



Save Our Heritage Organisation Newsletter



SOHO REPAYS DEBT TO COUNTY

On June 11th, 1973 at the Sherman-Gilbert House, President Barry Worthington and Treasurer Lynn Kaplan presented a check in the amount of \$2500 to County Supervisor Jack Walsh. This was the final payment to the County on the \$5000 loan granted to SOHO when we moved the Sherman-Gilbert House to Old Town in May, 1971.

Restoration of the house is scheduled to begin soon. It will be used as offices of the Park and Recreation Department.

When the check was presented to Mr. Walsh, he asked that we present it to the County Board of Supervisors at one of their regular meetings. Again the check was presented a couple of weeks later. Supervisor Walsh had many fine comments

to make about SOHO. Unfortunately neither the Union or the Tribune carried the story although they both had reporters covering the meeting.

As Supervisor Walsh pointed out, "It is very unusual for someone to give the County something. Usually they're asking."

Also it's not often that a group repays its debts to the County. I think we can all feel very pleased that we, as SOHO members, have worked hard and long and have repaid our debts.

Now that this debt has been repaid, we can work toward a house for SOHO headquarters.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE FOR 1974

The slate of Officers and Board Members proposed for next year are as follows:

- President: Carol Lindemulder
- Vice-President: Terri Recht
- Recording Secretary: Thelma White
- Treasurer: Bill Cartwright

Board of Directors:

- Harry Evans
- Kay Nicholas
- Pat Teaze
- Bruce Kamerling

Alternates:

- Barbara Briggs
- Dick McLaughlin

A general meeting will be held within a few weeks. You will be notified as to where and when.

Board Members with one year to complete of two-year terms are:

- Barry Worthington
- Thelma White
- Lynn Kaplan
- Terri Recht
- Bill Cartwright
- Keith Evans

SOHO TRAIN TRIP A SUCCESS

SOHO's May 5th "Train Ride into Yesterday" was a "great trip", due to the terrific working committee and a wonderful guest list.

Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day a pleasurable one and our hats are off to the following: Terri Recht, Harry Evans, Claire Kaplan, Donna Regan, Barbara Briggs, Pat and Don Skidmore, Lynn Kaplan, Lee Douglas, Pat Teaze, Miles Parker, Mary Dell Worthington, Peter McNamers, Zenda Norte and Ramola McKenney.

Everyone was on time for the 7 A.M. departure from Santa Fe Depot and the train managed to leave on schedule. A continental breakfast was served and enjoyed by all. Arriving in Los Angeles we were met by a member of the Los Angeles Preservation Group and toured the L.A. Historic and Victorian areas via chartered bus.

Stopping at the San Antonio Winery for lunch was another hi-light of the day. Following this, the tour took us to San Marino and the Huntington Library, Art Gallery and Gardens.

Later we had the choice of dinner at Little Tokyo, New Chinatown or Olvera Street. Our selection was in New Chinatown at the Grand Star Restaurant. We recommend it highly and cannot praise it enough.

The group, weary but happy, boarded the train for the ride back to San Diego. Home-made cakes were forced upon the sleepy people and were quickly consumed. All too soon we were back in San Diego ... looking forward to next year's "Train Ride into Yesterday".
Claire Kaplan

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY...

Volunteers to train to be tour guides. Contact Lynn Kaplan at 295-9309. Must be available for scheduled meetings of training sessions. Call for information.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The two years that I have served as President of SOHO have been most rewarding. The year is about to close and a new slate of officers are to be elected. I know you will all continue to support this new Board and volunteer for projects that continually aid in Victorian Preservation.

In the past two years we have accomplished a great deal. A few highlights to remember are:

The final papers were signed with the Park and Recreation Department to guarantee the refurbishing and saving of the Sherman-Gilbert House. We also made the final payment to the County on our loan for moving the house.

SOHO was instrumental in gaining support to save the Santa Fe Depot. By working with the Historic Sites Board and the Historical Society, we were able to prove the validity of saving this historic monument. Mayor Wilson and the City Council have been most supportive of this project and have shown their interest in preserving important buildings in San Diego's history.

With the help of Lynn Kaplan and Thelma White we have set up tours that provide a look into San Diego's past. This project keeps the important and historic sites in constant view of the public.

Thanks to Miles Parker, a neighborhood on Front Street has been declared an historic site. Hopefully the entire block will take on a Victorian atmosphere.

Larry Ford has been named to the Historic Sites Board. This is very important as it gives us an important contact with the Board that decides the fate of historic preservation.

Keith Evans, Harry Evans and a committee have worked privately to save the Garrettson House in Golden Hill. Several homes in this area are being saved by private owners.

Much still needs to be done to insure a Victorian Heritage for future generations. With a new year approaching, do your part for SOHO.

Thank you all for making my work with SOHO pleasurable. Barry Worthington, Pres.

SOHO TOURS

There were no tours during the past couple of months. We are planning a tour for the fall that will be open to the public. You will be notified as to details.

We are working on a tour for the Home Economists Association to be held in late fall. We're planning for approximately 200 women.

The tour guides raised over \$1000 that went to help SOHO repay the County. The tours are the most profitable venture SOHO has ever been involved with and we owe much to the following people: Phil Lee of California Leisure Consultants, Cia Barron, Barbara Briggs, Claire Kaplan, Lynn Kaplan, Liz Matto, Ramola McKenney, Pat Moore, Kay Nicholas, Zenda Norte, Terri Recht, Pat Teaze and Thelma White.

We will have a Training Session this fall. If you are interested in becoming a tour guide, please contact Lynn Kaplan at 295-9309.

STAMP COLLECTING

We are no longer saving stamps. Thank you for all the stamps you've sent us in the past.

SANTE FE DEPOT

As you probably know, the City ran out of time before securing monies to save the Depot. Hope is not lost though. Plans are continuing to save the building.

It would really be unfortunate to lose this historic building when it could do so much to aid in the development of waterfront area.

BERKLEY FERRY IN SAN DIEGO

The 74 year old Berkley Ferry was towed into San Diego Bay on Sunday, June the third. The ferry is docked at the "B" Street pier next to the Star of India.

The boat is not in the best of shape and work will begin soon to restore her. The complete restoration project is expected to take several years but the boat will be open as soon as possible.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

RESTORATIONS

- * House in Chula Vista at Second & "I" being restored by Mike Roarke.
- * Church in Lemon Grove that burned a year or so ago now being restored.

HOUSES FOR FREE

- * Located near Fillippi's downtown on India. Must be moved from land. If not, will be destroyed for parking lot. Contact Tom Cresci at 222-6947. Identify yourself as being interested in house if you leave message with service.

HOUSES FOR SALE

- * Barney & Barney Realty now handling property at 15th & "C" Streets. House has to be moved from property. Contact Harry Doering at 233-6561.
- * 22nd & "J" Streets. Victorian home built in 1890. Owned by Mrs. Hernandez who occupies the house.

HOUSES GOING TO HERITAGE PARK

- * Two Victorian houses presently located in the 1900 block of Third Ave. (between Fir and Grape) are scheduled to be moved to Heritage Park. Understand that person interested in moving one of the houses may have had second thoughts. Will try to have more definite information next newsletter.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale was held at the Garrettson House in Golden Hill two weeks ago. Approximately \$80 was raised for SOHO. Thanks to those members who donated. A special thanks to Pat Teaze who did all the work.

NOTES

UCSD is interested in offering our tour in the Winter issue of Explorer magazine. That's the UCSD Extension magazine. Could be good exposurer as the magazine goes to hundreds of people throughout San Diego and California.
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We received a notice of change of address with no information on the reverse side. Was it yours? Please send us another.
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Speaking of address changes ... Please notify us when you move. Send your notice to SOHO, P.O. Box 3571, San Diego, Ca. 92103.
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At Manos Maravillosas (needleworks shop in Point Loma) you can buy beautiful hand-painted needlepoint canvases by Peter Ashe from San Francisco. These paintings are Victorian houses and are truly beautiful. Shop located at 1050 Rosecrans, #10.
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We need a mailing committee. Interested, contact Lynn Kaplan at SOHO's post office box or call 295-9309.
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