



# Culver City Historical Society

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NOVEMBER MEETING: Wednesday, November 28th, 7:30 P.M.

Culver City Library

4975 Overland Avenue

A Guide to Laurel & Hardy Movie Locations

Author Leon Smith will be our special guest  
guiding us thru several films identifying  
the various Culver City movie locations.



For questions regarding this meeting please contact Marti Diviak.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,



What a lovely fundraiser! The **LEGION BUILDING** is a perfect  
setting for a festive event...

I would like to use this space to acknowledge those who made  
our first "Museum Fundraiser" such a pleasant success:



Cathy Zermeno, Chairman and her Co-chair Marti Diviak.  
Committee workers - Lupe Smith, Jo Ellen Weaver, Clarita Young,  
George Zermeno, Sam Cerra, Albert Vera, **SORRENTO MARKET**, for  
wine, beer, etc., Gary Davis, for his "gratis" bartending. The  
**BROTMAN MEDICAL CENTER**, for not only the use of the facility,  
but for providing the wonderful array of visual and palatable  
delights. Also, for Dr. and Mrs. Bernstein (Administrator), Dr.  
and Mrs. Glants, Dr. and Mrs. Witlin, Diane and Paul Sherman,  
and June Weisbard's taking the time to attend our event as  
well as for their professional support.



Additional thank yous to all of those who donated money and  
other items: Andy Weissman, Bryant and Clark, Betts-Sine,  
Pacifica Hotel, Dorothy Eldan, Elsie Barry, Dan Pataccia,  
Mildred Wolff, Mary Hertz, Nickerson Nursery, B&B Hardware, the  
Lindqvists, Didi Hirsch MHC, Carol Laurie, Dr. Harada, Charlene  
Mitchell, George Zermeno and the De jongs.



Julie



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HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE:

DAVE WILLIAMS, CHAIR

**HISTORIC SITE NO. 4**

**"THE CITIZEN'S BUILDING"**

9355 Culver Blvd.

MARKING

Thursday, October 18th 11:00 a.m.

Light refreshments will be served following the brief ceremony. Any members able to bring a plate of "finger food" please contact Jo Ellen Weaver, 397-7430 or have eatables there by 10:30 a.m. All contributions of "goodies" will be greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT:

RUSTY KOSTICK, CHAIR

DEBATE: 84

Tuesday, October 23, 1984 - 7:30PM

Temple Akiba, 5239 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City

Culver City Historical Society in cooperation with the

Culver City Units of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters  
and

Culver City Council PTA

Culver City Friends of the Library

Temple Akiba

will present a debate on two controversial issues:

Proposition 36--Taxation (the Jarvis Amendment)

and

Proposition 37--State Lottery

After the debate on Proposition 36  
there will be a short recess for  
refreshments followed by the debate on Proposition 37.

ARCHIVES:

An item of interest to all should be the recent copy of the **HERITAGE TASK FORCE** Report..." A Report to the Legislature and People of California--Sacramento, California 1984" which we received recently. This report represents two years of hard work and we will enjoy using it and keeping it in our Library for reference.

A special Thank You to Dr. Dan Lang who when "browsing" found a copy of the Pacific Military Academy's 1927-8 Annual which is in perfect condition; the academy was founded in 1922 by our own Harry Culver.

"First Families" Rubbing taken at our Potluck in the Park by eight year-olds; Heather Hadley, Susan Diviak and Michelle Cerra will be distributed to the Culver City Library, City Hall and one copy kept here in the archives. Knowing that this task is "easy and fun" means that more rubbings will be taken in the near future, don't miss these events.

MEMBERSHIP:

JO ELLEN WEAVER, CHAIR

Members outdid themselves at our Potluck in the Park, thanks to Marti's organizational skills, festive decor and members who are great cooks... the event was quite fun.

Welcome to new member Dorothy Martinez, our own Culver City Librarian.

Also welcome to two new **FOUNDING MEMBERS** Maggie Colburn and Yvonne Abscal.

Remember if you wish to receive the Newsletter regularly...all you have to do is **JOIN UP!** You may use the form below or call Jo Ellen at 397-7430.

DIAL-A-RIDE:

397-7430

A special service for members needing a ride 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



LOS ANGELES COUNTY LANDMARKS:

A FUN DAY TRIP.....

OAK OF THE GOLDEN DREAM - 6 Mi. E of Newhall, "In March 1842, Francisco Lopez y Arbllo, while gathering wild onions from around an old oak in Placerita Canyon, discovered gold particles clinging to the roots of the bulbs. It is estimated that \$80,000 in gold was recovered as a result of this discovery.

PIONEER OIL REFINERY - 0.5 mi E of Newhall (Pico Canyon). In 1875 the Star Oil Company, one of the predecessors of the Standard Oil Co., drilled its first well, which yielded about one hundred barrels per day. The discovery resulted in the erection of the first commercial oil refinery in California the following year.

ST FRANCIS DAM DISASTER SITE - 32300 N. San Francisquito Canyon Rd., Saugus. The 185-foot concrete St. Francis Dam, part of the L.A. aqueduct system, stood a mile and a half north of this spot. On March 12, 1928, just before midnight, it collapsed and sent over 12 billion gallons of water roaring down the valley of the Santa Clara River. Over 450 lives were lost in this one of California's greatest disasters.

SITE OF LLANO DEL RIO COOPERATIVE COLONY - 4.5 Mi E. of Pearblossom on Hwy 138. This was the site of the most important nonreligious utopian experiment in Western American history. At its height, in 1916, it had a thousand members dedicated to the principle of cooperation rather than that of competition. Its founder, Job Harriman, was Eugene Deb's running mate in the presidential election of 1900 and became an influential Socialist leader; in 1911 he was almost elected mayor of L.A.

LANG - Lang Station Rd adjacent to Southern Pacific tracks in Soledad Cyn. On September 5, 1876 Charles Crocker, President of the Southern Pacific Company, drove a gold spike here to complete his company's San Joaquin Valley line, the first rail connection of Los Angeles with San Francisco and the transcontinental lines.

Information for the Newsletter, courtesy Cathy Zermeno's "California Landmarks".

With a good map and a terrific picnic lunch this might be a fun trip to take on a "cool" day.

Bonnie

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