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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How special it was to come into the presidency on the coat-tails of our celebration honoring Pat Schaelchlin and her role in preservation at the Old San Diego Rowing Club. That event was planned earlier to preview the Chart House opening, but was delayed and happily, then, coincided with our September meeting.

I hope SOHO will continue to CELEBRATE throughout the year. We DO have a great deal of achievements to justify pride in our organisation. Since I've been in SOHO only a short time, I gave myself a crash course, perusing all those large loose-leaf notebooks in the cottage. What a great gathering of insight I received...and what a risk-taking, innovative, wild and crazy nucleus we were!! We still are very unique, personal, and closely knit. Let's make these special qualities a great force for us in future goal-setting and imbue our new members with our original, dynamic sense of style and purpose.

Preservation is a powerful tool—politically, socially, and economically. Our organisation has and will continue to have that unique, workable methodology for reaching out to the San Diego community. We're not so old nor staid that we can't be very innovative in meeting all the challenges on the horizon.

One of our new vehicles for service to the community and in our personal goal-setting is the AD-HOC COMMITTEE. Pat and her new group are working hard on pertinent preservation issues which need to be met in the future.

Another tool that I'm very excited about is the Neighborhood Network. This will be an excellent program that SOHO can use to preserve, assist, and educate the community at large and a positive way to enhance the interchange between the public and SOHO.

National Trust and the State are stressing initiative and issues that will assist us in our methods for implementing and dispensing information. I can see many plusses for this networking, especially to save the very special neighborhoods of our city that change so rapidly and become threatened by redevelopment.

Exciting, novel, new special events have been tailored and planned to bring new members to SOHO and to keep us all active. A very much enlarged PEOPLE IN PRESERVATION AWARDS during May, a BEFORE AND AFTER RESTORATION PARTY, a joint meeting with the SD Historical Society, and other good plans will develop under Gwen McFarland's auspices.

Then there's our famous tours...such as the rip-roaring success in Banker's Hill... Heritage Park studies are out and it really looks like a great turn-around for a positive approach is around the corner. Our Task Force worked long and hard on this and it's interesting to see how closely the report echoed what WE thought would be best for the park. We hope to work closely with the county task force to bring the park to everything we hope and know it can be.

The whole concept of Heritage Park showcases our wonderful unique quality as movers (physically and literally) and shakers. We are a strong, great unit. Our secret weapon is YOU, and that's all it takes!

Love and good luck to us all,
Mary Joralmon



NEW OFFICERS

President	Mary Joralmon
Executive V.P.	Gwen McFarland
VP of Governmental Affairs	Michael Sullivan
V.P. of Education	Bruce Herms
Secretary	Nancy Roberts
Treasurer	David Goldberg

BOARD MEMBERS, 1984 (2 year terms)

Michael Sullivan	Nancy Roberts
Mary Joralmon	Karen Johl
Diane Schade	Bruce Herms
Bill Bolen	

BOARD MEMBERS (returning, 1 year)

Gwen McFarland	Eleanor Bolen
Carol Heepke	Cathy Grigsby
David Goldberg	David Hutchinson
Judy McCutcheon	Claire Kaplan

ALTERNATES	Susan Houston
Paula Stober	Pat Schaelchlin



SOHO BOARD MEETING: 7 November, 7pm
at the Senlis Cottage, Heritage Park.

THANKS

A big thank you is due to the almost 100 SOHO volunteers who made the "Footbridges to Fortune" walking tour of Banker's Hill possible. For those of you who did not get a program after all your efforts, our remaining brochures will be available at the Senlis Cottage in Heritage Park.

In the category of Pleasant Surprises, this home tour had quite a few:
 **Lucy Killea, State Assemblyperson, and resident of the neighborhood, went house to house recruiting hardy souls to clean the canyon below the Spruce Street Suspension Bridge the week before the tour. Her flyers proclaimed "SOHO Comes to Banker's Hill."
 **The City closed down the Spruce Street Suspension Bridge just a week before the event. No, this was not a pleasant surprise. However Bruce Herms, the Tour Guide Chairman, quickly rescued the situation by devising an alternate route. The tour leaders learned the whole routine anew!

**Suzanne and Harold Richardson (the Charles F. O'Neill House) moved out all of their living room furniture and replaced it with Stickney pieces so that the house interior would be authentic to the period.
 **Cherry Dimeff (the Charles Fox House, and the party site) boarded a flight out of Florida at 4am Saturday so that she could join her husband Steve for at least the

afternoon party.

**Wayne Gilbert brought his 1910 Military Band Organ out of retirement for the first time in many years just for us. He stayed with the machine all day.

In the category of DEDICATION:

**Randy and Marilyn Prine worked miracles on their house all year in preparation for the home tour. We were sorry to hear that after all their work, they both missed the big day. Randy was on a flight (he is a PSA pilot), and Marilyn was also called to work (she is a theatrical costume designer).

**Carl Luhman (co-chairman of Maintenance and Security with his wife Gladys) stayed at the party house all day Friday to make sure that the dumpster and port-a-potties were put safely in place.

**Harris Evans had the brainstorm of selling our leftover hot dogs rather than storing them. We are now selling all-beef hot dogs donated from Vienna Sausage Co. for \$2 per pound with an 8-pack of buns (from Weber Bread) thrown in.

The list of good deeds goes on and on: Tablecloths loaned by JEAN RUDD...Party set up by CRAIG SILGJORD...House cleaning by ED ROSENBERG AND MALE MAIDS...Microphones loaned by SEA WORLD...House set up by CATIE SOMERS and crew...Last minute rescues by MARY JORALMON...Advice by MARIE BURKE-LIA... An outstanding brochure by JUDY McCUTCHEON plus other hazards of dealing with printers ...and an absolutely herculean effort by DAVID GOLDBERG keeping straight our reservations, receipts, and general money.

You have our fond regards.

Eleanor & Bill Bolen,
 1983 Home Tour Co-chairpersons

REPORT FROM HISTORIC SITES BOARD MEETING Held 18 October, 1983

1. Board APPROVED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS to the George Dautz House, 7753 Draper, La Jolla (Historic Site #178). Changes also preserve the best elements of the rear garden, thought to have been landscaped by Kate Sessions.
2. Board APPROVED HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION for Scripps Residence, 1355 28th St., San Diego. Grade 2.
3. Board ENDORSED FOR NOMINATION to the National Register Historic Site #153, the Major Mylles Moylan House.
4. Board PASSED THE BASIC CONCEPT for the Grand Saddlery Hotel Project (reconstruction of the Horton Grand Hotel and the Kahle

Saddlery).

The present plan is to put these structures where the Stingaree Bordello is located. There was much discussion, since this is a historic site. It was determined to have been a replacement structure built in 1915, so request for potential demolition was granted. There was an assurance that there was to be no demolition until complete financial go-ahead was positive for the reconstruction of the Horton Grand and the Kahle Saddlery. Our first president, Miles Parker, now on the Historic Sites Board, made the motion to initiate this action.

Next meeting NOVEMBER 30, 1:30pm at the Fifth Floor Conference Room, City Administration Building, 202 "C" St.



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Please complete and return this membership form to:
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 San Diego, California 92103

SOHO depends upon membership dues, contributions, and fund raising activities to support our restoration/preservation expenses. Members receive the monthly SOHO Newsletter and invitations to special events. Gift memberships are available and we will send the recipient a card in your name announcing the gift. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Please join us!

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