

# Culver Historical Highlights

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## CCHS CELEBRATES THE CITY'S 90<sup>TH</sup> IN GRAND STYLE! OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING: ELECTIONS!

### AN APPRECIATION

#### **SAM CERRA PASSES**

#### **WE SAY GOODBYE TO FORMER CCHS PRESIDENT**

One of the backbones of the Culver City Historical Society as well as the City of Culver City, Sam Cerra passed away on August 30 from complications of heart/lung problems he had suffered from for some time.

A native of Yonkers, NY, Sam came west with his family in 1945, the youngest of five children. His training in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean conflict led to his long career with the City that he loved so much. Strongly quiet, but always ready to do whatever needed to be done, Sam had a touch of mischief as well as authority when needed. Those who worked with him during his 40-year tenure in the City's Engineering Department knew he was always the go-to guy who could find anything for anyone anytime!

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**HISTORIC SITE CHAIR SAM CERRA (CENTER) PROUDLY  
LOOKS AT "CAMP LATHAM" MARKER (Nov., 2006)**

### **THE LANDMARK CULVER HOTEL HOSTED THE CITY'S PARTY!**

On Thursday, September 20, 2007, a gala 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation Party was held at the historic Culver Hotel in downtown Culver City. And what a party it was!

Staged as an "Open House" free to the public, the event was sponsored by the Culver City Historical Society joined by the Screenland A's, the Culver City Homeowners Association and Corporate Sponsor, Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Festivities began at 5:30 pm with smooth strains from the West Los Angeles College Jazz Ensemble performing in Town Plaza amid Screenland A's restored classic automobiles (including a '30s Culver City police car!).

The Historical Society conducted tours of the hotel which was built in 1924 by city founder Harry H. Culver – first named the Hotel Hunt and, with the name change to the Culver Hotel, it was said to be the "latest monument to his vision," referring to Harry Culver himself! In March, 2006, a delightful bronze statue of Harry with his family was dedicated outside the front entrance of the hotel. It is particularly fitting that Harry is reading the Culver City Call's September 21, 1917 issue headlining Culver City's incorporation. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Culver Hotel retains its historical prestige and nostalgic memories of days long past as displayed by several photo exhibits.

As guests moved inside for complimentary appetizers from prominent Culver City restaurants, including Grand Casino, Howdy's, Bottle Rock, Geo. Petrelli's, Novecento, Ugos, Double Dutch and Trader Joe's, they were further entertained by Razzmatazz soft jazz in Duke's Hideaway Bar and Lounge until "closing" at 9:30 pm. An auction and raffle drawings added to the fun with all proceeds benefiting the CC Historical Society Archives & Resource Center (ARC) located in the Veterans Memorial Building Complex.

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## **OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: ELECTIONS!**

### ***Wally Marks, Jr. to discuss "Helms Bakery Through the Years"***

The Culver City Historical Society's Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Yanji-Iksan Room at the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue.

This is "Election Night" to chose the Society's next slate of officers and we ask the entire membership to come out to support and vote for the next Board which will take the reins for the next two years.

Our special guest speaker will be Walter N. Marks III (Wally), the third generation owner of the Helms Building, who will share with us the history, current use and the future of this famed structure. Helms Bakery, which straddles the border of Culver City and Los Angeles, rose to prominence for its "Olympic Bread" baked for the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. The Marks Family has owned and managed the building since the early 1970s.

The public is invited to enjoy the free program and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Cathy Zermeno at (310) 839-7688.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Cathy Zermeno



The Grand Opening of the Culver City Historical Society's "ARC" – Archive & Research Center – was held during this year's Fiesta La Ballona weekend on August 25 & 26. It was a huge success – lots of old and new friends came by to wish us well at our permanent home in the Veterans Memorial Building complex.

On display were several items relating to the Fiestas of years gone by – a sample of what our Fiesta collection contains. Costumes Chair Louise Coffey-Webb selected a Fiesta Queen's costume, circa 1951, which was fitted on a mannequin that looked beautiful. The workmanship of those days was unbelievable!

Robin Turner, Museum VP, and her committee did a fantastic job displaying our collection of Fiesta memorabilia. We have so many interested items, and most all of them have been donated to us. It was a great eye-opener for our guests to get a glimpse of what wonderful things will be displayed in the future.

Culver City's 90th Anniversary was a fantastic success! The community came out to the historic Culver Hotel -- for which we have General Manager Doug Newton to thank -- and a good time was had by all. Special thanks also to our own Julie Lugo Cerra and her committee who did a great job of organizing the gala party!

With my term as your President coming to an end, I want you all to know that I've enjoyed every minute of my *second* term. This has been a very memorable two years. As the Society's first president, when a permanent home was still a dream in 1980, I am thrilled to see that dream come true and I thank everyone who has supported us throughout these years.

I hope to see you all at the October 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting – this is a very important business meeting: the Election of the CC Historical Society's Officers.

Best,

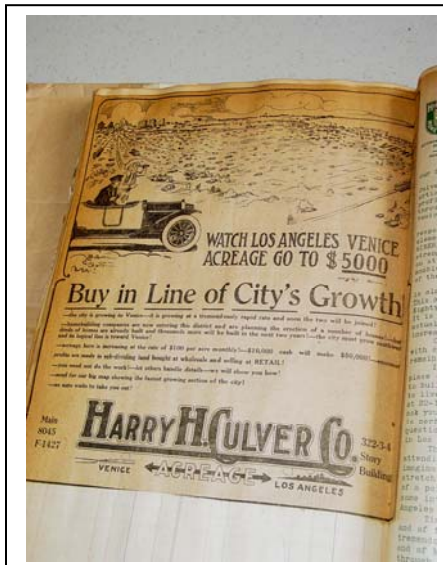
*Cathy Zermeno*

## Notes from Your City Historian

by Julie Lugo Cerra



to Culver City's incorporation, is on display at the ARC. (see photo)



## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MACHADO REUNION!

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Machado Reunion will take place at Chevron Park on October 6, 2007. If you are a Machado, or have an interest in participating, call Ronnie Mendez, at (310) 548-1818. It is a great family picnic at minimal cost, with entertainment, lots of food, music and memorabilia. Our own Fred Machado is a prime mover in this effort.

## SONY SUPPORTS THE CC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I am so pleased that the Historical Society, with a grant from Sony Pictures Entertainment was able to spearhead "the great party" for the city's 90<sup>th</sup>. Sony's on-going support demonstrates its commitment to preserving Culver City's history!

## EARLY CULVER CITY ADS – A REAL FIND!

To share one of the "finds" we have recently made, take a look at an early Harry Culver ad. Talk about HISTORY! The book containing these early ads, prior

## A PERSONAL THANK-YOU

On a very personal note, I want to thank all the folks who have sent such kind notes and generous donations in memory of my Sam. Although his quality of life was not optimum these past four years, being on a "short leash" with that oxygen tank did not keep him from being mobile and productive.

He was very happy to see the marking of Camp Latham finally happen, and to see the opening of the ARC! He sat with me the day before the Fiesta Exhibit opened, and kept me company while I set

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## Editor's Column

What a fantastic time we had at the gala 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Culver City's Incorporation! Harry Culver would have enjoyed it all and relished the fact that it was held at his own Culver Hotel!

So many people to thank and so many memories to record – and record them we will! We've tried to cover as much as possible in our limited space here, but encourage everyone to come visit us for more history at the new CCHS ARC, now open.

In addition to the gala City party, Sony Pictures Entertainment also had a major even on Sep. 21st: The groundbreaking of the new Sony "Green" Studio Lot Project. With the former actor who is now California's Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, in attendance, along with other notables including CA Assembly Majority Leader Karen Bass, construction of a building project that officials say "will give the historic lot a new 'center of gravity' for employees, and benefit the economy, the environment and the community. (We'll visit this story more in the next issue of *Culver Historical Highlights*.)

**Remember, it's YOUR Historical Society—we can't succeed without YOU!**

photos in the display cases and ironed the ribbons.

And in going through his things, we have saved what may be the beginning a special exhibit – Culver City "logo" memorabilia. (*This is a slight hint to go through your closets.*) Sam even had a tie imprinted with a city seal!

Your donations will enable the society to buy a display case that will carry his name. A very nice tribute. Our family is truly touched.



# REEL



## CULVER CITY

by Marc Wanamaker

### **RARE HISTORICAL NEGATIVES OF EARLY CULVER CITY FOUND**

Recently I purchased a collection of old glass plate negatives from the Bruce Torrence Collection of Hollywood History. The collection was given to Mr. Torrence in the 1960s by Robert Spence of the Spence Aerial Photography Company. Though the Torrence collection is primarily focused on the Hollywood area, Culver City is well represented due to the concentration of motion picture studios within its boundaries beginning in 1915, when Harry Culver prevailed upon producer/director Thomas Ince to build the city's first film studio in his "new" city (which was incorporated on Sep. 20, 1917).

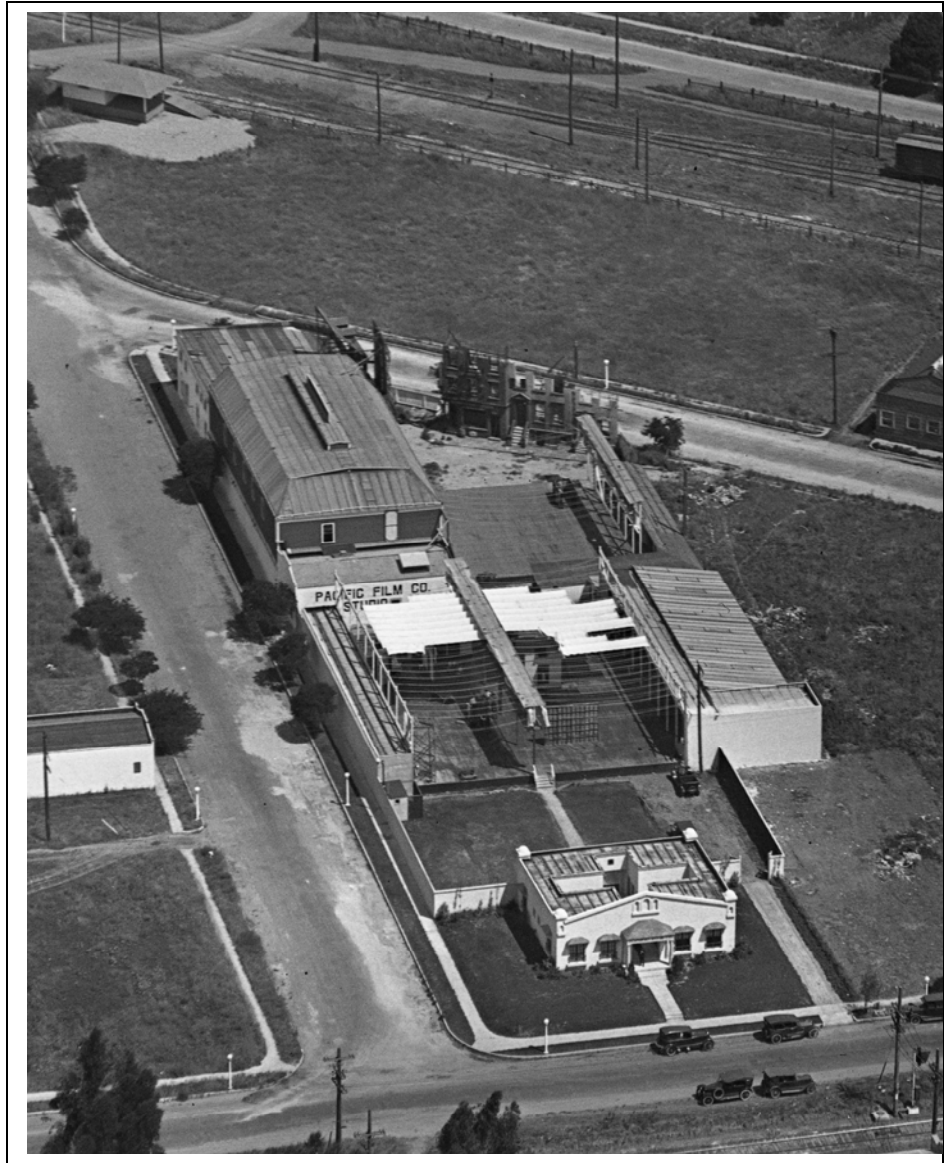
Spence Air Photos, Inc. was prolific from 1918 to 1971 when the business closed. Spence shot almost everything there was to shoot in the Los Angeles area making the Spence archives one of the most important collections of Los Angeles history anywhere.

These photographs were taken at a variety of latitudes, angles, and directions, making the collection a huge assortment of unique shots. (Most of the Spence collection of historic aerial photographs were given to the UCLA Geography Department in the 1970s; additional information can be found at <http://www.geog.ucla.edu/airphoto.php>.)

### **WONDERFUL DISCOVERIES!**

Of the more than 50 Culver City-related photographs I have been examining since I received the collection, several discoveries came to light. I have been collecting aerial photographs for over thirty years and some in this collection were wonderful surprises!

One negative discovered is the Pacific Film Company at Durango and Venice Blvds. in 1922. Today this property is a part of a shopping center and is now a part of Los Angeles. But in the early days it was the west coast studio of the Essanay Film Company of Chicago which had several studios in the Los Angeles area from the nineteen-teens into the early 1920s. The Pacific Film Company was one of several which occupied this studio site over the years and by the 1930s it was the Sam Katzman Studio where many



'B' pictures were made for Columbia. I have photographs of this studio over the years, but none as rare and clear as the one in this Torrence collection. (see above photo)

Another important discovery in this collection is several shots of the "40 acre" backlot of the former Thomas Ince studios (later to become the DeMille Studios, Pathé Studios, RKO Pathé Studios, and Desilu Studios among others) located at Higuera and Ince Boulevards. This backlot was famous for being where *Gone With the Wind* (1939) was filmed, and as the photographs show, where Cecil B. DeMille's *King of Kings* (1927) was filmed, showing rare views of the sets as they once stood.

The collection of Culver City aerials ranges in date from 1919 to 1937, showing all the major and minor studios in the area. The studios that are included: the Goldwyn Studios (1919-21), Thomas Ince Studios (1919-1922), Romaine Studios (1919-1920), the Pacific Film Co. (1922), Pathé and its "40-acre" backlot (1929-31), the DeMille Studios (1927), the

Hal Roach Studios (1920-1937) and general Culver City aerials from 1919-1937 – including the Culver City Speedway when it existed on Culver Blvd. just south of the MGM Studios.

These photographs are quite a unique collection of glass negatives that have a very high resolution and clarity that can blow-up to very large sizes and still stay sharp and clear. The aerial images of early Culver City are currently being utilized for research on where and when some of Culver City's earliest landmarks existed and is a unique record of the area and its development.

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CCHS member Marc Wanamaker is a past VP, Museum and owns Bison Archives, which supplies filmmakers and film companies with a rich source of historic photographs and other film-related items.

~ CULVER CITY ~  
*"The Heart of Screenland"*

# CULVER CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ~ ~ ~

## SEPTEMBER 20, 1917: A CITY BEGINS!

It was Harry H. Culver, from Milford, Nebraska, who dreamed of a balanced city. He started plans for the city that carries his name in 1913, and it became an incorporated entity in 1917.

He established the city in a temperate zone, along a transportation route, alongside railroad tracks, halfway between the growing pueblo of Los Angeles and Abbot Kinney's resort of Venice.

(from "Culver City History," contributed by Julie Lugo Cerra. See more at [http://www.culvercity.org/cityinfo/history/hist\\_intro.html](http://www.culvercity.org/cityinfo/history/hist_intro.html))



**HARRY H. CULVER**  
c. 1913



The current seal of the City of Culver City was adopted in August of 1936. Prior to that, two "Notary" type seals were used, according to the City Clerk's records.

The first city seal was a circle containing the words INCORPORATE(sic) SEPTEMBER 20, (sic) 1917" on three lines, the word INCORPORATE being uppermost and slightly curved. Around this seal is a rim, with "CULVER CITY" at the top, and "CALIFORNIA" at the bottom. There were two five-point stars between them. The inner rim was beaded, but the outer rim looked like a rope. That seal was used from incorporation until about 1921.

(From "Culver City History," contributed by Julie Lugo Cerra. See more at [http://www.culvercity.org/cityinfo/history/cityseal\\_hist.html](http://www.culvercity.org/cityinfo/history/cityseal_hist.html).)



**The Culver Hotel – Then & Now**



**Bronze statue of Harry Culver reading the Sep. 21, 1917 paper with his wife Lillian and daughter Pat which now stands in front of the Culver Hotel.**



**(L-R) Culver Hotel General Mgr. Doug Newton, CCHS Pres. Cathy Zermeno and CC Homeowners Assoc. Pres. Rich Kissell in front of hotel's main entrance.**

~ Photo by Morgan Genser



~ ~ ~ CELEBRATING MORE THAN 25 YEARS !"

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2007: A CITY CELEBRATES!

September 20, 2007 marked the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Culver City's Incorporation, and to celebrate this landmark event, the Society put on a gala party – at the historic Culver Hotel!

### Highlights:



Outside the Culver Hotel, city staff and elected officials mingled with locals to the music of a big band.



(L-R) Fred Yglesias, Cathy Zermeno and Steve Rose at Duke's Bar.....



Gen. Mgr. Douglas Newton enjoyed visiting with Miss Culver City of 1937, Dorothy Barrett, and Jerry Maren, the "Lollipop Kid" in the *Wizard of Oz*. Jerry and most of the Munchkins stayed in the hotel during its filming.



Cultural Affairs Chair Luther Henderson (standing center) visited with Sony Pictures' Janice Pober (to his right) in the crowded lobby of celebrants.



Culver City's IT crew set up in Harry Culver's second floor office to interview locals with a history. The room was filled with vintage photos and displays.

The screening of Laurel & Hardy's 1928 *Putting Pants on Philip* which was shot at and around the Culver Hotel was a treat sponsored by the hotel.

Below: RAZZMATAZZ with Steve Fry at piano, Jan Abell, Craig Peterson. Joining the trio during the evening were singers Betsy Bogart, Carter Dewberry, Lulee Fisher, Cali Rose, Caroline Waters & Tasha Wenger.

Photos by Julie Lugo Cerra.

### Auction items included:

- For sports fans – an opportunity to see the LA Galaxy play Toronto at the Home Depot Stadium in Carson on October 13. Tickets for two in a VIP suite, plus a parking pass (donated by the CC Homeowners Assoc.).
- A beautiful water-color painting of the CC City Hall by award-winning artist, Culver City's own Vivian Matheson.
- *Tom & Jerry* animation cel, hand-painted by CCHS member Martha Sigall, along with a copy of her critically-acclaimed book, *Living Life Inside the Lines: Tales from the Golden Age of Animation*.
- A personal tour for four of the Page Museum by working archeologist & paleontologist Robin Turner, CCHS VP, Museum.

### Raffles items included:

- La Ballona Restaurant (2 free dinner combinations)
- Radisson Hotel (a one night stay)
- Santa Maria Barbecue Co. (\$65.00 in coupons)
- Trader Joe's (\$50 in groceries)
- Jin's Valero (2 \$50 worth of gasoline)
- Victor Jr.'s Pizza, Culver City (Gift Card - \$50)



Below (L-R) CCHS Treas. Lynn Baril welcomes Police Chief Donald Pedersen with Capt. Bixby looking on; and artist Randy Mytar presents a water color painting depicting the Culver Hotel to the Society for our archives.



## An ARC Update .....

by Robin Turner,  
Vice President, Museum

### THE ARC OPENS FOR THE FIESTA

WOW!!! What an eventful few months we've had at the CC Historical Society ARC (Archive & Research Center) – especially during July and August!

The Thursday ARC volunteer crew – which included Pat Bumpus, Jeff Sommar, George Garrigues and Fred Yglesias – has concentrated their work on cataloging the extensive Julian Dixon book library which will provide a wealth of research materials.



**Our great ARC volunteers:**  
(above L-R) Fred Yglesias & Jeff Sommar, and (below) Pat Bumpas.



For the annual Fiesta La Ballona, the Saturday ARC crew – Steve Rose, the *inexhaustible* Fred Yglesias and Julie Lugo Cerra – pulled together to put on a wonderful display of costumes and exhibit cases of the Fiesta through the last 50 years, highlighted by a beautiful Fiesta Queen's costume which Costume Chair Louise Coffey-Webb so wonderfully arranged as the centerpiece of the exhibit.

This year's Fiesta gave the Society the opportunity to officially open our doors and let everyone know that we now have a permanent home to display Culver City's history and to more easily answer the many research questions City Historian Julie Lugo Cerra continually receives from historians and organizations from the world over!



(Above) Costume Chair Louise Coffey-Webb putting finishing touches on Fiesta Queen's gown. (Below L-R) CC Mayor Alan Corlin & Councilman Steve Rose pose with the Queen's costume!



We gave personal tours of the new exhibit space to over a hundred people that came to visit the ARC during the Fiesta – and it was a real thrill! Many people came in to reminisce and talk about the good memories they had growing up in Culver City. We had historic postcards, history videos, and calendar items for sale, and received a few donations as well.

[I also want to mention that the Society has received donations in memory of our dear Sam Cerra to allow us to name a display case in his honor, something we know would make him very proud and happy.]

### THE CITY'S 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

After the success of the Fiesta tours, we wasted little time in putting together a special exhibit for the 90th Anniversary of Culver City's Incorporation, which was held at the historic Culver Hotel. Photo displays and memorabilia of the City's early days were set up both in Harry Culver's old office on the hotel's second floor and in our permanent display window at the Pacific Theatre, across from the hotel.

Over 200 visitors came in to see Harry's office! I couldn't believe how many folks have lived in Culver City for over 50 years, and many were second and third generation residents. We especially thank the Culver City Information Technology Dept. team who videotaped many of the oral interviews that local residents shared with us. We plan on screening a copy of the tape at a future Society meeting.

And remember, we need volunteers for

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCT, 17: CCHS GENERAL MEETING

### "THANK YOU" TO

#### OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Pat Bricker
- Dr. Luther Henderson, III
- Patricia Siever
- Jeff Sommars
- Ruby Trenton

#### AND NEW "LIFETIME" MEMBERS:

- Jin Kwak
- Michael Landau, MD

• **THANK YOU** to JANICE POBER as representative for SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT for the \$5,000 grant Sony made for both the corporate sponsorship of the CC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and for the donation of a great display case for ARC!

• **THANK YOU** to the CULVER CITY ROTARY CLUB for their donation of \$250 to further the Society's preservation work at ARC.

### ~ SUNSHINE THOUGHTS ~

- Special best wishes for happier health to our good friend Sue Newton.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF HISTORY!

Consider giving a Culver City Historical Society membership as a gift ~ birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, any occasion!

both our Thursday and Saturday morning work groups. If you are available on either of those days, please contact President Cathy Zermeno or myself and we will get you started working on some really fascinating projects!

See you at the General Meeting on October 17th!

~ Robin



## "Sam Cerra (cont'd)

Sam found his life's partner with kindred interests in Julie Lugo, a sixth generation Californian, and together they were instrumental in starting the Culver City Historical Society and keeping it growing for over 25 years! He served as President (as did Julie) and was particularly proud of his role as Historic Site Chair and the marking of the CCHS Historic Site #11, Camp Latham, in November, 2006.

A wonderful friend, husband and father, Sam Cerra was the model "Culver City-ite" and he will be greatly missed. The Society sends its warmest regards to his family and friends.

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## A REMEMBRANCE

### JACQUELINE (JACKIE) MCCAIN

Jacqueline (Jackie) McCain, a long-time Culver City resident and civic leader died peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 after a prolonged illness.

Jackie was born in Missouri and, after attending teachers college, followed her two cousins to So. California in 1943. When Jackie met her future husband Charles at a dance during WWII, it was the start of a romance that would last a life time and mold many aspects of civic life in soon-to-boom, post-war suburban Los Angeles.

Jackie and Charles (who preceded her in death earlier this year) moved to the Culver City area in 1947 where she began her lifelong involvement in community affairs, bringing her zest for education and her zealous advocacy style to many areas of volunteer service in Culver City public schools and a host of public works projects, mentoring many grass roots campaigns for candidates and referenda.

She also served as a Culver City Planning Commissioner in the 1970's and, over time, gained such a reputation for spotting concerns in the City's review of Environmental Impact Reports that full copies of new proposals were regularly delivered to her front door for detailed inspection and reply. And, reply she did! Jackie was a regular fixture in Council Chambers and, in 2004, with Charles at her side she was honored by Mayor Steve Rose and members of the City Council for her many years of service.

She was also an enthusiastic member of the CC Historical Society, the Episcopal parish church of St. Mary in Palms and a volunteer at St Josephs' Center.

The Society sends its deepest regards to the McCain family and its many friends.

## CC HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On Monday, September 10, 2007 at 4:00 pm, Parliamentarian Steven Rose called the CC Historical Society's Election Nominating Committee to order and gave instructions on the job ahead.

The committee members included Mary Gibson, Mim Shapiro and Julie Lugo Cerra. Following the Society's rules, the members made inquiry calls to members in good standing and the following members have agreed, if confirmed, to serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 2008. The nomination slate is as follows:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Stuart Freeman</b>
<b>VP, Programs:</b>	<b>Fred Yglesias</b>
<b>Co-VPs, ARC:</b>	<b>Martha &amp; Sol Sigall</b>
<b>VP, Ways/Means:</b>	<b>Douglas Newton</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jeanne Conklin</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tamara Eskridge</b>

The proposed nomination of officers will be voted on by the full Society membership at the October 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

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## A Reminder:

### JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

by Reba Yudess  
Membership Chair

January is Membership Renewal Month – and with the many new and exciting things coming up, being a member of the Culver City Historical Society is more important and rewarding than ever.

Your membership dues support the Society's diverse efforts to keep Culver City's wonderful history alive for future generations, as well as preserving memorabilia and maintaining our new Archives & Resource Center (ARC).

So please send in your membership renewal and consider becoming a Patron, a Lifetime Member, a Corporate Sponsor or a Benefactor. And, remember, a CC Historical Society membership makes a wonderful gift – especially for Culver-ites in distant areas!  
(see form on pg.8)

## Annual CCHS Picnic – Fun for All!

The well attended annual CC Historical Society Picnic was held at Veterans Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Though an official General Meeting with a usual business agenda, a light-hearted atmosphere prevailed and old and new friends shared a great summer day!



**CCHS PRES. CATHY ZERMENO (CENTER)  
CALLS THE GENERAL MEETING TO ORDER.**

After dinner, informal tours were given of the new CC Archives & Resource Center (ARC) for all to see the progress. It was also announced that the Society received a \$5000 grant from Sony Pictures Entertainment, and thanked Janice Pober for her support in securing the grant.



**JANICE POBER IS SHOWN (L) WITH STEVE ROSE  
AND HIS VISITING NIECE, DANIELLE BRISTOW (R)  
WITH HER CHILDREN ALAYNA AND ANDREW.**



**THE SCREENLAND A'S ALWAYS MAKE THE PICNICS  
SPECIAL! (L-R) DRAIN & DORIS MARSHALL, DICK  
LUSK AND ED FIRTH.**

## Become a Member of the Culver City Historical Society Today!

Join others in preserving the history of the "Heart of Screenland" and to support the Culver City Historical Society Archives & Resource Center (ARC).  
***We can't do it without YOU!***

### TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

_____ Benefactor (\$1000)	_____ Corporate Sponsor (\$500)	_____ Patron Member (\$100)
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