



President's Message

How wonderful it was to see so many of you at the Annual Meeting, which was also the celebration of our 40th Anniversary as an Historical Society! My sincerest gratitude goes to all who helped put it together: Susan and German Gutierrez, who did all of the setup and preparation; Connie Trejo, for arranging the meal with Tip Top Meats; Jerry Colling for his musical offering; Pat Hansen for her masterful writing and direction of the play reading of letters from Florence Magee and her husband; to Amy Davis, and German Gutierrez for their reading of the letters from Florence and Hugh; Merima Helic for photographing us with the Twin Inns chicken; and to all those who helped with the cleanup duties, which were more rushed than we had planned for!

We will be decorating the House for Christmas on November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving., at 10:00 am. All are welcome to come and help out.

Refreshments will be served. I hope to see you there. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. It's time to have some new blood involved in this endeavor. Please plan on coming to help out!

If you haven't been to Magee House to see all of the new displays, the Christmas season is a perfect time to do so. If you've been already, plan on coming again with friends to see what a Christmas in the 1890s looked like.

Our next Board meeting will be Monday, January 18th. All are welcome to attend.

I wish you all the joy of the holidays, and look forward to a renewed spirit of sharing Carlsbad history together in the new year!

Ginny Unanue

From the Archives

In the past few months we've been busy cataloging new acquisitions that we've acquired from four wonderful donors. Carlsbad locals are finding their way to the Carlsbad Historical Society and depositing their treasures. Lura Black, a Carlsbad High alumni, hand delivered a thick scrapbook full of Twin Inns and Kentner family photos and newspaper clippings during our 40th Anniversary Celebration in October. The Twin Inns restaurant served family style chicken dinners from 1919 until the mid 1980s, and was run originally by Eddie Kentner and family. This unique restaurant was well known for those amazing plaster of Paris chickens that stood guard outside. The scrap book is a treasure since it contains many photos never before seen (by this archivist) of the interior of the restaurant, long time employees, family members and their personal living quarters' and many guest activities and party events. Along the same theme, Eddie Kentner , Jr. also known locally as Bup, sent us a terrific photo of the Twin Inns Gazebo and surrounding gardens. This Gazebo now resides in Magee Park behind the house and rose gardens and was moved there a few years ago as a Rotary Project.

Cathryn Pedley Bahm, sent us a large envelope filled with her father, Clinton Leon Pedley's, hand written notes, photos and newspaper clippings from his tenure as trustee on the Oceanside- Carlsbad Union High School District and Oceanside- Carlsbad Junior College(MiraCosta College) and as a member of the Carlsbad Rotary, and also many photos of her own school days here in Carlsbad, and reunion photos. Pedley, was well known as a commercial Strelitzia Regina (Bird of Paradise) flower grower.

Noel Larson Helton, had the 8 foot long engraved wooden Village Grill advertising sign delivered to us in late October. Noel's mother in-law actually started the Grille. We currently , have the sign in storage while we think of a creative way to display it.

As always, we want to thank those that think to donate their precious artifacts to the Carlsbad Historical Society. As you are aware, we as an organization strive to preserve our history through our resources and make them available to the public. Please act as Carlsbad Historical Society ambassadors and remind people you know to think of us when they are ready to donate items that relate to our history.

Sue Gutierrez, CHS Secretary and Archivist

From the Twin Inns Scrapbook



Eddie Kentner



Neva Kentner



Photo of Twin Inns Gazebo and Gardens sent to us by Eddie Kentner, Jr.

A Sample from Cathryn Pedley Bahm's Donation



Pine School Orchestra 1940s

Save the Date

Sunday, April 10 at 2 pm

We are happy to host author **Cynthia Mestad Johnson**, and look forward to her discussion on her release of **Carlsbad Legends** a biographical sketch of people of note in Carlsbad, past, and present. Cynthia will allow us to be her first book talk and signing immediately after the April 2016 release date. Cynthia's last release was **James DeWolf and the Rhode Island Slave Trade** in which she uncovered through extensive research the story of corruption and exploitation of James DeWolf who brought over thirty thousand slaves into colonial America on ships owned and captained by himself. DeWolf served as a member of the House of

Representatives in the state of Rhode Island and as a United States senator, all while continuing the slave trade years after passage of the Federal Slave Trade Act of 1808.

ODE TO THE CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY On the Occasion of its 40th Anniversary

It's been 40 years, nearly half of a century.
We've grown and advanced and it's been quite
adventury.

The Society started in seventy-five,
When many back then now are barely alive.
It came as a gift from one Florence Magee,
A house and a barn and a park by the sea.
This gift to the City helped found CHS,
And we'll thank her forever for all her largess.
The Magee House and barn open three days a week,
With a docent on hand to help visitors seek
Everything about Carlsbad that they want to know:
Like something about someone's dog named Juno.
From 11 to 3 every Fri., Sat., and Sun.,
People come in to learn or at least to have fun.
The house has nine rooms, there's a barn in the back,
And also an outhouse that's small, just a shack.
At 258 on a street name of Beech,
The Magee House is almost a school where we teach
All about Carlsbad, the area's history:
A great way to learn and to solve every mystery.
The House now is more like the City's museum;
For learning it's also a true athenaeum.
With lectures and tours and some special events,
There's lots going on, only weather prevents.
Original chairs and some desks and some beds
And crochets and fine covers that make lovely spreads.
On the walls you see paintings and timelines and more,
All part of exhibits of Carlsbad of yore.

Each December we host a Victorian party
With old decorations - they're really quite arty.
And the barn in the back contains lots of displays,
Like tools used in farming, a saddle that sways.
And there's also a safe that was once the town bank.
It weighs like a ton so it's too hard to yank.
Surrounding the house are rose gardens and herbs
That are very unique (we hope no one disturbs).
Another old building is Heritage Hall,
Before 'twas a church, later cops were on call.
Next door is the Granary, moved from Twin Inns.
While there it was used to feed chickens in bins.

Carlsbad Time Lines

The City takes care of all major repairs,
Like fixing the roof and the deck as it wears.
The Society's goal: to preserve and enhance
All the history of Carlsbad, it's quite a romance.
We hope to be here for as long as we can,
With thanks to supporters, our membership clan.

Geoff Armour

Pictures from our 40th Anniversary



Almost 40 members attended the event



Geoff Armour, Germán Gutierrez and Jim Landes



Rona Djeddah and Ralph Peterson



Marjorie Monroy and Molly Acuña



Mildred Espy and Verna Sillers



Laurie Boone

Pictures taken by [Merima Studios](#)

New Members

Pat and Jim Hansen
Eleanor H. Burton

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.

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
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 Private Tours with Tea are given
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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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