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## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carlsbad High!



*Breaking Ground -- May 22, 1957*

Many people are surprised to learn that Carlsbad did not have their very own high school until the 1957-58 school years. Prior to this time, Carlsbad high- school- age students commuted to Oceanside to attend public school. Carlsbad Historical is pleased to be working in conjunction with Carlsbad High School to coordinate a year long celebration of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ginny Unanue, a 1960 Carlsbad High graduate is our liaison with the anniversary committee. The committee has been busy these past few months scheduling a variety of events.

Starting this fall, in addition to football games at the school, our museum will present an interpretive display of Carlsbad High School Memorabilia. If you happen to be alumni and have some mementos for our display, give us a call, we promise to take excellent care with your treasures.

Saturday February 16, 2008 will feature the reenactment of Carlsbad High School students riding into town on Carlsbad Blvd. Magee park will be filled with food booths, music and visiting alumni. We certainly will need lots of volunteer

help, so please consider spending a few hours helping out. The year- long celebration will culminate with a dinner dance for all Carlsbad High Alumni on Friday night and an open house on Saturday. So help us make this a special recognition of Carlsbad High history and participate in some of the activities.



*Carlsbad High -- February 1958*

## Carlsbad High School - excerpted from *Windows on the Past: An Illustrated History of Carlsbad*

In 1955 Carlsbad and Oceanside voters approved a \$1.26 million dollar construction bond that funded the building of Carlsbad's first public high school. The cornerstone for CHS was laid in September 1957; a time capsule was included in the ceremony. For posterity a copy of the 1957 Carlsbad Journal the first edition of the Carlsbad High School newspaper, a student handbook and some 1957 minted coins were placed inside the box.

Carlsbad High students began the 1957-58 academic school year commuting to Oceanside and attending classes in Oceanside High since construction of Carlsbad High was unfinished. Carlsbad students had always traveled to Oceanside to attend high school; the difference in 1957 was that for the first time they were segregated from the Oceanside students. Each school ran their own

class schedules within the Oceanside High School, had separate student governments, athletic programs and school newspapers.

On February 17, 1958, Carlsbad High students left Oceanside High amidst grand fanfare. A parade of buses and cars wove their way from Oceanside to the Carlsbad border, led by the Oceanside Police who assumed parade leadership, touring the students past the Army Navy School.



*Entering Carlsbad Parade*

The entire Cadet student population stood at attention while their band played a "Welcome Home" song to the Carlsbad High Students. As the parade continued through the decorated downtown, many business owners and residents lined the street cheering the newly arrived High school students. Carlsbad Mayor Manuel Castorena presented the Carlsbad High Principal Alfred La Fleur with the key to the city.



*First Graduating Class - June 1958*

## Happy Anniversary Carlsbad City Library!

This coming November the Georgina Cole Library on Carlsbad Village Drive will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Occupied in 1967, this building was the result of 11 years of a rapid city library growth. In 1956, Carlsbad established its first city library thanks in large measure to the insistence of county librarian Georgina Cole. Prior to this time, Carlsbad depended upon the San Diego County library system which Cole felt was inadequate for the needs of a growing city. Formation of the new city facility was a true community effort. Everything from shelves to furniture, telephones, books, and cash were donated by local clubs and residents. By the end of the first year, the city library had increased its holdings from the 500 books previously allotted by the county to over 4,000 volumes, 1500 of those were donations from Georgina's personal collection. Originally the library shared space with the newly formed Carlsbad Police Department, in the old St. Patrick's Church on Harding Street.



*Georgina Cole, Carlsbad's first librarian, Library Director and Guiding force.*

As the collection grew and the need for more space increased, the library moved into the old Mutual Water building on Elm and Roosevelt. Eventually, the need arose for a larger building that was built specifically for the library. Volunteers from the Friends of the Library as well as community support generated enough votes to pass a bond to finance the construction of the



building on Elm, labeled by detractors as the Taj Mahal. Move in occurred in November 1967, when citizens, Mira Costa Students and Marines from Camp Pendleton, packed up the entire collection into cars and trucks and transferred and unpacked it in the new building.



*Carlsbad's first library located in the old St. Patrick's Church, shared space with the first Police Department offices*



*The new Library, Carlsbad's very own "Taj Mahal"*

### **Membership Renewal**

A big thank you is extended to everyone who renewed their membership. For those who haven't yet sent in their checks, there is still time to be included in our annual membership directory due out in August, as well as to receive notices on all of our upcoming events. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this upcoming year. At the top of the list is a return trip to Camp Pendleton, this time to visit Las Flores, the home of the Magee Family. We would love to have you included so remember to send in your renewal.

### **Sundowner**

On Sunday afternoon, even though the day was a little overcast due to our famous coastal June

gloom, a large group of friends gathered on the deck at Magee House for our first summer sundowner. Almost 30 of our members had a fun time while engaged in pleasant conversation, munching on a nice selection of appetizers, and enjoying the blooming rose garden. We hope that those of you who were unable to join us this past weekend will be able to come to our future Sundowners. Keep your eye out for future notification of this event.

### **Visited Magee House Lately?**

Are out of town guests visiting this summer? Want a fun way to share your town's history? Why not bring them to Magee House, the only place in town where they will experience all of our city's history, from pre-rancho days to the present decade. Surprise your guests with a visit to our beautiful Victorian home. Let them explore our past with special memorabilia such as the last remaining Twin Inn Chicken, or walk around our gardens. Remember, the house is always open Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4, and our paid docent, Greg, gives a lovely free tour. If those days and times don't fit with your schedule, give us a call at least **a week** in advance and we can try to arrange something more convenient. And don't forget, for something really special, you can always arrange for a private tour with a Victorian tea, but those must be scheduled several weeks in advance.

### **School Tours and Trunk Shows**

A huge thanks you to everyone who participated in making this year's third grade educational outreach program, a huge success. Almost 1000 third grade Carlsbad students experienced the visiting trunk show at their schools and also visited Magee house. Ginny Unanue and Joyce and Hubie Smith spearheaded these events and we are most appreciative of all their time and effort as well as all of those members who aided their efforts. Without this volunteer help we would never be able to accomplish our goal of educating our youngest citizens and their parents.

### **Welcome New Members....**

Kathleen and Jerry Limberg, Russ Bruhn, and

### **Life Memberships:**

Valerie and Jack Cumming, Bobbie Hoder

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Open Friday 10:00-4:00 and  
Saturday 10:00-4:00

Private Tours with Tea are  
given on Tuesday and  
Thursday  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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## Carlsbad Historical Society Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifelong \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I would like to volunteer, call me regarding \_\_\_ Membership  
\_\_\_ Display Committee \_\_\_ Docent \_\_\_ Tours  
\_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_ Publicity

### CHS Board of Directors

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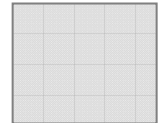
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