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AUGUST MEETING: Wednesday, August 22 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Paul Carlson Park, corner of
Braddock Drive and Le Bourget



Join us for a **POTLUCK IN THE PARK**, bring a salad or entrée to feed six, we'll provide the beverages, plates, etc.

Come make current history as we do our first Marker Rubbing.



Find out about future Historic Site Markings and be involved in the first taking of rubbings from existing markings. Carlson Park's palm tree-bordered marker lists the First Families' names and dates of approximate arrival in the area. (Machado, 1781; Yberra, 1783; Talamantes, 1787; Lugo, 1810; Higuera, 1822; Rocha, 1828 and Saenz, 1870).



The park named for a medical missionary was originally called "Victory Park" after World War I. Part of the park was a portion of a horse racing track built in 1923 and converted to a "speedway" after that year. Here, some 60,000, fans watched "Indy-type" races until the Great Depression.



For questions regarding this meeting please contact Marti Diviak.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,



We have some great plans coming up for the next couple months and I hope you will participate and enjoy...Marti has a "lazy August Meeting" in the works--a potluck in the park. Cathy has a "light supper" planned for the September fundraiser. The American Legion Building has been rennovated by Brotman Medical Center and is being furnished by the doctors. It's just beautiful, and I imagine it will stir up some pleasant memories for a lot of us. Please support the Museum Fund by attending. We will be "ordering the bronze" for the next marking--we can promise one, maybe two markings this year! Keep in mind as you find old pictures and "whatever" -- we have storage space now to save those important pieces of memorabila.



Julie



MUSEUM FUNDRAISER:

CATHY ZERMENO, CHAIR

Sunday, September 9, 1984, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This special event will be held at the newly renovated American Legion Building, located at 3824 Hughes Avenue between Washington and Venice Boulevards in Culver City.

You will tour and spend Sunday afternoon in this beautifully restored Spanish style building which was built in 1930 for the American Legion Post No. 46. The property was donated to the Legion by Harry Culver. It is now owned by the Brotman Medical Center.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Center and the Doctors for allowing us the use of this site for our first Museum Fundraiser.

Join us in a complimentary toast and delicious light buffet while listening to strolling Mariachis.

There is free parking at the corner of Hughes and Venice, with additional parking at the City Hall.

Watch the mail for your personal invitations.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

A planning committee from the Southwest Museum, the Southern California Historical Society, and the Los Angeles Public Library, invites scholars to submit abstracts for papers to be read at a one-day symposium on Charles Fletcher Lummis to be held on February 2, 1985 at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles. This date marks the Centennial of Lummis' arrival in Los Angeles. The symposium will reexamine Lummis' role in creating and promoting what has been called the "fantasy heritage" of Spanish California and the Southwest, and identify what was of lasting importance in his work as photographer, editor, folklorist, ethnographer, museologist, librarian, historian, etc.

Send abstracts of not more than 100 words by OCTOBER 1, 1984 to:

Romaine Ahlstrom, Collection Development Manager
Lummis Symposium Committee
Los Angeles Public Library
630 W. Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

For more information write, or call (213)626-7555 ext. 207.

Please send a copy of your abstract to Julie Cerra if you participate, thanks.

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE:

DAVE WILLIAMS, CHAIR

At the May meeting, we voted to mark the CITIZEN BUILDING and the original AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING as Historic Sites Numbers 4 and 5. The Citizen Building will be marked first. The Roy E. Donovans were very helpful, providing a wealth of information.

Dave Williams, our new Historic Sites Chairman, is busy sifting through a great deal of information, and is now ready to mark Historic Site #4. Dave has been working at two sites at once, and is doing a great job. Dave, a "local boy", is the newest member of our board and is also the youngest. He works for the Jeffries Banknote Co., and is a fine artist. He took his training at The Art Center and Trade Tech. He has been working on "Olympic Badges" for the company and is accumulating Olympic pins with great zeal. He lives in "the Mushroom House" on Dunn Drive and loves it!

MEMBERSHIP:

JO ELLEN WEAVER, CHAIR

Welcome to the following new members: Eleanor Jones, Mary Ellen Clark, Margaret W. Morales, Eleanor Ostrander, Frank Vidrio, Anita Marley and the Culver City Emblem Club #254.

We are very happy you have joined...be sure and come out to the meetings and special events so we can get to know you better.

Note to those persons who have expressed a desire to receive our Newsletter regularly...all you have to do is JOIN UP! You may use the form below or call Jo Ellen - 397-7430.

DIAL-A-RIDE:

397-7430

A special service for members needing a ride to our meeting. Please call in advance and we will arrange a ride for you to our meetings.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CULVER CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NAME _____ TEL _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

Annual dues:

(check one)

- ☐ Patron Member (\$100 or more)
☐ Sustaining Member (\$50)
☐ Contributing Member (\$25)
☐ Service Organization (\$10)
☐ Member (\$7.50)

I would like to serve on the following committee:

- ☐ Library
☐ Museum
☐ Publications (Newsletter)
☐ Historic Sites
☐ Membership
☐ Program

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

SPECIAL THANK YOUS:

To Anita Marley and Clarita Young for their help at "the office". They have begun to sort out some of our donations.

To Susan Berg for always thinking of the organization and spending the time to save "clippings" and pictures for us. She even found a picture of the first STREET SWEEPER!

To Julia Fenderson, for all of her research on the local indians--an important, but often forgotten part of our local history. She is available as a fine "program".

To Leon Smith for the gift of his recent book, inscribed to the Culver City Historical Society, A Guide to Laurel and Hardy/Movie Locations.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

BONNIE WALSH

If you have never discovered the Magic of Monterey...don't put it off! Have tried in two weekends to see and digest it all, but must go back again. The first week in December they are planning a "Festival of Lights" thru the "Path of History", if anyone is interested in going let me know...maybe we can get together a group.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Julie Cerra, Preseident (838-0215)-- Marti Diviak, Vice-Pres. (398-8165)
Bessie Freiden, Secretary (870-3235)- Pat Clapp, Treasurer (559-4100)

Dates to Remember.... August 22 - General Meeting - Carlson's Park
Sept. 26 - Board Meeting - Julie's 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 - Board Meeting - Julie's 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28 - General Meeting - Garden Room/Vet's Bldg.

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