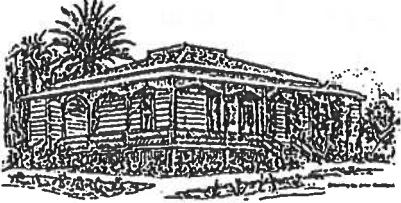


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MAGEE HOUSE OPENS ITS DOORS TO VISITORS

Our March 16 Open House at the Magee House attracted more than 50 visitors, many of whom expressed special delight in finally being inside the quaint cottage previously seen only from the outside! A table on the porch was filled with delicious edibles, created from recipes found in *A Taste of Carlsbad*, our most recent Carlsbad Historical Society publication. Many new displays, drawn from our archives, were scattered throughout the house and local history videos were shown continuously. Many thanks to the members who brought food and served as docents for the day.

A series of school tours began the following week when third graders from Buena Vista, Jefferson, Kelly and Magnolia elementary schools visited the Magee House, St. Michael's church and the Santa Fe Depot. The schools were provided with information about all three sites, plus a video produced by Carlsbad Historical Society member Alan Kindle, *An Adventure in Local History*. The students came prepared with questions and specific points of interest to be discovered. Most of the classes were rewarded with a picnic in Magee Park at the end of their morning tours.

This was the fifth year of the school tour programs, which is part of the regular 3rd grade study unit on local history. This year's schedule was also timed to provide ample opportunity for the children to prepare entries for the *Picture Carlsbad* art contest, sponsored by the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commission. Carlsbad Historic Society Board Member Connie Trejo will help judge this event which will be part of National Preservation Week.

The charm of the Magee House has also been discovered by out-of-town tour groups. Six tour busloads of paying guests will come in April, combining Magee House with visits to the Carlsbad Flower Fields.

Possibilities were discussed at the March Carlsbad Historical Board meeting for hiring part-time staff to keep the Magee House and our archives open more frequently. It was agreed that this would be a worthwhile expenditure of funds and the perfect role for an interested member, particularly a senior or retired person.

CONGRESS OF HISTORY AWARD

Representatives of San Diego County Historical Societies were on hand at a luncheon in Mission Valley when an Award of Merit was presented to our archivist Susan Gutierrez. The event was the culmination of a two day conference focusing on early railroads. Carlsbad Historical Society Past-President, Amelia Irvine will greet members of the Congress of History April 20 when they meet at the Magee House prior to a visit to the Carlsbad Flower Fields.

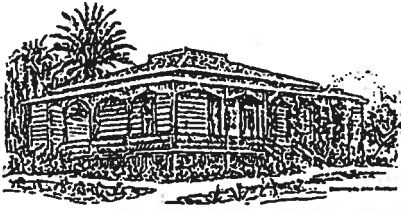
CHRISTIANSEN TREASURES DONATED TO CHS

Carlsbad Historical Society Founder and Past President, Kay Christiansen has donated many items from the Alt Carlsbad museum to our archives. In addition to many photos and documents, displays of beautiful Czechoslovakian costumes, prize paintings of Carlsbad landmarks and furniture have been moved to the Magee House. Kay is now happily settled at Villas de Carlsbad and we are very grateful to her for this most generous gift.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Arthur Wood
4770 Brookwood Court
Carlsbad, CA 92008

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WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

While leading a tour group through the Magee House recently, Geoff Armour was approached by a woman who identified herself as the great granddaughter of William Church Smith, one of Carlsbad's town founders and the man who built and lived in the Magee House in 1887. The woman, Mary Evans Johnson, called back several days later and said she had a family treasure that she would like to donate to the Society. Geoff and archivist Susan Gutierrez drove down to Ms. Johnson's home in Del Mar to interview her on videotape about her donation, which is a wonderful quilt top put together by family members over several generations. The quilt incorporates scenes and personalities from both family and U.S. history and will be a fine and highly appropriate addition to the Magee House decor.

DOCENT PROGRAM

The Society has been considering ways to keep the Magee House open to the public more than just the one afternoon a month currently offered. One idea was to recruit and pay people to serve as docents, since we have been unable to keep a large enough pool of volunteers. These docents would earn a modest income by working at the Magee House on a regular weekly schedule, providing tours and information to visitors, helping with archives, and answering the phone. After putting out a call for likely candidates for this job, the first person to respond was none other than our good friend Pat Flor. With all her energy and enthusiasm and her delightful personality, Pat seems to be just what we're looking for. The tentative schedule is to have Pat work at the Magee House every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1 - 5 PM. She'll be available to take tours, answers questions from visitors, help with archives, and answer the phone. Our goal is to get her trained and started by June.

RECENT TOURS

Our recent partnership with commercial tour groups from as far away as Los Angeles ended up paying off in more ways than one. Tour groups by the busload have been coming to Carlsbad for one of our main seasonal attractions: the flower fields. While here, tour organizers have been looking for other interesting things for these groups to see and do and thought of visiting parts of historic old Carlsbad, particularly the Magee House. We've advised the groups to stop off for lunch at Neiman's (historic Schutte House/Twin Inns) and then come over to Magee Park for a tour of Magee House and other interesting buildings from Carlsbad's past. Tour groups pay us \$1 per person admission, which so far has netted the Society a couple of hundred dollars for tours led by Dee Morning, Lenore Bouras, Marje Howard-Jones and Geoff Armour. This is a good way to get the word out about Carlsbad's history, to sell some of our books, and to raise both money and interest in Carlsbad among potential tourists from outside the area.

CARRILLO RANCH PLANS

The Society was offered an opportunity on May 8 to meet with staff and consultants planning the future Carrillo Ranch Community Park. Following a briefing on the Ranch masterplan by city Park Planner Mark Steyeart, architect Wayne Donaldson, and consultant Kurt Carlson, Society members had an opportunity to give their views on the kinds of uses and programs they would like to see incorporated into the park once it is open to the public. Some of the suggestions included trying to maintain the historic entrance to the Ranch; avoiding any commercial activity; keeping the site and buildings as close as possible to their original appearance; having programs for people of all ages; and maximizing the use of dense natural landscaping to buffer and visually screen the park from surrounding neighborhoods.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Program Chair Margie Monroy and Susan Gutierrez have been busy planning what we hope will become a series of regular monthly programs. As a way of getting members and the community more interested in and involved with the Society and local history issues, we will be starting monthly programs on Thursday evenings at the Granary in Magee Park. To kick off this new series, Joan and Alan Kindle will present a program July 25 at 7 PM on Leo Carrillo and the Carrillo Ranch. Joan, as official Curator of Carrillo Archives, and Alan have led the Friends of Carrillo Ranch and have been tireless advocates for the preservation of Carrillo artifacts and the Ranch itself and are largely responsible for creating a high level of support for the development of the future Carrillo Ranch Community Park. Other programs will be announced in future monthly newsletters.

NEW IDEAS

The Board has been kicking around ideas for use of Society property behind Alt Carlsbad. This lot, which was donated to the Historical Society in 1986 by Kay Christiansen, has always been planned for a future local history museum. The

terms of the grant deed specify that this lot be used only for this purpose and that a future museum structure conform generally with the architecture of Alt Carlsbad. There are no plans in the near future to build such a facility, particularly since Society space in the Magee House is generally adequate for archival and modest museum purposes. But the day will come when a much larger facility will be needed. In the meantime, the lot has been used (or unused) primarily for parking, particularly for those who wish to stop off to view the Frazier statue in front of Alt Carlsbad. As a way of beautifying the lot and creating some interest in the site, consideration is being given to working with the Carlsbad Garden Club to develop a historic garden on the lot. The garden would contain flowers and plants and a style similar to that used around homes in turn-of-the-century Carlsbad. Another thought was to commission the construction of another large sand castle, perhaps recreating some unique historic site or building. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the interim use of this property please call the Society at 434-9189 or drop us a line (Carlsbad Historical Society, P.O. Box 252, Carlsbad 92018).

CORRECTION

Our apologies for the error in last month's newsletter about membership dues. Annual dues are due **July 1** each year, not in April. But for those of you who sent in your dues early, many thanks. We'll think of some special way to reward you.

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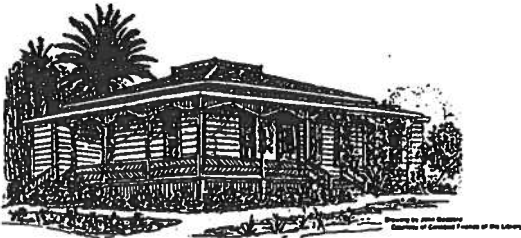
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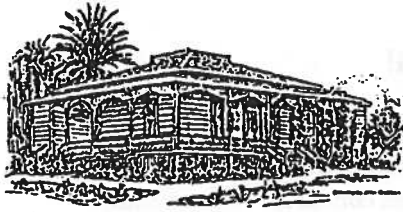
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Program staff have been hard at work planning a series of cultural events for the last Thursday evening of the coming months. These follow our Porch Party Sundowner held June 21 at Magee House. Summer events are set for the following months:

July 26: Leo Carrillo and the Carrillo Ranch presented by Joan and Alan Kindle. By the way, congratulations to the Kindles, Friends of Carrillo Ranch, the local chapter of E Clampus Vitus, and City of Carlsbad staff on the recent placement of the Carrillo Ranch on the California Register of Historic Resources as a State Landmark.

August 29: How society and music have influenced each other over time. Professor Liang Yong Sheng of Mira Costa College.

September 26: Nuns and Fallen Women: what happened to women in medieval Europe. Professor Ann Elwood of Cal State San Marcos.

Programs will begin at 7 PM and will be held in the Granary Building adjacent to Heritage Hall directly behind the Magee House. We hope to get a good turnout for these summer programs and to continue providing interesting events later in the year as well.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROPERTY

At the last Board meeting, members gave further thought to the use of Society property behind Alt Carlsbad. Everyone seems to like the incorporation of historic gardens and perhaps some art work, possibly a series of sand castles representing Carlsbad landmarks. We have also discussed with the Carlsbad Arts Office the possibility of placing a sculpture garden on the site. We would need to consider ways to secure the property and to provide lights at night. But the location, in the downtown tourist zone and right next to the Coaster station, would be ideal for such uses. No decisions have been made yet, so let us know if you have any brilliant ideas. The office number to call is 434-9189.

JAZZ CONCERTS ARE COMING!

Starting June 28 and continuing every Friday thereafter through August 23, the City Arts Office will be sponsoring the TGIF Jazz in the Parks series. As in past years, the Historical Society will be providing refreshments during all but the last of these concerts. Once again, Connie Trejo and Don Christiansen are taking charge of the food and drinks for these events. They'll be contacting many of you about volunteering for one or more of the Fridays. It's always a lot of fun, raises funds for the Society, and is a good way for us to get our message out to a large number of people, many of them potential members. The first three concerts, June 28, July 5, and July 12 will be held at Stagecoach Park; the next three Fridays, July 19, 26, and August 2 will be in our own backyard at Magee Park; and the final three sessions, August 9, 16, and 23 will be at Calavera Hills Park. All of the concerts run from 6 to 8 PM, but if you're planning to come out and help you'll want to get there at least a half hour early to find a parking space and to help set up.

JOIN HANDS-SAVE A LIFE

Our thanks to Frank Sorino and his young men from the non-profit Join Hands Save a Life program who once again came to our assistance in cutting the weeds on our property. Their hard work kept us from having to hire a private contractor or having the city bill us for their own weed abatement contractor. Frank is doing a great job giving these young people a positive sense of community and we would like to encourage any of our members and others in town to help the program with financial contributions. Right now Frank is in the process of establishing a home for the program on Roosevelt Street, not too far from Lola's Market. The program address is: Join Hands-Save a Life, 3258 Madison St, Carlsbad 92008.

DOCENT PROGRAM

We are continuing to experiment with ways to staff the Magee House and keep it open to the public as much as possible. Pat Flor was hired to start off the new program but was unable to continue. We have recruited a college intern, Eric Mason, to work weekends through the summer, and Kate Jacobsen, who will cover selected weekday hours and then will take over weekends starting in the fall. We'll keep you posted on the exact hours of opening and other projects that Eric and Kate will be helping us with.

MAGEE HOUSE ISSUES

We hope to have the antique piano in the living room properly tuned so that it can be used for future programs and entertainment. Mary Evans Johnson, the great-granddaughter of William Church Smith, is an accomplished pianist and expert on classical music who will be doing a program for us as soon as the piano is playable. We also have an ancient settee donated by Kay Christiansen that needs to be re-covered so that it can be shown off in the house. Security is a constant concern, to docents and archives staff, to visitors, and to city maintenance workers. City parks staff recently cut back the large shrub in front of the house that had been providing a screen for homeless sleepers. We have contacted the Carlsbad Police about periodic sweeps of the area to keep people from camping out on the property, and the Police have been very cooperative in this regard. There still needs to be work on the roof, the window frames, and portions of the deck and deck railings, which have succumbed to various forms of wood rot. Probably the biggest project is the ongoing work on archives. Thanks to Susan Gutierrez and Ann L'Heureux for all their hard work cleaning up and organizing the files. Much still remains to be done and anyone who would like to volunteer to help with archives should leave a message on the office phone (434-9189).

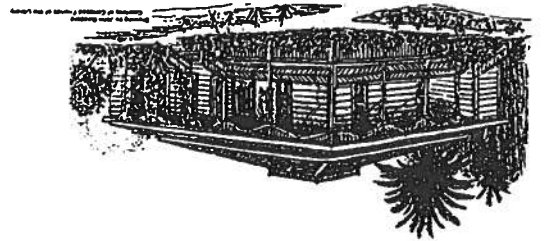
REVISED BY-LAWS

The Historical Society's by-laws, originally drawn up following incorporation in 1975 have been reviewed by a sub-committee (Margie Monroy, Susan Gutierrez, and Geoff Armour). After more than 20 years, the Board felt it was high time that the by-laws be revisited and possibly revised. The committee found the original text to be quite archaic and in drastic need of clarification. In addition to simplifying language, a number of significant changes in the structure and duties of the Board and committees and the handling of elections were recommended. The Board will consider these changes and the revised document will be presented to the membership at the October general meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

To accommodate the schedules of a majority of board members, general monthly meetings of the Society will be now be held on the second Thursday of the month. This means our next Board meeting will be held on July 11 at the same time and place (9 AM at Magee House).

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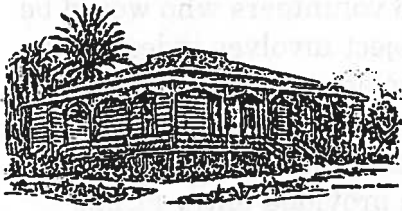
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Tour of Rancho Santa Margarita

Historical Society members have been invited to Camp Pendleton for a special tour of Rancho Santa Margarita. The tour will include visits to the original ranch house, chapel, and bunk house museum. This will be followed by a luncheon at the Officer's Club at a per person cost of somewhere between \$5 and \$10. After lunch there will be a tour of Las Flores, the ranch of the Magee family, of Magee House fame. We have also obtained from Camp Pendleton's Historical Office a videotape of an oral history interview with descendants of the Magee family. Our trip out to the base will take place on Tuesday, October 8 and will be open to the first 25 members who phone in to make reservations. The Society phone number is 434-9189. The current plan is to meet at the chapel at Camp Pendleton at 10 AM on October 8. For those members who leave a reservation on our phone, we will get back to you with further specifics about time, place, and directions.

Reminder about Upcoming Programs

In addition to our planned Last Thursday evening programs at the Granary and in Magee House scheduled for 7 PM in July, August, and September, we are also beginning to make plans for the annual Membership Program on October 19. For starters, we've once again reserved the Senior Center dining hall for the event and are exploring several possibilities for interesting programs. As a reminder, the Last Thursday programs are as follows:

- July 25: Leo Carrillo and the Carrillo Ranch (in the Granary).
- August 29: Music and Society (in Magee House).
- September 26: Nuns and Fallen Women (in Magee House).

Volunteer Indexing Project at Library

The Carlsbad City Library is putting out a call for volunteers to help index the CARLSBAD JOURNAL. There is a need for 4-6 volunteers who would be trained to help with this important project. The project involves indexing the newspaper from 1926 to the present, working chronologically from oldest to most recent issues. Volunteers would be issued hard copy volumes of the paper to take home and, using provided indexing guidelines, would decide which articles to index and then assign headings on provided entry forms. Other staff will then be doing the data entry using a system called In Magic. Volunteers should expect to spend from 2-4 hours per week on the project plus attending training sessions and other periodic meetings at the library. If you are interested, call Geoff Armour at the library at 434-2889.

Magee House Hours

With two recently hired docents, the Magee House is currently open from 1-5 PM on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays and from 11-2 on Tuesdays.

Upcoming Elections and Revision of By-Laws

At the annual program on October 19 the membership in attendance will be voting on a new slate of officers. Positions on the Board to be filled include President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer. A slate of nominees will be sent out to members in September along with a copy of our revised By-Laws. Please feel free between now and the annual meeting to send in your recommendations for nominees to any of these three Board positions. Make your nominees known to Ann L'Heureux, who is chair of the nominating committee. She can be reached at 729-7003 or you can leave a message on the Society voice mail system at 434-9189.

Items for Sale

On sale now at the Magee House, in addition to our Carlsbad history books and our new book of historic recipes, are what we have named KNOW CARLSBAD T-shirts. These shirts, in both men's and women's styles, depict about 20 different historic or noteworthy sites in our community. We also have special pens and clip-on flashlights, all imprinted with the Historical Society name. Stop by for a look and a purchase. We plan to keep Magee House open during the Magee Park jazz concerts on July 19, 26, and August 2.

Nuestra Vista

We have been notified by our friend Joe Lara of the Vista Historical Society that they will be showing their newly produced video called "Nuestra Vista" at a special program to be held at 7 PM on July 27 at the Vista Ranchos Historical Society, 651 E. Vista Way in Vista. All of our members are invited to attend. This professionally produced video covers the history of Hispanic contributions in developing modern Vista as a multicultural community.

TGIF Jazz-in-the-Parks

Our concession stand with food and beverages has been great so far. Thanks to Connie Trejo and Don Christiansen and a supporting cast of family, friends, and Historical Society volunteers for making this, as usual, a lot of fun and a financial success for the Society. We've been netting between \$300 and \$400 each concert. A reminder that we will not be providing refreshments at the last concert on August 23 at Calavera Park. This session will feature the popular Poncho Sanchez, a real crowd pleaser. Since we're not working that evening we thought we'd have a Society get-together with friends and family. We'll pass on more information about where to meet, but some of us will get there early (before 5 PM) to stake out some space. It'll be a potluck, so bring something to share.

New Members

A hearty welcome to new members :

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Carlsbad 92018

Etta Hetherigton
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Sharon Ory
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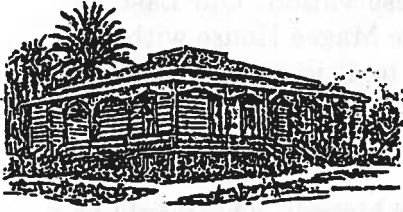
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Magee House Docents

Once again we've had some turnover in paid staff at Magee House. Our new docent, Marie Flannagan, will be working at the house from 1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Marie will greet visitors, conduct tours, answer the phone and, if time permits, do some filing in the archives office. We've also been talking with city maintenance staff about needed repairs and improvements to the house. Hundred year-old wooden homes near the beach have a way of wearing out and need a great deal of upkeep. Repairs are needed for the deck, the railing, window frames, and wood siding. There's also a sizable hole in the roof that, when the rains come, will cause some problems in the snow porch room and elsewhere. City staff inform us that the Magee House is on their regular maintenance schedule and all repairs will be handled as soon as possible.

Update on Future Programs

The annual Membership Program has now been set for October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 799 Pine Avenue, just a couple of blocks south of Carlsbad Village Drive. We are very pleased to announce that Mary Evans Johnson will be with us that evening to present what we know you will find to be a most interesting and entertaining program. Mary is the great granddaughter of William Church Smith, one of Carlsbad's founders and the builder of the Magee House. Last May the Society was given a remarkable quilt cover started by her great grandmother. The quilt will be on display at the program and Mary will talk about the quilt as well as about William Church Smith and other family members and their experiences before and after coming to Carlsbad. Mary is also an expert on the music and life of 19th century German composer, Robert Schumann, and plans to enliven the evening with a mini concert of Schumann selections. The Senior Center's finely tuned piano will be getting quite a workout that evening. Details on the Annual Program will be sent out in the near future. But for now, just mark October 19 on your calendars.

The tour of Rancho Santa Margarita is still on for Tuesday, October 8. We are continuing to work out details with Camp Pendleton's Historical Office to firm up plans and each of you who has called in to reserve a space will be contacted about arrangements as soon as they are available. Remember that there is only space on the tour for 25 people. There are still 10 or 12 spaces available, so if you'd like to go,

call the Magee House phone at 434-9189 to make your reservation. Our Last Thursday programs pick up on August 29 at 7 p.m. in the Magee House with Professor Liang Yong Sheng of Mira Costa College. The topic is music and society and how the two have influenced each other over the centuries.

Archives

Archivist Susan Gutierrez is looking into a new Carlsbad history. This would be a version suitable for a third grade audience, something the school district has requested for some time. Part of the curriculum for third graders is California and local history, and they just aren't finding that much on Carlsbad that is appropriate for their reading level. The Friends of the Library some years ago published a local history coloring book, and Susan plans to expand this version with appropriate text and illustrations into something young people could learn from and enjoy.

Fundraising

Our "Know Carlsbad" T-shirts have been a big hit around town, to the point where we've had to order more. Even the Offshore Surf Shop at 3179 Carlsbad Boulevard has picked up a dozen shirts. Cookbooks, pens, and mini-flashlights are still available at Magee House and have also been on sale at the Jazz Concerts and through other outlets in town. Our concession stand at the Jazz concerts so far this year has been netting us about \$400 each concert. This has always been a good fundraiser for the Society and a lot of fun (and hard work) for those of us who volunteer. Again, our special thanks to Connie Trejo and her extended family for all their help in securing and storing supplies and for transporting materials to and from the park sites. Among the regular volunteers this summer our thanks to Mercedes Ortiz, Dave Packer, Susan and German Gutierrez, Margie and Mario Monroy, Don Christiansen, Mike Boyle, Joan and Alan Kindle, Amelia Irving, Geoff Armour, Stephanie Medina, Marge Howard-Jones, and Richard Valadez.

Our other big fundraiser has been our support for Lifelong Learning, Inc. and their Amtrak Rail and Sea Tours. Our agreement to assist with publicity, provide a coordinator (Amelia Irving), and to assist with contacting prospective participants has brought in over \$4,000 in some years (a bit less recently), but is still viewed by the Board as well worth the relatively small amount of time and effort required by the Society. The Board again voted to renew our contract with Lifelong Learning for 1997.

Future Use of CHS Property

The Board voted to authorize Gary Nessim to begin investigating proposals to construct a commercial facility on Historical Society property behind Alt Carlsbad. One of the concepts under consideration is a lease-back arrangement with a developer where, in exchange for free land and a fixed longterm use of the facility, a portion of the building would be kept by the Society for museum/storage purposes. By the end of the lease-back period the entire facility would revert to the Society. The terms of the deed granting the property to us are that the facility be used for museum purposes and that the architecture conform generally to that of Alt Carlsbad.

Local Politics 40 Years Ago

The following is a piece of original research submitted by our favorite local history expert, Marge Howard-Jones. We hope Marge will come up with other gems for future newsletters.

A pertinent reminder of the simplicity of local politics 40 years ago recently came to light in the archives of the Carlsbad Historical Society. It was a front page clipping from the April 12, 1956 CARLSBAD JOURNAL heralding the results of the city election two days earlier in which 1,297 people cast their ballots for three City Council seats. According to the sub-headline, this meant that 56% of registered voters had gone to the polls, despite rain and generally adverse weather conditions. The relatively high voter turn-out is perhaps reflective of a time when Carlsbad was a 4-year old city with 2,300 registered voters living in a geographic area that was ¼ of its current size.

Those elected were Charles B. Ledgerwood and David Baird, while Claud R. Helton was re-elected for a second term. Ledgerwood, who still maintains his unique seed store on Carlsbad Boulevard, received the second highest number of votes overall but, according to the newspaper, was the top vote getter at the C.C. Wolters home, the polling place for Precinct 4. The largest number of votes was tallied at Pine School for Precinct 2. The other two polling places were St. Michael's Episcopal Church and the Collins home. With just four polling places in the entire city, contacting voters and electioneering in general was a much more direct process than today's multimedia campaigning!

In addition to the three successful candidates, the ballot included Jane Sonneman, who was a close fourth to David Baird and who later was successful in her quest for a seat on the City Council. In fact, she became Carlsbad's first female mayor 10 years later. Also noted was the one write-in vote cast for Frank B. Smith. (No doubt Frank had something to do with this.) Two additional ballot measures to convert the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer to appointive, rather than elective positions, were decisively rejected by the voters in this election.

Board Meetings

A reminder that CHS Board meetings are held in the Magee House at 9 a.m. the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be September 12. Everyone who is interested in Society affairs is invited to attend.



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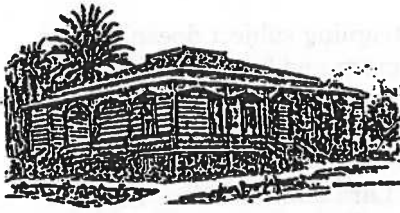
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SEPTEMBER 1996 NEWSLETTER

Magee House Improvements

Thanks to city maintenance and parks staff, significant improvements to Magee House and to the surrounding vegetation are now underway. Some of the decking and lattice work has been repaired, as have some of the screens. A doorbell has been installed so that Marie Flannagan, our regular weekend docent, can be alerted to visitors at the front door while she's occupied elsewhere in the house. Other jobs are being scheduled. On the landscaping front, the invasive ivy plants have been pulled away from the house and trimmed as have some of the overgrown shrubs and large trees that have been threatening to uproot the house and climb through doors and windows. There are a number of other park maintenance jobs still on the schedule and staff will be tackling these as time permits.

Carrillo Ranch Community Workshop

On October 12, 1996 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM a public workshop on the Carrillo Ranch Masterplan will be presented by design team consultants and city staff. This initial workshop is open to the first 100 adults who phone in and register in advance. You must call the Community Services Department at 434-2825 by October 4. If community interest is sufficient, additional workshops will be scheduled in the future, including possible sessions for children. The day will include an overview of the project conducted at the Carlsbad Safety Center (2560 Orion Way in Carlsbad, near Palomar Airport Road and El Camino Real). There will also be a tour of the ranch, a picnic lunch provided by the City, and a workshop at the site. The purpose of the workshop is to inform interested citizens about the Masterplan and to listen to any ideas and concerns raised by the public.

Thanks to Tony Schmidt

Just wanted to pass on the Society's thanks to local volunteer, Tony Schmidt, who came in and did great job putting our antique RCA Victrola in working order. The Victrola is a circa 1920 model and came to us with a collection of 44 classic 78 RPM single records and another 10 albums. The records date from the late 20's through the mid-40's. Tony repaired the lid, added new partitions, did a lot of cleaning, and even cataloged all the records by song titles, performer, label, and condition. Included among these is a valuable Fats Waller recording. In his spare time, Tony volunteers for the Carlsbad Police Department's Senior Patrol.

Upcoming Programs

A reminder that our Last Thursday program for September will be on September 26 at 7 PM at the Magee House. Our guest speaker will be Ann Ellwood, a history professor at Cal State

San Marcos whose topic is "Nuns and Fallen Women." If this intriguing subject doesn't bring out a good crowd, nothing will. Those who attended the last program and heard Professor Liang's talk on the history of music know that a good time was had by all. Meeting out on the front porch (though we won't be able to do this after the time changes) was very pleasant and there was a nice layout of refreshments to go along with the talk. Other programs that are being considered for next year include a presentation by Joe Lara and his video "Nuestra Vista," outlining the history of Vista and the contributions of early Hispanic families. We've also talked to local archaeologist, Dennis Gallegos, about a program on early indian life in this area.

The trip to Camp Pendleton to visit Rancho Santa Margarita and the Las Flores Adobe is now definitely on for Tuesday, October 8. We have at least 15 people signed up, so there's still room for a few more (up to 20). We will meet at the Camp Pendleton chapel at 10 AM, tour Rancho Santa Margarita (the Commanding General's residence), have lunch at the Officer's Club, and then finish with a trip to the original Las Flores Adobe, which has connections to Carlsbad through Hugh Magee. Those of you who have signed up will be sent more detailed information about the day and about carpooling.

As was noted last month, we are looking forward to the annual membership program at 7 PM on October 19 at the Carlsbad Senior Center. Mary Evans Johnson, great granddaughter of the builder of the Magee House, William Church Smith, will be talking about her family's early history and life in Carlsbad at the turn of the century.

Mailing of Ballots and By-laws

A separate mailing was sent out to all members recently containing a copy of our revised by-laws and a card for you to vote on a new slate of Historical Society officers for 1997. The by-laws have not been revised since they were created with the formation of the Society in 1975. After a review by a sub-committee of Board members, the by-laws were completely re-written to make them not only clearer and more readable but also to reflect changes in the way the organization is structured and conducts business. Positions on the Board being replaced after two-year tours of duty include President, Second Vice-President, and Treasurer. Ballots received will be tallied and the slate of new officers will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on October 19.

Historic Preservation Commission

Our president, Geoff Armour, was recently assigned to staff the city's Historic Preservation Commission, after it was transferred from Community Development to the Library. Geoff and Commission liaison to the Historical Society, Joe Valenti, report that the Commission is considering revisions to the current Historic Preservation Ordinance, to reflect voluntary participation by private property owners. The Commission will become more involved in education and community relations issues as it coordinates activities with the school district, the Arts Office, the Library, and the Historical Society. Possible future projects include sponsoring walking tours; development of information files for public use; conducting inventories of such historic resources as trees, archives, photographs, and oral histories; and sponsoring public programs and research on local history topics. Of course the popular Third Grade Art Contest will remain a Commission staple as will the design and wording of plaques for placement on significant historic sites and landmarks.

Twin Inns Forever (by Marge Howard-Jones)

If you're a newcomer, you may be puzzled to hear old-timers refer to the elegant Victorian structure on Carlsbad Boulevard as the "Twin Inns." But for 70 years, locals and out-of-towners flocked to the landmark of turrets, gingerbread trim and fish-scale shingles for crispy fried chicken and corn fritters served on classic Blue Willow china. Their genial host was Eddie Kentner, who bought the home of town founder Gerhard Schutte in 1916 and converted

it into a world-famous restaurant and Carlsbad's main meeting place. No matter how many organizations sponsored dinner dances at the Twin Inns, everyone in town came and had a grand time greeting, eating and dancing to live music on a well-sprung floor that made Freds and Gingers of them all.

The dining room and dance floor were built in 1921, after the Schutte family held their last reunion in their old home. Beginning as a deck built by Kentner and his father-in-law, the large hexagonal room was supported by cantilivered beams anchored to a sturdy column in the basement below it. The upper wall panels were decorated with mountains, deserts and seascapes painted by J. Morton Patterson.

Plaster chickens were Kentner's signature decoration, and their appearance on the roof, over the dooor and out on the coast highway left no question as to what the restaurant was featuring. At one point, Kentner held a contest among his employees for the best imitation of a rooster and the winning entry was recorded for automatic "crowing" whenever guests came through the front door. Twin Inns street chickens appeared in a 1930's edition of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. The last of the breed were a quartet of six-footers. Considered incongruous to the image of Neiman's, the structure's current restaurant, they were removed in 1984. Though not all the chickens are currently accounted for, at least one has been saved by the city and will soon be "cooped up" in the Magee House. Hopefully, the other chickens will someday come home to roost and find a safe home where they can again be admired, photographed with visitors, and remind us of a unique chapter in Carlsbad's history.

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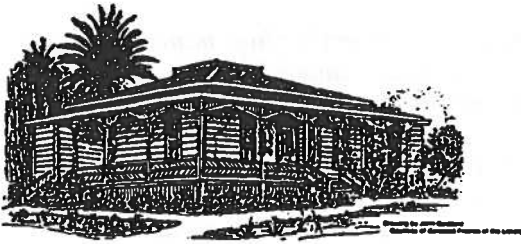
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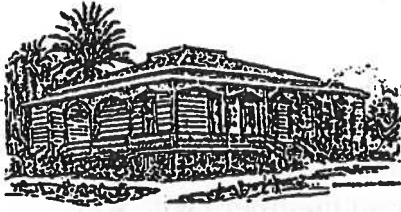
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OCTOBER 1996 NEWSLETTER

Society Election Results

Our recent election of new officers has been completed with the slate unanimously approved through a mailing to our membership. The new officers were introduced at the annual membership program on October 19. New officers for 1997-99 will be:

President:	Susan Gutierrez
First Vice-President:	Margie Monroy
Second Vice-President:	Cheryl Blaine
Treasurer:	Keith Cannon

Margie Monroy will move up from Second Vice-President and Dee Morning will remain as Secretary. Many thanks to Geoff Armour, Don Christiansen, and Ed Maiuro for their service these past two years as President, First Vice-President, and Treasurer respectively. On the same ballot mailing, the revised by-laws were approved with two abstentions. It should be noted that the revisions do not make major changes in the purpose or direction of the Society. Rather, the by-laws are made clearer and more readable, simplify requirements for membership, reflect some organizational changes in the duties of elected Board members, and streamline the election process itself.

California Sesquicentennial

Governor Pete Wilson has appointed a commission to guide the celebration of California's Sesquicentennial (centennial-and-a-half) Anniversary through a variety of events and programs to "commemorate our past and celebrate our future." This celebration officially began in June 1996, recognizing events which, from 1846 to 1849, moved California to statehood. Some of the activities are planned to continue into the year 2000, the State of California's 150th birthday. This celebration may offer our local historical societies an opportunity to celebrate all that was good and positive in our historical experience. We have been notified that any historical organization that would like to be promoted by California 150, should send flyers or brochures

to the Commission in Sacramento where they will be included in a master calendar of statewide activities and will receive additional publicity. We should consider taking advantage of this.

Visit to Rancho Santa Margarita and Las Flores Adobe

The recent trip to Camp Pendleton for a tour of Rancho Santa Margarita (the Base Commanding General's quarters) and the Las Flores adobe off Las Pulgas was a very interesting experience for the 20 or so members who were able to go. The Ranch House has connections to a number of historical figures in California history, including Gaspar de Portola, the Pico brothers, Kearny, Stockton, and Don Juan Forster, an English immigrant whose land holdings in the area once totaled over 335 square miles. The ranch house itself, which was first built in 1827 and then expanded over the years, has been carefully preserved in nearly every detail by the Marine Corps. It doesn't hurt to have the Commanding General live there. The Las Flores Asistencia, a California State Historical Landmark, is another matter. From 1823-1835 this adobe building served as an auxiliary mission and way station between the missions at San Luis Rey and San Juan Capistrano. Abandoned in the 1840's and destroyed by an earthquake, many of the blocks were eventually used to build another ranch house in 1865 for Marcus Forster, son of the owner of Rancho Santa Margarita, Don Juan Forster. Of interest to those of us from Carlsbad is the connection of the Las Flores adobe to the Magee family, who lived there until 1967. Henry Magee leased several thousand acres at Las Flores in 1888 and began farming and dairy ranching and was also allowed to occupy the vacant Las Flores adobe. In 1889, Jane Magee and her eldest brother, Hugh, joined their father at Las Flores and continued to run the ranch after his death in 1895. Hugh Magee later met and married Florence Shipley, thus the connection to Carlsbad and what would later become known as Magee House. Unfortunately, as we saw on the tour, the Las Flores adobe is currently in a very sad state of repair. The Boy Scouts now lease about 50 acres including the adobe and are hard at work raising funds to help preserve this historic ranch. The Camp Pendleton History and Museums Office is always looking for a few good docents to enter their training program. If interested, call Janet Hammes, Docent Coordinator, at 385-0275.

Plans for Victorian Christmas

Since the Magee House dates back to the Victorian era, we're planning to revisit that period by putting on a Victorian display for the Christmas season. Crafts of the time will be displayed during early December and a live tree donated by the Palenscar's will be available in the house to decorate. We are contacting some of the private schools to see if kids would like to make decorations and come in after Thanksgiving to have a little party and decorate the tree. Plans are still in the works and more information about dates, times, and activities will be sent out soon.

The Twin Inns Chicken has Returned

Thanks to Chuck Walden of the city's Community Services Department for his assistance in delivering one of the original Twin Inns chickens to the Magee House for the Historical Society to put on permanent display for the community. The four original chickens came to symbolize the Twin Inns and its famous chicken dinners for about 70 years, until Neiman's Restaurant took over in 1985. The city was originally given two of the six-foot plaster chickens and they were displayed for a time in Rotary Park, until "fowl" play resulted in the theft of one and destruction of another. The lost hen was eventually returned and kept in city storage for a number of years until its recent delivery to the Magee House. We have all sort of interesting ideas for ways this chicken can best be put on display. One idea is to have it installed in the snow porch and to have the exterior door replaced with plexiglass, enabling passersby to see the chicken at any time. The Arts Office is also interested in some sort of artistic display using the chicken and anyone else who has ideas is welcome to contact either Susan Gutierrez (434-5308) or Geoff Armour (434-2889). It should be noted that this remaining chicken came home without its feet. Although we are pursuing leads as to the whereabouts of the feet, reconstructive surgery may be necessary.

Other Plans for the Future

The Board has been discussing the possibility of bringing back downtown walking tours, which would probably cover points of interest along Carlsbad Boulevard (Schutte House/Twin Inns/Neiman's, Cohn House/Fidel's, Carlsbad-by-the-Sea, Frazier's Well/Frazier Statue, St. Michael's, Magee Park buildings, Red Apple Inn/Army & Navy Academy) plus the Gage House/Monterey on Lincoln, the Santa Fe Depot, and possibly some spots on State Street. These sites are all within reasonably close walking distance. What we need to make this work is a solid group of docents.

Other Needs

A policy on what to keep and what to store. We've been collecting more items in Magee House than we have room for. We also need to compile a detailed inventory of our holdings of furniture and equipment, nearly all of it in Magee House. We also need someone who would like to take over as archivist next year, after Susan Gutierrez becomes President.



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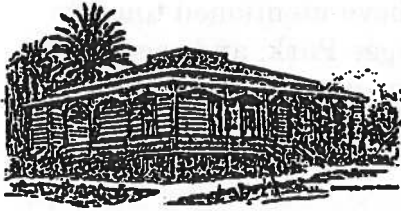
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NOVEMBER 1996 NEWSLETTER

Plans for Victorian Christmas

As was noted last month, the Palenscar's have donated a tree from their farm for us to use as part of our planned Victorian Christmas celebration at Magee House. The tree will be set up at Magee House on November 30th. The following Wednesday, December 4, the house will be open at 10 a.m. for students from Beautiful Savior and St. Patrick's schools to come and help us "spruce" up the tree with traditional Victorian style decorations. The house of course will then be open to the general public at the usual times (1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays).

Gift of Maps from Vista Ranchos Historical Society

Thanks to Annemarie Cox, Museum Director for the Vista Ranchos Historical Society, for arranging a gift of 171 interesting surveyor maps on Carlsbad. These maps date from the late 1800's and cover planned developments for such areas as La Costa Downs (that never were developed) as well as portions of the original Rancho Agua dionda. Members are encouraged to stop by our neighbors in Vista (651-A East Vista Way) to see how they have organized photographs and artifacts in their excellent little museum. Plenty of ideas we could use. In fact, one of the ideas for future programs being discussed by the board would be reciprocal tours to area historical societies, particularly Vista, Encinitas, Oceanside (including Heritage Park), San Marcos, and Escondido.

Other Program News

In the coming year, program plans will include a continuation of our Last Thursday events. These have been held at the Magee House in the early evening, with a guest speaker talking about some aspect of local, regional, or other topic connected with history or historic preservation. These affairs have been well received by members as a chance for a social get-together as well as hearing a good talk and participating in a lively discussion. During

the warmer months when the sun is out longer, we've had refreshments and programs right out on the deck of the house. A very pleasant way to spend the evening. Other ideas for programs include the above-mentioned tours to other area historical societies, weekend events at Magee Park, and regular walking tours to area points of interest. We're always open to new ideas and suggestions (phone us at 434-9189 and leave a message).

Magee House Repairs

We are continuing to work with city maintenance staff on upgrades and repairs for the house. After the recent heavy rains, some of us noticed continued leaks through the roof and into the ceiling of the dining room area. The city has a re-roofing or at least roofing repair on its fix-it agenda. Work still needs to be done on the rotted portions of the decking and window screens and frames. City staff are well aware of these repair issues and have assured us that they will be completed as part of their general building maintenance schedule. Another house matter under consideration is the addition of ceiling and outside lamps or light fixtures. We have been asked by the city to help with this process by locating and purchasing appropriate antique fixtures which staff would then install for us. Anyone with ideas about what kind of lights would be most appropriate or, better yet, who has or can get such lights and would be willing to donate them should contact the society. Otherwise we'll likely have to turn to our resident antique experts (Ann L'Heureux and Marge Howard-Jones) and ask them to go on another shopping trip.

Library Indexing Project

Back in July this newsletter put out a call for volunteers needed by the Carlsbad City Library to help with a local newspaper indexing project. This important project involves a detailed subject indexing of the CARLSBAD JOURNAL from 1926 to 1993, when the SUN rose over our fair city. This will be a long a difficult job, but one which, when completed, will provide anyone interested in the history of this town with an incredible amount of information. The JOURNAL, as is true with most local newspapers, chronicles the daily life of the community in great detail. But unless there is an index or unless one knows the exact date or even approximate date an article may have been published, there is really no easy way to get at this information. A parallel effort has been going on for several years at the Oceanside Library to index the BLADE-CITIZEN/NORTH COUNTY TIMES. Two of our members, Lenore Bouras and Dee Morning, answered the call and have now been trained by library staff to work on this project. After training, volunteers are assigned target years and then check out the bound volumes of the JOURNAL to take home and index. Both Lenore and Dee report that the work is enjoyable, that they are fascinated by all the old news accounts from early years in the community. More volunteers can still be used. If interested, contact Geoff Armour at the library at 434-2889.

Odds and Ends

For those of you who have been out of town for the past year or so, you might want to swing by Alt Carlsbad on Carlsbad Boulevard to see first hand how the old mineral springs well has been reopened and how water is now being bottled. Ludvig Grigoras, the new proprietor of Alt Carlsbad, is now bottling the genuine thing and also has plans to open a European style hydrotherapy spa.

Board meetings beginning in January will be held the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Magee House. This schedule works better for the new members of our board. Anyone interested in Society business is invited to attend.

There will be no newsletter published in December.

“Christmas in Carlsbad” by Marge Howard-Jones

Before the days of mall Santas landing by helicopter, Carlsbad children counted the days before they could visit a magical Christmas town that arose each year in the community's one and only fire station on Pio Pico. Created in the late 50's and early 60's by local firemen, the scaled down buildings filled a “snow-covered” scene where Santa dwelled among over-sized toys with hints of reindeers just behind the door.

The excitement began to build in mid-November when the big red fire-trucks were parked on the driveway in front of the fire station. Children then knew that the annual Christmas project was underway. The fact that Santa's beard would possibly be hiding the familiar face of a neighbor or friend had only minor significance. Even those who had discovered who “Santa really was” clamored to be among the first to sit on his lap and revel in the fantasy that surrounded him.

Besides Santa and Mrs. Claus, the cast of characters included elves who gave out wrapped gifts and holiday cookies and punch to every one who visited. The firemen, many of whom were volunteers, did everything, from building the magic village to soliciting and wrapping the gifts. They were also on hand as hosts every night for the two weeks of their production's run.

No one ever thought it strange that, as parents living in a sub-tropical beach town, we bundled up our children after dark to visit a snow scene in a fire truck garage. We were simply responding in kind to the pleasure that the firemen found and shared through their time and effort. Their inner children were out in the open, drawing in the rest of the community to join their fun and holiday joy.



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