



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

January 1, 2020



## 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 was a good year for historical preservation in San Clemente and 2020 looks to be even better. A quick review of highlights of 2019 is in order:

January – 15 City Council approved renting space at old City Hall to us for Archives

February – 2 Began moving items from storage to new Archives

20 Weathervane installed atop Ole Hanson Beach Club

March - 7 Member Meeting with presentation on Ruth DeNault

April – 3 Patriarch Jack Lashbrook passed away

May – 23 Two \$500 scholarships presented to two college-bound SC High School students

27 Participated in Memorial Day Service

June – 6 Member Meeting with presentation on Fred Swegles

15 Participated in Car Show on Ave. Del Mar

18 Rick Divel officially appointed Patriarch

July – Allen Ergo and his wife Maureen agreed to sponsor the Casa Romantica mural on Avenida Del Mar! The mural is in production.

September – 15 Annual Meeting included a City Council Candidate Forum

October – 12 Historic Home Tour was a big success

28 Contributed and participated in the Dana Point Harbor Time Capsule Celebration

December – 3 Miramar Theater and Bowling Alley sold

6 Membership Meeting featuring a presentation on the Goldschmidt House

In addition to the above, we had a number of ongoing projects and activities:

ORAL HISTORY - We have continued to video record interviews with many individuals important to SC history.

WEBSITE - We provide members and the public at large with a wealth of information about SC history as well as programs and activities of the Historical Society - visit us at [sanclementehistoricalsociety.org](http://sanclementehistoricalsociety.org)

COMMUNITY BOOTH - Our first Sunday booth on Ave. Del Mar earns revenue through photograph and book sales and provide important community outreach.

SPEAKERS BUREAU - Presentations were made to community groups on SC history and the Society.

PRESERVATION - We worked closely with the City following any development which might affect historic resources.

NEWSLETTER - Our monthly newsletter keeps all interested parties apprised of matters historic.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Six Directors (we have one vacancy) meet monthly to administer the Society.

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## Miramar Theater has New Owner!!



It has been reported that James Markham, Fortuitous Partners and Store Capital Corporation have bought the long vacant Miramar Theater and Bowling Alley in early December for \$7.9 million. Mr. Markham has launched a number of successful fast casual food restaurants over the past 20 years. His most recent venture is the Windmill Food Court in Carlsbad that opened in August.

The renderings above are from the plan that was approved by the City in 2016. The plan calls for an Event Center in the theater and a Food Court in the bowling alley. A beautiful outdoor seating area will replace the asphalt along North El Camino Real. Any variation from the approved plan would need to go back through the planning process.

We look forward to the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of this much beloved San Clemente treasure!

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## Membership Renewal

Annual Membership in the Historical Society goes by the calendar year and our 2020 Membership Drive began in December. Over 200 Membership Renewal letters were sent out in early December. Over 100 have renewed already. Thank You! If you do not have a Renewal envelope, you can still easily renew by going to our website and renewing electronically. Membership still starts at only \$40 per year for a family, \$25 for an individual.

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**

Your membership helps us to accomplish our goal of preserving San Clemente's fabulous history.

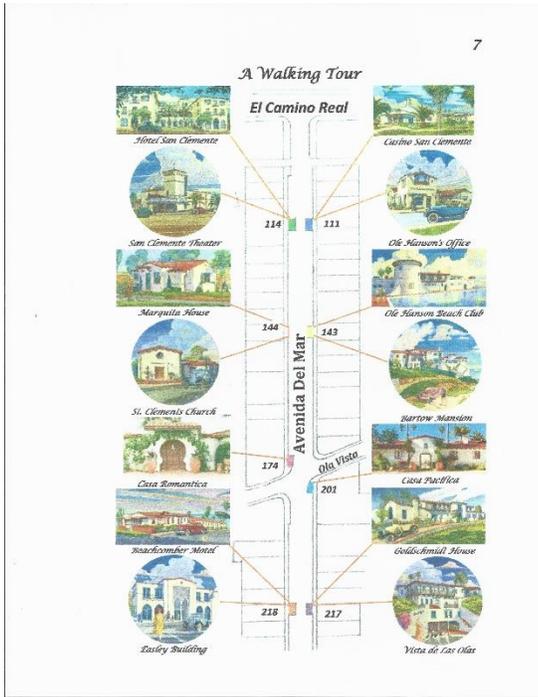
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## Landmarks on Del Mar



Our Landmarks on Del Mar project is progressing. Jay Fisher did the artwork and Michael King translated those painting onto tile. Both artists are well known and highly regarded. King has done work at the Bellagio and other high end casinos.

Eight of the fourteen murals have been installed so far. Sponsorship opportunities exist for five of the six in progress.



To the right is a Walking Tour of our Landmarks on Del Mar. Below is a sample of the beautiful bronze plaque that sponsors of murals are able to have placed next to the mural.



Sponsorship opportunities exist for five of the six in progress. Please contact Lee Van Slyke at [leevanslyke@cox.net](mailto:leevanslyke@cox.net) if you are interested.

## Community Contribution Program



Did you know that if you shop at Ralphs Supermarkets in San Clemente you can direct a portion of your bill be donated to The San Clemente Historical Society? It will cost you nothing. As a participant in Ralphs Community Contributions Program, the supermarket chain will automatically contribute a portion of your check out amount to the S.C.H.S. If you do not have a Ralphs Rewards Card, go the Ralphs website and click on "Create Account." Follow the easy steps to create your account.

To register in the Ralphs Community Contributions Program, just log into [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com). Click on "Sign In." Enter your email address and password. Click on "Welcome Valued Customer" (In the top right hand corner.) Click on "My Account." Scroll to the bottom of your account. Link your card to

the Historical Society by clicking on “Community Rewards” and typing in San Clemente Historical Society. Then press “Search.” If you have forgotten your Ralphs Rewards Card number, you can use your phone number.

Once enrolled, your contributions will be automatically made by Ralphs. You do not have to tell the check out person to do so. You can check on the contributions you have made by accessing your account on line at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com).

Ralphs assures us that all of your information will be kept confidential. They will never sell, trade or rent their customers’ personal information to outside companies. It will not even be shared with us.

The money raised will be used entirely for our worthy programs of protecting San Clemente’s historical and cultural heritage. No money can be used for administrative, political or legal purposes.

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**Well that’s all for this month. We hope you enjoy this little newsletter as much as we do writing it. See you next time in “What’s Happening”**

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