

Santee Historical Society

Historical Happenings

Volume 12, Issue 3

November - December 2020



**Santee Historical
Museum
at the Barn
is not open to visitors
at this time.**

Visit our website at
www.SanteeHistoricalSociety.org
and check out
our Facebook page at
Santee: Past and Present

-  P.O.Box 710636, Santee 92072
-  www.SanteeHistoricalSociety.org
-  Santee Historical Society
-  TheSanteeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com
-  619.449.2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan Thompson, President
Robin Neece, Vice-President
Arli Wolfson, Secretary
Gary Strawn, Treasurer
Carol Crafts, Past President
Robin Neece, Sunshine
Emily Steele,
Outreach and Events Coordinator
Marina Varano,
SD River Park Foundation Liaison
At Large -
Chuck Brack

President's Message



Alan Thompson

In this is final quarter of 2020, we are all still dealing with the effects of COVID-19. However, my wife, Nancy, and I just finished a short vacation to southern Utah, eastern Nevada, and family in Vacaville, California and the signs of recovery are everywhere. The majority of our time was spent in Wayne County, Utah, an area that was designated as a green county for COVID by their governor. Even though the population of this county was about 1500 people, they took great pride in their citizens who served their country with elaborate patriotic displays and memorials in each small community. We should also honor our heros.

Visiting other historical groups was a focus of this trip. In Ely, Nevada the White Pine County Public Museum has extensive displays highlighting the native Americans, many different miners from around the globe, and the various cultures. In Austin, Nevada they have a museum that was large for a community of only 150 people. The Museum at Fallon, Nevada had extensive displays and a large outdoor area crammed with equipment.

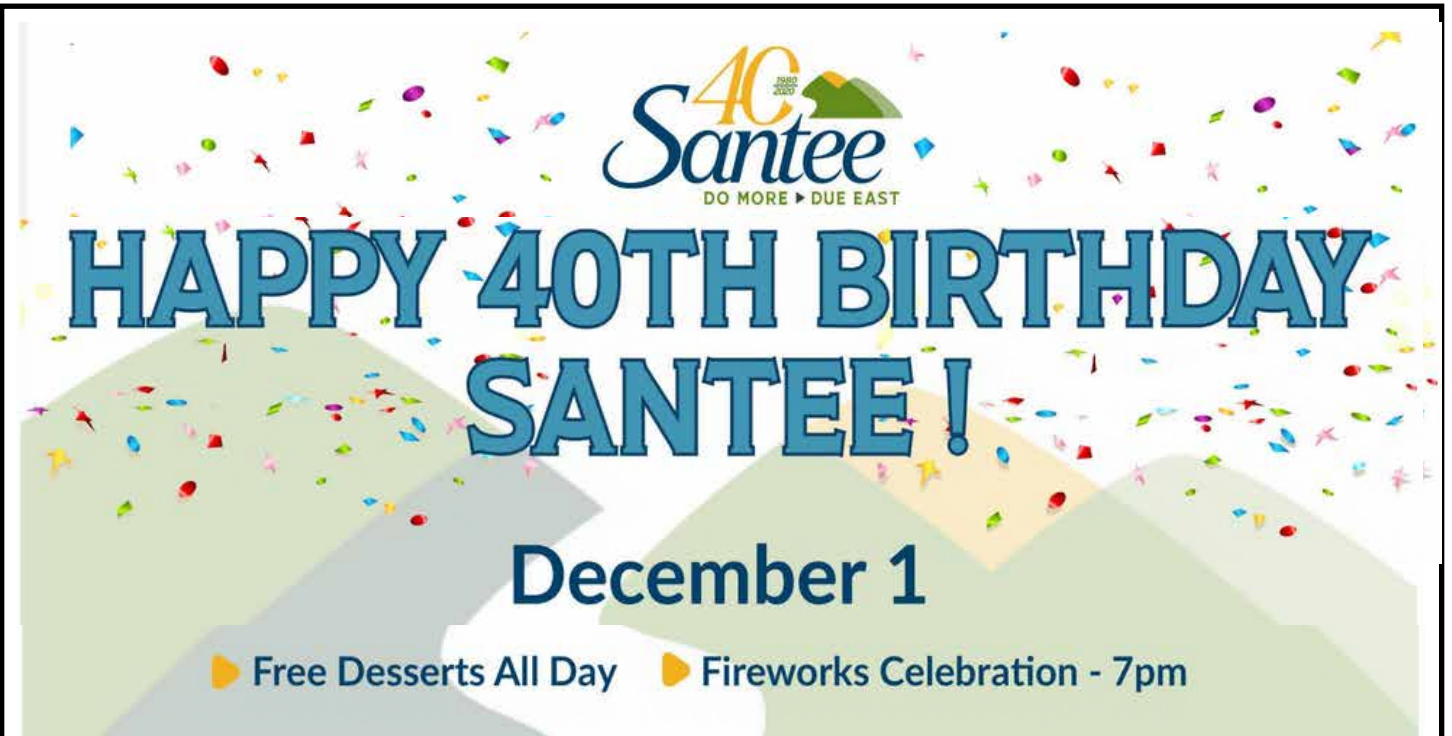
Your Historic Santee Barn has been upgraded in terms of security with the addition of cameras to help cut down on the theft and vandalism that has occurred the past few months. Thanks to the County of San Diego for cameras.

The preservation of historic buildings has been an ongoing effort as well as presenting a historical perspective for the young minds in our community that answers the questions: how and who started the community of Cowlestown/Santee; how and why did we become the City of Santee? The person taking on this challenge is Emily Steele who is posting on Facebook under the heading of Santee: Past and Present. Visit this site for interesting facts about Santee.

The year 2021 is just around the corner so all of us at the Santee Historical Society wish your family a Happy Thanksgiving, a merry and safe Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Alan

Mark your Calendars for Holiday Events!



City of Santee's 40th Birthday All Day Long Celebration

OFFICIAL SWEET TREAT STOP LOCATIONS

Visit any of our Sweet Treat Stop locations on Tuesday, December 1 to enjoy a sweet birthday treat from the City of Santee.

Santee City Hall - 10601 N. Magnolia Ave, Santee

Gourmet sweet treats handcrafted by Lantern Crest's Executive Chef Mario Esparza

Dairy Queen - 70 town Center Parkway, Santee

Small soft serve cone vanilla or chocolate

Go Get Yogurt - 9802 N. Magnolia Ave, Ste 1, Santee

Special birthday size frozen yogurt with one topping of customer's choice

Honey Donuts - 10718 Woodside Ave, Santee

Donuts, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Muffins or Cookies

Nat Sweets - 8840 N. Magnolia Ave, Santee

Chocolate chip or birthday cake cookie or a scoop of ice cream

LET'S CELEBRATE

7pm - Fireworks Celebration

Questions and more information - specialevents@cityofsanteca.gov
or bhumphrey@cityofsanteca.gov



Lantern Crest
SENIOR LIVING

Enjoy a drive-thru experience viewing exciting holiday displays and light shows, all from the comfort and safety of your car!

There will be a drive-up Santa's Workshop to purchase hot cocoa, apple cider, cheesecake bites and more with all the proceeds going to the Lantern Crest Foundation, which benefits low-income seniors in the San Diego area.

Join Us for Our First Ever

Holiday Lights Extravaganza

Lantern Crest Senior Living

THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
ALL DECEMBER (EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY)
6:00PM - 8:00PM

300 Lantern Crest Way
Santee, CA 92071

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH LOVED ONES AT OUR DRIVE THRU LIGHT SHOW! IN ADDITION TO HUNDRED OF LIGHTS, THERE WILL BE A PHOTOBOOTH AND SWEET TREATS TO PURCHASE IN WHICH ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE LANTERN CREST FOUNDATION.



We did some research on how to create an Old Fashioned Christmas and found that many of the ideas were very appropriate for celebrating Christmas during a Pandemic.

Instead of worrying about fashion labels and the latest trends, create a Christmas that touches the hearts of your family.



Decorate your mailbox to celebrate receiving greetings from family and friends. Add garland, bows, pinecones and Christmas lights to dress it for the season.

Create a visit from Santa by putting some flour on the fireplace and use boots to make prints.



Display your Christmas menu on a large chalkboard, so everyone knows in advance what tantalizing dishes they will be eating.

Each person in your family could have their own small Christmas tree in their bedroom decked with ornaments that reflect his or her hobbies or interests.



Add a small green wreath and bow to the back of all your kitchen chairs to add a festive touch.

Instead of placecards, designate where each person sits with a photo of when they were little. Copy their photographs and fold into a tent or put each into a small frame.



Put a star on the one gift each person is allowed to open Christmas Eve.

For that special someone who has always been the angel in your life, give her an angel to let her know how grateful you are.



Finding moments to spend one-on-one time with your children can be difficult to achieve. Create coupons for your kids that will give them those special moments. The coupons could include teaching them something, taking them somewhere or giving them a gift of an experience.



Present a single mitten filled with goodies like holiday decorations or a couple of truffles, hot cider mix, and candy canes to your neighbors to hang on their front doors.



Give each member of your family and your friends an ornament that marks an accomplishment for the year.

Compile all your favorite family recipes and create a book to give to your family and friends as a gift.



Camp out under the Christmas tree one night every year. Lay out the sleeping bags and sleep together as a family near the twinkling lights of your holiday tree. Talk about favorite Christmas memories.

Make this the year you create a Christmas Time Capsule in a hollow ornament. Some of the items you might want to include are wish lists, letters to Santa, and each person's favorite thing they did this year.



Read a different Christmas book each day, counting down the 12 days of Christmas. As a family, you could snuggle in the same bed and read the book out loud.

One of the ways you can teach your children not to accumulate too much is after they open all their presents, they are to find the same number of used toys to donate to children who would love to have their gently used items.



Spell out 'Merry Christmas' with alphabet wood blocks. They still make those blocks today.

And our favorite idea for this year of the Pandemic...

Who says you have to go door to door to sing carols?

Bring a smile to relatives, friends and neighbors you can't see this year by starting a phone caroling tradition.





Alan Thompson
President



Robin Neece
Vice President



Arli Wolfson
Secretary



Gary Strawn
Treasurer

Wishing you the
Happiest of Holidays
during this difficult
time in our history.



Emily Steele
Outreach and Events Coordinator

