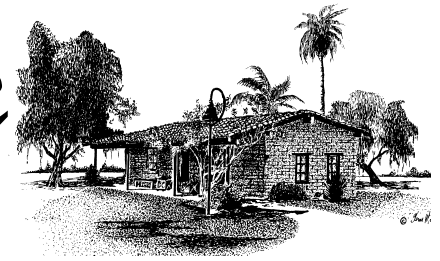


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## President's Message

This year went by fast. But what a year! To review, let's turn back the calendar to last year. It was decided to spread our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary over two years. Last year we had one wonderful celebration. It was held at the Community Center on September 20<sup>th</sup> and two founding members, Hank Panian and Helen Humphries, gave us the history of the start of the Historical Society. We were also entertained by a band playing oldies but goodies. The band is a group of senior citizens and they were terrific.

The second program was held this year on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and was comprised of many booths, and speakers, all dealing with Costa Mesa's History. Both programs were well attended by the public. This year, on August 28<sup>th</sup>, was the high point of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the celebration being held at the Adobe. What a day! Many thanks to Dana Kurzbard-Kelsen and her hard-working committee for making our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a huge success.

Many other things happened this year. Leading the accomplishments is, of course, the publishing of the book, Costa Mesa, 1940-2003. We all know this was due to the hard efforts of Art and Mary Ellen Goddard. There is no way we can thank them enough. We have also had many excellent programs due to the efforts of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Terry Shaw. Our newsletter used to be on a single 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. Now, thanks to Annette Watson, it has become a newsletter to be proud of.

We are pleased to have so many dedicated members in our society. I'd like to extend thanks to all the following: Dana Kurzbard-Kelsen for doing a great job as V.P. of membership. Nancy Pedersen for her work as secretary and also for doing the research in regards to the fiber glass boat business in Costa Mesa. A display is being planned for the project. Thanks to our treasurer, Susan Weeks, for doing an outstanding job. Bob Palazolla, past president, for doing the SAAAB newsletter and representing the society in regards to the establishment of the Heroes Hall. Tess Bernstein for her many efforts – especially her involvement in the Scarecrow Carnival in October. Cynthia Humphries for helping at the Adobe and wherever else needed. Dave Rusher who puts in many hours at the computer working on various projects. Kathy Bequette for overseeing the Adobe, taking charge of the newspaper clippings and helping with refreshments at our Sunday programs. Sid Hallburn for coming in each Thursday to make sure the building is always clean. Karl and Hope Von Herzen for their untiring efforts creating a database of local newspaper articles. The Alcalá sisters, Lynn and Vicki, who once lived in the Adobe, for all their efforts as docents. Sharon Dearing, Dolores Minerich and Ursula Hartunian for being willing to take on any job as needed. Beth Refrakes for helping out at the programs with the food, table settings, etc. Caroline Yin who oversees our library. Sara Moss who has been on leave of absence for health reasons. And last, but I can assure you by no means least, is Gladys Refrakes. Where would the Costa Mesa Historical Society be without this lady? I can assure you, we would not be where we are today.

It is a pleasure being the President. Thank you all for a wonderful 2016.

## Mark Your 2017 Calendars

The Next Sunday Speaker Program will take place on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017. Speaker to be announced in the February Newsletter.

## Special Events

### Historical Society Installation Dinner

**Friday, Jan. 20th at the Captain's Table, Orange Coast College. Reservations and payment are due Friday, Jan. 13th.** This year's speaker is Michele Richards, OC Fair & Event Center's Vice President of Business Development, leading the Sales, Marketing, Communications, Community Relations, and Creative Services teams. Her talk is entitled: "From SAAAB Barracks to Heroes Hall," which will cover the 75 year history of the building. (See flier for registration and payment form.)

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