



Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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Giving Thanks and Honor This Memorial Day

by Nancy Canfield



2019 Pancake Festival

The Rancho Bernardo Historical Society is delighted to be able to bring to you our 15th annual Memorial Day Pancake Festival on May 30th in Webb Park. Join us in honoring our fallen-and-not-forgotten military. We'll provide active and retired military a sumptuous Kiwanis breakfast of pancakes and sausage, with juice, coffee, yogurt, and bananas on the side. Dine while you are serenaded with lively fiddle music from Poway High School students, trained and led by the renowned Ulli Reiner! Look around for neighbors and friends you may not have seen in a long time!

Lively Entertainment, All The Pancakes You Can Eat Set for RB Days Breakfast
All those who enjoy a good breakfast, get ready to please your taste buds. The RB Lions Club is cooking up something special for Rancho Bernardo Days.
A chuckwagon breakfast, featuring all the pancakes you can eat, will be held by the RB Lions Club on Sunday, May 23, at Bernardo Recreational Park.
The Lions will man the chuckwagon, flip the pancakes and serve fruit juices, pancakes and sausage, syrup, coffee and milk to all comers from 7-11 a.m., for only \$1.

Article from the Rancho Bernardo Brandings tells us pancake breakfasts were an early tradition. This one was held May 23, 1965 by the RB Lions. A later article said they were overwhelmed when 900 people attended.

Working together with Kiwanis creates synergy. Alone, we struggle to do all that our hearts cry out to do, but together, we accomplish so much more. Visit their new website at <https://www.losrancheroskiwanis.org/> to see how much these dedicated people achieve every day.

While we are giving thanks, we must include another team member in this endeavor, the Sunrise Rotary <https://www.rbsunrise.org/> for their generous grant that allows Rancho Bernardo Historical Society to honor our military and thank them, despite the financial devastation of being closed much of the past two years, due to Covid. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self, and it's one we all can embrace. Visit their website to see some of the many organizations and individuals they help.



We say at Christmas, 'Tis the Reason for the Season." That reason on Memorial Day is ever-present with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In their own words "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is a nonprofit veteran's service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard, and reserve forces. We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service."

Read more on their website, <https://www.vfw.org/> While we are celebrating their great deeds, let's keep those they honor in our own hearts by cherishing those who are still with us, retired and serving. They are the reason this "Memorial Day" season.



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President's Message

by Raenell Hooten

History, according to one of Mr. Webster's definitions, is the aggregate of past events. Certainly all our work to preserve Rancho Bernardo's unique history is an aggregate of our exhibits, of our large repository of archival documents, and of our online digitized library. History, the word itself, implies the past, but we believe our true purpose is to "Move History Forward."

We are looking forward after our imposed hiatus with new insights as to who we are and who we want to become. This pause gave us time to look back at our history and examine our organization with new eyes. Having down time, we could evaluate, eliminate and speculate where we needed to grow within today's parameters.

We are excited to finally join again in community events with our 15th Annual Pancake Festival on Memorial Day. RB Kiwanis will again flip "cakes" on their grill. We will return to our joint participation in Rancho Bernardo Rotary's annual Vines and Vittles. We will also have a presence at the Spirit of the Fourth, and Veterans Day celebrations.

Our outreach will include more involvement in other Rancho Bernardo organizations, attendance at more CINCH meetings to learn from other museums and continuing to make the Rancho Bernardo History Museum a local destination. The return of our Speaker Series and Kumeyaay program for 3rd graders in local schools will give us more local exposure. We plan to expand our membership campaign to include more of the business community, and we will continue our search for more volunteers to docent, to join our board, and to help with events.

My favorite docent story is to quote a nine year old boy as he was leaving the museum when he said: "Thanks for having a museum that tells about where I live." From a nine year old, we learn the why of a museum.



Monthly Speakers Series is back and once again a favorite



Wide Range of informative and interactive exhibits



Educational Outreach program for students.

News From The Archives

by Peggy Rossi

We'd like to introduce you to our newest archives volunteer, Judy Nichols. From Judy: "I was born in Fort Worth, Texas, have lived in San Diego since 1989 and moved to Oaks North in 2012. I retired from the Poway Unified School District in 2014 after working there for 25 years as an accountant. Volunteering is my way of giving back to the community and I am learning so much about Rancho Bernardo!" Judy brings her excellent computer and organizational skills to the society and volunteered to learn our PastPerfect museum software program (not an easy job). She has been working to catalog both older items that haven't yet been catalogued and any new donations that come in. Thank you, Judy.



Judy Nichols



RB First Phone Book

We continue to work on digitizing our collection. A recent item scanned is RB's first phone book from 1965. Look for it soon in our Rancho Bernardo Online Collection, accessible through the link on the home page of the society's website. Thanks to Nagie Williams and her excellent scanning skills.

We've been working on three special projects: 1) organizing the remaining items in our collection that relate to real estate, such as brochures, sales pieces, floor plans, etc. We have 4 large boxes of such items right now; 2) sorting out boxes of items that have been in our collection for many years but have never been catalogued; 3) organizing and completely cataloguing our collection of Bernardo Homeowners Corporation documents (9 boxes!). Thanks to Margarita Logan, Liz Adams and Judy Nichols for tackling these big projects.

And in the "hardware" department, we have three new items in the archives: a beautiful 4-step ladder with side rails so we can safely get to those high shelves; a cart to hold our oversized framed items like paintings and large scale photographs; and an achivally safe five-drawer flat file that will eventually hold most of our larger items such as architectural drawings, landscaping plans and art prints.

We sincerely thank the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation for the grant that allowed us to obtain these items, keeping both us and our history safe.

We have had many new items added to our archives in the past year, including:

Three large photographs of Harry Summers on foam board (donor Linda Acosta);

Twelve slides taken in 1985 by Grace Huff of the Sikes Adobe and immediate surroundings. Includes unidentified cowhands. (donor Lucy Berk);

Cookbook: Salads & Casseroles for Pot-Lucks. Created by the Women of the Rancho Bernardo Community Church, undated (donor unknown);

Report: Excavation and Analysis of a Stone Enclosure Complex in San Diego County by Stephen R. Van Wormer and Richard L. Carrico. UC Merced Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology (1993) (donor Vincent Rossi);

Rancho Bernardo News Journal and Poway News Chieftain, bound copies 2000-2015 (donor Pomerado News Group);

AAUW/Tech Trek materials including objects, photographs, flyers, correspondence, a history of AAUW RB, news clippings, minutes and financial reports. (Some materials restricted) (donor RB AAUW);

Bernardo Gardeners Collection: scrapbooks, minutes, award materials, history, directories and yearbooks (donor Bernardo Gardeners);

Sulzberger Collection: Historical papers of Zita Sulzberger; 1962 Rancho Bernardo Community Plan, RB history CD, 2007 fire video, San Diego and Southern California history books (donor estate of Zita Sulzberger);

Three bound volumes of tear sheets of travel articles by Al Deahl (1986-1995) (donor Barbara Deahl);

Report of Operations of the Senior Services Committee, 1976 (donor Patricia Johnston);

Seven framed photographs of Native American rock art in Rancho Bernardo (donor Greg Erickson);

Golf hat from the Inn at Rancho Bernardo (donor Peggy Rossi);

Press Club of Rancho Bernardo: A Decade of History 1982-1992; Press Club of Rancho Bernardo roster, 1991; miscellaneous San Diego history books and "Journals of San Diego History" (donor Carl Larson);

Kumeyaay Ethnobotany: Shared Heritage of the Californias by Michael Wilken-Robertson (donor unknown).



Sunday August 14, 2022
2:00 - 5:00pm
Webb Park
Rancho Bernardo
Tickets/Info www.rbvvest.com

A Family Festival with a Western Theme

- A wide variety of awesome food vendor samplings
- Local wineries and craft brewery tastings
- Family favorite kids' games, Joe the ventriloquist, Magic Mike, face painting and other street performers
- Live musical entertainment from locally famous bands... "The Shirthouse Band" and "Mariachi Victoria de San Diego"



98% of the over 1000 attendees rated the 2019 Vines & Vittles Very Highly!!

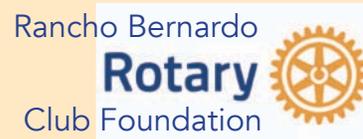
"Lots of fun for adults and Kids. We'll be back next year and bring our friends"



"Great Selection of wineries and breweries"



Proceeds Support the programs and charities of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo Foundation and the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society



Welcome New Members

- Becky Draper
- Bill & Shirley Flittie
- Skip Himelstein
- Judy Nichols
- Tim & Debby Tweeten
- Adele West
- Karen White
- Corporate Member:
Gymminny Kids

Welcome New Life Members

- Norman & Patricia Gillespie
- Nancy Hylbert
- Elizabeth Mullarkey
- Shirley Napierala
- Ruth Talle



All Life Members are displayed on a plaque in our Museum

Thanks for Helping Us

Fill out the form below and mail to the P.O.Box noted below. Or you can apply online at [www. rbhistory.org/support](http://www.rbhistory.org/support)

I Would Like to Become a Member:

- Student (\$10) Patron (\$100)
 Individual (\$25) Corporate (\$250)
 Family (\$45) Life* (\$500)
 Benefactor* (\$1000)

* One time donation. No annual renewal required.

- Please renew my current membership

I Would Like to Donate to the Society:

- Donation Amount: \$ _____
 Please keep my donation anonymous
 My place of business has a matching gift program
 Please contact me for details

I Would Also Like to:

- Become a Docent Help raise money
 Volunteer in the museum Volunteer at events

Please Provide Your Information:

(List both names for Family Memberships)

Name: _____

Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

- My check is enclosed for: \$ _____

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Authorized Signature (as name appears on credit card):

Speakers Series Resumes Presentations

by Vincent Rossi

On February 12, 2022, the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Speakers Series resumed after exactly two years on pandemic-forced hiatus. We had not staged a series program since February 8, 2020, when Luke Bramon spoke about the Native Sons of the Golden West.

After two long years of signed speakers, then cancellations, we were able to welcome Sandra Bonura for her long-delayed talk on “San Diego’s Forgotten Empire: The Legacy of John Diedrich Spreckels.”

Pandemic protocols of masking and social distancing still needed to be followed, and the audience did so. The good-sized crowd (for the circumstances) also proved to be, by and large, “regulars,” loyal fans of the series who were glad to see it back, as many of them expressed to us before and after the program.

They were an attentive audience, and their interest and enthusiasm were matched by the speaker, as Bonura led them through highlights from her book on the Spreckels family and how they shaped San Diego’s history. In an email exchange afterward, Bonura complemented the attendees and the series itself, saying “You’ve done a great job there at Rancho Bernardo.”

On March 12, we heard Ron Quirk, docent at Rancho Guajome Adobe County Park, tell delightful and informative stories on “Rancho Guajome and Its Cast of Characters.” His breadth of knowledge and lively sense of humor entertained us all.

Our April 9 program will feature Jean Harris, Navy veteran and longtime docent at the USS Midway Museum, who will tell us how an aircraft carrier functions as “A Floating City at Sea.”

On May 14, the Speakers Series welcomes Judith Downie, former Special Collections and History Librarian at Cal State San Marcos, who’ll talk about “Brewers, Bootleggers and Bosses: Women in San Diego Brewing History.”

We thank our patient and loyal supporters as we resume our regular schedule. Come join us!



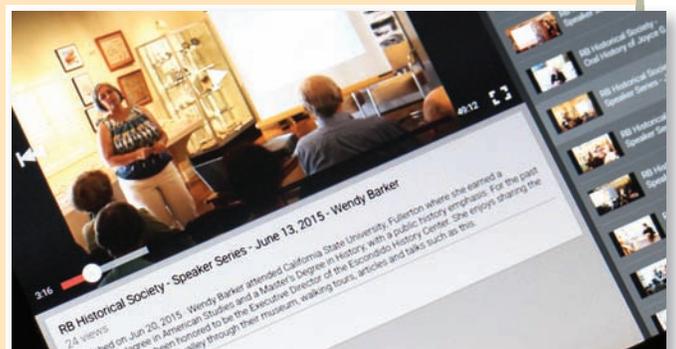
Luke Bramon



Sandra Bonura



Ron Quirk



See Speakers Series Videos Online. Go to YouTube and Search [RB Historical Videos](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=RB+Historical+Videos)

Sharing History with Our Community

by Peggy Rossi

We were pleased this past year to assist both the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo and the Rancho Bernardo Inn with selections of historic photos. For the Country Club, we provided a selection of early photographs which they have enlarged and placed in the clubhouse. The RB Inn was recently named an “Historic Hotel of America” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and to celebrate that they are using images from their own collection and ours to share their history.

To see our historic photo collection, visit Rancho Bernardo Online Collections Catalog at <https://rbhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/> and choose photos from the menu at the top. Here are some photos of the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo and the RB Inn taken in the 1960s.



Photo of the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo



RB Inn 1st Anniversary Celebration. Dick Weiser (left) and Stuart Hunt (right)

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Search Hints: To search by phrase wrap your criteria in quotes. ex: "Find me"

1236 results found.

2008.11
Black and white booklet describing **Rancho Bernardo** and future plans, includes many photographs
Record Type: Archive

2011.03.02
Postcard of **Rancho Bernardo Inn** lobby. 3.5" x 5.5" Caption on back describes the **Inn** and its
Record Type: Archive



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Become a Docent and Help Us Share the History of Our Area

Now that we're reopened we'd love to have your help. We thank you for your membership and support. Without it, we could not do our work of sharing RB history. If you care about history and enjoy meeting people, consider taking your support to the next level.

We need docents – those people who greet visitors and answer questions in the museum. You will have the opportunity to welcome visitors, not only from Rancho Bernardo, but from all over the world. Donating a few hours a month can make a difference, allowing us to be open more often.

No prior experience is necessary; only your enthusiasm to share the RB legacy. Training will be provided. Please contact Jane Harmon via rbhistory1@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

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