

Mud Springs Messenger

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2023 - 2024

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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

Except: December, January, July and August

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

President Message from Margie Green

This is my last message as president of the Historical Society. In May, I will be passing the gavel to incoming president, Susan Davis. Susan shouldn't be a stranger to you, she has served as archivist for the past 15-years. During her nearly 25-years of service to the historical society she has held almost every position except president. It's about time she added president to her resume! I couldn't be more pleased with her selection.

The Historical Society, along with the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce will be holding a YARD SALE on Saturday, April 27th on the back patio and park area behind the Martin House at 246 E. Bonita Avenue. We are clearing out things that have accumulated in the basement over the years. In case you don't remember, the Historical Society shared the Martin House with the Chamber of Commerce for a long time. We will also have great and unusual things from our Walker House Gift Shop that day. The hours will be from 8 am to 3 pm. More information will be available on our website closer to the date.

Our Spring Dinner will be held on May 23rd with the installation of new board directors and officers. At that time, we also say goodbye to Allen Chen and Julie Draayom who term-off the board of directors after both serving two, 3-year terms. They both plan on remaining valuable volunteers. Terry Templeman, Abel Burke and Susan Davis will be starting new 3-year terms. Invitations and information about the upcoming dinner will be mailed in early May.

I have been associated with SDHS for more years than I can remember. Both my husband Don and I are life-members, as well as patron donors of the historical society. I was the President once before in 2013 through 2015 and have been proud to serve the society again from 2022 until now. I thank you all for the honor of serving you the past 3-years. I will continue as a board director and dedicated volunteer.

I wish Susan and the society continued success.





Suzy Crawford

San Dimas Landmarks by Susan Crawford

So many of us have used landmarks in getting around and sharing directions to other. Ah, it may be a thing of the past. Directions seem to evolve with technology. And, it seems technology changes and improves by leaps and bounds so quickly these days.

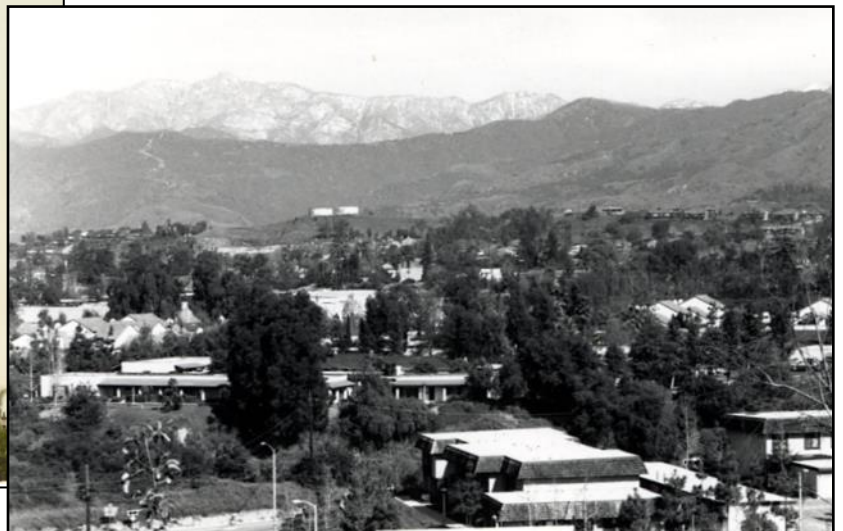
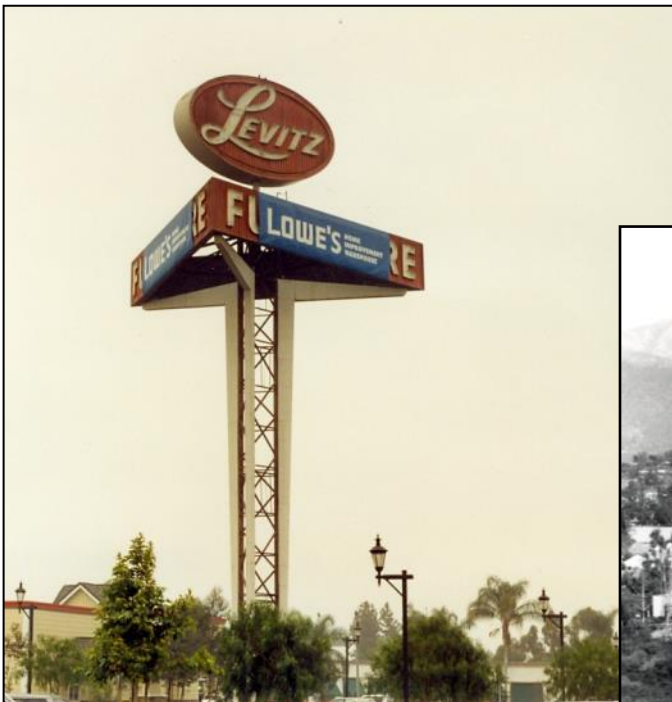
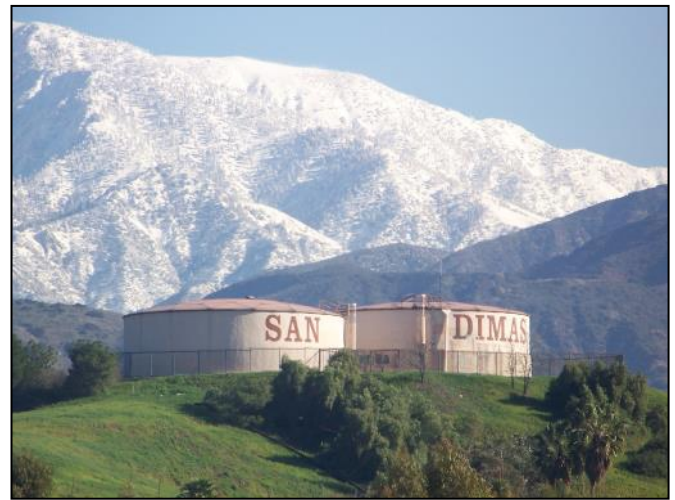
GPS, global positioning satellite changed how we navigate to and fro. In our vehicles, we were the trend setters with our Garmins, Magellans and such. Next these directional aides showed up on our phones via Apps such as Ways, Google and Apple Maps. Now the new cars are being built with these accessories built in.

Yes, technology changes but so do our landmarks. The old Levitz sign, (which is gone, deconstructed in 2004), could be seen for several miles away, depending upon the direction. The other site that I consider to be a San Dimas landmark is our water towers.

Golden State Water refers to them as the Way Hill West and Way Hill East Water Reservoirs. Cal Cities Water Company, a private water provider, constructed the towers before 1967. The exact date is lost to history.

The towers are made of concrete. In 1998 self-supporting aluminum domes were added. Both reservoirs are the same size: Each is 20 feet high with a diameter of 69.5 feet. Each also holds 500,000 gallons of water.

Although they are considered the San Dimas Water Towers by many, Golden State Water services residents in portions of Charter Oak, Covina, Glendora, La Verne and Walnut in addition to San Dimas.



Save the Date....

April 27th will be a VERY special day! The San Dimas Historical Society and the Gift Shop will be cleaning out our storage areas and closets! In preparation for the best Yard Sale you will experience this Spring. There will be items for every holiday including New Year, Valentine's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, and Christmas. Also available will be items donated specifically to make this yard sale a success!

Should you have anything you want to contribute there are many options:

Bring them to the Walker House during our business hours, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 noon to 3 pm or Friday and Saturday night from 6 to 9 pm.

Call my cell 626-592-2002 so we can arrange a more convenient delivery time for you.

If you need to arrange a pickup of your donation, please call me.

New Name

The gift shop is making a change, one that is more descriptive of what we are. Our new name "**Vintage Treasures**" with prices of yore has been adopted and will be displayed in many different ways. Watch for it!!

In Progress - New look to an old building



151 W. Bonita and Exchange Place was originally built to house the Bank of San Dimas in 1904. New owners have begun restoration of the building.



Kay Hoveland

Time to VOTE!

Dear Historical Society Member(s)

It is time again to vote to fill Board of Director seats of the San Dimas Historical Society. All current members of the society are eligible to participate by filling out the enclosed ballot and mailing it back to the society office. This year five seats are open to fill. Two members are running for reelection to a second term and three are seeking a first term. All seats are for a three-year term.

As a member you are entitled to five votes. You may cast one vote for each of the five candidates, five votes for one candidate or any combination of the five votes you desire. Please mail your ballot back to the Historical Society no later than May 5, 2024.

Abel Burke: Abel Burke grew up in Glendora, CA in a family of eight children. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in communications from Thomas Edison State College and then went on to earn his Master of Divinity from Biola University Talbot School of Theology. He and his wife Sarah moved to San Dimas in 2018 and later started a church in San Dimas called Redemption Bible Church in 2022. In his spare time, Abel enjoys spending time with his wife and son, Jackson. He also enjoys welding, wood working, exercising, and restoring classic cars.

Cheryl Clarke: Cheryl Clarke, a San Dimas transplant since her eighth-grade summer, enjoyed growing up in a family of eight children. Her greatest joys lie in her family; she is the proud mother of two accomplished children Lacey and Anthony, and dotes on her cherished granddaughter, Tessa. Despite facing the profound loss of her beloved husband, Jeffrey Maxwell Coan, to ALS in 2018, Cheryl remains a resilient pillar of strength and love within her familial circle and beyond. Intrigued by the historical legacy of her hometown, Cheryl became aware of the Historical Society when her home was featured on the SDHS Harvest Home Tour in 2002. Although her schedule prevented her from volunteering at the time, she now eagerly seeks to contribute her time and energy to preserving the rich heritage of San Dimas

Curt Morris: Curt Morris moved to San Dimas shortly after his seventh birthday. He graduated from San Dimas Elementary School and the old Bonita High School (Damien now), Stanford University and Loyola University Law School. In 1980, he was first elected to the San Dimas City Council and was appointed Mayor in 1996 and served as Mayor until 2020. Curt has extensive experience as a member of the board of directors of several significant non-profit organizations. He is well respected and enjoys the support of a broad cross-section of the community.

Susan Davis: Susan has served for several years as our archivist. Under her leadership significant improvements have been made to our archives. She is a Society Life Member and is seeking reelection to another three-year term.

Terry Templeman: Terry has served as our treasurer for the past three years. She is a Society Life Member and is seeking reelection to another three-year term.

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Membership Benefits include:

Quarterly newsletters, invitations to two membership dinners with special speakers and programs, invitations to hosted annual Ice Cream Social, and other Historical Society Events.

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Individual.....\$25 ___ (annually) Family (two or more).....\$35___ (annually) Sponsors / Business \$100 ___ (annually)
Life Membership...\$500 per person___ (one time fee only)

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