

Carlsbad Time Lines

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Carlsbad Historical Society

July 2020 President's Letter

Dear Members,

A few months have passed since our last newsletter. While our organization has not been able to carry on with our regularly scheduled events, nonetheless, we as a group have persisted in our efforts in preserving and documenting Carlsbad history.

In this newsletter, you will see some of our photos and those we've taken and those we found on the web of Carlsbad during most of the time period of total quarantine and social distancing, and photos shared by Bryan Snyder that highlighted the three days of scheduled Black Lives Matter protests.

Some of our members have sent in brief paragraphs sharing their experiences during the Covid19 pandemic. It seems that those that shared have found numerous ways to enjoy the time off from our busy schedules.

We've had a wonderful donation by the Atkinson family that contains 9 scrapbooks documenting William Atkinson Jr. and his wife Charlotte. William Atkinson Jr. and his wife were talented musicians that performed in the United States and Europe. Bill served on the Carlsbad City Council and has the distinction of being the first mayor elected directly by the citizens. Prior to his election, the position of Mayor was selected by the city council from their membership.

Even while we were closed to the public, our paid docent has kept busy scanning thousands of newspaper photo negatives. In the late 1990s, the North County Times, now a defunct newspaper, purchased the Blade Citizen newspaper. Both of these local papers reported on local news. The NCT donated boxes of Blade Citizen photo negatives to all of the local North County historical societies. Thanks to our museum closure we had the time to dive into scanning these negatives. We've found a few treasures and will start to share them in the newsletters!

We've been waiting for guidance on how and when we can reopen our museum. The board is working on a reopening protocol that will enable limited numbers of visitors, and

staying within the San Diego County Health code regulations, and keeping all of us safe while doing so. One way passage through the museum, masks, hand sanitation, and social distancing are all on the list. We are anticipating that reopening will occur in late August if things proceed as planned.



Clothes sale at Magee Park



Senior dance at Heritage Hall

(two pictures from the Blade Citizen Newspaper scans)

In the meantime, we will be adding more interpretive videos to our website.

At this time, we plan on holding our annual meeting virtually, either through Zoom or Google Meets sometime in October. Our Board of Directors election, for the office of President, Treasurer and Secretary, and ballots will be mailed out in September. If you are interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please notify the historical society by email at cbadhistory@gmail.com



Black Lives Matter in Carlsbad



Credit: Snyder Art

Carlsbad joined hundreds of cities across the United States, and the World, in protesting the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, as well as many other African Americans, in the hands of the police. Floyd’s neck was pressured at the carotid artery by the knee of a policeman, while handcuffed. This caused him to faint because not enough oxygenated blood was getting to the brain; additionally, the weight of several other policemen on his chest prevented him from breathing. His heart then stopped. The knee stayed on his neck for almost nine minutes. He cried that he could not breathe ten times.



Credit: Snyder Art

Most businesses in the 1.5 blocks that constitute the heart of downtown Carlsbad, on State Street, boarded up their glass. A jewelry store removed its inventory. However, there were no incidents of vandalism or looting.

What the Corona Virus means to me

By Marvin Sippel

When the Corona virus first began in March of 2020 I was scheduled to travel to Israel with a group of adults from the Hands of Peace non profit organization located in Carlsbad and Chicago. This organization brings teens from Israel, Palestine and the U.S. together for three weeks to dialogue about peace prospects in Israel. Many of the students had never met a person on the other side of this complex issue. The results are most impressive in building respect, understanding and friendships for possible peace. The travel plans went ahead. In Israel we were able to meet with some alumni of earlier summer programs which have been in effect for 15 years. I had to return several days early because travel restrictions were occurring. Jordan closed its borders so an extended trip to Petra was cancelled. The last night there, I had dinner with two young teens whom I had taken to a local Rotary club to speak when they were here in 2019. Fascinating conversations occurred.

Since returning, I have stayed close to home. However, I am able to work in my wood shop to build a display cabinet for the Magee House and the CB Historical Society. Also I have been able to bike ride for short trips. My wife, Mary, and I have been on walks around open areas in town. I also have used my Deere tractor to do weed control on the Kelly Ranch.

Additionally, we have used the Zoom program to have virtual meetings with our senior exercise class (Feeling Fit Club) sponsored by the County. I play french horn with

adult bands with the Museum for Making Music using Zoom technology. My family had three college graduations over Zoom in June.

Pandemic thoughts by Ginny Unanue

I have not had a chance to get bored during the quarantine period we've just had, nor will I have time to do that in the current period. When I go to the store, or to mow the lawn at church, or to do anything out of the house, I am properly masked. I engage in a number of Zoom business meetings, and a weekly "sib chat" on Zoom with my 4 siblings. I do some word puzzles online daily, to keep the brain functioning, and believe me, that isn't easy, as I "mature".

I've gone through all my files and paperwork, and taken 60 lbs. of old paperwork with personal information to be shredded, and thrown away probably another 40 lbs. or so here at home! I took a long drive along the coast from Oceanside to the top of the Torrey Pines Grade, and enjoyed multiple ocean views. Best of all, I'm enjoying being able to sit and read for several hours at a time without interruption! Next project--going through old photos and either putting them in albums, or tossing them--a huge job!

Pandemic 2020 – Susan Gutierrez

In March 2020, Governor Newsom announced that the State of California was issuing quarantine health orders, and shutting down because of a novel virus Covid19 pandemic. I was actually relieved because I felt confident that my kids and grandkids would be quarantining and staying relatively safe, or as safe as they could be during these times. They weren't expected to attend school or travel for work. Other states weren't moving in that direction yet.

The first and most disturbing issue for our family was trying to organize supplies, basics such as dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, dry goods like rice and pasta. Canned goods and frozen vegetables all became in short supply; as well as making sure that we had medicines available.

Over the next few weeks priorities shifted to searching for patterns and adapting them to make the best fitting face masks, reintroducing skills of cooking what you have available rather than what was dictated by a recipe style of home cooking, baking bread, and disinfecting everything that entered the house.

Store supply chains were hit with a jolt. So what impact did the pandemic have on me? Frankly it was a little stressful at first, not knowing how severe it would be, how the supply chain would function. Learning and watching and reading everything we could about how to disinfect ourselves, and items coming into the house. Skills learned were quarantining packages, mail and newspapers before opening any of them. Only using our garage as the only point of entrance into our house, and taking off shoes before entering.

But actually as time went by, it became our new norm, and the negative became a positive that was not awful. I discovered that putting a full stop to my outside of the house activities actually gave me time to revisit lots of forgotten skills and interests because I was home and not rushing out the door. I started baking more, really spending time in my garden, sewing, reading without interruption. Having access to virtual events, lectures, plays, family chats, was fun and relaxing.

As nature bounded back, more birds than ever showed up in my garden this spring.

The biggest downside of course is not having a personal visit with my family. But having virtual visits has turned out to be lots of fun, and an opportunity to visit family all over the country. So now we wait and hope for a vaccine or some form of medication. My parents lived through the Spanish Influenza and so can we.

The Atkinsons

By Marvin Sippel

During the 1970's Bill Atkinson Jr led a community choir for a short time at the Army and Navy Academy Chapel in Carlsbad. I believe it was possibly for a birthday of the Academy. His wife, Charlotte, excellent on the piano, accompanied the group of singers. My late wife, Lucia, and I sang along with some friends from Vista, Vinnie and Nancy Ferraro. At the time Vinnie was the business manager for the AN Academy. Bill was possibly acting Mayor of Carlsbad at the time.

The Atkinsons were also active in the North County Concert Association during the 70's and 80's. Dr. Keith Broman, choir leader at Mira Costa College was instrumental in starting this concert group. His wife, Carol, and other prominent community leaders assisted. Some names of others who were active included: Dr. Jerry and Tina Colling, Dr. Don and Jane Hayen, and Joe and Angela Bear.



Charlotte Atkinson in the center



Front seat, John Maumaux, backseat unknown

Some photographs from the Atkinson collection

The following photographs are first seen by us and are part of the Atkinson donation. Please let us know if you recognize the people in the back of John Maumaux.



Front seat City Councilman Jack Hughes, back seat left to right Council members Carl Neiswender, David Dunne (center), Jack Jardine

Letter from Julia Shipley to Florence mentions the 1918 Influenza Pandemic

November 6th 1918

Dear Florence;

Yesterday we had a light shower of rain in the early morning and that is all the storm amounted to. At noon I went to the school house and voted. Your father did not do as the weather was rather blustery at that time, and too he is afraid to go where there are a number of people on account of the influenza. Your father passed a pleasant birthday I am glad to say. Migs Magee called upon your father late Sunday P.M. She had an idea you were stopping with us and wished to see you. She was in a hurry to get home and that is how I missed meeting her. Dr. Reid told your father on Monday that he had then 40 cases of influenza in and in the surrounding county of Oceanside. There are no cases in Carlsbad for which I am thankful. Mr Martin telephoned there was a package from Pala and so I thank most sincerely for your kindness.

Last summer I bought (when the drive was on) seven war stamps with the intention of giving them to you for a birthday gift, they amount to over twenty-nine dollars, they will fall due four years from January, but if you prefer the money instead of the stamps then your are perfectly welcome to your choice; the stamps when due will bring thirty-five dollars, please let me know your desir, perhaps I had better wait until I see you before sending you the stamps or the money.

I do so sincerely hope you are quite well and with much love.

Lovingly
Your Mother

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Carlsbad Approves Buena Vista Lagoon Project



This project, which we covered in a previous newsletter, is moving forward. In May, Carlsbad City Council unanimously approved the “modified salt water option” which will transition the lagoon to a more salty condition. A wooden dam will be removed and a 100 ft wide inlet will be constructed in its place. On May 22, the SANDAG Board adopted the new plan, and this is the final approval needed. Now the engineering design will be completed and bids will be requested from contractors.

Construction will take several years and cost at least 80 Million dollars.

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