

## 2014 Annual Meeting and Election

Our annual meeting, held on Saturday October 25, at the Heritage Hall, in Magee Park, was well attended. The results of the elections were announced, and with 47 votes counted, the following positions were unanimously elected: **Virginia Unanue** for President, **Germán Gutierrez** for Treasurer, and **Susan Schnebelen Gutierrez** for Secretary.



*Outgoing president Gutierrez congratulates Ginny Unanue, elected President for 2015-17*

President Gutierrez reviewed a successful 2014 that brought us new displays, donations, new members, paint and restoration of the house and barn, and better financial times.

Our invited speaker, Taffy Cannon, gave a very interesting lecture on how to publish your own books, titled "Top Ten Questions People Ask Writers". She has numerous books and is a great contributor to the Friends of the Library.

## Barrio Museum Meeting

The fifth Annual Barrio Meeting was held on Sunday November 16, at the Barrio Museum, at the corner of Roosevelt and Walnut. The main topic of the presentations was the history of the Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad. We thank Connie

Trejo and Offie Escobedo for hosting this event, organizing the speakers and providing the snacks and refreshments.



*Cindi Vigne*

Cindi Vigne gave an historical recollection of the club, starting with its first director, Al Blacic. She mentioned how important it became to the young boys (and later girls) of the area, particularly the Barrio area. One of its young boys, Greg Nelson, later became a successful businessman and has donated a considerable amount of money to the Club.



*Norman Trejo*

Norman Trejo spoke next about his personal experiences as a boy, starting when he was 6 years old, and too young to join. He participated in many activities, including boxing, which have shaped his life. Norman later worked in the Boys and Girls Club as a teenager, until he has called in by the Army in 1968. His stories are well worth recording for future generations to hear about. Lastly, Rebecca Parker gave a short presentation on John Frazier and his discovery of quality water in water.



### **Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club**

Notes of interviews with Henrietta Blacic,  
compiled by Cindi Vigne

The Scheunemann family owned property on State Street (2nd Street then) "all the way to Grand Ave". It was a two story structure with a dance hall in the first floor and living quarters above. Henrietta lived there with her grandfather. Her father was a painter and wall paper specialist.

Henrietta went to school with Al Waible and Ralph Carr, whose father was Dean of the Junior College of Oceanside and Carlsbad, now Mira Costa College. She met Al Blacic at a dance hall in Oceanside, called River's Bottom, by San Luis Rey River. They married and moved to Oregon for Al to study, and Henrietta worked. They moved to Long Beach, where Al got his Masters and eventually became director of the Long Beach Boys Club. They moved to Carlsbad in about 1952.

In 1952 a group of businessmen started the Boys Club in Carlsbad, with money from the Anderson Trust, a family that had lived in Carlsbad. They bought the Gospel Tabernacle Church for this

purpose. The idea was led by Walter Glines, who was school superintendent, and supported by Jack Kobota, Manuel Castorena, Johnny McKaig, Tom Acuña, and Red Helton, and Red Robinson, among others. The Boys Club first opened in 1953. Walter Glines was the first board president and he hired Al Blacic to work at the school and also help with the Boys Club, as Director, without a salary. In one year Al registered 339 boys.

They raised money for a gym with the help of local civic clubs in 1960.

In 1965 the Jr. Chamber of Commerce put a pool in. It was open and without walls around it. It was a pretty popular place in the summer.

In 1977 Greg Nelson, a former member of the Club, became Executive Director. Shortly thereafter the name was changed to Boys and Girls Club. Also that year, Pat Jones, SDG&E supervisor, pushed for refurbishing the facilities. Henrietta worked for SDG&E at the time.

In 1981 Dan Sherlock became Executive Director.

In 1982 an outdoor playground was installed, and a second clubhouse was dedicated in Levante Park, in La Costa. (Recently an additional club was built in Bressi Ranch.)

The club needs to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly to operate. It is blessed with many volunteers and donors. A significant donor is Greg Nelson, who has donated all the profits from his restaurant, Gregorio's, for several years in the past. Greg was inducted to the Boys and Girls Hall of Fame in 2008.

Today the club has about 165 active members, but is also used by adults, for example for swimming. It costs 50 dollars a month, plus 50 dollars a month for transportation from the schools, if needed. Boys need to be aged from 6 to 18 years old.

*CHS note: This club has provided significant social services to the community, particularly for families that have both parents working, during times when there were no after-school or summer facilities. It continues to be important today, particularly because of its low cost and high moral standards. The Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad has been particularly important to the Barrio Carlos families, because of its location.*

### **Donations to the house**

Thank you to James and Gary-Ann Rogers for their further donations of period table and chairs, and an antique easel.

### **School Tours for 2015**

We are inviting all the schools in Carlsbad to schedule tours for their third grade students. To help the children prepare for their visit, Ginny Unanue recently recorded a video tour of the Shipley-Magee house and museum. We have uploaded this video to YouTube, and we are also making CD copies of the files available to the schools as needed.

You can find a link to the video below:

[Tour of Shipley-Magee House](#)

Or please see our website.

<http://carlsbadhistoricalsociety.com/>



New Video of Shipley-Magee House Tour

### **Book Club**

Our life member and Vice-President Murray Levy has offered to start a book club. We are brainstorming ideas and think that historical non-fiction and fiction of historical significance may be of interest to our members and guests.

### **GIA Tour**

A group of 10 of our members are touring the Gemological Institute of America, in Carlsbad, on December 4. There is a special exhibit that will be there until mid-December.

We are going to schedule another tour next quarter. Stay tuned.

### **New Members**

Barbara Hoyt San Clemente, CA

Linda and Tom Geldner, Carlsbad, CA

Todd and Stephanie Williams, Carlsbad, CA

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### **A LIMERICK FOR CARLSBAD**

We live in Carlsbad by the sea.  
But it's really not bad, we agree.  
Let's change this town's name  
To Carlsgood, that's our aim.  
All in favor vote "aye" sayeth wel!

Geoff Armour



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### High School Yearbooks for sale

We still have several years of High School Yearbooks on sale, mostly from the seventies and eighties. They sell for \$45, plus \$5 for the envelope and bulk shipping postage.

### Early Carlsbad History Presentation Available

One of our Spring Lectures given at the Carlsbad by the Sea featured early Carlsbad History. The PowerPoint file is available for anyone interested in giving presentations on our history.

### Annual Dues

Our annual dues are collected by the end of June of each year. Individual membership is \$25, and family memberships are \$35. Please consider upgrading to a Life Membership for \$250.

### Upcoming Events

November 28 - House decorating and singing  
December 4 - GIA tour  
December 12 - School tour  
January 19, 2015 - Board meeting  
2015 - School tours

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

Volunteers are welcome for any of these areas:

- \* Friday Docent
- \*Third grade tours
- \*School presentations with audiovisual display
- \*Private tours with Victorian teas
- \* Carlsbad history research
- \*Photo collection management

### BOARD MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend our bimonthly Board of Directors meetings.

Meetings are held in the Magee House meeting room at 4 p.m. on the third Monday of every other month. Meetings are held in the following months; January, March, May, July, September, and November

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### CHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Germán Gutierrez  
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