



A Message From Our President Wes Speake

Dear Members,

Hopefully I'll be one of the first to wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday, as we transition from scary time (the election season) and another scary time, Halloween, and into Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is such a special time for families and our beautiful city.

In November, Corona will have three new city council members, four if you count the appointment of Yolanda Carrillo, to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Dick Haley who resigned unexpectedly due to medical reasons. Mrs. Carrillo will only be the seventh woman to serve on the City Council: Rena Parker being first (appointed initially, then elected), Flora Spiegel, Andrea Puga, Jan Rudman, Karen Stein, Karen Spiegel and now, Yolanda.

All of us at the CHPS want to wish former Councilman Dick Haley a speedy recovery and hope to see him around town soon. Mr. Haley has always been a big supporter of the CHPS including a generous donation for restoration of our Veterans Memorial Wall at Butterfield Park. With the absence of incumbents running, I believe this will be the largest swing to new council members since Corona was founded. Truly historic!

That is enough political commentary. For our third Quarterly Meeting, over 150 folks, members of the Society and non-members, who paid a \$5 fee, had an opportunity to enjoy a screening of the 1951 movie *Storm Warning*, starring Ronald Reagan, Ginger Rodgers and Doris Day. This took place at the beautiful Dos Lagos Starlight Cinema Theater. Seeing old Corona on the big screen had many folks saying they saw details that just weren't easily seen on the small screen. We extend a special THANK YOU to Jim Ziegler of Dos Lagos Starlight Cinema for hosting us.

The Society Board of Directors will be meeting soon to review our Strategic Plan for 2019 so we



can continue to bring high quality programs and pursue our mission of PRESERVATION, PROTECTION and PERPETUATION of Corona's historic sites, buildings, neighborhoods and resources. If any of you have any suggestions or ideas of where you would like to see the Society focus our efforts, I invite you to contact me directly.

I am happy to announce that Chris McCoy has accepted an appointment to fill a vacancy on the CHPS Board of Directors. Chris lives inside the Grand Boulevard circle, in a historic home, and has a passion for Corona both old and new. Chris is a welcome addition to our board.

On the second Saturday in February (February 9) we will once again host a panel discussion at the Community Room of the Historic Civic Center. This is the sixth event of this type we have hosted. This year's theme will be directed toward the history of Corona's Police Department. Be sure to 'Save the Date' now and I hope to see you there!

Our annual Holiday Party will be on Monday, December 3rd at the historic Woman's Improvement Club Clubhouse. We have some great new plans for this year, and in what has become a wonderful tradition, we will enjoy a performance by the Corona High School Madrigals. Their performance is a joyful highlight that I look forward to each year. All the details are found in this *Newsletter* - on page 3. I would love to see you there!

Lastly, I would like to remind you that there is a lot of great historical content on our Facebook group, YouTube channel and website, <www.corona-history.org>. Please visit the "Corona Historic Preservation Society" group and our YouTube channel. Mary Winn's *Corona - Then & Now* video has surpassed 14,320 views!

Again a very warm and wonderful Happy Holidays to you and yours!

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Quarterly Meeting Report: *Storm Warning* By Eric Bergreen



The Corona Historic Preservation Society held its third Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, October 20th at the Dos Logos Luxury Theaters for a showing of the movie *Storm Warning* starring Ginger Rogers, Doris Day and Ronald Reagan. President Wes Speake was able to procure a private theater for a one-time, 11:00AM presentation. This viewing was free for all CHPS members and just \$5 for non-members.

Storm Warning tells the story of Marsha Mitchell (Rogers) who, on the way to a work assignment, decides to stop in the small southern fictional town of Rockpoint to visit her newly married sister Lucy Wright (Day), whom she has not seen in over two years. Upon her arrival there, Marsha witnesses members of the Ku Klux Klan murder a journalist trying to expose the group and then sees two of the men remove their hoods. When she meets her sister's new husband later that night, she recognizes him as one of the Klansmen. Meanwhile, Burt Rainey (Reagan), the County Prosecutor, knows it was a Klan murder but can't get the town's residents to cooperate and help to bring the mob to justice, even though everyone knew it was the Klan. With Lucy's help, Rainey pleads with Marsha to do the right thing and testify against them even though it may cost her, her life.

We chose to show this movie because some of the scenes in it were actually filmed on location in Corona, in less than a two-week period in 1949. The Pacific Electric Railroad depot at Third and Main Street, was used as a bus depot in the film. The original City Hall was used for the County building where the coroner's inquest took place. There was a shot of the Carnegie Library. Even the First Baptist Church (located at Main and Eighth – built in 1937) and the adjacent mortuary building were used for some background shots. Definitely a movie worth seeing if you enjoy the historic architecture of our city and suspenseful melodrama.

The meeting was one of our best turnouts yet with over one hundred and sixty seats being filled. CHPS would like to thank Jim Ziegler and Dos Logos Theater for helping to bring this wonderful Quarterly Meeting together. We would also like to give a very special thanks to all of our members for joining us and making it one of our biggest events yet. Don't forget to attend our fourth and final Quarterly Meeting of 2018 on Monday, December 3rd at the Woman's Improvement Club for our Holiday Party. See you all there!

Annual Meeting - Holiday Party



Don't miss out on this fun-filled annual soiree!

Special activities include:

- ★ Music galore!
- ★ Photo opportunity with festive backdrop and props for all to capture a "Kodak moment" on their cell phone or camera
- ★ An enlightening Corona history trivia game
- ★ Performance by the Corona High Madrigals



Location: Corona Woman's Improvement Clubhouse 1101 S. Main Street
Date: Monday, December 3rd
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

POTLUCK DINNER ASSIGNMENTS
Based upon first letter of your last name:
A-H: Desserts **I-S:** Vegetables or salads **T-Z:** Appetizers
**Please provide 6-8 servings*



**Please reply by Nov. 30 to
Doris at 951.737.1766**

Annual Election of Board of Directors

The election will take place at our Annual Holiday party on Monday, December 3, 2018. As of the publication of this Newsletter, the Nominations Committee presents the following slate of nominees for your consideration.

Directors

Eric Bergreen
 Paula Muñoz
 Mary Winn

Advisors

Marla Benson
 Tom Richins
 Ted Taylor

As set forth in CHPS Bylaws, a Director term is for two years, an Advisor term is for one year.

★Corona citrus crate labels will be available for purchase at the party★

Historic Site Markers - List on following page



Looking for a Holiday Gift? Try this CHPS fundraiser

21 CORONA CITRUS LABEL reproductions are available from CHPS. Coloration and detail indicate the high quality of imagery scanned from original labels and printed on substantial paper. They are suitable for framing.
PRICES: \$7.00 each up to 3 labels / \$5.00 each for 4 labels or more, for example 4 labels for \$20 or 5 labels for \$25 / A full set of 21 labels \$100.00 If mailed: Postage and handling \$10.00. **QUESTIONS:** Call 714.328.0010
Labels will be available for viewing and purchase at our Holiday Party on Mon. December 3rd
 They may also be purchased online by Dec. 1st under the SHOP tab by going to <Corona-History.org>.



CHPS has had a formal Historic Marker Program since 1996. Twenty-five historically significant sites have been recognized by a bronze or granite plaque placed on the wall of the building or by a monument bearing the plaque. All but seven of the markers have been placed by Boy Scouts as part of their requirements to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

The collaboration between local Boy Scouts and the Corona Historic Preservation Society has been a very productive one for more than twenty years.

MARKER LOCATIONS

- 1 Historic Civic Center and 2nd High School site (1923-1960) 815 West Sixth Street
- 2 First Congregational Church 805 S. Ramona Avenue
- 3 Site of Marshal G.C. Alexander's murder in 1913 near 512 Howard Street
- 4 Thomas Jefferson Elementary School at 1040 South Vicentia Street
- 5 Corona's first Fire Station site, 717 South Main Street
- 6 Old South Riverside School site (1889-1896), Corona Grammar School (1896-1911), first Lincoln School (1911-1914) and second Lincoln School (1914-1950) (Victoria Park site)
- 7 Site of the Hotel Del Rey 1903-1998, 224 E. 6th Street
- 8 Corona's first General Hospital at 812 South Main Street
- 9 Corona's First High School (1906-1923) and First Junior High School (1923-1978) (currently site of CFIS)
- 10 Site of the Start and Finish Line of first two Corona Road Races in 1913, 1914, located on the south side of Grand Boulevard at Washburn Street
- 11 First Baptist Church at 722 South Main Street
- 12 Corona Foothill Lemon Ranch at Corona Heritage Park, 510 West Foothill Parkway
- 13 Corona Santa Fe Railroad Depot, 1887-1982, 150 Depot Drive
- 14 Woman's Improvement Club clubhouse at 1101 South Main Street
- 15 Andrew Carnegie Library site (1906-1978) at 805 South Main Street
- 16 Lemonia Grove, 2750 S. Rimpau Street
- 17 Corona-Sunnyslope Cemetery & Potter's Field 1125 S. Rimpau Street
- 18 Corona Theater-Landmark Building at 201-211 East Sixth Street, 517 Ramona Avenue
- 19 Glen Ivy Hot Springs 10 miles South of Corona nrear I-15 atf Temescal Canyon Road , 25000 Glen Ivy Road
- 20 Third Corona High School site (1961-present) at 1150 West Tenth Street
- 21 Exchange Lemon Products - Sunkist Growers Industrial site (1915-1983), 235 North Joy Street
- 22 Corona's first American Legion Hall, W. H. Jameson, Post 216 at 1024 South Main Street
- 23 Corona Municipal Plunge site (1925-1966) at 930 East Sixth Street (west end of Corona City Park)
- 24 George Washington Elementary School Site #1 (1911-1950) at 230 North West Grand Boulevard
- 25 Pacific Electric Depot site (1915-1945) at 301 Main Street

Vintage Corona Citrus Crate Labels



Here are a few quotes from those who have purchased labels:

“I love the ones I purchased. They are just beautiful!”
 “They look amazing in person. So crisp. Excited with my selection of four.”

Corona As I Remember

By Frances Aldama Martinez (1912-2003)

The following article was written by Mrs Martinez (the mother of CHPS members Sylvia Martinez Barnett and Frances Martinez Tassin) for the May 1986 Centennial celebration of the founding of Corona. It also appeared in the program for the dedication of the Frances Aldama Martinez Community Room at the Corona Public Library on Saturday, October 27, 2018.



It was a separate world north of Sixth Street in Corona during the early 1920s. There lived Hispanics of Mexican and Spanish descent, Italians, two or three black families and a few Anglos. The area was peaceful. Most Anglos occupied the south side of Corona.

If you lived in the barrio, you could hear the pounding of rolling pins early in the morning as women made their own flour tortillas for the family. Burritos or tacos were made for the men's work lunches. If a man took a sandwich for lunch it was a sign of a lazy wife.

The old Washington Elementary School was 95% Mexican children. It was located on West Grand Boulevard and Third Street. The kids were bused to school from the ranches. The joke is still around about the kid who missed school one day and when asked by the teacher why he had missed class, he replied, "My mother had to "lavar" (wash clothes) and I had to stay home and "cuidar" (care for) the baby."

During the summer months, the families with children went north to pick fruit and returned in late October or early November. This would set them back in their school work.

At Christmas time, we had a beautiful custom called "Las Posadas." They were hosted by Antonio and Lugardia Perez. Beginning nine days before Christmas, the Perez' would visit a different home. It was to represent Joseph and Mary seeking shelter prior to the birth of Jesus Christ. The godparents of a child would lay the child down in a manger on Christmas Eve. On February 6th, which was the feast of the Three Kings, the same godparents would then lift the Jesus child replica out of the manger and thus become "compadres." A fiesta would then follow.

Midwives Doña Jesus Duarte and Doña Petrita Martinez delivered more babies of Mexican descent than any doctor in Corona prior to 1932. Women in those days were too modest to see a male doctor. My aunt Delfina Aguirre, had 10 children delivered by the midwives. Midwives also cured "el ojo" (the eye), "empecho" (indigestion), and "mollera caida" (fallen crown of a baby's head).

Those were the days when young women were not

allowed to go out at night without a chaperone. During the daytime, we were permitted to go out with girlfriends. On Sundays after church, we went to the park, theater or Sunday dances at the river at River Road and Auburndale. There were summer cottages with a big outdoor dance floor. Bands played on Sunday for the young people who came from the surrounding towns for the good music and food.

In 1938, the big flood came and destroyed everything, including the cottages and dance floor.

Whenever a death occurred in our community, friends would gather at the house of a relative or survivor. The Priest would pray the first Rosary and then Don Jose Medina, who was considered a professional prayer, would pray with the women into the night leading the Rosary. Women sat and meditated while the men would be outdoors around a bonfire eating Mexican bread, menudo or drinking hot chocolate while reminiscing about the life of the deceased person. The children got underfoot and the men shared memories and spirits.

In the late twenties and early thirties, dances were held at the Glass Brothers Hall, K.P. and the American Legion Hall. Most of the dances were for weddings, birthdays quinceñeras and christenings. Godparents usually provided a party for baptisms.

When a young man wished to marry, the young man, along with his father and a Priest, would go to the home of the bride-to-be and ask the girl's father for her hand in marriage. If the parents refused, the couple would sometimes run away and get married anyway. I was one who eloped, also.

Mexican food was only known to the Mexican People. Even children felt conspicuous bringing their burritos to school. Most were filled with beans, potatoes or whatever food they had at home. I remember Charlie Schrick would take sandwiches, pie, cake or other goodies to school in order to trade them for burritos.

We always knew who got into trouble over the weekend. Come Monday mornings they were on the street cleaning crew. This applied to Anglos also. It was a great stigma for the Mexican families if they got into trouble too often.

In spite of our living in a divided community, there was no trouble with the people on the south side of town. They took no notice of us politically. The few Mexican-American citizens who could vote had never registered. Life changed during and after World War II.

Membership Information

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

Individual Member \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to volunteer!	
Family \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter writing articles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Home Tour	
Patron \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	docent / volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life \$600.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Membership Status: Renewal New

Please complete and mail to:
CHPS
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Home Preservation Grant Program

The CHPS Grant Committee along with the Board of Directors of the Corona Historic Preservation Society would love to assist local homeowners in making exterior 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 contact CHPS Home Preservation Grant Program Coordinator Rich Winn at rwinn141@gmail.com/714.328.0010. 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>](http://corona-history.org/grants.html)

Please share this information with others!



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To contact us call
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Our Mission Statement

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is an active nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the PRESERVATION, PROTECTION and PERPETUATION of Corona's historic sites, buildings, neighborhoods and resources. We do this through education, community events, preservation projects and tireless advocacy for the benefit of present and future generations.

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, Nov 20, 6:30 at CHPS office

Monday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 PM at the historic Corona Woman's Improvement Club Clubhouse



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**Join us at the CHPS Holiday Party
Monday, December 3, 2018**

