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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we look back on last year and forward to the next we have things to be grateful for. Many organizations and business's are no longer with us, however with your generous support, which we are truly grateful for, we are still here.

From all reports our annual meeting in October was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy the Ice Cream Social theme, and there were many comments of repeating it again in the future. We thank the Olaf Weighorst Museum again for allowing us to meet in their first-class venue.

It was with regret that the Board accepted the retirement of long time dedicated Member, Curator, Past President and Vice President Eldonna Lay. Eldonna has been a invaluable asset to the Historical Society and her wisdom and vast knowledge of history and in particular Curatorial expertise will be greatly missed.

We are very thankful to have recently received a donation of approximately 50 books written by former editor of the Daily Californian , Del Hood, titled "History in the Headlines" (1950-2000). They are for sale at the Knox House at \$15.00 each to anyone who might be interested in owning a copy. On a personal note the book is a wonderful walk down memory lane and has been a great source of entertainment in our family. A special thanks to Sandra Hood for thinking of the Historical Society and allowing us to share these books with you.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I wish all of you the best in 2022.

Rick Hall
President

ECHS Dues

Our friendly reminder to please pay your dues by January 1, 2022.

Just write 'Dues 2022' on the check memo line.



The categories are: Individual \$15, Family \$25.

Organization \$45., Business \$45 and Enhanced Life \$500.

Please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:

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

Telephone Messages: 619-444-3800.

Your support is so greatly appreciated! Thank you.

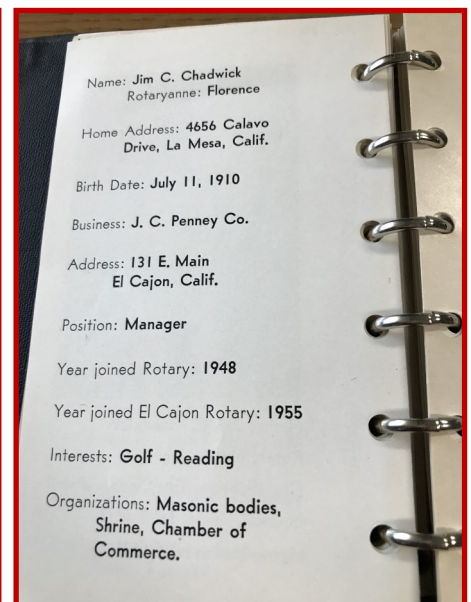
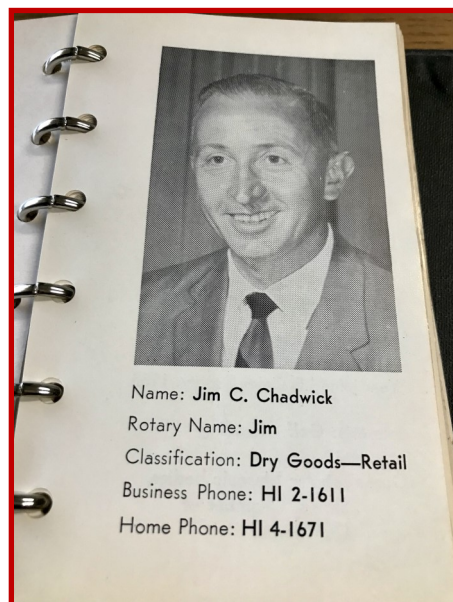
ECHS Donation

A remarkable donation...

Yvonne Paris recently gifted the Historical Society with a book which had been her father's – a Rotary Club member book. As we have looked through it, we have found some interesting stories. One concerns Jim Chadwick. You will see a photo and some information regarding him attached to this article. We noticed Jim Chadwick's wife's name was Florence. As it turns out, she was the famous Florence Chadwick, record-breaking long distance open water swimmer. Florence swam the English Channel both directions in record time, the Catalina Channel, the Straits of Gibraltar, the Bosphorus, and the Dardanelles.

When those of us who were able to attend our last quarterly meeting (Ice Cream Social) gathered at the Wieghorst, members Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick were present. We asked Mr. Chadwick if he was related to Florence Chadwick. He responded with a "Yes, she was my cousin."

We look for more adventures as we sift through the entries in this small but information-packed book.



ECHS History

2022 Officers



Below is a snip from the April 1986
ECHS Newsletter.

Enjoy this look back through the

STORY OF OLD FIRE HOUSE/OFFICE AT HALL COMPANY TOLD ON FILM

El Cajon's first fire house, which was also the office when W.D. Hall opened his lumber yard on Main Street, is still on Main Street but in a new location.

The story of the Fire House and its various moves, including its most recent from the Van Zanten home on Madison Avenue to the Inland Supply Company on Jamacha and Main, will be told via video tape at the Tuesday, April 22, quarterly meeting of El Cajon Historical Society.

Don Hall, great-grandson of W.D. Hall, will show the tape and do the narration. He will be assisted by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Rick (Sally) Hall. It was the Rick Hall's son who spearheaded the interest in the old fire house and its most recent move.

Those attending the meeting will have a choice of fruit or chef salad for lunch. Please indicate on the enclosed reservation form which you prefer. Reservations, at \$6.25 per person, should be made by returning the form to the Historical Society by Thursday, April 17. The price includes tax and tip.

A Mexican motif will be used as decorations. Those attending are encouraged to wear Mexican attire.

Place: Aunt Emma's Restaurant,
1523 E. Main St.; time, 11:30 a.m.

The following Officers were elected for one-year terms starting January 1, 2022:

President: Rick Hall

Vice President: Linda Garity

Recording Secretary: Rebecca Taylor

Corresponding Secretary: Yvonne Paris

Treasurer: George Dall, C.P.A. /
Carla Nowak

The following persons were elected to the Board of Directors for 3-year terms ending December 31, 2024:

George Dall

Jack Dickens

Mike Kaszuba

Rebecca Taylor

The following Directors will continue to serve with terms ending December 31, 2022:

Andrew Alegria

Rick Hall

Joe Klock

Colleen White

The following Directors will continue to serve with terms ending December 31, 2023:

Linda Garity

Christy Klock

Carla Nowak

Yvonne Paris

The following persons are recommended to serve on the Nominating Committee for the year 2022:

Linda Garity

Rick Hall

Carla Nowak

Respectfully Submitted by the 2021 Nominating Committee: Linda Garity, Rick Hall, Carla Nowak

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

To:

Quarterly Meeting February 17, 2022

Join us for lunch for our
Quarterly Meeting!

February 17, 2022

Denny's Restaurant

11am to 1pm

Denny's address is

2691 Navajo, El Cajon

Price is \$15 (Value Menu)

Looking forward to
seeing you there!

February 17, 2022 Quarterly Meeting Reservation Form

Number attending _____ @ \$15 per person

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2022

Mail reservations/checks to:

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

Reservations not kept become a donation.