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A HIGH TIME AT THE HIGH TEA

Wilcox Manor was the site of this gala on Saturday, June 12th, when four non-profit organizations joined together for a fund-raising English High Tea held at the beautiful home of Lindburgh McPherson and Michael Demoratz. Always exceedingly generous with their time, their home, and their fund-raising efforts, Lindburgh and Michael provided the perfect venue for this event, and it was a decided success for the four organizations involved. As our museum strives to commit our photo negatives and printed ephemera permanently to CDs,

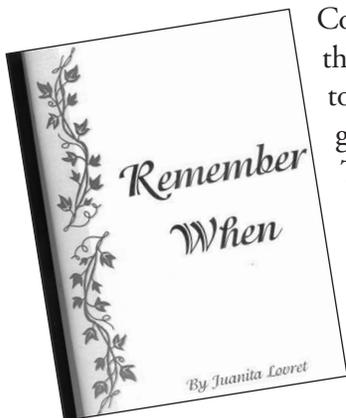


and stretches its reach ever wider into the community so that we are increasingly becoming a resource for local history researchers and colleges, our portion of the receipts were a definite boost to our increased operating expenses. Pictured at the check-in table, left to right, are Gretchen Whisler, Erin Nielsen, and Linda Jennings. High Tea at Wilcox Manor was a wonderful way to offer an afternoon of fun as an extension of our fund-raising efforts! We hope you were able to attend.

IF MEMORY SERVES...

It often does, and in Juanita Lovret's case, it has served her well. A life-long resident of the Tustin area, she has offered readers many memories of growing up in this formerly rural area, both in her book, "Remember When", and in her many *Tustin News* columns over the years.

Juanita is about much more than memories, however. With degrees in both education and journalism from USC, she taught at Tustin High School in the '50s and in the Saddleback College emeritus program at Leisure World for almost 15 years. If that, along with her husband and three children weren't enough to keep her busy, she also has done free-lance writing, given generously of her time to the Tustin Museum, been selected as Tustin's 1996 Woman of the Year, and is now very involved with her six grandchildren, the fourth generation of her family to attend Tustin schools.



Join us on September 20th for our General Meeting when Juanita will be our speaker. She has wonderful stories that you won't want to miss.

NEXT MEETING

Monday,
September 20, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Tustin Senior Center
LOUNGE
200 South 'C' Street,
Tustin

PROGRAM
Speaker Juanita Lovret

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First and Third Saturday
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12 pm – 3 pm

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Admission is Free

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...

We at the Historical Society know a lot about 'old', but we'll soon have something 'new' to go along with it. Through the joint efforts of our Historical Society and Guy Ball, who has already researched and written two Arcadia books on the early days of Santa Ana, there will be a new Arcadia book coming out in January devoted to Tustin. If you aren't familiar with Arcadia, they're the largest publisher of books covering the histories of small communities, usually done in cooperation with each community's Historical Society. The soft-cover books are reasonably priced, long on photos, very short on words, and almost every town in Orange County has had one published. Our book is currently at the publishers, and in January we will finally join that fraternity of historical towns chronicled by Arcadia Publishing. We'll let you know when we have a firm availability date.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Let us know your email address if you haven't already. *The Heritage* is published only a few times a year, so when something unanticipated arises that we think might interest our members, we would like to be able to contact everyone quickly by email. In June, we had the opportunity to tour the former, and fascinating, 1930s Pankey home in Lemon Heights. Because it was a last-minute offer, we were only able to get the information out in an email. Don't be the last to know about the fun stuff!

CHAMBER MIXER

It has been a number of years since we've teamed up with the Tustin Chamber of Commerce to host a Chamber Mixer at the Museum, but it's a program we're pleased to be a part of again. We hope that members of the Chamber, especially those unfamiliar with Old Town Tustin, will be able to get a feel for the original Tustin. To this end, *i. initial* (located in the former C of C headquarters) has agreed to throw open our connecting doors so Chamber members can tour both *i. initial* and the Museum, as well as the KP Hall on the second floor. We are providing docents to talk about businesses long ago housed in the two brick buildings at El Camino and Main, such as Farnsworth's Jewelers, Ralph Lindsey's Shoe Shop, the Tustin Food Center, Al Hendricks' Tustin Radio and TV, the Post Office, the dry cleaners, and Doc Ryan's medical office. We'd love to have you join us (and maybe help us with some memories!).

It will be at the museum on September 23rd, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an enjoyable summer filled with concerts in Peppertree Park and the Broadway in the Park musical, "Guys and Dolls". These productions were really a treat.

Our Chili Cook-Off booth was a big success, and every volunteer, from cooks to hotdog 'wrappers', had a good time. The teenage boys helping in the booth dined well on the occasional hotdog mistake.

An "English High Tea Party" was held at Wilcox Manor in June, sponsored by Lindburgh McPherson and Michael Demoratz. A special thanks to them for allowing TAHS to keep all the proceeds from the ticket sales made at the Museum.

By now, you have probably received our "Letter for Donations". Our office staff is in dire need of updated office equipment to keep the Museum business running smoothly. Our printer, scanner and computers are struggling to keep up with all that we ask of them, and the computers, especially, are becoming positively cantankerous. Would you please consider giving us a donation?

Juanita Lovret received an Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Santa Ana/Tustin/ Irvine Elks. Congratulations, Juanita! I am pleased to announce that she will be our guest speaker for the General Meeting this coming September 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

Joe Sprekelmeyer

Accessions:

Jane Bauer	TUSD Yearbooks, various schools and years
Vivien Owen	book: "A Walk to Remember"
Sondra Myracle	ephemera from the Estate of Mildred Staples Windolph
Jack Woodward	copies of Tustin HS Broadcasters – various years
Bill Teter	Foothill HS yearbooks – 1976 and 1979
Mark Eliot	2010 TUSD Yearbooks – THS, Foothill, Beckman, Hewes, and Hillview
Sharon Teter	books: "Early Santa Ana" and "Santa Ana in Vintage Postcards"
Dennis Willis	program from "Tustin Thunder" Road Races in 1996
Nancy Baker	book: "One hundred Years of Public Education in Orange County"
Del Pickney	ephemera: Tustin Police Department

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HOOK 'EM *WHILE THEY'RE YOUNG*

Third grade is the year that Tustin schools focus on local history, and we, as the Historical Society, do all we can to introduce these students to our Museum and the town's past. We have a program called History in a Box which consists of trunks packed with vintage childhood toys, clothing, books, and domestic items which are delivered to each elementary school. Third grade teachers sign up during the school year for tours of the museum coupled with walking tours of the town's historical homes. We love doing this outreach, and we're especially gratified when one of our former 'guests' returns, dragging a parent by the hand to explain what was learned during the tour. As Society president and a retired teacher, Joe Sprekelmeyer especially delights in the children's eager questions, as you can see in the photo.

