

Carlsbad Time Lines

Carlsbad Historical Society

Carlsbad, CA

Dear Members,

We have wonderful plans to celebrate, some of which have already occurred, as you will read further on in the newsletter.

Please plan on attending our celebration on October 17th at Magee Park. A list of times and events is located in another article. We will announce our new Board Members, enjoy a wonderful chicken cordon bleu lunch with all the "fixings" catered by Tip Top Meats, and enjoy some wonderful entertainment.

Put the date on your calendar, and email, call, or mail to deliver your ballot and to make your reservation for the lunch.

Hope to see you all there! It's a very special annual meeting this year!

Ginny Unanue
CHS President

Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

Parking available at St. Michael's

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Open House for Magee House and Barn
Jerry Colling will be playing appropriate music in the meeting room at the house!

12:00 pm - 1 pm

Annual Meeting and Lunch - Heritage Hall
Will we announce the results of the election of officers and enumerate a few of the accomplishments of CHS during its 40 years.

Lunch by Tip Top Meats. Coast \$18. must have paid reservation by October 10. Mail check to P.O. Box 252 Carlsbad, Ca 92018- 0252

1:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Program
Poem about Carlsbad and the Society by Geoff Armour, and a dramatic reading of Letters of Florence Magee

Carlsbad City Council recognized the Carlsbad Historical Society's 40th anniversary at their September 1, 2015 City Council meeting.



Pictured l. to r. Councilmen Mark Packard, and Keith Blackburn, Mayor Matt Hall, Carlsbad Historical Society Secretary Susan Schnebelen Gutierrez, President Ginny Unanue, Treasurer Germán Gutierrez, Council woman Lorraine Wood, and Councilman Michael Schumacher.

History of the Carlsbad Historical Society

Mayor Robert Frazee invited significant old timers to dinner at the Twin Inns on July 18, 1975 to launch the Carlsbad Historical Society as part of the town's Bicentennial Celebration. Prominent citizens, and founding members of the CHS were B.M. Christiansen, Allan O. Kelly, Manuel Castorena, Ray Ede, and Dolores Hutflex; they established our financial, political and philanthropic standing.

One of their first important contributions to the community was to get the train depot in the historic preservation priority list. Money was obtained from the Federal Government and the State, as well as from local donations, to restore the train depot. Before the society had any offices, they used to meet monthly at Denny's coffee shops for breakfast. Then, the CHS was

given some space in the back of the depot and finally at Magee House.

Another important function of the CHS was to help in the Heritage centennial celebration of 1887, when the original layout and construction of the first streets in downtown Carlsbad started.

The City Council asked the CHS to manage the Magee house, with the idea that it should be refurbished and operate as a museum of local history. Its office moved to the East bedroom in Magee house and it found period furniture and decorations for the front of the house. This included the living room, dining room, bedroom and the kitchen. The City maintained planning offices in the back of the house, where the main meeting room, working kitchen and office are now. About **10** years ago the society took over control of the entire house and barn and used the additional space for interpretive presentations, and archival storage.

CHS truly fulfills its mission statement to "increase and enhance the knowledge of the area's history, maintain cultural traditions of the community, and work with the City of Carlsbad on cooperative preservation, restoration and display of historical resources".

One of the most important activities of the society has been the collection of oral histories. We have several dozen videotapes and some audiotapes recording very significant details of the history of Carlsbad only found in the memory of long time residents. The local cable TV company made several professional videos with inputs from members of the Carlsbad Historical Society. For example, they made the videos "End of an Era, The Train Doesn't Stop Here, What We did for Fun and Barrio Voices".

The third grade historical school tours have been a traditional element in the education of our young citizens since early 1990s. The CHS not only shows the house and barn at Magee Park, but in the past it was responsible for providing docents to show the historical highlights of downtown, give historical talks to local organizations, supply answers and research to many state and local government agencies.

Members of our society have volunteered their time in many ways to help preserve local history. Our members

wrote two nonfiction history books about Carlsbad and two historical fiction children's books.

Although our society has been through different modes of operation, starting with a preservation idea, then become more a social activities organization, and more recently running a museum a holding educational tours and teas, all along the interest and support by our members in the preservation of history is what has kept the society going.

Carlsbad Historical Society Founding Members

Dolores Hutflez



In 1959, the Carlsbad Woman's Club recognized Mrs. Hutflez as Teacher of the Year. She began teaching in Carlsbad in 1943 and as a fifth generation Californian, loved making California history come alive to her 4th grade classes. She was cousin to Leo Carrillo and keeper of many family artifacts. In addition sharing her love of California history, she made numerous trips to Mexico to further her own education of history. Hutflez was President and member of the Agua Hedionda Teachers Association, and served on the Saint Patrick's altar guild.

BM (Chris) Christiansen



In 1975, Chris was named Carlsbad's Citizen of the Year in recognition of his many contributions to the community. Chris and his wife Kay (Fennel) moved to Carlsbad in 1950 after retiring and became active in local events, such as the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Holiday Celebrations, Tri-City Hospital Board

and restoring the Frazier Well. Chris was instrumental in convincing Florence Shipley Magee to bequeath her home to the City of Carlsbad for a recreational and historic park.

Manuel Castorena



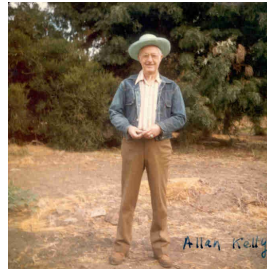
Born in Mexico City, Castorena arrived in the United States in 1911 and in Carlsbad in 1938. As a businessman he was active in the Rotary and helped found more than 20 clubs in San Diego County and Mexico. Manuel helped organize the incorporation efforts of the city and served on the first Carlsbad City Council in 1952 and was Mayor from 1955-58. He was also instrumental in forming the Carlsbad Senior Citizens Association.

Ray Ede



In 1984, former Carlsbad Mayor Ray Ede was named Carlsbad's Citizen of the Year. He moved to Carlsbad in 1945 and worked as a language instructor at the Army Navy Academy and later became Dean of students and faculty. Ede along with Castorena and McClellan were instrumental in the city's incorporation. He served on the first City Council in 1952, and as Mayor from 1955-56. He was a member of the Carlsbad Rotary, on the Board of Directors for the Senior Citizens Association and volunteered as a meals on wheels driver, a Sunday School teacher at Saint Michael's and in the acute care unit at Tri-City Hospital.

Allan O. Kelly



Born in Carlsbad in 1900, Kelly is the grandson of the 1867 homesteader Matthew Kelly, and great nephew of Robert Kelly owner of the Agua Hedionda land grant. He attended school at the old Calavera School and learned ranching from his father William. He served as a director to the Costa Real Municipal Water District, president of the San Luis Rey Farm Bureau and Cattleman's organization, the Oceanside Carlsbad High School board, the county planning commission a representative of the San Diego County Water authority, Carlsbad Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. He had a deep interest in geology and was a published author.

Our Newest Acquisitions!

We think Allan O. Kelly would be thrilled to see our newest acquisition recently donated to CHS from the City of Carlsbad! This Fossil Shell until recently resided in the Cole Library and now has pride of place in the barn. Be sure to visit it when you attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015.





Germán Gutierrez and Marvin Sippel have been busy upgrading our buggy display. The buggy now sports a "dashboard" and recently acquired this wonderfully creative "horse".

New members

Patricia & John Roberts
 Carlsbad City Council Members

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Annual Dues

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

Upcoming Events

- September 21 Board
- October 17 Annual Meeting Luncheon and Lecture
- November - Barrio Museum meeting
- November 16 Board
- December - House decorating

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Volunteers are welcome for any of these areas:
- \* Friday Docent
  - \* Third grade tours
  - \* 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 pm. on the third Monday of every other month. Meetings are held in the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

CHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President: Ginny Unanue
- 1st Vice President: Murray Levy
- 2nd Vice President: Connie Trejo
- Secretary: Susan S. Gutierrez
- Treasurer: Germán Gutierrez

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