

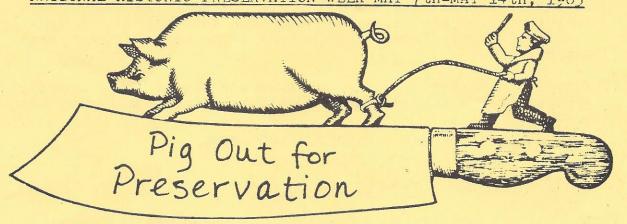
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# CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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NEWS AND VIEWS-SPRING 1983

Lorna Whisman Barth, President and Editor, 803 Neal Dow Ave., - 342-8411
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK MAY 7th-MAY 14th, 1983



PIG ROAST - BUFFET DINNER - LIVE MUSIC - NO HOST BAR

SATURDAY - MAY 7TH - 5-8 P.M.

DAVE KILBOURNE'S HOUSE - ALAMO AVENUE

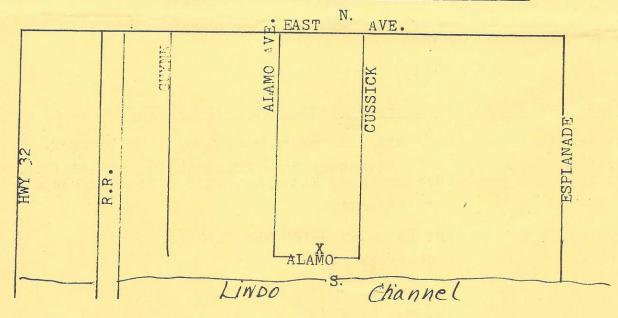
\$10 PER PERSON - TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ZUCCHINI & VINE - MADE IN CHICO

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AND AT EVENT

FOR INFO. CALL 345-3321 - 11-6 P.M. TUES.-SAT.

BENEFIT FOR CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



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#### CHICO HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY

The Building Survey is in its final 6 weeks of research. About 130 buildings plus 40 homes in Eastwood have been or are being worked on now. The main areas of concentration are "Old Chico", the Eastern Addition, and Chico Vecino. But we still have 70 more buildings and sites that need research done on them. The present volunteers are working to capacity so we need much more HELP to complete our list by the June grant deadline.

If you and/or a friend can give any time, please call the Survey Office between 9 & 11:30 a.m. Even a few hours could be put to good use, e.g., we need some good typists to type the final Survey forms; labels need to be made for the photographs; etc.

This is Chico Heritage's project-we are one of the few private groups given a survey grant. Let's make sure our survey is worthy of Chico:

GIOVANNA JACKSON----895-8770

#### THE OLD S.P. DEPOT

The Chico Depot Advisory Committee has been meeting regularly chaired by Richard DeGarmo with Michele Shover of C.H.A. as vice-chair. The Committee is working closely with Anderson and Cole, project architects in plan preparation. The Committee's major role is to raise funds to supplement the public funds already authorized by Butte County, the City of Chico, and Amtrak. During late April and early May materials are being solicited from area suppliers in order to reduce costs.

The Chico Heritage Association has contributed \$350. to the Chico Depot Trust Fund held by the City. We raised this money on the gala inaugural run of Amtrak in the Spring, 1982. The Advisory Committee is appealing to groups throughout Chico for financial support or material donations. CHA members belonging to other groups will, we hope, encourage their participation. Contributions of \$200. or over will be credited on a plaque to be placed in the depot. These and all other contributions will be acknowledged in a newspaper notice at the project's conclusion.

MICHELE SHOVER----343-1255

# OTHER NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

May 7-14th---John Nopel historic photo exhibit at the Library.

May 14th-9 a.m.-Noon-The Stansbury Home Preservation Association host the second Colloquim of Butte County's Historic groups.

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REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET.

Proverbs 22:28



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#### CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Elected officers for 1983 are: Lorna Barth, President; Michele Shover, Vice-President; Emily Newton, Recording Secretary; Louis Poor, Treasurer. Current Board members include: Robie Amer, John Gallardo, Quentin Griffiths, Jacki Headley, Giovanna Jackson, Mark Kowta, Nancy Lindahl, Lloyd Meier, Gary Simmons, Paul Smith.

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Our sincere appreciation to our former Board members Valene Smith-Golay, Dorothy Hill, Dave Lantis, Bob Malowney and Pete Padgett.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to those who haven't remembered to pay your 1983 CHA membership renewal dues. Membership is based on the calendar year except for anyone who joined after October 1, 1982. Membership dues are a major source of revenue for the ongoing efforts of the Association. J.G.

PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN US TODAY-HELP US PRESERVE WHAT'S LEFT.

IF THERE IS A RED"X" BESIDE YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS PAGE IT INDICATES YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FOR THIS YEAR.

A team will beat a group of individuals-let's work together::: CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 2078 CHICO, CA. 95927 I want to become a member of Chico Heritage Association: Please renew my membership in Chico Heritage Association: NAME: \$ 5 Student/Senior \_\_\_ \$10 Individual Address: \$25 Family Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \$50 Business/Prof. Activities especially interested in: Inventory of historic buildings Typing \$50 Support \$100 Patron \$50 Supporting Preservation legislation Newsletter Programs/Tours\_Education/Publicity\_\_\_\_ Advisory on preservation/planning Membership Fund-raising Telephoning

Other:\_\_\_

# REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP - JANUARY 25, 1983

It's been a real privilege to have headed Chico Heritage Association for the first year-and-a-half of its existence. For those of you who missed the annual meeting (and especially Aaron Gallup's intriguing account of the architect of St. John's church), here's my two bits' worth:--on matters not covered elsewhere in this Newsletter:

We have actually begun negotiations with a third party, as well as the University, on a possible land exchange which would preserve the Third Street Houses where they are. We have until about November, when CHIP'S proposal to move the houses will have to be acted on.

The La Grande Hotel (properly the Silberstein Bldg.) is now on the National Register, and meanwhile Bud Tracy and Valerie Bowlby have a purchase agreement with Bank of America in escrow, and are forming a partnership to rehabilitate it,—taking advantage of the tax incentives which were the subject of our December workshop.

...It's been very satisfying working with such a dedicated, imaginative and hard-working group, on and off the Board. The only real friction developed at the end of the year-over our one disappointment so far St. John's church.

Quentin Griffiths-----342-2728

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Chico Heritage Association spearheaded a hard but clean fight to secure a more appropriate us for this fine old friend. We didn't achieve our objective but we did learn a great deal about the politics of preservation. Chico learned that (1.) we exist, (2) we're determined and knowledgeable and (3) that our town's architecture is worth fighting for. In retrospect we might have been more effective in influencing St. John's future if we'd been involved much earlier. We'll try to anticipate such problems from now on in order to have some clout before rather than after the fact. In the meantime we will watch with great interest the rehabilitation planned by architect Gene Henning for owners Bill and Amy Pang.

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## THE MAVIS TODD BROWN HOUSE

Close upon the death of Mavis Todd Brown we see a vigorous and fast moving effort to dispose of her handsome victorian at 238 Normal. Its fate is undecided but the most substantial prospect pending is a Bay Area corporation which may buy it to lease to a fraternity. C.H.A. must look at such a prospective use of this important structure with trepidation. Members with connections should spread the word that an excellent investment opportunity has come on the market and Mrs. Brown's heirs are open to the best offer.