



WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 1, 2020

San Clemente is Cautiously Opening Up



It is wonderful to see Avenida Del Mar and the Pier Bowl opening back up! They have been beehives of activity. We just wish we were seeing more masks.

Your Board of Director's met on May 18 using Zoom video conferencing and had a productive meeting. We are starting to get the hang of it and may continue the method even after we do not need to.

Our first Sunday booth at the Village Art Faire is still on hiatus but may return in July.

Our June 4 Quarterly Meeting was scrubbed but we should be back for the September 20 Annual Meeting.

Mike Fitzsimmons' Speaker's Bureau had several groups lined up for presentations but they have all been put on hold. He is raring to go once the masks come off.

Scholarship

The following article by Tom Marshall was published in the San Clemente Times last week. It is worth reading again! Thank you Tom.

Winning Scholarships Announced and A Surprise Development

The graduating classes of 2020, some call it the Coronavirus Class, definitely drew the short straws. Besides not being able to finish the school year in their classrooms, the grads will miss out on such rites of passage as The Senior Prom and possibly even the official graduation ceremony with family and friends in attendance. Also among the casualties is the annual San Clemente High School



awards ceremony. On the positive side though, thousands of dollars in scholarships will still be awarded to dozens of college bound students from various local businesses and non-profits.

The San Clemente Historical Society is proud to announce this year's two recipients of its \$500 scholarships. A portion of the scholarship program was funded by Picket Fence Media, the publishers of The SC Times. Our committee of three former teachers, Suzi Klickstein, Marilyn Wigglesworth, and Patricia Corless spent weeks reviewing the large number of outstanding applicants before reaching their decision.

The applicants were required to be graduating SCHS seniors and were asked to describe their school and community activities involvement plus a 350 to 500-word essay on the importance of historic preservation. Klickstein, the committee chair, stated, "the committee was extremely impressed by the high caliber of the scholarship applicants."

Tristen Wallace, 17, wrote about the impact that a recent trip to the Getty Museum had on her. A reconstruction of a Roman village destroyed during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD contained many artifacts of daily life in that era. "I find it fascinating to compare current society to that of the past to see the consistencies in human nature as well as the differences," Wallace wrote. "Wallace's eloquent essay was almost poetic in nature," commented Wigglesworth. Interested in studying art, Tristen is the founder and president of the school's Art and Design Club, has painted and designed sets for plays, taught art and tutored children, was an active member of the school's Cool 2 Be Kind anti-bullying club, attended city council meetings and served as publicity chair of the Fashion Club while maintaining a 4.55 grade point average.

Alysse Banks, 18, essayed about her experience visiting the Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C. "Seeing the different artifacts, reading about each person's individual story...made everything that I had read about feel that much more real," she wrote. Corless commented she was impressed by "her heartfelt essay about that experience." Alysse was Vice President of the school's Popcorn and Politics club that teaches students how to debate civilly, was selected to attend the Pomona Freshman Leadership Conference, has worked as an event assistant and volunteers at the Coral Thrift Shop while maintaining a 4.2 G.P.A.

Wallace and her two sisters are being raised by her disabled veteran single mother, Kimberly. At least one sister is also planning to attend college, so finances are tight. She plans to attend Wellesley College.

Banks will be the third person in her family of five to attend college despite the hardship of her father being forced to retire as a firefighter Captain due to health reasons. She plans to attend Biola University.

Now for the lead we buried in this story. After hearing of these two remarkable students, an anonymous donor has stepped forward to add another \$250 to each student's scholarship. Money well spent.

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North Beach Historic District



On May 13, the City's Design Review Subcommittee reviewed the draft National Register nomination for North Beach as a historic district. GPA Consulting crafted a superb 49 page report which will go on the the State Office of Historic Preservation. It thoroughly documents the importance of the Beach Club, Miramar Theater, Bowling Alley, Casino San Clemente, and OC Fresca's in the history of San Clemente. View the report [here](#). While the State is reviewing the nomination, GPA will be working on potential signage and marketing for the Historic District.

Development

The Covid-19 pandemic does not seemed to have slowed down development in San Clemente.

If you are curious about what is going on at a particular site, the City website has a great information tool called the Online Development Project Map. The following link will take you there: [here](#)

This Map shows 48 project that are Under Review, Approved, Under Construction, or Completed. In addition to the name and address of each project, the planner overseeing the project and their contact information is listed. Elevations and color renderings are also provided.



It is important that we have a local newspapers to keep our citizens aware of what is happening within our town. The San Clemente Times has done a tremendous job of covering local news since its inception. Now that the Sun Post is gone, the SC Times is all we have for weekly coverage.

The San Clemente Journal, which comes out quarterly, has done an incredible job of presenting in depth articles on historic resources and preservation issues.

Our mission of preserving the history of San Clemente has been greatly assisted by the articles these newspapers have published and by the columns they have allowed us to write for them.

We encourage our readers to support these two local papers by subscribing to them and patronizing their advertisers.

Tom Marshall will be doing a column on the history of newspapers in San Clemente.

**That's all for now, see you next month.
Please Stay Healthy!**