

President's Message

Our January meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge in Old Town Orange. It was a very fun and interesting meeting. The Elk's provided a delicious breakfast and we learned more about the Elk's 100-year history in Orange. We were then treated to a tour of the building. Thank you to Exalted Ruler, Janine Storm and Leading Knight, JC Cortez for allowing our OCHS Members an opportunity to tour and learn more about the Elks and the programs they support.

We also held our OCHS elections for the Board of Directors. Your Board for the 2024 calendar year is: Lisa Baldwin, Lee Cornett, Aida Cuevas, Roger Fitschen, Jerrica Knight, Jane Owens, Sue Paulsen, John Russo, Carol Summo and Barbara Whittaker.

March 21 is our big celebration event. You have received your invitation. Please RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited. You will not want to miss out on this event at the newly remodeled and expanded Hilbert Museum. Invite your friends! RSVP by March 8th to info@historicalorange.org or 714-202-7570.

Do you have any City of Orange memorabilia or something else you would like to donate for our Silent Auction. Please contact us at 714-202-7570 prior to March 11 and let us know what you would like to donate.

We look forward to seeing you on March 21 at the new Hilbert Museum!

Carol Summo - President

RSVP Your Reservations for our March 21st Celebration at the Hilbert Museum at 714-202-7570 or info@historicalorange.org. A presentation by the director and founder of the museum, cocktails, small plate dining, silent auction followed by a tour of the museum. Starts at 5:30 P.M.





Under the Orange Peel

Rev. Nathan Riley



One student's recollections of first grade:

There's a lot I remember about my first teacher, Miss Lena Danner. First, she was on the short side— maybe 5 feet tall— which was absolutely perfect for us little guys who were quite a

bit shorter than that! I remember she was an avid outdoors woman— took us around the block once and talked to us about seeds being carried on the wind and showed us with a little dandelion how that would work. Later in life she lived up by Big Bear and took local residents around and showed them the various native trees growing there, properly identifying each one. She was the first one to tell me that you could eat a rattlesnake, and that, sure enough, she said it tasted kind of like chicken. I remember our phonics lessons:

A says a, a, a;
B says buh, buh, buh;
C says cuh, cuh, cuh, etc.

I remember Martin Danner, bringing in to our class some cut up pieces of wood from which we made bird-shaped paper holders. I still have mine 70 years later! I remember finger painting. I remember reading groups, I remember those fascinating flannelgraph Bible stories, and I remember some of the songs we learned way back then:



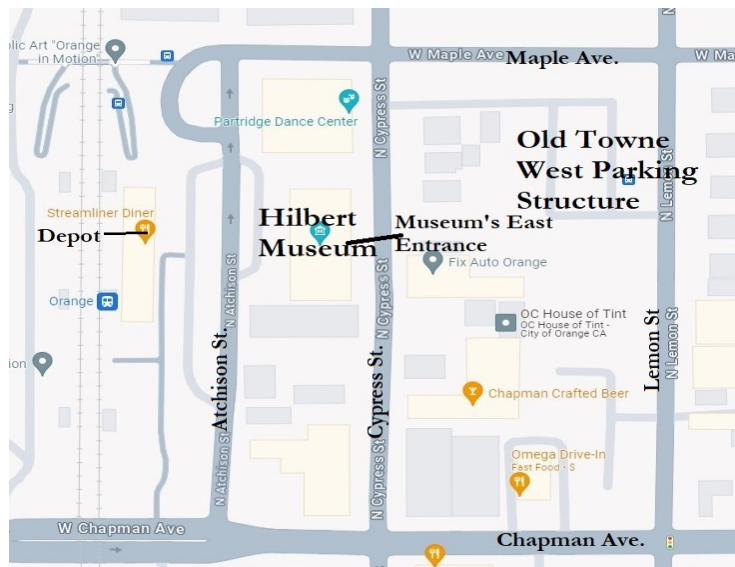
“Poppies, golden Poppies, gleaming in the sun,
Closing up at evening, when the day is done.
Pride of California, flower of our state
Growing from the mountains, to the Golden Gate.”

“Four in a boat and the tide rolls high,
Four in a boat and the tide rolls high,
Four in a boat and the tide rolls high,
Waiting for a pretty one to come on by.”

I remember the Life magazines we cut up. When she said, for example, "Our lesson for today is the letter B. Children cut out anything in the magazine that begins with the letter 'B'" why I set about doing just that. Sidenote – I don't know if we were on the letter 'M' or not, but I do remember on one unforgettable day cutting out a fairly risqué small thumbnail of Marilyn Monroe while working on those Life magazine assignments. Of course, that had to fall out of my notebook as I was leaving class that day dropping right in front of my teacher! Sigh! Yes, I was properly punished, sharpening all the pencils she had accumulated over the year in her pencil drawer. On a positive note I also remember that those Life magazine assignments taught me to properly handle those snub-nosed mini scissors they thought appropriately harmless for first graders. Oh yes, one more thing, I also remember misbehaving in class once and being given the homework assignment of writing 250 times “I will behave,” Sigh! I'll never forget that exercise either, but I can't for the life of me remember what I did wrong that time. □ *Ah, those were the days.*



PARKING at the Hilbert. We recommend that visitors park in the Old Towne West Parking Structure, which offers free parking and is located at 130 N. Lemon Street, one block east of the museum. Free 2-hour street parking is often available on North Cypress Street behind the museum (museum side of street only). There is disability parking on site as well.



MAY PARADE

May 4th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Old Towne Orange, California

2024 - Upcoming Meetings :

Thursday, March 21 at The Hilbert Museum 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, July 21 at the Orange Public Library - 5:30 P.M.

Monday, July 22 at the Orange Public Library - 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 24 at the Orange Public Library - 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, November 19 at the Orange Public Library - 5:30 P.M.



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History Room at the Main Library
Contact: Aida Cuevas (714) 288-2465

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a virtual tour of Old Towne at
www.OrangePublicLibrary.org/home-library

OCHS MEMBERSHIP

Application for Membership Year 2024 (Membership Year covers January-December)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Please return application and check to:
Orange Community Historical Society
P.O. Box 5484, Orange, CA 92863-5484

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one)

☐ NEW

☐ RENEWAL

(See the mailing label for when
your membership expires)

Individual - \$25.00

Family - \$30.00

Life - \$300.00

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Donation - \$ _____

Orange Community Historical Society Members enjoy: programs and newsletters, opportunities to support and contribute to the preservation of Orange history, contact with members of the community knowledgeable about Orange history, and discounts on OCHS merchandise.

Our Mission

The mission of the OCHS is to commemorate the rich heritage of our community. Our purpose is to collect photographs, written materials and related ephemera, promote research, events, activities and programs celebrating Orange history, and sponsor local history endeavors. We remain self-supporting through memberships, donation bequests and special projects.

- We welcome everyone -

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