



The
Orange County Historical Society's
Annual Dinner

The "Pirates" of Orange County



with author and historian
ERIC PLUNKETT
 June 11, 2026

at Alta Vista Country Club, Placentia
 Social Hour / Silent Auction / Cash Bar: 5:30 p.m.
 Dinner: 6:30 p.m. - Presentation: 7:30 p.m.



Avast, ye lubberly swabs! Come hear local pirate lore and the true story of buccaneers' raid on San Juan Capistrano. Historian Eric Plunkett will share swashbuckling tales he's uncovered for his new book, *The Saga of Orange County's "Pirates": Hippolyte Bouchard's Attack on Mission San Juan Capistrano in 1818*.

This raid even played a part in the Argentine War of Independence. And while not exactly like the pirates we know from Disneyland, tales of the exploits of Bouchard and his crew provide a compelling and enlightening window into Alta California during the collapse of the Spanish Empire.

Plunkett is a teacher and a Placentia native, and has a history degree from CSU Fullerton. He's the author of scholarly articles, of his own *Visions of California* blog, and of several books (which will be available for sale).

Our buffet includes roasted tri tip with shallot demi glaze, chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, saffron rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, field green salad, rolls and butter, and NY-style cheesecake with strawberry puree. Complimentary beverages include water, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. Pirate-ish attire is encouraged but not mandatory. The venue requests no ripped or torn clothing, sleepwear, shorts, or immodest dresses. This event is open to members and non-members alike, so bring yer shipmates!

Email any questions to OCHSAnnualDinner@gmail.com. Confirmations will be made via email.

Register Today! - For those dining with us, pre-payment must be received by May 29. (No walk-ins.)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of OCHS Members in your party: ____ x \$67 = _____

Number of non-members in your party: ____ x \$72 = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____



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