



### Witch and Warlock Ball

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a spooky Saturday, the SAHPS welcomed witches and warlocks from near and afar to a spook-tacular evening affair. Our October event is one of our favorites and we eagerly began preparations far in advance. We met on several occasions, putting our heads together to plan what delicious fare we would serve in our buffet, decide who would make what, select a Halloween theme, discuss what to wear and how and what to decorate for the

ball...always fun. With plans in place, we were off!

A large pop-up was erected in the parking lot for our buffet. Tables were arranged with fall decorations and serving dishes, all ready for our guests to fill their plates. We served witch's cauldron chili, Weezie's slimy slaw, veggie bones, frog-eye salad, Jack O'Lantern spice cake, ghoulish cookies, Snow White poison apple cider and vampire blood punch.

The garden area was set up with numerous tables covered in black tablecloths and chairs with black covers, with a hint of purple provided by a sash on each. On the tables were bones, skulls and candles.

In the gazebo our guests found a fortune teller and a palm reader. In the carriage barn we had a couple of witchy witches serving up Walking Red and Ghostly White wine.

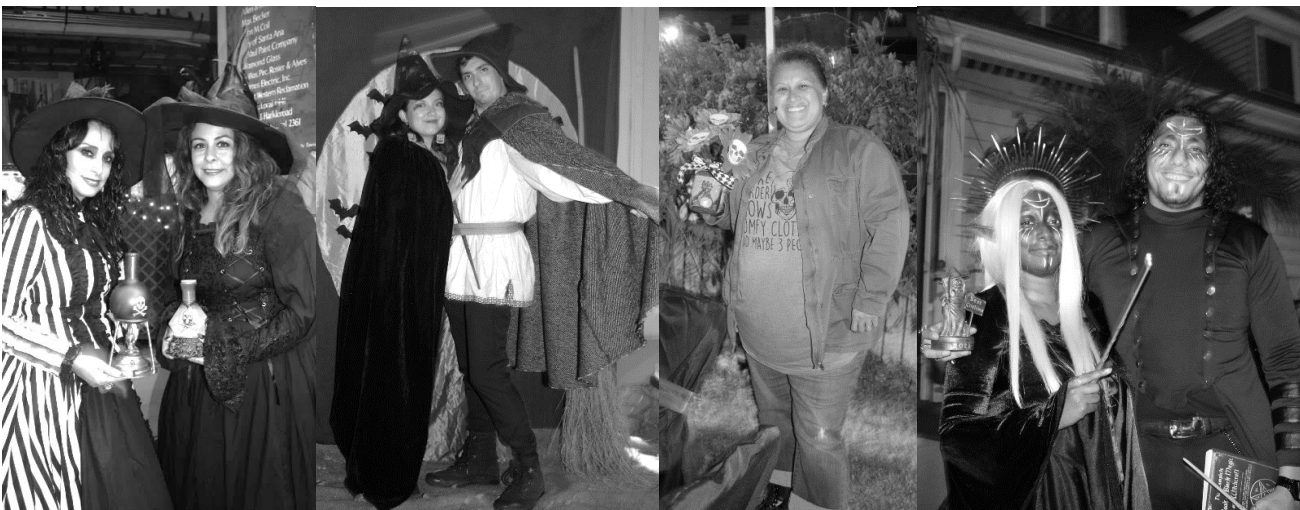
One of the most popular attractions of the night was our good ol'-fashioned cake walk. We were delighted that so many wished to participate. The goodie they won was a red velvet skull cake...ohhhhhh!!!

We had many wonderful raffle baskets to offer our guests, containing items ranging from movie-themed treats to doggie-themed baskets, complete with treats for our 4-legged friends. The grand prize was tickets to the Magic Castle!

We were so pleased that many of our guests came in costume and we held a best costume contest. It was truly difficult to select a winner!

All in all, it was a fabulous evening. We thank everyone who purchased a ticket and shared in the fun. We hope to see you and new guests next year!

Pauline Halloran





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Time flies when you’re having fun”

This old saying has never been truer than it is today. This year the SAHPS has moved forward with the speed of light and we aren’t finished yet.

This year we’ve been blessed with new opportunities that have been successful. Trying new things and listening to new ideas has strengthened our society and will keep us strong as we continue to protect and share our important piece of history.

My vision is to reach out to our community by being a good neighbor and becoming an asset to our city. I have reached out to two chapters of the PEO, the Orange County Docent League and neighborhood HOAs who have needed a place to meet and they’re thrilled. So many people tell me, “I’ve been past this house for years but I’ve never been inside.” I HATE to hear this; we are the caretakers of an important place and we should be sharing it.

The holiday season is coming at us full speed and we’re ready. This is the first year I have invited groups to decorate a room each for the upcoming “Holiday Home Tour” to be held Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>. and 11<sup>th</sup>. I can’t tell you how amazing the house looks. By the time you read this, the house will be finished. The participants are all neighborhood HOAs, Santa Ana police, Ebell club, Old Courthouse Conservancy, and Haunted Orange County. Each room is so different; you’re in for a real treat.

Keep your eyes on us and stick with me as we move forward this coming year. I know we’re on the right path.

I hope to see you soon,

Tina Davidson  
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## FROM THE VICTORIAN KITCHEN: CARROT GINGER HONEY LOAF

2 large eggs  
1 tsp. nutmeg  
¾ C. honey  
½ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. vanilla  
½ C. crystalized ginger, chopped fine  
2 C. flour  
2 C. shredded carrots  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 tsp. cinnamon

Combine eggs, oil, honey, and vanilla: beat until smooth.

In another bowl, whisk dry ingredients.

Stir flour mixture into egg mixture just till combined.

Add carrots and ginger, mix well.

Pour into a greased 9X5 loaf pan.

Bake at 350 about 60 Min.

## RAINING CATS AND DOGS



Ever wonder where the saying “raining cats and dogs” originated? There are many theories about the origin of the phrase “raining cats and dogs.”

One common theory is that the saying originated during the Tudor times.

In the 16th Century, European houses had thatched roofs - padding or cover made of woven and bound straw, reeds, palm, or similar plant materials, with no wooden stature underneath. Under the thatching was the only place for animals to stay warm and dry during a storm. During heavy downpours, the thatch would become slippery; animals could be washed out of the thatch. The dogs and cats falling from the roof would be considered “raining.” Thus, the joke became the popular expression still used today

Lynn Warner

## DANGERS OF THE VICTORIAN HOME OPEN HOUSE



The late Victorian era was an age of bold and exciting innovations, groundbreaking discoveries and dramatic scientific changes. But countless new technologies came at a cost. Many posed health hazards or could be downright deadly.

On November 5th the SAPHS was pleased to give a tour to a chapter of the RED HAT SOCIETY and other guests regarding the dangers of the Victorian Home.

Participants were educated on Victorian practices in each room of the house. From the kitchen to the bedroom to the bathroom to the nursery, docents provided information that was not only unbelievable but also sometimes absolutely horrifying.

It leaves one to contemplate what will be said in the future of the 21st century.

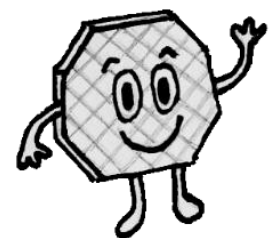


After the tour, guests enjoyed tea and cake in the dining room and shopping in the gift shop.

Lynn Warner

## Where's Waffie?

Meet Waffie, our friendly waffle mascot created by Marilyn Mandell. Waffie likes reading historical articles and is hidden somewhere in this newsletter.



If you find him, let us know where by emailing [SantaAnaHPS@gmail.com](mailto:SantaAnaHPS@gmail.com).

If you're correct, we'll post a special shout out online featuring you!



## Reminiscing about Santa Ana in 1962

Sometimes it almost seems like yesterday, but it was a long time ago....

I grew up in a northwest Santa Ana neighborhood now known as Washington Square. I attended Santa Ana public schools from kindergarten on, graduating from Santa Ana High School in 1962. (It had been the only high school in the city, albeit at two locations, for about 130 years. In 1962, the second high school, Santa Ana Valley, had been open just 3 years. The third, Saddleback, wouldn't open for another 5 years. Today there are 11.)

Last September I attended our 60-year high school reunion, which started me thinking about how so many things have changed since 1962. Back then, we had no clue about what was to soon come: the assassinations of JFK, RFK and Martin Luther King, escalation of the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war, the women's rights movement and so much more.



In 1962 Santa Ana had a population of about 100,000 (compared to about 300,000 today). High school consisted of sophomore, junior and senior years, though today's high schools include a freshman class as well. Gas was about 25 cents a gallon, and some students were lucky enough to have cars. But many of us had to walk and, on the way home from school, often stopped at Pringles (a drugstore on 4<sup>th</sup> and Broadway) for a snack. Ice cream cones were 5 cents a scoop and I had a friend who often got a 5-decker!

At school, girls were required to wear dresses or skirts (no pants except on special occasions, such as Color Day). We girls teased our hair and used a lot of hair spray. The boys wore "wash" pants (no jeans) and short-sleeved sports shirts (over white Towncraft T-shirts from J. C. Penney), and a lot of them sported crew cuts or flattops. We spent time at the Santa Ana Library on Civic Center and Ross, which had opened two years earlier and replaced one built in 1903 (and demolished in 1970) on Sycamore, near the current site of the Howe-Waffle House.

We shopped for clothes on 4<sup>th</sup> street: Rankin's and Vandermast's (Gary Vandermast was in our class), to name a couple. Sometimes we'd shop at Buffum's on Main and 9<sup>th</sup> (the building now houses the Orange County Probation Department). More high-end shopping could be found at Fashion Square (now Main Place Mall), which had been open only since September of 1958. And there was Honer Plaza (now Bristol Marketplace) on 17<sup>th</sup> and Bristol. We could find almost anything at Montgomery Ward's there.

My family did most of our grocery shopping at Market Basket, on the corner of Flower and 17<sup>th</sup> or, occasionally, at Alpha Beta on Main and Washington. However, sometimes on the way home from my grandparents', we'd stop at Borchard's Market on S. Main and Bishop. These markets are now long gone.

Since both my parents worked full-time, we usually ate dinner out a couple of times a week. Favorites were the Snack Shop on Flower and 17<sup>th</sup>, Gillette's Cafeteria on Broadway near 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chicken Pie Shop across the street in the Santora Building and La Fonda on S. Main. With friends we ate a lot of cheeseburgers at Big Al's-Kwik Snak on S. Main and Cubbon. Long before the official franchise came to town, we called this eatery the "In and Out" because of the sign indicating which driveway to use when entering or exiting. A nice place to go for large family celebrations was the

Revere House on E. 1<sup>st</sup> and Tustin or the Saddleback Inn (E. 1<sup>st</sup> and Elks Ln.). None of these restaurants still exist.

During the summer many of us at could be found at 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Newport Beach, the spot for Santa Ana kids. Friday nights in the fall saw us at football games at the Santa Ana Bowl on 8<sup>th</sup> (now Civic Center Dr.) and Flower. (The site was originally a brickyard. Removal of clay from the ground created a “bowl” and in 1917 the City bought the property and installed a water tank. In 1924 the tank was destroyed and the site subsequently served as a dump and baseball field. In 1930 an 8100-seat stadium was built; in 1963 it was demolished because of termite infestation and a new 10,000-seat stadium built. In 1977 it was given the name “Eddie West Field” in honor of the late longtime *Orange County Register* sports editor.) At dances in the gym or at the Rendezvous Ballroom in Newport Beach (built in 1928 and destroyed by fire in 1966) we did the Surfers’ Stomp. We went to movies at the Broadway theatre on Broadway (demolished for the first time in 1952, the second in 1990, both because of fires), the West Coast on Main Street and the Orange and Paulo drive-ins. We skated at Skate Ranch on N. Main.

We regularly listened to radio station KFWB’s top forty, with such DJs as Al Jarvis, Bill Balance and Joe Yocam, as well as Spider MacLean on the local station, KWIZ. Some popular songs were “I Can’t Stop Loving You” by Ray Charles, “Roses are Red” by Bobby Vinton, “Surfin’ Safari” by the Beach Boys, and “Cryin’ in the Rain” by the Everly Brothers. “Stranger on the Shore,” an instrumental by Aker Bilk, was the number one song that year.

On our black and white TVs we watched “The Beverly Hillbillies,” “Bonanza” and “Ben Casey.” We rarely missed the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday nights.

There were churches of many denominations in Santa Ana in 1962. My family and many of my friends attended the First Christian (17<sup>th</sup> and College), where we had an active youth group. The church building was relatively new. In fact, I’d gone to the groundbreaking, shovel in hand, with my dad in 1955. (The old church, erected in 1910 on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, replacing an earlier one built in 1887 on the corner of Birch and 6<sup>th</sup>, was torn down to make room for the County Hall of Administration. Eventually, due to declining attendance, the church on 17<sup>th</sup> was also closed and demolished. The ground on which it stood is now a parking lot for Santa Ana College.)




Although most of us turned 18 in 1962, we couldn’t yet vote. (18-year-olds wouldn’t get that privilege for another 9 years.) That didn’t stop interest and involvement in politics among the students, however. Orange County was predominantly Republican then and some of the kids were involved in the Young Republicans and the John Birch Society. (A lot of their views changed diametrically after they entered college or the military and as the tumultuous sixties progressed).

Anti-communism seemed to be an ever-present theme. One afternoon we, along with students from other high schools, were dismissed from class and directed to go to Angel Stadium for a rally, complete with a speech from former FBI agent and counter-spy Herb Philbrick. “I Led Three Lives,” a popular TV series on at the time, was based on his activities.

After graduation, most of us prepared to go off to college, join the military or begin working full time. Some got married young (an 18-year-old girl was free to marry, though boys under 21 still needed a parent’s signature) and began families.

Now those of us who’re still around are in our late seventies. Most are grandparents, some great-grandparents.

Time flies, things change.  A lot has transpired, both in Santa Ana and the rest of the world, during the past 60 years. Yet I, for one, have strong roots here (laid down by my great-grandparents over a century ago—my great-grandfather was practicing law in Santa Ana at the same time Dr. Willella was delivering babies) and I still think it’s a great place to call home.

Louise Covington Hoffman



## THE ELEVENTH DAY, ELEVENTH HOUR

Ever wonder why Veterans Day is always remembered on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November? Or what the significance is of the red poppy?

World War 1 ended on the 11<sup>th</sup> month on the 11<sup>th</sup> day on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

In 1920, Europe started a campaign, based on the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae, to make and sell red silk poppies to raise money to support returning veterans.

The red of the poppy represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black the mourning of those who did not have their loved ones return, and the green leaf the grass and crops growing and the future prosperity after the devastation of war. Always wear the poppy on the right side, the leaf positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War 1 officially ended.

However, in the United States the tradition has developed a little differently. Americans do not typically wear poppies on November 11, which honors all living veterans. Instead, Americans wear the symbolic red flower on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, to commemorate the sacrifice of men and women who lost have their lives fighting for their country's freedom.

Lynn Warner



## You are invited to VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS at the Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House!

Neighborhood groups from across the community have created a magical display of decorations throughout the house and docents will provide guided tours.

Admission is \$20.00, which includes festive refreshments and access to our gift shop.

Purchase tickets online at [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com)

### Dates and Times:

**Friday, December 9 @ 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm**

**Saturday, December 10 @ 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm,  
5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm**

**Sunday, December 11 @ 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm,  
5pm, 6pm and 7pm**

Proceeds from this event directly support the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society.

## Announcing Victorian Maker's Day

Pass the scones, please. Does anyone have a pair of stork scissors?

If you enjoy making crafts and would love to be in an elegant setting among your fellow crafters to complete your unfinished projects or be inspired to start a new project, then grab a fancy hat or dress in Victorian-style clothing (optional) to join us each month for Victorian Maker's Day at Dr. Howe-Waffle's house.

We will be serving scones and tea in fancy cups as we come together so you can work on your own projects and socialize. This is not a class, but more like a gathering for craft makers.

Cost: \$8.00

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Date: TBD

Please let us know if you will be attending

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Check our website for updated dates/times



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