



HISTORY MATTERS

CORONADO HISTORICALLY STRONG

Dear Friends of the Coronado Historical Association, Throughout our history, Coronado has continued to come together to support each other. It is times like these that we truly appreciate our community and are proud to serve you. We are wishing each of you safety and health as we do our part to collect your stories. The Coronado Historical Association recognizes that today's current events have historic significance around the globe and in our own community.

The safety and well-being of our community are always our highest priorities. In light of the County's Declaration of Emergency and the Governor's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the State of California, and the restrictions concerning gatherings, CHA has made the decision to postpone all programs and suspend museum operations at the Coronado Museum through March 31, 2020. As this situation is very fluid and ever-changing, this date is subject to change.

Our 2020 Celebrating History Gala scheduled for April 4, 2020, will be postponed and rescheduled to fall 2020. We will be reaching out to ticket holders individually. In light of the CDC's recommendation of no events over 50 people for the next eight weeks, we will also postpone our Annual Historic Home Tour. These are challenging times, and we must put what supports the health of our community first. Please contact Christine Stokes with any questions or concerns you may have at cstokes@coronadohistory.org.

CHA's administrative operations will continue to operate without interruption, and we will continue to keep you apprised. The museum's closure does not mean that we have ceased our work.

As the primary organization that documents our history, CHA is committed to collecting and archiving this moment in Coronado's history. During this time, CHA will focus on actively collecting from our community and sharing through our new Virtual Museum. We are deeply inspired by the sense of community we have witnessed as we collectively address the challenges we all face.

Share your experiences with CHA and the future: How are you adapting? Do you have examples of how our community is coming together? What are you doing to keep yourself



occupied at home? Write or send pictures to us of your experience by emailing CHA at info@coronadohistory.org or visit our new online community collecting portal at www.coronadohistory.org.

Many of you have kindly asked how you can support CHA in this crucial time. Please consider making a gift via CHA's website: www.coronadohistory.org/donations. Your generosity will sustain us through a difficult period and prepare us for the moment when we can reopen our doors to our community once again.

It is in times of uncertainty that we find strength in community and inspiration in our local history. We invite you to explore CHA's online resources and media, including researching your family history or the history of your house using Coronado's historic newspapers; joining our Girl Scout Project to remotely conduct an oral history by emailing info@coronadohistory.org; or by doing one of the activities listed below the pictures.

Sincerely,
Coronado Historical Association
Board of Directors and Staff



Look through your family treasures such as scrapbooks, photo albums, and old letters. Share your finds with us on Facebook or Instagram. Tag CoronadoHistory.



Browse CHA's historic photograph collection of classic Coronado.

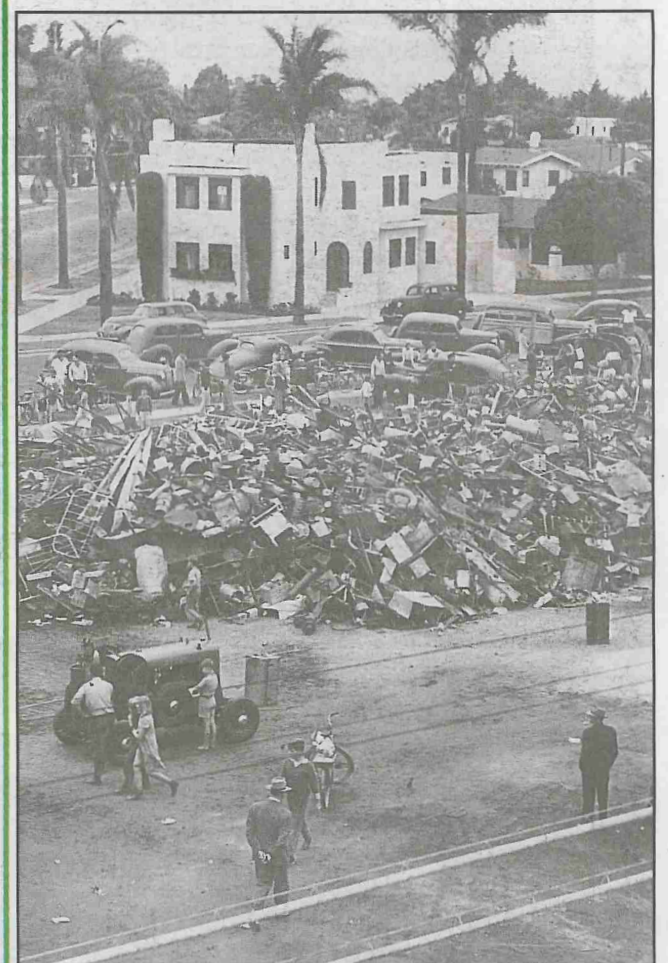


GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

In another wonderful display of strength in the Coronado community, our very own Coronado Girl Scouts recently reached out to us here at the Coronado Historical Association to partner in a project to virtually unite members of the community while we all do our part to stay apart and keep each other healthy!

In order to accomplish their goal, the Girl Scouts need your help virtually connecting with seniors in the area who would like to have a conversation with them, enjoy being asked a few questions, and then have their interactions shared on our blog.

Would you like to chat with a Girl Scout or do you know anyone who might benefit from a virtual connection? Help your neighbor send name and contact information to Coronado-girlscouts@yahoo.com or by texting or leaving a voicemail at 619-537-6161. You can also reach out to those points of contact if you have any more questions about the project itself or you would like to get more involved!



HISTORY MYSTERY

A monthly photo from CHA's Collection of Coronado's past for residents to guess.

What does this photo depict?

See next page for the answer.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Coronado and the world have faced adversities in the past that were unprecedented and uncertain. One of those times was during World War I. The Coronado community came together in many ways to relieve the stresses of wartime, supporting in particular local soldiers and sailors. The articles below highlight some of the ways Coronado's community supported soldiers and sailors during that time.



LIBERTY BOND SALES

From the *Coronado Strand*,
November 10, 1917

The Coronado Boy Scouts covered themselves with glory in the last Liberty Bond selling campaign. A total of \$190,650 worth of bonds was sold by the boys. Of 29 Boy Scouts taking active part in the campaign, 26 are entitled to War Service medals, for having sold ten or more bonds. The average money secured by each scout was \$5,958.81.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

From the *Coronado Strand*,
December 1, 1917

Two truck loads of enlisted men from the camp at Imperial Beach received hearty welcomes in Coronado homes on Tuesday evening. The men were guests at dinner in families connected with the Presbyterian church. At 8:00 o'clock all assembled in the church which had been tastefully decorated with flags and flowers. A delightful entertainment was given by local talent, followed by an informal social. Ice cream and cakes were served and a jolly time enjoyed. Each man was presented with a pocket edition of the Gospel of St. John by the Christian Endeavor Society.

COMPOSES SONG FOR SOLDIERS

From the *Coronado Strand*,
May 18, 1918

Esther Mugan Bush, wife of G. A. Bush, lessee of the Silver Strand Theatre in Coronado, has composed a song hit, "Sunshine Boys," which has been dedicated to the Sunshine Division. Miss Mary Hampton, a Coronado girl, gave the song its first presentation at the Array-Navy ball at the Grant Hotel on Wednesday evening. Miss Hampton received many floral tributes. Mrs. Bush is a writer and composer of note, and was formerly associated with the Santa Fe Magazine.

Even when Islanders were frustrated with some of the changes happening during wartime, they still kept their humor.

SIGNS OF THE TIME

From the *Coronado Strand*,
February 22, 1919

Speed Limit in Coronado, 20 miles per hour. Violators will be prosecuted. Welcome Home.

The above sign, hanging over the roadway at the ferry, greets every incoming auto. The "Welcome Home" part is a small banner, that flaps gaily in the breeze, and is intended to welcome soldiers and sailors who are coming back. The banner had a couple of washers tied at each lower corner, but the breezes have shaken off one corner of the banner. The welcome still stands, however, and is not meant to be a jest at motorists who come over again to pay their fine.

GEM AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Annual GEM Award is truly a community award! Last year, the 2019 GEM Award was presented to Debi Boney of Boney's Bayside Market for her home at 615 B Avenue. The GEM—Going the Extra Mile—is an award that recognizes a homeowner's commitment to preserve and restore, rather than replace, a historic home, contributing to Coronado's unique and architecturally rich built environment. The first record of this charming Craftsman bungalow was in 1916, making the home over a century old, rendering the restoration project all the more impressive.

As Debi Boney and her son Ryan Boney graciously accepted the award last year, Debi said, "I am honored to be recognized for the improvements to my home. I feel the GEM Award represents a great initiative to homeowners representing their efforts to retain and restore our community values in architecture."

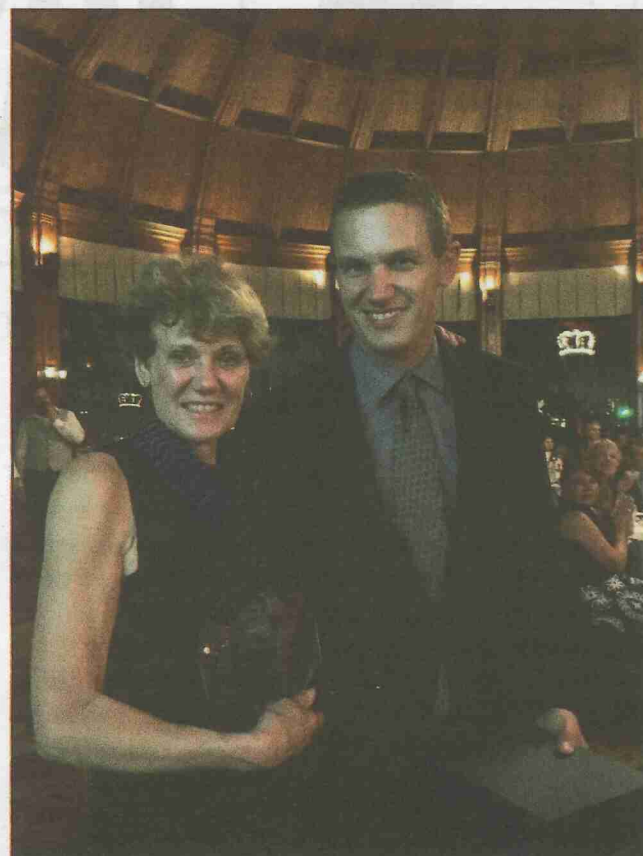
Each year, the GEM Committee considers historic homes and properties that have been nominated by CHA membership. GEM Award finalists must have completed a recent restoration or renovation project true to the historic character of the home by December 31 of the prior year. The GEM committee researches the history of each home before making its selections. The Coronado Historical Association's GEM Committee is pleased to announce this year's finalists: 216 H Avenue, 1006 G Avenue, and 1109 F Avenue. These are Coronado's GEMs. These owners truly Go the Extra Mile. Keep an eye out in *History Matters*, as we delve into the history of each home more and announce this year's winner!

216 H Avenue



This 2020 GEM Award nominee is a house with mysterious beginnings. The first documentation of 216 H Avenue is in 1919 when the house was moved from a lot on First Street to its current location on H Avenue. Current homeowners David and Skylar Matthews did extensive work on the over-100-year-old property. David explained that the renovations were needed to accommodate a modern flow of the rooms, "to make the house our own" but keep the character of this historic property.

1006 G Avenue



Debi Boney and her son Ryan accept the GEM Award.

Built in 1917, this Dutch Colonial Revival home at 1006 G Avenue dates back to Coronado's aviation beginnings, with its connection to two early Naval aviators: Commander Cecil and Admiral Marc Mitscher. When Chip and Candice Kislack bought the property in 2017, it required a lot of work. After 19 months of renovations, the Kislacks are proud of their historic home that balances old and new.

1109 F Avenue



The 2020 GEM Award nominee at 1109 F Avenue was built by one of Coronado's most prolific builders, S. D. Chapin, in 1913 for an exorbitant \$5,750. To current owners, Harry and Jessica Thaete, part of the appeal of the house was its enduring charm that Chapin built. Working with their daughters, the Thaetes took on a renovation project when they bought the property in 2017. "We put a lot of heart and soul into it," says Jessica.

Thank you to the community for your many wonderful nominations! This year the GEM Committee's work was cut out for them. They are happy to announce that in addition to the above finalists, they would like to recognize the many thoughtful restorations that are being completed this year, such as the Stockdale house located at 547 A Avenue and 532 Marina Avenue.

We anticipate that next year will be a full year of GEMs to choose from!

HISTORY MYSTERY ANSWER

What looks like a giant pile of trash in this photo is actually a collection of scrap metal from everyday objects such as automobile parts and chairs. During World War II scrap drives were a popular way for everyone to contribute to the war effort. By recycling unused or unwanted things at home, such as metal, the government could build ships, airplanes, and other equipment needed to fight the war. Coronado's most documented scrap metal drive happened in 1942

and amassed a large collection that sat on an empty lot on the corner of Palm & D Avenue. The photo shows a number of community members helping to make the scrap drive successful. Some of the people spotted in this photo include Mike Keane of the city's Street Department, the city manager M. W. Reed, volunteers from the Red Cross, neighbors contributing to the growing pile, and kids coming over to see what the commotion was all about.