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CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 2000 Newsletter

From the President's Desk

By President Margie Monroy

I want to thank all of you who attended our annual meeting in October and elected me president of the Carlsbad Historical Society. This is an exciting time to be president of our organization since we will soon be given the use of the entire Magee House rather than just the front part we now use. This opens the tantalizing possibility that we will be able to create a high quality small museum in the former office area. We need ideas on how to do this and members willing to serve on a planning committee to bring this about. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call me at 760-729-7242. Together we will enter a new era in the history of our organization.

It's not too late to sign up to attend the Congress of History's two day conference on March 3-4, 2000 at Mission Trails Park. The theme is The Cultural Identity of Greater San Diego. For information and to register call **Elizabeth Montgomery**, 619-469-7283. The deadline is February 25.

December Activities

A very Victorian Christmas, once again, adorned Magee House, as its annual Christmas dress-up occurred. **Susan Gutierrez** and her crew worked hard at creating period decorations for visitors to come and enjoy. A good time was had by those involved, as usual, and the visitors were given a real treat for the eyes! If you would be interested in sharing your talents to help with this next year, keep it in mind.

Annual Meeting

A great time was had by all at the annual meeting of the general membership. The following slate of officers was elected. President - **Margie Monroy**, First Vice President - **Geoff Armour**, Second Vice President - **Susan Gutierrez**, Secretary- **June Johnson** and Treasurer - **Keith Cannon**. They look forward to a wonderful year, and are anxious to see all of you at the various functions we will be sponsoring throughout the year.

John Porzio of the AANTEEK AAVENUE MALL, **Mona Dietrich** of Angel Estate Sales and **Amy Wampler-Kuhl** of Amy Wampler-Kuhl Appraisals were present and gave brief descriptions and evaluations of the various "antique" items brought by members. The appraisers all stressed that an estate owner should always have an item appraised before giving it to charity. Often they find that what the home owner thinks is worthless is the most valuable

School Tours

We'll be beginning our third grade school tours of the Magee House in May and we need volunteers to act as docents for this annual event. This is one of the Society's major educational events. Don't worry, we'll train you! Please consider giving of your time for this worthwhile event. Last year we were able to accommodate over 1000 third graders. The children of Carlsbad always enjoy these visits and we really need a lot of volunteers. Please call us and let us know if you can help with this. You can leave your name as a volunteer on our answering machine, 760-434-9189. Thank you in advance for giving of your time and talent!

In Remembrance



Carlsbad Loses a Legend

By Diana Rizzuto

Goodbye Charles B. Ledgerwood. Carlsbad recently lost its beloved "Seed Man", Charles Ledgerwood. His legacy can be found in many gardens, as the product of his flower and vegetable seeds come to fruition. He lived and ran his seed business at 3862 Carlsbad Boulevard for over sixty years, generously giving his advice for free, along with selling his seeds. He also shared his knowledge through the many gardening books he published. Mr. Ledgerwood had his own print shop, right in his backyard, where he published books like *Gardening Grows on You* and the *Reliable Seeds* series. The information is laid out in a straightforward style, full of great tips for the best results.

While running his business, Mr. Ledgerwood engaged in public service ranging from being the secretary of the Sanitary District in 1935, to City Councilman in 1956, to Mayor of Carlsbad in 1958 and 1959. For twenty-six years, Charles Ledgerwood was a Cabinet member of the Union Church and Chairman of the Cabinet for three terms.

When Mr. Ledgerwood became interested in photography in 1955, he attended adult education classes where he mastered black-and-white and color printing and processing. The next step was motion picture making, which became his hobby and avocation.

Besides filming all the football games for Carlsbad High School coaches for a number of years, he won awards in the San Diego County Competition for Amateur Film Makers. Thanks to the generosity of Eldean Bratton, Mr. Ledgerwood's daughter, the Historical Society has obtained the award-winning *Waltz of the Flowers*, which we hope to transfer to Videotape technology from its present 16 mm format, so that we can share it with out members as well as other interested people.

We thank **George Mason** for approaching Mrs. Bratton on the Society's behalf so that the community can keep Mr. Ledgerwood's memory alive, along with the beautiful flowers.

Kay Christiansen

By Mary Holden

Kay Christiansen, and her husband, B.M. Christiansen, founded the Carlsbad Historical Society. The Society and the City of Carlsbad will miss her but will remember the great influence she has had on this community. She passed away at the age of 91 in December at the Oceanside Care Center.

Mrs. Christiansen came to this area in 1926 as a reluctant high school junior, who would rather have stayed in her home town of Columbus, Nebraska. At one time her family owned the 223 acre Hosp Grove eucalyptus forest, some of which in later years became the Plaza Camino Real shopping center. She loved to write about Carlsbad and her life here. In one essay she told about taking Camp Fire Girls on picnics to Hosp Grove and having take-out chicken from the Twin Inns restaurant which she kept hot in hollowed-out bread loaves.

Mrs. Christiansen, her husband and her father, Claud Fennel, opened the Fennel and Christiansen real estate office in down town Carlsbad. It has been said that as a real estate broker she was all business and development oriented.

In 1954, the Christiansens bought the property on Carlsbad Boulevard that had been the site of the well whose curative waters had attracted the first pioneers to Carlsbad in the late 1900s. They built replica a Bohemian castle called Alt Carlsbad, on the site.

Geoff Armour, 1st Vice President of CHS, is reported to have said, "Probably what we owe her the most for was her fund-raising activities on behalf of good causes". Once when she won a trip to Hawaii she raffled it off for money to repair the roof of the old train station. She won the Citizen of the Year recognition from the Chamber of Commerce.

While only 5 feet tall and 85 pounds she was a most energetic woman. She donated land to the historical society for a museum, but the land was later sold by the society with the funds received, going to the restoration of the barn at Magee Park and supported the Friends of the Carrillo Ranch in their efforts.

Carlsbad—Its Beginning

By Kay Christiansen

Editor's note: This is an article that I received when I first came to Carlsbad so Kay wrote it sometime before 1986. I think years before that. You will read in the last paragraph that she writes that water is "no longer available" and we know that it is available today.

In the 1880s a sea captain, John A. Frazier, rode the new train from San Diego north to a place now called Carlsbad. Enjoying the area and its nearness to the sea, he decided it to be a desirable place for a homesite. He purchased over 100 acres from the United States Government and located a place for his home about a block from the shore. Of course water was the great necessity and having the gift of divining underground water he located a place to dig a well. That proved to be an artesian mineral well, pleasant tasting and so was being used in the home. It was not long until Mr. Frazier began to have less pain from his rheumatism, and he invited others to try the curative water. A Frenchman traveling through tasted the water and suggested it be sent to Los Angeles for testing. Upon the return it was pronounced to be identical to the 9th Spa of Karlsbad, Bohemia, now Czechoslovakia. Word of the Spring spread and brought two mid-westerners, Gerhardt Schutte and Samuel Church Smith, who were looking for a place to start a town. D. D. Wadsworth joined them and they formed a company, The Carlsbad California Mineral Springs Company. Soon a beautiful 100 room hotel was built. The publicity extolled the great benefits of the healing water. Thus Carlsbad was born.

Unfortunately, the gold rush died out and with the hard times' travel was curtailed. After only eight years, the beautiful Victorian Hotel Carlsbad burned to the ground.

Wadsworth and Schutte had built identical homes in the Victorian architecture, their design was mirrored and they became known as the Twin Inns. Little happened to the small town though some agriculture was started and the mineral water was bottled and shipped to many states. Testimonial letters from Chicago, St. Louis, Camden, N.J. and Souix City Iowa claimed great curative results from its use.

In 1919, Edward Kenmer came to Carlsbad purchased the Schutte home and started his famous Twin Inns chicken restaurant and took in a few rooms, thus emphasizing the inns.

In 1929, another group of business men

land across from the old well. They built another hotel and spa which was dedicated May 30, 1930 as the California Mineral Springs Hotel. The old well, all 423 feet, was cleaned out, new pipe installed and run under Lincoln Street (now Carlsbad Blvd.) To the north wing of the new hotel. That portion was both spa and diagnostic clinic. The Hotel, a beautiful Spanish structure, hosted all of the major gatherings of clubs and Chambers of Commerce in their beautiful ball room.

The avocado had been introduced to the area by Sam Thompson. Our town was soon called the Home of the Avocado. Many enterprising investors bought land and started their groves. It looked like new growth was a sure thing. Then, the depression which started in the east with the crash, finally filtered across the nation and the use of the spa was stopped and the entire north wing was converted to hotel rooms. It was unfortunate that the foresight of the old timers was not used by the owners. The well was capped off and the old pump room was filled with dirt.

True, the Hotel was a very busy one during the second World War and the establishment of Camp Pendleton, but no use or interest in the mineral water was shown until the early 1950s when the Christiansens moved to Carlsbad to associate with Kay's father, Claud Fennel, in the real estate business. Chris, whose curiosity always led him into new ventures, was so disturbed to see the 'well corner' a weed patch, that he persuaded his father-in-law to assist him in purchasing the well site.

That began the delightful treasure hunt for the background of the town, why it is called Carlsbad, what happened to the well and on and on. Finally, he was able to secure enough history and pertinent background to have it declared a California Historical Site in April, 1955. Having first passed the California Assembly, it was later declared by the State Senate, the County of San Diego and finally by the City of Carlsbad.

Although the water is no longer available, it is still in the earth as it has been 'witched'. A replica of one of the German Hanseatic houses and a copy of Antonin Dvorak's house of Karlsbad Czech have been built on the site. A gallery under the building leads under the court yard to the location of the pump room and the old well. Sometime, it may be that the fates will find a way to again plumb the depths and restore the waters to their former importance in the history of Carlsbad.

San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles Showcase 2000

April 29 to May 29

The San Diego Historical Society is the Presenting Sponsor for this annual event. A Monterey style home located at 1802 Amalfi Street, La Jolla, will be the showcase home this year. General Admission is \$20 per person. No babies or children under 8 are allowed. No cameras are allowed, and visitors may only wear flat shoes. The hours when the house may be viewed are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm, Friday from 10 am to 8 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 4pm. For more information, please call 619-533-7355. This is the San Diego Historical Society's single largest annual fund raiser. **Susan Gutierrez** went last year, and she said, "It was great!"

Membership Notes

By **Ann L'Heureux**, Membership Chair

Thanks to the computer savvy of CHS members, **Alan Kindle** and **Hap L'Heureux**, our membership list and renewals are now computerized. A number appears next to you name on your mailing label. This is the month and year your dues will be due, unless there is no number, which means you are a life member—lucky you—and never have to pay CHS dues again. The other good thing this does is to allow people to join the Society at any time and know that they will still pay dues only once a year. So, please use the membership form in this newsletter to invite your friends to join in our dedication to preserving significant landmarks, institutions and memorabilia from Carlsbad's past.

Please add the following new members to your roster: **Shirley B. Wright**

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Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-729-1642

Dorothy Renz
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Carlsbad, CA 92009
760-931-5933

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Behind The Scenes

By **Diana Rizzuto**, Archivist

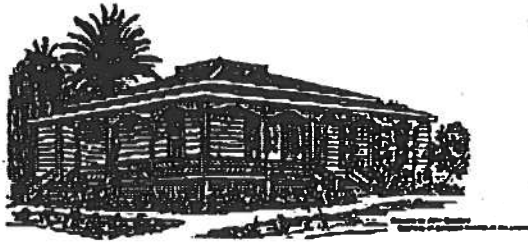
I am the archivist at the Carlsbad Historical Society where I preside over anything old relating to Carlsbad. I am surrounded by acid free boxes to protect old things from dust and mold. I also love first person stories about the past. So you can imagine the excitement caused by a call from the great granddaughter of Gerhard Schutte. Three board members went to Point Loma to look over furniture she wanted to donate to us. We had a wonderful day visiting with members of the Schutte family.

As you may recall, Mr. Schutte was a pioneer in Carlsbad who built the beautiful home for his family which eventually became modern Nieman's. In between, the home was the Twin Inns of chicken dinner fame. Gerhard Schutte's youngest daughter Grace was the great grandmother of Danice Gosewisch who donated the furniture, photos and other artifacts from the original house.

The donations include a beautiful bed with companion dresser, a settee and a chair, with a photograph of the furniture in place. Also on hand at our meeting was Aunt Phyllis who was able to fill in the genealogy of the Schutte family.

The women were gracious and generous in sharing their history with us. Watch the newsletter for a display on our new acquisitions.

Please keep the Historical Society in mind when you are clearing out old furniture, artifacts and photos—we have many historical gaps to fill. Call me at the Historical Society: 760-434-9189.



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From the President's Desk

By President Margie Monroy

Dear Members,

As fellow history buffs, I thought you might enjoy a little perspective on world history during certain important periods of our own Carlsbad story.

While Juan Maria Romouldo Marron is stepping off the boundaries of his claim to the Mission San Luis Rey lands which would become Rancho Agua Hedionda in 1843 the following events are going on:

Social reformer Dorothea Dix exposes the cruel treatment of Massachusetts mental patients. Her reporting wins little but apathy from the public, but she is able to push reforms through the legislature.

Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard writes *Either-Or*, in which he emphasizes the primacy of the individual, the inevitability of suffering, and the centrality of individual faith, a philosophical triad that will become the basis for existentialism.

Samuel Morse starts to build a telegraph line between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland, funded by Congress.

The first minstrel show, in which white performers put on blackface and make fun of blacks for white audiences, is performed in New York City.

Charles Dickens writes *A Christmas Carol*, surely shaming many real-life Scrooges into being kinder to their employees come Christmas.

John James Audubon travels up the Missouri River to sketch wild animals and birds.

Watch this column for more next month.

Margie

Guest Speaker-Ken Clinch

By Susan Gutierrez, 2nd Vice President

The society will sponsor Ken Clinch, owner of Gaslamp Books and Museum, on Sunday, April 30th at 2 pm in the Magee House. He will speak on the subject *Wyatt Earp, His Lost Years in San Diego*. Mr. Clinch has a slide show and will answer questions. His book of the same title will also be available for sale.

When I attended the Congress of History Conference he was on the program and I found him very interesting and informative.



Membership Notes

By Ann L'Heureux, Membership Chair

Ask yourself why you joined a particular organization. Ask yourself why you did not join a particular group. Is it because no one asked you to belong?

In this and every Carlsbad Historical Society Newsletter there is a membership form. Use it to ask your friends if they would like to join yourself and other like-minded folks in our effort to preserve significant landmarks, institutions and memorabilia from Carlsbad's past and to join the Society in learning more about matters of historical interest throughout the area.

Dues will be due on the one year anniversary of membership acceptance therefore we can have a person join during any month and they will receive a full year's membership.

About Town Sites Worth Seeing

The Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 92008, is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for seniors, students, or active military. Children ages 3 and under are free. (web site—www.museumofmakingmusic.org) The museum is located at the corporate headquarters of NAMM--the international Music Makers Products Association, a private non-profit association.

NAMM will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2001, making it one of the oldest trade organizations in America. Susan Gutierrez reports that it is really a "fantastic place to visit. I loved it!" Ginny Unanue has also visited, and talks about it with equal enthusiasm. What a great place to visit on your next "day off"?

The GIA--Gemological Institute of America is located at 5345 Armada Drive in Carlsbad, and is another wonderful place to visit. It offers tours by appointment every Thursday, and you can call to get on their docent-led tour. Their phone number is 760-603-4000.

Both of these are very near Legoland, and the Flower Fields as well. Why not make a day of it?

Thoughts Worth Repeating

Succeeding alone
means we have survived...
Succeeding
with others means we
have lived

Author unknown

Help Wanted

Magee House is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Friday docent has resigned, and we need a new docent. Please let us know if you are able and willing to act in this capacity, either on a full-time, or shared-time basis. Call 760-434-9189.

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For more information about any Society event or issue please call the appropriate board member listed above.

Answer to "Who Is This?" is Leo Carrillo



Schutte Acquisitions

The Carlsbad Historical Society is very fortunate to have acquired several pieces of antique furniture from the great-granddaughter of Gerhard Schutte, along with some family photos, and Grace Schutte's wedding dress. These will be stored until we have prepared the proper setting for display at Magee House.

This is a marvelous gift; one which we will all be able to view and appreciate in time. Keep your Historical Society in mind as you clean out attic and garage, or have friends or family who do so, for artifacts relating to Carlsbad's history. You can contact the Society about these at 760-434-9189.

School Tours

The Third grade school tours of Carlsbad Historic sites will be held this year during the month of May. As part of a state mandated curriculum, Third Graders are taught local history. A coordinated effort with the Barrio Museum, Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, Santa Fe Railroad Depot and the Historical Society will be made to provide a learning environment that benefits these local third graders.

Tours of these local historic sites will be provided by the organization. At each site a brief history is given to the school children. A current conservative estimate of 600 school children will participate in this year's tours.

We need volunteers to act as docents for this major education annual event of the Society. The Carlsbad Historical Society will have 3 classes per day of 20 in each class. Docents will be given training and a handout explaining the important aspects of Magee House to help prepare them. Please consider giving of your time for this worthwhile event. The children always enjoy these visits and we really need a lot of volunteers.

Please phone Marge Howard-Jones at 760-729-2054 or the Society's answering machine at 760-434-9189 and leave your name and phone number.

Who Is This?

He was a highly successful actor, preservationist and conservationist who was born in Los Angeles in 1880 and died in 1961. But his roots were in San Diego's Old Town where his grandparents, Josefa (Bandini) and Pedro were married and had their home.

At the peak of his film career he felt an intense yearning to find a retreat where he could re-create an Old California-style working rancho. In 1937 he bought 840 acres of Rancho de Los Kiotes in what is now southeast Carlsbad which was once owned by the Kelly family.

He constructed 18 structures necessary for his ranching operations. The city of Carlsbad now owns 10.5 acres of this site and is in the process of converting it to a park.

(Answer somewhere in this newsletter)

Rail and Sea Cruises

By Amelia Irvine of Travel Tours

The Carlsbad Historical has, for the past six years, been sponsoring rail and sea cruises to New Orleans, Yucatan, and the Western Caribbean. Participants have enjoyed traveling with other historical societies and museum groups on these packaged tours. Because of the popularity of these, Amtrak has provided a special Club Car exclusively for use by this group. Recently, nine travelers left Oceanside and traveled by Amtrak to New Orleans for a pre-Mardi Gras parade prior to the cruise.

The next scheduled Rail/Cruise Tour sponsored by the Society will be departing May 2 via Amtrak from Oceanside to Los Angeles, and then will board the Superliner SUNSET LIMITED to New Orleans. After a few days of dining and sight-seeing there, our travelers will spend a week cruising on board the ENCHANTED ISLE Cruise Line. Stops will be made at Playa del Carmen (with optional excursions to the Mayan archaeological site of Tulum), the Resort island of Cozumel, and at Roatan, Honduras, and Belize.

Upon return to New Orleans, they will spend an evening and a day in Lafayette for Cajun dining and entertainment.

Invite your friends to participate, and you will be benefitting our Historical Society. For more particulars, contact Lifelong Learning at 1-800-854-4080.

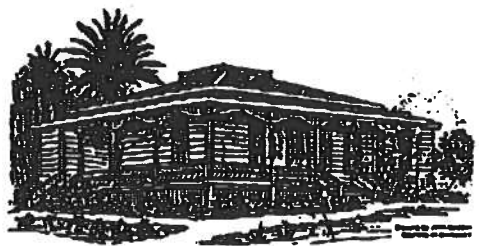
Did You Know?

The original inhabitants of the Carlsbad area were the Luiseño people, who are the Shoshonean linguistic group. One of their *rancherias* (villages) was *Palamai*, which was located near present downtown Carlsbad. Today the Luiseño live on one of several Indian Reservations inland near Palomar Mountain.

Much of greater Carlsbad was part of Rancho Agua Hedionda. This 13,311 acre ranch was granted to Don Juan María Marrón in 1842. Some of the original ranchhouses are now incorporated in modern buildings.

The first Santa Fe Train Depot was built in 1887.

(Information from Carlsbad's web page)



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**From
The
President**
Marge Monroy

Dear Members,

Do you remember when?

It is 1952 and Carlsbad finally votes for incorporation. In other parts of the nation the populace is concerned with other matters:

Ernest Hemingway, a heavyweight in American literature, publishes *The Old Man and the Sea*. Rocky Marciano beats "Jersey" Joe Walcott to win the world heavyweight boxing championship.

Dick Clark hosts the first American Bandstand, while Cleveland disc jockey Alan Freed organizes what will be recognized as the first rock 'n' roll concert.

Gary Cooper receives a Best Actor Oscar for his performance in *High Noon*. Cecil B. De Mille's *The Greatest Show On Earth* wins Best Picture.

The first birth control pill is introduced, although it will not be available to the public for another eight years.

Nearly three decades before the famous scare at Three Mile Island, the world's first nuclear power plant accident occurs at Chalk River, in Canada.

Margie and Mario Monroy marry in Los Angeles and begin a journey that will end in Carlsbad twenty-six years later. **Historic events all!**

Margie

Mission Statement

The Carlsbad Historical Society was founded in 1975. The purpose of the Society is to:

- increase and expand the city of Carlsbad's knowledge of history, art, architecture and design.
- Help restore, assure and preserve the survival of cultural and historical traditions of the community.

About Town Sites Worth Seeing

The annual Ramona Pageant will take place in Hemet on three weekends, April 29 and 30, May 6 and 7, and May 13 and 14 at 3:30 PM. This dramatization of Helen Hunt Jackson's book, Ramona, has been presented by the people of Hemet and Riverside County every year since 1923. It is America's oldest continuing outdoor drama and the Official California State Outdoor Play. Ticket information is available by phone at 909-658-3111 or 800-645-4465.

Membership Notes

By Ann L'Heureux

For your Membership Roster there are these two additions:

Danice Gosewisch
4405 Niagra Avenue
San Diego, CA 92107

Phyllis Shields
5325 East Fallview Drive
San Diego, CA 92115

These new members are joining us as our thank you for their donation of Schutte family photographs, furniture and other memorabilia.

A sad deletion from your Membership Roster is Etta Hetherington. Those of you who helped with the annual Victorian Christmas decorations will remember Etta as the enthusiastic photographer and very talented paper folder who made the red and green tissue swags. She will be missed.

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Out Of The Past

By Sue Gutierrez

One of our City's greatest resources for accurate, reliable recorded history is the now defunct Carlsbad Journal. From late 1920s until its' demise in the 1980s, the paper recorded all the minutia of small town life. Front page news during the 20s included reports from the Chamber of Commerce, Church and school events, news about agricultural developments, reports of children's parties and births, and even pet advice. Every tidbit of information was shared with a detailed accounting of the event, who attended, what was served as refreshments, who sang or performed and when they were meeting again. At first glance this wealth of detail appears quaint and very provincial. However, historians find this kind of information invaluable in constructing an accurate picture of the past. Each month this column will feature some brief article from past Carlsbad Journals. Enjoy!



Moving Day

From the Archives of the Carlsbad Journal

Monday was moving day in town when H. Harrington picked up a house and a garage without a bit of fuss and rolled them away to another location. The buildings in question were the cottage and garage on First Street next to the hotel, on the property recently purchased from Mr. O'Neill by R.E. Nicholas, a hardware merchant of Chicago. They were bought by Mr. Nicholas' brother, Fred, who had them moved to the Grand Ave. frontage of his property, which extends from Elm Street, which his home faces, back to Grand ave. Mr. Nicholas plans to add a room or so to the house later.

BEHIND THE SCENES

By Diana Rizzuto, Archives & Displays

Have you ever been frustrated by a photo with no identification? I run into that situation at the Museum almost every day. We have many photos of individuals, groups and activities which puzzle and intrigue as we try to guess at what is going on and who the people are. Without documentation, these pictures lose some of their historical significance. It is so easy to document them, and make the photos even more important to future generations.

Many individuals feel they are just ordinary folks, so who would care? History is the accumulation of all of us. Photos show clothing styles, cultural celebrations, means of transportation, decorating techniques, gardening tools-in short, the way we live at a given time. Just a few moments with a pen can turn a favorite snapshot into an historical record. On the back of the photo, identify the people, the activity, the location and the DATE.

This technique works with documents and artifacts as well. Wills, deeds, birth, death and marriage certificates all have value as we compare the language, writing styles, the advent of the typewriter and the computer. Since we are a local history Museum, the information should relate to Carlsbad's history.

A great example of preserved history is the Magee letters. These are handwritten exchanges between Florence and her Mother, sharing the small and large events of their lives which we transmit by E-mail and telephone. They kept the letters for personal reasons but they were historical documents nevertheless. When Mrs. Magee donated her home and land to Carlsbad for recreational purposes, the letters became more significant to the city.

Reminder: Please remember the Carlsbad Historical Society as you clean out attic & garage.

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From The President

Marge Monroy

It is 1886 and Gerhard Schutte, Samuel Church Smith, Henry Nelson and D.D. Wadsworth join forces to form the Carlsbad Land and Mineral Water Company, thus setting off Carlsbad's first building boom. Meanwhile elsewhere:

* Chicago police officers shoot four strikers at a May 1st rally for the eight-hour day. The Knights of Labor holds a rally in Haymarket Square to protest the shootings; a bomb goes off, killing a policeman, and the police open fire on the crowd, killing many workers.

* Samuel Gompers, a cigar maker, founds the American Federation of Labor.

* The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor.

* The first Coca-Cola is sold in Atlanta, advertised as a hangover remedy containing coca leaves and African kola nut extract.

* The last large-scale Indian war in the U.S.A ends when American troops capture Apache chief Geronimo after four years of warfare on the Mexican border.

* Catering to farmers far from large stores, Richard Sears establishes a successful mail-order house in Minneapolis, first selling watches. He hires A.C. Roebuck as a watch repairman the next year in Chicago.

Margie

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Sundays at Magee House **WYATT EARP**

Did you know that the legendary Wyatt Earp lived in San Diego for a few years? The first in our series of "Sundays at Magee House" was held on April 30 and was a huge success. Approximately 30 people attended the lecture on Wyatt Earp by Ken Cilch, Gaslamp Quarter bookstore owner, and author of a book on Wyatt Earp. His book is full of new information, and he shared wonderful slides of historical pictures of the years that Wyatt lived in San Diego.

The next in our series will be on July 16, at 2:00 pm, when Eldeen Ledgerwood Bratton will talk of her family, especially her father, Charles Ledgerwood. She will show the video, "Waltz of the Flowers", an incredible piece that her father made. We advise you to put this on your calendar NOW and come early, because this is bound to be a popular presentation.

Membership Notes

For your Membership Roster there are these three additions:

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Helen J. Thatcher
3880 Margaret Way
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Alice Reysbergen
4803 Flying Cloud Road
Carlsbad 92008

New Furniture Display

The donation of furniture by the Shutte Family is now on display at Magee house. Plan on visiting to view it—it's beautiful!

How to Help Disabled Planes

May 13, 1926

From *The Carlsbad Champion*
(later known as *The Carlsbad Journal*)

After the forced landing of the hydro-plane in the ocean at the foot of Elm Street several weeks ago, Mrs. Charles Biehl wrote to the Commander of the Naval Base at San Diego, asking what would be the most practical thing for civilians to do in case of another such emergency. She received the following interesting answer, which we are publishing for the general information it contains:

Mrs. Blossom Biehl
Carlsbad , California
My Dear Madam,

It is very gratifying to learn of the interest in our naval aviators taken by you and others of Carlsbad. Your letter of April 20 was delivered to the Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District, Admiral Robinson, who forwarded it to me to answer.

Your telephone message was of great assistance. Such action on the part of civilian observers might at some time result in the saving of lives. Most planes flying up and down the coast carry radio. In case the pilot has any warning of a forced landing, he will radio a message to his commanding officer, prior to making the landing. In such case assistance is always sent without delay.

The firing of rockets by a plane on the water is the customary signal of distress regardless of their color.

In case of noting a plane on the water at sea, the lighting of a bonfire would be of moral help to the aviators and if the plane appears to be sinking or about to enter the surf, the dispatch of a small boat, if available, would be of great value. It is not routine for planes to make

a landing in the open ocean. Accordingly, whenever you see a plane land in the ocean off Carlsbad, it will be reasonable for you to assume that the landing has been the result of breakage in the engine of the plane. Under the circumstances, we shall be very glad to receive word from you without delay. In the case of such happening, you may call on the telephone the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Coronado 629, and you may reverse the telephone charge.

Very truly yours,
S.H. R. Doyle, Captain

Behind the Scenes

By Diana Rizzuto

I would like to follow up on my identification theme mentioned in the last newsletter. You will recall I explained how the lack of identification caused much historical information to be lost. The value of the artifact is diminished as well as the significance. If we cannot state with certainty the date, the where or the who of an artifact, stories or legends sometimes fill the missing information. It might make a good tale but it may not be historically accurate.

A perfect example is the following wooden plaque found in our archives. I am sure the story behind this artifact would bring the wood to life. The plaque is 4 1/2" w x 8 1/2" l.

The legend:

BATTLE HONORS
SECOND DIVISION
U. S. MARINE CORPS
WORLD WAR II
GUADALCANAL
TARAWA
SAIPAN
TINIAN

Presidential Unit Citation

There is also an insignia of a red badge with a hand bearing the number 2. If anyone knows anything about this item, please call me at the

Museum 760-434-9189 so that we can document the facts.

From time to time I will showcase other items which need to be identified. I hope collective knowledge of the membership and others can fill in the gaps.

Can You Help?

The Historical Society Board recently received a letter from a young Carlsbad resident who was accepted in special project at Stanford University. He was asking us for financial assistance. We have no policy or more importantly, the funds for such a request. Perhaps members of our community might come forward with a scholarship fund to aid such talented individuals. It could be a memorial in a beloved's name—a way to perpetuate the memory in a practical way.



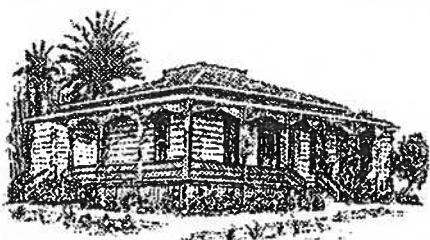
Carlsbad Cleric Dies

Father William Aaron Driver, father of our membership chair, Ann L'Heureaux, passed away on Saturday, May 13th.

He was a longtime Carlsbad resident and had been the parish priest of St. Michael's Episcopal Church for 33 years. He also served on the city's Personnel Commission, as well as being a trustee of the Carlsbad Library. He was a man of letters, very well-read and a great lover of poetry. Another passion was his garden, particularly his beautiful roses, which he cared for with great love and devotion.

Although technically retired, he had been serving as guest priest at several local parishes and was recently made an honorary canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego.

His many friends in Carlsbad will miss him greatly.



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From the President

Things are happening in Magee Park. The city has turned the use of the entire Magee House over to the Carlsbad Historical Society and is in discussions with the Society about cleaning up and improving the barn for use as an additional display area. We have so many interesting things in storage that we have never been able to share with the community.

It should be pointed out that the buildings will still belong to the city and be maintained by them, a sterling example of cooperation between a civic organization and city government.

The Historical Society is now at a turning point. We must determine in what direction the Society should be going. How should we use the funds and facilities now available to us. Does our mission need to be redefined. Carlsbad is a much different city than it was in 1976 when the Society was founded. We will soon be forming a committee to discuss these issues. All members will be invited to provide input but if you are interested in joining the committee, please call Margie Monroy at 729-7242 to volunteer. It will be exciting.

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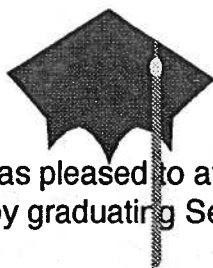
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Thank You

Many thanks to Mary Holden who has done the layout for *Timelines* for several years. With this month's edition, Ginny Unanue will become the editor and Margie Monroy will do the layout. If you want to contribute to *Timelines*, please call Ginny at 439-0197.

Letters to the Editor are welcome.

Margie



On May 29, the Historical Society was pleased to award prizes at the Carlsbad High School Award night for two essays written by graduating Seniors. Following is the First Prize essay.

Protestant and Catholic Influences in Early Barrio Carlos **by Briana Winter**

Squeezed between Carlsbad Village Drive and Tamarack Avenue, and between Interstate 5 and the railroad tracks, lies a rich, but largely unglorified piece of Carlsbad's history. While the Kentner family busied themselves with the establishment of the famous Twin Inns, and avocado orchards boosted the local economy, waves of Mexican immigrants moved north into San Diego County.

Fleeing the brutal Mexican revolution and the likes of Pancho Villa, the refugees were offered an unfettered journey into California, without visa or documentation requirements. As they settled in the Carlsbad area they brought with them their cultural traditions, assimilating into the American lifestyle, but never forgetting their heritage. A key element of this heritage was the immigrants' commitment to religion. During this time, as has continued until present day, most Mexican-Americans retained strong ties to the Roman Catholic Church. However, a small community of Protestants flourished alongside the Catholics with the help of committed missionaries.

The roots of Barrio Carlos's religious life lie at Mission San Luis Rey, from which Franciscan friars came and celebrated Mass in Latin. As Bill Dominguez recalled, "I think almost everyone I knew was Catholic. . . Church held a very dominant role in the development of children. We all went through the rituals of first communion and confirmation." The sense of community that the shared faith created was strengthened in 1926 with the introduction of St. Patrick's Catholic Church on the corner of Harding and Tamarack. As most immigrants such as Don Alberto Acuña, an early resident of the barrio, were taught that Protestants were "evil and wicked people," Catholicism remained the only viable choice for most of the barrio's population. That is, until James and Marjorie Spencer, Wesleyan Methodist missionaries, arrived in 1923 and established Mission Santiago, the first Spanish-speaking church in Carlsbad.

After the Spencers left for Peru, Reverend John Henley filled their vacancy in 1927, as "a converted front room in his house with benches installed became our [the Acuña family's] church." Henley constantly practiced the doctrines of Christianity, working alongside his congregation in the fields, as well as taking care of Barrio Carlos's children. Indeed, he helped to raise the seven Mata children, whose mother died and left them orphans. He continued his service in the barrio community for a full thirty years.

Henley's congregation lived a religious life in stark contrast to the Catholics. Mike Acuña, son of Don Alberto, commented, "For the Catholic, confession and communion with no meat on Friday sufficed." However, he and other Protestant residents of the barrio "were to do without circuses, movies, fireworks, dancing, and anything of pleasure, no thanks to Calvin." Yet, Protestant children found ways, as Tony Mata recalled in the film *Barrio Voices*, to sneak into strictly forbidden places such as the theater or the pool hall.

Although this division in faith presented itself among the Mexican-Americans of the barrio, the residents lived a rather harmonious life. The biggest conflict recorded was the "snickering and taunting of 'Catholic brats'" as Mike Acuña and his family attended church on Sunday mornings. Apart from such minor confrontations, the people of the barrio lived together in peace, celebrating their common ancestry and working side-by-side toward the realization of the American dream.

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Sundays at Magee House

July 16 2 PM

Don't Miss this Special Program



Eldeen Ledgerwood Bratton, daughter of Charles Ledgerwood, "The Seed Man", speaking on her family's history in Carlsbad at Heritage Hall in Magee Park, Corner of Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Ave.



A continuous showing of Mr. Ledgerwood's film, "The Waltz of the Flowers", produced by him with time-lapse photography of flowers in bloom and appropriate musical background at Magee House.



Root Beer Floats on the porch at Magee House.

Call 729-7242 for reservations and information



Good News

The Barrio Fiesta is Coming Sunday, September 17 Volunteer Opportunities

Historical Society members will staff the Barrio Museum at the corner of Walnut and Roosevelt throughout the day. Please call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or the Magee House at 434-9189 to say that you will help. This will be a great opportunity to visit with neighbors, eat great Mexican food and listen to Latino music. Mark my words, there will be dancing in the streets and free "Know Carlsbad" T-shirts for all volunteers!

Membership News by Ann L H'eureux

July is the month that dues are due for most Carlsbad Historical Society members. Please take a look at your mailing label to determine when you need to renew your membership. You may use the membership form on the back of this newsletter to indicate your level of membership and perhaps check some area of interest for which you can volunteer. Membership in the Society can be more than just paying dues. As the President's letter says, these are exciting days for the Society and there are many ways in which you can help create a new and improved Carlsbad Historical Society.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the editor for the nice tribute to my father, The Rev. Canon W. A. Driver, in last month's newsletter.



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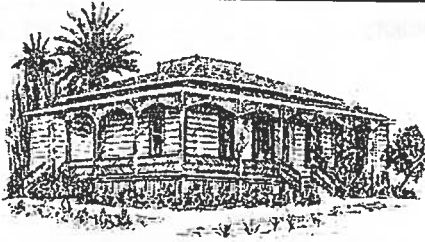
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Help Still Wanted

Barrio Fiesta, September 17. Docents for the Barrio Museum. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

Magee House-Docents. If you enjoyed the school tours come and share Magee House with our community.

Call Margie at 729-7242



From the President, Margie Monroy

As I told you last month, big changes are in the offing for the Historical Society now that the city has given us the use of the entire Magee House. In addition, the big barn cleanup has taken place. Amongst all of the discarded stacking chairs, street signs going all the way back to the seventies, and miscellaneous lumber, they uncovered a buggy, perhaps owned by the Shipleys, an antique anvil, a fainting couch, and some lampposts that once stood in the park.

Susan Gutierrez has created a plan of action for expanding our operations in the Magee House and Barn. A finalized version of this will be in the newsletter in an upcoming issue. There are some exciting ideas for this.

The board approved the steps set up for writing long-range goals, a strategic plan for the Carlsbad Historical Society to use as its plan of action over the next several years. The committee met at Ginny Unanue's house on August 3 to write up the questionnaire that will be circulated to members and other community groups to aid in writing the plan. Watch for the questionnaire in September.



On May 29 at the Carlsbad High School awards night ceremony, the Carlsbad Historical Society was pleased to award two prizes to graduating seniors. Excerpts from the the second prize essay follow:

The Unique Experience of Carlsbad by Keri Sandy

...In the early nineteen hundreds an actual community started to develop. Flowers, fruits and vegetables were the main items cultivated in Carlsbad and were the economic basis of the community. Small houses and large houses cropped up here and there in 1928, a beautiful colonial home was built at 30801 Highland Drive.

The home was a summer home built by the owner of the Chicago Opera Company. It was the only home on the block and sat on five acres of avocado groves. Also on the property was a cottage built for a year round caretaker. The main house was a spacious three bedroom, three bathroom home. The ceiling was built with long redwood beams for acoustic purposes. Many private summer concerts were held inside. Some years later the Chicago Opera Company suffered financial losses and he had to give up the home. No stable owner was established until 1945, when the Howard Butlers purchased it. He divided and sold parts of the lot leaving himself with a small but beautiful one-acre lot. Then in 1957, the Schindlers bought the home. They raised their children, Andy and Carrie, there and also added a swimming pool onto the property. The swimming pool became a favorite hangout for local kids. Then in 1990, my personal experience with this historical house came about. My family bought it.

For me the experience was like no other. The vast and lush landscape and the spacious house were now my home to enjoy. To this day I am still fascinated with every detail of its history. I love everything about it. Some of my favorite memories are of the unique treasures that make the house so intriguing, such

as the murals painted in every bathroom, the old wood burning stove and the small safe we found underneath the sink. The large panel of windows, the long winding porch and the strong columns are what make the house have charm. It is really hard to miss, kind of like a bright shining star, my bright and shining star. I love my house, and with every creak of the floor and every reflection of glass, a small piece of history is recreated. I was even told that Babe Ruth stayed here some years ago. But what makes my house so beautiful and charming is really the location. Carlsbad is the most perfect town to live in. The beach is five minutes away, and the mountains are twenty minutes away. It is the best of both worlds. Carlsbad captures small town atmosphere and community, with big town opportunities. I can stroll downtown, or visit any one of the historical sites. I can lounge at the beach, or dine in a first class restaurant. Where else can you do all those in perfect weather conditions year round? It is a place where you know everyone, and you can really experience your community. This really means a lot to me knowing I am graduating in three weeks.

Thank you, Carlsbad, for providing the beautiful beachfront community that I have grown up in for eighteen years and hopefully will have many more to come.

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Sandy, Joe, Long Time Carlsbad Resident

Florence Magee

Early Memories Of Carlsbad

Recalled By Mrs. Hugh Magee
(From a Carlsbad Journal article by Mary Allen)

Susan Gutierrez recently ran across an article interviewing Mrs. Magee about her early memories of Carlsbad in the *Carlsbad Journal*. It is summarized below:

Mrs. Magee moved to Carlsbad as a child, due to a couple of bouts with pneumonia her father had endured, and he was advised to move to the climate of Southern California. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley moved here with their daughter, Florence. The Shipleys bought vast parcels of land in Carlsbad, including one on which the old Royal Palms Inn stood, which is now the Carlsbad Inn, with Fidel's restaurant and other shops on the same piece of land.

She recalled that her father also owned most of the property north of the Carlsbad hotel, where they had once stayed while looking in Southern California for a home. The hotel burned down shortly thereafter. She inherited most of this property that had been owned by her parents. She mentions camping on the beach at Carlsbad as a favorite activity of their out-of-town visitors, after they settled here.

Mrs. Magee was enrolled at age 3 in the Carlsbad school with Miss Hattie Reece for a short time, and then was sent to The Academy of Our Lady of Peace in San Diego. She married Hugh Magee in 1912, and they lived on the Las Flores ranch of Santa Margarita Ranch, (the present Camp Pendleton) but frequently visited her mother in Carlsbad. Mr. Magee passed away in 1941, so Mrs. Magee moved back to town with her mother who was ailing, to care for her.

She cared for her mother until her mother died, and then continued to live in the house on the corner of Beech Street and Carlsbad Boulevard until her own death in the early seventies.

Fifty Years Ago In Carlsbad

I Remember...By Ginny Unanue

Since we are using Mrs. Magee as a theme for this newsletter, I've decided to write the first of my series on memories of Carlsbad fifty years ago about Mrs. Magee.

She was a leading member of St. Michael's Church By-the-Sea, and in fact donated some land to the church when it expanded.

I remember Mrs. Magee as one of the older members of our church. She would walk from her house to church on Sunday morning, followed solemnly by her cat, who would wait for her to accompany her when she walked back home. Occasionally, it would join us in church for brief visits.

Mrs. Magee always wore clothing that was soft and flowing, usually in muted colors, elegant and ladylike. I most particularly remember her as always wearing large, wide-brimmed hats, bedecked with netting and/or magnificent floral arrays.

I remember her as a wonderful lady; quiet, stately, always elegantly and expensively dressed, poised, slightly imperious, but always with a gleam in her eye, and always anxious to talk about her pets.



Tour Magee House

Magee House is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 PM. This lovely old house reflects the lovely lady described in Ginny's memoir. Some of her beautiful clothes are in the house and mementoes of her dog Juno, including his tombstone. If you have out-of-town visitors and want a special tour of the house, please call 760-434-9189.



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Membership Notes

by Ann L'Heureux

July has been a very happy month for the Carlsbad Historical Society! The renewal system for membership works! Many, many of those whose dues were due in July have renewed, and I am certain that the rest of you will look at your mailing label right now, and realize that it is time to write that check.

OR, you will see an * on your label and know that you are a Life Member. Ginny Unanue has joined that group, and will never have to pay CHS dues again; or, like Mary Evans Johnson, she will send a donation anyway, because she is so happy with the Society.

Also to be mentioned in this list of happy-making events is the Sustaining Member status of Margaret Brownley and of Barbara Hallman.

Thank you, one and all for your contribution to our Carlsbad Historical Society. History happens all the time, and it is a good thing to be able to help remember, protect, and preserve that which is worth keeping.



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Wanted: Dining Room Furniture Circa 1890 To 1930.

The Carlsbad Historical Society plans to convert the display area in the front of Magee House into a dining room. As you may know, we will have additional space in the rear of the house for display and office space. If anyone has period furniture relating to Carlsbad that they wish to donate to the the Historical Society, please call at: 434-9189. Your donation is tax deductible and will be much appreciated.



**From
the President,
Margie Monroy**

Dear Members,

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a questionnaire asking your opinions about the direction you would like to see the Historical Society take in the future. As I mentioned in a previous letter, due to changes in our arrangement with the city, we will be able to use more of the house for display space. The barn has been cleaned out and will also be open to the public in the future. Finally, the financial position of the society has changed due to the sale of some donated property.

Because the Society is now at a crossroads due to these changes, the board decided to engage in a process of strategic planning under the direction of Ginny Unanue. Step one is the enclosed survey of the members. Please fill it out and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Our next step will be to survey interested community members. By carrying out this planning process, we hope to increase community awareness of the Historical Society. Please participate in the process by returning the enclosed questionnaire by September 30th. Carlsbad's history is your history, and the Historical Society is your organization.

Margie



The Mystery Of The Trunk

Several months ago, a member donated a trunk belonging to Florence Magee and her Mother, Julia, to the Carlsbad Historical Society. What an interesting time I had, going through the trunk, accessioning the artifacts. "Accessioning" is the term for keeping inventory of historical artifacts and documents. How I wished I could ask someone the stories behind the treasures. The items were commonplace and yet mysterious.

The trunk contained a bag from a laundry in Brooklyn, NY-it looks like a 20th century item, although without any documentation, I can only guess. Was it stolen? Was it an oversight, packed by mistake? Its existence forces one to speculate. Another tease concerns a bra and matching panty in green silk-perhaps from the 30s. Could it be part of Florence's trousseau? Was it a gift from her Mother? What was so special about the ensemble that it was saved in the trunk?

Apparently, Florence and her Mother made lace for there were many examples of finished pieces along with started and abandoned pieces. The soft ivory of the thread lends itself to the delicate designs they chose. I felt an instant bond with the women because I will probably leave many half finished items behind. How long did it take them to make an item? Did they give the lace as gifts?

The lace adorned the dresses they made. The trunk contained fabric, some of which is Victorian in origin. A local vintage clothing expert helped me identify the fabric:an Indigo

Behind The Scenes

.....Diana Rizzuto, Archivist

dyed material popular in the late 19th century; a purple silk length in a chevron design in a 27 inch width; dimity, a soft white cotton used for underwear or children's dresses; "suiting material" used for skirts and pleated white shirtwaists, worn in the 1890s. A length of peach colored fabric in a synthetic rayon material brings the trunk into the 20th century. An umbrella holder with cross stitch embroidery dates from the 1930s or 40s. Florence and her Mother exchanged letters discussing the purchasing of threads from catalogues since getting around presented such a problem. It took hours to travel from Escondido or even from Oceanside to Beech Street in Carlsbad. In any event, we have the evidence that the women did engage in sewing and handicrafts, such as a black and white beaded belt-unfinished-and very small. What is the story of the belt? It almost looks Indian in design. And what is the story of the hair!

Yes, hair. There are two long hairpieces in a medium brown-I believe they are human, worn by Florence? her mother? to a party? to fill out a hat? These are some of the questions which occupy the thoughts of archivists and historians. But above all, they must resist the temptation to "make up" a story to solve the mysteries of the trunk. The truth may be uncovered in time-that makes history live. The hanging question is more valid than a falsehood.



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(A non-profit corporation-
 Contributions are tax deductible)

**Thank You For Helping To Preserve Our
 Treasured Heritage**

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Annual Memberships:

- Student, \$5.00 Individual \$15.00
- Family \$25.00 Business/Institutional \$35.00
- Sustaining \$100.00 Life \$250.00

Contribution:

I would like to send an additional \$ _____
 to support the Carlsbad Historical Society

Please contact me to help with:
 Archives Programs Fund Raising Publicity
 Exhibits/Displays Membership Phone Tree

Please return your completed application to:
Ann L'Heureux, Membership Chair
1731 Calavo Court, Carlsbad Ca, 92008

**New Hours for Magee
 House**

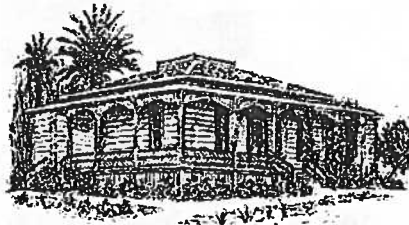
Effective immediately : Magee House will
 be open from 10 AM-2PM on Fridays and noon
 to 5 PM on Saturdays and Sundays.



Save the Date!

**Saturday, October 14
 10 AM**

**Annual Brunch Meeting
 Raintree Restaurant
 Look for details about the
 meeting and making
 reservations in the next
 Timelines.**



CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Timelines

October 2000

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**From
the President,
Margie Monroy**

Dear Members,

I have to start this letter with a major "OOPS"! Due to a printing error which really was no one's fault (the glue was old and sticky on the paste-up) you only received half of the questionnaire which went out in September. In this edition, you will find the entire form plus a stamped addressed envelope. Those of you who have already mailed in half a questionnaire, please take the time to fill out the missing pages. For those of you who haven't gotten to it yet, you have another chance to have your say, this time on all the questions. We really need to know what you think so please take the time today to let us know.

On a happier note, September 9, marked the 150th Birthday of California. In the words of Kevin Starr, the state librarian of California, "One hundred and fifty years after it was admitted to the American union, California remains what it was from the beginning: an improbable, incomparable, and sometimes incomprehensible phenomenon." He goes on to point out that the admission of California made the United States a continental nation. The idea of "manifest destiny" was made a reality. The acquisition and subsequent statehood of California also ensured that the USA would be a Latin American and Asian American commonwealth. The fact that our state has become a "majority minority" state should come as no surprise for those who have studied history.

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Board Briefs

- The board decided to mail out an updated membership list, in lieu of a complete membership book printing this year. These will be brought to the annual meeting for distribution.
- The Carlsbad Garden Club will decorate Magee House for the holidays, in time for the December 10th Open House. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this event.

Behind The Scenes.

by Diana Rizzuto

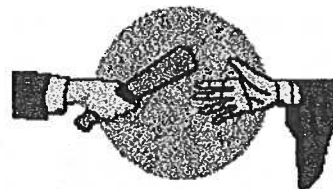


What do Mira Costa College and the Bird of Paradise Have in Common?

The answer is Clinton Pedley. "Clint" Pedley came to Carlsbad in 1926 with \$30 in his pocket. He moved here from Pomona, California, with his wife Marie to grow flowers on his brother's land. Within two years, the Pedleys had an annual income of \$5,000. Clint raised gladiolas on the site of present day Carlsbad High School. According to Marje Howard-Jones, Clint Pedley "fathered" a Spring Holiday, which was a huge flower show. During the 50s and 60s, Homecoming floats featured "Glammelias" which were gladiola petals fashioned to look like camelias. Much of the flower growing land in Carlsbad is now covered with homes and businesses.

A business debt led to the introduction of the Bird of Paradise. In 1934, a flower shipper from Los Angeles who owed Pedley \$300, offered the seeds of the Streiltzia as payment. At the time, this South African plant was considered even more exotic than it is today--we have become used to the beautiful orange and blue blooms. It took Pedley until 1951 to make the plants profitable. He was the first one to ship the plants to the rest of the United States. When Carlsbad was incorporated in 1952, the Bird of Paradise became the official city flower.

When Mr. Pedley heard there was a need for a community college in North County, he took out a topographical map to chose possible sites for the school. He drove his pickup truck to an undeveloped area east of Oceanside where he felt the college should be. However, the land was owned by ice skating star Sonja Henie, and she had no intention of selling the property. After studying twenty other possibilities, the Henie property was deemed the perfect place. Clinton Pedley suggested the land be condemned.



The College Board waited until the last minute to inform Ms. Henie that the land was to be condemned. She sold the land for the construction of Mira Costa. The Board also decided to make Mira Costa a separate college rather than a satellite of Palomar. Mira Costa honored Mr. Pedley by naming a park on campus after him.

Clinton Pedley died in 1985 at the age of 83, too soon to see the Floral Trade center open as a distribution point for the wholesale flower trade. Clinton Pedley's contribution to North County lives on in the beautiful Bird of Paradise gracing homes and parks along with Mira Costa College and its yearly crop of educated future community leaders ,

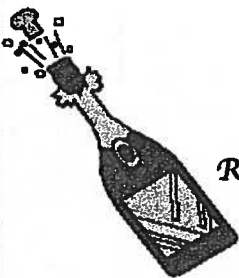
Recognition for Ludvik and Veronica Grigoras

By Diana Rizzuto

On September 14, Ludvik and Veronica Grigoras, the present owners of Alt Karlsbad, received recognition from the Crown Colony Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century for preserving the historical significance of the mineral well. The Grigoras have created a luxurious spa with the Egyptian Room and the Oriental Room, and continued the dream of John Frazer to use the beneficial properties of the waters.

Michael Klima, representing the sister city of Karlovy Vary, began the proceedings, followed by Anne Cronk, the State Chariman of Markings and Preservation of the Colonial Dames, who presented Ludvik with the plaque for installation. Josef Dvoracek, the Commercial Consul of the Czech Republic came from Los Angeles to honor his former countryman. Ludvik gave a brief history of the discovery of the well, the restoration by the Christiansens, and his own contributions and future plans.

Geoff Armour spoke on behalf of the Carlsbad Historical Society, praising Ludvik for his work. Other members attending were Dorothy Muth, Amelia Irvine and Diana Rizzuto.



The Carlsbad Historical Society

Invites You

Annual Meeting and Champagne Brunch

Saturday, October 14, 10 AM

Raintree Restaurant, Avenida Encina off Poinsettia

The Speaker will be W. Allan Kelly
a member of the Pioneer Kelly Family of Carlsbad

"That Was Then...Early Days in Carlsbad"

For reservations, send your check for \$15.00 made out to
the Carlsbad Historical Society to:

Susan Gutierrez, 1864 Palisades, Carlsbad, CA 92008 by October 10

Call 434-5308 for Information

50 Years Ago

by Ginny Unanue



I remember the Scout House, alternatively called the Scout Hut. It still exists today, and is located in Holiday Park. Back then, it was located on Elm Street, currently called Carlsbad Village Drive.

It was a short walk there from Pine School, where everyone in town attended school. I began going to the Scout House when I was seven, and became a Brownie. I continued that journey on a weekly basis until I was in High School, and was a Senior Girl Scout. Bernice Cooper and Bertina McCartney were our troop leaders, and along with their husbands, devoted many long hours to educating and entertaining 20 girls. I learned many skills from them, and can still run a business meeting, sew, cook, repair a light cord plug, do basic first aid, lay and start a fire, and do community projects. Thank you Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. McCartney!

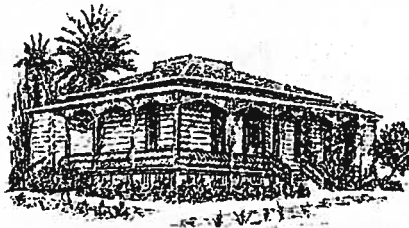
The Scout House was used as a theater to perform our plays, as the site of the annual Father-Daughter Dinner, and the Mother-Daughter Luncheon. We cooked each meal in the kitchen, which was partially supplied with cooking equipment, and a full complement of

dishes. I remember vividly standing before the old-fashioned sink, washing piles of dishes after one of our "affairs". Somehow, it was more fun there, than at home.

We spent "overnights" there, and I still can see the lovely, old stone fireplace with a fire going, which we used for roasting our marshmallows to build those sticky, sticky s'mores. (Ask any girl scout what these are!) I wonder if the fireplace hearth might still contain some ancient sticky residue from those nights. I still can see the brass pig andirons that Mr. Stephenson made for the Scout House. They were quite wonderful, and were still in use there, the last time that I enquired.

Our first grown-up party, a dance, with music provided by records on an old 78 record player, was another sight seen by this wonderful building. Several of our fathers took turns at the mike as D.J.s, and it was quite, quite wonderful.

Of course, the Scout House was shared by Boy Scout troops, but we didn't want to admit it. It was truly a community building, and under the care of the Parks & Recreation department, it still is.



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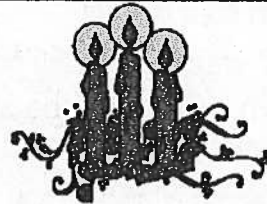
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An SOS from the Archivist

While cataloging photos in the Historical Society Archives, I found many unidentified pictures. There are photos, dated June, 1972 showing a painting contest of the old RR depot. A male winner is depicted wearing a ribbon but no name. If any of you know anything about this contest, please call me at: **434-9189** I invite members to spend an hour or so with me to fill in the names and dates on these and other photos so our archives will be a real historic record. Call for an appointment when you feel like a trip down memory lane. Thanks.

Diana Rizzuto



**From
the President,
Margie Monroy**

Happy Holidays to all of you! Your present is tucked into this newsletter, a brand-new updated membership list, compiled by our ever diligent membership chair, Ann L'Heureux. As you can see our membership is growing. We need the help of all members to continue this trend.

Tell your friends about the organization. Too many people perceive historical societies as groups of old settlers sitting around endlessly rehashing the past. I like to think that we are more than that, a growing organization interested in discovering new aspects of our community. In 2002 we will be celebrating the 50th birthday of the incorporation of Carlsbad as a city. The Library and the Historical Society will publish a new history of Carlsbad to be written by Susan Gutierrez.

I also like to think of the society as a place where we meet with friends to share a common interest in our community. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Holiday gathering on December 10. (See page 3.) Friendship, like the candle, burns most brightly at this holiday season.

Margie





Behind the Scenes.....Diana Rizzuto

The History Channel began a feature in September called "This Week in History". I would like to plagiarize the idea, by giving you a report of happenings in the North County area from 1884 to 1907. The source is "Excerpts from the *Plain Truth* compiled by Robert Baird." This was a newspaper edited by W.W. Borden and W.S. Kelly,

- June, 1884 Election Notice. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the school house in Hope District on June 28, 1884 to vote on the question of raising a tax of \$600 to build a new school in said district.
- Sept., 1884 WWB* was on his way home and visited the late stage disaster which occurred on the Forster Ranch. Evidently the stage must have been drawn forward at considerable speed over the precipice; the tracks led us to the spot where a hundred feet below a shattered coach and two mangled horses told the tale of the sad misfortune.
- Oct. 11, 1884 Several deer have been seen in this vicinity lately.
- Oct. 11, 1884 Rancho Encinitas sells 4,438 acres to Olivenhain for \$66,000. Twenty families will come immediately.
- Nov. 1, 1885 Aunt Ellen sick with Typhoid and little Clara with Mrs. M.J. Borden of Valley Center, mother of Mrs. Watson, is caring for them.
- Nov. 4, 1885 Alex Beller will open store near Peterson's Place in Batiquital Valley; general merchandise.
- Nov. 19, 1885 San Diego has through trains running regularly.
- March, 1886 The first experiment with electric lights in San Diego. Everybody was pleased.
- March, 1886 John Kelly finds a dead man near Hoffman's chicken ranch east of wind mill. I think they dug a hole and buried him there.
- June, 1886 For the first time since this paper has had an existence we issue a halfsheet edition. But seeing that we have a brand new girl baby at our house, born June 8th & such a thing never happened to us before, we take the liberty of excusing ourselves-we didn't get drunk. The baby was Bertha Borden Clark.
- Sept. 2, 1886 Telephone line between Stewart Station and Escondido being built nearly 14 miles. It will not only connect Stewart Station with Escondido, but with San Diego.
- Oct. 1, 1886 Postmasters are instructed to close out the old stock to make room for the new stock.
- Jan., 1887 Charles Kelly has a remarkable hen. She disappeared on Dec. 25, leaving a brood of young chickens behind her. It was supposed that none but some hungry coyote could tell where she had gone. But day before yesterday, just one month from the time of her disappearance, she surprised her owners by coming home again. If those coyotes had not wickedly killed and carried away 17 other chickens for him on that same unfortunate day, doubtless Charlie would ask the poor coyote's pardon for having wrongly accused him.
- Dec., 1887 Married Charles Kelly to Miss Lavinia Irwin of Healdsburg, CA at Kiotes Ranch.
- Oct. 16, 1888 PLAIN TRUTH only paper south of L.A. specialty of temperance.
- Nov., 1890 As we go to press we learn of the death of Robert Kelly, age 65, buried at Kiotes and later moved to Greenwood Cemetery, San Diego.

See *January Timelines* for the events of 1891 to 1907



Annual Holiday Gathering At Magee House

This year, we will hold our traditional holiday gathering for all members on Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Magee House. The Carlsbad Garden Club is doing the holiday decorations this year. Members Connie Trejo and Ofie Escobedo of Lola's Restaurant, will cater the goodies for us again! Yum! RSVP to Susan Gutierrez at 434-5308 by December 7. Please bring your memories of Carlsbad to share with others for this special celebration. See Ginny's article below for ideas. Even if you are a relative newcomer you probably have interesting comments to share. Write them down and bring them to the party! Pictures would be welcome.

Fifty Years Ago in Carlsbad

I remember so many Christmases in Carlsbad, as a child. I remember the Encina Power Plant putting up its "tree" of lights on the side of the building. It reached from the very top of the building to the ground. That was always the very first sign that Christmas was coming to Carlsbad, and it made our childish hearts beat faster with anticipation. Of course, that was before the trees and shrubs had grown, and everyone could clearly see this gigantic lighted "tree" from the freeway. Now, the light display for Christmas is much, much smaller, and not the same at all.

Next, Christmas balls and tree trimmings would appear in the dime store, as we referred to the variety store on Grand Avenue. It was owned by both the Towles family, and later, the Hagen's family, and we referred to it simply as Hagen's. What a multitude of Christmas decorations and toys were there, to be carefully selected by wide-eyed children.

And of course, there were garlands of colored lights strung across the streets, at no little expense by the city fathers. This didn't last many years, due to the high cost.

The Fire Department always opened its huge doors, after many mysterious days of work, to display an enchanted fairyland of Christmas joys. There were mounds of "snow", and snowmen, grouped around snow-covered trees, around the "Christmas village". And of course, there was always a beautiful Christmas tree, and best of all, Santa, to listen to the many requests that small ones from all over town whispered to him. Our wonderful Firefighters (called Firemen in those days), spent many, many volunteer hours creating

this winter wonderland, and manning it each afternoon and evening in the weeks prior to Christmas. Since the doors faced the freeway, many a passing motorist was able to enjoy glimpses of this softly lighted scene, and went on their way feeling the glow of the season.

Each church seemed to outdo itself with the decorations, from manger scenes to swags of green garlands decorated with colored ribbons and lights. Children were rehearsed for the traditional Christmas Story Pageant in many a congregation. Pine School also put on an annual Christmas Pageant for the parents during those years.

People made homemade gifts for postman, milkman, bakery delivery man, and yes, the iceman, too. There was a special feeling all over town during those December days. They are such an important part of our heritage and history. It is my fond hope that Carlsbad will always retain that special spirit at this time of year.

Ginny Unanue

Battle Day

Sunday, December 3, 10 AM-4 PM
U.S. Dragoons Clash with
California Lancers
(Re-Enactment of December 1846)
San Pasqual Battlefield State
Historic Park, Route 78, 1.5 miles
east of the Wild Animal Park
Call 760-737-2201 for more
information
Free admission and Parking

