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### President's Message

#### The 2016 Challenge

The year ahead will have many goals similar to that of previous years: projects, exhibits, events, collections, research, just to name a few.

However, there is one thing we would like to add more of....... **YOU.** As you know by now, this is our 50th year of operation and we want to make it special.

We also want as many of you as possible to be part of it. So if you've been sitting on the sidelines wondering when to jump in with some help, ideas or suggestions, this year is a perfect opportunity.

We plan on doing some really good things in 2016, but I'm excited knowing that one of those things will turn out to be a crowning achievement for our 50th anniversary year.

This is where **YOU** come in. We want ideas from **YOU**, our members and we know that you are more than capable to provide us with some. So please, don't be shy, join in. We want you involved because this year belongs to all of us. *Let's make it count.* 

Wishing all of you a very **Healthy and Happy New Year**.

Thank you, Bob Palazzola

#### Mark Your 2016 Calendar

# **Sunday Speaker Programs**

Sunday, February 21st: the presentation will be on the Volunteer Cemetery Angels of Yorba Cemetery where many Rancho Period pioneers are buried. A projector is needed to show a powerpoint presentation. Please call the Society at 949-631-5918 if you can bring one. Also be sure to call to make reservations to attend the program.

# **Special Events Installation Dinner**



The annual Costa Mesa Installation Dinner will take place Friday, January 22nd, 2016, at the Captain's Table at Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa. Our guest speaker, Chris Epting, (pictured)

here) will make his presentation ... (for additional details see "Installation Dinner" on page 2 as well as in the enclosed flier)

# **50th Anniversary Celebrations**



Sunday April 3rd, 2016 from 2 to 4:30pm at the Neighborhood Community Center; and,

Sunday August 28th 2016 from 2

to 6pm at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

<u>New Display</u> features Prolific Costa Mesa Author and a Relic from a Favorite Iconic Part of Costa Mesa History...see "New Display" on page 2.

Changes to Annual Membership Dues: see Changes" on page 2.

Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.

# "Installation Dinner" continued

from his newest book: 125 Years of "The Orange County Fair, A History of Celebration." The cost is \$22 and reservations and payment must be made before January 15th; there are no accommodations for walk-ins.

# "New Display" continued



Our latest exhibit combines some selections from Costa Mesa's prolific writer Nell Mar-



burger's collection of books, diaries, scrapbooks and other literary works in a display case that was originally in Pink's Drug Store on Newport Blvd. Nell Mar-

burger was a very interesting Costa Mesan and the Pinkleys helped shape Costa Mesa into what it is today. You can't miss this exhibit as it is right there when you walk into the museum.

The Society has two scrapbooks of the Nell Murbarger Collection which include all of her Costa Mesa Globe Herald newspaper columns called "Merely Meddling" written from 1937 to 1945. Many happenings of the time are covered, such as the impact of World War II, the 1938 Flood, and the start of the Scarecrow Carnival. Nell also provides interesting insight into many of the Costa Mesa residents of that era. Society volunteer, Dave Rusher, has worked extensively on cataloging this collection so that people will have better access to the materials.

# "Changes" continued

As of January 1st, membership fees will be changed as indicated in Membership Information Box on page 4.

# **BE VIGILANT, STAY VIGILANT**

You've read the headlines, you know what is going on in the world today. There is no way to sugarcoat the fact that we live in a world today where danger can be ever so near. It is a sad and painful reality, but there are individuals out there who mean to cause us harm.

I'm not suggesting that you be scared, I'm suggesting you be vigilant. Our law enforcement agencies cannot be everywhere. So, for our own protection, it is up to all of us to be aware of things going on around us and to report suspicious activities, which you feel may pose a threat. It may save lives, including your own.

#### **Costa Mesa Historical Society News**

#### **Acknowledgements Are in Order**

As 2016 begins so will the work of our officers and board members. Thank you to all who served last year and welcome to the new people. Bob Palazzola thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. We are glad you will represent SAAAB on the Board. Goodbye to Gladys as secretary and thank you for your many volunteer hours on behalf of the Society; we will still have Gladys as a Society volunteer. Goodbye also to Susan Weeks who has served as Membership VP and Treasurer for many years. Thank you, Susan, for your dedication and hard work and we are glad that you will still be a Society volunteer. Welcome to Nancy Pedersen, an active volunteer and the person who created the Denwar Exhibit, who will become secretary. Welcome Dave Gardner who has been a stalwart Society volunteer over the years and who is now going to serve as President once again. Cheers to a great year for all of you.

#### **Volunteer Holiday Party**

The volunteer Holiday Party featured a terrific potluck and fun and merriment—especially when Bob Palazzola and his



wife, Mari, presented this year's Holiday Game. Playing cards were passed out, numbers were called, categories were selected, questions were asked, and answers were de-











livered. There was lots of laughter in between each step of the History was brought to life...with questions about Costa Mesa, TV shows, Movies and America's past, etc. The best part came when contestants got to select a Holiday Bag with such wonderful prizes in them, compliments of Bob and Volunteers enjoyed each other's camaraderie—and Mari. many new faces appeared since last year's party. Thank you Bob and Mari for your great ideas and generosity. It was appreciated by all. (Pictures: Top: Helen Humphries and her daughter Cindy, and Kathy and Jesse Bequette enjoying the delicious potluck; Middle: from left: Mari calls a number while Bob waits for the next contestant's raised hand; Louise and Dave Rusher listen intently to the next question; Bottom: from left: Bob and Mari present the next question; the volunteers think of possible answers; and, our holiday elves, Bob and Mari, at the end... Congratulations on a job well done.

#### **Information Please!**

Nancy Pedersen, our new secretary and Denwar Exhibit creator, is currently working on a project about Costa Mesa boat building. She needs to hear from people who owned boat building businesses in Costa Mesa or from people who worked at the businesses. She would like to find photos of the businesses as well as of the employees building the boats. She already has found extensive businesses for the following: sail boats, fishing boats, speed boats and war vessels and others; however, she needs much more. You can call the society at 949-631-5918, say your message is for Nancy Pedersen, and leave your phone number--she will promptly return your call.

#### **Rachel Perez Hamilton**

Rachel Perez Hamilton, lifetime Costa Mesan and community and Society volunteer, passed away November 30, 2015. There will be an article honoring her life in the February newsletter. Our condolences go out to her husband Fred, her family members and dear friends.

#### Farewell, Grant Boys



This particular "step back in time" idea came forth from the news that the famous Grant Boys store on Newport Blvd is closing. The Grant Boys with its iconic Old West-style exterior store front is closing after



66 years. The outdoor gear store was opened in 1949 by Edward "Buddy" Grant and his mother, Minnie Stone. They set up shop near the modern-day site of The Triangle before moving a few blocks down to 1750 Newport Blvd. in 1953. The store

has remained family owned and operated. Currently it is coowned by Randy Garell and his wife Alexa, who is Edward Grant's daughter.



Various reasons were given for the "retirement" by the Garells: California's strict gun laws make selling firearms more difficult and time consuming and internet





sales opportunities and deals; however, Randy said, "We're ready to just plain ol' retire and stop working. That's the main, overriding reason." Currently there are signs by the doors announcing that the store is permanently closed and the marquee has been changed to the building's leasing information. It certainly will be interesting to see what becomes of this unique building! (Information for this article comes from Bradley Zint's November 2nd article in the LA Times.)

#### **Bookmarks**



Special bookmarks have been made to commemorate our Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They are really nice and would make excellent "little somethings" to give to your friends and relatives. They are priced at \$2 apiece.

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#### In Search of More Sponsors

Our Society is looking for sponsors to help us create our very special events throughout the year. If you or a business you know would like to help us with donations and discounts, please let us know. As a non-profit our budget is very limited so additional financial assistance will be greatly appreciated.

#### Are Your Dues Overdue?

Your dues are important because they help to support the Society's major programs and projects. You can locate your Dues Expiration Date by looking on YOUR NEWSLETTER LABEL...it is there to the right of your name... as a reminder. If your dues are due, just send a check to our Museum (see *mailing address below*); Attention: Susan Weeks. Or drop by in person on a Thursday or a Friday from 10am to 3pm.

#### The Adobe Schedule

On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the Diego Sepulveda Adobe at 1900 Adams Ave. is open from 12 to 4pm. Individuals and groups can make appointments to tour the Adobe <u>at other times</u> by calling 949-631-5918. On regular open days, no appointment is necessary because the docents are there already.

The Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum is located at 1870 Anaheim Avenue in Costa Mesa; this is a non-mailing address. Museum hours: 10-3 Thursdays and Fridays and by appointment. Our mailing address is: Costa Mesa Historical Society P.O. Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA 92628. Questions? Call 949-631-5918, email us at cmhistory@sbcglobal.net or find us on Facebook.

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