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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### January 1999 Newsletter

#### Christmas Social

We had a wonderful turnout for our Christmas Social. Lots of old friends and many new ones gathered at Magee House on December 5th. The House, as usual, looked lovely with all the evergreens and decorations arranged by our members.

**Dorothy Krepps**, once again, made a magnificent arrangement that was placed over the front entrance in the living room. **Arlene Gardiner, Eleanor Call, Etta Hetherington, Barbara and Diane Rocano**, each added their special touches to the house. Poinsettias abounded, wreaths were hung, bows made and a general air of Christmas Cheer was found in the decorating of the old house.

We are especially grateful that these members made the time in their busy schedules to come at this time of the year to participate in our decorating. So Thanks to all of you.

**Lenore Bouras**, our membership chair, kept things rolling during the social. She made sure that everyone was greeted, and that food and drinks were available. We can certainly count on Lenore to make everyone feel welcome.

#### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 7, 1999 at 2pm**

At the Magee House, "Sailing to America", a wonderful slide show and lecture documenting the Irish immigration to America, presented by **Dick Nelson**, writer, researcher and lecturer for three local colleges. Entire presentation should last about 30 minutes with questions following. Refreshments will be served.

#### Director for Magee House

The Board of directors has hired **Diana Rizzutto** as our Director. She will be in charge of the archives, planning historic displays, and making sure publicity reaches the news media. We are very fortunate in having Diana, she recently worked for the San Marcos Historical Society and was a wonderful Director. She was instrumental in setting up a North County Group of Historical Societies, that work cooperatively in promoting our local history, through displays, promotion and shared information. By hiring a part time Director, our Historical Society is now moving in a more professional direction, enabling us to offer access to our archives for historical research. Please make Diana feel welcome to our group. (See article page 2)

## Sale of Historical Society Property

By Geoff Armour

Back in 1987, Kay Christiansen donated a 13,000 square foot lot to the Historical Society. This lot is located immediately east of Alt Karlsbad. Terms of her deed to the Society included a stipulation that this land be used to build a Carlsbad museum and that this museum be compatible architecturally with the adjacent Alt Karlsbad facility.

There have been a number of changes in the last couple of years that have caused the Society to rethink how it would use this land. For one thing, it became increasingly apparent to the Board that there was little likelihood, given the lack of funding, that a full-scale museum would be built. In the meantime the Society has had to pay property taxes and liability insurance and property taxes were recently reassessed at a much higher level.

It also was apparent to the Board that having a permanent home in the Magee House, particularly if the entire house becomes available to the Society, would be adequate space for a museum and for archives and an office.

In addition, Alt Karlsbad's ownership changed hands when it was taken over a couple of years ago by Ludvik Grigoras. Mr. Grigoras has re-opened the mineral springs and now bottles and markets the water. He has also constructed a new health spa facility. With all of these changes, it was finally decided by the Board to put the land up for sale. Mr. Grigoras came in with the best offer, a net to the Society of \$175,000. Plans for the land include an expansion of the spa facil-

ity and other water related uses. Ludvik was also in a position to work with Kay's conservator to secure permission to change existing restrictions on the deed.

These new funds are now being invested and some of the income is being used to hire a part-time archivist, **Diana Rizzutto**, to work on the large accumulation of documents and artifacts. The Board believes this sale will give the Society a funding source to pursue important future projects.



## Florence Shipley Magee Candlesticks

Thanks to the watchfulness of **Dorothy Krepps**, the Historical Society received a wonderful donation from the **St. Michaels Women's Group**. In an effort to clean up their storage space, a pair of candlesticks were going to be discarded. Dorothy immediately stepped in and reminded the ladies that those candlesticks had been part of a set that **Florence Magee** gave to St. Michael's, the ladies decided to donate them to the Historical society. So look for them on display next time you visit Magee house. Thanks again, Dorothy for watching out for us.



We want to wish our Secretary, **Dee Morning**, a speedy recovery. On November 21st she suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. She has had a 2nd hospital visit and now is recovering nicely at home. It is the hope of all Society members that she will soon be back feeling great again.

## Historian's Note

By Marge Howard-Jones

As we read the Shipley-Magee letters recently received by the Carlsbad Library, we realize how subjective history can be. Much of our earlier information came from people who lived in Carlsbad during the first part of the century, but may have not been closely acquainted with the family. Their impressions of a cold, distant household with few friendships in the community are quickly giving way to a picture of a very close family, rich with warmth and humor as expressed in their letters to each other, their relatives and their friends.

We have now learned that the Shipleys left New Zealand and were living in Calistoga when they bought the Smith cottage. Florence continued to stay there with an aunt while her parents traveled to San Francisco, Arizona and Escondido, as well as Carlsbad, mostly in search of cures for their many ailments... to say that they enjoyed poor health might not be an exaggeration.

Although there are still many, many letters to be read and indexed, we have determined that Florence graduated from Our Lady Of Peace Academy in San Diego on June 21, 1901. If she was then 18 years old, that would put her birthday in 1883, but we are still seeking official confirmation of the year. Cordial letters between the Catholic school's administration and Florence's parents seem to cancel out the image of religious concerns about her wanting to marry a Catholic...Hugh Magee. Their wedding was November 6, 1912 at Mission San Luis Rey and was the culmination of a long courtship which is charmingly reflected in letters between them. Although the couple moved up to Condor's Nest above Pala, Florence con-

tinued to write to both parents with great regularity, recording her life as a farmer's wife... a great contrast to the genteel life she had previously led. We will continue to report our gleanings from this rich resource... for now, it is exciting to read and correct our previous assumptions about the lives of these important Carlsbad pioneers.

## New Members

The Historical Society would like to welcome all our new members. We hope that you come to many of our events and that you feel comfortable in volunteering for any of our activities.

Please add these names to your membership directory.

Pat Gault  
7552 Navigator Circle  
Carlsbad, 92008  
431-8404

Chip & Terry Crowley  
1853 Palisades Dr.  
Carlsbad, 92008  
720-0661

Charlene Kennedy  
3524 Somerset Way  
Carlsbad, 92008  
434-2274

Myra Goodwin  
455 Ribbon Beach Way  
#288  
Oceanside, 92054  
754-2626

Virginia Unanue  
1413 Denise Circle  
Oceanside, 92054  
439-0197

Helen McCarthy  
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Carlsbad, 92008  
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Betty Emerson  
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Carlsbad, 92008  
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Terry Salehyar  
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Carlsbad, 92009

Pat & Ben Kouns  
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729-4303

Steve Calender  
832-Kalpati Circle, #D  
Carlsbad, 92008

Helen J. Thatcher  
3880 Margaret Way  
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729-1638

Jack & Nancy Lettow  
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720-2060

### A Change of Address

Sue Ladouceur  
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729-6555

Gilmer Boggs  
2855 Carlsbad Blvd.  
#S-322  
Carlsbad, 92008

## Volunteer Opportunities

As many of you are aware the Historical Society tries to coordinate activities, sharing of information and promotion of other Carlsbad groups involved in the preservation of Carlsbad History. With this in mind we are able to bring to your attention the opportunity to become involved in many community volunteer activities that are worthwhile and necessary for the promotion and preservation of history. Most of these activities require a one time commitment, some require a bit more time. The following are a list of opportunities available at this time.

### Carrillo Ranch School Program

**Joan and Alan Kindle** run a program that takes the Carrillo Ranch to the school children. A slide show, and hands on artifacts presentation are part of the show. These are scheduled throughout the school year and involve about an hour and half of time. Mainly adult supervision and explanation of the artifacts is all that is required. Please contact **Joan Kindle**, if you can help.

### Carlsbad City Newspaper Indexing

Indexing of the old Carlsbad Journal Newspaper is an on going project, the library has determined important for the preservation of our local history. Many of these papers are becoming fragile and the possibility of losing vital information is a very real threat. Volunteering for this entails reading the newspaper and entering on paper the information on an indexing sheet. Basic training on how to fill out the sheet will be provided. This is an activity that can be done at your home. Please contact **Susan Gutierrez** at 434-5308 for more information.

### Third Grade Art Contest

Every year local 3rd graders participate in an Art contest, to celebrate Historic Pres-

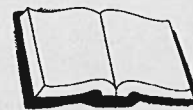
ervation Week. The school children draw pictures of local historic sites, and are awarded prizes. Under the direction of **Geoff Armour**, a group of judges determine the winners. A few hours is all that is required for judging the pictures. If art and history are your thing, please call Geoff at 434-2889.

### Walking Tour Brochure

The Historic Preservation Group is currently involved in preparing a walking tour brochure for Carlsbad, input on sites, ideas and discussion are vital to making this a successful brochure. If you can help out, please contact **Geoff Armour** at 434-2889.

### Sesquicentennial Discussion Group

A sesquicentennial discussion group will be formed through the library this year. Twenty participants are needed. Discussions led by **Professor David Drelsma** on readings provided from a new California history book. A total of 4 meetings will be held throughout the year. If California History is of an interest to you, please contact **Geoff Armour** for more information, 434-2889.



## Beckett Explores Carlsbads' Past

The latest children's history of Carlsbad is ready for purchase. This time **Beckett** finds out about Carlsbad history from the depression up to the end of World War II. Written at a 3rd grade level, with a glossary of terms, kids and parents are sure to learn something new about Carlsbad History. For example, did you know that Carlsbad hosted baseball spring training camps? Interested? Come into Magee House or the Blue Cactus book store and purchase your copy for only \$7.



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### March 1999 Newsletter

#### Donations

The donations keep arriving and are we ever happy! We received more memorabilia in the past month from **Char Kennedy** and the Twin Inns to add to our display. Thanks Char!

We also have been fortunate to receive from two separate families, bottles from the Mineral Springs. The first bottle, donated by the **Roy Pace Family**, is a large bottle with an intact label dating from the late 1920s. **Virginia Pace** came across the bottle in Gearhart, Oregon. She purchased it and forwarded it to her sister **Martha Gresham** of Encinitas. Mrs. Gresham gave us a call and the rest is history!

The second bottle, a donation from **Bill Lowe** of Folsom California, is a bottle from the Mineral Springs in Karlsbad, Karlovary. The label is partially in place and has enough information to indicate the source of origin. Mr. Lowe was given the bottle, still capped and with water inside, from his daughter **Patricia Ruth**, who found it in a barn in San Gregoria.

We have purchased a display case for the two bottles and will have the display ready in the next few weeks. Please make an effort to stop by and view the new display.

Magee House is open every Thursday and Friday from 1 pm - 5 pm and most Saturdays at the same time.

#### Congress Of History Convention.

**Amelia Irvine** served as our representative at the last Congress of History Convention held in San Diego. Some interesting facts for the membership to know: next year the Convention will be held at Camp Pendleton. The Convention is always held in early March. Interesting lectures make the sessions well worth attending.

Once again Amelia was able to promote our society. She was able to sell some of our publications as well as other articles. We would like to thank Amelia for consistently good work.

#### High School Essay Contest

Once again we are attempting to offer a scholarship to any graduating High School Senior. **Margie Monroy** has left off flyers at both Carlsbad High and the Carlsbad Academy. We are asking for a 750 word essay on any aspect of Carlsbad History—originality counts. We have three judges and the deadline will be May 1, 1999. Presentation of the award will be in June. If you know of any high school senior please tell them about this scholarship. First prize is \$250 and second at \$100. They do not need to be going on to college. For more information they can contact their high school guidance office or call Margie at 729-7242.

## School Tours

Third grade School tours of Carlsbad Historic sites will be held the first two weeks in May. As part of a State mandated curriculum Third Graders are taught local history. A coordinated effort with the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commission, Carlsbad Arts Office, Saint Michael's Church, Convis, the Barrio Museum and the Historical Society is made to provide a learning environment that benefits the local third graders.

Tours of local historic sites are provided by the appropriate organization. At each site a brief history is given to the school children. As the city continues to grow, so have the number of school Children participating in these tours. A current conservative estimate of the number of expected school children is close to 1000.

The Carlsbad Historical Society will have the pleasure of receiving these young visitors from May 3 to 7 and again May 10 to 14 from 9 am to 12 pm every day. We will have over 100 children visiting each day and desperately need volunteers to help explain our history. We are staffing Magee House only with docents.

Docents will be given training and a handout explaining the important aspects of Magee House to help prepare them. Training dates will be Thursday April 22 and Thursday April 29 at 10 am at Magee House.

The culmination of this joint community effort will be an art contest. Winners will be announced and will be presented in June to the Carlsbad City Council.

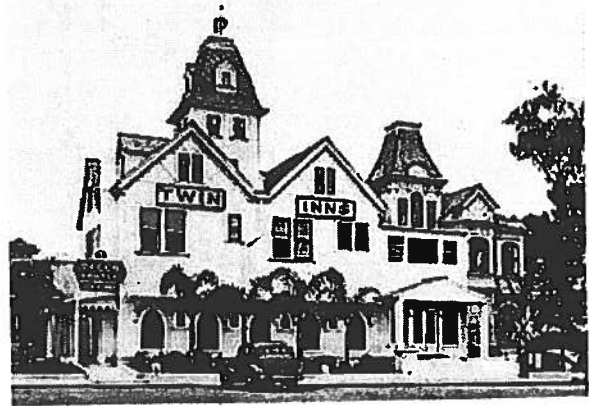
Please give us a call regarding volunteering your time during these two weeks. Contact **Marge Howard-Jones** at 729-2054 or **Ann L'Heureux** at 729-7003 to schedule time in May.

If enough docents are not scheduled by April, the phone crew will be calling members to help us. Thanks.

## Carlsbad Library's Historic Photo Collection

By Geoff Armour

A presentation about the Carlsbad City Library's On-Line Historic Photograph Collection, is scheduled for May 10, 1999 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. This presentation will coincide with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commission. All interested parties, particularly members and prospective members of the Historical Society are invited to attend to see the demonstration of this valuable resource. The data base currently contains over 2,000 images of historic Carlsbad photographs with information about each. The presentation will be conducted by **Bill Richmond**, **John Preigovisk**, **Susan Fisher** and others who have contributed to the project. Access to the Library's Media Services Internet website is at <http://www.carlsbad-media.org>

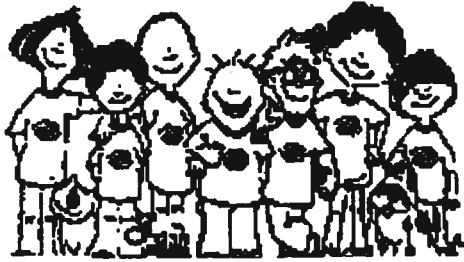


Picture from Carlsbad Library Web Page



### Book Club

The next meeting for the Historical Society Book Club is scheduled for April 8, 1999. It will meet at **Lenore Bouras's** house at 1 pm, and will discuss *Undaunted Courage*, by Stephen Ambrose. Give Lenore a call for directions if you would like to attend.



## Lecture

Our latest lecture *Sailing to America* was well attended on March 7th. Over 35 people showed up at Magee house, so we were a bit cramped for space. Dick Nelson not only was informative but witty. We hope to have him return, perhaps during the summer to hear another one of his topics, *The Oregon Trail*.

We are also looking into the possibility of moving the lecture site from Magee House to Heritage Hall in order to accommodate the large attendance. If any one has an idea of an interesting lecture topic, please contact a board member, we are always ready to listen to new ideas.

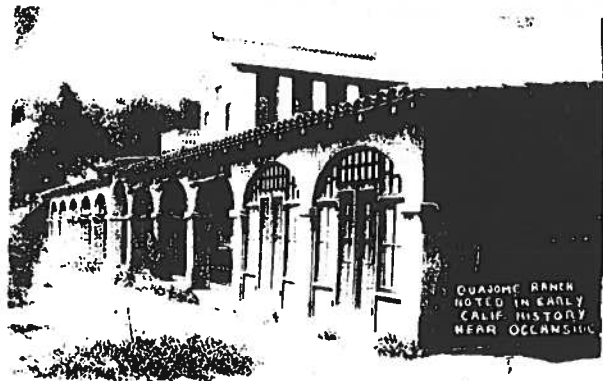


## A Survey

Recently the Board of Directors was contacted by one of our members **Barbara Casey**. Barbara is currently working on her Doctorate in Historic Preservation. Part of her work encompasses the study of a non profit organization and how it functions. Barbara has asked permission from the board to mail a survey form to Historical Society members. After reviewing the form, the Board voted that they would like to participate in this survey.

Shortly you will receive a form in the mail from Barbara. Of course, you are under no obligation to fill in the form and mail it back, but the board would like to encourage you to do so. We are assured by Barbara that we will receive the results. With these results, we as an organization, will have the information necessary to better meet the needs of our members.

## Rancho Guajome Field Trip Rescheduled



We are planning a Historical Society Field trip to Rancho Guajome on May 16th. Rancho Guajome is a pre-1850s Spanish California Rancho near Oceanside.

Margie Monroy will be sending out more information closer to the date, but save the date on your calendar so you can join us and see this unusual historic site.

Governor Pio Pico granted Rancho Guajome to Luiseno brothers, Andres and Jose Manuel in 1845. Soon after the brothers sold the 2,219.4 acre rancho to Abel Stearns for \$550. After the Historic American Building Survey recorded the house in 1936, it was listed as a California State Landmark. In 1970 it was designated as a National Historic Landmark. Since 1973, when the ranch house and 566 acres of the original grant was acquired by the county of San Diego the Department of Parks and Recreation has planned to restore the Gaujome ranch house. The Department has aggressively pursued funding opportunities and restoration .



**The Old Depot,  
1907**

*Photo from Carlsbad Library Web page*



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## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### May 1999 Newsletter

#### Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors' next meeting is scheduled for 9 am at the Magee House on July 14, 1999. As always the Board of Directors' meetings are open to the general membership. The agenda for this meeting will include discussion of the information gleaned from the recent survey by **Barbara Casey** in which 54% of the membership replied.

Areas of discussion will include outreach to new members, volunteerism, acquisitions and the role of the Society in the coming years. Those wishing to participate please plan on attending.

Other agenda items will include the upcoming annual election and brunch. Any ideas on the entertainment portion of the brunch would be most welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
DUE**

**See back page for directions!**

#### Museum Director Busy

Our Museum Director, **Diana Rizzuto**, is making great progress at Magee House. Our office and archives are finally starting to look professional. We are now up to date with a computer, that we hope to connect to e-mail in the near future. This will enable us to better communicate with other Historical Societies as well as our members and the public at large.

Our newest museum display details the importance of water in the development of Carlsbad. We are fortunate to have on loan from the Carlsbad City Library the Replica of King Karl's Crown. Additional items on display are several original well bottles donated to the Society, as reported in previous newsletters.

Diana is actively looking for a volunteer newspaper clipper. The volunteer or volunteers (if we are lucky enough to have more than one person come forth) need only clip the paper for articles dealing with Carlsbad events and mail them to Diana. She will take care of organizing and filing.

## School Tours

Once again we have completed one of the Society's major educational events. As many of you know, each year we host a tour of Magee House for the third grade students of Carlsbad. This year with the help of twenty volunteer Docents, the Society was able to accommodate over 1000 third graders.

We would like to thank each Docent as well as, **Marge Howard-Jones** who tirelessly organized this huge event. The docents who helped are **Louise Page, Joan Kindle, Ellen Rice, Nan Lettow, Alice Reysbergher, Carol Landis, Maggie Lee, Jeannette Thornton, Bob Chaney, B. J. Schnelzer, Ann L'Heureux, Gusan Gutierrez, George Mason, Rosie Stephens, Barbara Wood, Patra Straub and Dororthy Blair.**

Thank you and we hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as the children.

## Board of Directors Searching

With summer fast approaching the Board of Directors would like to see the Museum open on the weekends. We currently are open every Thursday and Friday. We are looking for a paid docent that would be willing to work Saturday or Sunday 1 to 5 pm. Training will be given and the job offers the opportunity to meet lots of people. The pay is \$6 per hour. If you know of someone who might be interested please have them call **Susan Gutierrez** at 760-434-5308.

## Vandalism at Magee House

Anyone driving past or visiting the Magee House during the last few weeks may have noticed a large piece of plywood over what was the window of the front door. From the information that Geoff Armour has gathered from the city, there was a minor act of vandalism committed sometime during the afternoon of the Spring Street Faire. A witness saw two men throwing a no parking sign through the window and called the Carlsbad Police. Fortunately, no other damage was done in any other areas of the house or to the artifacts inside. City staff placed the plywood over the empty window. We are waiting for either the replacement of the glass, if it is obtainable or for the city to replace the entire

## Del Mar Fair—1999

The Del Mar Fair organizers are planning a special exhibit this year named, "Moving to San Diego". They are arranging a display documenting the history of San Diego County; why and how people moved here. Each Historical Society in the county has been asked to participate for one particular day. The Carlsbad Historical Society Day will be Wednesday, June 30th. We will need volunteers to fill the time from 10 am until 6 pm—on this one day only. We will be given credentials to enter the fair. In order to make this a success, we need several volunteers. Please, give some thought to this and call either **Geoff Armour** at 760-434-2889 or **Susan Gutierrez** at 760-434-5308 to volunteer.



The bear fetish is the 7000-year old Official State Prehistoric Artifact from Carlsbad's Web page.

The Carlsbad Historical Society was founded in 1975 as a non-profit organization, to preserve the cultural and historical traditions of the community. Public education through lectures, displays and tours has been a primary goal of the society. The Magee House has been a major asset in meeting this goal. We hope you will invite your friends to visit this museum and to join the society.

## Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year again! Membership Renewals to the Carlsbad Historical Society are due. Please, help us keep our costs down and fill out the renewal form below in this newsletter. Return it to our Post Office Box 252, Carlsbad, CA 92018-0252. If you would like to be included in the 1999-2000 directory, please have your renewal form back to us by July 10th. If you have any questions about your renewal please call our membership chair, Lenore Bouras at 760-431-9445.

### ANNUAL DUES

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5.00                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25.00 |
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#### CONTRIBUTION:

I would like to send an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the Historical Society.

- Please contact me to help with:
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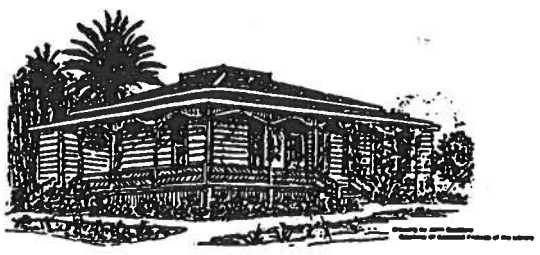
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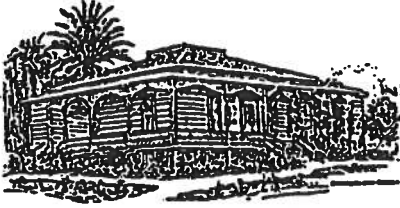


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### July 1999 Newsletter

### Up Coming Historical Events In San Diego County

June 22 - August 31, *The Fabric of Women's Lives: Women's Clothing from the 17th to the 20th Century*, a display presented by the Women's History Reclamation Project Museum. Hours are Mon. through Fri., 10 am to 4 pm at 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, Golden Hill, San Diego. Call 619-233-7963 for more information.

San Luis Rey Mission is open daily. Self guided tours and tour groups from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The mission is located at:  
4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside.

San Diego Railroad Museum offers excursions every weekend from their Campo Station. Call 619-595-3030 for more information and reservations.

Oceanside Historical Society offers summer historical walks the 3rd Saturday of the month through Sept. Meet at 9 am near the Civic Center Fountain at 300 North Coast Highway.

**Membership Renewals**

**Due!**

### Del Mar Fair Exhibit

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped at the Del Mar Fair with our exhibit. The helpers were **Susan and Daniel Gutierrez, Margie Monroy, Geoff Armour, Wendy Hein and Diana Rizzuto**. The society presented a very informative display on why we moved to Carlsbad. Our theme fit in nicely with the fairs' overall theme "Moving to San Diego." Lots of visitors stopped by the display and we were able to promote our city and also our Historical Society.

### Magee House Repairs

The deck of the Magee House is being repaired. If you have driven past lately, you most likely have noticed the construction in progress. The city, who owns the Magee house, has also informed us that they are ready to re-roof the building. We hope to have full use of the house before the summer is over. At this time the house is closed for membership events and museum tours.

### CHS Society E-mail

Carlsbad Historical Society now has an e-mail address. You can contact our Museum Director by emailing [CHRISTOC@Juno.com](mailto:CHRISTOC@Juno.com).

## Arboretum Foundation Classes

The Arboretum Foundation will hold a series of classes at the Magee House beginning Sept. 11 through Oct. 16. The lecturer will cover gardening in Southern California. Many of us could benefit from these classes. Reservations are needed and a fee will be charged. For more information, please, contact **Marge Howard-Jones** at 760-729-2054

## Help Wanted!

We are still searching for someone to work on Saturday or Sunday afternoons to keep the museum open. If you know of anyone, please have them call and leave their name and phone number at 760-434-9189. We pay \$6 an hour and we would be willing to split the job between two people. College age students are most welcome to apply.

## Dunne Estate Sale

by Susan Gutierrez, President

Several weeks ago we received a phone call from one of our members notifying us of an Estate Sale at the home of former Carlsbad Mayor, **David Dunne**. **Laurie Boone** was able to purchase some things for our archives and requested that someone else from the society should perhaps try to do the same. Lucky for the Society we have members who notify us of these occurrences.

However, many things of value were sold without our knowledge. As I was walking out the door with several photos in frames, a worker for the Estate Sale mentioned that they were hoping to buy the frames for themselves and throw out the photos. Yes, Photos!

So what we have is a collection of family photographs, awards and letters of appreciation. Many things of historical value were sold to others and lost to our collection.

Any one that was acquainted with the Dunne family should make the time to call our Director **Diana Rizzuto** at 760-434-9189 and view the photographs. This will help us to identify people and places.

And please, if you are out and about and see a sale like this, give one of the Board members a call. Thanks.

## Annual Meeting

Your ideas and suggestions on a presentation for the annual meeting are needed. Please, give **Margie Monroy** a call at 760-729-7242 with your recommendations.

## Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to index newspapers for the society. If you would be willing to index old *Carlsbad Journals* in your home and at your leisure, please, call **Susan Gutierrez** at 760-434-5308.

## Membership Renewals

Many of you have renewed your memberships in Carlsbad Historical Society for this year. Please, remember, if you haven't already, to do so now. The directory should be in the mail by September and we want to include you.



## High School Essay Contest

We had two excellent winners for our High School Essay Contest, Frank Jimeno and Kyla Langen. Please take time to read their essays on the following pages of this newsletter and learn a little bit more about Carlsbad History

# Carlsbad School District

By Frank Jimeno

Beginning in the late 1800's, schools began to play a large role in the history and development of the City of Carlsbad. Education has long been accepted by residents of Carlsbad as an important part in the development of children. Starting in 1872, with the building of the Hope School District by the Kelly, Feeler, and Lyman families, Carlsbad began to educate and develop the future leaders, teachers, and citizens of the territory known as Carlsbad.

In the late 1880's, a defunct cocoonery was converted to what would be known as the Calavera School. Here, many of the Kellys, Marrons, Bordens, and Alvarados, received their elementary school education. About fifteen to twenty students graduated from the elementary school, however, in 1919, the school was closed and students were sent to receive their education at the elementary school on Pine Avenue.

One of the most influential teachers of the late 1890's and early 1900's was Hattie Reece. As a young teacher fresh out of training in Los Angeles, she became the schoolmarm of the old schoolhouse in Carlsbad. Despite early conflicts with her young students, Reece became one of the most well-known people in the area, due to her lively attitude and tremendous ability as a teacher. Her accomplishments as a teacher brought great honor and recognition's from not only the community, but the school board.

In 1902, Carlsbad residents and school board members were ecstatic at the passing of a new school bond by Carlsbad electors. The bond brought to Carlsbad a new four room two story elementary school. The building of the new school allowed residents of Carlsbad to begin organizing the Carlsbad School District in 1921. With the space and now the resources, children were brought to the school from all around the Carlsbad area. This signified the dawning in a new era for education in the Carlsbad area

In 1924, the conditions of the two story school house were found to be an unsatisfactory environment for learning. With few dollars remaining on the school bond, the school board approved the demolition of the old school house and the building of a new seven room classroom. Later, in 1928, a three room wing was added to the school house. In honor of Hattie Reece, one of the new buildings was named after the enthusiastic teacher.

Throughout the depression, school board trustee Cal Young worked to improve and expand the Carlsbad School District. With his knowledge of the New Deal programs of the time, Young brought to the Carlsbad school more classroom and administration employees and he provided a cafeteria for the school. He was also able to use the Public Works Administration and Works Progress Administration to reinforce the school building. He also purchased the land around the Pine Avenue school to expand it to accommodate the increasing student population. His works as a school board member greatly aided the young school district.

In 1941, Walter Glines became superintendent of the Carlsbad School District. His efforts and programs to expand and integrate the school district were the start of great improvements for the district. In his first move as superintendent he integrated the Mexican children with the white children so that they would be able to receive the same education as the rest. Although controversial, the move was accepted and later lauded by parents. Between 1946 and 1955, Glines also made tremendous moves in expanding the district. By the passing of several small bonds measures, Glines

was able to create three new schools; Jefferson elementary, Magnolia elementary, and Pine elementary.

However, from 1906 until 1958, children who wanted to attain a high school education had to attend the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School. Located in Oceanside, students from Carlsbad would many times ride the train to get to school. However in 1958, Carlsbad withdrew from the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School and they created Carlsbad High School. For the first time in its history, residents of Carlsbad were able to receive their entire education in Carlsbad.

Since then, the Carlsbad School district has expanded at a great pace. Today, there are eleven schools which make up the school district, and next year a new school is set to open. With the expanding population of Carlsbad, there are several more plans in the works for more schools. However, much of the current success of the school district could have never occurred if it had not been for people like Hattie Reece, Cal Young, and Walter Glines.

## **A Carlsbad Native**

**By Kyla Marie Langen**

*Author's note: My name is Kyla Marie Langen and I am a senior at Carlsbad High School. For the Historical Society scholarship essay, I decided I would write about my mother's life while growing up in Carlsbad.*

My mom, Janice Lawson Langen is a native to Carlsbad and her family has lived in the Carlsbad/Oceanside area for five generations. Her grandmother Francis Osuna Frazee (Born 4/19/03), was a descendent to Pio Pico, she grew up in the San Luis Rey valley where her family farmed many acres in the Oceanside, Carlsbad, to Rancho Santa Fe area. Francis worked for Earl Frazee (Born 11/23/1893) in the fields and they later married in 1921. Earl later went into the flower growing business with Luther Gage. They planted freesias, gladiolus, and ranunculus for the Los Angeles Flower market, and even patented various varieties. One such variety, the white "freesia Marie", is named after my grandmother Marie, and is patented under the Tecolote label. Their partnership with flower fields lasted until my grandfather's brother, Frank Frazee, bought him out. The union of Earl Frazee and Francis Osuna produced four children; Marie, Dorothy, Earl, and Alma. All four children still live in the area, two in Oceanside, Dorothy Bressi and Alma Tyler, and two in Carlsbad, Marie Lawson and Earl Frazee Jr. These children married and produced fourteen grandchildren for Earl and Francis. Of the fourteen grandchildren eleven of the fourteen live in Carlsbad and are raising children of their own. One of these children, Marie Frazee Lawson, is my grandmother. In 1942 she married my grandfather Lyle Lawson, whom she met when he was attending Oceanside/Carlsbad Community College (now Mira Costa), and she was at Oceanside High school. For a wedding present Earl and Francis gave them a house on Highland Drive in Carlsbad, they paid \$5500. My grandmother still lives in the house, but sadly my grandfather Lyle, passed away in 1989. When my grandparents first got the house there were very few neighbors. The pictures I've seen show a rural setting, far from the city. Carlsbad was still a part of Oceanside, and wouldn't be incorporated for another ten years after my grandparents moved into the house.

It was in this house that Lyle and Marie had four children; Janice and Jennifer (the twins) 1949, Anthony 1955, and Elizabeth 1957. Beyond Highland Drive was considered country back then. My mom's first plane ride took place at the corner of El Camino Real and Chestnut where the old airport used to be. Jerry McClellan and Red Robinson took her and her sister up for her first and only private plane ride. An outing on the weekend took place out beyond Shadowridge, near Hope Elementary, where the sanitation workers used to burn the trash once a week. My mom's parents and their friends, would pile the kids in the car and go out to watch the "bonfire". It was like an outdoor theater, cars

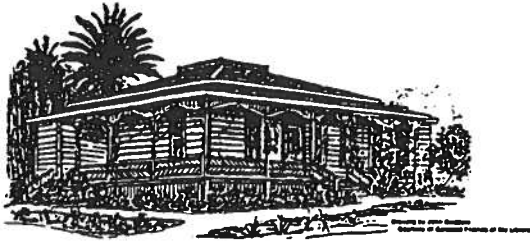
lined up to watch the show. My grandparents circle of friends included, the Chases, Robinsons, McClellans, Baldwins, Kellys, Pahls, and Ebrights. All prominent citizens of Carlsbad who molded the city to what it is today. My grandma is still best friends with all of them.

The twins (the old-timers still call them that), were quit the spectacle in those days, My grandma likes to tell the stories of taking the twins downtown to Brownies Market, Gus and Lucy's, and MacDonald Pharmacy to have them sing on the counter for the local customers. My grandma would parade them around at the Womens Club fashion shows held at the Army Navy Academy and other social events in town. The population in Carlsbad was small so that everyone knew the twins and my family. Life in Carlsbad was simpler then. But the one big event in Carlsbad that everyone attended was the annual Spring Holiday Parade. It was our only parade and everyone in town was either in it or watching it. My mom remembers riding on the float for Anderson and Robinson Plumbing in a bathtub as "Rub a Dub Dub, Two Twins in the Tub".

When they reached school age, the twins would go to Pine St. School, the same school my grandmother and great-grandmother had gone to. Pine at that time was the only school in town, and my mom remembers sleeping on the rug and eating graham crackers in Mrs. Brokenshires class. The next year the twins went to Jefferson Elementary School, down the road from Pine. They stayed at Jefferson until Magnolia Elementary was built in 1957, and there they stayed for 4th, 5th and 6th grade. During their 7th and 8th grade years they returned to Pine St. School. Carlsbad High School was built in 1957 and my mom recalls the day the students moved in from attending Oceanside High School. The grade school kids who were at Magnolia Elementary lined the street and watched the parade of high schoolers going to CHS, it was a community event. Another such memory that my mom remembered fondly was how the town would rally around a cause, Carlsbad High School, at that time, had to play all their football games at Oceanside High School. The high school needed lights, so every student, whether it be a kindergartner or 12th grader had a coffee can and went door to door to collect money for "Lights for Lancers". My mom still feels pride when she goes to games and see the plaque with our families name of it for helping to light the football field. Additional memories include going to the beach at Tamarack (before the sea wall), caravans to Oceanside when we would play them for football, float building and parade downtown, and small town friendliness. It was during my mom's high school days that she and my dad started dating.

My dad has lived in Carlsbad since he was four years old. In 1953 his mom and dad and six other siblings drove across country and landed in San Diego from Minnesota. A week after they arrived they were driving up the coast and came to Carlsbad. They found a place on Carlsbad Blvd. for sale for \$5000. and the rest is history. The family still owns the house forty-six years later. Growing up across the street from the beach was always very special for my dad. At age 50 he still enjoys surfing and we go out almost daily. I know the traffic is bad now, but my dad likes to tell the stories of the traffic jams on Carlsbad Blvd. When he was growing up it was the only coastal corridor to San Diego from Los Angeles. On a Sunday afternoon especially during the summer racing season, the family would bring out chairs and watch the cars crawl past the house. Simple pleasures!! My mom and dads family knew each other back when they were young, but only as that family with all the kids on the boulevard, and that family with the twins. When my parents started dating their senior year, who would have known that they shared such parallel lives in Carlsbad

When I first started this project I wondered if I would be able to find enough information. But as I got started talking with my mom, my mom's twin sister, and my grandma, the stories just kept coming. It was a wonderful experience reminiscing about the history of Carlsbad through the eyes of my family.



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