CITY COUNCIL HONORS LU HERRERA AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

GALA INSTALLATION DINNER
A MIXTURE OF POMP AND FUN

By Julie Lugo Cerra

The Society’s 20th Anniversary and Installation dinner was celebrated on Wednesday, January 19th by 90 Culver City Historical Society buffs. The vintage photos of Culver City which line the walls at the Sagebrush Cantina were a fitting setting for the occasion. During the early part of the evening, one could catch glimpses of Fred Machado’s Mi Familia and the 1989 Celebration of the Movies videos.

COMMENDATION MARKS SOCIETY’S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

At the February 28th Culver City Council meeting, two important items were on the agenda.

The first was a "Presentation of a Commendation to Lu Herrera for Her Tenure as President and Her Long Time Commitment to the Culver City Historical Society." The second was a "Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City Historical Society in Honor of Their 20th Anniversary and Their Contributions to This Community."

Both presentations were unanimously approved and certificates were presented to outgoing President Lu Herrera and to current President Don Rogers on behalf of the Historical Society.

In issuing the commendation to Lu, Councilman Albert Vera stated that the former elected City Treasurer "has been a continuing source of support and leadership for the Culver City Historical Society," and has been "proactive in beginning the fundraising campaign for a Culver City [Heritage] Museum." Further, Lu has worked "to find a way to house the Society’s collection in a way that will benefit the entire community and visitors," as well as being "an overall active member in our community."

Honoring its 20th Anniversary, Councilman David Hauptman recounted that the "Culver City Historical Society was formed to preserve the history of the local area," and "since its incorporation in 1980, they have dedicated"

APRIL 18TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MACHADO FAMILY HERITAGE TO BE HIGHLIGHTED

The CCHS General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Lethbridge Garden Room at the Veterans Building, 4117 Overland Avenue.

Come hear the fascinating history of the Machado Family of Rancho La Ballona as told by Fred Machado, Jr. Machado’s great-great-grandfather, Jose Manuel Machado, served the King of Spain as a “Soldado de Cuerva” of the Rivera Expedition which traveled overland from Los Alamos, New Spain [Sonora, Mexico] to the California frontier in 1781. A 38-minute video, Mi Familia [My Family], which follows the Machado lineage from Jose Manuel Machado to the present time will be screened along with a display of historic photos.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to enjoy the free program. Students are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Cathy Zermon at (310) 839-7688.
Let me pass along some interesting correspondence that arrived recently. E.A. Kral, in Wilber, Nebraska, a former cousin of my mother's, recently wrote to notify me that he included Harry Culver in a new edition of his book, http://www.kenne.org, and you will find Kral's "Bibliography of Biography" which he has written as a gift to fellow Nebraskans. Mr. Kral offers short biographies of 300 Nationally Distinguished Nebraskans, and our own Harry Culver is among the impressive group.

For those of you who are doing genealogical research, you may want to check the LDS Family History Center (top of Overland: 330.474.9990). Fred Machado recently led a group to researcher John P. Schmall's class on hispanic research. There are also classes on other ethnic groups as well as on general genealogy research.

In MEMORIAM

Two very special friends have left us.

Dr. Norman Marbach passed away in February, survived by his wife Norma and their 3 children.

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Become a member of the Culver City Historical Society Today!
Join others in preserving the history of the “Heart of Screenland” and the efforts to create the Culver City Heritage Museum.  We can’t do it without you!

**TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Benefactor ($1000)
- Family Lifetime Member ($500)
- Patron Member ($100)
- Family Member ($25)
- Individual Member ($15)
- Corporate Sponsor ($500)
- Individual Lifetime Member ($250)
- Business Member ($50)
- Organization ($15)
- Student Member ($5)

Please make checks payable to **The Culver City Historical Society** and mail to P.O. Box 3428, Culver City, CA 90231-3428. For further information, call (310) 838-1073.

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