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KUDOS

We wish to thank outgoing CHS board members Keith Cannon who acted very ably as Treasurer, and June Johnson, who has been manning the Secretary's position. Also, Margie Monroy, who has been doing the layout for the newsletter for a number of years is leaving that position. All have put in many long, hard hours for CHS. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all three. Enjoy a well-earned rest, but don't be strangers. We want to see you at all of our future events.

Special Note: If anyone has expertise at desktop publishing, and would like to volunteer to do the layout for our monthly newsletter, please contact newsletter editor Ginny Unanue at 439-0197. This help would be sincerely appreciated.

WELCOME ABOARD!

We welcome Lenore Bouras to the board, who is taking on the job of Secretary. Geoff Armour is not new to the board, but wears a new hat, as Treasurer. Dee Morningside is one of our members at large. We need one more Member-at-Large to complete the balance of the current term, until June of 2004. Any volunteers? If you would be interested, please contact President Gary Nessim at Magee House, 434-9189.

We are also looking for a volunteer with appropriate expertise to design a website for the Carlsbad Historical Society. If any of you have this expertise, and would care to help with this project, please contact Gary Nessim by leaving a message at Magee House, at the number listed above. You would not need to commit to maintaining and updated the site; we will seek other volunteers for this, unless you would like to take on this task as well. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had several volunteers for this?

EMAIL, ANYONE?

We are asking all members with email addresses to mail them in to CHS, so that we can update membership information. The board foresees sending the newsletter by email wherever possible, as well as other information, thus saving on postage, and speeding the processing time. Help us out, please. We're sorry to ask for this by mail, but we're afraid to get these by phone, for fear of mishearing or misunderstanding and getting the addresses wrong. Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Y'ALL COME, AND WELCOME!

All members are cordially invited to attend the CHS Board Meetings. The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 5:15 p.m. If the 3rd Monday is a holiday, then the meeting date is changed to the 2nd Monday. You are all welcome, any time. Our next meeting will be on February 10th, the 2nd Monday in February.

FIFTY YEARS AGO – HOSP GROVE

**By
Ginny Unanue**

Fifty years ago in Carlsbad, when I was a girl growing up here, I spent many hours in what was called “The Eucalyptus Forest” by everyone that I knew. It wasn’t until I was grown that I heard this area referred to as Hosp Grove. As a Girl Scout, my troop and I picnicked and camped there, and hiked through it on numerous occasions. My Assistant Troop Leader, Bertina McCartney, lived next to the forest, on Wilson Street. From her yard, it was a simple matter to enter “the forest”, which was always a particular treat for us. The Troop Leader, Bernice Cooper, often planned outings for us in the “forest” with Mrs. McCartney .

In light of the recent blight attacking eucalyptus trees, and the consequent devastation to Hosp Grove, the following history seemed to be appropriate. It was taken from a study provided to me by Susan Gutierrez, a long-time member of the board of the Carlsbad Historical Society.

In 1907, Oceanside nurseryman F. P. Hosp in partnership with 3 Los Angeles businessmen, established the Hosp Eucalyptus Forest Company, not realizing that eucalyptus trees had already proven unsuitable as timber for railroad ties, etc. The group had purchased 219 acres of land on the highlands east of Carlsbad, along the southern shore of the Buena Vista Lagoon. Hosp was project manager, and supplied all the trees at \$14.00 each, including boxes, and guaranteed their survival. They were planted in eight-

foot rows at intervals of five feet, which would constitute a total of 1,082 trees an acre. By May 1908, some 40,000 seedlings had been planted. In addition to the costs for trees, Hosp submitted a bill for \$2,484 to cover labor and expenses. Southern Pacific Railroad had already proven that these investments would never be returned. Eucalyptus wood was useless for commercial purposes. Eventually, 55,000 trees stood in Hosp Grove, and they reached maturity by the late 1920s, forming a virtual forest that covered the hills east of Carlsbad. It became an area for picnics, horseback riding, and camping.

It is sad to see such a toll taken, as many of the trees disappear. They take a part of Carlsbad’s history with them. It is my understanding that a variety of different trees will be planted among the remaining eucalyptus. What is now happening to the “grove” is part of what will become the history of Carlsbad to future generations.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

CHS welcomes new member Arthur Wood. We would like to remind you that although most members have renewed, we currently have 10 expired memberships. If you’ve forgotten to renew, please do it ASAP. **WE MISS YOU, AND WANT YOU IN OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP LIST**, which will be published next month, and out to members by March. Don’t put it off—act now! Dues paid late will be pro-rated by quarter, for this year only, until we catch up with the new January-renewal-for-all system. Of course, you may always opt to become a lifetime member, and never worry about this again!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be docents on Saturday mornings at Magee House. We still need more people for this, so please call Stephanie at Magee House if you would be interested in helping out once a month. We will train you, at absolutely no cost to you whatsoever. Such a deal! Also needed: a newspaper clipper to provide clippings for our files, as a record of Carlsbad's history. The best source for this is the North County Times—Carlsbad edition. The important thing to keep in mind is the name and date of the publication. This is a perfect opportunity for a homebody type who reads the papers regularly.

ARTIFACT DONATIONS

There are many election artifacts in the community, which is part of Carlsbad's history. Please consider donating these items to the Society. Also, as businesses come and go, their signs become artifacts. Please check your closets, desks, and garages for possibilities that you can donate.

WINTER NOTES

The Christmas party was lovely, as were the traditional decorations. We missed those of you who could not attend. Plan ahead for next year, as this is always a very nice event. We displayed new Schutte furniture for the first time. Phyllis Shields, granddaughter, and Danice Gosewich, the great-granddaughter of Gerhard Schutte, donated these antiques. Byrnes Restoration on State Street did a masterfully crafted job of rebuilding and reupholstering them. Hubert and Joyce Smith donated a potbelly stove, an inheritance from Joyce's grandmother. The stove resides in an office setting at Magee House. Jackye Willis donated a quilt, which immediately found a home on the rope bed, which was donated by Patricia Lowery. All of these wonderful donated artifacts truly enhance the house, and help to fill in the spaces of Carlsbad's history.

January suggestions for New Year Resolutions, from Diana Rizzuto:

- I will attend more CHS functions.
- I will volunteer where and when I can (docents needed!).
- I will notice if I have any Carlsbad artifacts in my possession.
- I will save current event items that will become artifacts.
- I will write down favorite stories of life in Carlsbad.
- I will note what individuals and what events are depicted in photographs, either already in files, or those I will donate.
- **I will bring in one (or more) new member(s) in 2003!**

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
FEBRUARY PROGRAM – Feb. 16th –2:00 p.m.
AT MAGEE HOUSE/HERITAGE HALL

We have an absolutely wonderful program planned for you! Linda Snyder bought a house in Carlsbad some years ago, and found the garage filled with older items, dating back to the 1900's. What a treasure trove it was! She says that it was like her first archeology dig since she'd graduated with an Anthropology major from UC Berkely. She researched the items, and eventually graduated from the "College of Appraisers" in Placentia as a certified appraiser.

Linda collects all types of pottery made by hundreds of pottery companies that existed in California from the 1930's to the 1960's. She states that this was "an outpouring of creativity here in California during this segment of time until imports of ceramics came here after WWII." All of these companies but two are now out of business. Linda will bring a variety of ceramics from this very creative time in California history, and will discuss how to identify historical California pottery and its value. You may have some of these pieces in your own home!

She will evaluate your pieces of pottery, so bring along your favorite item. Admission is free (donations are gratefully accepted!).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR HISTORY BUFFS

A number of educational events are being held during the next several weeks. We thought you might want to know about these offerings from the San Diego Historical Society:

- The Military Presence in Spanish California—Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Serra Museum --A lecture by Dr. Iris Engstrand (619) 232-6203, ex. 112
- A Family History Workshop—Balboa Park, Sat., Feb. 1, 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.--\$25.00 fee for members, \$35.00 for non-members; call (610) 232-6203, ex. 124—reservations required
- Oral History Workshop—Balboa Park, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, and March 1st—9:30a.m. -2:30 p.m. free workshop, but reservations required—(619) 388-4950

For more information on events and exhibits sponsored by the SD Historical Society, go to web site -- www.sandiegohistory.org

A final note-- on our wish list—we would like a small lamp table to go alongside the newly restored furniture at Magee house. It would be ideal if the table was from the late 1880's. Call if you can help us out with this.

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SCHOOL TOURS

Have you got an hour (or two) to give to our city's children?

If your answer is yes, have we got a job for you! You can spend a very happy hour or two sharing our city's history with our city's schoolchildren. We need docents for the spring program of students visiting Magee House (and for other sites as well, if we can get enough people to volunteer). An hour or two per week, for a few weeks, and best of all, we will give you, at no expense to you, **FREE** training! Yes, that's right, training as a docent that is yours absolutely free! Please call 434-9189 to volunteer now. Leave your name and phone number, and we will get back to you very quickly. Thank you on behalf of all the students of Carlsbad.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays at Magee House have begun, and we have a full schedule of events, one each month, for the year. Watch your newsletter for details, and mark your calendars now for each month. Plan to bring a friend or two along! These are very special programs, and should prove to be very interesting.

- Sunday, March 16 Lecture on Railroads
- Sunday, April 27 Quilt Show
- Sunday, May 18 Tea and Garden Tour
- Sunday, June (TBA) Ice Cream Social w/Senior Center
- Sunday, July 20 Antique Appraisal
- *Friday* (yes, Friday), Aug. 15 Sundowner
- Sunday, Sept. 21 Barn Raising
- *Saturday*, Oct. 18 Annual Meeting
- Sunday, Nov. 16 Art Show
- Sunday, Dec. 21 Christmas Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 16—SUNDAY AT MAGEE HOUSE - 2:00-4:00
Heritage Hall—2650 Garfield St.—right behind Magee House
PROGRAM: California Railroads

Kay Riley, member of the American Association of University Women, researched the railroads as part of an "Exploring California" group. Come and hear behind-the-scene deals made by the railroad owners to gain control of the area in order to maximize profits.

Kay grew up in San Bernadino, a railroad town. She graduated from UC Riverside with a degree in biotech; she also has a Master of Public Administration from National University. She has taught ethics, and has worked for the county. Now retired, she is active in AAUW and YES , and spends time increasing her knowledge of history.

MORE HELP WANTED ADS!

We still need docents for Saturday afternoons, from noon to 4 p.m. Could you possibly volunteer for 2 of those 4 hours? We currently have 3 volunteers. We will provide training, free of charge! Such a bargain! We really want to expand our hours of operation, and need many volunteer docents to accomplish this. You can learn more about our history, and get involved at the same time. Now is your golden opportunity. Call 434-9189 today, and volunteer your services. You will be surprised at how much fun this is. Come join us.

RECENT DONATIONS

We recently received some artifacts belonging to former Mayor Dunne. A very flashy tie and a plaque commemorating his term as mayor were donated by Laurie Boone. She rescued these items from oblivion by buying them at a garage sale at the former mayor's home, before it was sold. We will present them in a future display. If there are any other artifacts out there from other Carlsbad residents, mayor or not, please call the Archivist at 434-9189.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

We are pleased to announce that we currently have 116 members. Six memberships have expired, and we look forward to having those renewed. So far, we've received 21 membership renewals in 2003. Keep passing out those membership forms to your friends. They can be found on the back of each newsletter, and take but a moment to pass on to a friend.

Special note: We would like all members to send in their email addresses, so these can be included in the next Member's Directory. CHS will soon have its own email address, which will be announced in the newsletter, making it so much easier for members to contact us.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CARLSBAD

By Ginny Unanue

It would seem appropriate to talk about my memories of the railroad in Carlsbad, since our upcoming program is on the history of railroads. I lived on Tamarack, right next to the tracks.

Engineers waved at kids, and so did the passengers, as they swept by, the engine whistling its warning all the while. We waved in return, until the caboose was out of sight.

A train repair crew, working on the track on the trestle over the lagoon, using a very noisy jackhammer, was killed when struck by a train that they didn't hear approaching.

We would have to get right up close to the radio, (this was before television) when the train came by, to hear what was happening on our favorite radio program, maybe "The Shadow", or "Amos and Andy", or "Jack Benny".

Of course, the train inevitably made its noisy passage nearby exactly at the climactic moment of the program.

A train draped in bunting that was a funeral cortege for a dead President passed through Carlsbad, and folks up and down the tracks all were out watching solemnly as it passed by.

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We have ceramic cacti and a charming watering can donated by Norm Schultz of Carlsbad. These artifacts come from Hummel Exotic Gardens. You can see these items on display with Ledgerwood memorabilia and Carlsbad Garden Club scrapbooks and ribbons.

Also, the Friends of Carrillo Ranch have returned the saddle that CHS loaned to them. Joan Kindle said many children have polished the seat by having a test "sit" on the saddle. It was originally donated by the Kelly family, so we are glad it has returned to us.

SUNDAYS AT MAGEE HOUSE

The Carlsbad Historical Society has hosted two lectures in our Sunday series; one on California Pottery, and the other on Railroads of the West. Both were interesting and informative, and those attending enjoyed them both. Several members brought items to be evaluated.

We are sure that we have many talents of interest in our community, so please let us know if you are able to share your talent or interest with our membership. Call Diana at 434-9189, or email her at drchs@nethere.com.

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We would like to have a web site designed for the Carlsbad Historical Society. Do any of you have the ability to do this, or know someone who does? Let us know, by emailing us, or calling Magee House.

Also, we need another Board Member, to have a total of seven on the Board. Could you share your time for one evening a month? We meet on Monday evenings, from 5:15-6:30. Please call Magee House, or email us, if you have an interest in this.

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MORE ACQUISITIONS

By Ann l'Heureux

Next time you visit our Museum at Magee House, look for a nearly authentic piece of household equipment. In the redwood bedroom that used to be the office and archives, is now on display a bed, donated by Dr. Pat Lowry. On the bed, which is roped instead of having springs, is a corn shuck tick.

Made by Ann L'Heureux and stuffed with corn shucks donated by Ofie Escobido and Connie Trejo, the tick is much like what covered wagon travelers would have brought across country—there were no inflatable mattresses then! One simply filled the tick with whatever was handy, whether straw, moss, prairie grass, or hay. You can guess where the expression, “Let’s hit the hay,” came from.

We can hope, though, that no one else will do what one third grader on a tour did—she took a flying leap into the middle of the bed. Fortunately, it held up!

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Stephanie Dunham, our docent, for such a terrific job on the 2003 Membership directory. It’s quite wonderful—and all done in between giving tours of Magee house! We have more copies, so we welcome new members.

Are you new to Carlsbad? We’d love to have you as a member, and what a wonderful way to learn about your new city! Are you a long-time resident, or just been here for a few years? Have you joined the Carlsbad Historical Society? We invite all of you to do so. Just use the form on the back of this newsletter.

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Another Special Note: The Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista branch of the American Association of University Women will host a panel discussion of the Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista Historical Societies on Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pilgrim Church on Monroe Street in Carlsbad. A brief history of each city will be given, followed by a Q & A session with the respective representative of each city. Please call Kristi Hawthorne at 891-0801 for more information, as seating will be limited.

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Students in Carlsbad's 3rd Grade classrooms (about 800 of them) are visiting Magee House as part of learning the history of this city. A number of people from the Historical Society have volunteered to be docents, and will be conducting tours for students throughout May. What a great way to learn history—visiting sites that were so much a part of early Carlsbad! Sites visited will include the Barrio Museum, as well as St. Michael's Church, and the Marron Adobe on College Blvd.

COMING SOON!

Sunday, July 20

Antique Appraisal

We Desperately Need Your Help!

We still need docents for Saturday afternoons, from noon to 4 p.m. Could you possibly volunteer for 2 of those 4 hours? We currently have 4 volunteers—Laurie Boone, Sue Ladouceur, Florence Welch, and Ginny Unanue. (Sorry I forgot to include you last time, Florence!) We will provide training, free of charge! We really want to expand our hours of operation, and need more volunteer docents to accomplish this. -- call 434-9189 today, and volunteer your services. You will be surprised at how much fun this is. Come join us!

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Mr. Harrison from the Encinitas Historical Society brought CHS all the old microfilm of the Carlsbad Journal from the 1950's to the 1990's. What an acquisition!

We also received several artifacts from Hummel's Exotic Garden, donated by Mr. Norm Schultz. There are two small ceramic cacti, and a watering can on display, with scrapbooks and ribbons from the Carlsbad Garden Club, as well as Mr. Ledgerwood's gardening books.

Thanks for remembering the Historical Society! If anyone else out there might have something to donate, we can arrange pickup. Call 434-9189, or email us at drchs@nethere.com to donate items to CHS.

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****Susan Gutierrez, our First Vice President, has written a book for the 50th anniversary of Carlsbad's incorporation. It is titled, Windows on the Past: An Illustrated History of Carlsbad, California, and may be purchased in hardcover from either Dove or Cole Library for \$32.00. It is also available to be checked out from either library. The book documents the history of the city from Mission days to 2002, and covers many areas of history never documented in one source before. Also, it has many new photographs of the area and the people.**

Vacancy Filled

We gratefully congratulate Eleanore Call who has volunteered to fill the existing vacancy for the second Member-at-Large position on the board. Good for you, Eleanore!

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MAGEE HOUSE GARDENS

Have you visited Magee House recently? We recommend that you do so. At this time of the year, the gardens are particularly lovely. The roses are a true glory, and the other gardens are looking very pretty, as well. Here's a challenge—how many specialty gardens are around Magee House? Come and find out! You may wish to visit on a Saturday afternoon when the house is open, or any other day, just to stroll through the gardens, or sit on a bench in the rose garden, to enjoy the flowers, and listen to the birds sing. Sitting on the front porch steps is also a real treat, with views of the ocean, and sounds of birds, and the peacefulness of the gardens surrounding you! Bring a lunch to enjoy in the park as well, and all five of your senses will be engaged.

And speaking of gardens....

....do you know who keeps up our gardens for us? Here are a few people to thank, the next time that you see them. They spend untold hours in the gardens, keeping them looking nice for us to enjoy!

Our special thanks to: The Arboretum Society, and in particular, Marje Howard-Jones, Susan and German Gutierrez, Catharine Chaffee, Don Miller, Rita Francis, Gerry and Ted Matter, Suzanne Canero, and Nils Lunnerdal. From the North Coastal Rose Society, President Joel Ross.

You could help... on the first Saturday of each month, about 9:00, the group would welcome your help in any of the gardens. If you want to help with the roses, just give us a call, and we'd be happy to show you how to "deadhead" and prune. If you haven't been instructed in this, you could do the wrong thing. It's not hard at all, and we can show you in just a few moments. Your help is always welcome!

SCHOOL TOURS

The school tours were wonderful, and much appreciated by students and teachers alike. A huge thank-you to our docents, who guided the tours through Magee house.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMING SOON!

Sunday, July 20th

SUNDOWNER!

We are planning to hold a “sundowner” on the verandah at Magee House on Sunday, July 20th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** We’ll have something to snack on, and something to drink, and we are looking forward to having a wonderful social hour together. **Y’all come, now, y’here? You are invited, and we’d like to have you there!**

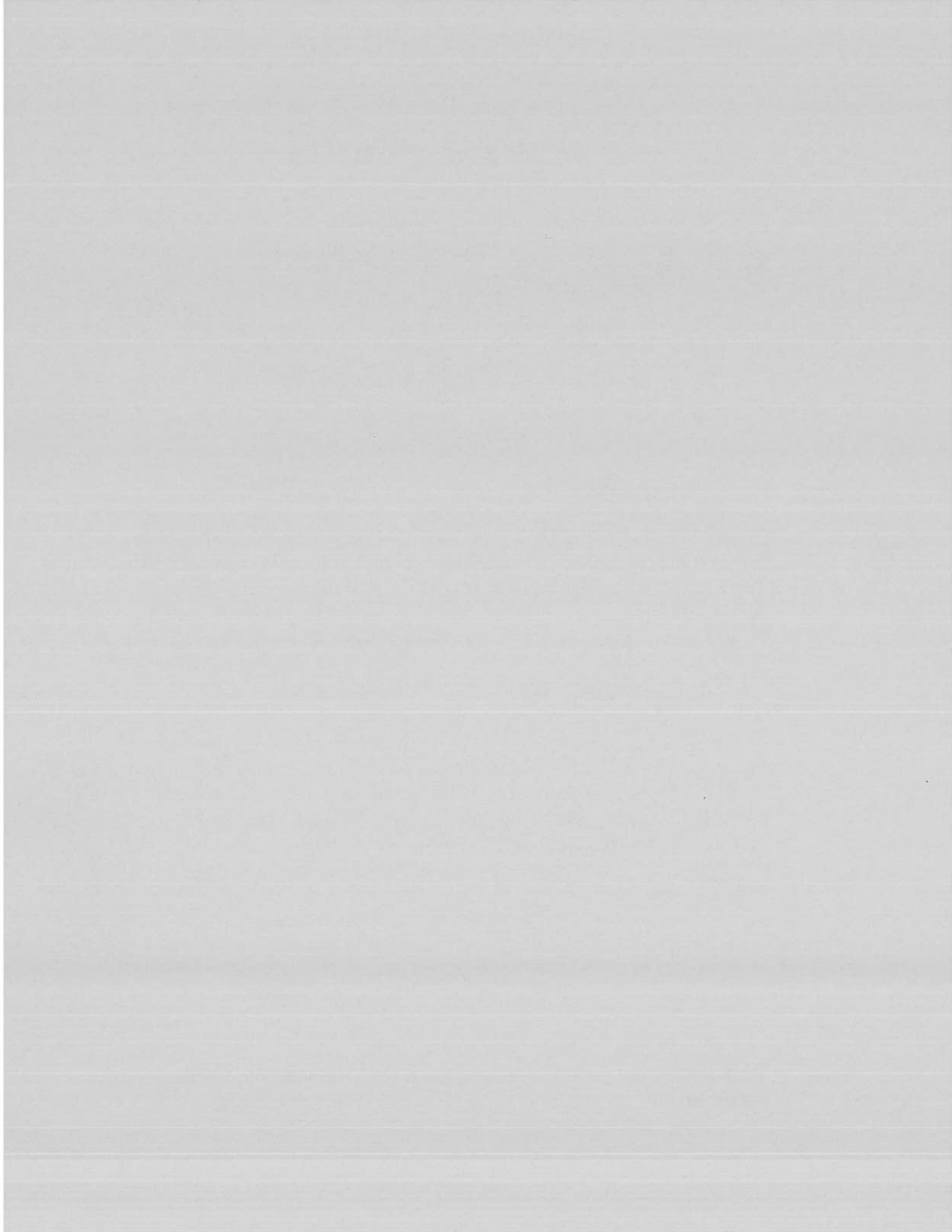
Sunday, August 17th

“Roadshow Appraisals”

This was a very popular event when we held it at our annual meeting two years ago. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite treasure and find out if it is truly a treasure, or just a sentimental momento. Mark your calendar for this date. The event is open to the public—bring friends! The meeting will be held at Heritage Hall on Garfield Street (behind Magee House in the park), from 2-4 p.m. If you have questions, call Diana at 434-9189, or email her at drchs@nethere.com ,

SH-H-H-H-H! IT’S A SURPRISE!

We hope to have a surprise in September for CHS members and the community as well. Details will follow in our next newsletter.



Special Note:

This will be the last issue of the newsletter until September, as the editor is taking a vacation. Enjoy Carlsbad and its history until then! Check out the new historic plaques that are being installed at the Ledgerwood House (The Seed Man) on Carlsbad Blvd., and at the old Carlsbad Theater, and the Gaus House, located across from the Barrio Museum.

Or...check out our website. Go to any search engine, such as Google, and type in Carlsbad Historical Society.

BARN UPDATE

The barn has not yet been painted, but will be ready by the Barn Raising event Scheduled for September. The CHS Board of officers is engaged in discussions as to its use after it is opened to the public. What will be displayed? Will there be room for workshops or displays of candle-making, blacksmithing, etc.? The ideas are limitless, and the Board will enjoy making arrangements to show it to its best advantage. We will notify you of the date and time for the Grand Opening.

Dorothy Krepps

We are sorry to report the passing of Dorothy Krepps, a long-time member of the Historical Society. Dorothy worked each December on the Victorian Christmas Decorations for Magee House, and made flower arrangements for the table at our annual tea, as well as for other events. Her helping hands, and her smile, will be missed by all who knew her.

NEW STOVE! HOORAY!

Magee House is getting a new stove for its kitchen! The current one is from the early 50's, and is a total rustbucket. It is totally unusable. Ginny Unanue is donating the new acquisition, in her mother's name. This will enable us to continue more easily with food for our social gatherings, and perhaps to widen the scope of some scheduled events. Who knows, we may even be able to add new events to our calendar, with this addition.

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FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM—COME MEET ALEX BEVIL

September 28th, from 2-4 p.m., in Heritage Hall, behind Magee House, Mr. Alex Bevil from the California State Department of Parks will speak on the park system, and historic property appraisal and preservation. Come for this super event, and bring friends. It promises to be very interesting and informative.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS BUILDING? FOR THE ANSWER, COME TO THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM, WITH ALEX BEVIL.



ANNUAL MEETING -- Saturday, October 18th — 10:00 a.m.

Summer is indeed, over. Fall has arrived, and with it comes a very important event. Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th. We have a change of venue—this year, the meeting will be held at Neiman's Restaurant, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive. You should have received a letter informing you of the event. It promises to be a wonderful morning, with time to greet old friends, meet new ones, vote on important matters, and to be entertained yet again in a wonderful way. This year, the program will be on the history of surfing, which is certainly important to Carlsbad and its history. This would be a good time to bring guests to enjoy this special presentation, and give them a taste of the Carlsbad Historical Society. It's a good way to bring in new members. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please make your reservations by Tuesday, October 14th. Your check will secure your reservation. Send it to:

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time has come to vote for new officers for 2004-2006. This, plus a by-laws change, are both very important. You received the official ballot in the mail. You may either bring it to the annual meeting with you, or send it by mail to CHS, at the address given above. Please ensure that we receive your vote. *It is important to us.*

CLEANING PARTY—OCTOBER 25TH, 9:00 A.M. UNTIL—

Please come and lend a helping hand! Many hands make light work. Magee House is in dire need of dusting and oiling. Although the City cleans regularly, that cleaning involves vacuuming, and cleaning bathrooms, and emptying trash only. No dusting is done by city maintenance crews. Please find an hour or two to help out, so that Magee House can look its best!

BEHIND THE SCENES

.....Diana Rizzuto

The Carlsbad Historical Society hosted its version of the "Roadshow" at Heritage Hall on August 24 where folks brought their favorite pieces to be evaluated by Shelley De Witt and Linda Snyder. Many of the attendees went home happy when they discovered the value of the treasures. Since artifacts collecting is the major part of my activity at CHS, I enjoyed learning the history and value of unfamiliar things.

Shelley and Linda gave an overview of appraising as an art rather than a science as they showed some of the books which they use as references. Shelley, who owns DeWitt Antiques and Collectibles on State Street in Carlsbad has over 20 years in the business. Linda, one of our members, bought a house on Highland with pottery pieces left by the former owner. After doing some research, Linda discovered the pottery was California made and unique. Both women generously shared their expertise and valuable time with us.

The range of offerings covered useful and beautiful objects such as pitchers and punch bowl sets to writing desks. A framed apron from the Masons brought by one of our Board members, although frayed and old was valued at several hundred dollars. Items came from various parts of the United States and also from New Brunswick, Canada.

As each person came forward, the first question was "what do you know about the piece"? The stories varied from gifts from a favorite relative to garage sale purchases; in some cases, conflicts between apparent age and the story left a big question mark.

One gentleman highlighted another aspect of appraising when he offered items needing replacement with the involvement of an insurance company. He was asked to visit privately, since his appraisal required investigation rather than the unofficial evaluation of our program.

The event ended on a positive note for all except for one attendee who received a parking ticket. Unknown to us, the Poodle Club had scheduled a show in Magee Park which took up many parking places with motorhomes and vehicles. I sincerely hope the lack of parking did not keep members from this fun meeting. Please call me if you had a problem. 434-9189

Donation from Mrs. Krepps' Estate

A dear member, Dorothy Krepps died recently and her family generously donated some of her personal property to CHS. We are in the process of appraising and cataloging the items, some we will sell as a fundraiser-details at a later date. But many items we will keep as artifacts for Magee House. Just a few hints: does anyone remember "Frownies"? How about Log Cabin syrup in a tin? Guy Lombardo? Tennessee Ernie Ford? Old ice skates? I will research the old pair of ice skates as well as what I think is an old ski mask. We are pleased that the family remembered Magee House so that we can present a more complete history of the lifespan of this house and its time. We know that the house was occupied from 1887 to 1974 so we need many pieces to tell the story.

Perhaps other families will be inclined to donate artifacts and photos to help us fill in the spaces. Call the office: 434-9189 or drchs@nethere.com.

UPDATES

Plaques for Historic Sites

As part of an ongoing project to identify historic sites, the City will be installing three more bronze plaques in the near future. One will be at the Carlsbad Theatre on State Street, which was built in 1926 and has served the community in various capacities over the years. In the Barrio area two historic homes are also getting special plaques. One is the Gaus House at 3442 Roosevelt, a house built in 1929 that is noted for its significant architecture. The other is the Ramirez House at 3309 Roosevelt which was built in 1918 and is significant for its association with the growth of the Mexican-American community in this area.

El Camino Real Bell

A project of the City's Historic Preservation Commission, this is a replica of the original bells located along Highway 101 at the turn of the century. These bells were originally used to provide direction to coastal travelers to the Missions. The bell has been purchased and delivered and is expected to be installed next to the fountain at State and Grand sometime in October. The Society and the Commission will work together to plan an appropriate ceremony for this special historic marker.

Magee Barn

The Society has been working for some time with the City on renovating the original Magee Barn behind Magee House. There have been major structural upgrades to the facility as well as the installation of new windows and hardware for the doors and a new exterior paint job. This project is just about complete and once it is, the Society will be working on a variety of special displays and exhibits, including a safe that served as the town "bank" back in the 20's, a blacksmithing setup, a variety of farm tools, and the original buggy that belonged to the Shipley/Magee families in the early part of this century. The buggy has been given a major overhaul and should be of interest to visitors. Once all the informational signage and clean up work is completed we'll be setting a date for a major barn raising event to celebrate a grand re-opening of this special building.

AN UPDATED WEBSITE FOR CHS

Good news! Daniel Gutierrez is developing a CHS website. It will have historic photos, a short history of Carlsbad, membership information, our address and phone number, plus all current event information. It will also have links to websites for the City of Carlsbad, the San Diego Historical Society, and Carillo Ranch. If you have any other suggestions or ideas for it, please send them to Susan Gutierrez, in care of The Carlsbad Historical Society.

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE! HOLIDAY EVENTS

**DECEMBER 6TH-- HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR MAGEE HOUSE,
A WREATH MAKE-AND-TAKE & POTLUCK! Y'ALL COME!**

PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND JOIN US!

CHS is holding a holiday program at Magee House on December 6th. There will be a potluck, and wreath-making workshop, so that you can take home a holiday wreath for your family. We ask your help in putting up the traditional Victorian Christmas decorations for Magee House for the holiday season. It will be cleaned and polished, and ready for decorating with items that we have used at Magee House over the years.

This promises to be a very interesting event, full of fun, and guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit. We already have ham, baked beans, potato salad, and cake coming, so plan on another dish that will add to the festivities for our potluck. We will provide drinks, and some greens. If you wish to bring some items for decorating the wreaths, they will also be welcome. Please RSVP to Susan Gutierrez at 434-2898.

***PLEASE LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE FOR A CALENDAR OF HOLIDAY
EVENTS IN CARLSBAD, OCEANSIDE, AND ENCINITAS.***

**HOLIDAY GIFTS AVAILABLE
FROM CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Are you looking for something different to give this year? Why not give a membership in the Carlsbad Historical Society? Since renewals of membership are due in January, you can renew your own membership, and bring in a new member at the same time! What a concept!

We also have available many other gift items. These include : the Taste of Carlsbad Cookbook; Charles Ortons' Carlsbad: a Village By the Sea; the Becket books; one of the posters of the train track with folks standing there in the early days of Carlsbad. Contact us at Magee House for an appointment to come and purchase a gift item, or come by during our regular open hours, Saturdays from 12:00-4:00.

JANUARY PREVIEWS

Just a teaser, to whet your curiosity, we want to let you know about upcoming events planned for the New Year. First, CHS plans a tag sale in late January or early February, of collectibles from the estate of Dorothy Krepps, long-time Carlsbad resident, and member of the historical society here. We have cat items, a British collection, glassware, dolls, sports documents, records, tapes, and jewelry—many period pieces from the late 1800's through the early 1900's. Secondly, you will soon be able to come to a Victorian Tea, and a personal tour of Magee House, by appointment. Watch for announcements of these events and further information in the January/February newsletter.

YOU CAN HELP!

We can still use help in the gardens at Magee House on the first Saturday of each month. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY—JUST WILLING HANDS AND A KIND HEART!**

LOCAL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES
CARLSBAD:

DEC. 5TH: Starlight and Snowflakes Teen Dance
--a Middle School winter teen dance at Calavera Hills Community Center, from 6-9 p.m.

DEC. 7TH: Holiday Treelighting Ceremony, sponsored by Carlsbad Rotary --located at Carlsbad Village Drive and Roosevelt Street, from 1-6

DEC. 13TH: Boat Parade, at Bristol Cove and Agua Hedionda Lagoon --from 7-8:30 p.m.

DEC. 21-31: Legoland Holiday Block Party --fireworks nightly at 5:00 p.m.

OCEANSIDE:

DEC. 5TH: Holiday Recital—El Camino High School --annual Holiday Recital from 6-8 p.m., free, open to all ages

DEC. 12th: Bake cookies and eat them; 6-17 years old --\$1 with membership, \$2 without; John Landes Center 435-5545

DEC. 12-13TH: Live Nativity, Martin Luther King Jr. Park, free, --6:30-9:00 p.m.; 4 scenes of the Nativity with live children and animals

ENCINITAS:

DEC. 6TH: Treelighting, at the Lumberyard, 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Parade, 5:30 p.m., starting at D Street, proceeding South on South Coast Highway

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

By Susan Gutierrez

Holidays are celebrated every month of the year. Since ancient times, a variety of holiday celebrations have occurred in December. In the United States, many of our December holiday traditions are based on a mixture of cultural and religious beliefs. Primarily, our December holiday traditions reflect celebrations of Chanukah, Christmas, Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa, and Las Posadas.

Chanukah occurs three days before the new moon of the winter solstice in December. The celebration is in remembrance of the 164 BCE Maccabees rededication of Jerusalem's holy temple after expulsion of the Syrian Greek occupation from their Holy land.

Christmas, which takes place on December 25th, is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, and one of the most important of Christian holidays.

Solstice Celebrations take place close to December 22nd, and are ancient ceremonies performed to ensure the return of the sun when the sun is at the greatest southern distance from the celestial equator.

Kwanzaa is a celebration that incorporates many African traditions, and is celebrated over a seven-day period from December 26th to January 1st.

Las Posadas are a reenactment of Jesus, birth, and are celebrated by Mexicans and Mexican-Americans from December 16th through the 24th. It goes for 9 days, and is a reenactment of Mary and Joseph's quest for lodging.

Some of our holiday symbols originate from ancient times when the early darkness in December was thought to harbor evil. Evergreens have been used by many cultures to symbolize life over death, the triumph of good over evil. Egyptians used palm fronds as celebratory symbols, Romans used greens in their agricultural celebrations of Saturnalia, and Druids

used mistletoe and holly. Druid priests considered mistletoe a sacred plant, and it was used for many purposes, both medicinal and spiritual.

Five days after the winter solstice, mistletoe cut with a golden sickle was hung in front of dwellings to protect against evil, and placed in babies' cradles to protect against fairies. Later on, the Norse incorporated the idea of kissing under the mistletoe as a sign of goodwill and friendship.

Holly was used to capture evil spirits that tried entering homes. Mistletoe and holly were evergreen and were considered symbols of eternal life.

Our modern day Christmas tree evolves from the Middle Ages tradition of Germans and Scandinavians of placing evergreen trees near homes to show their hope of a returning sun.

Chanukah celebrations trace their symbols to the Temple rededication in 164 BCE. The eight-branched menorah that is lit commemorates each day the oil burned in the Menorah during the rededication ceremony. This was considered a miracle, as there had been only enough oil to burn for one day. Oily foods such as potato Latkes are eaten to remember this miracle.

Either by secular or religious means, each of us participate in some form of holiday tradition during the month of December. Since many holiday traditions are a combination of symbols, we are fortunately able to participate in a rich variety of holiday traditions and celebrations.

ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

CHS is pleased to announce the election of Susan Gutierrez as President of CHS, Phyllis Demy as Vice President, and Eleanor Call as Member-at-Large.

Special Note: Watch for an update on the Magee Barn, and historical El Camino Real bell markers in our next newsletter. Space does not permit an article this month.

Behind the Scenes
By Diana Rizzuto

When the past intersects with the present, I get goosebumps. A week ago, the great-granddaughter of John Frazier called to ask some questions about her famous ancestor. She had “heard a story” that there is a statue of Mr. Frazier. I assured her that the statue does indeed exist. I promised to send her what research we have. While going “behind the scenes”, I found an interesting poem.

While most Carlsbad residents know of John Frazier and his famous artesian well, few realize that his contemporaries regarded him as deranged. Frazier balked at the thought of carrying water from Marron Canyon, three miles away, so he insisted on drilling a well on the east side of what is now Highway 101. The locals sneered at the thought of drilling so close to the sea; they believed that at best, Frazier would find salt water. Frazier spent all his money, mortgaged his land, and bought the latest equipment and brought it from Los Angeles and beyond in his search for water. Perseverance paid off when water gushed forth—not your ordinary water, but water with a “peculiar taste”. Frazier had discovered mineral water with properties to cure all sorts of ailments. He built a on the west side of Highway 101 so people from all over the world could come and take healing baths.

Paul Kemble wrote the following poem —

“A Wonderful Cure—the Story of John A. Frazier of Carlsbad”.

Some years ago a young man old,
Sick with a dreadful malady
Came from the East to the “land of gold”,
And wandered round in agony.

I haven’t long to live, ‘tis true!
But while I live I’ll work my plan
And if I’m wrong, ‘tis nought to you;
I’ll die like any other man!”

His life was spent; his frame was bent;
Physicians gave him up to die;
But to the tune of his lament
There came a wondrous answering cry.

And what his plan now seemed to be
Was seeking an artesian spring
Boring in sand so near the sea,
What neighbors laughed at such a
thing.

In reckless madness, but with faith,
He took a claim on “no man’s land”.
“for why” unto himself he saith
“What difference make it if ‘tis sand?”

And yet, amid the jeers of all,
He worked away ‘til cash was gone.
Till death was almost within call,
And then he saw the light of dawn.

Apparently, John Frazier has a Vista connection, which I’m exploring with the archivist from the Vista Historical society. Watch for future additions to the story. Please call if you have pieces to add to the story (434-9189).

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