

From the Board...

Two newly elected directors, Geoff Armour, and Dr. Jerry Colling were welcomed when the Carlsbad Historical Society Board of Directors met on January 16, 2007. Members are encouraged to attend board meetings, which are held the third Tuesday every other month, 4 p.m. in the Magee House meeting room.

The next meeting will be March 20, 2007. A treasurer's report was presented as well as a proposed operating budget for 2007. The Directors discussed and allocated funds for the proposed 2007-operating budget. It was approved. Docent salaries, museum displays, and printing are the largest expenditures each year. The total budgeted expenses are projected to be \$13,000.

Additionally the directors volunteered for a variety of committee assignments. We encourage all members to participate in any of the committees. Give us a call at 434-9189, leave your name and which committees interest you, and we will call you back with more information.

Committee Assignments....

Annual Meeting- Hubie Smith
Teas and Tours- Ginny Unanue
Community Outreach and Lectures- Ginny Unanue and Geoff Armour
Publicity- Dr. Jerry Colling
Newsletter- Susan and Germán Gutierrez
Trunk Show- Ginny Unanue and Geoff Armour
School Tours- Joyce Smith
Membership- Geoff Armour
Museum Displays- Marge Howard Jones, Susan and Germán Gutierrez, Sue Ladouceur, Ginny Unanue
Membership Events- unassigned

New Members...

CHS welcomes our newest member John May!

Membership Renewals....

It's that time of year again; membership renewal is due by March 31, 2007. Those who joined Carlsbad

Historical Society in the last quarter of 2006 need not renew. Your present membership is valid until January 2008.

Whether a new or returning member, please update the application form. Mail your application and check to: Carlsbad Historical Society Membership Application P.O. Box 252, Carlsbad, CA (please see back page).

Carlsbad Hotel

In 1886 the Carlsbad Land and Mineral Water Company began development of Carlsbad. Roads were laid out, homes built and businesses started. One of the most impressive businesses and largest structures was the Carlsbad Hotel. Completed in 1888 the five story high building drew guests from around the nation. The following excerpt from the Carlsbad Sea Lion, the town's first newspaper, documents hotel construction.

December 24, 1887

The Mammoth hotel is being pushed right upward as rapidly as men and money can do it. The first floor is up and flooring being laid. Mr. Culver, Supt. of the building informs the writer that after this week his present force of ten carpenters will be increased to fifteen. Lumber for the hotel is arriving on almost every train and we can assume our friends there will not be an hour's delay in pushing this building to its completion.



The Carlsbad Hotel, constructed in 1888, located on Grand and Highway 101, viewed looking northwest. This location would be directly across the street from present day St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

January 14, 1888

The fourth story of the hotel is up. The adding of one more story will make the building present a very imposing appearance.

The hotel is to have one hundred fifty incandescent lights. Let your light shine that others may see your good works and buy a home in Carlsbad while the opportunity is within the reach of all.

Captain Frazier while at Los Angeles this week closed the contract for the latest improved electric fire alarm and electric call bells for the Mammoth Hotel. The fire alarm is to include also the late automatic system, which is self alarm and register giving the alarm from any part of the building to the office which is being adopted so extensively by the larger hotels in the east. The expense of this is very great but as it renders the possibility of fire without immediate detection out of the question thereby placing the greatest possible safeguard around the building where it has been adapted.

January 21, 1888

\$75,000- A-BIG DEAL- the Hotel "Carlsbad" purchased by Capt. J.A.Frazier

The Mammoth Hotel which is nearing completion was purchased and transferred this week to Capt. J. A. Frazier. A number of capitalists have been endeavoring for the past two months to buy this magnificent property and not a little rivalry was noticed as an out cropping. Gentleman from various places east as well as a goodly number from California resorts have looked upon the hotel as a valuable piece of property and have been very quietly negotiating for its purchase but Capt. Frazier in this as in all business transactions of great importance in which he is interested closed the contract and is now the owner of what will in a very few weeks be the grandest coast resort hotel north of Coronado. In this we take occasion to congratulate the Captain on his usual sound judgment and business foresight. Also Carlsbad is to be congratulated upon sale to a gentleman so well and favorable known not only in our community but throughout the state as well and one in whom there is no such element as fail. The Captain is endowed with a wonderful degree of push energy and rare business qualities which are combined with his abundant financial resources will make "The Carlsbad" distinctly the palace of the Pacific Coast. In this connection we deem a brief description of this magnificent property to be of interest and will give readers of the Sea Lion the result of our observations. The building is located on Grand Avenue occupying the whole of block ten. It stands at the top of a slope which from east to west is 600 feet. Has three fronts one by Lincoln Street, one on Grand Avenue and another to the

beautiful ground east which is being laid but very artistically for walks etc.

The first or basement story which is on level with the lawn is the billiard parlor and elegant court and store room. The billiard room is 36 x 72 feet in the clear arched ceiling frescoed walls and full front glass windows. This room will be the largest billiard parlor in Southern California; the floor is of Portland cement, heavily carpeted. Going up to the second floor we find two entrances, one leading through a spacious hallway to the ladies parlor which fronts on Grand Avenue and is 60 x 32 feet with three bow windows. From this parlor several fine suites of rooms are reached. The second entrance is to the corridor, office and gentleman's parlor, which is also quite large and arranged with an eye single to the comfort of guests.

Passing west we enter the dining room which occupies the entire west side of the building, 75 feet in length and 40 feet in width. The architect gave this room an abundance of light as almost the entire west and south sides are glass doors and windows, with a very large bow window in the south west corner, sufficient to accommodate more than twenty people.

The dining room is a marvel in its size and appointments off from the dining room is a large kitchen, pastry room and pantry. On the east side are ten fine large suits of rooms. A sixteen feet porch extends almost entirely around the building.



This is an interior shot of the Carlsbad Hotel.

Going up a gentle stairway we come to the third story which is in all its arrangements as elaborate as the second story. Here is another large ladies parlor, a hallway extending from east to west with plate glass; double doors at either end. From the hall are rooms all large, light and so arranged that if desired fires can be furnished for the guests.

A second large hallway running at right angles intersects the main hall extending from near the ladies parlor to the north side of the building. From this are large suits of rooms fronting east to town and opening out upon another 16 foot porch which extends around three sides of the building. Each room has a large bow

window.

The fourth story is an exact duplicate of the third. The fifth story with mansard roof is furnished in large airy rooms, hallways and observatories, etc. From the fifth story we pass up to an observatory which is intended to seat if desired one hundred people. Surrounding this grand look out is a heavy railing mounted with many artistic designs.

All who have had the pleasure of a view from Carlsbad can readily understand what a grand scene one can behold looking in any direction from such a favorable point of observation. The picture is grand and one long to be remembered. Looking out seaward to a point where the sea and sky seems to meet and mingle over the San Clements and Catalina Islands which lie off sixty miles like great stone walls lifting their heads up through the briny deep, and witness the setting of the sun producing as it does a view of shade and shadow and changing color is awe inspiring- a scene the beauties of which the pen cannot portray. This Palatial hotel in all its appointments is to be of the most solid pleasing and elaborate character. No expense has been spared to make it the leading resort of the coast, which judging from the applications received for accommodations will be more than realized.



The beach bathhouse built by the Carlsbad Hotel at the foot of Grand Avenue.

The building completed will represent an expenditure of \$75,000. Captain Frazier who is the fortunate owner of this Mammoth Hotel expects to associate with him a gentleman who is a thorough hotel man familiar with all the details in the operating of such an extensive hostelry and have the hotel opened at the earliest possible day. As we mentioned in a former issue the building is to be lighted throughout with the

latest improved incandescent electric light and equipped with electric alarm call bells. The opening of this hotel to the public will be a happy event to Carlsbad and will be a red letter day.

Thank You...

CHS wants to thank the following for their donations to our museum:

Eldean Bratton for photos, Betsy Cosart photos and an antique doll house built by her parents and gifted to her as a child, Doctor and Mrs. Jerry Colling, antique toy rattle from Tina's family and a collection of antique and recent Karlovary sipping mugs and horseshoe for the Trunk Show.

Future Displays...

Currently in the planning stages for 2007 are two new museum displays, antique toys and Carlsbad High School memorabilia. We welcome donations or loans of either. If you have something you are willing to part with or loan, that you believe will add to the understanding and interpretation of Carlsbad history, please give us a call at 434-9189.

Newsletter...

The Board would love to hear from you regarding our newsletter. Any ideas for future articles? Do you have a Carlsbad history mystery that you always wondered about, drop us a line or email at cbadhistory@yahoo.com. Remember, you can find back copies of our newsletter on our web page, www.carlsbadhistoricalsociety.org. Also, let us know if we can send your newsletter via e-mail. It would save us many pennies!

Volunteers Needed...

Wouldn't you like to introduce our youngest citizens to Carlsbad history? This year more than 1000 Carlsbad third graders will be treated to our visiting history *Trunk Show*, followed by with a visit to Magee House museum and barn. The trunk is packed and ready to travel, the house is swept and polished, and all we need are a few interested volunteers! So, give us a call 434-9189 and let us know you are interested in helping out. And of course a brief training session will be offered.

Sundowner...

Bring a friend and enjoy some wine, cheese, roses in bloom, and the sunset on April 29, 2007 from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Magee House Deck.

Carlsbad Historical Society

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given on Tuesday and
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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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Carlsbad Historical Society Membership Application

Name _____

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Phone Number () _____

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Individual \$25 _____ Family \$35 _____

Student \$5 _____ Lifelong \$250 _____

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Yes I would like to volunteer, call me regarding ___ Membership
___ Display Committee ___ Docent ___ Tours
___ Fund Raising ___ Publicity

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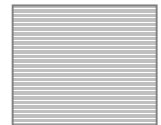
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