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## Upcoming Events:

**January 20**—Quarterly Potluck Meeting with Vonnie Greathouse Sanchez speaking.

**February 17**—Field Trip—Destination to be Announced!

**April 20**—Quarterly Potluck Meeting with Dr. Gail Guth and Family as speakers.

**June 7**—Alpine History Day Celebration.

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## HEAR ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS AND THE ALPINE SUN

Vonnie Greathouse Sanchez, who came to Alpine with her parents when she was just eleven months of age, will be the guest speaker at the quarterly potluck meeting in January.

Alpine's excellent climate attracted Vonnie's parents to our town in hopes of improving her father's health. It worked—and Vonnie has spent her entire life among

Alpine's rolling hills and country roads. She has been an employee of the local newspaper, *The Alpine Sun*, for fourteen years and is currently the Associate Publisher.

The potluck meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard. Attendees may come and enjoy

the luncheon or come just for the speaker at 2:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Carol Morrison at 445-2544 or send us an e-mail at [info@alpinehistory.org](mailto:info@alpinehistory.org).

Everyone is welcome to attend—tell your friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to hear what Vonnie and the other teenagers did to entertain themselves in the good old days! ■

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As 2007 quickly disappears into history, we pause to remember the highlights of a very successful and active year for the Alpine Historical Society. Our accomplishments this year include:

- Held quarterly meetings with speakers discussing the Julian Gold Mines, Beekeeping, the Walker Family's Willows Resort and the Webb Murder Trial.
- Took a field trip to Julian and the Cuyamacas.

- Held monthly open houses.
- Installed new flooring and painted the Nichols House office.
- Installed sixteen new support beams under the Nichols House.
- Made roof repairs to the Beaty House.
- Revised the AHS By-laws.
- Obtained computer, printer/scanner with internet and e-mail access.
- Held annual third grade essay contest.
- Conducted school,

- individual and group tours.
- Hosted "Alpine History Day" event with chili/ice cream lunch and music.
- Created beekeeping exhibit including a replica of an 1859 John Harbison Hive.
- Appeared in the Viejas Days and Crown Hills Parades.
- Conducted research on Benjamin Arnold and Emma Everhart.
- Revised historical brochures.

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- Conducted oral history in-



Pioneer Decorations—Beaty House

## Membership Renewals Due in January!

Please mail your renewal envelope and check today. Your contribution will play a vital role in preserving a very special part of East County History. The plans for 2008 are exciting—make sure you're a part of them!

*Spread the word. You can make a difference!*

## Holiday Home Tour

Once again, the Alpine Woman's Club hosted its annual Holiday Home Tour in early December. Our pioneer houses were one of the featured stops on the tour and this gave Historical Society members an opportunity to decorate in true pioneer fashion!

Trees were decorated in both the Nichols and the Beaty Houses and fresh greenery garlands were placed on the banisters around the Beaty House veranda. The houses looked beautiful and the volunteers who decorated had a marvelous time putting on the finishing touches.

Using all materials that would have been available to early Alpine residents, a festive mood was created. Having no treetop for the little tree in the Nichols House, Katie Ford created a lovely topper from dried flora and feathers—a truly beautiful and very pioneer creation!

This was so much fun for everyone that we're hoping to be included in future Woman's Club Home Tours. Many visitors stopped by and mentioned that they had never before been to the museum—we hope they come back often!■

***A festive, pioneer holiday scene was created in our houses. We could feel the history as the celebration of long ago Christmas came alive once again.***



Left: Volunteer Vikki Coffey putting the finishing touches on the Beaty House Christmas Tree.

Right: A pinecone tree in the Nichols House.

Below: Katie Ford's Tree Top.



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terviews.

- Attended ALPS Award Ceremony and other Alpine Chamber of Commerce events.
- Constructed shelves in office and stand for school display and school bell.
- Made and installed a chalkboard for schoolroom in Nichols House.
- Participated in Alpine Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour.
- Completed renovations to make restroom in Nichols House ADA compliant and decorated it beautifully.
- Installed permanent roof on out-house.
- Continued to expand communications via website, newspaper articles and newsletter.



A big thanks goes to the Board of Directors who chaired these projects and are responsible for their completion: Carol Walker and husband Paul, Don Tarr, Bill Waterworth, Alan Dadisman, Jim Hinds, Elma Terry, Helen Porter, Vikki Coffey and Jill Sing. This is a great group and I look forward to exploring Alpine History with them, once again, this year.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Carol Morrison  
President

## October Speaker—What a Hit!

Retired Judge, the Honorable William J. Howatt, Jr., was the guest speaker at the October 2007 quarterly meeting of the Alpine Historical Society. The Alpine Woman's Club was packed for Judge Howatt's presentation and no one in atten-

dance was disappointed! Spending hours and hours (very evident) to prepare, the judge presented the facts of the case and let the jury (all attendees) decide on the defendant's fate.

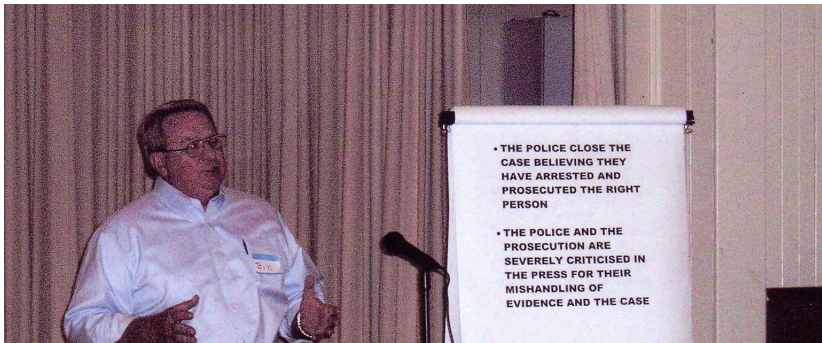
We were taken through the

judicial process and shown the grey lines that are present in all cases.

Alpine's most notorious murder case, the trial of Warren Webb, son of a prominent local man, for the murder of a sheep herder, the Frenchman

Pascal, was brought to life and even included the potentially sordid details involving Alpine's early schoolteacher, Emma Everhart.

The Alpine Historical Society is very grateful to Judge Howatt for a most interesting and enjoyable evening. His energy and dedication is greatly appreciated. ■



Left: The Honorable William J. Howatt, Jr., addressing the crowd at the October quarterly meeting. A night to remember!

## Community Support Appreciated

Each year we receive support from our community in many ways. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following donors for their 2007 contributions!

Monetary donations were received from: San Diego County Enhancement Grant, Viejas Enterprises, Alpine Woman's Club, Carlette Anderson, George and Yoshimi Barnett, David

Carey, Barbara and Samuel Cater, Vikki Coffey, Sharon Coop, Al Guerra, Gail Guth, Michael Harris, Patricia Heyser, Ann and Tom Hill, James Hinds, George and Carylyn Landt, Liar's Club Tavern and Grill, Dean and Margaret Poore, San Diego Horseless Carriage Club, Gary and Scarlett Spencer, Don Walker, Paul and Carol

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Archival donations were received from: Vikki Coffey, Lindy Harshberger, Barbara Howell, Carol Morrison, Rodney and Barbara Orth, Helen Porter, Jill Sing, Elma Terry, Gage Skinner and Leslie Warner.

Many thanks to all! ■

***Our pioneer houses are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.***

***Stop by and visit soon!***



The Beaty House is shown at left with its festive garlands of local greenery and pinecones—a sight to behold!

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## Your Will Can Make a Difference

Including the Alpine Historical Society in your will can be a convenient way to leave a lasting legacy to your community. The development of Heritage Park, educational programs and preservation of the history of Alpine will be made possible by people who had the foresight to include the Alpine Historical Society in their estate plan.

After providing for loved ones, your will can carry out your wishes by directing that a gift be made in one, or a combination of, the following ways: a specific dollar amount, a percentage of an estate, the remainder of an estate.

Bequests should read as follows: "I bequeath to the Alpine Historical and Conservation Society (our legal name), \_\_\_\_\_, to be used for the support of the Society's programs."

The Society is available to consult with your attorney about the best way to use your will, living will, trust, insurance policy or other estate plan to help develop and maintain the historic resources in Alpine. Your attorney can provide you with details about the estate benefits that can result from your bequest.

If you have already included the Society in your estate plan, please let us know so that we may thank you. Your gift will make a difference to your community!■

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