

# Carlsbad Time Lines

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Carlsbad Historical Society

## President's Letter

Dear Members:

We are more than half way through our calendar year, and we are busy preparing for our Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election scheduled for October. Please take time to mark your calendars with the date and time. Additional information will be sent out with the ballot and invitation.

Spring 2019 kept our volunteers hopping with so many activities. Four schools participated in our Third grade school tour program, these included classes visiting from Magnolia, Jefferson, Kelly and St. Patrick's. Our school program includes an in school visit with a brief history presentation and PowerPoint program to prepare the students for their visit. Most of the tours occurred between the last week of April and the first week of June. Visiting schools tour Magee House and barn, have a ranching presentation in the park and then walk over to St. Michael's to learn about Carlsbad's first church and learn more about Florence Shipley Magee and her philanthropy. The Fallbrook Questers also visited our museum and barn and we just had a well attended presentation at the Carlsbad Newcomers Club.

We have a new interpretive display now available for viewing in the house and updated posters in the barn. Many housekeeping projects such as display cleaning, furniture polishing and touch up painting are completed.

As always, we welcome your involvement, please contact us at 760-434-9189 or [cbadhistory@gmail.com](mailto:cbadhistory@gmail.com) to discover ways you can contribute and share in the promotion of Carlsbad history.

## Annual Meeting

Our upcoming Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 2-4 pm at the Langen Family beach house at 3418 Carlsbad Blvd. The Langen Family moved to Carlsbad in the 1950s, and their home is still owned by the family. They are graciously opening their home for tours of the house and gardens, and a brief family history will be presented by VP Ken Langen's sister, Joan Langen Fessenden. Light refreshments will be served, and music will be played. The 1953 canvas painting of Carlsbad will be on display at the event.

## Interesting Facts About Blue Willow China

A recent donation from Toni Bastien, granddaughter of the former Twin Inns owners Ed and Neva Kentner spurred us into creating a new display. Our recently opened display was created with the many pieces which are included in our Blue Willow china collection.

Blue Willow china originated in England in 1790 by engraver Thomas Minton. At one time there were 400 documented makers in Great Britain and 500 worldwide. Buffalo Pottery was the first cited producer in America starting in the early 1900s.



Buffalo Blue Willow China

According to Toni, the Twin Inns Restaurant exclusively served meals on the Buffalo Manufacturer Blue Willow patterned china.

All authentic Blue Willow patterns include: willow trees, Chinese pine trees (commonly confused as apple or orange trees), a bridge with three men on it, a fence, a boat, a tea house (or pagoda) and two birds in flight. However, there are thousands of tiny variations. The Willow pattern can be found in blue, pink, brown, and even multi-colored. Our display collection includes three manufactures, and are all in various shades of blue.

A fun fact about Blue Willow china is that William Randolph Hearst had a special gold-rimmed version of Blue Willow china made for his famous castle on the California coast.

### **Royal Palms Hotel**

Laurie Boone, one of our volunteer docents, recently shared an interesting personal story about the Royal Palms Hotel. Laurie spotted a photo on the wall that came from our Detweiler Photo Collection, which prompted her recounting her experience of staying overnight at the Royal Palms Hotel. The Royal Palms was located diagonally across the street from the Twin Inns Restaurant, and was frequently the site of Hollywood star sightings, as many actors reportedly stayed there while visiting Leo Carrillo at his ranch. We have a variety of photos of the Royal Palms and copies are available for purchase.



Swimming pool at the Royal Palms Hotel

### **"Memories of the Royal Palms"**

by Laurie Boone

Post WWII prosperity brought the Royal Palms Hotel to Carlsbad as a destination resort, and my folks to Oceanside for a destination home. Like so many young people in the war era, my then sailor Dad met my mom at a YWCA dance in San Diego just before he was shipped out to the war in the Pacific.

I have always been so thankful, that post war, my parents stayed in my mom's home state of CA and settled in Oceanside rather than return to my Dad's hometown of Chicago.. I loved growing up near the beach and living my entire life with a view of the ocean!

The Twin Inns and the Carlsbad Hotel, near the Royal Palms Hotel, were the choice spots for dinner dances and Oceanside Junior Chamber of Commerce installation dinners of which my parents were very much a part of through the 50's. But during this heyday my family never had occasion to stay there.

In the early 70's I did have a chance to stay in one of the charming motor court bungalows. It was unique to me because it was one story and each room was like a tiny house where one parked their car right outside the door. It had original 40's colors and fixtures. By this time though the title hotel had changed to motel. The once posh spot for Hollywood folks to stay on their way to the Del Mar races or Mexico had lost its luster and was more rustic than glamorous.

In 1974 when my future husband and I were looking for a location for our wedding we even briefly considered the once famous wedding chapel. Time had taken its toll, however, and we were instead married in a beautiful private garden in Carlsbad. By 1985, when the Royal Palms Hotel was demolished to make way for the Carlsbad Inn we did not bemoan the loss of the buildings. But we surely did miss the view from the balcony of the Luther and Olive Gage home across the street from the Royal Palms of the palms, flowers, and ocean! Thankful to have at least a memory of this historic spot!



Bungalows at the Royal Palms Hotel

### **Speakers Available**

If you belong to a club or organization and want to share your interest of Carlsbad History, contact us. We have speakers available for a variety of historical presentations which include PowerPoint images. All talks are free, but we will happily accept a donation to the Carlsbad Historical Society. The four basic presentations vary in length, and have specific highlights, and focuses. The longest presentation details early Carlsbad history. "First People of San Diego North County Area." It includes those who lived in our present day Carlsbad as well as surrounding towns. "Missions and Ranchos" points out the connections between our local ranches, and "Carlsbad Historical Society Magee House and Barn Museum" highlights the displays and artifacts in our museum that tell the story of our town.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We desperately need volunteers for the following areas, and these can be done from your home.

1. Newspaper clipper: If you subscribe to any local newspaper, we need someone to clip articles that pertain to our city. People erroneously believe you can always find something by looking on the internet. But the reality is that these stories have a shelf life that will eventually disappear. In order to keep our future displays historically accurate, we can use the information contained in the articles and will store them in our files.

2. Cursive handwriting translator: Surprising as it may seem, many of our current high school graduates can

not read cursive. Many of our documents are written in cursive and so that information will not be available to future readers. We are looking for someone who can read letters written in cursive and then type them into a document.

Please contact us if you are available to volunteer.

### **Borden Family Correction**

In the 2nd Quarter Newsletter, we mistakenly stated that Borden Road in San Marcos was named after William Webster Borden. While it has been widely thought that Borden Road was named after W.W. Borden who arrived in 1881 to San Marcos, this is an error. Our information came from a self published history. Many thanks to San Marcos historian Tanis Brown, who brought the error to our attention and sent us the correct information. On page 2 of the May 20, 1983 "The Outlook" an article written by Louise Fulton Hard states "Borden Road is named for the Borden Family. In 1882 Reynold Bascomb Borden, his wife Julia McKendree Borden, and their two small children, Rosa Lee and John Arch came to the Richland area of San Marcos."

### **Music in Carlsbad**

Music Roots with Carlsbad Connections  
(from the perspective of Ken Langen)

#### Part I (Late 1950s-Early 60s)

In the early 1960s, the renowned Andrew Sisters came to Carlsbad's Army and Navy Academy for a benefit concert of their WWII era hits. The close harmonies for which the sisters were known stunned those of us in the front row. We were in the presence of greatness! Around that time, Rose Maddox, the singer-songwriter who had an early influence on both Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris, lived in an apartment on the corner of Garfield Street and Pine Avenue, on my paper route. Our very own country music celebrity performed at the 101 Club (The Wheel House) in Oceanside. In South Oceanside, another local favorite, Barbara Mandrell, was honing her skills and would soon be on her way to Nashville.

Music was alive and thriving in Carlsbad. Folk music was en vogue, and, with the jug band revival of the late 1950s, it seemed as if we were all musicians. The singalong atmosphere of early-Sixties' Hootenannies encouraged even the shy among us.

Tom Hammond (Carlsbad's favorite son and historian who contributed to Marge Howard-Jones' Seekers of the Spring) led bluegrass groups with Barney Stucker, Rudy Spano, and others. Local Curt Bouterse was already a hammer dulcimer virtuoso. My brothers and sisters, along with our friends and schoolmates, circled up and harmonized to the tunes of The Kingston Trio and Peter, Paul, and Mary. We all looked up to Carlsbad's Eddie Nevarez, the charismatic trumpeter, and to the Nevarez family.



Anisa Angarola

Many Carlsbad musicians grew up in historically musical families: singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Jody Calcara and his brother, Jeff, composer and classical guitarist, grew up hearing their father's Cal Calcara Combo (Cal's grandson, Tad Calcara, principal clarinetist with the Utah Symphony, is currently one of the country's leading Swing-era historians). Francyl Streano, of ultra-musical Streano family, grew up around Carlsbad's folk music scene and still performs today. Larry and Glen Neff, John and Mike Corbett; The Hughes Brothers; Eddie (Jay) Miller, the list goes on.

Of those who started out in the folk tradition, no one that I know achieved as much musical acclaim as Anisa Angarola. The child of a highly successful Old Globe actor/teacher and a well-loved Carlsbad

elementary school teacher, Anisa would gain fame with her classical guitar. A student of the wonderful Mrs. Catherine Manning of Oceanside, Anisa performed locally and (often) at Knott's Berry Farm (in a duo with Terry Weseloh). Anisa continued her studies with the Royal Family of the Guitar, Los Romeros, and joined Andres Segovia's historic 1980 Master Class. She went on to teach privately and at the university level. She founded the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet at USC and performed and recorded internationally. Too, she founded the Angarola Guitar Quartet.

Some of Anisa's discography: Grammy-nominated Irish Airs and Dances; Birdwatcher Hill melds guitar virtuosity with some of Ireland's best musicians; Puertas de Madrid – F. M. Torroba and J.Turina compositions; Music of Mauro Giuliani- Objet D'Art with flutist Valarie King

### **Wilson Family Excerpt**

In our 2nd quarter newsletter we included Jim Wilson's article on the Wilson and Rawson family history. To continue the Wilson family story, we are adding this excerpt from "Tales of the Wilson Ranch: Growing up in rural Carlsbad, 1942-1958", as told by Lew Wilson. Lew is the youngest son of Ruth and Charlie Wilson and the only son born while the family lived on the ranch. The Wilsons bought the ranch near present day Faraday Avenue, in 1942, and their move was considered outside of the city. To put this time period in perspective, the U.S. had just entered WWII the previous year, and at this time Carlsbad was unincorporated. Items for civilian use were being rationed and unavailable.

### **Tales of the Wilson Ranch: Growing up in rural Carlsbad, 1942-1958**

#### **House Locations**

Our ranch came with a "ranch house". It was not the adobe hacienda with the flowers, bubbling fountain and central courtyard of the rancho era. It was a basic four room house of board and batten construction, with a graveled tar paper roof. There was no indoor plumbing, no running water, and no electricity. But it did provide basic shelter.

### Carrying Water

We would carry water from the spring, located in a gulch above the house, in a white enamel pitcher. Carrying a gallon of water in a pitcher was a real chore for a six year old. So Art and Dick figured out how to put a stick through the handle, so each could carry one end.



Carrying water from the spring - early 1940s - Photo by Ruth Wilson

Jim continues: "Ultimately Pop ran a pipe from this spring, down to an open tank, in the backyard, at a level higher than the house. The tank was made out of a piece of concrete stood on one end. It was about 2 1/2 feet in diameter, and probably 2 1/2 feet tall." To have running water in the house, Pop ran a hose from the tank over to the house. He drilled a hole in the wall of the house, put the hose through and screwed a faucet on the inside, over the sink. This had real advantages. If you wanted water in a pot on the stove, which was on the other side of the kitchen, you just pulled on the faucet, and the hose slid through the wall. While holding the faucet, you would turn it on, hose water into the pot, turn it off, and push the

hose back onto the ground, with the faucet returning back against the wall.

### Recognition of Volunteers



Marvin Sipple, Germán Gutierrez and Kenny Langen helped with the ranching class and barn tour.



Laurie Boone, MaryBeth Rodriguez, Coleen Matsubara, Gina Danner, and Janie Rossal showed the house to the Third Grade students.



Hap L'Heureux, Beth Hulsart, Marge Howard Jones, Sue and Peter Ladoceur, and Don Miller have been gardening the front of the Shipley-Magee house for over 15 years.



Giny Krepps Unanue has been leading the tours of the St. Michael's original church.



Carved Collection Plate from St. Michael's Church

**New Life Members**

Marty and Mary Rombotis

**School Tours of St. Michael's**

When students come to St. Michael's chapel, which was the first church in Carlsbad, they are first shown a Powerpoint presentation of a brief history of the church. They are then taken to the Chapel, where they are told of the connection of St. Michael's to Mrs. Magee, who donated the property where the chapel is currently located. A carved wooden collection plate is passed around, which was done by one of the earliest Rectors at the church.

While in the church, I tell stories of what it was like to come to church in the 1890's, including getting ready, and riding buggies (autos were fairly new, and not owned by everyone) to church. I also talk of Mrs. Magee attending, with her cat strolling across the street with her, and sometimes wandering through the church, or helping out the choir, or often just laying out in the sun. When she walked home, the cat accompanied her.

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