



The Glendale Historical Society

NEWSLETTER VOL. 8, NO. 2, 1987

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: 1986-1987

During this past year The Glendale Historical Society has continued to pursue its various projects and fields of interest, supported by an active membership of about 250 and by a precisely and responsibly managed budget.

We held nine monthly general public meetings in the Carrillon Room of Glendale Federal Savings. The business portions of these meetings allowed TGHS members to hear first-hand of our organization's activities, to participate in decisions, and to volunteer for various projects. The program portions of the meetings included presentations which spanned topics ranging from the Glendale Redevelopment Agency and the Post Office to the history of the Glendale School District. From farther afield came a memorable presentation by members and representatives of the revitalized Southwest Museum. Vice President Larry Meyer enthralled us with an account of his family "connections" which extend back to the earliest Spanish settlers in Alta California in 1769. Our awards Presentation/Board Installation in September was notable, as were the December Yule festivities. Attendance at meeting averaged between 30 and 40 members, with greater numbers present at the special events.

The public outreach efforts of our organization include the open house tours of The Doctors' House by the Docent Guild and the presentations our Speakers' Bureau gives at the request of various civic groups within our community. In addition, TGHS is represented and its merchandise offered at special events such as the spring Carroll Avenue historic homes celebration and autumn Days of Verdugos Festival. A major event of the year was our September tour. Through this public shuttle bus tour we brought several of the historic structures of Glendale before a wider public. The Alex Theater and the former Masonic Temple received special attention in this undertaking.

Our various working groups also carried the banner of TGHS into public arenas. Notable in this category are the watchdog projects of the TGHS Preservation Action Task Force. Task Force members invested much time in research, report writing, and representation at public meetings concerning the Goode House, the Alex Theater, and the Masonic Temple. These efforts involved our organization in the practical, cutting-edge work of historic preservation in our community.

The Aquisitions Committee continued to add material luster to The Doctors' House and fundraising activities such as the public tour and merchandise sales contributed toward both making us better known and our coffers somewhat richer.

(continued)

In the area of publications, our quarterly newsletter carries educational and topical articles to our members and to influential members of the preservation, business and civic communities. Current projects in education and publications include a children's coloring book, a map of historic sites, and a Doctors' House poster.

I am proud to say that The Glendale Historical Society has continued upon its established and recognized course during this past year. We are becoming recognized in Glendale as an organization which cares about the built past of our city, and which can work with governmental and business interests to conserve and promote this built past. We continue to provide a focus for the interests and creative energies of a significant and representative group of citizens. This group of people is our organization's main resource and responsibility. Without them individually or as a group, nothing would be possible, nothing would be worth attempting, nothing of group accomplishments would remain at year's end for our general satisfaction. During this past year we have lost members and we have gained new names and faces. Thus, much as the built fabric of our city grows, changes, and is renovated, we too as an organization continue, the sum of our members being greater and longer lasting than the persona of any single member.

On a personal note, I am happy to have had such an energetic and personable Board of Directors with which to work during this past year.

The Glendale Historical Society can look back on a successful year 1986-1987. May the coming years be ever more fruitful and exciting.

Dr. Robert M. Newcomb
President

* * * * *

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 1987-1988

The following goals and objectives were drafted by The Glendale Historical Society Board of Directors on May 27, 1987 and presented to the membership for review at the Annual General Meeting on June 3:

- To continue with the ongoing review of the by-laws.
- To explore and develop ways to increase membership, including follow-up efforts among lapsed members and solicitation of corporate and City Council membership.
- To increase our revenues, especially in the light of the great fiscal demands placed upon us by our liability insurance costs.
- To continue to develop a strong, positive public image and to strengthen our effectiveness in the community as an advocate of historic preservation. We will continue to expand our successful publications and publicity programs.
- To contribute to the celebrations in January and February of 1988 of the 100th birthday of The Doctors' House, co-ordinated with a Brand Library art exhibit.
- Overall, to continue to do everything possible to further the goals of our organization, which are to promote the preservation, maintenance and appreciation of the physical evidence of our collective past.

GOODE NEWS!

The Goode House has recently emerged from two long but successful battles. the first against demolition and the second against proposed relocation to a most inappropriate site. Now the property has gone quickly into escrow with a different buyer, one whom we have encouraged because his plans are to restore on site and develop a wrap-around office complex (unattached) consisting of two levels of offices and one of subterranean parking. The new buyer is Serob (Joe) Ayvazi, whose interest in the property is longstanding. Mr. Ayvazi has also entered escrow on the Quick property immediately to the north, giving him a balanced, symmetric plot consisting of three lots in a row with the Goode House at the center.

We have provided this developer with the guidebook to tax-advantaged re-habilitations, and we hope that with the help of the professionals from the State Office of Historic Preservation Mr. Ayvazi's understanding of and interest in a true historic rehabilitation can be realized. Early planning inputs are the key to maximizing the quality of the restoration and the utilization of tax advantages, so we are already entering preliminary discussions with the S.O.H.P. regarding advance information about rehab standards and design compatibility guidelines for the surrounding new development.

Sue Lazara
TGHS Preservation Action Task Force

* * * * *

MASONIC TEMPLE REHAB PROJECT ADVANCES

The prospects of an outstanding historic building on Brand Boulevard being adapted for re-use continue to appear bright, with the owner/developer of the former Masonic Temple working with the California State Office of Historic Preservation on a plan for the building which will bring new life to it as a commercial structure without destroying its status as a National Register qualifying site.

The Glendale Redevelopment Agency has approved the proposal of owners Frank De Pietro and Sons to rehabilitate their building for commercial use and to satisfy City parking requirements by using the adjacent lot (at the north-east corner of Brand and Colorado) for surface parking. The City Historic Preservation Commission must now review the specific plans for the building, which is listed in the City of Glendale Historic Preservation Element.

The TGHS Preservation Action Task Force has worked with Lizbeth Henning of the Western Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and with Steade Craigo of the California State Office of Historic Preservation, as well as with the De Pietros, on this project. We have assisted in researching and interpreting the standard of the Department of the Interior for allowed alterations to historic sites and for the eligibility of the building for tax certification. In this and in other areas as needed, we will continue to offer our expertise and support to further the success of this rehabilitation.

Suzanne McKay
TGHS Preservation Action Task Force

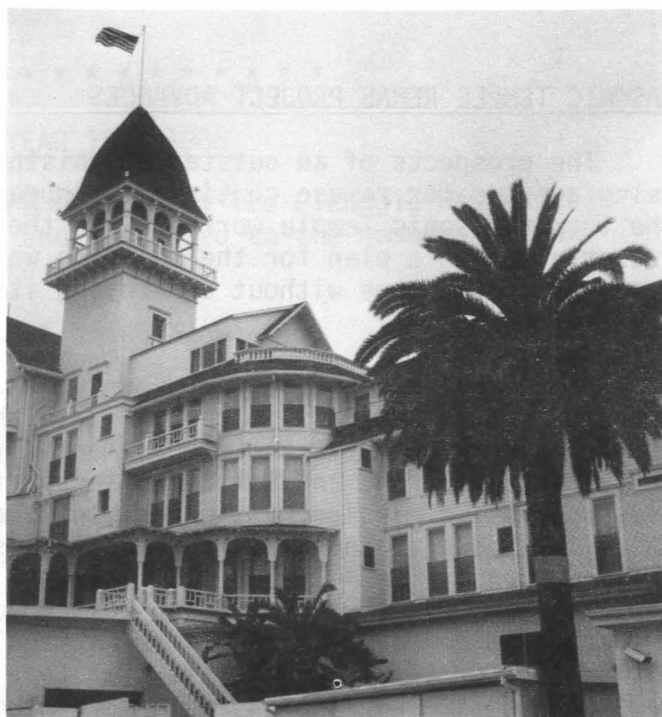
* * * * *

TGHS REPRESENTED AT CORONADO CONFERENCE

The Glendale Historical Society sent two representatives to the twelfth annual California State Preservation Conference in Coronado June 4-7. Sue Lazara, TGHS Preservation Action Task Force member and Margaret Hammond, Vice President for Tours and Fundraising, attended the conference and took full advantage of the opportunity to gain ideas for techniques and strategies for furthering our goals involving preserving our city's heritage. In addition, they made and renewed the numerous personal contacts which are so important to us as we confront the many challenges in our path. Not the least of these contacts was Henry Agonia, formerly director of the Glendale Department of Parks and Recreation and now director of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation (which includes the State Office of Historic Preservation). Margaret and Sue reported back to the Board on their activities and knowledge gained.

Sue attended workshops on the use of State and Federal programs, preservation in a multicultural world, tax angles of preservation projects, and the preservation of public (governmental) buildings. Margaret went to sessions pertaining to promoting and enhancing a downtown image, archeology, and the multicultural and tax workshops. She also went on a tour of Irving Gill homes.

Both Sue and Margaret returned with renewed enthusiasm and ideas, which they will bring to our organization through their continued involvement.



The Hotel del Coronado provided an inspiring setting for the California State Preservation Conference, attended by TGHS representatives Margaret Hammond and Sue Lazara.



Vonnie Rossman, center, displays a sample of Haviland china to Doctors' House docents including Michael Kouri, Almetta Hames, Judy Sackson, Judy Cabrera, Mary Sheppard, Lois Austin, and Elaine Deuel.

DOCTORS' HOUSE DOCENTS: EDUCATION AND CELEBRATION

Doctors' House docents gained a new appreciation of Haviland china on May 12 when Vonnie Rossman, Historical Society Member and Chairman of the City Historic Preservation Commission, spoke to the group gathered at the Doctors' House. Vonnie brought many examples from her own extensive Haviland collection to illustrate various patterns, glazes, and stamps. Because our Acquisitions Committee has now begun to gather the "Haviland china with the green leaf pattern" that our informant, Dorothy Gilson Jackson, remembers as once part of the Doctors' House furnishings, the docents are anxious to become more knowledgeable about this beautiful china. We thank Vonnie for an enjoyable and valuable evening.

Docent Judy Johnson, who has contributed so much to the Historical Society, will be moving to San Diego. In recognition of her service, the docents presented Judy with (what else?) a one-year membership in the San Diego Historical Society. We told them all about her, and they are counting the days until her arrival so they can put her to work.

Fourteen docents received certificates of appreciation for hours of service during the past year. They are Lois Austin, 23 hours; Judy Cabrera, 60 hours; Karen Cline, 70 hours; Elaine Deuel, 34 hours; Merry Franzen, 48 hours; Audrey Hales, 25 hours; Judy Johnson, 65 hours; Billie Knox, 38 hours; Karen Lynn, 60 hours; Mary McVay, 25 hours; Gail Nelson, 47 hours; Luanne Sauter, 40 hours; Mary Sheppard, 73 hours; Lorraine Zabaro, 60 hours.

After the Doctors' House meeting, the docents adjourned to the home of Bill and Mary Sheppard for coffee (in Haviland cups, of course!) and dessert.

Karen Lynn

NEW DIRECTORS JOIN BOARD

At the June Annual General meeting TGHS members elected Dick Montgomery, Mary Sheppard, and Bob Woodring to our Board of Directors. Dick was re-elected to his position, and Mary and Bob were chosen to fill the seats of retiring Directors Sue Lazara and Dick Brouillard.

Mary Sheppard majored in Dance at the University of Wisconsin and lived in Colorado, Florida and Texas before moving to California in 1963. After raising two daughters, she returned to full time teaching at Pasadena High School for 16 years. There she met her husband Bill when they collaborated on a stage production.

Asked how she became involved with The Glendale Historical Society, she replies, "Because I signed Bill up on The Doctors' House work sheet thinking it would be perfect for him as he retired." That led to her working most Saturdays for two years at the house--unless she was in the midst of a dance production. Gradually she also became involved in other TGHS projects. Says Mary, "I was raised to have a responsibility in and to the community. I'm enjoying that fun duty now as Bill and I get a chance to chair The Doctors' House." Mary also enjoys gardening, needlecraft, traveling, teaching swim exercises, and family since her retirement from teaching two years ago.

Bob Woodring moved to Glendale in 1964 with his wife Jackie and his young sons Jim and Paul. They spent ten years enjoying life together in Glendale until Jackie died in 1974. Bob continued to live here, and in the early 1980's was introduced to The Glendale Historical Society by his friend Zelia Blanton. Bob found himself getting involved with TGHS after Zee became a member of the Board and later president: "I was more involved because I had to clean up the dishes after her meetings at my house!" In 1984 Zee and Bob were married, and in 1985 Zee passed away. By then, he had become more active in the Society, especially in activities utilizing his computer: the membership roster, mailing lists, and mailing labels.

During the year that Zee and he were married and for some time thereafter, Bob was retired from his profession as electronic engineer, but he is now getting back into the workplace as a consultant on electronic systems, especially in access control. He is also a member of the Los Angeles Breakfast Club and of the Barbershop Quartet Society (SPEBSQSA). Says Bob, "I am interested in the preservation of Glendale's history and heritage, but also in the health and functioning of the TGHS organization itself. I'm delighted and flattered to have become a member of the Board. I want to do whatever I can to help this really great bunch of people to do what they are trying to do."

* * * * *

TGHS LOSES CHERISHED MEMBER

Members of our organization were saddened recently by the death of Natalie Montgomery, dedicated volunteer and wife of our treasurer Dick Montgomery. Natalie had brought a special cheerfulness and enthusiasm to her many hours of work as a Doctors' House restoration "Saturday volunteer", as a docent at The Doctors' House, and as a docent on our public tours of historic Glendale sites. Her love of antiques and feeling of loyalty to Glendale fuelled Natalie's spirited participation in our activities and endeared her to her friends and co-workers. We extend our sympathy to Dick and to son Craig.

Suzanne McKay

* * * * *

FALL DOCENT TRAINING CLASS

Members and non-members interested in becoming Doctors' House docents are invited to sign up for the docent training class which will be held this fall. In becoming a docent you will not only learn about the history of Glendale and the Victorian period, but will join a group of very enthusiastic and committed people in showing off our city's treasure. If you would like to become a docent or if you know of someone who might be interested, call Mary Sheppard at 244-7646 or Judy Cabrera at 241-5302.

* * * * *

WANTED: VICTORIAN KNICK-KNACKS

Did your spring cleaning uncover any old treasures? Please remember The Doctors' House! It is in need of small household items which were in use from 1890 to 1902. Examples are tea caddies, cookie or cracker tins, marbles, an old prescription book, sewing articles, paper items, sewing bird, Victorian shell craft work, sheet music, a kerosene lamp for a bedroom, jewelry, ladies' hats and hatpins. If you would like to donate any of these articles, call Audrey Hales (243-6320), Lorraine Zabaro (241-8283), or Mary Sheppard (244-7646). Thanks!

* * * * *

FALL TGHS TOUR TO SANTA BARBARA

Through the courtesy of former TGHS member Bill Troiano, now a resident of Santa Barbara, we are offering a day tour this fall to some of Santa Barbara's most historic sites. Included in the tour will be transportation via private bus to and from Glendale, a box lunch, a self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Mission, and tour stops at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum, a Victorian home, and an 1854 adobe. Although the details are still being finalized, the proposed day for the tour is a Saturday in September, and the cost will be approximately \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. The bus will leave Glendale at 9 A.M. and return about 5 P.M.

Bill, who will be our guide, has offered his own historically interesting home for our luncheon stop. Due to the space limitations of the bus and Bill's home, we can only accept 47 people for the tour. To join in what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting trip, phone TGHS (242-7447) or tour co-ordinator Margaret Hammond (242-7334) for a reservation.

Margaret Hammond

* * * * *

Newsletter Editor: Suzanne McKay Assistant Editor: Dr. Robert Newcomb
Thanks to Helen Wrede for typing this newsletter, and to Bob Woodring and Daphne Lindstrum for their help in the bulk mailing.

COORDINATING COUNCIL HONORS GLADYS WALKER

The Glendale Coordinating Council recently named Gladys Walker, Glendale Historical Society member known for her spirit of activism and her love of roses, Citizen of the Year. We are pleased to join the Council in saluting Gladys, who has truly exemplified over a period of many years a selfless, bouyant involvement in activities which benefit the community. In her position as our Parliamentarian and during her years as member of Glendale Beautiful, she has consistently utilized her artistic and organizational talents, her knowledge of Parliamentary Law, and her fun-loving nature to further the success of various projects relating to Glendale's people and its heritage. We are most happy to congratulate Gladys for her award, and proud to claim her as a member of our society.

Suzanne McKay

* * * * *



TGHS members Sid Gordon, Shannon Pedlow, and Susan Allison joined the festivities at the Carroll Avenue centennial celebration in Echo Park. (Photo by Margaret Hammond.)

TGHS JOINS IN CARROLL AVENUE FESTIVITIES

The Carroll Avenue centennial celebration on May 16 and 17 in Echo Park provided the opportunity for our organization to publicize The Doctors' House and our other activities while supporting a nearby neighborhood's preservation efforts. Members Margaret Hammond, Sid Gordon, Susan Allison, and Shannon Pedlow staffed a TGHS table at the event and spent the day selling our merchandise, distributing Doctors' House brochures and talking with people about our group and our city's historic resources. Once again these staffers report an excellent reception and a most enjoyable and interesting day.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

As our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, membership renewal reminders were mailed to members in June. Remember to renew your membership, and mail your dues to maintain your active status. Welcome back to all renewing members, and special thanks to our Corporate and Sustaining members for their generosity and support. These sustaining members are:

- F. W. Doll
- Garry and Judy Johnson
- Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lawton
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Ronald M. Morris
- Don and Bea Penniall
- Mr. and Mrs. Don Platz
- James and Carole Weling
- Rae Berry
- John W. Knight Insurance Co.

* * * * *

UPCOMING AWARDS

The Glendale Historical Society will again be presenting awards to individuals and groups who have contributed to the promotion and preservation of our city's historic resources. The Awards Committee is presently involved in the selection process, and welcomes any suggestions of deserving recipients. Awards will be given to members and non-members for service and achievement, for either a special project such as a building restoration or educational program, or for continuing involvement in promoting historic awareness and preservation. To contact the Awards Committee, phone Bob Woodring at 241-0697 or Margaret Hammond at 242-7334.

* * * * *

**GARAGE SALE
DONATIONS WELCOMED**

Audrey Hales will be holding one of her famed garage sales in late August. Proceeds from the sale of articles donated by TGHS members or associates will be given to TGHS. To donate items or to help with the sale phone Audrey at 243-6320.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Members, especially new members, are reminded that TGHS personalized name badges are available through Helen Pedlow. These durable hard plastic 2 1/4" x 3 1/2" badges are imprinted with the member's name and our organization's name and logo. They are ideal for use at all our events. A badge costs \$4.00 and may be ordered by phoning Helen at 242-7066.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Don McDonald, Jeanne Graves, Fay and Leonard Williams, Helen Noyes and Robert Inslee.

Membership in the Glendale Historical Society is open to all persons interested in learning about, promoting, and preserving aspects of Glendale's history. Members receive quarterly newsletters, announcements of events, discounts on TGHS tours, and the opportunity to work on a variety of projects. Annual dues are \$15 for single active, \$25 for family active, \$50 for sustaining, \$5 for student/senior, \$25 for non-profit organization, and \$100 for corporate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ () New Member () Renewing Member

I would like to assist in the following areas:

EDUCATION
RESEARCH
CLERICAL

PRESERVATION ACTION
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
NEWSLETTER

MEMBERSHIP
WAYS AND MEANS
OTHER _____

General meetings are held monthly (except December, July and August) at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month, in the Carrillon Room, Glendale Federal Savings, 401 North Brand Boulevard. Telephone: 242-7447

The Glendale Historical Society
P. O. Box 4173
Glendale, California 91202

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Glendale, Calif.
Permit No. 1183

