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**CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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FEBRUARY 1990

■ **NEW MEETING TIME:**

General membership meetings will now be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon at *Gerico's Restaurant* (850 Tamarack Avenue). We seem to be getting somewhat better attendance with the lunch meetings and the large private room at *Gerico's* is quite nice; so this arrangement will continue.

■ **A SPECIAL THANKS...**

... to all new members and those who have renewed their memberships. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at *Gerico's* on February 28.

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■ LAST MEETING:

At our last general meeting on January 24, members present voiced interest in having a greater involvement by the Historical Society in a variety of local history issues. One suggestion was to have a regular presence by at least one Historical Society member at each meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. The preservation of local history resources and historic sites is a common concern of both organizations.

■ COMMON CAUSES:

Geoff Armour has been in contact with the Historical Preservation Commission through its staff support in the city's Redevelopment Department. The Historic Preservation Commission has approached the library about the need for storage of documents, artifacts and audio-visual materials. This is a cause that all three agencies (library, Historical Society and Historical Preservation Commission) need to consider and need to work on in some coordinated way. Perhaps with our new museum...

■ TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balances in our two accounts are now as follows:

Savings: \$13,978

Checking: \$1,393

■ HOUSE MOVING:



According to Marylynn Brown-Bellman, we now have most of the paper work we need to get city permits to move the donated house on Knowles to our property behind Alt Carlsbad. What is still missing is a landscape plan and a copy of the title report, both of which we should have shortly. Gary Nessim is helping out with some of these final details.

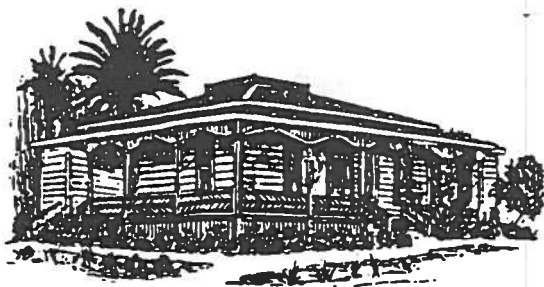
■ FUTURE NEWSLETTERS:

Anyone with information or articles they would like included in the newsletter must get these items to Geoff Armour at the library (1250 Elm Ave) by the end of the second week of the month. This is to allow enough time to put everything together and get the copy down to The Printery for setup and printing. We continue to be greatly indebted to June Krisher at The Printery for her generous help in getting our newsletter put together and ready to mail.

We will now be trying to get our officers for the Board lined up and back to regular meetings, which will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 a.m. at the Depot. Anyone who would like to be involved with the Board should contact Gary Nessim at 720-3333, Grace Mason (729-0548), or Harry Krepps (729-29410).

■ OTHER NEWS:

The Friends of Carrillo Ranch is sponsoring a three-part series on Leo Carrillo and related topics. Parts two and three are set for February 26 and March 26 at the LaCosta Branch Library at 7:30 p.m. The February 26 show is "An Armchair Tour of Ten Southern California Historic Parks" and will cover what is being done in similar situations. The March 26 program is "Carrillo Rancho: Past, Present and Future" and will present an original audio-visual treat, including rare photos. Selected artifacts and memorabilia will be displayed. Admission is free. Call Alan Kindle (438-1666) for other details.



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MARCH 1990

■ **NEW OFFICERS:**

Kay Christiansen has graciously agreed to serve as President this year with dependable Harry Krepps continuing as Vice President. Grace Mason is now doing double duty as Secretary/Treasurer, with Treasurer in particular a somewhat heavy responsibility. Rob Walwick and Geoff Armour will continue to serve on the Board.

■ **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The balances in our two accounts are now as follows:
Savings: \$14,042.69
Checking: \$1,399.38

■ **DEPOT ARRANGEMENTS:**

Final plans are now in Redevelopment, having been agreed to by representatives of the Historical Society and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. When all final fine tuning of the plan is completed, the City will take the responsibility for getting bids on the work and seeing the project through to completion. The Historical Society will have use of the freight room, which will also be available for public meetings, and the entry room. Our archival files and Natalie's workstation will likely move to the freight room area, which will be provided with a modern heating system and proper lighting and should be quite comfortable.

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■ HOUSE MOVE:

We are still rounding up a few final documents to complete our application package for moving the house on Knowles to the site behind Alt Carlsbad. A landscape design is being completed, approvals from the Water and Sewer districts are in, and a title report is being ordered. With these documents in hand our application should be ready for submittal. There will still need to be grading and foundation work done at the site as well as various utility hookups.

■ MAGEE HOUSE NEWS:

A group led by Marje Howard-Jones, including Kay Christiansen, B. J. Cochran, Joan Kindle, Ann L'Heaureux, and Jeannette Smale, met recently to plan how to open up the Magee House to the public on a regular basis. The plan worked out will have the house open on the first Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. John Kindle has generously agreed to donate much of her beautiful handiwork for us to sell, along with the usual supply of cards and books. The schedule will start April 7. What we need now are more volunteers to help staff the house so that we can maintain the schedule. We are now covered with enough volunteers to keep the schedule into September. If you would like to help out with this project, contact any of the group members or Geoff Armour at the library. The group has also begun work on a catalog of Magee House contents, with estimated values and photo documentation. The city has now repaired the heating ducts and plans to take care of screens and windows. The Society needs to

consider an expenditure for restoration of oil paintings and photos now on display in the living room.

■ CARRILLO RANCH NEWS

Joan and Alan Kindle now have three excellent slide shows available for public presentation. These shows are:

- A VISIT WITH LEO CARRILLO (a review of his life, career, and his love of California)
- AN ARMCHAIR TOUR OF TEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HISTORIC PARKS (what others are doing with their historic resources)
- CARRILLO RANCH: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (historic significance of the ranch, what is happening to it now, and future possibilities).

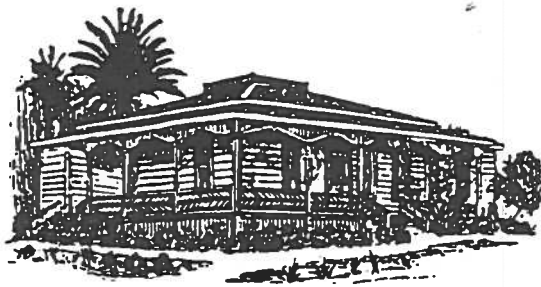
Joan Kindle has secured permission from the State Archives in Sacramento to make available all Leo Carrillo materials to Carlsbad for exhibit purposes. The loan will be handled through the library and displays over a two month period will take place at both the main library and at the La Costa Branch.

■ ACCESS TO PHOTOS:

The Board, at its last meeting, recommended that the loan policy for the historic photo collection now housed in the library be changed. Up to now photos have been signed out to selected individuals and organizations for them to make their own copies – all free of charge. This policy has resulted in numerous losses over the years. From now on, there will be a \$10 fee (roughly the cost of photographic services) to have copies made by us. Original photos will no longer be loaned out. Anyone interested in the photo collection, which now has over 2,200 items, should contact Geoff Armour at the library or call 434-2889.

■ DUES TO INCREASE:

The Board also recommended that individual and family dues be increased this year to \$20 and \$30 respectively. The new dues structure will take effect on June 1. Dues should be paid on that date for the following year.



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APRIL 1990

■ **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, April 25, 12 noon at Gerico's.
The lunch meetings at Gerico's are working out better than expected. We have a spacious private area, good food, and a time that seems much more convenient. Attendance recently has been better than in the past few years.

■ **NEW SOCIETY PRESIDENT:**

Improved attendance and enthusiasm shown by members may well be tied in some way to having KAY CHRISTIANSEN as our new President. Kay has a way of lighting fires under people and getting everyone moving. Her energy and spirit seem to rub off on all around her. We look for an exciting and profitable year under her leadership.

■ **MAGEE HOUSE:**

A reminder that the Magee House will be open to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Quite a few volunteers are signed up to help with this project but we can use more. Since Lynn Chase moved her city Parks and Recreation operations into Magee House, there have been some nice beautification touches. Be sure to take a look at the handsome furnishings Lynn has installed in her office.

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■ **CARRILLO RANCH NEWS:**

For those of you who have not had a chance to see Joan and Allen Kindle's wonderful programs on Leo Carrillo and the Carrillo Ranch, second and third chances are being provided. On June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall at Magee Park, the program on Leo Carrillo, A Life and A Legend, will be screened. It will be repeated on June 16th at noon at the La Costa Branch Library. The second program, a tour of historic California State Parks, will be presented on July 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall and repeated at noon on July 14th at the Branch Library. The final show on the Carrillo Ranch will take place August 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall and again August 18th at noon at the Branch.

The City Council recently approved an application for the Ranch to be included on the National Register of Historic Places and also approved a contract for architectural services to complete the restoration of the Ranch buildings.

■ **NEW MEMBERS:**

Brand new memberships have been received this past month from the following: E.G. and E.B. (Bee) Laughery; Mae M. Johnson; Lorraine Utzelman; and Eleanore Hardman. A special thanks to new LIFE MEMBER Amelia R. Irvine.

■ **JAZZ CONCERTS:**

The city Arts Department is again planning a series of free public jazz concerts in various city parks this summer. We have the opportunity to handle the food and beverage concessions for some or all of these concerts. There will be three performances at Stagecoach, Magee, and Calavera parks. At the very least we might want to handle the concerts at the northern parks. The Arts Department is discussing a possible sharing of this fund raising activity with other community groups, but is giving us first rights of refusal. Should we handle some or all of these concerts one thing will be done differently: we will not sell alcoholic beverages. The cost in liability insurance and in special event liquor licenses is just too high for us to make a profit.

■ **ART INVENTORY:**

Kay has been investigating the restoration of the great old paintings we have hanging in the Magee House. It will cost about \$2,100 to fully restore the three major works but we do have an anonymous donor willing to contribute a sizable part of the cost. Kay has also talked to Kali Bradford about doing some rehab work on the sand castle, which has suffered severe damage due to vandalism. The Society will contribute funds toward this repair work.

■ **DEPOT**

Work is now in progress toward renovation of the depot. Natalie will do most of her archival work at home for the next three months but then will relocate to the freight room. Once all is in order there will be gala Villagers scheduled to celebrate the rejuvenated Depot as well as the Magee House.

■ **DESIGNER SHOWCASE:**

A reminder that the San Diego Historical Society's 17th annual Designer Showcase will take place April 29-May 20. The Showcase this year, PAST TO PRESENT IN MISSION HILLS, features the celebrated Crabtree-Schmidt house. Built in 1914 this 7,000 square foot gem has a magnificent view of the bay and ocean and 27 individual design areas. For information call 232-6226.



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MAY 1990

■ **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, May 23, 12 noon at Gerico's.

■ **RESTORATION OF SAND CASTLE:**

Kali Bradford has begun much needed repairs on the sand castle. Repairs are being funded by a \$300 appropriation approved recently by the board. Kay has noted a number of instances where vandalism, particularly by adults tossing items over the fence, has caused considerable damage. The castle needs to be kept in presentable condition for all the tourists, local residents, and groups of students who come to see it.

■ **DEPOT RENOVATION:**

We should be able to move our operations back into a fully rejuvenated depot before too long. Most of our presence will be in the freight room, where Natalie will maintain her archival workspace and we will have room for regular meetings. We hope to have a large conference table installed that can double as a glassed display case. The entry area of the depot will be used to display CHS memorabilia.

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■ UPDATE ON JAZZ CONCERTS:

The summer jazz concerts sponsored by the City Arts Department have now been set for the following dates and places:

Calavera Hills Park

June 29, July 6, July 13

Stagecoach Park

July 20, July 27, August 3

Magee Park

August 10, August 17, August 24

All concerts are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will again need lots of volunteers to assist with the sale of food, drink, and special CHS items. Joan Kindle will be making a pitch to Ralph's and Von's for contributions (and few people can say no to Joan). The Board has decided to keep things simple and economical by not selling alcoholic beverages this year. The liability insurance and the special event liquor licenses are just too expensive. We'll concentrate on such things as hot dogs, popcorn, small packaged snacks, cookies, and assorted soft drinks. Anyone who would like to work at the concerts should call the CHS office (729-8009) and leave a message or contact Geoff Armour at the library (434-2889).

■ UPDATE ON HOUSE WORK:

Harry Krepps has been gathering up all the necessary paperwork to process the move of the Knowles house onto the CHS lot behind Alt Carlsbad. Harry reports that Mayor Pro Tem Ann Kulchin has been particularly helpful in smoothing the way for this move. A group of volunteers including Harry Krepps, Rob Walwick, and George Mason will be clearing weeds off the lot in compliance with the weed abatement ordinance.

■ TOURS:

Marje Howard-Jones, Joan Kindle, Kay Christiansen, and George and Grace Mason have been active this month taking tours through Magee House and St. Michael's Church. The most recent tour was for a group of third graders from Kelly School. Our paintings in Magee House have been beautifully restored. Stop by and have a look.

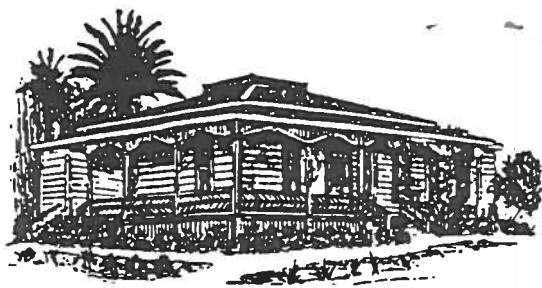
■ CARRILLO ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY:

Thanks to the efforts of Joan Kindle, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has agreed to loan to Carlsbad (through the library) selected artifacts and memorabilia from the Hazard Collection in the State Archives. The collection includes hundreds of Leo Carrillo items never before put on display – until now. Pat Hansen, Library Exhibits Coordinator, made the trip to Sacramento recently to select items for display. We were greatly aided in this process by Senator Craven and Assemblyman Frazee and the Friends of Carrillo Ranch. The Carrillo display will be on view in both libraries during the month of June.

■ TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 2nd, 1990:

Savings.....\$12,183.89
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SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON MAY 23rd!



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JUNE 1990

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■ **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, June 27, 12 noon at the Magee House.

■ **NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE!**

This is a one-time change of meeting place. We need to discuss arrangements for the Villager to be held at the Magee House from 5-7 p.m. that same day. We have agreed to sponsor this Villager with the Village Merchants Association. Historical Society members are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre or snack for the event. The Merchants Association will provide other refreshments and beverages. Please be at this important lunch meeting to help set up the Magee House. Bring a sandwich or, if you prefer, someone will run out and pick up fast food.

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■ LEO CARRILLO SEMINARS:

Joan and Allen Kindle are now repeating their excellent series of programs on Leo Carrillo. Upcoming presentations will be as follows:

July 10 - 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall in Magee Park
July 14 - 12 noon at the La Costa Branch Library
August 14 - 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall
August 18 - 12 noon at the La Costa Branch Library

Also, if you haven't had a chance, remember to stop by the main and branch libraries to view the Leo Carrillo exhibits. Most of these treasures are on loan from the State Archives. The exhibits will be on display through the end of June.

■ DEPOT RENOVATION:

According to the Redevelopment Office, work on the depot is progressing well and should be completed by the end of June. Natalie has been relocated to the freight room with all her files and is continuing to keep the office going.

■ SUMMER JAZZ CONCERTS:

Joan Kindle has turned on the charm once again and secured commitments from Vons, Ralphs, Big Bear, Smart and Final, and

Payless. All will be contributing either cash or goodies to our concert concession stand. Thanks to Joan, we should have few if any expenses and should realize a much better profit for the Historical Society than in past years. A reminder that concerts will be held June 29, July 6, and July 13 at Calavera Park; August 17 and August 24 at Magee Park. All concerts will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

■ SAND CASTLE RESTORATION:

The sand castle on our property behind Alt Carlsbad has been repaired as far as the \$300 budget would allow, but could still use more work. We are currently discussing the possibility of retaining Kali Bradford to do monthly maintenance on the castle. Thanks to Rob Walwick and others for their weed abatement work on the site.

■ HOUSE MOVE:

All the necessary paperwork has been completed and turned in to the city. The Planning Department is waiving most of the usual fees. We hope to be ready for this move in the near future.

■ OTHER NEWS:

Kay has had word from a man named Raymond Lodge who lives out in what used to be Hugh Magee's retreat in Pala (Condor's Nest). Mr. Lodge apparently has come across some interesting old books and postcards from that earlier era. We'll see about acquiring these materials for the Historical Society.

Remember to call Kay Christiansen (729-0110) or Sylvia Jesse (729-3700) if you will be able to work at one or more of the jazz concerts this summer. We'll need all the help we can get.

■ TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 12, 1990:

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■ **MAGEE HOUSE**

The city is now set to paint the exterior of the Magee House according to Lynn Chase of Parks and Recreation. Our part of the house is being beautified by an oriental rug donated by Joan Kindle to go in front of the sofa.

Speaking of the Magee House, check the current issue (July) of *SUNSET* for an article on the house and its historic contents. There is also information about our docent led tours and open houses at Magee on the first Saturday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. The three paintings have now been fully restored and are a magnificent sight.

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■ **JAZZ CONCERTS**

The first two concerts on June 29 and July 6 at Calavera Park went off quite smoothly. Many thanks to all those who volunteered and a special thanks to Joan Kindle for twisting arms and sweet talking donations from the following companies:

RALPHS in Poinsettia Village (\$300 gift certificate)
PAYLESS in Poinsettia Village (\$100 certificate)
VONS (all three stores in Carlsbad — \$75 for hot dog buns)
BIG BEAR in Carlsbad (\$50 certificate)
SMART & FINAL in Carlsbad (10 large bags of popcorn)
LUCKY in Oceanside (\$20 certificate)
K-MART in Vista (\$20 certificate)

These donations are covering virtually all of our expenses for all nine concerts. For the first two concerts we made almost identical amounts of \$238 and \$237 respectively.

■ **DEPOT RENOVATION:**

Work on the restoration of the Santa Fe Depot is just about complete. There will be a grand reopening ceremony on August 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. CONVIS is coordinating the festivities and has asked for us to participate. Let's discuss this at our next general meeting. Some sort of display would likely be a good way to go.

■ **TOURS AND OPEN HOUSE AT MAGEE:**

The Saturday afternoon open houses at Magee have been quite successful. Ann L'Heureux reports that lots of items from Joan Kindle's boutique were sold at the June 7 session. And some people have been dropping off donations. Keeping the house open to the public as much as possible is a great way to raise our profile in the community and to talk up local history and preservation issues.

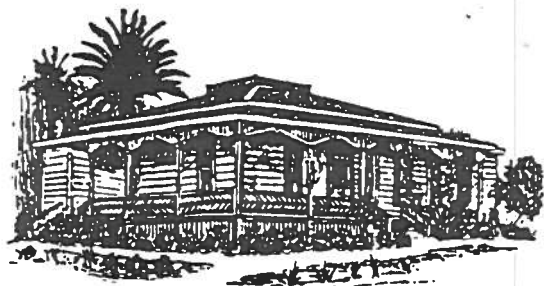
■ **PROPERTY TAXES:**

The tax bill, which includes an adjustment of years of back taxes and penalties, has just been received. This bill is over \$2,000 and will take a big chunk out of our coffers. But pay it we must. The good news is that the Historical Society's property behind Alt Carlsbad has been reassessed at a much lower level and future property tax bills will only be about \$250 a year.

■ **A FINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT...**

To all those who made contributions and helped out with our successful Villager at the Magee House on June 27.

Thanks to you all!



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Wednesday, August 22, 12 Noon at Gerico's.

■ **JAZZ CONCERTS:**

Our earnings from the first six concerts comes to \$1,402. That plus the \$153 from the Make-a-Circus event in Magee Park and the \$197 from our sales at the depot reopening gives us \$1,752 total to date. With the three Magee Park concerts still to come we should have close to \$2,500 for the summer.

■ **SAND CASTLE:**

Destruction of the sand castle by vandals has brought an outpouring of concern and support from the community. There have also been a couple of good newspaper articles and even an interview with Kay on Channel 10. These have all helped to publicize this unfortunate episode and draw attention to the need to rebuild. The Board has gone on record with a commitment to

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rebuilding the sand castle. The Historical Society hopes to get enough community support through donations of money and materials to help with the cost of this project, which could run as high as \$2,000. So far we have already received about \$300. In addition to rebuilding the castle, we are also concerned about improving the fence around the area, to help guard against any future vandalism attempts. We are checking with companies to see if a bigger, better fence might be contributed. The main purpose is to restore the castle and make it available again to the community. We've had students, tourists (even from foreign countries), as well as local residents stop by to view the castle and get a brief tour led by Kay.

■ DEPOT:

One item of business that needs to be resolved is the use of the depot by different organizations. The current understanding, although there is no formal, signed document to this effect, is that CONVIS would occupy the middle area with their service counter and would have the office directly behind, where Natalie and our archival operations were before. The freight room would be a space for public meetings, an area to display some of our historic artifacts, and a work station for Natalie. The bone of contention in all this remains the entry/waiting room. The Historical Society wants this room to remain a period piece decorated with historic artifacts with no CONVIS operations. CONVIS, finding itself somewhat cramped in the middle room, would like to put a work station in this room to serve as a general information desk. We will be sitting down in early September with representatives from CONVIS, the

city's Utility and Maintenance Department, and Redevelopment to work out a formal agreement on this matter.

■ HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATUS:

The Board, at its August meeting, went on record as expressing dismay over the general lack of recognition being accorded the Society these days. We are perceived more as food vendors for local events than anything else. What we need to do is get back out in front of our real mission: to educate the community about Carlsbad's history; to collect and display historic artifacts and develop archival materials; and to help with efforts to preserve historic sites and buildings in the community. We need to keep key people informed about issues and activities and we need to work more closely with the local press to get our message out. Failure by the press and others to mention our contributions to the community is partly our own fault for not being more energetic about publicizing ourselves.

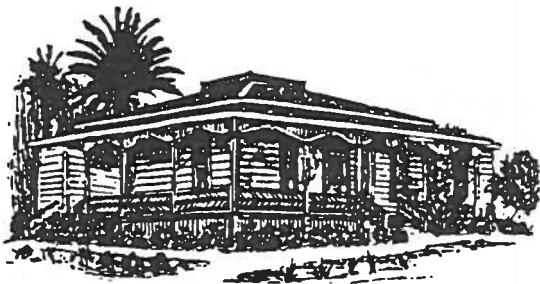
■ OTHER NEWS:

The Escondido Historical Society recently donated enlargements of Union Title Insurance Company photos of the Wadworth house and the group of town founders standing on the train platform. Both photos date back to the 1890's and will make great additions to the depot or Magee House.

There was a recent article in the New York Times about work being done to give the ancient spa of Karlovy Vary a facelift. This is Carlsbad's European namesake, located in modern Czechoslovakia. With the end of the communist regime in that country, a greater effort is now being made to attract tourists and open up to the West.

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Tuesday, September 4, 7:30 a.m. at the Magee House.



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■ **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, September 26, 12 Noon at Gerico's.

■ **JAZZ CONCERTS:**

The total for all nine jazz concerts this summer came to \$2,295, by far our most successful effort. When you consider that this amount is almost entirely a net profit to the Historical Society it makes this accomplishment all the more significant. Many thanks to all the members who helped make our participation such a big success. And special thanks to all the companies, but especially to Ralphs, who made donations and enabled us to keep our expenses to an absolute minimum.

In addition to the sales, we received \$246 in cash donations (\$189 of it from the Girl's Club) to help with the sand castle restoration.

■ **SAND CASTLE:**

Now for the bad news. Much of the funds raised over the summer went into the rebuilding of the sand castle, which had been vandalized some months before. With the work nearly completed by Kali Bradford and her crew, a second wave of vandals descended on the castle and finished it off, virtually levelling this wonderful historical display. It is a very sad commentary on the times we live in and the community we are growing into to find that there are humans out there who would do such a thing. If the

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castle or something like it is ever rebuilt, there will have to be extraordinary security measures taken to protect it.

■ HOUSE MOVE:

The CHS Board met recently to consider all the pros and cons of the planned move of the old house on Knowles down to the Society's property behind Alt Karlsbad. Originally the plan was to have an operational facility on our property which could be used for office space and storage, at least until a museum could be built. In the course of going through the city permit and planning process and filing all the necessary paperwork, it became increasingly apparent that there would be huge costs involved in the project, well beyond anything anticipated. The city requires a foundation, parking, and extensive mechanical and electrical work to conform to building and fire codes. Much of this would need to be done even if the house were simply boarded up and stored on our property. The consensus of the Board was that the costs were beyond the Society's means, even if we were just storing the facility and not using it. We are therefore notifying all parties concerned that the Historical Society will not pursue this project.

■ NEXT ON THE AGENDA:

What the Society needs to consider now are future museum and space needs and how best to approach them. We have furnishings, artifacts, and things like early police logs and city council minutes that need to be preserved. These materials are scattered around at various sites and are not available to the community. For starters,

we need to conduct a formal inventory of all Society holdings; then consider interim storage possibilities; and finally begin developing a long-range plan for a museum. Another item for our near term agenda is to meet with the Chamber and Redevelopment to reach a negotiated settlement on use of the depot. Our position is now and always has been that the depot should conform to the intent of the State grant that restored it to its original look. With the exception of the middle service area agreed on for CONVIS and its staff offices, the rest of the depot should remain as close as possible to its original look, a true historic display for the community and visitors to enjoy. The fact that the Chamber pays property taxes and utility bills is of no real consequence since they are fully subsidized by the city.

■ RAMSEY HOUSE:

All those who appreciate historic sites in Carlsbad will be saddened to know that the property surrounding the Ramsey estate is being carved up into a number of small house lots. A whole grove of great specimen trees was cut down to make room for new houses. This would seem to be a project requiring review by the Historic Preservation Commission. But it didn't happen.

■ CONDOLENCES:

Members of the Historical Society were greatly saddened to learn of George and Grace Mason's tragic loss of their son recently. Our thoughts and prayers have been with them through this difficult time and George and Grace wanted to express their appreciation for all the support that has gone out to them.

■ THANKS ROB AND MAUREEN:

Many thanks to Rob and Maureen Walwick for their hospitality in throwing an "End of Summer Jazz Concerts Party" at their beautiful tropical paradise located on the grounds of the famed Crouch Compound in Oceanside. We all had a great time!

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Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 a.m. at the Magee House.



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■ **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 24, 12 Noon at Gerico's.

■ **FUTURE PLANS:**

The focus of discussions, both at the last general meeting and at the Board meeting was on plans and strategies for building a museum on Historical Society property. We all recognize that this project is the Society's major long-term goal.

To get the ball rolling toward this goal, several initial steps have been taken. Suzanne Render has volunteered to work on some conceptual drawings for the museum, something in keeping with the Hanseatic style similar to Alt Carlsbad. The idea will be to continue the theme of European architecture that gave the town of Carlsbad its historic roots.

Gary Nessim will be working on a proposal which can be presented to major developers in this area. One possibility is to investigate a lease back arrangement which would have a developer build the museum on our land and then lease out the space over a fixed period of time. A small space would be made available to the Society for storage and an office.

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Rob Walwick has agreed to set up and organize a Museum Trust Fund to begin building a nest egg to supplement the project. Once renderings and design concepts are developed and put out in public view, we hope to attract interest and financial support. Thanks to Dorothy Muth and to Amelia Irvine for their contributions of \$50 and \$100 respectively to kick off the Museum Trust Fund.

■ **SAND CASTLE:**

As you all by now are aware, the sand castle as we have known it, no longer exists. It was pretty well demolished by a second, more severe wave of vandalism. The Board agreed that it would really be pointless to spend another couple of thousand dollars to rebuild the castle without extraordinary security measures. And the kind of security needed would be just about beyond our means. Without the castle there could be some question about our exemption from most property taxes. One alternative being investigated is setting up a medium-sized storage shed, something we could use to lock up small items and which, along with the ruins of the sand castle, might continue our tax break. We don't want a shed so large that building permits, electricity, plumbing, and the like would be needed.

■ **NAME CHANGE:**

Our resident barrister, Rob Walwick, will file the necessary paperwork with the State to change our name from Bicentennial Carlsbad Historical Society to just plain Carlsbad Historical Society. The longer official name was just too confusing to people and was impossible to find in the phone book.

■ **USE OF THE DEPOT:**

Kay continues to work with Redevelopment to set up a meeting so that all concerned parties can work out a use agreement for the depot. Redevelopment would like to have CHS members take a second look at the current setup and then report back with our views on how it's working and what still needs to be done to make the arrangement satisfactory and in compliance with the State Historic Preservation grant.

■ **ORAL HISTORY:**

The Board would like to have interested members of the Society get involved in oral history interviews with some of our more noteworthy long-time residents. Natalie Vermilyea and her husband recently did video interviews with Louise Williams and the granddaughter of Gerhard Schutte, one of Carlsbad's earliest residents. Both women were born in Carlsbad and attended the original Pine Street School. Marje Howard-Jones and Ann L'Heureux have also done some interviews and made videos on local history themes. This is something the Historical Society needs to support and help organize.

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Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 a.m. at the Magee House.



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■ NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

November 28, 12 Noon at Gerico's.

■ MUSEUM PLANS:

At our last general meeting, conceptual drawings of a museum were presented by Suzanne Render. The plans show two small buildings just behind Alt Carlsbad with a larger building at the east end of the site. The buildings would be two or three stories above an underground parking lot. Depending on the ultimate size of the facility, there could be as many as 60-70 parking spaces required. This early plan shows 21,000 square feet in total space with about 75% of it used for office rentals to pay off the mortgage over 10 to 15 years. Local architect Eitan Aharoni has offered to help with formal design plans. When the designs are completed, the package will be presented to a local developer to explore construction of the museum on a lease-back arrangement.

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■ **DEPOT:**

Kay has spoken with city Redevelopment staff and has learned that, according to terms of the State Historic Preservation grant, the freight room cannot be used both for public meeting space and for staff work stations. With Natalie no longer able to use her old space or the freight room for her archival work, some other arrangement will have to be worked out. Kay reports that Redevelopment is investigating use of space in their downtown offices for Natalie. Debbie Fountain, who is the Redevelopment staffer assigned to block grants, is drafting a final depot use plan which will be submitted to all interested parties (notably CHS and the Chamber) for their approval. It was noted that architect Milford Donaldson, who did the depot renovation, went back over the plans and reported that only a small greeting desk was to be located in the waiting room, along with one or two plain benches. The Historical Society might be able to keep a small chest in the room to store materials. But there was never a provision for large CONVIS display racks with tourist brochures to be housed in this entry room.

■ **PHOTO COLLECTION:**

The historic Carlsbad photo collection housed in the library now includes over 2,500 items. This collection was organized some

years ago by Marje Howard-Jones and Jeanette Smale and has been curated in recent years by library staff and especially by Marje and Ann L'Heureux. The collection has really outgrown its original indexing scheme and needs to be reorganized into a new system. Ann and Marje have expressed an interest in working on a computerized on-line system of indexing and retrieval and will investigate this further.

■ **OTHER NEWS:**

In addition to the photo archives, CHS is, as always, eager for any historic Carlsbad materials — both print and non-print — and especially any recorded interviews with longtime residents. These can be brought to Geoff Armour at the Carlsbad Library where secure archival files are located.

Suzanne Render reported on plans for a Victorian Party at the Watkins Mansion on Carlsbad Boulevard, currently planned for December 14, 15, and 16. CHS is one of the organizations invited to participate in this fund raiser (at \$100 per person or \$150 per couple) and would share in the revenues after all expenses. The party would include tours of the house, high tea, and portrait photos of couples at the home. Needed are docents or tour guides, some decorating, and addressing envelopes for about 1,000 invitations. Call Suzanne at 431-1801 if you would like to participate.

A special thanks once again to June Krisher and The Printery for their help in getting our newsletter out each month. We are most grateful.

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December 6, 7:30 a.m., at the Magee House.