

THE ORANGE TRIBUNE

Orange Community Historical Society

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Annual OCHS Dinner a Success

The annual Orange Community Historical Society dinner was held at the Villa on January 22nd. Thanks to the efforts of Jan Drinkgern, who managed the project; Dan Slater, who set up the program; Lisa Ackerman, who managed the silent auction; and of course Phil Brigandi who researched and gave the presentation on William T. Glassell; the dinner was an outstanding success.



This year's dinner consisted of the roast beef, chicken cordon-bleu, re-stuffed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, and outstanding desserts. The Villa also provided excellent hors d'oeuvres before the meal along with an excellent facility for holding our dinner.

We had 120 people attend this year's dinner. Dan Slater added to the program by bringing in three Civil War reenactors who brought with them articles to display dating back to the 1860's and gave a short talk about their lives in that era. Phil Brigandi presented the William T. Glassell award to this year's honoree, Lizeth Ramirez, who is responsible for the Orange Library History Center. Phil then was the guest speaker where he traced the fascinating story of Captain Glassell's life, including his life as an officer during the Civil War, and his pioneering efforts in the founding of our city of Orange. Many of us know a little about Mr. Glassell and Mr. Chapman who were the designated "founders" of our city and the money behind the issue; however, little was known of the "other Glassell", Captain William T. Glassell, who was the real promoter, seller, and developer of the Richland (soon to be Orange) townsite that had the significant impact on the early history of our town of Orange. It is to this Glassell that we remember whenever we present our award that honors individuals or groups for their contributions to the preservation of our local heritage and service to the Orange Community Historical Society.



SCOTT RICHMOND

OUR MOST RECENT NARRATIVE HISTORY

Shares his memories about his family, growing up in Orange, and his family's long time involvement in local, regional and national politics.

March 26th, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

2400 N. Canal Street

Orange, California

The Orange Community Historical Society's most recent book was completed on Scott Richmond and his life. A copy of the book was donated, to the archives in the history room of the Orange Public Library, for viewing.

Scott was one of twin boys born in St. Joseph Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon X. Richmond in 1938. He and his twin brother Dennis were not raised as "the twins" only 'the boys'. They were both Altar Boys, in the Catholic Church, as they were growing up.

He has many fond memories of growing up in a small town like Orange. Playing in the orange groves, riding bicycles to Irvine Park, hunting in the nearby hills, milk men delivering milk to your back door, trash incinerators in the backyards, World War 11 and soldiers stationed here, spending summers at their cabin near Lake Arrowhead, the city dump at the corner of Yorba and Chapman, smudge pots to keep the oranges from freezing and when it snowed in Orange in 1949.

There was something called the 'Quick Decline' disease that decimated the orange groves in the 1950's and the groves soon becoming housing tracks. This was the beginning of the population growth in Orange and the surrounding areas. Scott attended Maple Ave. Elementary School, Holy Family School in the 6th grade, Intermediate and Orange High School.



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HISTORIC ORANGE WALKING TOURS



The Orange Community Historical Society offers visitors a peek into Old Towne's history with its popular historical walking tours of Old Towne Orange March through October. Docents share the story of Orange's founding and the significance of some of its downtown buildings. It is recommended that walkers wear comfortable shoes. Donations support OCHS historical projects and preservation. Special presentations are available for a fee.

Tours are held the **2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M.** (March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th and October 10th.)

Tours are also held on the **4th Sunday of the month at 4:00 P.M.** (March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 28, July 26th, August 23th, September 27th and October 25th.)

Meet your docent at the Orange Public Library Fountain located behind the library at 407 East Chapman Avenue, Orange.

Please do not contact the library.

Reservations are required at least one day in advance of your scheduled walk. Each tour lasts 90 minutes.

Suggested donations is \$10.00

Reservations: historicalorange.org



Thank you!

Three of our Board Members have retired at the end of 2014.

Jane Carmichael served as Membership Chairman for 17 years.

Rosemarie Williams served as Newsletter Editor for 17 years.

Sandy Burnside served as Treasurer for most of her 13 years.

We appreciate your devotion to the Historical Society and the Community of Orange. We will miss you! They were honored at the January 8th Board Meeting.

Jane and Rosemarie will continue to participate on a committee helping Bill Barron with the Oral Histories.

Yorba Linda

Public Library Genealogy Resources for the Public

Hi everyone! My name is Lynn Baden and I'm the Local History Librarian at the Yorba Linda Public Library. This year is an exciting one for us. We are starting some genealogy programs, free to the public.

The next program is a webinar on Ancestry Library and will take place May 23 from 10:00 – 11:30am. You can come into the Library Community Room for it or join us from home. Please send an email to lynnb@ypl.lib.ca.us to sign up after March 1st.

We have Ancestry Library for use only in the Library and Fold3 Plus which you can access either in the Library or from home with one of our library cards. Fold3 Plus has military, Native American and African American genealogical records in addition to other collections. To get to Fold3Plus go to our web site: ypl.net. Click on Online Services and choose the Genealogy Tab. Scroll down and click on Fold3 Plus.

Our library cards are free if you live in California. (*Photo ID and proof of residency required. Call the Check Out Desk at 714-777-2873 ext 0 for library card information.*)

If you have any questions about our programs or accessing AncestryLibrary or Fold3 Plus, call the Information Desk at 714-777-2873 ext 6.

Hope to see you! Lynn

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SCOTT RICHMOND (CONTINUED)

He was very active in sports and student government all through high school. He played football and ran track. He was elected Student Body President his senior year.



After high school he attended Stanford University and Hastings Law School. While attending law school he met his future wife, Jill. After their marriage and honeymoon he joined his dad's law practice. His father specialized in wills and probate. Scott continued it and expanded it to an estate planning, probate and trust administration practice, which he continued until his retirement.

Scott and Jill, who this past year celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, raised two daughters, Colleen and Megan, and feel very blessed to have them and their families living close by.



The treasures of growing up in Orange and the fragrant smell of the orange blossoms in the air each spring will always be in his memory.



SCOTT RICHMOND'S FAMILY AT HIS MOTHER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

Donations to the Library

Rosemary Vasquez-Tuthill – photographs and a variety of ephemera having to do with her father, Emigdio Vasquez, who grew up in the Cypress Street Barrio and was an artist, considered the Godfather of Chicano Artists.

Orange Community Historical Society – Monthly Minutes and Financials for Year Ending 2014 and **Scott D. Richmond Oral History, part of the Narrative History Project.**

Scott Richmond – Orange County/Orange City directories, 1934, 1945, and 1949-50.

Cathy Dencklau – Orange High School varsity letter for tennis, 1961. This particular varsity letter 'O' had wings attached.

Sandi Miller – Photograph of the Wood Brothers tree sprayers

dating to the mid 1950s. The business was located on West Chapman. Included in the photograph is Homer Wood, father of Sandi Miller.

Former Mayor Joanne Coontz – Badge given to Joanne Coontz by the police department that reads "Councilwoman Orange, Joanne Coontz."

Phil Brigandi – Book Visiting Orange County's Past, 2nd Edition prepared for the Orange County Historical Commission by Phil Brigandi.

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OCHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Year 2015 (Membership your covers January – December)

NEW RENEWAL

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:
(Check one)

Individual \$20.00

Family \$25.00

Sustaining \$30.00

Life \$300.00

Business/Organization \$100.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return application & check to:

Orange Community Historical Society, P.O. Box 5484, Orange, CA 92863-5484.

Our Mission

The mission of 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, sponsor local history endeavors. And remain self-supporting through memberships, donation bequests and special projects. We welcome everyone.

Our Members

Orange Community Historical Society Members enjoy:
* Programs @ Newsletter * Opportunity to support and contribute to the preservation of Orange history * Contact with members of the community knowledgeable about Orange history * Discounts on OCHS merchandise

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history@cityoforange.org

INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

www.cityoforange.org/library

Check out the Orange Public Library's Local History and 24/7 Reference Service

www.cityoforange.org

The City of Orange website provides a brief history of Orange, demographics, and contact information for schools, businesses, and organizations in the area.

SALES Katie Schroeder

(714) 742-9375

ORANGE HISTORIC AFGHANS

Red & White Afghans or Green & White Afghans

\$45.00 with Membership

\$55.00 without Membership

Multicolored Afghans available at Watson's

\$55.00 with Membership

\$54.00 without Membership



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