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Upcoming events:

- February 21st—Quarterly Meeting
- February 27th and 28th—Museum Open House
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FEBRUARY MEETING—FEATURED SPEAKER

The quarterly meeting of the Alpine Historical Society will be held on Sunday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard. The meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon and will be followed by a presentation by Virginia Christman, a member of the Viejas Tribal Council.

Deeply rooted in Kumeyaay history and concerned with protecting Viejas Band resources, Virginia's vision for the tribe is to be united in traditions and the observation of spiritual practices that nurture hope, healing and respect for each other, the elders and the ancestral land.

Christman actively works to enrich the San Diego community's knowledge of her native culture and carries on

the Kumeyaay traditions of singing and dancing. She is known for leading by example and teaching Viejas youth to carry on their heritage.

She attended El Capitan High School, graduated from St. John's Indian School in Laveen, Arizona and studied nursing at Los Angeles County General Hospital. While working with Mainstream, a park conservation program of the federal forestry department, she studied at Grossmont College. A mother of six and grandmother of 13, Virginia and her husband live on the Viejas Reservation with their family nearby.

Please R.S.V.P. to Carol Morrison at 445-2544, or send an e-mail to: info@alpinehistory.org. You may come for the potluck

and the speaker, or arrive at around 2 p.m. for the speaker only. Hope to see you on February 21st!

We all will learn more about our supportive Viejas neighbors and our history which is so entwined, at this event. Be sure to mark your calendar today. ■



Virginia Christman



VIEJAS™

BAND OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS

Left—Viejas

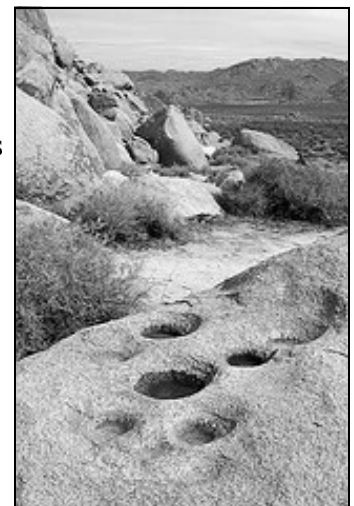
Mountain

Right—ancient

metates used by early

Kumeyaay women to

grind corn and acorns



Welcome and Thanks!

Many thanks to recent donors Keith Brabazon, Katherine Garrard, Joan Manuele, Pauline and Martin Silver, Don Walker and Roy Williams. Your contributions enable the Society to continue its work to preserve Alpine's history. We are most grateful.

Welcome to new member Bernice Horan and renewing members Shirley Dyer, Katherine Garrard, Norman and Dolores Kling, Joan Manuele, Kenneth Schulte, Gary and Sue Smith, Jack Spaulding, Susan Walter, Richard and Coleen White and Jim and Sue Whitt.

Membership renewal reminders were mailed recently—so if you haven't sent your renewal in, please do so today!

Contributions, fund raiser proceeds and membership dues, combined with the grant money we receive from the county of San Diego, are used to maintain and improve our two pioneer houses as well as expand and enrich our archives.

This year we plan to purchase a software program, Past Perfect, which will allow us to catalog and document museum artifacts. This will be an excit-

ing project and will be of great help when completed.

If you would like to become more involved in the Society, please contact our President, Carol Morrison, at 619-445-2544 or e-mail us at info@alpinehistory.org. We have many projects on our "to do" list and one may be just the thing that would interest you.

Our volunteers are dedicated, warm and friendly and welcome others to join them. It's never boring and always rewarding. Join us today! ■



The Nichols House shows off its pioneer Christmas finery for the annual Christmas in Alpine home tour presented by The Alpine Woman's Club

Judge Howatt Entertains as Philip Crosthwaite

On October 18, the Honorable William J. Howatt, Jr. became Philip Crosthwaite to tell the stories of Yankee Jim, hung in Old Town on September 18, 1852, and the Roy Bean/John Collins duel on horseback which also took place in Old Town in 1852. Philip Crosthwaite, who, while serving as county clerk and recorder, was depu-

tized by all the other county officers to act for them while they attended a bull-and-bear fight, had for a short period of time the distinct honor of holding all the county offices at once.

Judge Howatt performs historical reenactments as a hobby. This is his second visit to our Society—

the first was to depict the famous Alpine murder.

All in attendance also enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner prepared by Historical Society Board members. Mouth watering pasta dishes, salads and garlic bread were on the menu followed by scrumptious desserts. No one left hungry!

Judge Howatt's presentation in the historic building—Alpine's original Town Hall—made everyone feel they were stepping back in time. It was truly an event to remember and a very successful fund raiser for the Society. ■



The Judge as Philip Crosthwaite



President Carol Morrison and Judge Howatt

The Forest Primeval, by Zuella Sterling and Vic Head

I will go out when the last door closes,
 Out of this land where the old leaves fall,
 Seeking a season of exquisite roses,
 Finding a forest where whippoorwills call;

Peace in the valley by slow running waters,
 Children at play in deep grass on the banks,
 Those we thought vanquished, beloved sons and daughters
 Thrilling to new life and kneeling in thanks;

Gales on the mountain top, rock cliffs of challenge,
 Chickadees dee-ing and darting away,
 Cataracts splashing and churning and falling,
 Nourishing pin cushion moss with their spray;

Works to be started, in grandeur undreamed of,
 Music of choristers, songs of the snow,
 Thrills of the teller of tales of adventure,
 Firelight on faces all ruddy aglow.

I will go out to a forest far flinging,
 Odors of balsam and jewels of dew.
 Let me leave days on the earth and go winging,
 To Eden primeval, Dear God, and to you.



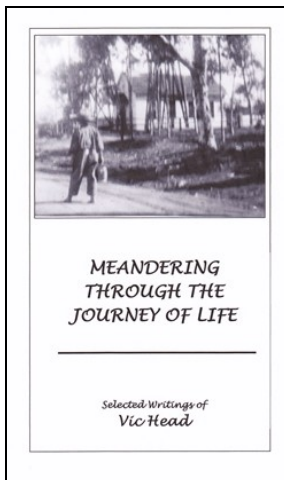
Flo and Vic Head stroll hand-in-hand
 in this 2002 photo Vic named
 "The Forest Primeval"

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that The Alpine Historical Society reports the passing of our friend, member and contributor Vic Head. Mr. Head passed away in Pennsylvania on January 1st, the day after his ninety-second birthday. We are forever grateful for his many contributions to our historical archives. He is, and will continue to be, missed.

In one of the last stories he wrote, he talked of looking forward "to holding Flo's hand once again." That time has come and he is at peace. ■

Meandering Through the Journey of Life



The collection of stories written by Vic Head was completed in late 2009, shortly before his death. We were so pleased to have finished this project and to provide copies to Vic to present to family members as Christmas gifts. The book, *Meandering Through the Journey of Life*, is now available at the museum as well as the Alpine Albertson's store for \$15.00.

Vic's early life began in Alpine and his memories of Alpine and its residents thread their way throughout his life's travels. A brilliant man, his accomplishments were many and varied. He has documented the time Civil War Congressional Medalist, Captain Harry Parks, spent in Alpine and tells stories of the Kosmon Community located in Sacraero Valley. For many of us, this was the first we were exposed to these important pieces of Alpine's history. His mother, Zuella Sterling, was Alpine's third librarian and later became Poet Laureate of New Hampshire.

Stories in the book will appeal to all—pick up a copy soon. Not only will you enjoy the tales Vic describes, you will be contributing to The Alpine Historical Society with your donation. ■

Our Dedicated Volunteers—Carlette Anderson

Alpine is extremely fortunate to claim as its own someone like Carlette Anderson—Alpine's 2009 Honorary Mayor. Active in civic and charitable organizations, she also has written two books. Her book *Dysfunctional is Normal* was published in 2005 and she recently completed a book, *My Alpine*, a child's history of Alpine.

Carlette is a member of Soroptomist International of Alpine, Alpine and Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce, ABNA, Alpine Community Center, the Alpine Garden Club, Alpine Tree Town USA and serves on the Board of both the Alpine Woman's Club and the Alpine Historical Society.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, her parents owned the neighborhood candy store and the family lived in the apartment behind the store. Her first husband was an Army officer, and this provided her with

the opportunity to live in Germany. After his tour of duty, the family moved to El Salvador where Carlette was a pioneer in teaching mothers to teach their babies to be water safe, a skill learned as the mother of four children.

In 1988, feeling a need for a more practical, time efficient and easier way to achieve CPR certification, Carlette founded Save-A-Heart. She and her husband JC created www.cprpros.com, the first online CPR and First Aid certification course in the country, in 1999.

Elected Alpine's Honorary Mayor in December, 2009, Carlette continues to help raise money for the schools in Alpine through her Alpine School Supporter Program. You can find donation jars in various businesses throughout town. Collected money goes directly to the schools and is used to buy classroom supplies.

Her interest in Alpine history was sparked in 1993 after she and JC purchased a home in Alpine. While clearing some brush, they discovered an old stone wall, a collapsed dam and remnants of an old house on their property. Seeking additional information about their finds, they attended a meeting of the Alpine Historical Society. Soon after that meeting, Carlette joined the Historical Society Board and served as its Secretary. While she was President of the Society, in 1996 and 1997, she was instrumental in obtaining, moving and placing the Beaty House, one of our pioneer houses, at its current site.

The Alpine Historical Society is fortunate to have the support and dedication of Carlette. Her energy and positive attitude is contagious! Thank you, Carlette, for all you do and all you contribute to our community.■



**Carlette Anderson
Alpine's Honorary Mayor**

**ALPINE SCHOOL
SUPPORTER
PROGRAM**

***"You can find
donation jars in
businesses
throughout town."***

Cub Scouts Visit Museum



The Tigers at the museum

The Tigers, Cub Scout Den 5, Pack 105, under the leadership of Chris Loarie, recently visited the Alpine Historical Society museum. They were just in time to see both pioneer houses decked out for the holidays for the Alpine Woman's Club's annual Christmas in Alpine home tour which was held in early December.

The boys were treated to a tour conducted by Vikki Coffey. One of their favorite spots was the outdoor display of farming equipment. Vikki's explanations brought the pioneer days to life for these boys and the tour was enjoyed by all. Thanks for visiting, Cub Scouts!

Private tours of the museum property can be arranged by calling Carol Morrison at (619)445-2544 or e-mailing us at info@alpinehistory.org. The houses are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month from 2—4:00 p.m. and a knowledgeable docent is always on hand to answer any questions one may have.■

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The First Baby Delivered by Dr. Nichols in Alpine

“On the night of Dorothy’s birth, a cold wet January 6, 1897, her eldest brother, Ralph, about 14, was sent on horseback, in the small hours of the morning, the eight or nine miles around the narrow winding road, now mostly South Grade and Tavern, to fetch Dr. Nichols from her home on Tavern Road. The doctor promptly got herself ready, hitched her horse to her buggy, and with the boy, Ralph, in the rig beside her,

his horse tied on behind, drove through the rainy darkness over the muddy rutted road to the Walker home at The Willows.

After delivering the baby, mother and child in good health, the doctor stayed for three days to attend her patients. This, they said, was typical of the doctor. She never left them until she was sure they were out of danger.”

From Beatrice LaForce’s “First Woman Country Doctor.”

Editor’s Note: Dorothy Walker was the daughter of the F. B. Walkers, founders of The Willows Resort. She was the mother of the late Betty Noble, Alpine’s famous woman Marine. She was Dorothy Markley at the time of her death. ■



**Dorothy at age 10,
The Willows**

It’s that time of year—membership renewals are due. If you haven’t already mailed yours, do so today!

Our museums are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. Stop by and see the recent changes!



PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE!

If you have moved, changed your name or had any other changes in your membership status, please let us know so that our records can be updated.

A call to Ila Oker at 619-659-9385 or an e-mail to info@alpinehistory.org is all it takes! THANKS!

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