

# Carlsbad Time Lines

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Carlsbad, California, Historical Society

## **President's Letter**

By Sue Schnebelen Gutierrez

History is boring! How many times have I heard that statement, when people attempt to encapsulate why they are not interested in studying history. Studying dates and statistics can be boring, but learning about people and how they withstand adversity can never be boring.

This past year has been one of reflection, placing value on those things, and opportunities we've lost and those people we've not been able to share holidays and special events with. For many of us, this lack of people has been the most difficult to endure. And as a historian, it really hammers home what the ordinary person experienced during past pandemics, times of social upheaval, or during wars.

This past year has given all of us an opportunity to refute that statement "History is boring". We too are living in an epic historical time, one that bears witness to resilience of the spirit during times of upheaval. I'm wishing you and yours a happy new year and hopefully many new and positive experiences. We all look forward to a 2021 with a return to some cherished activities, and I hope you take some time to write down your experiences during this past year as a memory for future generations who might also make the statement "History is boring".

This past year, unfortunately two members passed away. Toni Morgan Bastien and Shelly Hayes Caron, both of whom left us in late 2020. Each in their own way were very involved in preserving their family histories and sharing with us this information, through us as an organization, and with the general public. This was a historical loss as well as a loss to our organization. In this edition you will find a brief bio of each, and their connection to Carlsbad.

We'll also include some of the many images digitized by our docent during this year while we've been closed. Let's title these images the Ghosts of Carlsbad's Past. Most of these images were taken during the great expansion period of the 1980s. This

is when the population grew and the connection of roadways was undertaken.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2021. We hope to see you all again in person later this year.

Sue

## **Power Plant Disassembly Progress**

The removal of concrete panels that cover the Encina Power Plant are showing that underneath there is a typical metallic industrial structure. Most large industrial plants are not covered. This must have been done in part for esthetic reasons.



## **Upcoming Virtual History Discussions**

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10 am and continuing until Monday, March 15, the Carlsbad Historical Society will host Virtual History Discussions, on local topics. These discussions will be available for viewing through Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please contact us through our email address [cbadhistory@gmail.com](mailto:cbadhistory@gmail.com) and we will send you the login information. You will only be able to attend through the Zoom password we will send out, and it will change for each discussion.

Topics in order of presentation will be :

- First People of the North County Carlsbad Area

- The Shipley Family
- The Kelly's California Pioneers.

missed, please send us that link at cbadhistory@gmail.com

## INTERNET NEWS

Facebook has developed a reputation for erroneous information, but we guarantee you'll find only accurate posts when you visit the Carlsbad Historical Society and Museum Facebook page. Follow us and keep in the know on the latest historic photos uploaded.

<https://www.facebook.com/Carlsbad-Historical-Society-and-Museum-100363865209565>

You also might be interested in following Oceanside Historical on Facebook. Kristi Hawthorn, Oceanside Historical Society's President and local historian extraordinaire is publishing some wonderful local history articles on her blog Histories and Mysteries. Many touch on Carlsbad and I think you'll find them very interesting reading. You can find her work at:

<https://historiesandmysteries.blog/>

## Covid 19

One aspect of being a historian is to document for future use items that will become part of our historical record. Beginning with the first Covid 19 shut down, we've been working to document numbers of infection, personal stories written by our members, and gathering news stories of how we as a city and as residents are impacted and how we reacted to the ongoing pandemic. We are still actively requesting that your own personal story be included in our files. So consider taking a few minutes to jot down your thoughts.

We've been keeping an eye out for news articles, City Council social media postings, and yes, even the negative ones will be included. We are not the pep squad, we are historians and as such we don't censor, we include all information. This is part of the historical record for future Carlsbadians, that will hopefully help them understand how we as a community made it through this uncertain time.

Included below are just a few news posting links, and if you have seen or read something that we've

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/energy-green/story/2020-05-06/uc-davis-study-estimates-driving-in-california-has-dropped-75>

<https://www.kpbs.org/news/2020/may/06/carlsbad-approves-5-million-small-business/>

<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/news/how-carlsbad-restaurants-became-ground-zero-for-coronavirus-defiance/>

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/carlsbad/story/2020-09-23/carlsbad-steps-up-health-code-enforcement>

<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/news/north-county-report-carlsbad-to-step-up-restaurant-enforcement/>



## Homeless at Magee Park

Please help us be our eyes and ears at Magee. Due to Covid 19 and restrictions on opening museums, the homeless have taken over our front deck as an overnight camp site. We want to be good neighbors to those who live around Magee Park, and we want to be humane to our less fortunate homeless population. But we have a very real concern about the safety of our structure, the Magee House, and



our physical collections inside. On the advice of city staff we will be posting no overnight camping or trespassing signs on and around the Magee house decking. This will aid Carlsbad PD .

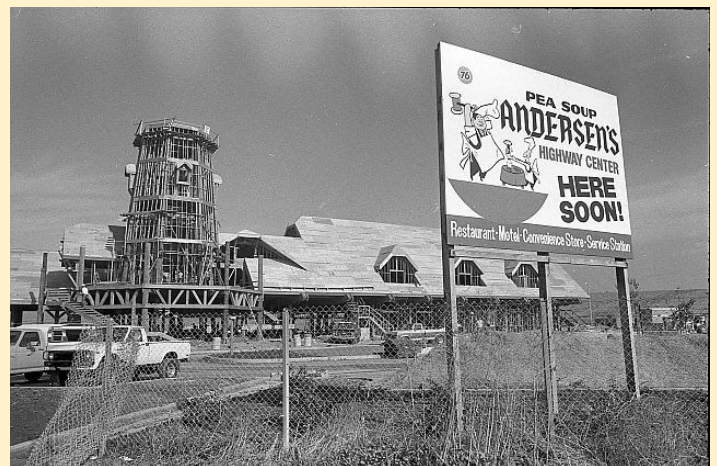
Please if you see anyone camping, or leaving personal belongings on our decks or ramps, call the Carlsbad PD non emergency number at 760-931-2197. Add it to your cell phone and call when you see this happening. It is important that Carlsbad PD contact is consistent, and that they are able to create a log of this behavior.

### From our Photo Collection

The four photos we've chosen for the first quarter 2021 newsletter are from the Blade Citizen Newspaper collection. If you remember from a past newsletter in 2020, we mentioned our docent Nolen has been busy during our Covid shutdown scanning thousands of negatives donated by the defunct Blade Citizen newspaper dating from the 1980s. All four have a food theme, ahem...something we can all appreciate since many of us have had expanding waistlines directly contributed to inactivity during the pandemic.



The Twin Inns/Neimans photo dating dates 1987 , as does the Country Store Chicken. We're often asked if the Country Store Chicken was a Twin Inn's Chicken, and to the best of our knowledge the answer is no. If you've got any inside information, send it our way so we can correct our files. Keep in mind prior to becoming the Country Store on El Camino Real, it was the Hoffman Egg Sorting station, and mentioned in a previous article on the Wilson Family.



Pea Soup Andersen was under construction in 1981 when this photo was taken. Take note of the empty landscape on the hillside behind.



And last but not least, a 1985 photo of the Carlsbad Inn under construction. This was a replacement for the Royal Palms, located diagonally across from the Twin Inns on Carlsbad Blvd.

These photos document the myriad changes Carlsbad experienced with rapid development in the 1980s.

**Pandemic Days**  
by Kenny Langen

With a cautious approach to Covid-19, Patti and I were proactive early. When we first learned of events in China, we reached out to family for protective masks. We felt an urgent need to mail a box of them to our daughter, Olivia (23), who was teaching in Taiwan, a two-hour flight from the center of the outbreak. Before long, with our own country's lack of testing, tracking and quarantining, we learned that we were the ones desperate for masks. Olivia returned in August (with our globetrotting masks). She quarantined for 14 days and moved back into the house.

These pandemic days have put the squelch on some of life's daily routines, and strengthened others. Our daughter, Catalina (26), left her apartment in Los Angeles to visit here for Thanksgiving and stayed

through Inauguration Day. With our daughters, Patti and I played music with guitars, piano, banjo, and drums. I recorded my daughters performing their favorite song. We played Catan, Scrabble, and worked on puzzles. Patti doubled down on her bird watching and added to her "Life Bird" list. My brother Rich and I worked on his five-string bass recordings of Bach's Inventions. I continued with post-production involvement for the Conversayer podcast, "Unspoken, Unsung." A highlight of my week was the Google "Meet" with good friends, Germán Gutierrez and Bruce DeSoto.

We morphed into online shoppers. We avoided being indoors with strangers like the plague (that it could be). We picked up some meals from "safe" take-out restaurants. We took turns preparing dinner. Olivia cooked her Taiwanese specialties. Catalina's boyfriend baked Christmas cookies and sourdough bread. We adopted a young Australian Cattle dog, "Gia," from the animal shelter. She is a fast learner, a great companion for our twice-daily walks. One day a week, Patti and I bring Gia with us to a "surprise location" for a picnic lunch. In spite of Covid 19, and with family support, we're "making the best of it!"

We embraced the science of wearing masks, hand-washing and sanitizing, social distancing, and quarantining. We witnessed the wheezes of unmasked runners and bicyclists who came too close. We saw countless, maskless pedestrians stroll the beach walk as they passed by the "Masks Required" signs. We knew, first-hand, the rapid-test gouging (\$450.00) in the old Sears parking lot.

Mr. Covid sought out those we know who took him lightly. A few close family and friends, throwing caution to the wind, surrendered to the after-Thanksgiving disease surge. As I write this in late January, 2021, I see that over 400 souls in San Diego County have moved on in the last two weeks. Hope rises though, at the prospect of vaccinations. The message, "All people over the age of 65 are now eligible for vaccinations," competes with neurotic web searches ending, "There are no vaccination appointments available at this time."



*Note: Taiwan, a democracy with leaders who put science and the health of the populace first, with a population of 23.78 million (and an epidemiologist for a vice president), has had seven deaths from the scourge. San Diego County (population, four million) is up to 2,465 (on January 28).*

## **Shelley Hayes Caron Remembered**

By Ellen Sweet



Shelley Hayes Caron, center

Shelley Hayes Caron loved to celebrate the holidays in her historic Silvestre Marron adobe on a small portion of Rancho Agua Hedionda. A huge tree was always featured in the sala at her holiday open house. The previous December was her last time to share her home with friends and others interested in local history and preservation. If you were acquainted with Shelley, you knew she had quite a family history tied to Southern California and she fought to preserve her family's legacy.

Shelley, age 71, died in a local hospital on December 6, 2020. That date was significant to the Californio branch of her family. December 6, 1846 was the date when Californio rancheros and others battled the invading US First Dragoons under Gen. Stephen W. Kearny at nearby San Pasqual. Shelley's great-great grandfather Silvestre Marron and members of her great-great grandmother Maria Leonora Osuna's family fought in that Battle of San Pasqual.

Early District Court Judge Benjamin I. Hayes was another great-great grandfather. Benjamin Hayes arrived in California, through Warner's Ranch, on the last day of 1849. He was originally from Baltimore, traveling overland to Missouri, where he spent time before heading on to California. Judge Hayes left a legacy of journals and documents collected by Hubert Howe Bancroft in 1874 for his library, now at UC Berkeley. He also made the decision in the 1856 civil rights Biddy Mason case in Los Angeles.

Judge Hayes's son John Chauncey Hayes married Felipa Marron. Chauncey Hayes was one of the founders of Oceanside. He was a newspaperman, a land agent, a local judge, and was involved in many civic activities. Fred Hayes, the fifth of Chauncey Hayes's 14 children, was Shelley's grandfather. He restored and expanded the Silvestre Marron adobe in 1947, adding two wings to the adobe. Shelley inherited the adobe after her father, Berry Hayes, died.

Shelley Caron fought to protect her home from freeway interchanges on SR78, which would destroy the adobe. She worked hard to maintain her home, as adobes always need special care. She consulted with archaeologists, historians, genealogists, and preservationists to document the history of Rancho Agua Hedionda, the Marron family, and the Hayes family. And she worked with members of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians to pay tribute to their story on the land that was their home before her ancestors.

Shelley leaves her daughter Alison Caron Glenwinkel, now living in the adobe, her son Trenton Caron of Escondido, and six grandchildren. Due to the pandemic, no formal memorial services are planned. A member of many organizations like Carlsbad Historical Society, Shelley Hayes Caron is mourned by a host of friends.

## **Toni Morgan Bastien**

By Sue Schnebelen Gutierrez

Toni Morgan Bastien passed away in the fall of 2020. She was the daughter of Dorothy (DD) Kentner and Art Morgan who owned the restaurant, the House of Morgan, and later operated the Twin Inns restaurant.

The Twin Inns was famous in Southern California and beyond and was the family-owned business of Toni's

grandparents, Ed and Neva Kentner who purchased the Inns in 1919.

The Twin Inns was a family home as well for the Kentners and the Morgans, with the second floor used as their residence. The ground floor was the scene of many social and civic events. And the expansive gardens hosted weddings, proms and other parties.

Toni's pride and love of her family and of the Twin Inns shone through when one spoke with her. Her kindness in sharing her historical knowledge of the Twin Inns, her family and Carlsbad will always be appreciated and remembered fondly.



Toni Morgan, top left, with her family

By Ginny Krepps Unanue

Toni and I were in school together from Kindergarten through Senior High in Carlsbad. She and her two brothers, Jack and Mike, were the grandchildren of the owners of the Twin Inns. Their parents, DD and Art Morgan, ran the Inns. Growing up, we attended the same church, St. Michael's by-the-Sea in Carlsbad. We were in the same Girl Scout Troop.

I remember Toni, as being such a sweet, unaffected, lovely person. She and I stayed in touch till she died, and spoke by phone at least once, and usually more, each month. I visited with her in her home in Julian, as she visited with me here in my home.

She shared the most wonderful stories about the Twin Inns, and her family. She told me that when it was closed, on Monday, then her whole family gathered there in the evening, to eat, dance, and

generally enjoy their time together. She remembered those evenings as being such a wonderful time for her.

She also told of ghost sightings in the Inn, by people whom she knew. One of my fondest memories of being with her at the Inns, was playing hide-and-seek during an afternoon in the bar, which at that time had the décor of a mysterious, drape-hung Middle East style. There were many places to hide.

I shall miss her terribly.

### **New Life Members**

Mike and Sharon Morgan  
David and Karyn Frazee

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