

Twin Inns Gazebo



Gazebo in Rotary Park 1990s



Twin Inns Restaurant with Gazebo in garden— circa 1980

The Twin Inns, a restaurant owned and operated by the Eddie and Neva Kentner Family since 1919 was originally constructed in 1887 as a family home for one of Carlsbad's town founders Gerhard Schutte. In the early 1970s in anticipation of the United States Bicentennial celebrations, Eddie "Bup" Kentner, Jr., son of Eddie Kentner, Sr., and manager of the Twin Inns at the time, undertook restoration of the Twin Inns.

Trying to duplicate the original 1887 shingles, Bup had an employee cut shingles to match those that were still in existence. Left over shingles were used to design a Gazebo that was constructed in the beautifully landscaped gardens of the Twin Inns. The Gazebo was in demand as a site for outdoor weddings until the Twin Inns was sold in 1984.

The Village Faire Shopping Center, was constructed on this site, incorporating the Twin Inns. The developers and the City of Carlsbad entered into an informal and unwritten agreement to move the Gazebo to the adjacent Rotary Park located near the old Santa Fe Railroad station. The Gazebo remained at Rotary Park for more than 20 years.

Due to constant vandalism the Gazebo was in continual need of repair. In 2007, the City of Carlsbad was considering its demolition. Members of the Hi- Noon Rotary of Carlsbad advocated that it be moved to historic Magee Park and restored. This action was supported by the Carlsbad Historical Society and the Carlsbad Historical Preservation Commission. In the fall of 2010 the move, and restoration occurred.



Village Faire Shopping Center under development late 1980s

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