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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi, my name is Linda Garity. I have been a member of the Historical Society for approximately 10 years. During that time I have served as Recording Secretary for 2 terms and Vice President for 3.

My husband and I moved to El Cajon with 2 of our daughters in 2012. We bought an old house on 3rd St. and wanted to know the history behind it so we headed up to the El Cajon Historical Society. They had quite a bit of information. We joined and became active members. The importance of preserving and protecting history is very important to me.

We are still having our monthly board meetings virtual but have opened the Knox House Museum to visitors on the 3rd Saturday of every month except August. Our goal is to be open every Saturday. I would love for more people to

volunteer as docents so we can accomplish that.

I just wanted to thank all our volunteers as you are essential to the Historical Society. I want to personally thank our board members, as the Historical Society would not exist without you!

Finally, I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Linda Garity, ECHS Board President

COMPARISON SHOPPING

MAY 6, 1916

R.C.F. Schumann, agent for the El Cajon Meat Market, advertises the following prices:

hams and bacon	25¢ lb.
beef loin	20¢ lb.
lard	15¢ lb.
liver	10¢ lb.

From the Heritage May-June 1986

And prices from FEB. 9, 1956 (Thursday):

Mayfair Market advertises prime rib roast, 59¢ lb.; potatoes, 10 lbs., 35¢; shortening, 3 lbs, 83¢.

From the Heritage February 1986

A LOOK BACK IN KNOX HISTORY



A few fun snippets from our archives about Knox news.
Doubtful we still have the copier.

COPY MACHINE MADE AVAILABLE

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holden who made available to the Historical Society a table model copier, a Sharp. Now society members no longer have to drive to the nearest office supply store to have copies made when visitors desire copies of the material that we have in our reference library.

From the Heritage May-June

Dr. Knox Thursday performed an operation by the removal of a large tumor from the breast of Mrs. O. R. Ballard of Lemon Grove. It took place at the Knox hotel where the patient still remains under his care. She endured it successfully and is doing as well as circumstances will permit.

From 1/18/1913 El Cajon Valley News, pg. 2.

***** DR. KNOX'S FORMER *****
***** HOME ON ORANGE ST. *****
***** HAS NEW OWNERS *****

Richard and Evie Law and their two sons, Jim, 4½, and Jack, 1½, are the proud new owners of the former Dr. Charles Randall Knox home on South Orange. They have been residents of El Cajon since 1980, coming here from Los Angeles. They are interested in the history of the house and Knox family.

From the Heritage, April 1986

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

There's new lettering on the display boards at the Knox Hotel Museum. The calligraphy has been done by Jonna Waite, who is also our membership chairman. If you're looking for someone to do some special lettering for you or your business, contact her for fees. Her telephone number is 440-6250.

President June's "nail-bender", better known as Al Van Zanten, is busy installing much needed shelves in what was once a bathroom off the back porch. This will enable the society to store more of its records. Anyone who has some free time and would like to help, call the Van Zantens.

From the Heritage May-June 1986

**And below around El Cajon in 1956.
Gotta wonder who came up with
"Operation Rose Petal".**

From the Heritage, February 1986

FEB. 2, 1956 (Thursday)

Extension of Douglas Street from Prescott to El Cajon Blvd. is proposed to the City Council. Cost estimated is \$135,717. The proposal calls for widening of Douglas to 46 feet Douglas now ends 445 feet west of Van Houten.

Kitchen of Lee Ellis home on Walnut Road damaged by smoke. He had been roasting a pan of pecans, thought he'd turned off the oven and went outside to work.

"Operation Rose Petal" in operation at the Fletcher Hills Sanitation Plant. A special formula being tested to try to cover the smell.

A dog leash law being proposed to the city council--too many dogs running loose.

Recent storm brings rain total for season to 3.97 inches.

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your dues are due January 1, 2023. Many thanks to those of you that pay early so we don't have the expense of mailing you a reminder!! We are looking forward to a very exciting year at the El Cajon Historical Society. More & more information will be available online for member's convenience.

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

To pay your dues, or if you would like to become a member, or upgrade your membership, please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:

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

Questions: Please leave a message at 619-444-3800 and we will return your call.

We are always so grateful for your support!
Best wishes for a Happy 2023 & please stay very safe.

Retro Reminder—below is how we did it in 1987!



January 1st brings us to the beginning of a new year and also reminds us to renew our membership in the Society for the current year of 1987. So far, we are off to a great start with 70 new or renewed memberships! I would like to encourage everyone to invite one person to join us - we could double our membership this year. If you would like to help the Society retain its hard-won funds, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your renewal form.

Our most recent Life Memberships are Mr and Mrs Jim Van Zanten. Welcome!

The following members' dues are current for 1987:

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

To:

Quarterly Meeting January 26, 2023

The El Cajon Historical Society's next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 12 pm at Marechiaros restaurant, 854 North 2nd Street in El Cajon. This quarterly meeting's program is titled "Floods of East County" by guest speaker Todd Hall from the National Weather Service in Oxnard. We hope that you will be able to join us to share food and fellowship.

The cost is \$20 per person.

Because of the room size, reservations are limited to 25 people on a first come first serve basis.

So please get your reservations in early.

There will be a lunch menu at the restaurant. Reservations must be in by Saturday, January 21st.

January 26, 2023 Quarterly Meeting RSVP Form

Number attending @ \$20 per person _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Jan 21, 2023

Mail reservations & checks to:

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

Reservations not kept become a donation.