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*Program speakers and long-time friends Hugh Tolford (left) and Nadine Hata (right) wish Doyce Nunis a happy seventieth birthday at gala HSSC tribute luncheon.*

## Friends Honor Historian Doyce Nunis With 70th Birthday Celebration

In what only can be described as a birthday "bash," nearly 200 friends and HSSC members celebrated Doyce Nunis' many achievements as historian, teacher, editor, and connoisseur of the arts and letters. The atmosphere at Pasadena's Doubletree Hotel was heady with laughter and good cheer on October 1st, as guests assembled to hear colleagues and friends raise their voices—and glasses—to one of southern California's most inspiring and colorful figures.

After a welcome by HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews and comments by the Society's President Martin Ridge, guests chatted over a fine luncheon, which received the approval of the honoree, himself an accomplished chef. Four pillars of the historical establishment then offered insights on the many-faceted Nunis and his contributions to the intellectual life of our state.

Nadine Hata, Vice President of

Arcademic Affairs and Professor of History at El Camino College praised Nunis as a teacher. "Doyce Nunis is, and will always be, the model of the master teacher," she began. "His role as teacher pervades every dimension of this prodigiously productive scholar." Sprinkled throughout Dr. Hata's comments were references to Nunis' numerous teaching awards, service on doctoral committees, and legendary, oversubscribed classes. Noting that Nunis began his teaching career as an elementary school teacher, she went on to pay a special compliment: "This helps to explain his strong sense of equanimity and empathy for K-12 teachers and community college faculty. Doyce Nunis is *not* an academic snob."

Saluting Nunis' passion for collecting rare books and promotion of the appreciation of book collecting were Glen Dawson and Hugh Tolford. Dawson,

## Meet HSSC Director Terry Sullivan

When your car breaks down, you may not think of Terry Sullivan, but it's Terry who is responsible for coming to your rescue during one of a driver's ultimate nightmares—being stranded on the road with a flat tire. That's because HSSC Director Terry Sullivan is Vice President of Member Services for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Since joining the board in 1993, Terry has been instrumental in assisting the Society with new marketing strategies for Members. His expertise in offering Auto Club members a level of exemplary service is guiding HSSC's efforts to develop closer ties with its Members at all levels.

A native of Indiana and a resident of California since 1963, Terry received his masters degree in political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and served aboard a destroyer in Southeast Asia.

Four years of naval service made him a seaman forever. Terry and his wife Alexandra are both accomplished sailors and members of the Long Beach and Shoreline Yacht Clubs.



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## GENTLE READER

We all remember some or most of our teachers, because a teacher can make a vital difference in the life of a student.

Certainly two teachers made a difference in my life and are the reasons I chose history as my profession. One, Dr. L. Paul Gresham, my undergraduate mentor at Pasadena College, first unfolded for me the contours and textures of history's rich tapestry. Until his classes, history always had been "dead men and dates." He brought both history and historiography to life for me.

The other, Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr., my graduate mentor at USC, shepherded me through the "rites of passage" in becoming a Ph.D. In pointing out research opportunities, encouraging attendance at conferences, securing fellowships, meeting book review editors, understanding the job market—in all of these and more, Doyce invested a great deal personally in me.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that this past year, HSSC accomplished two important goals: we honored Doyce Nunis as history teacher and as editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*—and we handed out the first "O'Flaherty Distinguished Teaching Awards." (The four recipients are highlighted in this issue.)

HSSC believes that good teaching deserves to be acknowledged and rewarded, and we are grateful to Doyce for his example, and to Louise and the late Joseph O'Flaherty for their vision and support of this important cause.

As Louise Nizer once said, "a good teacher's influence affects eternity."

*Tom Andrews*

Executive Director

## President's Circle Event Shines at Hale Solar Lab

On Saturday, November 12, the President's Circle enjoyed a special afternoon with Christine Shirley at the Hale Solar Laboratory. After touring the Laboratory and the original landscaped grounds, President's Circle Members were treated to a gracious reception and buffet luncheon. Later, the interior provided an intimate setting for Christine's illustrated lecture.

Incorporating a wide range of images, including original architectural renderings, Christine showcased the Laboratory's history and architecture.

Christine, an HSSC Director and President's Circle Member, with her husband, Jack, bought the Laboratory in 1984 and immediately began its restoration. Thanks to their commitment to its preservation the Hale Solar Laboratory became a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

For more information about joining the President's Circle, call HSSC at (213) 222-0546.

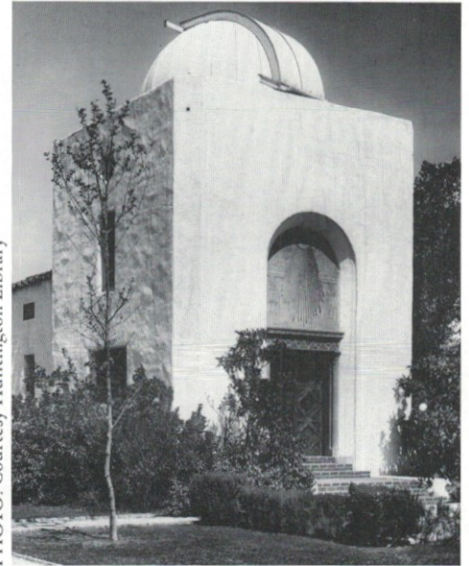


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Hale Solar Laboratory

## Haynes Foundation Funds HSSC Multicultural Resource Guide for Educators

The Historical Society of Southern California and the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation have joined forces to provide a valuable tool for teachers—a resource guide to the ethnic diversity of Los Angeles.

The guide, underwritten by the foundation and published by HSSC, consists of three publications. The first, *Los Angeles Profiles: A Tribute to the Ethnic Diversity of Los Angeles*, provides historical profiles of 28 ethnic groups. The other two, *A Resource Guide to Multicultural Interdisciplinary Activities for Grades 4-8* and *A Curriculum Guide for Use in Social Studies Classes at the Secondary Level*, provide practical classroom strategies and historical material including lesson plans, activities, timelines and bibliographies. Together, the three publications provide teachers with both factual content and creative ways to introduce it to the students.

The generous grant allowed the

Historical Society to tap the talents of Gloria R. Lothrop, W.P. Whitsett Professor of California History at California State University, Northridge, who wrote the *Profiles* and who consulted with Marilyn E. Lubarsky, author of the secondary level guide, and Jane Willis and Arlene Walker, authors of the elementary level guide.

"We need to support teachers of history at the elementary and secondary levels with resource materials and curriculum guides," says Tom Andrews, HSSC executive director. "By focusing on the history of our ethnic diversity, these materials," he believes, "can help immediately to build important bridges within the community."

Teachers and members of historical societies who attended the Southern California History Conference will receive their copies by mail. For information on how to obtain copies of the guides, call (213) 222-0546.



# MEMBERS

## Annual HSSC Book Auction Breaks Record

Executive Director Tom Andrews has good news to share. This summer's Fourth Annual Book, Art and Photo Auction brought a record \$11,285! All but one of the 88 items sold. The bidding by the 39 bidders was fast and competitive. The previous auction record was last year's total of \$6,500. Together, the June book sale and the September auction brought nearly \$13,000 to the publications program of the Society.

"I am very pleased, to say the least," says Tom. "Hugh Tolford and Stacey Roman were excellent auctioneers. The weather cooperated with temperatures dropping to 81 degrees. We welcomed several students from Franklin High who served as runners and helpers."

Two items, a 1910 panorama of Beverly Hills and the 1860 Los Angeles County original tax assessor's book, brought the highest amounts.

The total income for the four book sales and auctions (1991-1994) is \$40,000!

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## "...and a bit of Eve": The Beginnings of the Ward Ritchie Press

From November 4 through December 11, HSSC is hosting an exhibit of Ward Ritchie's work at the Charles F. Lummis Home in Highland Park. The story of the legendary Ward Ritchie Press is a fascinating one, and we present here a summary of its accomplishments, including four areas where Ward Ritchie has distinguished himself as a fine printer. In 1988 Ward was made a FELLOW of HSSC in recognition of his accomplishments as both a printer and writer.

### Ward Ritchie Press

In 1932, Ward Ritchie was asked to print a section on Robinson Jeffers for Part X of *The Colophon*, the assignment which marked the beginning of the The Ward Ritchie Press. The Press found its first home in a barn in South Pasadena. Ward and his friends debated what to call this new enterprise, and "San Pasqual Press" and "Adobe Flores Press" were among the names considered.

In recounting his beginnings as a fine pressman, Ward recalls that he started with "a Washington hand press, some Garamond type and a bit of Eve," which San Francisco printer Ed Grabhorn had given him. To complete the Robinson Jeffers assignment, however, Ward needed a power press. He acquired an old Gally Universal and working nights, he was able to complete the Jeffers signature on schedule.

In 1928, Ward met Pomona College student Gregg Anderson who contributed significantly to turning the press into a businesslike operation. Gregg was drafted in 1942 and took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Tragically, he was killed in action on July 5, 1994, two days after being recommended for the Bronze Star for heroism.



PHOTO: Margaret Dickerson

Ward Ritchie

### Cook Books

Ward Ritchie's venture into the world of cook books began in earnest with the work of his Pasadena neighbor and friend, Helen Evans Brown, an authority on food and collector of some 10,000 cook books.

When The Ward Ritchie Press published her *Chafing Dish Book* in 1950, it proved to be the most popular book the press had printed up to that time. Others soon followed: *Patio Cook Book*, *A Book of Appetizers*, *Virginia City Cook Book*, and Ruth Mellinkoff's *The Something Special Cook Book*.

Today cook books and books on wine are highly valued imprints from The Ward Ritchie Press.

### Western Americana

Next to cook books, The Ward Ritchie Press has had its greatest success with books on California and the American West. It started in 1935 when the Historical Society of Southern California moved from an annual to a quarterly publication and asked The Ward Ritchie Press to print its new *Quarterly*.

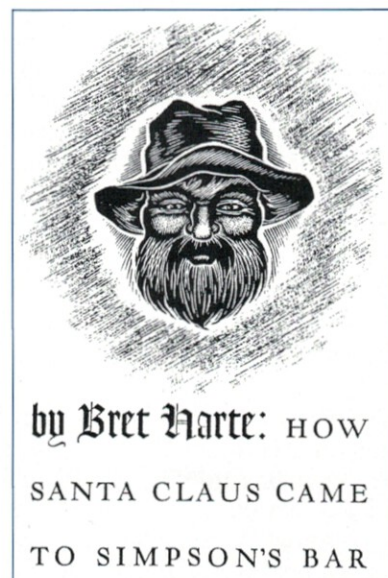
Many impressive titles followed, including *El Molino Viejo*, *Cattle on a Thousand Hills*, *Boom of the Eighties*, *The Newball Ranch*, and *California Gold Rush Voyages*. As Ward points out, in California, "the small printer has been very successful in combining interesting design and historical text."

More recently, Ward has designed a number of prize-winning books for the Historical Society of Southern California.



### Laguna Verde Press

In 1974, Ward moved to Emerald Bay in Laguna Beach and installed his Albion hand press there as the Laguna Verde Imprenta. His first booklet was a memorial for Saul Marks. Other titles included *Jeffers*, *Adventures with Authors*, *The Poet and the Printers*, and some poetry by Ward's alter ego, Peter Lum Quince. These hand press years at Emerald Bay have given Ward Ritchie a chance to print innovative works of original and unpublished material.



One of Ward Ritchie's favorites from 1941.



# ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 1993

## To The Members of the Historical Society of Southern California

In 1994 the HSSC, like virtually every other Southern California educational institution, experienced the effects of the state's recession. Nevertheless, the HSSC weathered the storm and the year has been a success.

The number of members has remained basically stable, and many members have up-graded their contributions so that dues revenues have increased. All members are encouraged to help the Society in this way. The Society will in the future encourage members to pay their dues with credit cards to make renewal both more convenient and even automatic.

The Society's publications remain not only a source of pride but also of limited revenue. Unfortunately, the publication program of the Society is not self-sustaining. Therefore, the generous support of many Southern California foundations, corporations, and individuals has been essential to its success. We are grateful for their timely assistance.

This year, like several in the past, has been a testing time for the HSSC. We have a fine program of publication, an excellent garden program at the Lumis Home, and an excellent staff. The task ahead is to continue our efforts to build a firm financial base in these unusually competitive times to keep our programs alive and vital.

Martin Ridge  
HSSC President

November 21, 1994

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CASH FLOW ANALYSIS JANUARY 1, 1991 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1993

	January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993	January 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992	January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991
Beginning cash	\$123,134	\$80,863	\$66,907
Membership dues	58,273	58,765	55,335
Investment income	10,868	12,360	11,906
Donations	104,548	57,505	116,645
Book sales	63,323	57,045	48,363
Quarterly Publication donations	60,700	6,500	474
Events and programs	14,273	22,250	20,420
Administrative fees	18,184	15,044	26,097
Increase in reserve and fund accounts	(76,569)	11,786	(30,111)
Stock sale proceeds	100,044	41,155	26,478
Receivables collected	0	0	0
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>353,643</b>	<b>282,409</b>	<b>275,607</b>
Cash available	476,777	363,272	342,514
Operating expenses	(278,937)	(232,736)	(210,232)
Securities purchased	(100,477)	(6,262)	(51,482)
Decrease (increase) in payables	1,417	(1,140)	63
<b>CASH EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(377,997)</b>	<b>(240,139)</b>	<b>(261,651)</b>
Ending cash balance	\$98,781	\$123,133	\$80,863

The above information has been compiled from the tax returns as filed by the Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 1991, December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (unaudited)

ASSETS	December 31, 1993
Cash, checking & money market	\$ 48,206
Other current assets	86,395
Marketable securities	128,567*
Restricted assets	50,574
	<b>\$313,742</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities	\$ 3,815
Long-term liabilities, fund accounts	49,324
Board reserved moneys accounts	66,977
Ending account balance	193,626
	<b>\$313,742</b>

\* Market value as of December 31, 1993: \$176,918

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## Four Teachers Receive O'Flaherty Award for Excellence in the Teaching of History

Four deserving teachers received the O'Flaherty Distinguished Teaching Award during the first History Conference for educators held at Heritage Square on October 15. The award, named for Joseph and Louise O'Flaherty, recognizes excellence in the teaching of California history among elementary and secondary school educators. The winners were Marie Altchech, William Coate, Cynthia Cuevas and Ronald Woolsey.

Over 150 educators and members of local historical societies attended the conference and cheered the award winners, each of whom received a check for \$500 from HSSC. Tom Andrews, executive director, introduced each teacher with a moving citation and presented each with a handsome certificate. Andrews looks forward to introducing the award winners at the Society's annual Holiday Open House on December 10.

state and local history. Marie has served as a master teacher and teacher facilitator for the California History Social Science Project at California State University, Dominguez Hills, and at UCLA.



**William Coate**

Bill Coate has taught in the Madera Unified School District and neighboring communities for 22 years and was Teacher of the Year state finalist in 1988. He developed the "Madera Method" for stimulating elementary and intermediate students to do original research and writing in history. Over the past decade, his students' research and authorship has generated 20 books on a variety of California historical subjects. Bill conducts workshops throughout the state to describe and demonstrate the exciting "Madera Method."

**Cynthia Cuevas**

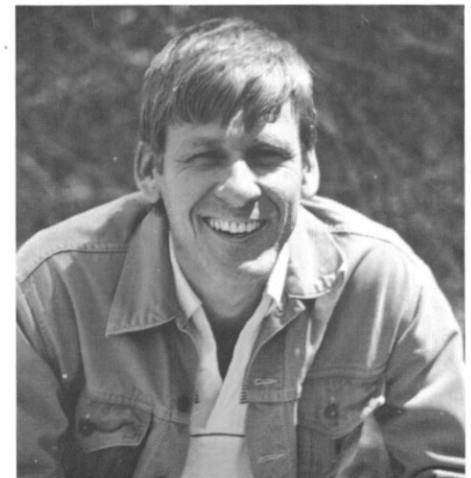
Cynthia Cuevas is a Chapter One, kindergarten through sixth grade resource teacher at the Margaret Heath Elementary School in Baldwin Park. She has taught various grades for the past eleven years and is highly skilled at incorporating the latest technology



into the classroom. Cynthia serves as the Technology Mentor for the Baldwin Park Unified School District and as the technology facilitator for the California History Social Science Project at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

**Ronald Woolsey**

A teacher at Bishop Amat Memorial High School for 13 years, Ron Woolsey coordinates the "We The People" textbook program in the 42nd congressional district. He was Teacher of the Year state finalist in 1991 and has an impressive record of scholarly publication. Ron's U.S. history students finished first in the nation in the National Social Studies Scholastic Aptitude Exam and fourth in the State Mock Congressional Hearing Competition last year.



**Marie Altchech**

Marie Altchech teaches third and fourth grades at Stoner Elementary School in Culver City and is a nineteen-year veteran of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her area of concentration is California



PHOTO: Suzanne Huddleson



Don Pflueger

## Remembering Don Pflueger, 1923-1994

On November 14, southern California lost one of its most lively and devoted local historians, Don Pflueger. Professor Emeritus at Cal Poly Pomona, writer, speaker, and member of HSSC's Board of Directors for five years, Don was best known for his pioneering authorship of exemplary histories of many local communities. The following excerpts from a tribute to Don by HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews captures the spirit of Don's pursuits and his contributions.

"There's a great sadness this week in the communities of Glendora, Azusa, Covina, Pomona and Claremont because their champion has laid down his pen, taken his fingers off the typewriter keys, and closed the book on his research and

writing. In fact, we are all saddened by this loss because southern California history and Don Pflueger are synonymous.

"What a high honor it was for us at the Historical Society of Southern California to have him as a board member and to have been able to name our local history award after him. The welcome of his presence was a special blessing to all who were close to him as it was to the larger southern California community.

"Don Pflueger exemplified the characteristics of an educated heart: 'an appreciation of beauty, a tolerance of others, a courtesy toward opposing views, a reaching for mastery without arrogance, a dedication to fairness, an adherence to integrity and precision in thought and speech, an openness to change, and a love for graceful expression and audacious intellect.'

"Don's first book, *Glendora: The Annals of a Southern California Community*, was printed by the Saunders Press of Claremont and published in 1951, after an earlier draft was written as an undergraduate paper at Pomona College under the direction of the late John Kemble. The foreword to the book was written by Robert Glass Cleland of the Huntington Library. A decade later, 1964, Don's second local history, *Covina: Sunflowers, Citrus, Subdivisions*

was published printed by The Castle Press of Pasadena and contained a foreword by John Caughey of UCLA. Other books included a textbook on California government and, in 1976, a biography of Charles C. Chapman, a pioneer citrus grower for whom Chapman College is named. The Chapman book was designed by Ward Ritchie and printed at the Ward Ritchie Press.

"Don knew his strengths as well as his weaknesses; he viewed his world in true proportions. He knew the value of hard work, imagination and courage. His warmth and friendliness were contagious. He enthusiastically shared himself with others. His relationships and his work in history possessed integrity.

"As Doyce Nunis, editor of the *Southern California Quarterly* wrote in 1988, the Pflueger volumes establish 'the benchmark for judging outstanding local histories, which are achievements of historical excellence and quality.' Hence, it is no accident that the Donald H. Pflueger Local History Award exists today. The Historical Society is grateful that Don had the opportunity to see the award being given to 15 worthy recipients on three different occasions. He got to experience the excitement that the award in his name generated among those being honored."

The family of Don Pflueger has asked that donations in Don's memory be made to the Historical Society of Southern California. HSSC will send an acknowledgement of your gift to the family and thank you publicly in this newsletter.

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## From Pasadena College to Point Loma Nazarene College

by Ron Kirkemo, Ph.D.



*The Greek Amphitheater on the Point Loma campus, built in 1901, provides a spectacular setting for dramatic and musical presentations, and for academic convocations. It is the first of its type built in the United States.*

Pasadena College was organized in 1910 by Rev. Phineas F. Bresee on the site of the large Hugus Ranch in Pasadena. A former chairman of USC's Board of Trustees of the College of Liberal Arts, Bresee broke with the Methodist Church and organized the Church of the Nazarene. He envisioned a great Christian university serving the growing population of southern California.

He planned on a sizable endowment from subdividing the ranch and from the continuation of popular acceptance of church colleges in the optimistic years prior to WWI. But times changed, and new modern thought sparked a polarizing intellectual conflict within church-related colleges. In response to this challenge, some became fundamentalist, others secularized.

Pasadena College was fortunate to acquire the leadership of H. Orton

Wiley in 1926. As president, Wiley steered the college through that period, fighting fundamentalism and developing a theological framework that allowed the college to deal with modern ideas. Under Wiley's leadership, academics became more sophisticated as he upgraded the quality of the faculty and gained accreditation.

The construction of a landmark administration building in 1929, however, drove the college to the brink of foreclosure. The college survived those years by selling off most of its property, a practice repeated by many small, independent schools. Pasadena College prospered following the Depression and climbing enrollments placed added pressure on the now shrunken campus.

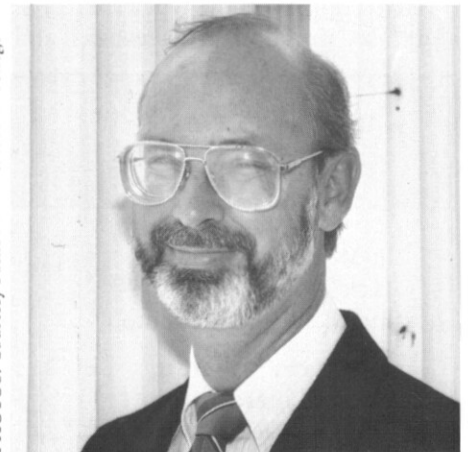
In the 1950s and 1960s, the intellectual quality of the faculty and the student body increased, a high percentage of students were accepted into

graduate schools, alumni took positions of leadership in the surrounding community and the athletic teams (especially basketball) were very successful. Still the college needed to expand in order to grow.

Then in 1972, the United States International University decided to sell its Cal Western campus in San Diego. Pasadena College President W. Shelburne Brown seized the opportunity, rallied the trustees and faculty and moved the college to San Diego.

In its new setting on the bluffs overlooking the Pacific, and in a new market of students, the college—now Point Loma Nazarene College—has doubled in size, pluralized its student body and increased the quality of its faculty.

Now in its ninth decade of operation, Pasadena College/Point Loma Nazarene College continues as a highly respected Christian college, rejecting both indoctrination and secularization. In the process, PC/PLNC has been, and is, an important part of two southern California urban areas.



PHOTOS: Courtesy Point Loma Nazarene College

*Ron Kirkemo, an alumnus of Pasadena College, teaches political science at Point Loma Nazarene College and has recently published a book on the history of the college.*



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### Nunis 70th Birthday Tribute

respected book dealer, highlighted Nunis' involvements in The Westerners and spoke from experience about Nunis' own collecting activities. Hugh Tolford, former HSSC board member and Zamorano Club member, placed Nunis in a pivotal position on the historical continuum of book collecting: "Doyce also represents the transition between the original Zamorano Club and the present day Club. The great private book collectors are gone. But Doyce's training and scholarly abilities have led to his leadership role as a consummate collector of books which identify him well with the old guard."

In closing, Turrentine Jackson, Nunis long-time friend and colleague, paid homage to Nunis as Historian, the role that encompasses and informs all the others celebrated that day.

On behalf of all those present, Tom Andrews presented Doyce with a Tribute Book, a painting of his beloved home by Joseph Stoddard, and a giant calligraphed birthday card. There was not a dry eye in the house, as Doyce, genuinely touched by the outpouring of affection, gave his brief response of thanks.

### Members in the News

This spring the Southern California chapter of the Sierra Club presented the first Elna S. Bakker Nature Interpretation Award to its namesake and former HSSC board member. Bakker, author of *An Island Called California*, was honored for teaching about the fragile ecology of southern California through her writing, lectures and memorable field trips.

HSSC member David G. Cameron, an attorney and historian, has been appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to the State Historical Resources Commission. Cameron has been in the vanguard of promoting historic preservation, serving on numerous boards and commissions including the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission.

### Chaffey Home Restoration

by Don Pflueger



PHOTO: Marsha Banks

*The home of water pioneer George B. Chaffey in Rancho Cucamonga.*

The bucolic community of Etiwanda, now part of the city of Rancho Cucamonga, held its first open house for the restored 1874 Chaffey home on November 29, 1993. The modest dwelling belies its historic significance. No architectural masterpiece, the old house was for a short time the home of one of California's great unsung heroes, George B. Chaffey. In that house on December 4, 1882, glowed the first incandescent lamp in southern California, supplied by the long-distance transmission of hydro-electric power.

A native of Ontario, Canada, Chaffey purchased portions of Rancho Cucamonga in the 1870s, founding both Ontario and Etiwanda. A civil engineer, he named the famed double drive Euclid Avenue after the great mathematician. Etiwanda was named for a Canadian Indian chief and friend of the family.

Chaffey realized early that the area's greatest need was water and felt that everyone should bear responsibility in its development. Hence he invented the mutual water company by selling a share of water stock with each acre of land; his concept ultimately led to the creation of water districts. His ideas spread throughout the West with an incredible impact.

After an illustrious career in land and water development in Australia, Chaffey returned to engineer the first canal to bring water to the Imperial Valley. His last project was laying out the city water system for the Whittier area. Currently a statue of Chaffey is being planned for Ontario.

For information on his home call (909) 980-7303.

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HSSC member and historian **Father Michael Engh** has been appointed to a six-year term as rector of the Loyola Marymount University Jesuit Community.

Professor **Gloria R. Lothrop** has been appointed the W.P. Whitsett Chair in California History. The first to hold the newly endowed chair at California State University, Northridge, Dr. Lothrop has a distinguished record of accomplishment in teaching California

history, in promoting California studies, and in publication in the field.

Author and historian **Kevin Starr** has been appointed the State of California Librarian by Governor Pete Wilson. The seventh state librarian in California's history, Starr is completing the fourth volume of his books on California, *The Dream Endures*, which covers the Depression years.



## HSSC Co-sponsors Centennial Lectures and Artists' Studios Tour

HSSC joins the Friends of the Gamble House in celebrating 100 years of the work of architects Greene and Greene with a lecture series at the Pasadena Public Library. HSSC members receive a discount on tickets to the Tuesday evening lectures which continue through May 1995. Among the noted speakers are David Gebhard, Randell Makinson and Isabelle Greene. For more information, call (818) 793-3334.

The Arroyo Arts Collective and HSSC expanded last year's popular tour of artists' studios in the Highland Park and Mt. Washington areas to two days, November 25 and 26. The tour—dubbed a Discovery Tour—offered a unique opportunity to meet artists, discuss their work and visit the environments in which they create.

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