrano Bay in Dana Point) as the most romantic spot on the coast.

Don Jose Serrano: Don Jose Serrano's father, Don Francisco Serrano, was the alcalde (mayor) of the pueblo of Los Angeles. Governor Pico awarded Don Jose Serrano a land grant because his father had served Mexico so well. Don Jose Serrano owned over 11,000 acres in Saddleback Valley. The name of Don Jose's land was "Rancho Canada de los Alisos". His rancho is now the area called Lake Forest.

John (Don Juan) Forster - John (Don Juan) Forster married Ysidora Pico, sister of a future Mexican governor of California, Pio Pico. Forster began acquiring land in the 1840s as a result of his connection with Governor Pico, who granted him Rancho Trabuco and Rancho Mission Viejo. In 1844, Forster purchased the 44 acres and the buildings of the former Mission San Juan Capistrano at public auction for \$710.00. Forster made his home here until 1864, when the Mission was given back to the Catholic Church by President Abraham Lincoln.

Richard O'Neill Sr. and family: Rancho Mission Viejo was part of a 200,000-acre land grant given in 1845 to John Forster. In 1882, two Irish immigrants, Richard O'Neill Sr. and James Flood, acquired the ranch. Flood and O'Neill became equal partners of Rancho Mission Viejo, Rancho Trabuco, and Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores. The Rancho became home to Orange County's biggest wheat fields.

In 1923, the sons of Flood and O'Neill consolidated their partnership with the Santa Margarita Company. The Santa Margarita Co. was dissolved in 1939 when the ranch was split in two. Richard O'Neill Jr. retained the portion of the ranch located in Orange County (Rancho Mission

Viejo and Rancho Trabuco) and the Flood family took the Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores property in San Diego County.

In 1942, the United States Marine Corps acquired the entire San Diego portion of 123,620 acres for \$4,239,062 to expand Camp Pendleton. After the war, what remained of the historic Ranch now encompassed the two Orange County parcels, united under the name Rancho Mission Viejo, totaling 52,000 acres.

Richard O'Neill Jr. died in 1943 and his widow, Marguerite, led the family and kept the family business intact. In June 1950, with the establishment of the 278-acre O'Neill Regional Park, the O'Neill family made the first of its many open space dedications to the people of Orange County; the family has since dedicated thousands of acres of open space to Orange County.

Ole Hanson: In 1925, Hanson purchased a 2,000-acre tract at the southern tip of Orange County. Hanson believed that the area's pleasant climate, beautiful beaches and fertile soil would serve as a haven to Californians who were tired of urban life. He named the city San Clemente after neighboring San Clemente Island, southernmost of California's Channel Islands.

Hanson envisioned his new project as a "Spanish Village by the Sea." Hanson built various public structures in San Clemente, including the Beach Club, the Community Center, the pier, and Max Berg Plaza Park, which were later donated to the city. He also had a Spanish Style home built overlooking the San Clemente Pier. This home was later named Casa Romantica.

Ross W. Cortese: In 1960, Ross W. Cortese took an option on 2,200 acres of open land, a part of the Moulton Ranch. Cortese chose this site for the development of Leisure World, Laguna Hills. At that time, only about a thousand people lived in the Saddleback Valley, and Interstate 5 was only two lanes. Cortese believed a void in housing existed for a person age 52 and over.

Leisure World, Laguna Hills (now Laguna Woods Village in the City of Laguna Woods) is the nation's leading planned residential community for seniors.