

DMFPO Semi-Annual Meeting 11/12/2017

As a tradition, DMFPO's Second Semi-Annual Meeting was held in the ballroom of Inn at the Spanish Bay, with a great line-up of speakers – John Sanders, Charley Osborne & David Stivers, followed up by a short Q&A session and ending with a social hour for over 200 members and guests. The theme for this meeting was educational & informative for our members on our area's history and to bring them up to speed on current happenings in Pebble Beach.

John Sanders, a retired librarian of Naval Post-Graduate School (NPS) and a historical storyteller whose colorful tales of the past offered contemporary relevance, opened the meeting with a presentation on his forthcoming book, *An Illustrated View of Historic Hotel Del Monte*. While at NPS, he introduced visiting dignitaries to this elegant hotel and established an archives to help preserve Del Monte's heritage.

His upcoming book is a pictorial narrative that highlights the hotel's formative period under Charles Crocker and its 20th Century transformation under S.F.B. Morse. He showed historical films and a series of original art panels to help explain Del Monte's influence and impact, its connection to Del Monte Forest and stated "that there is a lyric quality to the Del Monte story comparable to the classic fables of ancient times."

Charley Osborne, grandson of Samuel F.B. Morse, is a life-long Californian. Raised in Pebble Beach in what is now a spa called Casa Palmero, and later with a MBA from the Santa Clara University, getting involved in various business ventures, is the chairman of an investment company, Osborne Partners Capital Management - a \$1.5 billion money management firm based in San Francisco. He is also the managing partner of the Crossroads office complex in Carmel, president of the Larkin House Foundation in Monterey and president of the Devils Creek Flats inholding in the Big Creek Ecological Preserve.

Charley spoke about his well-known grandfather, an artist who spent a lifetime painting his 20,000 acre canvas aka Del Monte Forest. If it was not for SFB Morse, we could have had a West Coast Coney Island. Charley's candid and humorous presentation about SFB Morse had lot of historical connections to not only Hollywood, but also prominent personalities of the time, world's best golf course at Pebble Beach and evolution of the transportation industry. One man's dream and life-long hard work has made our area one of the best World Class Resorts. Charley is in the process of writing a book about SFB Morse to be published in early 2018.

David Stivers, Executive VP, CAO, COO of Pebble Beach Company tied the earlier presentations by John & Charley on the history of our area to the accomplished (New Fairway One, Lodge & Inn Renovation, Holman Hwy 68 Roundabout & Del Monte Forest Hiking & Trails Committee) and upcoming development & improvement (Affordable Housing, Town Center around the Lodge) projects around and within the Forest with a series of slides of completed projects, projects already under construction and planning of near-future projects.

The meeting concluded with a very positive response from our members. We are also very grateful to entire DMFPO Board of Directors team for helping run a very smooth meeting,

particularly, Maureen Lyon, who worked tirelessly from the start to finish of planning a very successful event.