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Tuesdays & Thursdays - 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Museum & Gift Shop Friday & Saturday 6 to 9 p.m.

Open: Second Saturday monthly

Gift Shop & Museum - 10:00am to 1:00 p.m.

Walking Tour: Second Saturdays monthly

Downtown Historical Docent-led tour at 10 a.m.

Reservations are recommended

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Margie Kiddoo Green

Summer Message by Margie Green

SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The Walker House has really come alive with Vincenzo's Terrazza restaurant finally opening. Vincenzo's was located in West Covina for many years. Now they have moved to the first floor of the Walker House bringing with them a following of loyal patrons and are attracting new ones as well. They have turned out to be great neighbors. The Historical Society has expanded the museum and gift shop hours to be open during some of the busier times of the restaurant. Read Kay Hoveland's article for the new hours. We are meeting people from all around the area and many from San Dimas who have never been in the historic home.

The San Dimas Historical Society is proud to welcome new Board Members. Selina Garcia was voted onto the board in May. She is a 15-year resident of San Dimas and has been a multi-tasking volunteer for PTA executive board both at the school site and district school level and a board member of the La Verne - San Dimas Educational Foundation. Abel Burke has been appointed to fill the position vacated by Diana Veloz as she moves to Orange County. Abel grew up in Glendora and is a 3-year resident of San Dimas. He is the pastor at Redemption Bible Church located at 505 Bonita Avenue. Abel and his wife Sarah, are expecting their first child anytime now. Cheryl Avelar is returning to the board to fill Linda Nelson's spot, as she has moved to Sierra Madre. Along with the two newest board members I welcome back myself and Kay Hoveland. We were voted back for our second 3-year terms. Both of us have been associated with and on the board in years past and are *Life Members*.

Our social committee is planning the annual FREE Ice Cream Social which will be held in the city's Senior Citizens Building on Sunday, September 24th from 4 to 6 p.m. We are also working on details for our Fall Dinner and a great program. Currently, we are planning that event to be Thursday, November 9th. Invitations announcing these events will be sent out with more details closer to the dates.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your president of San Dimas Historical Society for another year. Susan Davis, vice president and I had lunch at Vincenzo's with leaders from the Pomona, Glendora and La Verne Historical Societies recently. It was great learning what they are doing in the nearby cities and getting ideas.

Remember we are looking for volunteers to help with our extended hours. It is fun and in this hot weather it's a cool place to be.



Hand Squeezed Health!

By Suzy Crawford

I was watching an episode of *The Food That Built America* the other evening. If you've never seen the show, it shares information on the time in history, the innovators, their challenges and resulting creations that have made their way to America's table. Some of these items are still on grocery shelves today.

I do not recall the exact dates but in this one particular episode did tie many pieces of history together.

It was back in grade school we learned that sailing ships carried citrus on their voyages. Consuming citrus fruits fought the nasty scurvy. They may not have known the actual reason but we now know it was because of that amazing vitamin C.

Our nutritional knowledge has grown by leaps and bounds in this country. As we learn, families try to incorporate that knowledge into their everyday lives.



There were no mass production facilities in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Refrigeration was non-existent or

certainly not commonplace. Grocery stores did not have the huge refrigerated, let alone freezer sections that they do today.

The breakfast table would offer each family member a juice glass. I used to think they were cute, little glasses. Now I realize why.

The juice glass was akin to a mother today telling each child to take their vitamin.

That fresh squeezed juice was made by hand. Ah yes, the manual citrus juicer. If you've ever used one you know how much work it is. General guidelines state there are 4 to 5 tablespoons of juice in an orange. Roughly one

third to one half cup. To see adorable little juice glasses neatly hold one half cup of liquid. If you were making breakfast for a family of five or six (and families did run larger in those days) that was a lot of juicing. That cute little glass of fresh-squeezed juice was enough. Whew!



Research and Discovery

By Susan Davis

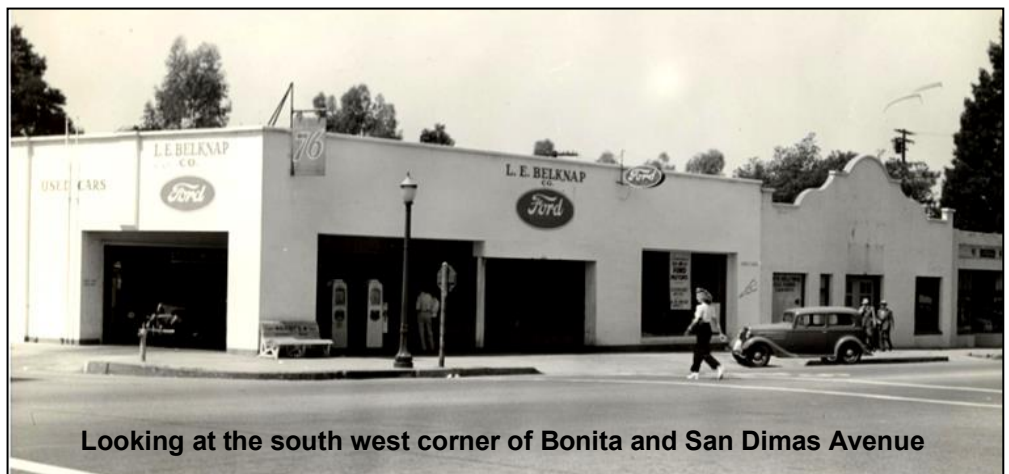
Since 2002, we have been using *PastPerfect*, a software developed for museum collections. However, technology has come a long way since *PastPerfect* was developed and we felt the software was no longer meeting our needs.

We started researching and discovered *Catalogit*, a modern, cloud-based and cost-effective collections management system. After numerous emails, webinars and discussions we are in the process of migrating from *PastPerfect* to *Catalogit*. While still within our 60-day full use trial, we are certain that a permanent switch will be made.

One of the biggest selling features was *Catalogit* was designed for use with computers, smartphones (iOS and Android) and tablets. *Catalogit* is more intuitive and easier to use than *PastPerfect* without the costly training.

With the help of John Davis and

Dave Harbin, we are converting over 13,000 of our photos. The fun side is rediscovering photos long forgotten. The challenge is fielding questions, such as, "why is this picture in one file while it seems like it should be in another file"? While biting back my sharp retort, I simply copied the photo and pasted it to the other file and now we have the photo in both files, and everyone is happy. At least, for a while.



Looking at the south west corner of Bonita and San Dimas Avenue

Student Volunteer

Like most San Dimas High School students, I grew up in San Dimas. I always passed by the famous Walker House. As a little girl, I thought it was so scary and haunted. I have only seen the outside of the house and pictures of the main entrance. I did not know the beauty of the inside and the heartwarming history of the house.

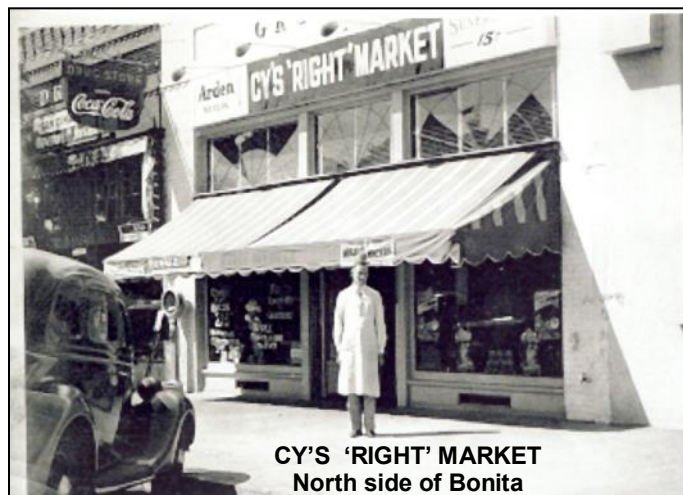


Leilani Ignacio

The Walker House was built in 1885 and completed in 1887. The beautiful Queen Anne Revival style home housed the Walker family for generations till 1978. I learned that the house held many weddings, was the center for many community activities, a small private school, and a grand restaurant. The house was once lively and is a key part of our town's history. Roaming the halls on the second floor, which contains historical pictures and items of San Dimas, indulges me in the past of our small town.

Before San Dimas High School, it was Bonita Union and San Dimas Grammar School. Pictures of the Bonita Union sports team are displayed in the second-floor hallways. One of the rooms displays the history of our Bonita Unified schools. The pictures of the Bonita Union band, basketball, baseball, and track teams remind me that nothing has truly changed and that we are all a team and a community. Another picture shows "Yell Leaders," which are equivalent to what is known now as "Den Leaders". The school spirit in both San Dimas and Bonita High School lives on almost one hundred years later.

Through the various rooms, I learned that San Dimas was never a "Western town" and was a citrus town instead. Many interesting stories are told through the older pictures of the town displayed throughout all rooms. Being a student volunteer, surrounded by the loveliest volunteers, indulges me in my town's history; being involved in the Historical Society shows me that San Dimas has so much rich history not seen on the surface.



CY'S 'RIGHT' MARKET
North side of Bonita

We are having FUN!!



Kay Hoveland

Now that Vincenzo's Terrazza, the new restaurant on the first floor of the Walker House is up and running, we have expanded our hours of operation in the Gift Shop and the Museum. We have adjusted our office hours on Tuesday and Thursday to be open from 12 noon to 3 pm, making our museum rooms and gift shop available for the lunch crowd. Also, we are now open on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 pm until 9 pm, providing the weekend diners the opportunity to come upstairs and see our wonderful displays. It's amazing how many people who live in the area and have never been inside the Walker House, let alone in the Historical Society Museum!

Consequently, or should I say, "as a result", sales are booming, and the inventory of donated goods is dwindling. So, if you have any vintage items that your family doesn't want, please remember us. We need jewelry, crystal, linens, old kitchen gadgets, etc. If you question the "etc.", just call me to ask. Leave a message on my cell 626-592-2002 or the Historical Society office at 909-592-1190 and I will respond as soon as possible. I can even pick up!

Volunteers Still Needed!!

I am happy to say we have a few new volunteers, a college and a high school student, as well as two adults. With the expanded hours and days, it is necessary to have at least two people work each Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested, please go to our website sandimashistorical.org or call me at the number above. We offer training and companionship on those weekend nights!

San Dimas Historical Society Ice Cream Social

FREE! For Members & Guests

**Sunday, September 24
4 to 6 p.m.**

**At the City Senior
Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas**
Historical Society members and their
Guests are invited to our
**Annual Ice Cream Social - Come join
the fun. Make-your-own Ice Cream
and Cookie Sundae**



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Membership Benefits include:

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