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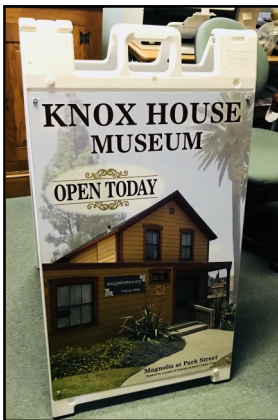
President's Message

Dear friends,

Another year has come and gone and, as with all years, there have been triumphs and tragedies.



Our triumphs include recognition of the Knox House Museum by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the beautiful plaque they presented to us.



We are also remembering our Friends of East County Arts whose generosity allowed us to purchase the gorgeous signcade we now display when open. There was also additional money left for printing postcards and brochures.

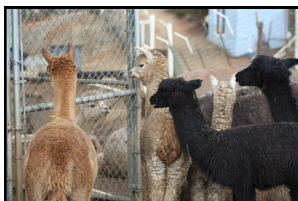
On the tragedy side, our Society and community have lost part of the historic past by the passing of Lois Floto Hall, Rick's mother. You will be able to read more about her in this issue.

Our dear Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Cope, also passed away. We will miss her kind and generous nature and are grateful that member Yvonne Paris has been filling in for her. Yvonne will also be helping with coordination of fundraising.

We also happily announce that Pam Ames of the historic Ames family of Old Town and then Los Coches area has joined our team and will be helping us to notify other organizations and the public of our upcoming events.

Fondly, Carla

A Trip To Peru-In Our Own Backyard!



When is the last time you were in Peru? We're ready to go for our quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 17! We will see real live, adorable Alpaca in our own east county at A Simpler Time Alpacas & Mill. We'll enjoy a tour of the beautiful and sophisticated weaving "barn" and even have an opportunity to shop. You can even bring home an Alpaca if you so desire-they are easy keepers! So rain or shine, get ready for an enjoyable and memorable meeting and delicious boxed lunch with the ECHS. See page 3 of the newsletter for a map on how to get there. Once you arrive, shuttle vans will take you to Peru. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, and make your reservations and lunch selections by mailing in the form on the back cover of this newsletter.

2019 ECHS News

MEMBERSHIP DUES

January 1, 2019 means dues are due!

Your membership keeps us going. Most memberships are on a calendar year basis.

Membership dues for 2019 are: \$15 for Individual, \$25 Family, \$45 Business & Non-Profit, \$500 Enhanced Life (Life members never need to renew).

Please make checks payable to ECHS and send to:

P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973.

Telephone Messages: 619-444-3800.

Thank you!

LOIS JEAN (FLOTO) HALL

Feb, 3 1924 – Oct. 16, 2018

LOIS JEAN (FLOTO) HALL, mother of our Maintenance Chairman Rick Hall, his brother Donald, and sister Kathleen (Hall) York, completed this life's journey in October, but the echoes of her loving kindnesses will live long in the memories of those who knew her.

Lois Hall was known for her sparkling wit, her great and generous heart, and an abiding sense of responsibility to her family, and to El Cajon. Though born in San Diego, Lois lived in La Mesa through her elementary school years and attended Grossmont High School where she met her future husband, Herb Hall, of El Cajon.

Her parents, Dr. Arthur Floto and his wife Etoile, made an annual trip to Illinois and North Dakota to visit relatives and friends. Camping along the way gave young Lois a taste for travel and outdoor living that lasted all of her life. Her hobbies: playing the piano, reading, knitting, crocheting and needlework also developed through this period. In later life, she and Herb joined other Grossmont graduates of 1942, called '42 Wheelers,' for motorhome traveling. As an alternate to travel, she and Herb spent many happy weekends at their cabin at Mt. Laguna.

She and Herb were married January 20, 1946 at the Methodist Church in La Mesa where she and her parents had sung in the choir. The newly-married Halls then moved to El Cajon where they started their family with Rick in 1947. Herb worked at the W. D. Hall Company, established by his grandfather, until he and Lois founded the Inland Supply Company on the East side of El Cajon.

Lois's life was also one of service to her family and community, including the long-term care of Herb as he struggled with the dementia and ravages of Parkinson's disease. Among her many activities in the community she was a Girl Scout leader, the first PTA President of the W. D. Hall School, and an officer in the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Lois' life was marked by joy and sorrow; and her strength of character and positive attitude made it a memorable success. She was a beautiful woman who will live on in the hearts of her children, six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and hosts of friends.

California or Bust—or Bussed?

by Eldonna Lay, Curator

When it became known nationwide that California provided its residents with inexpensive health care, good schools and plentiful housing, poverty-stricken residents throughout the Southern states purchased the least expensive Greyhound or bus tickets – or drove their rattle-trap cars and trucks -- westward along what was then U.S. 80 (now Interstate 8), the nation's new and only major southern route.



Upon entering California and heading north, the increasing numbers of buses headed toward the first city of size – El Cajon. Originally, busses stopped to unload their passengers beside the Rexall Drug Store at the northeastern corner of Magnolia and Main Street. When crowded busses increased in numbers, the stopping place was in front of a storefront “bus station” on East Main Street a few yards from Avocado Avenue.

Note the narrow street, signs everywhere, trash in gutter.



So many of these poor, sometimes ill, malnourished, and most often shabby – individuals and families poured into the city that more schools, houses – then apartment buildings -- were required. Built quickly and cheaply, the buildings would have to be reinforced or torn down after complaints came from long-time residents, for the shabby apartments lowered the prices of even fine houses in the entire city. During Mayor Joan Shoemaker's time in office, serious upgrades and replacements were made.

Bus station today.

QUARTERLY MEETING MAP

A Simpler Time Alpacas & Mill

1802 Alta Place,

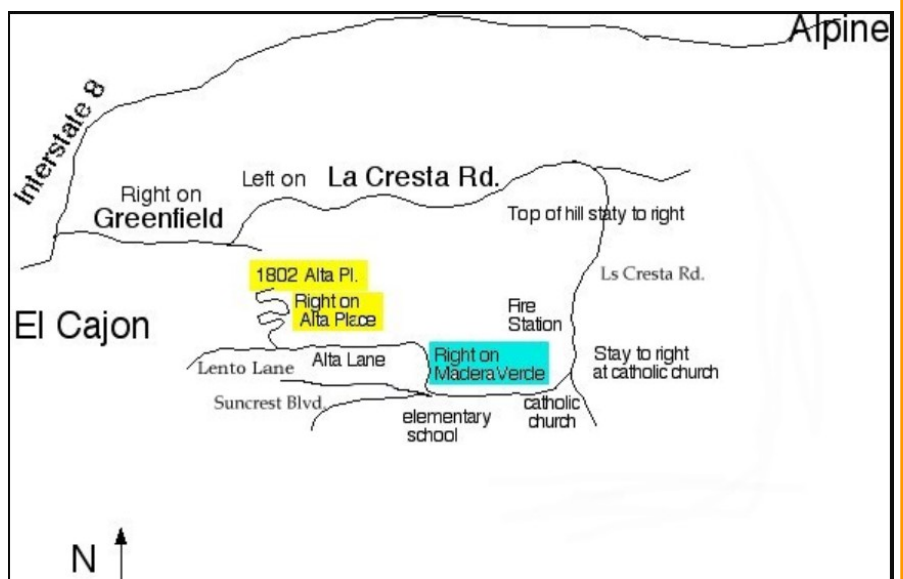
El Cajon, CA 92021

619.579.9114

Meet at the farm at 11am,
January 17.

Wait in the parking area for the
white shuttle vans to transport you
to the farm.

ECHS Telephone Message Line:
619-444-3800.



From: El Cajon Historical Society
P. O. Box 1973
El Cajon, CA 92022

January Meeting

The January quarterly meeting is
Thursday, January 17 at 11am at the
Simpler Time Alpacas & Mill,
1802 Alta Place, El Cajon, CA

The cost for lunch is still only \$15!

Choose from a 1/2 sandwich or
wrap, or whole sandwich or wrap,
choice of salads or chips. Lunch
also includes 2 cookies and a drink.

Make your reservations and lunch
selections below.

To:

January Meeting Reservation Form

Number Attending _____ @ \$15 Each

of _____ 1/2 Sandwich-choose: Turkey & Provolone _____ Ham & Swiss _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____

Bread Choice For Sandwiches (Choose one per sandwich requested):

Wheat Bread _____ White Bread _____ Wheat Roll _____ White Roll _____

OR # of _____ Whole Sandwich-choose: Turkey & Provolone _____ Ham & Swiss _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____

Bread Choice For Sandwiches (Choose one per sandwich requested):

Wheat Bread _____ White Bread _____ Wheat Roll _____ White Roll _____

OR # of _____ 1/2 Wrap-choose: Turkey & Provolone _____ Ham & Swiss _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____ Veggie _____

OR # of _____ Whole Wrap-choose: Turkey & Provolone _____ Ham & Swiss _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____ Veggie _____

(Choose one per lunch):

of _____ Pasta Salad, # of _____ Potato Salad, # of _____ Macaroni Salad, or # of _____ Chips

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE

January 10, 2019

Mail reservations to:

ECHS, P.O. Box 1973, El Cajon, CA 92022-1973

Reservations not kept become a donation.