



REDLANDS

CHRONICLES

November/December 2013

Annual Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Herendeen Residence

324 W. Olive Avenue

It was "Redlands, Our Town" author Frank Moore, who first called this 1900 home the Cinderella House. He was impressed how much the exterior paint could transform a previously plain Jane house into a showcase. This was in the mid-70's when the Brownfield family lived there, and changed the white paint. Current owners Frank and Rosemary Herendeen have elaborated on that first effort. Soon after moving there in 1998 they gave their house its 7-color paint scheme. Other restoration they have made has included returning all the interior woodwork to its original medium walnut finish, and adding many beautiful moldings and tin ceilings. The turn-of-the-century Herendeen home was built by Albert G. Simonds during a 4 month period at a cost of \$1160. You can learn more about this beautiful residence on Tuesday, December 10, when the Herendeens will graciously welcome you to their home.



Redlands Area Historical Society publishes book on Historic Redlands Homes

In 1963 a brochure was published by the Historical Committee for the City of Redlands for the 75th Diamond Jubilee to preserve some of the history of early day Redlands homes and the people who contributed so much to the development of Redlands. The 75th committee acknowledged that many other homes should have been included in their publication. Their hope was that a supplemental brochure would be published at a later date.

In celebration of the City's 125th Anniversary, the Redlands Area Historical Society, Inc. desired to republish and add to the 1963 effort. The original listing of homes is provided with updated historical information. Many of the homes have been bestowed Heritage Awards by the Society since 1975. Heritage Award recipients are indicated by parenthesis after the name of the home by year of the award. A synopsis of the research included in each Heritage Award is included in the write up. The current effort has added approximately fifty additional homes with their histories.

The homes are listed alphabetically by street name and address. Several of the homes in the original book have been demolished. They are listed at the end of the book. Many of the photographs of the homes were found in "Illustrated Redlands" published in 1897 by the Redlands Daily Facts newspaper and "Beautiful Redlands" article by William Stowe Devol in *Scenic America* published in 1912. Copies of both are found in the Heritage Room of A. K. Smiley Public Library. Other pictures used were of historic postcards that are in the personal collections of various members of the Historical Society.

The book was compiled by the following members of the Society: Ronald Running, Chair, Tom Atchley, Bill Blankenship, Kathy Behrens, Robin Grube and Marie Reynolds.

Copies of the book will be available for sale at the Society's Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 and at the Heritage Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library. The cost of the spiral bound book is \$15. Perfect bound books are \$20 each.

A Letter from your President...

Greetings to all of our members . . . our fine city just held its 125th Anniversary Extravaganza and what a great party it was! It was something that every Redlands resident who attended will forever remember.

The previous month of October brought many activities for our members. These activities included the Old House Group's Halloween tour, which was held at two very unique homes within walking distance of each other. In addition, our monthly meeting at A.K. Smiley Public Library featured a program titled "*Images of America: Early Redlands*," and our annual Hillside Cemetery walking tour on October 26th was led by RAHS Board Members Tom Atchley and Ron Running.

As part of the 125th Anniversary Extravaganza we held bus tours of Redlands' historical districts. The tour featured three noted Redlands Historians - Tom Atchley, Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales - who each selected their own routes for the tour. The proceeds for the sold-out bus tours will go to support and acquire additional artifacts for the Heritage Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library.

Also to commemorate Redlands' 125th Anniversary, the Society has re-released the Redlands Jubilee Book with new research of the 75 featured homes from the original book and including more than 50 additional historic homes that are all organized by street name. The new book is titled "*A Celebration of 125 Years of Redlands Historic Homes*" and is currently on sale in the Heritage Room for \$15.00 per copy.

I am continually amazed by the hard work of each of our volunteer members of our Board of Directors. Each board member works hard to ensure that the Historical Society continues to stay focused on its primary mission of educating the community on the numerous historical resources that make Redlands the special town that we all cherish. Your hard working Board Members are as follows: *Ron Running, Vice President, Steve Spiller, Secretary, Susan Rettig, Treasurer, Tom Atchley, Past President, Directors, Leslie Irish, Kathy Behrens, Sue Mc Clure and Sandie Green. Ex-Officio Directors, Robin Grube and Marie Reynolds.*

As your President, it is my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to seeing you all December 10th at the Annual Christmas Party.

Bill Blankenship

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Do you have a favorite local roofer, plumber, electrician, handyman, painter, etc. who likes to work *gently* with old houses?

Kathy Behrens is compiling a list of your recommendations.

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Two Constants Impact Our Town

-by Tom Atchley

I was asked to give my impression on what has impacted Redlands the past 125 years. I find myself sandwiched between Dr. Larry Burgess and former Mayor Carol Beswick. I guess I could be considered the baloney in this sandwich. I want to thank Larry for having my Hobby Room (otherwise known as the Heritage Room) completed in 1988. Every time I walk State Street I think of Carol Beswick and her effort to revitalize our 1888 downtown ---bricks and all.

I came up with two constants in Redlands history from 1888 to the present. Neither one of them is the navel orange industry that has slipped away with the years. The first, though, is something Redlanders have depended on since 1890, or 123 years of our history. This entity has united Redlanders nearly every day. It announces our births, graduations, marriages and prints our obituaries. Of course, I'm talking about the Redlands Daily Facts.

Where would this 125th Anniversary celebration today be without the Facts that communicates every aspect of this celebration and then records what we did on this occasion for posterity? I've indexed most of the Daily Facts from October 1890 to the 1970's. I can tell you the history of Redlands is best recorded in these pages.

I was poring through the 1970's lately and there I found a newly-minted Dr. Larry Burgess and he looked like a nerd then, too! Later editions show a talented Carol Beswick singing in a Bowl production. The paper united us during World Wars I and II, printing letters from the soldiers and WAC's of Redlands. Did you know one Redlander, Major Robert White, participated in the first bombing attack over Tokyo in the Doolittle Raid? He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, the folks that donated the Prosellis in 1930.

Every event has been duly publicized demonstrating a local attachment to sports, schools, clubs, the Fourth of July, efforts to save Prospect Park and many numerous Redlands events that are part of our history. Our hometown paper is truly our hometown paper and without it Redlands would be a far different place. I want to thank every reporter at the Facts and all the previous editors for a job well done. Keep it up!

The second constant in Redlands began before our incorporation and has touched more Redlanders than any other part of our history. What is the sugar that attracts families to Redlands? What will Redlands realtors say is the number one reason for people moving to Redlands? Ponder that question a moment---- What have we got that is the envy of San Bernardino County? Our schools! The school district has been good so long that Loma Linda and Highland never formed their own districts.

Redlands School District began in 1884 in a one-room schoolhouse then built Kingsbury in 1888. Word quickly spread about good teachers and a rigorous curriculum. Redlands High began 122 years ago with graduating students meeting the entrance requirements of Stanford University. So what are some of the accolades that our schools have earned lately?

<p>API Test Scores:</p> <p>API growth of the District 2006 - API 765 2013 - API 831</p> <p>In 2002 - 3 RUSD schools were over 800 API In 2013 - 21 RUSD schools (of 23) are over 800 API</p>	<p>Largest API Growth over a 10 year period (only for schools open 10 years or longer):</p> <p>Lugonia Elementary - 182 point API growth Kingsbury Elementary - 180 Point API growth Crafton Elementary - 171 Point API growth Moore MS - 148 Point API growth Cope MS - 97 Point API growth</p>	<p>Redlands HS - 98 Point API growth REV - 86 Point API growth</p> <p>Graduation Rate Comparison: Class of 2012: California: 78.7 % San Bernardino County: 77.1 % Redlands Unified: 90.5 % (!!!!!!!)</p>
<p>◇ National Blue Ribbon School Award (2012) - Judson & Brown Elementary</p> <p>◇ California Distinguished School Awards: Arroyo Verde Elementary 2012 Bryn Mawr Elementary School 2002, 2003 Crafton Elementary School 2000 Cram Elementary School 1999 Franklin Elementary School 2002, 2006, 2010 Kimberly Elementary School 1995, 2002, 2004, 2010 Mariposa Elementary School 2000, 2012 Mentone Elementary 2006 Smiley Elementary School 2002 Clement Middle School 1988, 1992, 2001 Cope Middle School 1996, 2001 Moore Middle School 1988, 1996 Redlands High School 1990, 1992, 1994</p>	<p>◇ Golden Bell Awards: Bryn Mawr Elementary School 2001 Lugonia Elementary School 2002, 2003 Franklin Elementary School 2001, 2006, 2012 Victoria Elementary School 1997 Redlands High School 2003 Mariposa Elementary School Garden Program 2007 Redlands Unified School District Teacher Support Program 2012 Conference for Parents by Parents 2007 Heart Academy (RHS) 2013</p> <p>◇ California Title I Academic Achievement Awards: Crafton Elementary School 2012 Franklin Elementary School 2011 Judson & Brown Elementary School 2011, 2012</p>	

The Advanced Placement program at Redlands High has the best passing rate for the county. Most years, sophomores in AP European History, all pass the College Board Test for college credit. These tests aren't just bubble questions but in-depth essays requiring college level analysis.

In academic competition between Mock Trial teams and Academic Decathlons, the usual competition ends up being which Redlands High School will win? Redlands schools dominate in sports as well as academics. Yesterday REV vs. Redlands football probably determined the CBL league winner.

It's nice to be in a position to compete with Redlands vs. Redlands because the community wins every time. Soon Redlands Citrus Valley will join the competitive fray and we'll have a three-way Redlands win.

Our schools are second to none.

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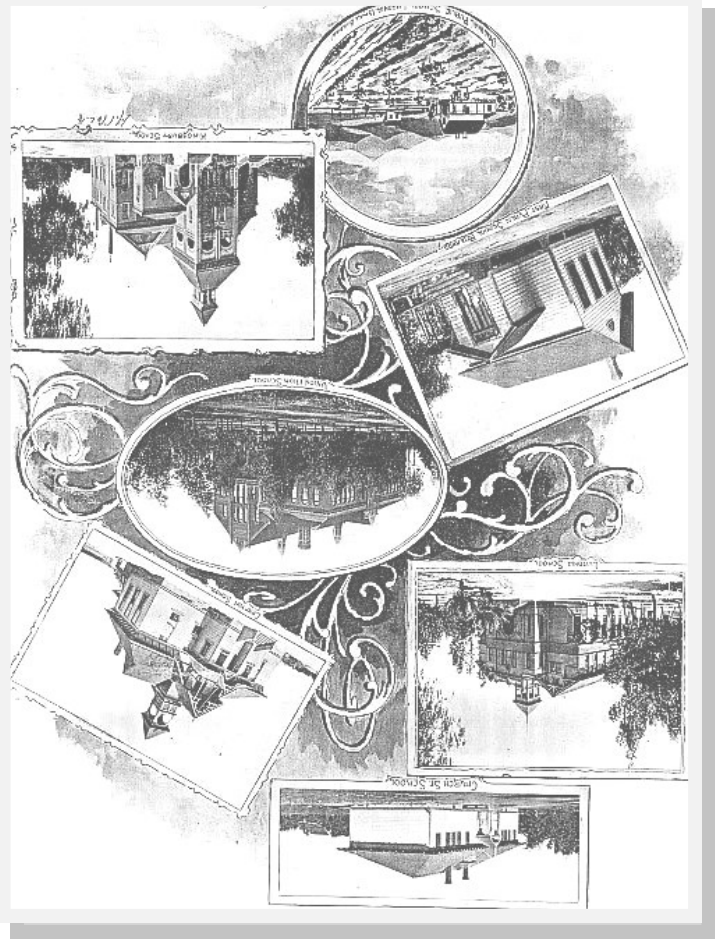
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Schools of Redlands from 1897's Illustrated Redlands