

San Clemente Historical Society

Forward with the Dream

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 1, 2020

Casino San Clemente March 5!

Casino San Clemente will be the subject of our next Quarterly Membership Meeting scheduled for March 5, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., At the Community Center 100 N. Calle Seville.

Built in 1937 as a dancing venue, the Casino has been through a number of uses over the years and was almost destroyed by a developer in 2006. It has now been beautifully restored to its original condition and is used for dancing, dining, and events.

Owner Linda Sadeghi will be sharing her experiences with the restoration of the Casino. She will also present pictures of the restoration and the many stars who played there in the day.



Bartow Mural Dedicated to Divel Family



About 30 people showed up Feb. 17 to surprise San Clemente Matriarch Lois Divel with a plaque honoring her and her late son, Fred, at the rest area at 143 Avenida Del Mar. Lois and Fred were founding members of the Historical Society. The Society's board of directors voted to dedicate the tile mural of the Bartow Mansion to Fred and Lois. It was the saving of this iconic



building which led Fred & Lois to found the Historical Society in 1973. The next time you are on Del Mar stop by for a visit.

Walking Tours of Avenida Del Mar!



Our Walking Tours of Avenida Del Mar have begun! This downhill walk will take place on the First Sunday of each month. The next walk is 3/1/2020. We will present to you the historic buildings on Avenida Del Mar and those nearby. During the narration of the architecture and history of these sites we will allow some time for shopping.

Here is a brief listing of the historic buildings we will visit: #98, Ole Hanson's Administration Building, #100, Bartlett Building, #101 ECR Easley Building, #101-103 Latham Building #104 Taylor & #106 Berg Buildings, #114 Hotel San Clemente, #228 Abode, #100 Seville, #415 Granada Casa Romantica. We will also visit other buildings and discuss their architecture and history as we travel down Avenida Del Mar.

Please sign up at the historical society booth at the top of Avenida Del Mar, tours start at 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships are available for college bound San Clemente High School Seniors. Scholarship Chair Suzi Klickstein has placed information about these scholarships on the High School website. The deadline for application is March 13. For more information go to <https://www.scritons.com/scholarships>.



We would like to be able to provide more scholarship, feel free to donate to our Scholarship Fund.

North Beach Historic District

On Friday February 28th, the City conducted a public walk-around of the potential North Beach Historic District. Information was provided about the Miramar Theater project, the Casino San Clemente, the Ole Hanson Beach Club, and OC Frescas. The consulting firm ARG is working on a plan to get North Beach recognized as a National Register Historic District. We will keep you posted on upcoming meetings.





Carla Blanco and Tom Marshall are working on a presentation on the Capistrano Test Site, commonly known to locals as TRW. Do you know anyone who worked at TRW. back in the day? We would like to interview people who worked there. Contact Carla Blanco, carlablancogroup@gmail.com or Tom Marshall, tom.marshall@cox.net.



The Capistrano Test Site was founded by TRW in 1963 for development of the Apollo Lunar Module Descent Engine. Over 50,000 tests on space propulsion, directed energy and advanced energy projects were conducted there. Northrup Grumman Corporation bought the facility in 2002. The site closed for good in 2011.

Membership Renewal

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

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. 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.

Ralphs assures us that all of your information will 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.

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”

