



# EL CAJON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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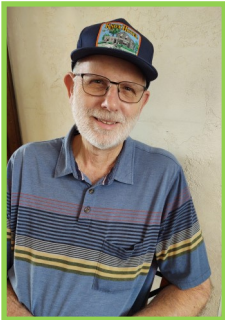


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope this finds you all well.

Your Board of Directors are still meeting virtually and work continues at the Knox House behind the scenes.

I'm happy to report that thanks to some dedicated time and hard work by Tom Garity, our website is now up and running. When you have time, please visit us at [elcajonhistory.org](http://elcajonhistory.org).

The Knox House HVAC had been unreliable and the ducting was under attack by rodents but now, thanks to the City crews, we have Heat and Air Conditioning again, and some rodent proof ducting. Replacing the ducting under the Knox House was an awful job and we wish to thank all those involved in fixing an issue that has been a problem off and on over the last several years.

With all we have been through this past year and because we have not been accessible to the community, we decided it might be a good idea to place an ad, with donated funds, in the print event program with the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce East County Honors Awards Gala to remind folks that there is a El Cajon Historical Society and a Knox House Museum and that we are still here.

Looking forward to a time when some kind of normalcy returns and we can be available to the community of El Cajon and its surrounding area again.

Stay safe and well. Best regards to all.

Rick Hall, President

### Welcome New Member

✦ Helen Elizabeth (Rice) Johnson (G. Carroll's little sister!)

### Welcome to Enhanced Life Membership!

Thank you to Mrs. Karon Jarrard, who upgraded her membership to Enhanced Life status.

Thank you for your support of ECHS.

If you are interested in an Enhanced Life membership, see the back page for membership pricing or feel free to give us a call.

# A Peak Into Main Street's Renaissance



1996-Main Street  
Demolition of San Diego Trust and Savings Bank which would lead to the park renewal.  
The renaissance began in 2002.

2013-Main Street  
Church and Promenade view.

*Photos taken by Eldonna Lay.*



## Sad Good-byes

We are saddened to report that we recently lost 3 ECHS members, Art Ballantyne, Fran Hill, and Linda Thacher. Our condolences go out to their families. We will have more information forthcoming about these individuals in our next issue.

# ECHS News

DONATE



An anonymous donor has offered to match donations up to \$1000 in support of the El Cajon Historical Society. You can send a donation in any amount to ECHS, PO Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973, and our generous donor will match up to \$1000 of the amount sent in. As with all non-profits, incoming funds are sparse, but the bills are still the same amount or larger. Please donate by April 16<sup>th</sup> to have your funds matched! Thank you for your donation.

As a point of information, the City of El Cajon owns the Knox House Museum building and maintains it and the grounds for us. We own the contents. This past summer and continuing into the winter, we have had air-conditioning and heater problems. City workers found that rodents were causing many of the problems with ducting and replaced the flexible ducting with solid. We have always appreciated our relationship with the city and its workers but never more than on those 108 degree and 51 degree (inside) days. Our hats are off to all who worked on the project!

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## GEMS FROM THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES...

As you know, Linda Garity has been digitizing files from our archives. It is a slow, but necessary process. One of the items was this picture drawn by Anna Asher. Today's children looking at this and the written files with it would see that the children of Anna's time did not have much external entertainment. They had to dream up their own. Anna did so by drawing and writing stories. When these digital files are all complete, Linda's husband Tom (a computer expert) will index them so that we (and you) can access them by key word and see these amazing documents as they were. That will be possible by making an appointment to do research at the Knox. Such research opportunity will bring much needed income to the Historical Society.





**From:** El Cajon Historical Society  
P. O. Box 1973  
El Cajon, CA 92022

**To:**

## No Quarterly Meeting In April.

Our friendly reminder to please pay your dues if you haven't already. Our "overdue" reminder letter was mailed out in March. Just write 'Dues 2021' on the check memo line. Memberships are dropped at the end of April if your dues haven't been received so please send them in!

We thank you for your support of the ECHS.

The categories are: Individual \$15 Family \$25  
Organization \$45 Business \$45 and Life \$500.

Please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:

P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973.

