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# RESOLVED:

Our SOHO Christmas Party was a very mellow affair this year! I walked through the rooms of the Coffin home, listening to merry chatter, old friends renewing acquaintances, new friends in the making, our voices blending in Christmas song, and I was filled with the Christmas spirit, and the spirit of sharing.

I also overheard in every room intelligent discussions about the Klauber House, The San Diego Rowing Club, Heritage Park, Downtown Redevelopment, an exciting active exchange of ideas between our members and our Board of Directors. I was proud of all of you for your concern about your community.

I, too, saw old friends and new friends, and members of the Board, and talked of these same preservation concerns. I drove home smiling, warmed by the "magic" of SOHO, and by the time I was there I reflected upon the reality that some things never change. The SOHO Board and project Chairmen still need help, still need members to share in the actual workings of SOHO.

So I direct this letter to all of you SOHO members who are concerned and interested in our preservation problems; to those of you I overheard in earnest conversation asking questions about what can be done, what is SOHO doing?

I ask you now to make a New Year's Resolution to call SOHO and become an active part of these projects, if just to donate an hour or so a month, whatever you can spare. SOHO is NOT just the Board of Directors, it is all of us working together, it is YOU. If we are to save and protect our heritage, it will take all of us, each giving just a little time to an organization we believe in. Our founder and continuing inspiration, Robert Miles Parker, said it best at the Christmas Party, "... just keep on saving buildings..."

Won't you call SOHO now, today, at 223-1997, and volunteer just a little of your time to the project of your choice, or wherever you are needed? We have more projects than we can handle.

Make SOHO your New Year's Resolution!

Happy New Year to You All!

--Carol Lindemulder



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Photographer Named

SOHO has a new Newsletter Photographer! His name is Med Beauregard, and you'll see his pictures in this issue from the SOHO Christmas bash. Med is a graduate of Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, and is welcomed heartily into the working ranks of SOHO members. Especially by the Newsletter Editor! Welcome Med!

## BUSHYHEAD OPEN FOR LEASING

At last, the word is out! For all you dedicated Heritage Park watchers, the Bushyhead House is nearly completed and is "looking good" thanks to the talents of Will Charman Construction Co. Al and Gladys Folkman are in the process of selecting retailers to sublease space. Anyone interested can call Al or Gladys at 299-0729 for further information.

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## CLARE CRANE'S CALIFORNIA CLASSES

Newcomers, old-timers, and history buffs will all find something of interest in a short course on San Diego history and development. The class, called "California History: All About San Diego," begins January 31, and meets regularly on Wednesday mornings, 9 to 12, at the Auditorium of the Center City Community College Adult Center, 1400 Park Blvd.

The first four meetings cover early San Diego history, from Cabrillo to Kearny--Spanish settlement, Mexican Ranchos, and the American conquest. The next four meetings cover recent San Diego history, from Gaslight to Spaceflight--the city's urban development and its leaders, from Father Horton to Mayor Wilson.

Explore San Diego's heritage, through slide-lectures that enliven the past, and field trips to places where history was made, with instructor Dr. Clare Crane, Consultant for the recent KPBS-FM series, "Twelve Who

Shaped San Diego." For more information about registration and fees, call the College of the Emeriti, 231-6745.

**CALIFORNIA HISTORY:** New Perspectives on the Golden State--Part II, The American Period, 1850-1970

This is the second part of a two-part survey of the development of California from its earliest recorded settlement up to the present time; this part surveys the American period, from the time of California's admission to Statehood in 1850, to the present. Special topics to be covered include: California's constitution and admission to Statehood; railroads, racism, and reform; automobiles, aerospace, and agribusiness; politics and population growth; and the perennial search for water. Also studied will be some of the famous literary works about California, such as *Ramona* and *The Octopus*.

California has always been regarded as extra-ordinary. It is now the wealthiest and most populous state in the nation, and is frequently viewed as a national trend-setter. How it achieved that challenging position is the subject of this course. Lectures will be supplemented by slides and films, and one class meeting will be held in the Victorian Villa Montezuma, illustrating the arts and architecture of late 19th century California. NOTE: This is part II of a two-part sequence in California history. It is not necessary to have taken part I to enroll in this course. No class meeting on February 19.

History: COURSE No. X408.4, EDP No. H1021 (3 units) Dr. Crane, Mon. 7-10 p. m. 9 meetings, Jan. 8 Mar. 12, Rm. 360 Roosevelt Jr. H. (ms) Fee \$60.

Clare B. Crane, Ph. D., History Instructor, Miramar College, San Diego

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Frick:

As usual I was pleased to read the most recent issue of Reflections and commend you on the improvement each time.

You might like to mention in your next issue that I as the City Council's new representative for District Eight have been a SOHO member and supporter for some years.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,  
LUCY KILLEA  
Councilwoman  
Eighth District



HERITAGE PARK CONSTRUCTION  
UPDATE



# TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

by Henry Schwartz

Finally it came. After years of effort, the 89-year-old Temple Beth Israel rode dramatically down the Juan Street hill to Heritage Park on the afternoon of November 2.

SOHO and Congregation Beth Israel have long worked for that day. President Pat Schaelchlin, Past President Marc Tarasuch, Historian Mary Ward and a crowd of onlookers welcomed the arrival.

A national landmark, on the National Register of Historic Places, the temple will become the community center of Heritage Park.

Architecture of the edifice is Victorian Eclectic. While it has the traditional gable roof of the era, it has a square front with Judaic symbols, such as the six-point Star of David and the Ten Commandments at the pinnacle.

The front facade has a filigree and wooden flower pattern as well as finials on top. In 1889 it was painted light brown with "chocolate brown" on the trim.

The entrance has Romanesque, non-supportive columns on each side, and a spray design in the ground glass above the door.

The interior was originally painted in ethereal, pastel colors: sky blue for the ceiling, and "French gray" for the sidewalls. Three arch windows on each side are stained yellow, blue and rose.

Interesting for 1889, four arched trusses support the gable ceiling. No support columns were necessary.

The interior woodwork was oiled redwood. A chandelier hung from the center of the ceiling of the sanctuary.

Stairs in the anteroom lead to an organ loft, which may be used by the Park and Recreation Department as a park office.

A front Romanesque portico, with a gable roof--added onto the temple at a later date--will not be on the restored temple.

Parts of the 1889 structure have been saved by Congregation Beth Israel for the restoration. A podium, a column and a piece of the woodwork from the arc that held biblical scrolls have been preserved.

While moving the temple to Heritage Park, the Board of Supervisors didn't allocate funds for its restoration. Contributions to a restoration fund can be made through SOHO.

## NEW MEMBERS

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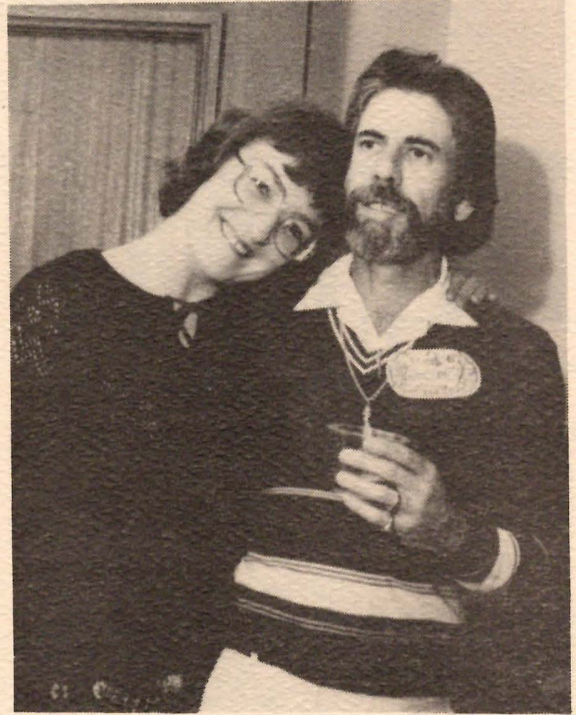
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# SOHO CHRISTMAS




Past-President Marc Tarasuck, Dr. Clare Crane, and current SOHO President Pat Schaelchlin.



Past President Carol Lindemulder with SOHO Founder Robert Miles Parker.



Have another? Sunny Tarasuck, Pat Schaelchlin, and Ted Foley.



Carole Frick, Marc Tarasuck, and Pat Schaelchlin



Would ya like ta take a chance on a genuine antique whachamacallit? Our best party fundraiser, Marc Tarasuck. Who could resist that smile?



# BASH!



The SOHO Christmas Bash was a rousing success, with glowing luminarios greeting us as we arrived, in spite of a little Kensington drizzle. From the group Christmas carols led by an enthusiastic Clare Crane to the incredible hors d'oeuvres table, and the lovely hostesses headed by Claire Kaplan, members celebrated the holiday together in the beautiful Coffin home. Many thanks to the hostesses, to all the members who shared their gastronomic goodies, and to Bob and Ingrid for their holiday hospitality.



SOHO members making difficult decisions around the groaning hors d'oeuvres table.



Hostess Ingrid Coffin with Miles Parker.



One of our lovely SOHO members helping with the door prizes.

## English Country Houses And Their Treasures

San Diego Branch of The English Speaking Union of the United States will present Henry Joyce speaking on English Country Houses and Their Treasures, Friday, Jan. 26, 1979, at The University Club, 1333 Seventh Avenue, San Diego.

For five years - until July 1977, Mr. Joyce was the Curator of the Duke of Bedford's collection at Woburn Abbey, one of the finest art collections in Great Britain.

Henry Joyce was born and educated in England where he studied Art History at London University. He was also a scholarship student in the training scheme at Sotheby Parke Bernet in London.

He is currently studying at the Institute of Fine Arts in New York, pursuing independent work on the history of English Landscape painting. He has lectured for the New York Chapter of the Victorian Society and is presently teaching Art History at the New York School of Interior Design and at The Cooper-Hewitt Museum.

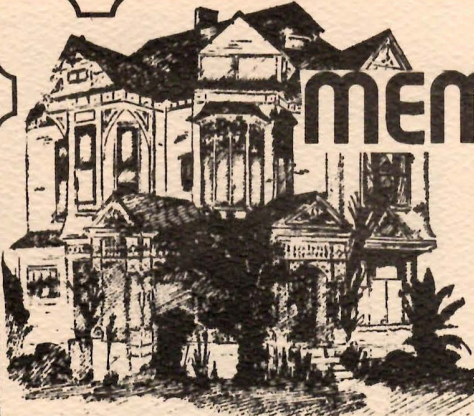
Henry Joyce has lectured widely in England and is an official speaker of The National Association of the Decorative and Fine Arts Societies in Great Britain.

Our evening will begin with no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner, at the cost of \$8.75 per person, will be served at 7:30 p.m. Reservations should be posted so as to be received no later than Jan. 23rd.

Reservations\$

Mail to: Mrs. John Oliver, 6925 Oregon Street, La Mesa, CA 92041





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