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## Chapman University's Early Years in Orange



**Thursday, March 24, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church  
2400 N. Canal Street  
Orange, California**



**Rand Boyd**

Special Collections & Archives Librarian  
Leatherby Libraries, Chapman University

Rand Boyd is a native Orange Countian, having grown up in Buena Park. In addition to his work at Chapman, he is the Archivist for CARL (California Academic and Research Libraries). Boyd worked as a library assistant at Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton before joining the Leatherby Libraries staff in October 2007. Prior to his library career, he spent 20 years with the facilities division of the Disneyland Resort in a wide variety of jobs that included everything from restoring antique arcade games and orchestrions [a machine that plays music and is designed to sound like an orchestra or band] to planning restaurant rehabs. He holds a B.A. in U.S. History, a B.S. in Business System Analysis and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science.

**O**ur March program will feature the history of Chapman College's early years in Orange. Chapman University is celebrating 150 years of operation this year and has been in Orange almost 60 years. Rand Boyd, Special Collections & Archives Librarian at Chapman University, will be the speaker, and is especially well-qualified, having just completed a history of Chapman.

After World War II, as Chapman's student population increased, the college began looking for additional space. When the Orange Unified School District announced plans to build a new high school, Chapman purchased the old Orange Union High School campus located at Glassell and Palm, the current location of the university. Chapman moved from Los Angeles to the city of Orange in 1954, becoming the first accredited four-year college in Orange County. The five neoclassical style high school buildings have been preserved, renovated and earthquake retrofitted; they are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Join us for this interesting program and trip back in time!

# Membership News

If you did not send in your dues for renewal, please do so as soon as possible. This will save the cost of sending out bills. If you have a question about when your membership expired, look at your label for the year. Thank you.



## Sustaining Members

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## Life Members & Special Donations

A special thank you to Barry & Donna Cole for renewing as Life Members, and for the generous donations of Jim Beam and Tita Smith & Gene Smith to OCHS.

# Meet OCHS Board Member

## Dan Slater

Dan's family has been in Orange since the late 1800's. His immediate family moved to Orange during the Great Depression and settled into a modest home at 227 S. Cambridge (unfortunately, torn down in the early 1960's). Although his father, uncle and brother all attended Orange High, Dan was in the second graduating class at Orange Lutheran. After high school, Dan received a business degree from Cal State Fullerton and embarked on his real estate career. His business, Orange Realty (established by Charlie Miles in 1949 and purchased by his father, a long time Orange realtor, in 1971) is the oldest operating real estate office in Orange. Dan started working there when he was 12 – emptying waste baskets and mowing the lawn).

Among many community activities, Dan served 2 terms on the Orange City Council, as President of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Old Towne Preservation Association. Dan lives in a 1923 bungalow he restored at 278 N. Pine Street in Old Towne. Some of Dan's other interests include gardening, traveling and planting street trees throughout Orange as the head of "Orange for Trees," a non profit he established in 1993 as an extension of his Leadership Orange class project. In his "free time," Dan can be found at the 24 Hour Fitness Center on East Chapman.

Dan is glad the Orange Historical Society exists to help preserve the rich history of Orange and he's excited about serving on the board of directors.



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## OCHS HISTORIC THROWS & TAPESTRIES

Need a special gift? OCHS historic throws and tapestries are a nice option. The multicolor is \$65.00, and the two-color (offwhite with cranberry, light blue, dark blue or green) is \$55.00. They are available at The Hope Chest, 105 W. Chapman Avenue in Orange. Members can also order through Buddy Hillebrecht (714) 538-7271 or Schroeder Studio (714) 633-0653.

# Annual Dinner

The Orange Community Historical Society Banquet held its annual dinner Thursday evening on January 27, 2011, at The Villa, located in Orange. The event was a huge success with more than 140 attendees. Prime rib, chicken, vegetables, salad, dinner rolls and deserts were all delicious at the buffet. The bartenders were very friendly and made great cocktails for a reasonable price. We were glad to be back at The Villa to enjoy the OCHS Annual Dinner with our friends, family and our community.

Teresa "Tita" Smith was honored as this year's recipient of the William T Glassell Award. Her speech was well received by all. She acknowledged her family and friends that were supporting her at the event. Towards the end of her speech, Tita reminded everyone that Orange was built and lives today around "A Plaza, not a circle".

Janet Van Emon was honored as this year's recipient of the Florence Flippen Smiley Award. In her speech, she told the story of her and her husband when they used to drive from Long Beach into Orange County searching for their new home. They traveled down their favorite street, Ball Road. She reminisced about the lush citrus groves on either side of the road as they made their way to "those Big Blue hills" known now as Villa Park.

Former Mayor of Orange, Jim Beam was the guest speaker at this year's annual dinner. He provided a 20 minute audiovisual presentation on the unprecedented growth of business and industry in Orange in the 1950s and 1960s, followed by a series of trivia questions on the topic. Many knew the answers to his questions. Excellent memories, everyone!

The night was very fun and enlightening. OCHS will look forward to next year's event, for another evening of memories, history and community.



## DONATIONS to the Archives



» Bill Barron: OCHS Board Meeting Minutes 2010, and a copy of *Color It Orange*, published by OCHS in 1993.

» Jeffrey Treusertes: 1930 elementary school autograph album with photos (loan).

» William Cordes: photos and slides, May Festival 1973.

» Fred Barrera: photos of 1) Cypress St. 1934 2) Intermediate School, 4th & 5th grades.

» Bill Barron donated in memory of Herbert Gallegly: Copy photographs of Villa Park Elementary School class group portraits—1st & 2nd grades, 1930, 1931 [see below]; 3rd-5th grades, 1932; 3rd & 4th grades, 1933; 5th & 6th grades, 1934; 5th-8th grades, 1936; 7th & 8th grades, 1937; 5th & 6th grades, 1947; 2nd grade 1948; 8th grade graduating class [see above], 1948; Center Street School Kindergarten Class of 1940; Grandpa Lawrence Nichols' mother's home in Villa Park [original print]; Orange Union High School Class of 1952 50th Reunion Booklet.

List of donations courtesy of Lizeth Ramirez, local history librarian, Orange Public Library & History Center. If you have donations for the archives, you can reach Lizeth at (714)288-2465, (714)288-2449 or [lramirez@cityoforange.org](mailto:lramirez@cityoforange.org).



## Historic Walking Tours

Our walking tours will start again on April 9th and end on October 23rd. The tours provide both a window into our city's history and provide funds for OCHS historical projects and preservation activities.

A big thank you to our dedicated docents--Lisa Ackerman, Aaron Alduenda, Cathy Dencklau, Adrienne Gladson, Margit Ischovitsch, and Barbara Resnick.

