



**RICHARD NIXON**  
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## The Docent Report

*The Docent Report is a publication of the Docent Guild at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. It is designed for the community and persons interested in the Library and the role of Docents.*

### [Docent Information Open House September 9](#)

Want to put some excitement in your life? Don't miss this offer. Save the date--Saturday, September 9, 2017, and sign up today to attend this Docent Information Open House. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to be a Docent at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library this is your opportunity to find out. Beginning at 10:30 AM you'll meet with current Docents who can tell you firsthand what this volunteer activity entails... [Read the rest of the story](#)

### [Why should you be a volunteer at the Nixon Library?](#)

There are so many reasons--where to start! For one you meet the most interesting people. Our Docents come from all walks of life and bring a lot of varied experiences. So do our visitors. Working together creates friendships and mental stimulation. The benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. Experts say the right match can help you to reduce stress, find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career... [Read the rest of the story](#)

### [Does being a Docent require a big time commitment?](#)

The really good news is that being a Docent gives you a lot of bang for the buck. To get all those wonderful benefits those still employed are required to do only two four-hour shifts per month, scheduled at your convenience. Those not employed put in three four-hour

shifts per month. You pick the times that fit your schedule--morning or afternoon, weekday or weekend.

### [Presidential Libraries belong to the American People--You and me](#)

There are 13 official Presidential Libraries under the auspices of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The Richard Nixon Presidential Library is one of them. They are not actually like your everyday libraries. According to NARA, "The presidential libraries are archives and museums, bringing together in one place the documents and artifacts of a president and his administration." The Richard Nixon Library gives us a unique and personal look into the life of the 37th President born here in Yorba Linda... [Read the rest of the story](#)

### [That bigger-than-life picture of President Richard Nixon](#)

In the lobby of the New Nixon Library as part of the \$15 million renovation is an inspiring portrait of the President painted by the famous artist Norman Rockwell, captured in oil on canvas in 1968. Over time Rockwell painted Nixon six times. The original of the lobby picture is now in the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution. It was donated by the Richard Nixon Foundation. The original is approximately 18 x 26 inches. To transform this painting into its spectacular wall size, specialists photographed the original in three sections with an ultra high speed camera; they enlarged and produced it on canvas which was then adhered to the lobby wall. See the lobby picture and a look at the artist Norman Rockwell... [Read the rest of the story](#)

### [What inspires Docents at the Nixon Library?](#)

We asked Docents what they like best about the time they spend meeting with the public at the Library. Some have many years of service, others are relatively new. Some are retired, some still employed. They live all over Orange County, in LA and Riverside Counties. What they all have in common is a passion to tell the Nixon story. What motivates and satisfies them?... [Read the rest of the story](#)

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### [But wait there's more--Look at these upcoming events](#)

Some very interesting events are always happening at the Library... [Read the rest of the story](#)

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