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## Executive Director Andrews Retires After 19 Years

**T**he obvious accomplishments that Executive Director Tom Andrews has achieved on behalf of the Historical Society of Southern California are significant. Beginning his work on September 1, 1986, Tom came to the Society with a Ph.D. in history, a reputation as a fine professor and scholar, and as an administrator and fund-raiser. Our board hopes were high and wide. All of them he fulfilled.

At the time we had a budget just shy of \$120,000. Today it is at \$375,000. The membership stood at a respectable 850. Today it is nearly 1,100 loyal supporters. Membership revenue has gone from \$32,000 to over \$90,000.

Thoughts of a sizeable endowment, a vital challenge to ensure the service, programs, and publication of the Quarterly by the Society, seemed but a wistful chimera. Today it stands at nearly \$1,600,000, the possibilities for its growth encouraging.

The less obvious achievements, but enduring and far-reaching, are Tom Andrews' efforts to

expand the horizons of the Society. He began with one part-time staff member. Now the Society has three full-time and five part-time employees including the Lummis Home docents and garden workers.

Today the Society is a major publisher of regional and local history. Since 1986 more than 37 books have appeared under the Society's imprint. These publications have brought to light new information about the people, issues, and historical sites of Los Angeles and southern California.

Tom's tireless efforts to create an endowment for the well respected and century-old Quarterly of the Historical Society of Southern California and to assure its future have produced an important partnership. Through the good offices of California State University, Northridge and its Center for Southern California Studies, the Quarterly will continue under able leadership of new editor Dr. Merry Ovnick and advance the dedication and vision of retiring editor Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr.

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# Board Members Pay Tribute to Retiring

**WHAT A PLEASURE** it is to salute Thomas F. Andrews for his 19 years as Executive Director of the Historical Society. He is definitely going to be a hard act to follow. Just look at his record of accomplishments!

He took the reins of HSSC at a time when it was stagnating. With boldness, dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, he has forged a new day for HSSC that reflects his deep commitment to the cause of history and the Society.

Not content with the “nuts and bolts” of directorship, he has blazed new trails. Three in particular stand out. First, a vibrant publication program—37 books have carried the HSSC imprint. Second, he created and fashioned multifaceted award and lecture programs running the gamut from recognition of a lifetime of achievement in history (FELLOWS), of community enrichment (Denise and Jack Smith Award), of writers of history (Pflueger Award), of teaching excellence in grades K-12 (O’Flaherty Award), and the annual George A.V. Dunning Lecture. Lastly, Tom has created the innovative “Keeping History Alive” in our schools.

Bravo, Tom, for your service to HSSC, scholarship, and the cause of history and K-12 education.

**E. PETER MAUK JR.**  
HSSC DIRECTOR

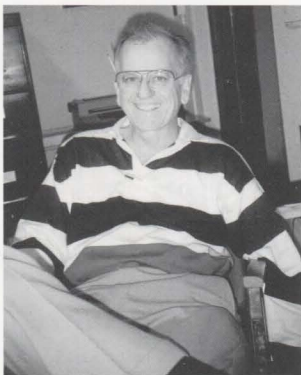
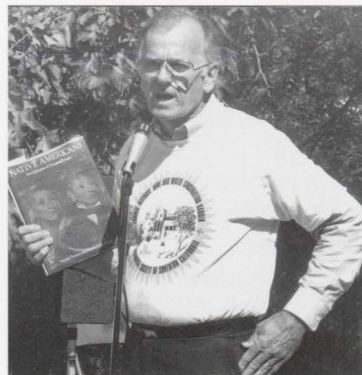


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Above are two faces of Tom Andrews: Relaxed in the Lummis Home office with the ever-present pencil tucked above his ear and in the Lummis Home courtyard expounding on a newly published book on southern California

**TOM ANDREWS IS THE ONLY HSSC** executive director I have known for the entire period of my relationship with HSSC—as member, board member, and officer. I have experienced the pleasure of seeing the organization stabilize and grow under his direction. I have been especially proud of HSSC since Tom Andrews has positioned it as the leading local non-governmental organization to foster the teaching of history through the “Keeping History Alive” program.

**STEPHEN KANTER, M.D.**  
HSSC DIRECTOR

**AS WELL AS TOM’S MANY** substantial achievements (increase in funding, programs, publications, and memberships) these are some characteristics that I think are special:

—More than any executive director I have ever observed, Tom understands the long view of initiating and cultivating the interest of foundation representatives. He continues to communicate over time, thoughtfully exploring the funders’ interests in light of HSSC’s mission. In many cases this results in contributions that are not only a great pride to HSSC, but also to the contributing foundation.

—Tom actively works to help laypersons engage in southern California history. This outreach has enriched my life.

**SANDRA BURTON GREENSTEIN**  
HSSC DIRECTOR

**PREMIER PRACTITIONER** of public history, creative administrator, scholar, dedicated servant, strategic thinker, talented teacher, successful fundraiser—these and other superlatives fit Tom Andrews to a tee.

Tom’s accomplishments as director of HSSC for the past 19 years have put the Society front and center in southern California’s historical community. At heart a bridge builder and an educator whose entire career has been centered on teaching, promoting and preserving California’s rich legacy, Tom demonstrated to all of us the inclusiveness of the term “history.” His unique abilities, inspirational leadership, and words of encouragement will long be remembered by all who came into his orbit.

**GERALD PRESCOTT, PH.D.**  
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF HISTORY, CSUN

**AS TOM ANDREWS COMPLETES** his tenure as executive director of the Historical Society of Southern California he leaves behind a spectacular record of accomplishment. His many successes range from eight awards programs and the establishment of a substantial endowment to his most recent endeavor, the “Keeping History Alive” program. All are a tribute not only to his academic, administrative, and leadership skills, but more importantly to his dedication to the purposes and mission of the Society. In the years to come, however, when I look back on my 18 years of close association with Tom, my recollections will, more often, be of his warmth, humility, and eloquence.

**POWELL GREENLAND**  
HSSC PAST PRESIDENT



# HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews

THE STATURE OF HSSC as a professional organization devoted to the preservation and promotion of local history for the past two decades owes much to the dedicated service and leadership of Tom Andrews. As executive director for 19 years, Andrews has expanded the scope of HSSC's mission as southern California's premier historical society. Tom has increased membership, educational programs, and scholarly publications during his tenure. In addition, the Society has taken a leadership role in promoting history education and in the sponsorship of distinguished academic and community enrichment awards.

The multi-faceted role HSSC performs in our community owes much to the vision and leadership ability of this dedicated historian, educator, and uniquely talented executive director. The Society is immensely grateful for the rich legacy of contributions he will be leaving for future generations.

**GLORIA E. MIRANDA, PH.D.**  
DEAN, DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
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FOR ME, IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE the Historical Society of Southern California without Tom Andrews. With understated determination, he defined the organization and personified its identity as a scholarly but public-minded institution, with a love for the printed word and a commitment to education. I'm not sure he knew what he was getting when he invited an independent-minded documentary filmmaker to join the board more than ten years ago, but I always appreciated his willingness to listen and his quiet and generous appreciation for the in-kind contributions that my wife Nancy and I were willing to make to HSSC.

Although we asked for nothing in return, we are especially grateful for the books he unexpectedly presented to us over the years. Perfectly chosen, they were thoughtful gifts, in the fullest meaning of the term.

Tom's tenure as executive director is marked by that same thoughtfulness and generosity. Inevitably, as with all institutions, HSSC will continue to change and evolve, but whatever happens next, will owe much to Tom's stewardship—let alone his amazing endowment-building skills!

**JON WILKMAN**  
PRESIDENT, WILKMAN PRODUCTIONS

THOMAS ANDREWS BROUGHT extraordinary personal dimensions to his directorship of the Historical Society of Southern California. His capacity for discovering the good will in individuals preserved for all of us the best that we could be as a Society. The teacher in him was tireless in reminding us of our anniversaries. The administrator in him was careful of the innumerable details of planning our celebrations and publications. We enjoyed everything, expecting our staff and volunteers to perform a little simple magic offstage as our good times rolled and our publications reached us ever more beautifully published. One of his personal dimensions that we have seldom acknowledged is that Thomas is a true bookman. He loves beautiful books, both in embryo and in a fully realized state. He knows the literature, past and present, dealing with southern California. The Society has grown in substance and stature because Thomas Andrews served as director.

**PAT ADLER INGRAM**  
HSSC VICE PRESIDENT



AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM has brought the society from the 19th century into the 21st. Under his gentle and effective leadership and persuasive interaction in the community, the society expanded its budget three-fold and began an endowment that now totals more than \$1.5 million. On the intellectual side of the ledger during his tenure, HSSC has published 37 books, created awards and recognition ceremonies, and helped us to become publicly visible through the "Keeping History Alive" project. Tom's contribution to the Society has been enormous and transformative. He is unique and will be missed.

**JIM SANDOS**  
FARQUHAR PROFESSOR OF THE SOUTHWEST,  
UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

TOM ANDREWS IS THE VERY LIFE and soul of the Historical Society of Southern California. For more than 19 years he has demonstrated dedication, scholarship, creativity, professionalism and other great leadership skills which have made the Society what it is today. All the members of the Society and all of southern California are in debt to Tom for this great work.

**TOM CARSON**  
HSSC TREASURER

Three of the recognition programs Tom Andrews inaugurated are represented in the photos to the left.

*The Donald H. Pflueger Local History Award* (Back row) Don Pflueger with 1991 recipients Thomas W. Patterson, Sheldon G. Jackson, and Judson A. Grenier (Front row) Ellen K. Lee and Jane Apostol.

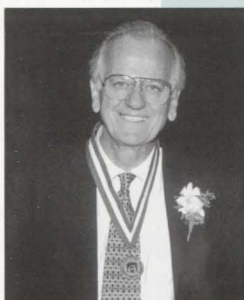
The first *Community Enrichment Award* in 1993 was presented to (back row) Gloria Lothrop, Carolyn Kozo Cole and Margaret Bach, and (front row) Jean Bruce Poole and Peggy Funkhouser.

The third photo features the 2000 *FELLOWS* including a surprised Tom Andrews. (Back row) Martin Ridge, Glen Dawson, Msgr. Francis Weber, Doyce B. Nunis Jr., Tom, Thomas S. Hines, Kevin Starr. (Front row) Jane Apostol, Nadine Hata, Julius Schulman and Iris H.V. Engstrand.



**T**OM HAS ACCEPTED a position at Azusa Pacific University where he will teach history and be a research historian in the Special Collections department of the University library. Thirty years ago, Tom was instrumental in attracting many of the treasures that today make up the important holdings on California and the West in Azusa Pacific's special collections. Tom is looking forward to teaching, re-searching, and writing history—and bringing to the classroom and to the library the wealth of experience he has gained during his 19 years at HSSC.

We wish Tom well in his new endeavors.



Here is Tom Andrews wearing his FELLOWS medallion at The Huntington Library in 2000. Tom was inducted into the prestigious body without becoming aware of the honor beforehand. It was a secret well-kept and an honor well-deserved.

In addition, Tom advanced the awards program, eight endowed honors programs that confer recognition to excellent writing and excellent history, exemplary service to history, loyal service to the Society, and recognition of outstanding teaching.

The innovative "Keeping History Alive" program aimed at school children in Los Angeles has attracted widespread support from foundations and educational leaders. It has set an important template upon which others can build. Likewise, the research stipends for scholars working on southern California history are now funded for its eighth year.

As a result of all these 19 years of tireless effort, Tom Andrews' successor will have a stronger, more purposeful Society upon which to build his or her legacy. On behalf of the Board of the Society, I offer a salute to efforts well achieved and an abiding appreciation to Tom for keeping the Historical Society of Southern California, the oldest in the State, in its preminent position. We will continue to benefit from his stewardship and from his legacy.

**LARRY E. BURGESS**  
**HSSC PRESIDENT**

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