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*Jack Shakely, President of the California Community Foundation, presents a check from the George A. V. Dunning Fund to Executive Director Tom Andrews as George Dunning, President of the Society, shares in the happy moment.*

*Photo courtesy of Henk Friezer*

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## TWO GRANTS FROM CCF

The Historical Society is the recent recipient of two grants from the George A. V. Dunning Fund of the California Community Foundation. Monies from these grants have been designated for the Publications Fund and the Office Equipment Fund.

George Dunning has made the upgrading of office equipment one of his top priorities as a member of the Board of Directors. His vision and leadership in this area are greatly appreciated.



*Tom Andrews and Glen Dawson during the latter's recent visit to the Lummis Home.*

*Photo courtesy of Carole Dougherty*

## GLEN DAWSON RECEIVES SPECIAL HONOR

At the December 6 Open House festivities, Glen Dawson was named the first FELLOW OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. The announcement was made by Executive Director Tom Andrews who also indicated that a more formal presentation and program will follow in the Spring.

Glen Dawson was the unanimous choice of the Board of Directors for this initial honor. With this announcement, the Historical Society launches its new program of honoring exceptional contributions to California History by designating the awardees as FELLOWS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Glen Dawson is a distinguished Los Angeles bookman and a major disseminator of historical knowledge in the southern California area. A former Board Member of the Historical Society, he is an editor and publisher of numerous historical works about California and the West, southern California, Los Angeles, and Baja California.

His is a lifetime of service dedicated to furthering the best interests of history throughout our local communities and the state.

The welcome of his presence at Dawson's Book Shop, Westerners, Zamorano Club, the Historical Society, and at college, university, and public libraries has enlarged and enriched the historical dimension within each of us.

**Congratulations Glen Dawson—FELLOW  
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.**

## NUNIS PUBLICATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND PASSES \$100,000

Just before Thanksgiving, the Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. Publications Endowment Fund passed the \$100,000 mark! It now totals \$111,506 from a combination of donations and the de-accessioning of selected HSSC archival materials. More about this in a special February newsletter.



## 100 ISSUES OF THE QUARTERLY FOR \$100

To conclude our celebration of Doyce Nunis's 25 years (and 100 issues) as Editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*, we are offering this holiday special: 25 years of the *Quarterly* (March, 1961-December, 1986) for \$100 (\$125 with handling and postage).

That's a \$500 value for \$100—but hurry, the offer is limited to the first five individuals or institutions responding with a check for the appropriate amount.

## 1988 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURE CALENDAR

An exciting holiday gift that lasts the entire year (and longer) is the new *Southern California Nature Calendar*, created by Board Member Elna Bakker and published by the Theodore Payne Foundation. It is available in our gift shop for \$7.50, including tax (\$8.00 with handling and postage).

The cover features a striking color photograph of the endangered lemon lily (*Lilium parryi*). The calendar is full of timely (and timeless) information, including maps and directions, about where and when to see over 200 species of native California plants in their natural habitats.

## TOURS OF EL ALISAL ON THE INCREASE

During November, eight groups, totaling nearly 200 people, made reservations to tour the Lummis Home. Among them were 46 second graders from Mayfield Junior School in Pasadena.

Docents Helen Molenaar, who has a special gift for communicating with young children; Cynthia Null, an experienced volunteer at Eaton Canyon Nature Center; and Lois Kern, who is an elementary school teacher, developed a lesson plan for future use with this grade level.

Over 200 members of the Da Camera Society also enjoyed touring the Lummis Home during a reception preceeding a Chamber Music performance at the Southwest Museum.

In addition, approximately 250 people signed our guest book during November after visiting El Alisal without reservations.

## DOMINGUEZ ADOBE PROGRAM A SUCCESS



*The smiling faces of Society members and costumed docent hint at the pleasureable evening enjoyed by all who attended. After refreshments, and tours of the adobe and chapel, members delighted in Dr. Judd Grenier's slide presentation on the Dominguez and Watson families.*

*Photo courtesy of Carole Dougherty*



*Natividad Vacio and Jose Garcia play Lummis' songs of the Southwest at the Holiday Open House.*

*Photo courtesy of Margaret Dickerson*

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

From the welcoming wreathes on the double entry doors to the eight-foot fir tree twinkling with tiny lights in the alcove, the Lummis Home radiated the holiday spirit on December 6 when the Board of Directors hosted a members' reception.

The aroma of hot canapés accented the flavors of mounds of finger sandwiches and gay holiday cookies in the museo, while hot spiced apple cider and white wine were served in the dining room.

Throughout the house the sounds of Lummis' songs of the Southwest, strummed on guitar and mandolin, added the spirit of Lummis to the party.

Midway through the reception, in the garden, five special friends were honored for their generosity to the Historical Society.

Glen Dawson was announced as the first to be inducted as a Fellow of the Historical Society; Jean Bixby Smith and Bill Huston were thanked for their families' sponsorship of two quarterlies; and volunteers Betty Southam and Kenyon DeVore were recognized for their years of service to the garden and home.

With nearly 200 members and guests attending, the reception provided a colorful and joyful start of the holiday season.

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

On January 27, by popular demand, we will repeat our dinner and tour at the law offices of O'Melveny and Myers. Docents will take us through five floors of the firm's historic photograph and contemporary art collectons. Invitations will be mailed in early January.

Watch for details of the February 17 program. Dr. Norman Neuerburg will tell us about the restoration of the San Gabriel Mission which was necessitated by the October earthquake. The program will be free, but reservations will be requested.



*Audree Penton, Marjorie and Denver Markwith look on approvingly as the Society honors its special friends.*

*Photo courtesy of Margaret Dickerson*