

# Mud Springs Messenger

BROUGHT TO YOU BY SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Chartered - June 6, 1966

## 2023 - 2024

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Office, Archives, Museum and Gift Shop

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Museum & Gift Shop Friday & Saturday 6 to 9 p.m.

Open: Second Saturday monthly

Except: December, January, July and August

Gift Shop & Museum - 10:00am to 1:00 p.m.

Walking Tour: Second Saturdays monthly

Downtown Historical Docent-led tour at 10 a.m.

Reservations are recommended

Please leave messages with

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## Fall Message by Margie Green

SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Since our last newsletter we have seen the last of this summer and now going into the fall with temperatures dropping. The Historical Society's **Ice Cream Social** in September was great fun. Our **Fall Dinner** held on November 9<sup>th</sup> had a great program

about Genevieve Walker given by Susan Davis. Genevieve was the basis of our Historical Society. She started keeping journals about the happenings in San Dimas and the surrounding area in the late 1890's as a young woman and continued throughout her long life. Her written information and photographs inspired the start of our formal Historical Society in 1966.

Check out our website from time to time for updates on our hours and activities. We have extended hours on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 to 9 pm for the Museum and Gift Shop to be open. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Office, Museum and Gift Shop is open from 12 noon to 3 pm. With the rainy weather approaching and holidays coming we will not be doing the **Walking Tours** in December or January. Dave Harbin has been our outstanding guide for these tours going on two years now. We will give him a break and start the tours again in February. Thanks so much to Dave for all the miles you have walked and the interesting stories you have told.

In the gift shop we have a small pamphlet that has pictures, information, and a map for 16 **Historical Markers** the historical society has placed around town over the years. Most of the plaques are set into the walkway in front of the locations where buildings were and some still are. Look for these plaques at: the Walker House (121 N. San Dimas Ave), the first San Dimas Los Angeles County Sheriff Stations (122 N. San Dimas Ave.), the first residence in our town (119 E. First St.), the first San Jose Division Headquarters (114 E. First St.), the Teague house and nursery office (165 E. Bonita Ave.), the San Dimas Garage (108 W. Bonita Ave.), the San Dimas Feed and Fuel (142 W. Bonita Ave.), Waltersheid Building (150 W. Bonita Ave.), Johnstone Block Building (152 to 168 W. Bonita Ave.), Rhoads Park and Drinking Fountain (210 W. Bonita Ave.), the Santa Fe Railroad Station (210 W. Bonita Ave.), the Fisher Building (211 W. Bonita Ave.), the Sipple Building (201 W. Bonita Ave.), buildings on the north side of Bonita Ave., the First national Bank & Lemon Exchange Building (151 W. Bonita Ave.), and the Telephone Exchange building (115 Exchange Place). You can take a walk any time. I know this walk will not be the same without Dave's narration and humor.

Other points of interest around town are the beautiful upright **Picture Posts** with vintage photographs to provide the passer-by with an overview of important places in our history. Most posts are placed at angles where the original photographs were taken, looking towards the spot now. The historical society and city are in the process of replacing two picture posts that had to be relocated due to the new rails and bridge coming through town.

It is always great meeting people and giving them the history of the Walker House. Please stop by during our open hours, especially Friday and Saturday evenings.

Thank you for letting me be President of our Historical Society. - Margie Green



# Always close to home

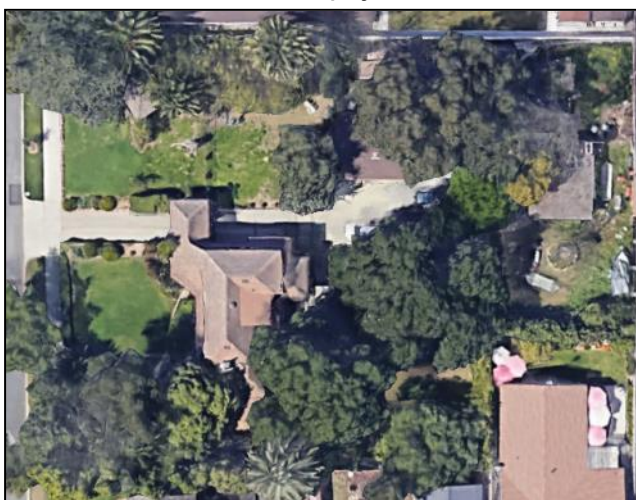
By Suzy Crawford

San Dimas has so much history and the Historical Society strives to capture and preserve it for all to enjoy. Of course, the initial 'Google' or search will result in loads of information about our early citrus days, the packing houses and the railroads. Sometimes the surprise on someone's face deems the idea a good one for an article. Hence, the little story below.

Many individuals that visit us in the Walker House share that they never knew this building was here. I believe so many are driving on San Dimas Avenue, watching traffic (hopefully), thinking about what they need to do on their way home, what they are making for dinner, etc. So, it is easy to not see the huge residence on the west side of the street. I wonder how many have enjoyed the view on the east side of the street, just north of Fourth Street.



The second home up, just north of 5th Street on San Dimas Avenue. Yes, the one that looks like you



were just transported to England with that storybook, fairy tale cottage roof. So many families these days have a smaller family size from the families of yesterday. But one look at the storybook home and you can just imagine the kids running in and out the back door, playing outside and such. This home has served several families well. This home was originally built for Albert Owens and his family in 1927. Mr. Owens was the agent for the Pacific Electric Railroad.

Many residents of San Dimas today refer to this home as the Kranzer's. Well, before that family of six was there, the house had another group that called it home: the Dalmeny's. They purchased the home in 1940. Now that name may not ring any bells but to many of the active women in San Dimas you might be surprised to know that Gwen Dalmeny Noah grew up in that house.

Gordon Dalmeny, born in Illinois, moved to California. His occupation is listed as a Public Accountant. He and his wife, Thelma, lived there and raised Gwendolyn Bernice, Wesley Bruce, Frances Jean, Marjorie Loraine, Clifford Gordon and Leonard Anthony. I can hear the noise just listing the children's names.

According to the 1940 Census, a George David Noah and his wife Anna had moved their family from Oklahoma to 220 West Third Street in the San Jose Judicial Township. This included George Junior, Lewis, Melvin, Thelda and Almos. In 1947, George Junior had proposed to Gwen and they were married in the backyard of her parents' home. Now 220 West Third could not easily accommodate the new couple. The 1950 Census shows George Junior Noah working reinforcing steel tires and living with his bride at his in-laws. Along with Beverly, (Wesley's bride) and Evelyn, the new granddaughter.

Now every home has its limits, so George and Gwen saved their money to purchase an adorable home on Belleview Avenue. This is where they raised their family. The fun surprise for me came with the review in Google Earth. The northern property lines of the homes line up. They probably had gates to go to one another's home. So, although Gwen married and moved and set up housekeeping elsewhere, she was always close to home.





Kay Hoveland

*Tis the Season to celebrate with family and friends while giving thanks for all the good things.*

### **Holiday time in the Gift Shop**

Although we have had great success over the years with the Holiday Boutique, we decided to make some changes. Instead we will have a special "Holiday Room" filled with holiday decorations, an ornament tree, as well as many gifts for your family and friends. The formal opening of the Holiday Room will be on Saturday, December 2 from 1pm to 9pm in conjunction with the City of San Dimas' Holiday Extravaganza.

Since Vincenzo's Terrazza has opened and their patrons have discovered the Historical Society Museum, our Gift Shop sales have been consistently good. The result is that our inventory has dwindled. We need holiday themed things and vintage items. If you have anything to donate, please bring it by during our open hours or call me and I will be happy to pick it up! My cell number is 626-592-2002, if I don't answer, leave a message and I will call you back to arrange a convenient time.

### **Volunteer Report**

You may not realize that your Board of Directors for the San Dimas Historical Society are all volunteers. I mean they truly volunteer their time beyond a once-a-month Board meeting. With our expanded hours, being open on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 to 9 pm, they give up their personal time to act as a museum docent or work as a cashier in the Gift Shop.

We are fortunate to receive support by other volunteers who contribute with their time and talents. *Dian Moravek* is in the Gift Shop every Tuesday, while *Bryan Fernandez* is continuing to scan old copies of the San Dimas Press. *Cheryl Clark* comes in on Thursdays during office hours to scan old pictures. *Susie Crawford* keeps track of our membership as well as volunteers in the Gift Shop bringing husband *Mitchell* to monitor the Museum. *Kay Glinternick* and *Sean Caza-res* work well in the Gift Shop. *John Davis* is a volunteer who must also be recognized for his expert advice and support, we couldn't survive in the office without him!



Interested in helping as a volunteer? Just let us know, we can use all the help we can get!

Historical Society Gift Shop  
**HOLIDAY ROOM**  
 Special PREVIEW  
 Saturday  
 December 2nd  
 Open from 1 to 9 pm  
 Second floor of the Walker House!

*Welcome to our newest members*

Alan Camblin  
 Richard & Chris Ann Horsely  
 Cynthia Barnes (Life)  
 Carlos Osuna, Mark & Kim Galvin  
 Brandon & Melissa Moon  
 Letitia Perez  
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*Thank you for joining us  
 in preserving  
 and promoting the  
 history of San Dimas*

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## Membership Benefits include:

Quarterly newsletters, invitations to two membership dinners with special speakers and programs, invitations to hosted annual Ice Cream Social, and other Historical Society Events.

## Check your membership type:

Individual.....\$25 \_\_\_ (annually)      Family (two or more).....\$35\_\_\_ (annually)      Sponsors / Business .... \$100 \_\_\_ (annually)  
 Life Membership...\$500 per person\_\_\_\_ (one time fee only)

Additional Support / Donation for your Society are welcomed and are tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our **life members**. In addition, we would like to clarify the difference between being a life member and being a patron. Life membership is a category of membership choices. Instead of paying a yearly fee you pay **once** and avoid being sent a yearly dues reminder. A Life Membership is \$500 per person. The funds from life membership go into our general fund for ongoing expenses. Your \$1,000 donation into the **patron fund** goes into a special account and is to be used for one time upgrades. Items that have been purchased with our patron funds are the large format scanner (that we use for scanning newspapers), new computers, printers and scanners. We have also purchased display cabinets using patron funds. Becoming a patron does not affect your membership category. Your donation is tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).

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Their generous gifts allow the San Dimas Historical Society to purchase specially needed items to enhance our ability to save and share our history that otherwise would be unavailable due to limited funding. To find out how you too can become a patron call the office at (909) 592-1190. Your donation is tax deductible. We are a 501(c) (3).