

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
200 EAST AVENUE 43 • LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90031

**MEMBERSHIP
CLASSIFICATIONS**

STUDENT MEMBER	\$ 10.00
ACTIVE MEMBER	\$ 20.00
FAMILY MEMBER	\$ 30.00
SUSTAINING MEMBER ..	\$ 50.00
CONTRIBUTING MEMBER	\$ 100.00
PATRON or COR- PORATE PATRON ..	\$ 250.00
LIFE MEMBER	\$1000.00

Gentlemen:

Please accept my application for membership as member
in the Historical Society of Southern California.
I enclose my remittance in the amount of for annual dues.

Name.....
Firm Affiliation (if applicable).....
Address.....
City..... State..... Zip Code.....
Date..... Telephone..... Sponsor.....

Dues include subscription to the Society's Quarterly and Newsletter. All dues, contri-
butions and bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the
Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and
contributions.

DUES SCHEDULE CHANGED

After much serious consideration, the Board voted at its March meeting to accept the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee and change the dues schedule to the following:

Student	\$	10.00
Active		20.00
Family		30.00
Sustaining		50.00
Contributing		100.00
Patron and Corporate Patron ..		250.00
Life		1000.00

It has become increasingly difficult to operate in the black (which the Board is determined to do) and provide the activities and services which the Society makes possible, in the light of rising costs of publications, administration and programs. Although the Active membership remains at \$20.00, you are requested to increase the size of your tax deductible membership if possible. Become a Sustaining or a Contributing member! Patrons and Corporate Patrons are especially welcome, and the new category of Life member is offered on an experimental basis in answer to requests. Money received in this category will be put into a special fund and only the income used for organization support.

MAY, 1979

NEWSLETTER



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NEWS ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOME. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING MINI-PUBLICATION TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 16th — Annual Awards Dinner

Author Paul Bailey will be the speaker at the Huntington-Sheraton. Social hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. Special awards will be given to Anna Marie and Everett Hager, who have served long and faithfully as editors of the Quarterly INDEX, and to Pierre Odier, whose Hoover High School photography class produced the booklet, Charles F. Lummis, "Inside His Habitat."

Send your reservation today; invite your friends to hear our outstanding speaker; meet new Board members; greet old friends.

Saturday, June 2nd — Annual Trek

Katie Ainsworth, chairman of this year's Trek, promises an unusually exciting journey to Ventura. Details and reservation blank will be forthcoming, but save the date.

NEWS NOTES

Programs Past

This year's programs, arranged by Vice President Marcia Erickson, have been tremendously successful. The evening at the Page Museum was a rare opportunity to have a specially conducted tour of this new and beautiful facility . . . A sellout crowd gathered at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas in November for spirits (of the Old West and otherwise), dinner, entertainment and a tour of the Leonis Adobe . . . Two hundred guests and members flooded the Variety Arts Center to hear Knox Mellon speak in January . . . The Hancock Apartments tour and dinner at USC with Doyce Nunis in February, as well as the ably conducted docent tours, at the Pasadena Historical Society Headquarters in March, brought out many interested members and guests . . . Because the Jet Propulsion Laboratory visit in April was oversubscribed, the Program Committee hopes to schedule another visit to accommodate those who missed the first one . . . The plans for the Bradbury dinner had to be postponed because of lack of space, but the Board hopes to include this site in one of our next year's programs.

New Members

A cordial welcome is extended to those whose names have been recently added to our membership rolls. We hope that you will be active and attend the various functions. Avery International, The Knudsen Foundation, Jonathan Adler, Tom and Jane Apostol, Donna Bergstrom, William L. Burnett, Mrs. Sandra Comrie, Art Cobery, Mrs. Sally Crowley, Robert O. Easton, Jean L. Fields, Stacey Fletcher, Mrs. Lee Geisert, Mrs. Marjorie Goebel, Mrs. Elizabeth Halstead Gray, James H. Griffin, Mrs. S.P. Hanafusa, Rosalie Jackson, Dr. Lawrence J. Jelinek, Mrs. F. Thomas Kieley, Mrs. Robert Knight, Gernot Kuehn, Lisa Lanaham, Mrs. Dennis McCarthy, Mrs. Pamela Murray, Carole Owens, Mary Simpson Pratt, Kathie Shapiro, Don Spring, Robert L. Starkey, Jack C. Thomas, Joan A. Tyrrell, Claude Welcome and Mrs. Robert Worsfold.

An application form (with new dues schedule) is included in this Newsletter for anyone who would like to join the Society. Your contribution is tax deductible, and we welcome your support.

New Directors Nominated

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Bill Escherich, chairman, Doris Harris and Don Hata, has completed its nominations for the Board of Directors. Ballots will be mailed before the May meeting, and new Board members will be introduced at that time.

Los Angeles Bicentennial

The Board is working on possible cooperative ventures with the 1981 Los Angeles Bicentennial Committee. Of interest to many is the project to improve (along historical lines) the native plant garden of the Lummis Home, and to publish an updated do-it-yourself guide to the grounds, in conjunction with the Theodore Payne Foundation.

News Item

Victor Plukas is interested in contacting descendants of H. Gaylord Wilshire and asks that persons having any information contact him at (213) 613-6843.

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board meets bi-monthly at the Lummis Home and conducts business and makes plans for the activities of the Society. During the past few months, a report from the Long Range Planning Committee, Doug Richardson, chairman, has been considered and some action taken by the Board. This report was based on the results of the

questionnaire returned by members during summer 1978 and beautifully tabulated by Jerry and Doris Selmer.

Recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee, which are being implemented by the Board, include a change in the dues schedule (see article on back panel), investigation of the possibility of obtaining larger facilities for the Society's headquarters, working closely with other history-oriented organizations, and regular publication of a newsletter to keep members informed of activities.

Library News

Robert Cowan continues to do a tremendous job with the library under very difficult conditions. Fortunately, his size makes it possible for him not to bump his head every time he walks upstairs to the library on the second floor of El Alisal! Books which are contributed to the Library and are not needed in the collection are sold and the proceeds go to help balance our budget. If you have appropriate books which the Society could use or sell, Bob will welcome your donations . . . tax deductible, of course.

The Oral History team of UCLA recently interviewed Robert Cowan in its effort to preserve the atmosphere and his recollections of the early half of the 20th century with a special emphasis on his scholarly father, Robert Ernest Cowan, and the Bibliography of the History of California. The Society is indeed fortunate to have someone of Bob Cowan's background and ability to preside over the books and library activities.

Speaking of BOOKS

A brand-new publication, A Guide to Historic Places in Los Angeles County, is now for sale at the Lummis Home. Prepared by the U.S. Bicentennial History Committee, this book gives a complete and detailed description of historical sites by geographical location. It will be a fine addition to your library or an excellent gift. This comprehensive guide may be purchased at the Lummis Home or via mail (see coupon below).

Please send me _____ copies of "A Guide to Historic Places in Los Angeles County" at \$7.95 a copy, plus \$.48 tax and \$.65 mailing. (Total cost by mail is \$9.08 per copy)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____