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Civil War Veterans Come Alive at SAHPS 5th Annual Cemetery Tour

Held on October 26, 2002, the theme for the SAHPS annual Cemetery Tour was "Orange County's Civil War Legacy." The production, which included performances from students at the Orange County High School of the Arts (OCHSA), helped to raise much needed funds for SAHPS activities including the ongoing maintenance of the Dr. Willela Howe-Waffle House.

The OCHSA students researched the characters they represented in the tour and wrote most of the scripts themselves. While rain did threaten, October 26 was a beautiful crisp and clear fall day.

Scenes from the tour included a typical picnic scene from the era, popular Civil War music sung by the OCHSA students, and portrayals of several prominent Civil War veterans from both the North and the South who came to reside in Orange County. We learned that many Civil War veterans were instrumental in Orange County's secession from Los Angeles.



Many people gave of their time and talent to make this year's event a success. We would particularly like to thank the following: Gordon Bricken, author of "The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana," for providing guidance to the Society and to the OCHSA students; Jeff Paul, Director of Music and Theatre at OCHSA; and a special thanks to OCHSA parents Wendy Tobiska and Carolyn Erratt for their volunteer efforts for this event. We would also like to recognize our contributors who help make this event a reality: First District Orange County Supervisor Chuck V. Smith, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana Cemetery, First American Title Company, and the Boardwalk Café. Lastly we would like to say a special thanks to all the wonderful OCHSA students for their efforts and talents that make this event possible and help us to make Santa Ana history come to life.

Even if you missed the tour, you can still enjoy this year's production thanks to SAHPS Board Member Guy Ball and his video crew, who are in the final editing stages of a video production of this year's tour. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the video, please see the order form at the end of this newsletter.

Stay tuned next year when the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society takes a look at the Hollywood roots in Santa Ana during next year's tour.

Jim Marquez

President's Message

Thinking back over the Society's community involvement over the past year, the word that immediately springs to mind is "preservation." 2002 certainly brought us back to the original roots of our organization, the preservation of historic buildings.

Adeline Walker took on a huge task when she began her efforts to save the Dr. Howe-Waffle House from demolition in the 1970s. Meetings with City officers, gathering supporters from the community, speaking at City Council sessions—these are all activities that the current Board is becoming increasingly familiar with, as Mrs. Walker was in her day.

The SAHPS-sponsored Broadway Bulldogs continue to keep the community informed about the One Broadway office tower development through meetings, mailings, and the website. They surveyed neighborhood organizations and attended Historic Resources commissions to discuss the project.

The Society and individual SAHPS members responded to the Environmental Impact Report and spoke before the Planning Commission and City Council about the Sav-On Project at First and Main, which threatened demolition of the National Historic Register Central Auto Body building. Although we ultimately lost in our effort to stop the project, we brought it into the public eye, and gained experience dealing with public entities on development issues.

When renovations began prematurely on the historic United Auto Building at First and Main, the Society worked with City officials to ensure the developer would submit plans to the Historic Resources Commission for review. Happily, we understand that the plans since submitted are excellent, and will breathe new life into that landmark structure.

Board members were invited by the Historic Resources Commission to participate in work-study sessions to strengthen City code addressing historic preservation. The HRC hopes to have changes ready early next year.

The Board was approached by representatives from the OCTA CenterLine light-rail project to give input on the design and its

impact to historic structures and neighborhoods. CenterLine will schedule additional meetings with SAHPS in the spring.

The Society has recently spoken out concerning the renewed threat to the Orange County Courthouse reflecting pool, designed by famous Southern California architect Richard Neutra. When this design element was first threatened in 2000, SAHPS helped organize public outcry against its demolition.

SAHPS has developed working relationships with many City Departments and is increasingly looked upon as a knowledgeable and influential group when it comes to the impact of development on the city's historic resources. We look forward to another challenging year, and invite our members to join us in our preservation activities!

Alison Young



The Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House, Medical Museum, and Carriage Barn.
Built 1889. Saved from demolition 1975.

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SAHPS Book Author Gordon Bricken Honored With Award

The Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge has awarded their George Washington Honor Medal to **The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana**. The award was presented to author Gordon Bricken at a luncheon in November hosted by the local chapter of the Freedoms Foundation. The book explores the impact of the War Between the States on the creation and development of the fledgling Orange County during the late 1800s. **Civil War Legacy** is the newest mini-book in the Society's Living History book program.



**Gordon Bricken with his well-deserved
George Washington Honor Medal**

This publication, by former Santa Ana Mayor Gordon Bricken and the Orange County Blue and Gray Project, gives fascinating insights into the impact of these Civil War veterans on the birth and growth of Santa Ana and Orange County. After the war, conditions for Southern veterans and their families were not favorable at home. Many migrated to the West – fleeing their depressed economy and taking advantage of the

completion of the transcontinental railroad. Tens of thousands of people came to Southern California looking for a better life, fueled by the offer of cheap land prices and the promise of excellent areas for farming. The Orange County area was most impacted by the relocation of these new residents.

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is a national organization that recognizes the exceptional efforts of organizations, individuals, schools and corporations who promote an understanding of responsible citizenship.

The Society's Living History mini-book program features local authors writing about their areas of interest and expertise. Previous books have included a short biography of Fredrick Eley and reproductions of WWII propaganda posters. Books on the planning stages for 2003 include one on the Burning of Santa Ana's Chinatown and stories of local WWII heroes. Prospective authors with local stories to tell should contact Guy Ball at mrcalc@usa.net if they are interested in the series.

The softbound book costs \$14.95 including shipping and sales tax and is available through the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; 120 Civic Center Dr., W; Santa Ana, CA 92701-7505. For more information on this or any of the Society's other local history books, visit our website at www.SantaAnaHistory.com or call (714) 547-9645.

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Police Chief Paul Walters to Speak at SAHPS Annual Member Dinner

The SAHPS Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Hacienda Restaurant in Santa Ana.

We will be presenting our Annual Preservation Award, electing the 2003 board, and conducting annual business of the Society.

Our featured speaker will be Santa Ana Police Chief Paul Walters speaking on the history of the Santa Ana Police Department.

The cost will be \$20 for individuals and \$36 per couple. Invitations will be sent out shortly, but if you are anxious to get your reservation in, you may make reservations by calling the Howe-Waffle House and charging them to a credit card.

We look forward to seeing you!

2003 Membership

Please take a moment and look at the mailing label on your newsletter. If it does not say "Member 2003" then it is time for you to renew your membership in the Society! You may use the form at the back of the newsletter. Please take a moment and renew today.

Membership renewals in the amount of \$100 or more receive a special gift – a free copy of the *Vintage Postcards of Santa Ana* or *The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana*.

Thank you for your support!



Author Gordon Bricken, SAHPS Board members Lynn Yerby and Marilyn Zike, and Larry Zike dress the part at the Civil War Cemetery Tour.

Special Thanks!

The Society would like to recognize and say a special thank you to the following individuals:

- **Robert Thomas** – for the donation of a copy of the 1931 Orange County Masonic Bulletin, which was the dedication edition for the "new" Masonic Temple building in downtown Santa Ana. The magazine will be included in the Society's historical research library.
- **Evalene Pulati** – a long time SAHPS supporter, Mrs. Pulati has made a membership donation at the Benefactor Level

SAHPS Wish List

The Society is interested in receiving materials of historical reference for our slowly expanding historical research library. This may include old photographs showing Santa Ana locations, special magazines or periodicals with local information, or other materials for Santa Ana or Orange County reference.

Also on our wish list is a small kitchen sized refrigerator -- preferably an energy-efficient newer model, and a plain paper fax machine (or small, personal photocopier).

Remember, all donations to the Society are tax deductible!

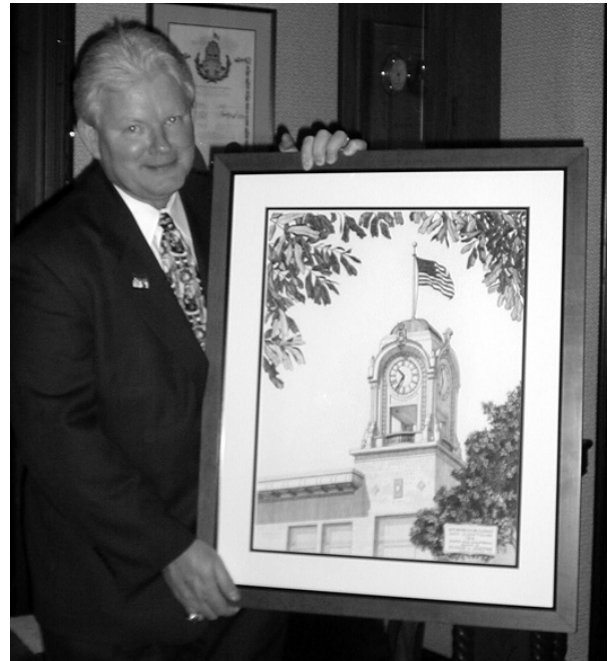
SAHPS 2002 In Review

SAHPS is proud to share with its members and friends some of its recent accomplishments. We are especially proud of these accomplishments in light of the fact that they have all been accomplished with volunteer effort and with the moral and financial support of our members and friends!

- Production of **The Civil War Legacy in Orange County**, the Society's 5th successful cemetery tour
- Co-production of **Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards**, a photo book on the history of Santa Ana
- Sponsoring a parking lot sale of items salvaged from local buildings
- Publication of two new titles in our mini book series: **The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana** and **WWII Poster Art: Propaganda on the U.S. Home Front**. Two more publications are on the way.
- Partnering with Yolanda Morelos Alvarez on the production of a living history program based on her successful **Fire in the Morning** pictorial history of Mexican Americans in Orange County
- Updating our Dr. Howe-Waffle House decent program with a new workbook and video
- Expansion of our Santa Ana and Orange County research library
- Creation of an electronic archive of Santa Ana photos and postcards
- Upgraded landscaping and improved maintenance at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House
- Completion of the design and publication of the **Historic Santa Ana Downtown Walking Tour Map**

City historic preservation award

Artist Donates Original Clock Tower Drawing to Society



SAHPS Vice President Tim Rush proudly holds the original pen and ink drawing of the Spurgeon Building and Clock Tower by noted artist Duane Carter. The drawing was originally created by Carter to commemorate the restoration of the Clock Tower, a SAHPS project led by Tim Rush. While the Society has had permission to reproduce the artwork on cards and certificates, Carter donated the actual drawing last month to the Society.

Weekend Open Houses to Resume--With Your Help!

You may have noticed that the Dr. Howe-Waffle House openings on the first weekend of the month have recently been on hold while painting and porch repairs were completed. The SAHPS Board is in the process of evaluating the timing and frequency of open hours, and is also actively recruiting volunteers to act as docents for weekday or weekend tours. Docents will receive orientation training on the house and its history and have the opportunity to share this beautiful 1890's Victorian structure with the public. We would love to have you join us as a volunteer, and invite you to leave a message for volunteer coordinator Marilyn Zike at SAHPS--714/547-9645. Look for our open houses to resume in the first quarter of the new year.

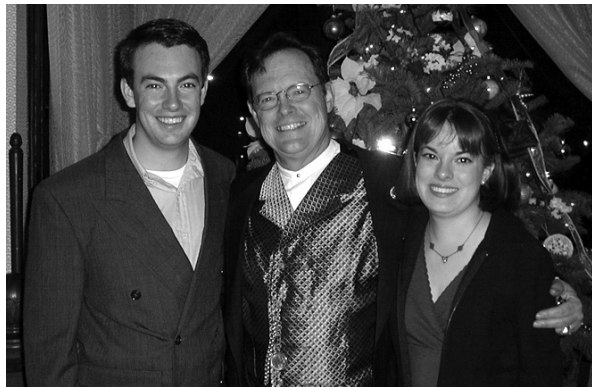
SAHPS Holiday Open House a Grand Success



Foothill High School Singers



Paul Giles and Phil Chinn



Ed Cote with son Paul and daughter Christine



Tom and Nancy Lutz



Tim Rush and Oldrich Unger



Larry and Marilyn Zike



Yolanda Alvarez, Ed Cote, and Honey Yorba



Christine Cote

The decorations were set, the food was delicious, thekjfl;ksjdfllksajdfll dckfjlsakdfj l;skdjf lfdlkfdljslfj
Thanks to xxxxxxxxxxxxDebbie McEwen for donation of decorations

Buy in to Santa Ana History through SAHPS

Expected Delivery - Late February!!! *Civil War Legacy Cemetery Tour Video* - Video production of our 5th annual historic tour. Actors from Orange County High School of the Arts do an excellent job portraying early Santa Ana and Orange County history after the Civil War. **Price: \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping.**

NEW!!! *Rediscovering Historic Downtown Santa Ana* - This wonderful historic downtown booklet is an updated edition of one originally printed by Heritage Orange County in the 1980s. The booklet is a 17x22" fold out map that includes a walking tour and historic and architectural information about some of our downtown treasures. **Price: \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping.**

The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana (Author: Gordon Bricken) - **Price: \$12.75 plus \$2.00 shipping.**

Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards (Author: Guy Ball) **Price: \$20.50 plus \$2.00 for shipping.**

Santa Ana...A Illustrated History (Author: Diann Marsh) - **Price: \$21.50 plus \$4.50 for shipping.**

The History of Santa Ana City and Valley -. **Price: \$14.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping.**

WWII Poster Art: Propaganda on the Home Front (Authors: Alison Young, Guy Ball, Jo Ann Ramirez) -. **Price: \$12.75 plus \$2.00 for shipping.**

Frederick Eley, Orange County's Pioneer Architect (Author: Rob Richardson) - **Price: \$7.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping.**

Orange Blossoms: 50 years of Growth in Orange County (Author: John Sorenson) -. **Price: \$40.00 plus \$5.60 for shipping.**

Dr. Howe-Waffle House Bookmark **Price: \$4, 3 for \$10, plus \$1 for shipping (any quantity).**

Order form on next page.

Book Order and Membership Form

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Address _____

City and Zip _____

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Shipping		
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