



# REDLANDS CHRONICLES

January 2018

## DENNIS HANSBERGER REMINISCES AS COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.  
Assembly Room at A.K. Smiley Public Library  
125 W. Vine Street



DENNIS HANSBERGER served 24 years on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors representing Redlands as part of the Third District. At one time, Hansberger was the youngest chairman of the board in county history.

Hansberger is the featured speaker for the Redlands Area Historical Society January 22 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly Room.

Hansberger graduated from Redlands High in 1960. He attended Valley College and then the University of California, Riverside majoring in geology. His stint with county government began in 1968 as an assistant to Supervisor Donald C. Beckord until 1972.

Municipal issues attracted Hansberger to run for the board successfully in 1972-1980. In the 1970s, land use planning and the development of recreation parks claimed the board attention. The winter flood of 1969 led to new county flood control projects. Hansberger was a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission that dealt with boundary adjustments. Hansberger was a member of the South Coast Air Quality District during the early formation. He was a guest speaker for the Environmental Protection Agency on the implementation of the Clean Water Act.

Asked what he considered his most successful accomplishment while serving on the board, Hansberger answered, "from 1996 through 2008 I worked with county management to correct corruption issues with elected and appointed county officials."

The Boys & Girls Club of Redlands is named for Hansberger, who was able to secure \$4 million in Federal money for the construction of the 2003 club house on Lawton Street.

Hansberger was also a board member and president of the Southern California Association of Governments as well as a member and vice-president of the County Supervisors Association of California.

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*-by Tom Atchley, vice-president & program chair*

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# A Letter from your President...

Happy New Year! The Society's Board wishes all of you a prosperous and happy 2018!

Our annual holiday party was a smashing success thanks for the wonderful hospitality of Nathan and Cynthia Cloar. The Cloar's beautiful Craftsman style home has been recently renovated in great style. Our thanks to Marjorie Lewis for coordinating the event, Jill Huntsinger for arranging the hospitality, Kim Ennis for the fantastic deserts, and to the many others who helped. The weather cooperated and the winds died down and everyone was able to show off their finest Christmas stockings!

It is time for everyone to renew your membership. Please used the attached envelop and consider increasing your level of sponsorship. Those of you who have joined since July of last year are considered paid for this year's membership. Your annual dues and sponsorship make it possible for the RAHS to foster greater appreciation of Redlands history and support historic preservation throughout the community.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events in 2018.

*Ron Running*



HOLIDAY PARTY FUN!



# Heritage Award Winners

## HORACE Y. EVANS HOME

Built in 1893

629 Nottingham Street

Ken and Kim Ennis, Owners

This 1893 Victorian farm house began surrounded by an orange grove and located on Clifton Avenue. The 25 acre orange grove is gone, but this island of the past remains on a half-acre lot that is very much appreciated.

Horace Young Evans Jr. first arrived at the fashionable Stewart Hotel in San Bernardino from Philadelphia in February 1888. Evans bought land in the Terracina development from Clifton Street south to Cypress and from San Mateo to Sunnyside comprising over 25 acres planted in citrus. He built a shack for \$300 in 1889. His father died in 1890 leaving a half-million dollar estate.

Evans invested in the Bear Valley Irrigation Company, South Mountain Water Co., Crafton Water Company, and real estate in Redlands Heights, Lugonia, Crafton, and downtown Redlands. His hobby became show dogs. His pointer "Tippetta" won prizes at dog shows in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco.

Evans married Sue McAbee in 1893, the daughter of Newton McAbee, a San Bernardino banker and president of a funeral casket manufacturing company. McAbee built his home at 1400 Sterling Road in 1891. The marriage in the McAbee's Sterling Road home was the first of many. The couple became part of the social elite of Redlands attending the Hotel Terracina grand opening with Frank Morrison, Seth Marshall, Frank Miller, Theodore Clark, Edward Judson, A. E. Sterling, Samuel Haver, Leland Lyon, Fred Hotchkiss, George Meade, Karl Wells, Albert Smiley, Anthony Hubbard, John England, and other well-heeled valley residents. The couple's fortunes increased when Newton McAbee died in 1894.

Horace and Sue hired T. R. Griffiths, later A.K. Smiley Public Library architect, to design their \$5,000 Victorian farm house in 1893. This cross-gable home has had extensive remodeling. The rap-around porch has curved support rafters and decorative brackets. Square wood pillars support the porch with its wooden deck. The entrance porch has a colorful front door and swing chair. The south side of the home was added onto with a two-brick thick cold storage room that still has the Union Ice window. The south side once again shows the cross-gable. The east side of the home was extended for a bedroom enlargement and larger kitchen. The north

side has extensions for the bathroom that included a bay window. Wood siding is used to match the original wood of 1893. Framing is all done in redwood. The spacious side yard and backyard now has a patio, fountain, and birdbaths with numerous fruit trees. The current garage replaced the large barn in 1973. The original attic cistern foundation table and plumbing remain strategically above the original bathroom.

Evans was a sporting man. He participated in the YMCA 100 yard dash races and in 1895 helped organize the Redlands Cycling Club. He became a timer for rugby competitions in Fiesta Park. Sue joined the Octagon Club with other wealthy members. The couple became winter residents with summer homes in Coronado and San Francisco. The papers record their vacations at the fashionable resort hotels each summer and social parties in Redlands.

Horace incorporated the Redlands White Star Laundry for \$50,000 in 1903 with John Logie, R. H. Myers, A. H. Holgate and Henry H. Ford. Redlands hotels found the laundry located on Orange Street convenient. Horace bought the Windsor Hotel in 1905 with John Height and Mrs. Mary Prendergast for \$20,000. Beginning in 1906, Horace and Sue began renting the carriage barn composed of six rooms completely furnished

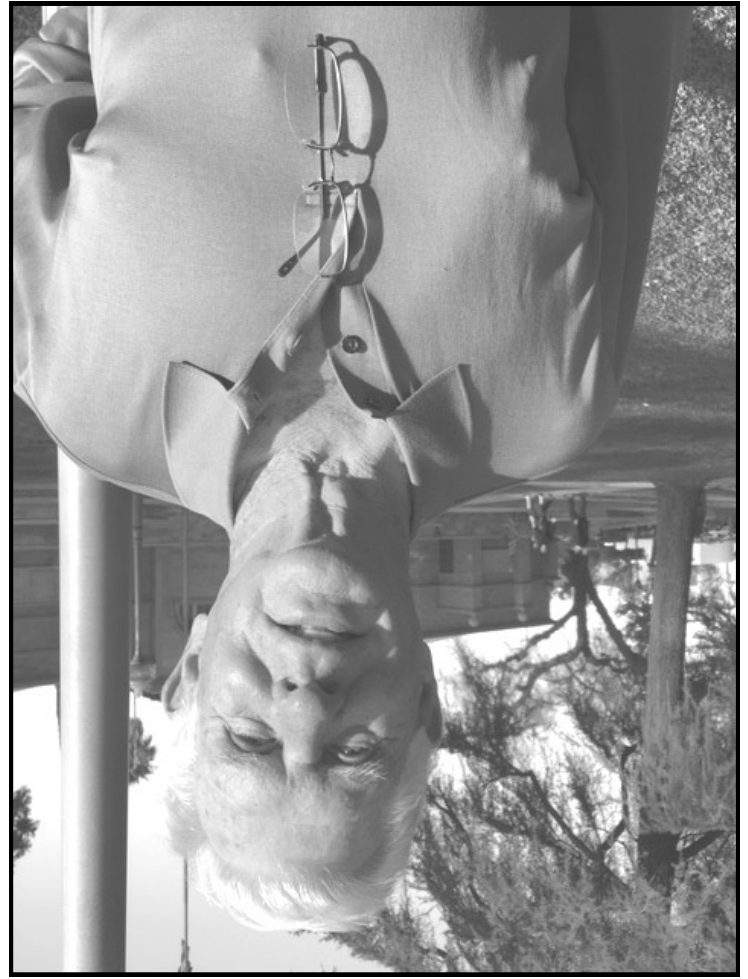
and the use of the horse, runabout, cow, and chickens. Horace and Sue divorced in 1911 and Horace moved to Santa Ana where he died in 1936. Sue remained in the home with her daughter. She advertised in 1911 for a finishing governess who could teach English, French, and German, as well as music. Sue McAbee Evans, secretary of the Red Cross Chapter, died of pneumonia in 1917.

Subsequent occupants include the Moura, Silva, Thomas, Moore, Van Voorst and Soares families. Mrs. Harold W. Hill had her daughter in the barn in 1954.

Paul R. and Martha Bendemire became the owners in 1961. Paul was a planner at Norton Air Force Base. Bendemire remodeled the front and side porch and bathroom, built a new garage/barn and ignited neighborhood angsts when he painted it red. Bendemire also built a greenhouse and crafts room. His tragic death in a 1977 Alaska airplane crash ended a period of major renovation.

Kim Ennis and Ken McCrory bought the home in 2016 and have repaired rotten window trim, removed years of debris, cut dead trees, landscaped the half acre, and built a fence, fountain, and bird baths. Kim did 99% of the research for this citation and with Ken deserves this 2017 Redlands Area Historical Society Heritage Award.





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