

### A Message From Our Vice-President Mary Winn

Dear Members,

The past year was a landmark year for the Society as we recognized the 30th anniversary of its founding. The first official meeting of CHPS took place in May 1983 in a meeting room of the Corona Public Library. As we reflect upon the past three decades, we can affirm that leaders and members of the Society have worked diligently throughout the years to accomplish many unique and worthy goals.

Many organizations, despite their high ideals, do not last as long nor do they accomplish as much as the Society has.

For the past year of 2013, one only needs to look back to realize that it has been a busy and productive year involving many others in our community.

#### Reflections of 2013:

- February: CHPS is invited to participate in discussions related to the expansion of the CRMC. This involvement continued throughout the year.

- First Quarterly Meeting and tour of historical structures at Glen Ivy Hot Spring took place on March 30, 2013.

- April 6, 2013: Six CHPS Board members attended the Riverside County History Symposium held in Perris, CA. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning about a host of historical sites and stories within the region. We also had the opportunity to visit beautifully restored structures from Perris's past.

- CHPS assisted the CNUSD in finding a company to refurbish the historic school bell which first occupied the bell tower at the original Lincoln School campus. The bell was removed from its concrete base located at Orange Grove High School, reconditioned and then the shiny and renewed bell was relocated to the lobby of the CNUSD offices.

- May 4: CHPS 2013 Vintage Home Tour showcased four homes located on the historic Grand Boulevard racecourse in 1913 and the 100 year old Corona Woman's Improvement Club clubhouse. We strived to incorporate the 2013 National Trust theme: "See it. Celebrate it. Preserve it" in promoting the tour.



CHPS Board members L-R: Tom Muñoz, Tom Richins, Paula Muñoz, Julie Stern, Doris Osko, Richard & Mary Winn and Christine Gary

- May 23: Celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

- June 1: Supplied architectural salvage, antiques and ice cold lemonade at the annual Antiques & Collectibles Faire held at Heritage Park.

- June 22: Second Quarterly Meeting and walking tour of Corona's Historic District No. 1, Corona City Park, located at 915 East Sixth Street. Don Williamson served as the tour guide.

- July 24: Historic Site Marker #19 was embedded in a boulder in the planter area south of the Glen Ivy Hot Springs and Spa parking lot.

- August 19-20: Historic Site Marker No. 15, commemorating the location of Corona's Carnegie Library, built in 1906, was finally placed in the ground with the assistance of the City of Corona. It is now located near the southeast corner of Main and Eighth streets.

- September 14: Road Race Centennial celebration at City Park with a pre-festivities lap around the Grand Boulevard "speedway" by historic race vehicles. CHPS sold commemorative T-shirts and other items.

- October 5: Third Quarterly Meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Richard A. Santillan of his book, *Mexican American Baseball in the Inland Empire*. Former Corona baseball players expressed their love of the game and how important it has been in their lives.

- November: CNUSD celebrated 125 years of providing education to the youth of Corona.

- Annual Holiday Party and Society Annual Meeting/ Election of Board of Directors, December 5, 2013.

We would like to express our appreciation to two departing members of our Board of Directors, Don Williamson and Mark German, for their dedicated service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

The next CHPS president will be selected by the Board of Directors in January. We commit to you, our members, that we will continue to move forward in a professional, positive and passionate manner.

Sincerely,

Mary Winn



# 2013 Holiday Party Recapitulation

The 100 year old Woman's Improvement Clubhouse provided the ideal setting for the lively crowd joining in the camaraderie of the Society's annual Holiday Party and General Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013. In keeping with the tradition of our previous seasonal celebrations, an old-fashioned Potluck Dinner was served for all to enjoy. We thank our wonderful members for sharing your culinary talents in preparation of the tasty dishes we enjoyed that night.

The musical entertainment for the party was offered by the Corona High Madrigals, led by Amy Basilan Eden. Needless to say, they certainly did not disappoint!

Doris Osko was the "lady in charge" of the festivities and, as usual, she outdid herself with her ability to organize and carry out the soiree.

The annual election of Board Members and Advisors took place. Tom Richins was elected to the Board of Directors. We very much look forward to working with him on our team. Returning to the Board for another two-year term are Doris Osko, Julie Stern and Richard Winn.



## Oxford Dictionary's 2013 Word of the Year: "Selfie"

With much fanfare, the Oxford Dictionary's 2013 word of the year was **"selfie"** because of the drastic climb in usage. It is defined as a photo that is taken of oneself for the purpose of uploading it to social networking sites and image sharing websites. The Brownie was the first camera capable of taking a self image. Many of you may recall seeing or even using them. The following history is from the About.com website:

"In 1900, the Eastman Kodak Company introduced a low-priced, point-and-shoot, hand-held camera, called the Brownie. The Brownie camera, simple enough for even children to use, was designed, priced, and marketed to have wide appeal. It made photography accessible to the masses.

The Brownie camera was a simple, black, rectangular box covered in imitation leather with nickeled fittings. To take a "snapshot," all one had to do was hold the camera waist height, aim, and turn a switch. Kodak claimed in its advertisements that the Brownie camera was "so simple they can easily [be] operated by any school boy or girl" (excerpt from an ad in *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, July 1900). Though simple enough for even children to use, a 44-page instruction booklet accompanied every Brownie camera.



The Brownie camera was very affordable, selling for only \$1 each. Plus, for only 15 cents, a Brownie camera owner could buy a six-exposure film cartridge that could be loaded in daylight. Kodak promised to develop the film for the camera's owner, rather than the owner having to invest in materials and a darkroom.

Kodak heavily marketed the Brownie camera to children. In ads, the camera was accompanied by the very popular Brownie characters, elf-like creatures created by Palmer Cox. Ads for the Brownie camera appeared in popular magazines, rather than just trade journals. Children under the age of sixteen were also urged to join the Brownie Camera Club, a free club in which they could earn prizes for good photos and receive a Photographic Art Brochure.

No longer was taking photographs just for the professionals and only of grand events, the Brownie camera allowed the capturing of birthdays and other family events. In just the first year, the Eastman Kodak Company sold over a quarter of a million Brownies, forever changing the future of photography."

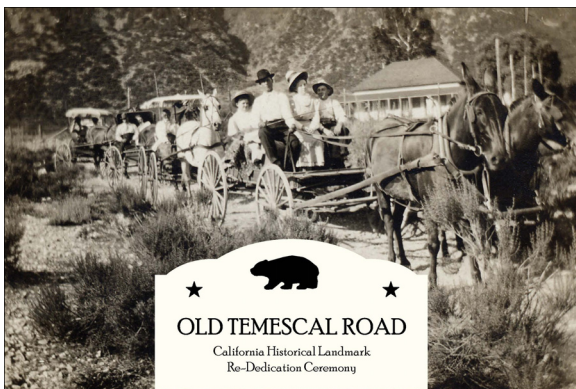


## Successful Historic Preservation in Action



We are very happy to share the above images with you at this time. It was a year ago that CHPS leaders were invited to meet and collaborate with representatives of Corona Regional Medical Center (CRMC) regarding ideas to preserve three structures from demolition to make way for the proposed parking structure related to CRMC expansion plans. A flier was distributed throughout our community to invite interested persons to contact the responsible hospital person. Newspaper articles were published. Initial responses were disappointing but we persisted and the hospital stretched its deadlines until someone “stepped up to the plate.” Now, two homes in the 800 block of Sheridan Street are being prepared by the moving company for relocation to their new sites on East Grand Boulevard. It is refreshing to know that others share our desire to re-purpose, reuse or relocate historic resources rather than sending them to the landfill as the “greenest” and most sustainable use of existing resources.

## Old Temescal Road Re-Dedication



The image at the left is on the invitation to the re-dedication of the *Old Temescal Road* state historic marker hosted by Glen Ivy Resort and Spa. The center image shows local historian Janet W. Gould, in May 1959, standing next to the original bronze marker mounted on its 5 1/2 foot river rock monument. Several years ago the original marker went missing and the monument, just off the right-of-way on the west side of Temescal Canyon Road about 250 feet south of Glen Ivy Road, fell into disrepair. In August of 2012, Glen Ivy CEO Jim Root mentioned his interest in restoring the historic marker to Don Williamson at the annual Temescal District Boy Scouts of America kick-off roundtable meeting. Don, in turn directed Jim to Rich Winn of our Historic Site Marker Committee for his expertise. Rich was able to work with our source of granite markers to produce the finished product seen in the left image. It took more than 90 days to have the marker slab cut and shaped outside the country and then etched with the bear image, stars and original text. Meanwhile Jim arranged to have the monument leveled and repaired and the marker plaque affixed. The re-dedication ceremony held, September 7, at 9:00 A.M., alongside the Temescal Canyon Road, was a truly historic event. Jim Root served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Members of the Woman's Improvement Club of Corona, to which Janet Gould belonged, came dressed in vintage attire; a flag ceremony was performed by Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops; the local fire department brought their fire apparatus; the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was represented by two deputies and their horses from the Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The Program contained a talk by Mary Winn about the marker, Rich Winn contributed a history of Temescal Road and Sam Yoo of the Temescal Valley Historic Foundation assisted CHPS in unveiling the refurbished state historic site marker.



## I Remember When... Wayne C. Keith By Doris Osko

If Wayne Keith's middle name isn't "Caring," it should be. Wayne's life in Corona is marked by service to the community since his arrival on January 1, 1969. His employer, Alcoa, sent him here as General Manager to form a new division from a subsidiary that was already in place. Wayne, in an interview at his home on January 2, 2014, said, "They had closed it down, and left it as if they had just gone to lunch." He had to reengineer the entire plant to produce a premier high-strength aluminum casting. He was given the job by Alcoa on Friday the 13th in December of 1968. Wayne is a mechanical engineer by training (Iowa State College, 1944,) and had been hired by Alcoa in 1945. His job took him to every state in the union before coming to Corona.

An Iowa farm boy, born in the house his dad built in Traer, Wayne worked three jobs to get his degree. By sheer coincidence, he flew out of Pittsburgh with Bob Morrell, born and raised in Corona whose parents owned Mava's Ice Cream Parlor. He had been told Corona was outside L.A. so he planned to take a taxi to Corona. Instead, Morrell drove him to Corona where he stayed in a motel. That night he walked to the Corona Bowl where he was confronted by a tall man who stated, "I'm Cal Calvert. You must be new because I don't know you." The next day at his new job, Wayne received a visit from high school sophomore, Ken Calvert, who was there to present Wayne with a Corona Bowl charge card from his dad Ira. Thus began a long friendship with the former mayor of Corona and his wife, Marcia, and family. Calvert recommended Wayne for the Rotary Club, where Wayne also did much for the community.

Initially, Wayne observed some suspicion and resistance by local employers in the citrus industry when a big company arrived - fearing their employees would leave for jobs with higher wages. However, civic leaders soon saw the benefits of new employment with Alcoa hiring at least 200 people initially and later 500 employees. Wayne's special community concern was Peppermint Ridge (a residential facility for the developmentally disabled) for which Alcoa Foundation played an important part. Wayne was a member of the Financial Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors. Mary and John Jeffery who founded "the



Ridge" saw the need to expand. A contractor was hired, but the permit to build couldn't be gotten until the land around the Ridge was graded. Wayne borrowed a bobcat from Maintenance at Alcoa and leveled the ground himself. When he noted that the mortgage payment on the property was causing a distinct financial problem, he started the "Mortgage Burning Committee." He went out personally and solicited funds from every organization, business, and person that he could. He appealed to the Alcoa Foundation

which provided \$109,530. Through the years he raised over \$500,000 to build the YMCA, Peppermint Ridge, and the Corona Public Library. Wayne laughed when he said, "They couldn't understand why I pushed to build the Y way out of town." As a longtime resident, Wayne feels the coming of the 91 and the 15 freeways forever changed Corona from a small town with local small businesses to the burgeoning city it is today. The advent of stores like Mervyn's drove out businesses like Pauley's, Vasels and Henson Shoes. The downtown disappeared and the Crossings and Dos Lagos took its place.

With two daughters in education, Wayne introduced a program to bring high school students to Alcoa to learn about technical jobs that didn't require a college education, but demanded other skills that the schools were not teaching. He also created a program with the late Arloene Watts from the Chamber of Commerce to provide a weekend of workshops and lectures to give high school students avenues for jobs and job training. As a member of the Western Municipal Water District, he was responsible for working on the design of the Brine Line which prevented pollutants from being discharged into the water system.

There is insufficient room to delineate all that Wayne has done to serve others. The list is endless. He has been chosen "Citizen of the Year" and is part of "Who's Who in the West." His life's accomplishments demonstrate that he is a caring man.

Note: He married Evelyn "Evie" Keith in 1947. (deceased 2007.) They had two daughters, Barbara Kenney (deceased) and Susie Rawson. There are four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He married Marjorie Crissman in 2010.

# Riverside County History Symposium

**When:** Saturday, March 8, 2014

**Where:** Dales Senior Center at White Park in downtown Riverside (Address is 3936 Chestnut Street)

**Time:** Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. The symposium runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, all lectures, and the tour.

**Website:** <http://rivcohistorysymposium.weebly.com/>

**E-mail:** RivCoHistorySymposium@gmail.com

**Tour:** There will also be a tour of the newly-opened Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties Building (the former Riverside Finance building) now owned and operated by Riverside City College.



## TOPICS and SPEAKER(S):

1. The Jim Crow Era (1900s-1960s) Leisure Experience of African Americans in the Lake Elsinore Resort Community of Riverside County [Alison Rose Jefferson]

2. Early Roads That Shaped the Pines-to-Palms Highway [Harry Quinn]

3. History of Murrieta Hot Springs [Rebecca Farnbach and Tony Guenther]

4. History of March Air Force Base [John Hale]

**Registration:** Registration forms will be available around mid-January. Please either e-mail for a copy or visit the website to download your own.

## Refurbishment at Historic Civic Center Reveals Some Secrets

In order to serve their Historic Civic Center tenants better, the city is replacing the central heating and air conditioning system throughout the structures with units controlled from within each occupancy. This resulted in CHPS being displaced from its office for a month while lowered ceilings and "T" bar supports, and ductwork are removed and electrical lines and low voltage wiring is rerouted. With the lowered ceilings removed, the original high ceilings and tops of windows/window frames, hidden for nearly 65 years, became visible.



Above the old library in the space formerly occupied by the Fire Department administrative offices we found part of a wall that had this Mediterranean-Mission Revival arch, part of which had been framed in to accommodate the addition of an interior restroom.

Inside the same room we can see that the top of an original window (the glass was still in its frame) and its casing on the original reinforced concrete breezeway



wall are visible above the firred-in gypsum board walls used when this structure was part of City Hall.



Two panels of the original three panel windows are visible below the lowered ceiling line on the walls. The interior sides of the windows were framed in, the exterior sides were framed in and plastered to match the walls.



## These T-shirts Are Still Available



These beautiful limited edition T-shirts are still available to purchase until we run out.

CHPS has a licensing agreement with the City of Corona and is the only group offering T-shirts with the official Corona Grand Race logo

You may order them by sending an email to: [safetyguy141@juno.com](mailto:safetyguy141@juno.com).

You may also buy them at the Gift Store at Corona Heritage Park & Museum  
510 West Foothill Parkway.

## Preservation Grant Program Update By Christine Gary

The Society's most recent Home Preservation Grant was awarded in December to Janet D. Adams for the work completed on her home located at 624 S. Victoria Ave. This beautiful Craftsman style home, built in 1912, has been in Janet's family for several generations. It is a one-story with classic heavy beam construction, large front porch with concrete pillars at entry. The house had been painted yellow for many years and needed some structural repair. Janet had the house painted a soft gray with white trim and purple accents. The redwood siding and concrete pillars on the porch were repaired before the final paint coat was done. It looks fantastic! We are very happy that Janet applied for and received a grant of \$1,000 to help with the preservation of this century-old historic home.



### Before

Seen here are two photos of the "tired" front and side faces of the home taken prior to the start of refurbishment and restoration efforts.



### After

CHPS Board member Christine Gary presented the check to Janet Adams upon completion of the repairs and painting of her home.

CHPS is making quite a difference in Corona!



## Membership Information

**When joining or renewing your membership, please make your  
tax deductible check payable to "CHPS"**

Individual Member \$20.00  
Family \$30.00  
Student \$10.00  
Business \$50.00  
Patron \$100.00  
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## We Welcome Our New & Continuing Members

Patricia A. Barker  
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Judy Biggs  
Sally Ann Carlson  
Wanda Cleveland  
John & Carolyn Coutts  
John & Jane Farr  
Mark & Cindy German

Bret & Lennie Keesler  
Mark Killingsworth  
Don Kindred  
Stephen & Sandy Klein  
Georgia Lambert  
Steve & Tracy Lech  
Raymond & Cheryl Monteon  
Jerry & Jean Neumann

Ken Park  
George & Carrie Pope  
Tom & Sunny Richins  
Gretchen Scoggins  
Sue Simmons  
Jay Stemska  
Ted & Cindi Taylor  
Dick Tichy

## Our Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would like to assist local homeowners in making necessary improvements to their historic homes.

We will process any application within 60 days after submittal. Once a grant has been approved and reimbursement limits established, funds will be made available upon completion, inspection and onsite final approval.

Take this opportunity to do some fixing up and have part of the material cost covered by CHPS. Remember we are interested in helping people beautify their homes for others to see, so applications are primarily for curb appeal projects. If you have a place that you feel needs help, either your



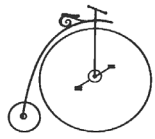
own or a neighbor's, please feel free to contact the CHPS Message Center at (951) 898-2044 and leave a message. Someone will return your call. We will assist you in any way possible to provide the information you need to complete the application process.

Grant applications are available at the Community Development Department at Corona City Hall at 400 South Vicentia, and at the Heritage Room of the Corona Public Library.

More information and grant applications may also be downloaded from our Website:  
<<http://corona-history.org/grants.html>>

***Please share this information with others!***





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To contact us call  
**951.898.2044**

*Please leave a brief  
message*



## Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization dedicated to preservation and revitalization of Corona's historic buildings, neighborhoods and sites.

Through education, persuasion, legislation and organization, CHPS acts as an advocate for the preservation of Corona's historic resources.

## Monthly Meetings

CHPS Board meetings are held each month to transact Society business, discuss issues affecting the Society and preservation of local historic resources.

**All members are invited to attend.**

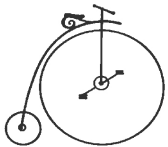
The next meetings will be:

**Thursday, Jan 16, 6:30 p.m. at CHPS office**

**Thursday, Feb 20 p.m. at CHPS office**



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CHPS sends our best wishes



George Washington is  
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**Save the Date: Saturday, March 8**

**Riverside County History Symposium in Riverside**