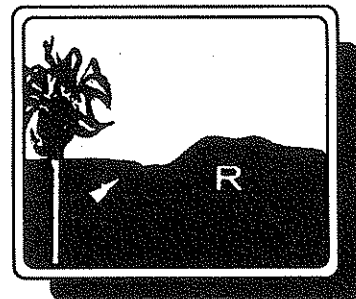


REDLANDS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

REDLANDS CHRONICLES



September, 2007

Redlands and the Fourth of July
Bill McCalmon, Redlands Fourth of July Committee
Monday, September 24th, 7:00pm
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

This year the program committee of the Redlands Area Historical Society decided to follow a theme for the 2007-2008 programs. The theme this year is "History Makers." Our programs will feature those individuals in Redlands and the surrounding valley that are making history currently. The list of those making history in Redlands is very long and these folks match or exceed the pioneers of the past. We plan to have Gerry Brassfield of Blue Eagle Video record each program and he will sell copies of the DVD for \$15.00. One copy of the program will be given to the Heritage Room of A.K. Smiley Library. The "Evening with the Mayors" was recorded last year and proved popular with those that were not able to attend. The program committee wants to "make history" by saving the presentations each month for future research.

The first program of the season is September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of A.K. Smiley Public Library. We are beginning with a bang. William "Bill" McCalmon, "Mr. Fourth of July of Redlands" is our speaker. Bill has participated in the leadership of the Fourth of July Committee the past 34 years. All of Redlands and many from surrounding communities make the annual pilgrimage to the University of Redlands stadium for the annual celebration.

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Old House Group Meeting & Gourmet Potluck Picnic

Wednesday September 19, 6:30 PM

776 Crafton Avenue, Redlands

The annual Old House Group's Gourmet Potluck Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:30 PM. This kickoff to the year will be held at the Craftsman home of Brian and Kelly Koontz located at 776 Crafton Avenue (at Highland).

The home is situated on ten acres of orange groves and was built circa 1905 for the Limberger family at a cost of \$5500. It remained in the family until approximately 1974 when it was purchased by Joseph Boirye. Leland and Evelyn Schwartz were the third owners and lived in the home for about thirty years. John and Amy Moyles purchased the property in 2000 and sold it to Brian and Kelly in March of 2005.

It has been a busy two years for the Koontz family. Since moving in, 300 Washington Navel orange trees have been planted on the initial ten acres and new landscaping has been added around the house. The original

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A Letter from your President...

Hope everyone had an interesting summer. I sure did. My last week of school was spent in Louisville, Kentucky grading United States History Advanced Placement essays for the College Board Education Testing Service. Some 1,100 teachers read essays for a week in the Louisville Convention Center. I was able to take a tour of the Louisville Slugger bat factory and the Ohio River by riverboat. My eighth floor hotel room gave a view across the river to Indiana on the other side. Louisville has plenty of historical markers making a stroll through the city a tour in any direction. Bought a Louisville Slugger bat for my oldest grandson and mailed it home. Mailing the bat was the right thing to do because the airport security collected some 60 bats before my departure at 9:00 a.m.

Traveled to Ireland the end of June through July 8th with some 24 family members to the birthplace of my grandfather, Joseph Patrick Buoye and grandmother, Margaret O'Reiley Buoye. Spent two days in Dublin and then our group left in our bus to Kilcogy and Ballinafad near Sligow. Our bus driver had never been to either of these small villages. We spent time at my grandparents' village churches and church graveyards. My grandfather first came to America in 1907 and after seeing his rocky village site, I could understand why he might leave for New Jersey.

We then did the more typical tourist trip by visiting Galway, Kilarney, Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Mohor and the Ring of Kerry. Ireland was just a beautiful green. I never saw a blade of brown grass. It rained a little nearly every day. My uncle, Mike Buoye, led the early part of the tour, introducing family Irish connections in Longford and hosting a banquet in Longford.

Returning to home, I was surprised the plane crossed Northern Ireland, Greenland, Hudson's Bay, Canada and then North Dakota. The ten days was a trip of a lifetime connecting my family with its Irish roots. The next big trip will be to England to visit the "Atchley" 1664 starting point to America.

My wife and I then spent time visiting our five grandchildren. Crossed Tioga Pass and then went to Redding, California to visit our daughter, Becky Lahey and Trenton, Payton, and our latest addition, Colton. We arrived in Avila Beach the end of July to attend the marriage of my niece. I was beginning to have some bad headaches and take aspirin when we came home Sunday July 29th.

That evening my headache became intolerable, so I went urgent care in Highland to seek a remedy. Diagnosed as a sinus infection, I was taking the first pill and felt a strange sensation on the top of my head. I passed out and later that evening, after an ambulance trip to Redlands Community and Arrowhead County hospital discovered I had a cerebral aneurysm. I was kept at Arrowhead for several days and then sent to Loma Linda University Hospital. Dr. Jacobson attempted the "coil technique" but could not successfully use a coil. On August 2, Dr. Johnson performed the more typical surgery and successfully clapped the growth on my brain stem. Some 50 staples were used attaching the front half of my skull. I also have an interesting Mohawk haircut with short hair of the front top of my head and regular hair length in the back. I've decided to suspend my "beauty consultation" work.

The past few weeks I've been in recovery mode. Physical therapists, speech therapists, lab tests and doctor visits dominate my life. My summer was now complete adding a near-death experience to the list. I did lose some weight, but I don't recommend the path since July 29th for weight loss.

Thank you for all of your kindness and cards. We have been planning some excellent programs for the coming season. I hope all your voices are heard concerning the Burrage Mansion proposal. I personally was very much disappointed with the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission's decision.

Your President, Tom Atchley

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Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.

SWIFT'S HUMUS FERTILIZERS

ALL BLOOD AND BONE. NO FILLERS USED.
HIGHEST GRADE ANALYSIS.

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Fourth of July, continued...

Bill intends to discuss the early years of his participation on the committee going back to the mid-1970's. With early entertainment consisting of two teams pushing around an earth ball to the precision sky divers and music groups performing today. The Fourth of July Band, led by Curtiss Allen, stays in form throughout the year spreading the musical fame of Redlands wherever they travel. John Philip Souza is revived each year with the spirit of patriotism expected with the Fourth of July.

The fire-works displays attract the huge crowds that now fill the entire infield of the stadium. The committee launched the annual T-shirt sale to help fund the event.

As the President of the Redlands 4th of July Committee, and chairman of the Redlands 4th of the July celebration, Bill McCalmon, qualifies as a history maker. His presentation is the first of the "history maker" series for this year.

Bill owns RPM Financial and Insurance Services located at 300 East State Street. He was Redlands Man of the Year 1982, past president of the Rotary Club of Redlands, past United Way Chairman, and past president of Redlands jaycees, Bill serves on several advisory boards and was very much involved in the City of Redlands Centennial celebration.

Redlands Area Historical Society meetings are open to the public.

Old House Group, continued...

footprint of the Craftsman style home remains the same as when it was built. The most ambitious interior project has been turning the unfinished fourth floor attic into a game room/guest bedroom. An exchange student from Germany will be occupying the new space during 2007/2008 school year.

The Old House Group thanks the Koontz family for hosting the 2007 Gourmet Potluck Picnic. Table service, drinks and dessert will be provided. Parking is somewhat limited so car pooling is suggested.

Please bring:

Last name starting with A to M	Salads, etc.
Last name starting with N to Z	Main Dish

SEE YOU THERE SEPTEMBER 19!

Hillside Cemetery Walking Tour

On Saturday, October 22, the Redlands Area Historical Society will conduct a walking tour of Hillside Memorial Park at 3:00 p.m. beginning near the Alessandro gate entrance and finishing before sundown. Tom Atchley will lead the tour assisted by Ron Running, both directors of the historical society. Ron will collect a \$10.00 donation from each person joining the tour. The walk will not be lengthy but uneven surfaces and moderate hills are abundant in the cemetery.

The tour will begin at the Stokes Entrance gate donated by Caroline and Olivia Phelps-Stokes in 1920. Judson & Brown, the founders of Redlands, never envisioned a cemetery in their preliminary map of Redlands in 1881. When their good friend and mentor, Myron Crafts, died in 1886 the event led to their purchase of 23.47 acres from the Southern Pacific Railroad Land Company. Judson & Brown then donated this Hillside Cemetery site to the Hillside Cemetery Association. Management was transferred to the City of Redlands in 1918.

For some two-decades pioneers had lived in the East San Bernardino Valley and with the exception of the Native American cemetery in Crafton established by Myron Crafts, no other cemetery had been started. The new cemetery had no water in the early years, but in 1891, with the completion of the "high line" to Moreno Valley, the first water was applied to the cemetery. Myron Crafts was reburied in 1886 followed by Charles Gauthier, a Civil War veteran, in 1887.

The Board of Health listed "consumption", or tuberculosis, as the number-one cause of death in early Redlands followed by typhoid fever, scarlet fever, whooping cough, meningitis, and diphtheria.

Gravestones will be utilized to focus on the pioneer biographies of important people in Redlands history. The 1928 Egyptian Mausoleum reminds Redlanders of their fascination with the discovery of King Tut's grave in Egypt in the 1920s.

The Great Depression was good for the cemetery. WPA built 35,000 cubic feet of stone walls, split stone curbs and retaining walls. WPA had 141 men in 1938 building the retaining wall along Alessandro Road spending some \$56,000 on just that wall.

Join the tour and learn many other interesting facts on Hillside Memorial Cemetery, one of the few city-managed cemeteries in California.