



The Glendale Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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What an exciting first year!

The Glendale Historical Society thanks you for your support during the past year.

With great enthusiasm the Doctors' House has been relocated and restoration has begun. A newsletter is being produced. Oral history and architectural survey training programs are underway. We have helped produce historical exhibits for two institutions. Tours and membership meetings which emphasize Glendale's history and architecture are a regular part of TGHS fare. A walking tour guide of downtown Glendale, produced with the help of our research, is available.

Our second year promises even more. Our newsletter will be produced quarterly. TGHS meetings will continue to emphasize Glendale history alternately with slide shows on Victorian, Mediterranean and Way-Out architecture. An historic cookbook with recipes and photos from the "Good Old Days" will be available. Restoration workshops are scheduled. More tours, some free to members, are coming up, as well as SuperFun fundraisings at the Doctors' House.

Our goal is to complete the exterior restoration of the Doctors' House in time to present it to Glendale as a birthday gift for its 1981 Diamond Jubilee.

We value you as a member. It is your continued support that will help realize this major community endeavor as well as allow the Glendale Historical Society to reach out in new directions. Working together we can make history come alive!

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As our Society enters upon its full schedule of events for 1981, it should be noted that we join the City of Glendale in the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee. Seventy-five years after incorporation as a city, Glendale is set to observe its civic longevity with all manner of festive events, publications, and the appearance of its Jubilee emblem.

Banister design motif from the basement of Jensen's Palace Grand Shops. (Photo by Chris Humphrey)

TGHS salutes the Jewel City, 1906 - 1981.

SOCIETY NEWS

The Glendale Historical Society Officers for 1981 are as follows:

President: Carole Dougherty
Vice-President: William Heyler
Treasurer: Joan Mullins
Membership Secretary: Audrey Hales
Chair Doctors' House Planning Committee: Marie Luft
Newsletter Editor: Robert Newcomb
Board Members: Joni Atkinson, Lawrence Meyer,
Michael Sharp, Charles Walton

Nominating Committee, Report due September 1981:

Frances Grigsby, Audrey Hales

Elections Committee, Elections October 1981:

Richard Montgomery, Shannon Pedlow

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During its fund-raising efforts in 1980, our Society succeeded in collecting a total of \$9,846.10 from the following activities: Garage Sale, 12 & 13 April; Galleria Sales, 19 & 20 April; Doctors' House Tour, 20 April; Jog-A-Thon, 19 July; Webb's Day, 11 October; Historical Structures Tour, 19 October; Sales at the Tour, 19 October; Garage Sale, 25 & 26 October; Big Band Concert 15 November; plus sales of Tee-Shirts and Glendale's Historic Element book. Most sincere thanks are due to all those who contributed so much of their time and talents in support of these undertakings. Our successes along such a broad front of endeavor provide us with a firm foundation upon which to build similar future efforts.

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TGHS now has a new telephone number and answering service which is 242-7447.

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Report on the Doctors' House Planning Committee

In order to coordinate all facets of the work that is currently being done on the Doctors' House as well as proposals of future work, a Doctors' House Planning Committee has recently been formed. Its function is also to establish what needs to be done and then to bring its recommendations as to the best way to accomplish these ends to the Board of Directors for discussion and final approval.

Serving on the Committee are: Marie Luft as Chairman who is coordinating the Committee's efforts; Russ Tyner, architect with Jones and Walton, who as Project Supervisor will oversee all contracted work as well as submit the necessary working drawings; Graham Latta, retired architect who will

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Calendar of Events for Spring and Early Summer, 1981

- APRIL 26 Walking Tour of Downtown Glendale featuring buildings of the 1920s and a glimpse of future redevelopment along Brand. Buildings on tour include: Masonic Temple, Brand Building, Pendroy Building and the Egyptian Village Cafe.
- Reservation Deadline: April 19 Send check for \$3.50 and self addressed stamped envelope to the Glendale Historical Society, P. O. Box 4173, Glendale 91202. For more information call: 242-7447
- MAY 3 10 K Run sponsored by Verdugo Health Clinic at Verdugo Park. TGHS will have a booth with items for sale.
- MAY 6 Rae Berry, a director of the Glendale YWCA will speak on prominent women in Glendale and California history.
- 7:30 pm Carillon Room, Glendale Federal, 401 N. Brand
- MAY 17 TGHS Tribute to Glendale's Diamond Jubilee with a fashion show and ice cream social at the Friendship Garden of the Teahouse at Brand Park. Vintage and designers' fashions will be modeled by prominent Glendalians and John Powers models.
- 2:30-5:30 Brand Park, Mountain and Grandview.
\$5.00 donation to benefit Doctors' House restoration
- JUNE 3 Richard Rowe, Project Planner of Spring/Broadway Redevelopment CRA/LA, will speak and show slides on Los Angeles downtown redevelopment.
- 7:30 pm Carillon Room, Glendale Federal, 401 N. Brand

CALENDAR: The 1981 calendar, featuring 13 historic structures of Glendale in the form of pictures suitable for framing, will be available at all meetings and fund-raising events at a greatly reduced price of \$1.00. 1981 may be speeding along, but our limited number of these handsome art calendars will disappear even faster.

Calendar Errata: The Caption for the Home shown as November 1981, which is wrongly entitled "The Calori House," should read as follows: 2322 Chevy Chase, a Romantic Example of the Spanish-Colonial Revival Style of the 1920s.

COOKBOOK: The Glendale Historical Cookbook should be printed soon, and we hope that it will be available at the Walking Tour in April and at all meetings and fund-raisers after that. There will be only 500 printed, so plan to get it quickly if you want one. The price is \$5.00 to members and \$6.00 to non-members.

serve primarily as an advisor but assist Russ in the working drawings as well; Glenn Luft, civil engineer, who is handling all the engineering aspects of the project such as the reconstruction plan for tying the two halves of the House together, as well as serving as general coordinator of the volunteer work crews; and Henry Agonia, Director of Parks and Recreation and our liaison with the City. In addition, two others are serving in an advisory capacity: Carole Dougherty, President of TGHS, who has been instrumental in putting the HUD Block Grant package together, which, if passed by Council, will allot \$80,000 to the project; and Larry Winans, Project Superintendent of Heritage Square, who has had extensive experience in all the problems relating to the restoration of historic buildings and is bringing his expertise to bear on all phases of the project.

Volunteers so far include Bill Dodson, Sid Gordon, Ray West, Don Frost, Herb Zitzman, Richard Montgomery, Glen Luft, Jack Zebrowski, Boy Scout Troop #125, and Shannon Pedlow. All donated or volunteer help is greatly appreciated, so call 247-2452 if you'd like to join in on the fun and help make history come alive!

Marie Luft, Chair

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History is people, and in this photograph of Brand Boulevard adjacent to Jensen's Palace Grand Shops in the mid-1920s we have a glimpse of the energetic street scene of downtown Glendale. (Photo from Special Collections, Glendale Public Library)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS for Volume 1 of the Newsletter:

During a period of renewal such as our Society has experienced in 1980, communication is a most important function and a Newsletter helps in this effort. Such publications do not, however, produce themselves, and it is fitting as we start upon our second volume to acknowledge the help which we have received to date.

Contributors have included Marie Luft, Carole Dougherty, Joni Atkinson, and Ellen Perry. Our photographs have been the result of the camera work of Michael Hogan, Sid Gordon, Chris Humphrey, and Marie Luft.

For our actual production we thank Curt Kolar, Robert Provin, and David Fuller for assistance with design and lay-out. No publication is better than the quality of its typing, and we much appreciate the assistance of Peggy Michaels, Lauralee Hendricks, and Lorraine Zitzman. The final printing has been ably seen to by Parker Press in North Hollywood and by Glendale Instant Printing in the Jewel City. Thanks also to Trudy Sterner and A-1 Printing.

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Robert M. Newcomb

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