

## President's Final Message

It has been my very great pleasure to serve as the President of the Carlsbad Historical Society for the past four years. I've been a member for 20 years, and am a second generation member, my parents having been involved members. I have so enjoyed working with a wonderful Board, and all the other members of the Society.

So many great displays have been produced at Magee House, thanks to Sue & Germán Gutierrez. So many new members have been added, thanks to Kenny Langen and Marvin Sipple. Our finances are in very good shape, thanks to Germán Gutierrez. We have had excellent ties to the Barrio and its history, thanks to Connie Trejo. What a wonderful, talented group of people they are, and I have been blessed to work with them.

I've enjoyed our annual meetings, and special events, where our members can get together, most recently for the unveiling of the Twin Inns registers, which we had restored.

I so enjoyed seeing you all at this year's annual meeting, and listening to Marvin Sipple talk about the history of the historic ranches in Carlsbad, which contributed to much to our history.

And thanks to all of you, for continuing your membership in and support for the Carlsbad Historical Society.

## Annual Meeting and Results of Elections

About 50 of our members and guests enjoyed a great sunny Sunday afternoon, October 14, from 2 -4 pm, at the Saint Michael's Church Meeting Hall, sharing cake and ice cream. Happy Birthday was sung to Joyce Smith, who is turning 89 years old this month, and was actually born in Carlsbad, on 1<sup>st</sup> Street – now State Street.

After approval of last year's minutes, read by Ken Langen, the result of our elections were stated. The three candidates running for President, Secretary and Treasurer were approved unanimously, with 41 ballots received, all in favor.

The lecture was given by Marvin Sippel and Susan Kelly, and it covered part of the long life of one of our most outstanding citizens: [Allan Oscar Kelly](#). He was born before the invention of the airplane and lived to see men walk on

the moon. Allan was first a rancher but later he became a self educated scientist and inventor. With his wife Katherine they traveled around the world. Allan was always discovering evidence of meteor impact and resulting massive flooding damage around the world. His theories were dismissed by "experts" for many years, but today they are almost universally accepted. Allan also held four patents on aircraft and an aircraft carrier, based on ideas he came up with during World War II. As an inventor he developed prototypes for several of his ideas, for example for a new type of harbor entrance, and for a solar water desalination plant.

John L. Kelly, the author of "Life on a San Diego County Ranch" was Allan Kelly's uncle. Writing must be a family trait.



## Sample of Allan's earliest ideas on Impact Damage to the Earth:

### **A NEW THEORY OF THE FLOOD.**

**Allan O. Kelly. Nov. 1944**

*"The Bible account of the Flood is a story that has always caused a great deal of argument. Many people are sure that it is true, word for word. Others question how Noah got all of the animals into the Ark and what the lions and elephants ate. Still others point out that Mt. Ararat, where the Ark came to rest, is 16,916 feet in elevation and that if it rained for forty days and forty nights, it must have rained 422 feet per day to have submerged this mountain. These people are sure that the story of the Flood in the book of Genesis is pure fiction and that Moses just made it up to prove that the Hebrews were the chosen people. My own opinion has been, that while the story is fantastic, it*

was the sincere belief of Moses or who ever first put it in writing. I say this was my belief. Then I read the article in the September ninth issue of the Saturday Evening Post called "When the Comet Struck." Now I begin to wonder if the story is so fantastic. In the following pages I have set forth every fact or theory that might bear out the Bible story of a great flood throughout the world, caused by this comet striking the earth.

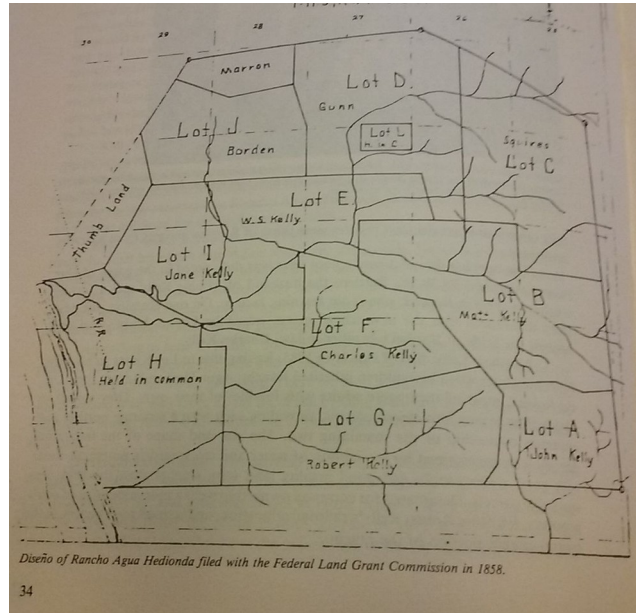
The story in the "Post" tells of a cataclysm so super-stupendous, so utterly terrific, that it is almost past human comprehension or imagination. This great load of cosmic buckshot must have been several million times as big as the ones that landed in Siberia and in Arizona. According to the "Post", the one that struck in Siberia in 1908 was something to think about..."400 miles away on the Trans-Siberian railway the crew of a train saw a sudden blaze in the sky and then felt the train rock so violently that they stopped it, fearing it would be thrown from the track." The earth shock was recorded by seismograph 500 miles away in the city of Irkutsk and. 4,000 miles away in England at the Kew Observatory the micro-barograph recorded the air pressure waves, This comet has been estimated at 40,000 tons and the one that landed in Arizona at over a million tons. The Arizona comet made a crater three quarters of a mile across and buried itself 2,400 feet in the solid rock.

The story in the "Post" tells of the craters found in the Atlantic coastal plain in North and South Carolina. There are literally hundreds of thousands of these craters of all sizes up to four or five miles across. One school of scientific thought holds that these are the work of a swarm of meteors or a comet, while other professors think they were caused by less spectacular artesian water flowing out of the ground and other geologic processes. I hold with the meteor or comet theory and the rest of this article is an attempt to reason why. My starting premise is that this swarm of meteorites was much larger than the earth scars indicate(perhaps much of it landed in the ocean) and that it had sufficient speed and mass to actually move the earth and change its axis.

Traveling at a speed estimated at 144,000 miles per hour and striking the earth which would be traveling at 64,000 miles per hour in its orbit and over 1,000 miles per hour in rotational speed, there must have been a really big bump. If this cosmic visitor from outer space was large enough to move the earth, then the waters might well have rushed in over the land and caused that Flood that Noah had so much trouble with in the days of his youth. The mal-distribution of weight, along with the terrific blow, could have set the earth to wobbling and resulted in a new alignment of its axis. The realignment of the earth's axis can explain many phenomena that have not been very satisfactorily explained before.

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## Rancho Agua Hedionda Map showing the land division among Mathew Kelly's children and Robert Kelly's heirs



This map is from Marge Howard-Jones book "Seekers of the Spring", page 34. The question of which niece or nephew was assigned which Lot came up during the Annual Meeting presentation. The map shows this, plus a lot held in common, next to the Ocean.

## New Photograph of Twin Inns barn

"I ran across this picture of the Twin Inns barn in its original location. The picture is looking north, the driveway would exit on Grand Avenue. In front of the barn is a swing set for my sisters, behind the swing set is the "Pigeon House" and unseen behind the Pigeon House is the Glass house where Roman nursed the garden plants before setting them out. The horse corral to the right of the barn is not visible.



When looking at this picture it reminded me of the Coast Artillery, or what ever it was called in those days. The anti-aircraft guns were set up along the bluff at what is now Terramar, and all the local townspeople could watch the practice. One or two(?) army planes would tow a wind sock a few hundred yards behind them, then fly about 1500 feet above the ocean (always going south, as I remember) while the artillery canons would fire one after the other, at the target. The Twin Inns barn was what reminded me, the army occupied the open field behind Grand Avenue, and would get their water from outlets at the barn. I don't remember ever reading about these exciting times in the Carlsbad history, have I just missed out? "

Ed Kentner



*Kenny Langen and Grant Sippel help Marvin show how to control a horse and a plow at the same time*

### Donation of Historic Brass Lamp



Thank you to Linda Geldner for her donation of a historic converted oil lamp. Its style is "hurricane" Victorian from the 1900s. It looks great in our day room, that was Florence Magee's favorite spot.

### A Few Photos From Our Annual Meeting



*Susan Kelly and Marvin Sippel giving presentation*

### Thank you to all the volunteers at the Annual Meeting:

Ginny Unanue, Kenny Langen, Janie Rossall, Marvin Sippel, Germán and Susan Gutierrez. Events take time and energy; please consider pitching in.

### Reprint of Taste of Carlsbad Cookbook

We have reprinted the original version of our [Taste of Carlsbad Cookbook](#). Copies are for sale at the Shipley-Magee House for just \$5. There is a revised version in the works, but it will be available later as needed. The new version is electronic, but the original was done the old fashioned way: cut and paste.

### From the Archives

Recently we received an interesting question regarding the location of the original 1880s Carlsbad Land and Water Company Sales Office. After a little research in the microfilm of the original Carlsbad newspaper, *the Sea Lion*, we discovered that the sales offices were in several locations. One of the original investors, Henry Nelson, kept an office in San Diego on F street near the Post Office. Dexter Gilbert and Company handled inquiries and sales in Los Angeles, and were located on West First Street. Often both organized train excursions to Carlsbad and land auctions on various plots as they were made available. It appears from articles in the *Sea Lion* that various independent or sub contracted real estate agents were in direct charge of selling large sections of plots. Terms of sale were fairly straightforward. One third cash at time of purchase and the balance in 6 to 12 months. 1888 was a busy year, and not necessarily a good one for the company. It began with Carlsbad Land and Water Company offering property plots from \$175 to \$500. The Land and Water Real Estate office kept their plot maps and sales transactions in a safe on the second floor of The Pioneer Store. This store was owned and operated by



A.F. Faucher, and located on Second (Roosevelt) and Pine. A fire destroyed the building but the majority of the Carlsbad Land and Water Company documents were saved. They were then moved to the Real Estate office of A.A. Hansen, assistant secretary to the company. By early June of 1888, lot prices on Highland were reduced from \$150 a plot to \$75.

### **Volunteer Docents Needed**

Docent training will start on the first Friday in January 2019 at 11 am. We will hold training on the first and third Friday of every month. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out by showing the museum, or volunteering for our school tours.

### **New Members**

Frank and Ruth Flores\* – Life Membership

Julian Garofolo

Colleen Matsubara

Janie Rossall

### **Obituaries**

#### **Mary T. Lancaster**

The Carlsbad Historical Society has lost a valuable member, Mary T. Lancaster, who passed away on August 7 in Westminster, California, at the age of 90. A Carlsbad resident for nearly two decades, Mary was a long time Board Member/book store volunteer for Friends of the Carlsbad Library as well as a tireless volunteer for New Village Arts Theater and on many Mondays for Carlsbad Play readers. Mary came to Carlsbad in 2000, from Fallbrook, where she worked as a mail carrier and volunteered with the library and the local community theater.

#### **Nan and Cliff Leighton**

We are sorry to report the passing of Nan Leighton. Her husband Cliff passed on 9 months ago. With the passing of these two people, CHS loses some long-time members, who've been very supportive of the historical society. Nan

and Cliff lived in Oceanside, but spent working time in Carlsbad. Nan worked for the Oceanside High School for many years, as attendance clerk, and then came to Carlsbad High School when it opened. She was well known, and very well-beloved by the student population of Carlsbad High School. Nan and Cliff were both long-time parishioners at St. Michael's by-the-Sea, and were very involved in many groups and activities there.

#### **Mildred Espy**

Our long time member left us on July 7th. She was born in 1925 in Nashville, TN. After her first marriage she moved to California in the early 1950s. Milly worked many years for ATT and then PacBel. She retired in the 70s only to return to work as a legal secretary. She and her second husband Jim Espy moved from Yorba Linda to Carlsbad in the 90s. She was active in many organizations in the community and at the CBTS center. She enjoyed her many friends.

**ANNOUNCEMENT: The Shipley-Magee House and Museum will be closed from Thanksgiving weekend through New Year's Day Weekend**

#### **CHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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