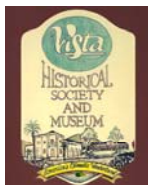


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This is an important time for our community.

At the Annual Meeting on June 21, the Historical Society will honor two of our citizens by appointing them to Vista's Hall of Fame. This year honors a many-year Vista resident, Linden Burzell, longtime director of the Vista Irrigation District board of directors. Also appointed is current Vista Mayor Morris Vance, who was previously Vista's City Manager for 17 years.

We will also have Col. Jack Rotwell, USMC Ret., tells us about the founding and development of the new Camp Pendleton Historical Society.

Last month (May), the volunteer luncheon, organized by Mary Lou Hayward, was held at Valley View Casino for a nice buffet and then we visited the Valley Center Historical Museum. A delightful day.

We need to thank the Shadowridge and Vista Rotary clubs for the great job they did in cleaning up the garden area of Rancho Minerva. Be sure to drop by and walk around the grounds to see the possibilities we have.

Hope to see you all at our Annual Meeting on June 21.

Diane

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The 2008 Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Vista Historical Society will be held in the newly renovated Derby Room of the Vista Entertainment Center, 435 West Vista Way, at noon on Saturday, June 21.

The luncheon menu includes a choice of Vegetarian Lasagna with white sauce, Cobb Salad or Beef Brisket. Beverage and dessert are included.

The agenda for our meeting includes the following:

A report on the Vista Historical Society

The election of board of directors members.

Two new Vista Hall of Fame members, Morris Vance and Linden Burzell, will be inducted.

Col. Dick Rotwell, USMC Ret., president of the Camp Pendleton Historical Society, will speak about the newly formed Society.

Cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 per person. Please use the form on Page 7 to make reservations. There is limited room, so please make reservations as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact the museum at 760-630-0444.

MEMORIALS
AS OF MAY 30, 2008

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE HAYDEN

Hector and Donna Estevane
Beverly Jermyn
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melbourne
Adrienne Good
Jean Bice
Doris Heffer and Ron and Carolyn Dotson
Adeline Roberts
Jeanette O'Leary

IN MEMORY OF LAVORA STEARNS

Janice Klafehn
Paul and Diane Eckert-Kappes Fund
George and Virginia Purcell

DONATION

Dale and Anne Blust
Christine Johnson

MAIL, PHONE AND E-MAIL

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VISTA, CA 92085-1032

We will not receive mail addressed to our new location. We cannot guarantee that we will get any mail not addressed to our post office box. Our phone and fax number remains (760) 630-0444.

Our new e-mail is vhm67@1882.sdcoxmail.com.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

Our newsletter is available by e-mail as well as by regular mail. Sending the newsletter by e-mail reduces our cost and it arrives sooner.

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GENERAL MEETINGS IN 2008

The remaining dates of Vista Historical Society meetings and events in 2008 are listed below.

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General Meeting: July 26, 2008, located in the Azalea Room of the Gloria McClellan Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace.

Dinner Downtown 8: September 20, 2008. Location to be arranged .

Christmas Tea: December 14, 2008, located in the Park Terrace Café of the Gloria McClellan Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace

MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH

We had a great response for May's mystery photo. Emory's Service Station was the name of the service station at the corner of Santa Fe and Escondido Avenue. We still are not sure when it was built. Thanks to all the people who responded.



MOONLIGHT ANGELS FOUNDERS TEA

By Janice Klafehn

On October 7, 2007, the Moonlight Angels held their annual Founders Day Tea on the grounds of the historic Rancho Buena Vista Adobe. About 80 women attended the formal event.

A fashion show featured clothing from Vintage Sanctuary of Oceanside. Among the vintage clothes modeled were two dresses loaned by the Vista Historical Society to Carolyn Pope Chiriboga of the Moonlight Angels.

The dresses were donated to the Historical Society by longtime Vistan Bob Pope, Carolyn's father. They belonged to his great-grandmother, Mary Abby Richmond.

One of the dresses is a three-piece black lace and chiffon gown with black rayon and taffeta slip and black lace belt. The pattern of the dress features flowers arranged in horizontal rows.

The other is a light blue velvet and lace peignoir, with lace trimming the collar, sleeve edges and hemline. The sleeves are tight at the top and then flare out.

The photos provided by Carolyn show the gowns being modeled as well as a photo of Carolyn with the two dresses.



CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

By Janice Klafehn

The Vista Historical Society was among 120 vendors participating at the annual Vista Village Chocolate Festival on Sunday, May 25.

Twelve chocolatiers were among the vendors that provided visitors with a sweet tooth the option to enjoy everything from chocolate-dipped strawberries and other fruit to cheesecake, drinks, toffee, chocolate-dipped nuts, ice cream, funnel cakes, a chocolate fountain and fudge, to name a few.

In addition to the vendors, games, etc., there were student artists from Rancho Buena Vista High School painting a kite-themed mural on the Dura Paint building at Main Street and Citrus Avenue. This was combined with the "Kites Over Vista" sculpture contest winners, which are on display downtown. If you haven't been down to see them, they are very interesting.

I don't know how many actually attended the Chocolate Festival, but every time I looked around the streets were crowded. The other volunteers and I who worked the Historical Society booth had a great opportunity to meet old friends and acquaint new people with the intriguing history of Vista, which covered the growth of our schools, starting with the Delpy School, to bringing in water in 1926 and having two floats at the Rose Bowl parade in 1928 and 1932.

We sold T-shirts, note pads, medallions, calendars, cookbooks and the "History of Vista" book written by Harrison Doyle.

We talked to people new to Vista who were looking for information and photos that include the areas into which they recently moved. Others asked how they could donate items to the museum that belonged to family members who were longtime Vistans. We even met one woman whose husband made a video about Vista, which she will donate to us.

As always, we handed out membership forms. In spite of the fact that we are currently in storage, all questions were referred to the museum for Jack and the volunteers to research.

All I can say is that a good time was had by all, and I always welcome an opportunity to acquaint the residents of Vista with our history.

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Historical Society Booth
at the Chocolate Festival



Jean Bice, Mary Lou Hayward, Richard Sepulveda



Jean Bice, Janice Klafehn, Alvora Beck, Mary Lou Hayward, Richard Sepulveda at the Vista Historical Society booth at the Chocolate Festival



Having a ball



Miss Vista and her Court

A HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

As we announced last month, Mayor Morris Vance and former Vista Irrigation District Board President Linden Burzell were elected to the Vista Hall of Fame for 2008. The Hall of Fame was created 19 years ago and currently has 39 members, not counting the new inductees.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992, and once more in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits inside the museum.

From 1995-2006, new members of the Hall of Fame were chosen by the Historical Society in even-numbered years. The new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Society's annual meeting each June.

A maximum of two persons (married couples counting as one), living or dead, were added every even-numbered year.

In 2007, the Early Residents Division was added on odd-numbered years to include persons who had died at least 30 years previously.

This year, we are back to considering any significant Vistan.

EXISTING HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Standard Division

Current members of the Hall of Fame and the year of induction are:

- 1989 **Ida Dawson**, (deceased), owner of the Rancho Agua Hedionda y Los Monos.
- 1989 **John M. Cosh**, (deceased), banker and Founding President/Organizer of the Boys' and Girls' Club of Vista.
- 1989 **Harrison and Ruth Doyle**, (both deceased), authors of "The History of Vista" and founding members of the Vista Historical Society; he is a former mayor of Vista.
- 1990 **Luz Duran**, (deceased), building contractor, Charter Member of the Vista Hispano Club.
- 1990 **Bee Meyer**, (deceased), school teacher, Vista Press columnist, member of many civic organizations. She was the wife of the late Frank Meyer, former Vista Mayor.
- 1990 **Meta Royer**, (deceased), owner of several real estate offices, secretary to the Vista Chamber of Commerce.
- 1991 **Lloyd D Tracy**, business owner, member of many civic organizations and service clubs, former City of Vista Mayor and Councilman.
- 1991 **Beulah Post**, (deceased), civic activist.
- 1992 **Milo E. Shadle**, (deceased), lawyer, real estate developer, civic activist.
- 1992 **Emily Sexsmith**, (deceased), Vista resident since her marriage in 1932 to owner of the Sexsmith Market, Civic activist.

1995 **Jules and Maria Delpy**, (both deceased), 19th Century pioneers, owners of the Buena Vista Winery and the Delpy Ranch, Active in founding schools and the Vista Irrigation District.

1995 **Orbee Mihalek**, (deceased), former Mayor and Councilwoman of the City of Vista, Businesswoman, member of many civic organizations.

1995 **Anastasia Weil**, (deceased), former owner of the Rancho Buena Vista, founding member of the Vista Historical Society.

1998 **Elva Dawson**, (deceased), volunteer in many organizations specializing in park issues.

1998 **Russell and Margie Thibodo**, (Russell deceased), owners of the Thibodo Ranch, now Shadowridge. Volunteers in many organizations, and noted philanthropists.

2000 **Alan Shada**, business owner, member of many civic organizations and service clubs.

2000 **Bob and Miriam Pope**, (both deceased), business owners, members of many civic organizations and service clubs.

2002 **Barney and Donna Fields**, business owners, members of many civic organizations and service clubs.

2002 **Hans Doe**, (deceased), nationally recognized water expert and board member of the Vista Irrigation District, the Southern California Metropolitan Water Authority and several other organizations.

2004 **Gloria E. McClellan**, (deceased), Vista Mayor and Councilwoman.

2004 **James Porter**, retired City of Vista Director of Parks and Community Services.

2006 **O.K. "Bub" Williamson**, (deceased), first Coach at Vista High School.

2006 **Richard E. Vought**, longtime community activist and volunteer.

Early Residents Division

All were elected in 2007.

Cave J. Coutts

The owner of the Rancho Guajome, builder of the Guajome Adobe and major Vista figure in the mid-19th Century.

Joseph H. Fotheringham

First Vista Mayor, member of the Tri-City Hospital Board of Directors and civic activist.

John Frasier

Founder of the first Vista Post Office (1882), first Postmaster, and responsible for the name Vista.

Wells Miller

Macadamia Nut farmer, one of the organizers of the Boys; Club, and Civic activist.

Charles Mull Sr.

Early Vista Irrigation District Engineer-Manager and real estate developer.

William Pechstein

First treasurer of the Vista Irrigation District and real estate developer.

Melvin Z. (M.Z.) Remsburg

The founder of The Vista Press in 1926.

Everett Remsburg

The son of Melvin. He ran The Vista Press after his father's death in 1950.

Harry and Cora Walker

Ranchers, builders, and civic activists.

Dr. Walter Weil

Owner of the Rancho Buena Vista, founding member of the Vista Historical Society, husband of Hall of Fame member Anastasia Weil.

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Col. Dick Rotwell, USMC Ret., president of the Camp Pendleton Historical Society, will speak about the newly formed Society.

We will receive a report on the status of the Vista Historical Society and elect Board Members.

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2008
Time: NOON
Place: Vista Entertainment Center, 435 West Vista Way
In the Derby Room

Lunch will include a choice of the following entrees:

1. Vegetarian Lasagna with white sauce
2. Beef Brisket
3. Cobb Salad

\$20.00 per person

Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to
Vista Historical Society, P.O. Box 1032, Vista, Calif. 92085
Reservations should be received by June 16, 2008

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

How Many: _____

Choice of Entrées: # _____

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Programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

The next newsletter will be published in July 2008. Please submit articles by June 15th.

A small, 3-by-3 foot, two-shelf display cabinet is available to display private collections at our office for the enjoyment of our membership. Please call 760-630-0444 if you are interested in displaying your collection.