

TIMELINES

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FIRST QUARTER, 2005

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Mission Statement

The Carlsbad Historical Society increases and enhances the knowledge of the area's history. CHS assures and maintains cultural traditions of the community; works with the City of Carlsbad on cooperative preservation, restoration and display of historical resources; and solicits the help of the community in acquiring historical items and property.

STEP BACK IN TIME – VISIT HISTORIC MAGEE HOUSE

**258 Beech Street
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Open Friday 12:00-4:00 and Saturday 1:00-5:00
Private Tours with Tea are given on Tuesday and Thursday
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Phone: 760-434-9189**

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The Magee House was built in 1887 by Samuel Church Smith, one of the founders of Carlsbad. It was later donated to the City of Carlsbad by Florence Shipley Magee. Furnished with antiques of the period the house contains exhibits concerning the history of Carlsbad.

Victorian Teas a Tasty Success

Ginny Unanue has reported that the 4 to 8 teas served each month at Magee House earned approximately \$1,000 last year. The teas are a delicious way to introduce friends from in or out of town to Carlsbad History. Tea is served on Tuesday and Thursday. For reservations call 434-9189.

Board of Directors Meetings

Starting March 15 meetings will be held the third Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. Meetings are held at the Magee House with members welcome. The next meeting will be May 17.

History of the Carlsbad Historical Society

By Marge Howard-Jones

Once upon a time, 30 years ago, the Twin Inns (now Neiman's) was the place for important Carlsbad events. Therefore it was entirely appropriate that on July 18, 1975 Mayor Robert Frazee summoned significant old-timers to a dinner to launch the Carlsbad Historical Society as a part of the town's Bicentennial Celebration. Chris and Kay Christiansen, Allan O. Kelly, Manuel Castorena and Dolores Hutflesz were among the charter members who then began monthly breakfast meetings at Denny's to invite others to join the fun. Those gatherings were notable for major "raconteuring" with Chris providing the lead-in, and further embellishments from Allan or Manuel. Their memories of the good old days were what the meetings were all about.

Talk became action when the City provided a room or two at the Magee House, for Displays of old furniture, paintings and other artifacts; this arrangement has gradually expanded to our present occupancy of the entire house! At the same time, led by the Christiansens, the Historical Society re-roofed the barn and helped with the refurbishment of the then vacant Santa Fe Depot. In 1976 a Time Capsule containing items of current

common use was planted in front of the Magee House to be opened in 2076. Later on, when the original sanctuary of St. Patrick's Catholic Church was threatened to be a practice site for the Fire Department, the Carlsbad Friends of the Library raised funds and the Historical Society coordinated its move from Harding St. to Magee Park.

As membership has grown, we have been able to sponsor community events, such as tours of historic residences and significant downtown structures, porch parties at the Magee House and providing hot dogs and other refreshments at the TGIF Jazz Concerts. The annual Third Grade tours for Carlsbad children has been a major effort that reaches many families, as children report back to their parents about the old phonograph, fancy clothes and many cat figurines that they have seen at the Magee House.

The Historical Society's current effort is the complete restoration of the barn, with new roofing to protect the artifacts ready to be displayed inside.

Ten Thousand years in Carlsbad

AnneMarie Cox will give a power point presentation with artifacts on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. in the Cole Library Community Room. AnneMarie Cox is with the San Diego Archaeological Center. There is no charge for the event.

Carlsbad High School

Although the cornerstone was laid in September 1957, the building was not ready for occupancy until February 17, 1958. On that day, according to Windows on the Past by Susan Gutierrez, a parade of buses and cars made their way from Oceanside to the Carlsbad border led by the Oceanside Police. The Carlsbad Police assumed parade leadership past the Army and Navy Academy whose band played a welcome home song. All the cadets stood at attention, a difficult task because of the mooning by a carload of Carlsbad High School students.

Historical Society the Beneficiary of an

New members of interest are Bill and Chris Evans. Bill is the grandson of Marion Reeder Evans who was the granddaughter of Samuel Church Smith. Samuel Church Smith was the builder of the Magee House and Carlsbad's co-founder. For more information on Samuel Church Smith please stop by the Magee House.

Extraordinary Legacy

Joan Walker, Assistant Principal at Carlsbad High School, left her home and all of its contents to Nan Leighton who worked for her and was a great friend. In turn Nan has become a friend of the CHS and is giving everything that related to the High School to the society.

Among the school related memorabilia are yearbooks, newspapers, and photographs. The yearbooks reside at the Magee House.

Dues increase \$10 for each category except students. For the first time since 1976 the CHS Board of Directors has voted to increase annual dues \$10 per category in an effort to stay even with budget and even become a money-making operation. Student fees will remain at \$5 to encourage interest on their part.

Carlsbad Historical Society Membership Application
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____

Email Address _____

Individual \$25 _____ Family \$35 _____

Student \$5 _____ Lifelong \$250 _____

Business \$45 _____

Yes I would like to volunteer, call me regarding

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| _____ Membership | _____ Tours |
| _____ Display Committee | _____ Publicity |
| _____ Docent | _____ Fund Raising |

Taylor Tirona is the new docent at the Magee House. His family has lived in the Carlsbad/Oceanside area since the late 1960's. Although he was born in San Diego he has been living in Carlsbad since the age of four. He was part of the first kindergarten class at Hope school and continued on to Valley Jr. High, and graduated from Carlsbad High School. Presently he is employed by the Carlsbad City Library, where he has worked since 1997. He is honored and excited to join the Carlsbad Historical Society.
Welcome to the family.