

# HERITAGE

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## Happy Holidays!



*Bill Finken and Barbara Hannegan*

### Thank You!

Thank You to Bill Finken and Barbara Hannegan! For continuing to do a great job as Museum Facilities Manager and Tustin Museum Office Manager. Your dedication to maintain our Historical

Collections as well as your computer skills is very much appreciated. You keep us going! You both have been a great help to me, as editor and past president, the last few years. I personally thank you as my good friends and colleagues.

*Jeanne Brown, Editor*



*Then - 1940*

### Cox's Market Plaza Old Town Tustin

Corner Main St. and El Camino Real



*Now - 2008*

## Save Your Photos of Yesteryear



*Guy Ball*

What should you do with all those great old photos you have – especially the ones from the 40s, 50s, and 60s – or maybe pictures of your parents as kids eating ice cream outside Cox's Market in downtown Tustin? On Monday, November 17, author Guy Ball will give you some suggestions and show you how to preserve, scan, or even donate your old vintage photos to a local historical society. Guy is the author of two local history books, "Early Santa Ana" and "Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards", and he is the project leader of the photo active project of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. He is a senior technical writer for EADS North America Test & Services in Irvine. He is a long time board

member of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and created their mini-book publications group as well as their photo and document printed archive project. His work on various projects has won him several awards including a coveted Governor's Award by the California Office of Historic Preservation. He helped to create and now maintains the web site for the Tustin Area Historical Society, [www.tustinhistory.com](http://www.tustinhistory.com). He will be speaking at the program meeting of the TAHS at 7:30 pm at the Tustin Senior Center Lounge. Admission is free and we welcome you. See you there!

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, Nov. 17, 2008**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Tustin Senior Center  
LOUNGE**

**200 S. 'C' Street, Tustin**

#### • PROGRAM •

**Speaker**

**Guy Ball, Author  
(TAHS Member)**

**"Save Your Photos  
of Yesteryear"**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

# Lucky Number 9

## *New Tustin Library will Open in Spring 2009*

When the new Tustin Library opens in April 2009, it will be the ninth Library facility for Tustin.

Starting in 1890 and housed in the Tustin Grammar School, the collaborative relationship between Tustin Unified School District and the Tustin Library will continue in the new facility.

The 32,400 square-foot building will feature a designated Quiet Room, expanded seating throughout, and specially designed spaces for young children and teens.

The Homework Center, a collaborative venture with the Tustin Unified School District, will be used to tutor and mentor young Tustin students.

A Community Room will seat 150, and double as a professional training and meeting facility.

A Literacy workroom and adjacent study rooms will support the very successful READ/OC adult literacy program.

The new building will offer 90 computers, self-check machines to speed the

borrowing process, a copy center, and multiple printers. Computer use will be queued by a computerized reservation system, another efficiency the public will enjoy.

Reflective of Tustin's interest in culture and the arts, the new Library will have a Gallery and will also feature three patios at the rear of the building—a wonderful space to feature community gardeners and landscape architects.

*Sharon Nicola,  
Senior Branch Manager*



*Pictured are Vivien Owen, TAHS, and Sharon Nicola, Tustin Library Senior Branch Manager, holding the rendition of the new Tustin Library*



### *Tustin High School Reunion*

*Pictured are Tustin High School alumnae Doug Manning, Dawn Alvarez, Jeanne Siegal, and Denny Hayden, who attended the recent reunion of Tustin High School graduates of the Classes 1940 through 1955. Over 200 classmates and friends were entertained by the Tustin High School Band and everyone enjoyed reminiscing.*

## Editor's Note

This will be my last issue of the Heritage Newsletter as Editor. After 18 years, I have decided to retire. I have been the Heritage Newsletter Editor since 1990 and it has been a real pleasure. I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together and I have been proud of each issue and I hope you members have liked the content. I will still be around the Museum as a TAHS member and Volunteer as Bill schedules me. Why don't some of you sign up and join me as a Volunteer?

*Jeanne Brown*



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## Museum Holiday Closures

November 11, 2008 – *Veteran's Day*

November 25 and 26, 2008 –  
*Thanksgiving Week*

December 22 through  
January 6, 2009 –  
*Christmas holiday*

# President's Message

It has been an exceptionally good year for the TAHS and Museum. The Promenade was a success and the donation from the Chili Cook-Off Organization for our volunteer helpers proved to be financially worthwhile.

Other important successes were the selection of two of our TAHS members, Don Ropele and Jeanne Brown, as Man and Woman of the Year. The Annual Jo Ann Bolleson Art Poster contest jumped from 40 entries the first year to 100 this year. The speakers for the general meetings have been varied and interesting. Working with the Tustin Preservation Conservancy to provide architectural walks, "Art Work and Plein Air Painting Contest" and "Old Town Trolley" rides improved each year. Our History-In-A-Box program, historic displays at the Tustin Library, Santiago College and here at the Museum are very creative and well thought out. Our research department is getting a lot of attention. The Orange County Public Library System is funding a project to digitalize and organize our photo negatives. They will provide a CD to help access photos in a more efficient and timely manner for those seeking historical information.

In parting, a sad note. Jeanne Brown, after 18 years as Editor of the Heritage, is retiring. It is sad for TAHS because we are losing the expertise and professionalism she instilled in publishing our newsletter. The good news is that she is still a member of the TAHS and we look forward to having her as a consultant. Jeanne, thanks for the many years of dedicated service.

*Joe Sprekelmeyer, President*



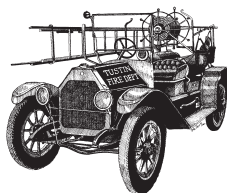
*Ice Cream Social – Pictured l-r are Doreen Corwin, Joe Sprekelmeyer, TAHS President, and Margaret Pottenger, enjoying ice cream sundaes recently.*

## Welcome New Members

Jean Eisemann  
 Esther (Essau) Smith – reinstated  
 Janet Miles  
 Lynnette & Jack Dodge  
 Bill & Sharon Teter  
 Kevin Carpenter  
 Dawn Krueger  
 Nancy DesCombes

## Books for Sale! Holiday Gifts!

The following books are available for sale by mail from the Tustin Area Historical Society Museum.



### Mail Order Form

|  | Price   | Sales Tax | Shipping | Total          |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Tustin: An Illustrated History</i> by Carol Jordan</b><br>This is a landmark book on the history of Tustin.                               | \$29.95 | \$2.32    | \$4.00   | <b>\$36.27</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Remember When</i> by Juanita Lovret</b><br>A compilation of her weekly articles about growing up in Tustin, from the <i>Tustin News</i> . | \$10.00 | \$ .78    | \$4.00   | <b>\$14.78</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>The Landmark Trees of Tustin</i> by Carol Jordan</b><br>A booklet about the trees in the "City of Trees".                                 | \$5.00  | \$ .39    | \$4.00   | <b>\$9.39</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Love of the Land</i> by Edgar and Libby Pankey</b><br>The story of the Pankey family and their successes and failures in Orange County.   | \$20.00 | \$1.55    | \$4.00   | <b>\$25.55</b> |

Please indicate with an "X" which book(s) you wish to purchase and make out your check to Tustin Area Historical Society  
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Send this form and payment to: Tustin Area Historical Society, 395 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92780

## Nominating Committee Report

New and returning  
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 Dennis Hayden  
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## Some Well Deserved Thanks!

I would like to personally recognize these Veteran Volunteers who I have worked with these past almost 20 years and most of us are still volunteering. The list includes our founders, Vivien Owen and Carol Jordan (now retired). I would like to thank the following members who have given their time volunteering for many years and the year they joined the Tustin Area Historical Society (not in any order): David Bryant, 1989; Douglas Manning, 1993; Bill Finken, 1990; Jeanne Brown, 1979; Juanita Lovret, 1988; Joyce Miller, 1998; Betty Cannon, 1987; Doreen Corwin, 1996; Peggy Braun, 1997; Jessica Curry, 1998; Jack Woodward, 1999; BeBe Radice, 1997; and Betty Bullock. Newer members have joined as volunteers and I thank them too. But the "old timers" are getting older and we don't want to forget them as they retire. Why don't some of you newer members give two hours a month and help with our school tours and greet our visitors Tuesdays or Thursdays or a Saturday once in awhile? Volunteering gives you a great feeling of keeping the Museum going and learning more about Tustin's History. Think about it and call Barbara at the Museum. Thank you everone who helps out so much.

*-Jeanne Brown*

## Accessions

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Merry Powers                    | Pencil drawing by John Powers of Stevens House in 1977   |
| Tustin High School              | 2008 Audion  |
| Estate of Jack Balzer           | 1956 Santa Ana and Tustin Criss Cross Directory  |
| Evelyn Brantley                 | Audio/visual equipment used by TUSD  |
| CSUF                            | Book: Piecing the Past Together, Oral Histories  |
| Jack Woodward                   | "Roll of Honor" Tustin News 1945<br>Santa Ana Register, September 19, 1945<br>"Gold Star Edition"<br>December 10, 1967 edition<br>Time Magazine, Nov. 10, 1952 and Nov. 15, 1968 |
| Mark Eliot, TUSD                | 2008 Foothill Shield and DVD "The Midnight Society", 2008 Beckman Anthem, 2008 Tustin Audio  |
| Walter J. Nelson                | Book: "David Hewes, More than the Golden Spike"<br>Photos: Hewes House and Walter C. Cutler Family   |
| Purchase                        | Book: "Santa Ana 1940-2007" by Roberta A. Reed   |
| Estate of Frank Noble Sellers   | "The Return of the Rogues"<br>by Ted R. Williams, 2004   |
| Margaret Greinke                | Vintage maps and invoices  |
| Anthony Bustos                  | 1903 photo of 175 N. A Street  |
| Officers Cartwright and Pickney | Misc. clothing and ephemera,<br>Tustin Police Dept.  |

Our Thanks to Mark Adamson, Fine Art Photography and Nancy Tschiderer, Adult Librarian at the Katie Wheeler Branch Library (Orange County Library System) for digitizing our extensive negative collection.