

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

January 18, 2023

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Directors present: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Greg Keppler, Engineering Project Manager; and Rick Pooley, Information Technology Supervisor. Don Smith, Director of Water Resources and Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration were also present via teleconference. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: Ando Pilve of Valley Center Municipal Water District.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23-01-07	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.</i>
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**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

23-01-08	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 23-02 approving disbursements.</i>
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A. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on January 4, 2023

The minutes of January 4, 2023 were approved as presented.

B. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-02**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 71196 through 71275 drawn on Union Bank totaling \$228,827.99.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by a roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.**

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**7. RESOLUTION HONORING PAST PRESIDENT MARTY MILLER**

See staff report attached hereto.

After brief discussion and comments by the Board commending Director Miller on his Board presidency for the calendar year 2022, the Board took the following action:

23-01-09	<p><i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 23-03 honoring the District's 2022 past president, Marty Miller, by the following roll call vote:</i></p> <p><i>AYES: Directors Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, Miller, and MacKenzie</i></p> <p><i>NOES: None</i></p> <p><i>ABSTAIN: None</i></p> <p><i>ABSENT: None</i></p> <p><i>A copy of Resolution 23-03 is on file in the official Resolution Book of the District.</i></p>
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President MacKenzie presented Director Miller with a framed copy of the resolution and thanked him for his leadership in 2022.

**8. DEODAR RESERVOIR REHABILITATION**

See staff report attached hereto.

Engineering Project Manager Greg Keppler presented an overview of the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project (Project). He stated that staff is requesting that the Board approve the Project, authorize the advertisement and solicitation of bids for the construction of the Project, determine that the Project is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, and direct the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of San Diego.

Mr. Keppler stated that the seismic and structural analysis conducted by Murraysmith (now Consor) on the Deodar Reservoir determined that that the roof was in poor condition; however, the walls, floor slab

and columns are generally in good condition. It was recommended in the seismic and structural analysis that the roof be replaced with a self-supporting aluminum dome roof. The Project will also include site and security upgrades, installation of stairs and handrails and improvements to overflow and inlet/outlet yard piping.

Mr. Keppler stated that the Deodar Reservoir is the District's only reservoir in the Bennett service area (in the cities of Escondido and San Marcos) and that it would need to be taken out of service in order to complete this Project. He said that the plan would be to take the reservoir out of service in the late fall through the early spring when water demands are low.

23-01-10	<i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Vasquez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project; authorized staff to advertise and solicit bids for the construction of the project; and determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of San Diego (D-2366; DIV NO 5).</i>
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**9. VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION**

See staff report attached hereto.

President MacKenzie stated that Director Kuchinsky expressed an interest in being appointed to the Vista Hall of Fame Nominating Committee.

23-01-11	<i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors appointed Peter Kuchinsky to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame.</i>
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The Board briefly discussed making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame. President MacKenzie noted that one of the founding Board members, Jules J. Delpy, is already a member of the Vista Hall of Fame. She suggested that staff research the other four founding members for a possible nomination, which she thought would be appropriate during the District's 2023 Centennial celebration year. President MacKenzie also suggested that a photograph of the five founding Board members be included as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative display being put together for the District lobby.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss noted a recent change to the Vista Hall of Fame eligibility criteria that would allow for the nomination of Director Dorey, who served the District for 48 years, and passed away in 2022. The Board requested that an item be placed on the February 1, 2023 Board meeting agenda to further consider potential nominations to the Vista Hall of Fame. Director Kuchinsky suggested that perhaps the District could nominate the four founding Board members, who are not already in the Vista Hall of Fame, under the Early Residents Division and Director Dorey under the Regular Division.

**10. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that there had not been a meeting of the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) since his last report. He reported briefly on the discussion at the Local Agencies Formation Commission Special Districts Advisory Committee meeting regarding the proposed reorganizations of the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Mr. Hodgkiss reported on his attendance at the Water Authority Member Agencies Managers meeting the previous day, which included an update on water supply conditions and the drought following the recent rain. He briefly discussed the possibility of allocations from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to the Water Authority in 2023, adding that how the allocations will affect the Water Authority and its member agencies is unclear at this time.

**11. MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Vásquez said that he would not be attending the Urban Water Institute Spring Conference in February 2023 due to a healthcare appointment. He reported on his attendance at a recent Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Board meeting in which appointments were made to nominating committees for the upcoming ACWA Region 10 and ACWA Officers elections. Director Vásquez reported that this year's ACWA Region 10 event would be held on June 26, 2023; the location and time are still to be determined.

Director Vásquez stated that, as a member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ad hoc committee, he reached out to the Vista Chamber of Commerce to request a few minutes at the Vista State of the Community Luncheon on January 23, 2023 to announce the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this year. Director Sanchez mentioned that he had requested that Mayor Franklin mention the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when he recognizes the Board members at the luncheon. Directors Vásquez and Sanchez rescheduled the next 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ad hoc committee meeting from January 31, 2023 to January 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

President MacKenzie reported on her attendance at a meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Executive Committee in which they went over finances. She said that the quarterly meetings would continue to be at the Butcher Shop in 2023, as the majority of attendees have provided positive feedback regarding this venue.

President MacKenzie and Director Miller reported on a meeting they attended the previous day concerning the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in Lake Henshaw; participants included representatives and attorneys from the City of Escondido (Escondido), San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians and technical experts. The discussion centered on the status of HABs in Lake Henshaw and implementation of a treatment plan so that water could be released from Lake Henshaw to facilitate recreational activities at the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians' campground as well as the delivery of water to the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, District and Escondido.

All five Board members requested authorization to attend the Vista State of the Community Luncheon on January 23, 2023 in Vista. Directors Kuchinsky and Vásquez and President MacKenzie requested authorization to attend the reception for MWD Board Chair Adán Ortega on January 26, 2023 in

San Diego. Director Sanchez and President MacKenzie requested authorization to attend the ACWA Spring Conference, May 9-11, 2023 in Monterey. President MacKenzie requested authorization to attend the State Water Project & Bay-Delta Tour, March 2-3, 2023; ACWA Legislative Symposium March 23, 2023 in Sacramento; and CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days, May 16-17, 2023 in Sacramento. Director Miller requested tentative authorization to attend the CSDA Quarterly meeting, February 16, 2023 in San Diego and authorization to attend the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) Quarterly meeting on January 27, 2023 in Pomona.

23-01-12	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors authorized the following attendances: All five Board members to attend the Vista State of the Community Luncheon on January 23, 2023 in Vista; Directors Kuchinsky, Vásquez, and MacKenzie to attend the reception for MWD Board Chair Adán Ortega on January 26, 2023 in San Diego; Directors Sanchez and MacKenzie to attend the ACWA Spring Conference, May 9-11, 2023 in Monterey; President MacKenzie to attend the State Water Project &amp; Bay-Delta Tour, March 2-3, 2023; ACWA Legislative Symposium March 23, 2023 in Sacramento; and CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days, May 16-17, 2023 in Sacramento. Director Miller to attend the CSDA Quarterly meeting, February 16, 2023 in San Diego and the SCWC Quarterly meeting on January 27, 2023 in Pomona.</i>
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**12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Sanchez requested an agenda item for the February 15, 2023 Board meeting to update the Board on the activities of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ad hoc committee.

**13. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Vásquez commented on a water agency in south San Diego County that had approved waiving fees for homeowners adding an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to their property. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell noted that relevant California law regarding ADUs has changed recently and that she could provide additional details at a future meeting if the Board wishes.

**14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Mitchell presented a brief update on legislation including the updated gift limit approved by the Fair Political Practices Act for 2023, which will be \$590 per calendar year.

**15. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Hodgkiss informed the Board about a billing error that had occurred and advised them that refunds are being issued to affected customers to rectify the matter. He also noted that the water level at Lake Henshaw rose by 4,000-acre feet as a result of recent rains; the current level of the lake was approximately 9,100 acre feet.

A brief break was taken from 10:53 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.

**16. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

President MacKenzie announced the following closed session item as follows:

Real Property Negotiations:	224-260-23, 46
Property:	50-foot wide Vista Flume easement south of Nutmeg Street
VID Negotiators:	Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager and Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering
Negotiating Parties:	Nutmeg 134 LLC
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms

Following President MacKenzie’s announcement as stated above, she adjourned the meeting to closed session at 11:03 a.m. for a conference with real property negotiators, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8. The meeting reconvened in open session at 12:17 p.m. President MacKenzie declared that no reportable action had been taken.

**17. CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION—GENERAL MANAGER**

President MacKenzie announced that, due to the late hour, the Board decided to reschedule the closed session to conduct a performance evaluation of the General Manager, pursuant to Government Code section 54957 to the February 1, 2023 Board meeting.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

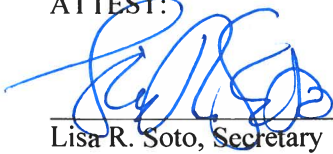
There being no further business to come before the Board, at 12:21 p.m., President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting.




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Jo MacKenzie, President

ATTEST:




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Lisa R. Soto, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



# Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 12/15/2022 - 1/5/2023

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
71196 - 71200	12/29/2022	Refund Checks 71196 - 71200	Customer Refunds	8,173.41
71201	12/29/2022	Escondido Metal Supply	Metal	229.70
71202	12/29/2022	Aloush LLC	Refund Renewal Fee CMA3050	1,283.00
71203	12/29/2022	Amazon Capital Services	Lock Type Grease Gun Tips	72.02
	12/29/2022		Pull Starters (3) - Tampers	58.41
71204	12/29/2022	AT&T	3680/CALNET 11/13/22 - 12/12/22 -Phones	431.83
	12/29/2022		0230/CALNET 11/13/22 - 12/12/22-Teleconference	12.86
71205	12/29/2022		Voice & Data Service	1,149.06
71206	12/29/2022	Best Best & Krieger LLP	Legal Services 11/2022	1,300.00
71207	12/29/2022	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	RealQuest Online Service 11/2022	300.00
71208	12/29/2022	Craneworks Southwest Inc	Custom Flatbed Build - 2022 FORD F550	31,402.66
71209	12/29/2022	Direct Energy	Electric 11/2022 - VID Headquarter	1,716.17
71210	12/29/2022	StratoGuard LLC	Proofpoint Spam Seats	39.04
71211	12/29/2022	Coast Fitness Repair Shop	Fitness Equipment Maintenance	268.08
71212	12/29/2022	Government Finance Officers Association	ACFR Award Fee 12/2022	460.00
71213	12/29/2022	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Battery, Switch & Gaskets	239.43
71214	12/29/2022	InfoSend Inc	Data Processing/Mailing Service 09/2022	6,260.73
	12/29/2022		Backflow Notices 09/2022	233.19
	12/29/2022		Support & Storage 09/2022	1,694.43
	12/29/2022		Data Processing/Mailing Service 10/2022	4,877.42
	12/29/2022		Backflow Notices 10/2022	183.65
	12/29/2022		Support & Storage 10/2022	1,619.04
71215	12/29/2022	Jo MacKenzie	CRWUA Conference 12/2022 - M Miller	37.33
	12/29/2022		CRWUA Conference 12/2022 - P Sanchez	37.33
	12/29/2022		CRWUA Conference 12/2022 - J McKenzie	972.91
71216	12/29/2022	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Trucking & Material 11/2022	20,308.75
71217	12/29/2022	Lightning Messenger Express	Messenger Service 12/02/22	82.00
71218	12/29/2022	Makelele Systems Landscape & Maintenance, Inc	Landscape Service 10/2022	1,650.00
	12/29/2022		Landscape Service 11/2022	1,650.00
71219	12/29/2022	Mission Resource Conservation District	Home Water Use Evaluation (1)	77.50
71220	12/29/2022	MRC, Smart Technology Solutions	Manage Print Services	529.34
71221	12/29/2022	Multiquip	Tamper Parts	452.15
71222	12/29/2022	Mutual of Omaha	LTD/STD/Life Insurance 01/2023	5,566.93
71223	12/29/2022	North County Auto Parts	Battery - F1	238.28
	12/29/2022		Battery Cores (2)	(62.79)

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
71224	12/29/2022	North County Industrial Park	Association Fees 01/2023	1,024.52
	12/29/2022		Association Fees 12/2022	879.30
71225	12/29/2022	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery - Truck 32	133.68
71226	12/29/2022	Pacific Safety Center	Trench & Excavation Training	195.00
71227	12/29/2022	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tires (2) - Truck 22	1,115.70
	12/29/2022		Large Truck Valve Stems (6)	69.04
71228	12/29/2022	Ramco Petroleum	Fuel 11/2022	1,897.89
71229	12/29/2022	Registry	2022 Caterpillar Title	113.00
71230	12/29/2022	Volvo Construction Equipment & Services	Digging Teeth, Locks, Locking Pins - E1 & E2	1,318.13
71231	12/29/2022	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 11/2022 - Cathodic Protection & T&D	308.92
	12/29/2022		Electric 11/2022 - Reservoirs	137.69
	12/29/2022		Electric 11/2022 - Pump Stations	11,544.24
	12/29/2022		Electric 11/2022 - Plants	148.73
71232	12/29/2022	Shannon Anzelon	Computer Loan Program	724.84
71233	12/29/2022	State Water Resources Control Board	Aquatic Pesticide Fee - FY2023	3,274.00
	12/29/2022		SWRCB NPDES Permit Fee - FY2023	3,274.00
71234	12/29/2022	Sunbelt Rentals	Saw Rental	117.02
71235	12/29/2022	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	2,555.00
71236	12/29/2022	The San Diego Union-Tribune LLC	Bid Advertisement - Paving Svc	512.50
71237	12/29/2022	USSAWS	Hand Pump Parts	83.95
71238	12/29/2022	Verizon Wireless	Air Cards 11/13/22 - 12/12/22	152.04
71239	12/29/2022	Vista Chamber of Commerce	Membership Renewal 2023	845.00
71240 - 71241	01/05/2023	Refund Checks 71240 - 71241	Customer Refunds	2,609.47
71242	01/05/2023	A-1 Irrigation, Inc	Aluminum Tape	10.31
71243	01/05/2023	Allied Electronics Inc	SCADA Supplies	72.96
	01/05/2023		SCADA Supplies	931.44
71244	01/05/2023	Amazon Capital Services	iPad for Board Room	456.47
	01/05/2023		Warehouse Supplies	279.80
	01/05/2023		Timer	20.54
71245	01/05/2023	American Water Works Association	Membership Dues 2023	7,399.00
71246	01/05/2023	Brent Reyes	Tuition Reimbursement 12/2022	241.84
71247	01/05/2023	Bryan and the Bee's	Live Bee Removal (1)	175.00
	01/05/2023		Live Bee Removal (1)	175.00
71248	01/05/2023	CDW Government Inc	Cisco SMART Net Extended Service Agreement	647.10
	01/05/2023		GETAC Bumper to Bumper 3yr warranty	758.50
	01/05/2023		GETAC Laptop S410G4 I5-1135G7 256 8 W10P (2)	4,234.34
71249	01/05/2023	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Beaumont Dr	1,805.00
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Bonnie Brae Place	1,306.25
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Mar Vista Drive	805.00
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Activity Dr	950.00



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	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Valley Ave	1,662.50
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Buena Vista Dr/Mar Vista Dr	4,750.00
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Buena Vista Dr/Mar Vista Dr	3,135.00
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Valley Crest Dr	1,282.50
	01/05/2023		Traffic Control - Mar Vista Dr	1,710.00
71250	01/05/2023	760Print	Delinquent Bills for Collection Notices	596.46
71251	01/05/2023	Akeso Occupational Health	New Hire Physical (1)	168.00
	01/05/2023		New Hire Physicals (2)	386.00
71252	01/05/2023	Core & Main	Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4 (20)	259.76
	01/05/2023		Gate Valve 6" POxFL R/W (2)	1,883.55
	01/05/2023		Fire Hydrant Rod 15"x.5" Break Off Stainless Steel (4)	342.07
	01/05/2023		Service Saddle 10x1 PVC (2)	474.14
	01/05/2023		Adapter 10" DI FLxPO (2)	521.77
	01/05/2023		Gate Valve 4" FL R/W (1)	703.63
	01/05/2023		Adapter 6" DI POxFL (5)	768.58
	01/05/2023		Coupling 4" Macro (4)	1,324.98
	01/05/2023		Nozzle 1.5" Fire Hose (2)	30.31
	01/05/2023		Gate Valve 6" FL R/W (3)	2,760.38
	01/05/2023		Tubing 1" Copper Soft 60' (300)	2,776.61
	01/05/2023		Fire Hydrant LB400 Check Valve (4)	7,967.20
	01/05/2023		Adapter 2" Copper x MIP (10)	227.33
	01/05/2023		Ell 2" Brass Street 90 Degree (5)	144.51
	01/05/2023		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 4" (4" gasket) (7)	57.97
	01/05/2023		Flange 6" SOW 6-hole (8)	303.10
	01/05/2023		Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB400 (1)	276.04
	01/05/2023		Ball Meter Valve .75" Lockwing FIPxSwivel Mtr Nut (3)	246.81
71253	01/05/2023	County of San Diego	Permit Fees 12/2022	209.91
71254	01/05/2023	Ferguson Waterworks	DFW Meter Boxes (24)	1,710.78
	01/05/2023		DFW Meter Box Lid Small D1324 (VID Stamp) (200)	13,639.50
71255	01/05/2023	Glennie's Office Products Inc	Office Supplies	108.51
71256	01/05/2023	Hach Company	CL17 Buffer	667.07
71257	01/05/2023	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Battery - B22	190.85
71258	01/05/2023	Itron Inc	Hardware/Software Maintenance 2023	10,033.53
71259	01/05/2023	J & R Concrete Products, Inc	4'-0" x 4'-0" x 8'-0" Precast Concrete Vault (1)	8,335.25
71260	01/05/2023	MTC	Type II Traffic Barricades (20)	974.25
71261	01/05/2023	Mission Equipment & Lifts, Inc	Inspection of Vehicle Lifts (2)	585.00
71262	01/05/2023	Moodys	Dump Fees (3)	900.00
71263	01/05/2023	North County Auto Parts	Shop Chemicals	46.99
71264	01/05/2023	North County Rebuilders	Starter - F1	269.54
71265	01/05/2023	Opto 22	OPTO 1/0 Modules (2)	152.45

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
71266	01/05/2023	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Angle Ball Valve 2" FNPT X MNPT (CurbStop) (6)	2,370.68
	01/05/2023		Parts for Fire Hydrant	1,152.03
71267	01/05/2023	Phenova Inc	Proficiency Testing	452.23
71268	01/05/2023	Ramona Disposal Service	Trash Service	226.86
	01/05/2023		Trash Service	226.86
71269	01/05/2023	San Diego Friction Products	Air Brake Hose - T4	32.75
71270	01/05/2023	Sierra Analytical Labs, Inc	Copper Analysis - Sediment (HABs)	400.00
	01/05/2023		Copper Analysis - Water (HABs)	519.00
71271	01/05/2023	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel - Henshaw	94.18
71272	01/05/2023	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,620.00
71273	01/05/2023	TS Industrial Supply	Cutter 7" Hand Cutter Wire (1)	30.80
71274	01/05/2023	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones & Paging System	2,042.53
71275	01/05/2023	Xerox Corporation	Xerox Service & Supplies	231.17
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>228,827.99</b>



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

**Board Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Soto  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING PAST PRESIDENT MARTY MILLER

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 23-XX honoring the District's 2022 past president, Marty Miller.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Director Miller has served as Director of Division 1 since 2008. He recently completed his term as President of the Board of Directors for 2022. During his term as President, the District moved forward and completed important infrastructure projects. The District continued work on the Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study, narrowing the number of alignment alternatives to two; completed the 90% design phase for the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project; made significant progress on construction of the Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project; and replaced the roof on Beehive Bench section of the Vista Flume.

Under Director Miller's leadership, the District prepared a Harmful Algal Bloom Management and Mitigation Plan, published its 2022 Triennial Public Health Goal Report, and completed the division boundary redistricting process. The District also received national recognition for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022, receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fifteenth straight year. Additionally, the District successfully completed labor negotiations with all employee groups for calendar years 2022-2024.

Director Miller has actively represented the District's best interests through his dedicated service on the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) boards of directors; he also served tirelessly in capacities of Chair, Vice Chair and member on committees for Water Authority and MWD. Director Miller also generously dedicated his time to serve on the Local Agencies Formation Commission Special Districts Advisory Committee, the Association of California Water Agencies Energy Committee, and the District's Fiscal Policy Committee as Chair.

In recognition of Director Miller's accomplishments and outstanding efforts for the benefit of all the people of Vista Irrigation District during his tenure as President, the attached resolution is presented for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-xx

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HONORING PAST PRESIDENT MARTY MILLER

WHEREAS, Marty Miller has served as Director of Division 1 since 2008; and

WHEREAS, he has conscientiously and ably served as President of the Board for Calendar Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, during his term as President, the District moved forward and completed important infrastructure projects; the District continued work on the Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study, narrowing the number of alignment alternatives to two; completed the 90% design phase for the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project; made significant progress on the construction phase of the Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project; and replaced the roof on Beehive Bench section of the Vista Flume; and

WHEREAS, under Director Miller's leadership, the District prepared a Harmful Algal Bloom Management and Mitigation Plan, published its 2022 Triennial Public Health Goal Report, and completed the division boundary redistricting process; the District received national recognition for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022 by receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fifteenth straight year; and the District successfully completed labor negotiations with all employee groups for calendar years 2022-2024; and

WHEREAS, Director Miller has actively represented the District's best interests through his dedicated service on the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) boards of directors; he also served tirelessly in capacities of Chair, Vice Chair, and member on committees for Water Authority and MWD; and

WHEREAS, Director Miller also generously dedicated his time to serve on the Local Agencies Formation Commission Special Districts Advisory Committee, the Association of California Water Agencies Energy Committee, and the District's Fiscal Policy Committee as Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors and staff of the Vista Irrigation District do hereby express to Marty Miller appreciation for his accomplishments and outstanding efforts for the benefit of all the people of the Vista Irrigation District during his tenure as President.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Vista Irrigation District this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Jo MacKenzie, President

ATTEST:

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Lisa R. Soto, Secretary

Board of Directors

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

**Board Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Greg Keppler  
**Reviewed By:** Randy Whitmann  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** DEODAR RESERVOIR REHABILITATION

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project; authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids for the construction of the project; and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of San Diego (D-2366; DIV NO 5).

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On March 4, 2020, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an Agreement for Professional Services with Murraysmith (now Consor) for the Four Reservoirs Seismic and Structural Analysis (Study) in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,739. On November 17, 2021, the Board authorized Professional Services Agreement with Consor for the design of the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project in an amount not-to-exceed \$256,323.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The District has budgeted a total of \$335,000 for the project to date for the completed seismic/structural analysis and design services. The engineer's estimated construction cost for the project is \$2,900,000 and construction related professional services are estimated to total \$435,000; these costs (\$3,335,000 total) will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024. Construction award and the issuance of the contractor notice-to-proceed are anticipated to occur in April and May of this year, respectively. Any unbudgeted construction costs this fiscal year will be minimal.

**SUMMARY:** Deodar Reservoir, located approximately 900 feet northwest of Deodar Road, is a 1.3 million gallon, pre-stressed concrete reservoir with a timber framed and corrugated metal roof (very similar to Pechstein Reservoir). Deodar Reservoir was constructed in 1978 and provides storage for the "Bennett" service area in the cities of Escondido and San Marcos. The Study found that the roof is in poor condition and portions of the roof are in serious condition from dry rot occurring from the outside exterior of the valley glulam beams. However, the concrete portion of the structure including walls, floor slab and columns are generally in good condition. The Study recommended the roof should be replaced with a self-supporting aluminum dome roof. Furthermore, appurtenances and site and security upgrades, as recommended in the 2018 Water Master Plan and identified by staff, will be implemented as well as overflow and inlet/outlet yard piping repairs.

The bid package for Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project has been completed and the project is ready to be advertised for construction. Following Board approval, the project will be advertised and bid per the District's purchasing policy. Once bids are received, a recommendation for construction award will be placed on the Board agenda for final approval. Additionally, approval of construction related professional services agreements will also be requested at that time.

**DETAILED REPORT:** The bid package prepared by Consor for the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project includes the following upgrades and improvements:

- Grading and drainage improvements including regrading and widening the perimeter access road, site drainage channels, and curb and gutter.
- Valve and cathodic protection replacement for existing inlet, outlet, overflow, and drain yard piping.
- Paving including entire access road between the site and Deodar Road.
- Security fencing and gates.
- Aluminum dome roof including stairs and handrails.
- Replace interior overflow pipe and water level gauge.
- Landscaping and irrigation.

As part of the design, Consor has coordinated with roof manufacturers the time needed to fabricate the roof as well as durations required for removing the reservoir from service to complete roof demolition, interior reservoir repairs, and new roof installation (approximately 5 months down time). In order to meet a timeline where the reservoir is only out of service during low demand months (late fall to early spring), construction advertising must occur now; waiting until Fiscal Year 2024 to begin advertising would postpone the project for another year.

Staff desires to retain Consor during construction in order to provide design support services (e.g., technical review of requests for information, submittals, shop drawings, field observations, etc.). At a Board meeting to follow, a negotiated amendment to the agreement for professional services with Consor will be requested to extend the term through construction completion and include design support services.

In addition, staff recommends hiring a construction management team to oversee the regular construction management duties and inspections needed during construction. Considering the scale of the project, it does not need full-time construction management or inspections. Therefore, the construction management and inspections will be limited in scope.

Following Board approval, construction advertising will begin with bids due in February. It is anticipated staff will return to the Board in April with recommendations for construction award, approval of a professional services agreement for construction management and inspection services, and an amendment to Consor's professional services agreement to include construction design support services. Construction notice-to-proceed is anticipated to be issued at the beginning of May 2023 with work completed in spring of 2024.

Staff has conducted a Preliminary Environmental Assessment and concluded that the Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation project qualifies for a Class 2 categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as established in Article 19, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), subsection (c) of the CEQA Guidelines. This exemption consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

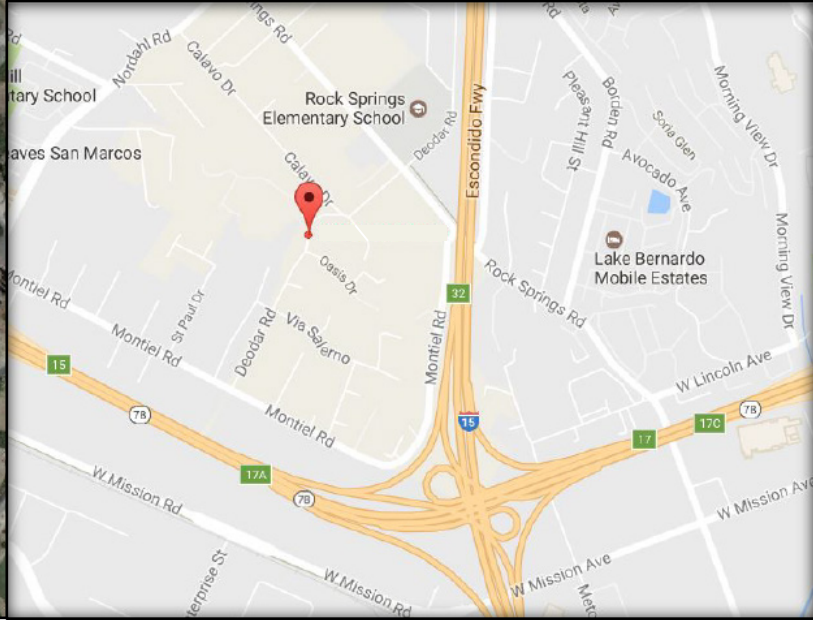
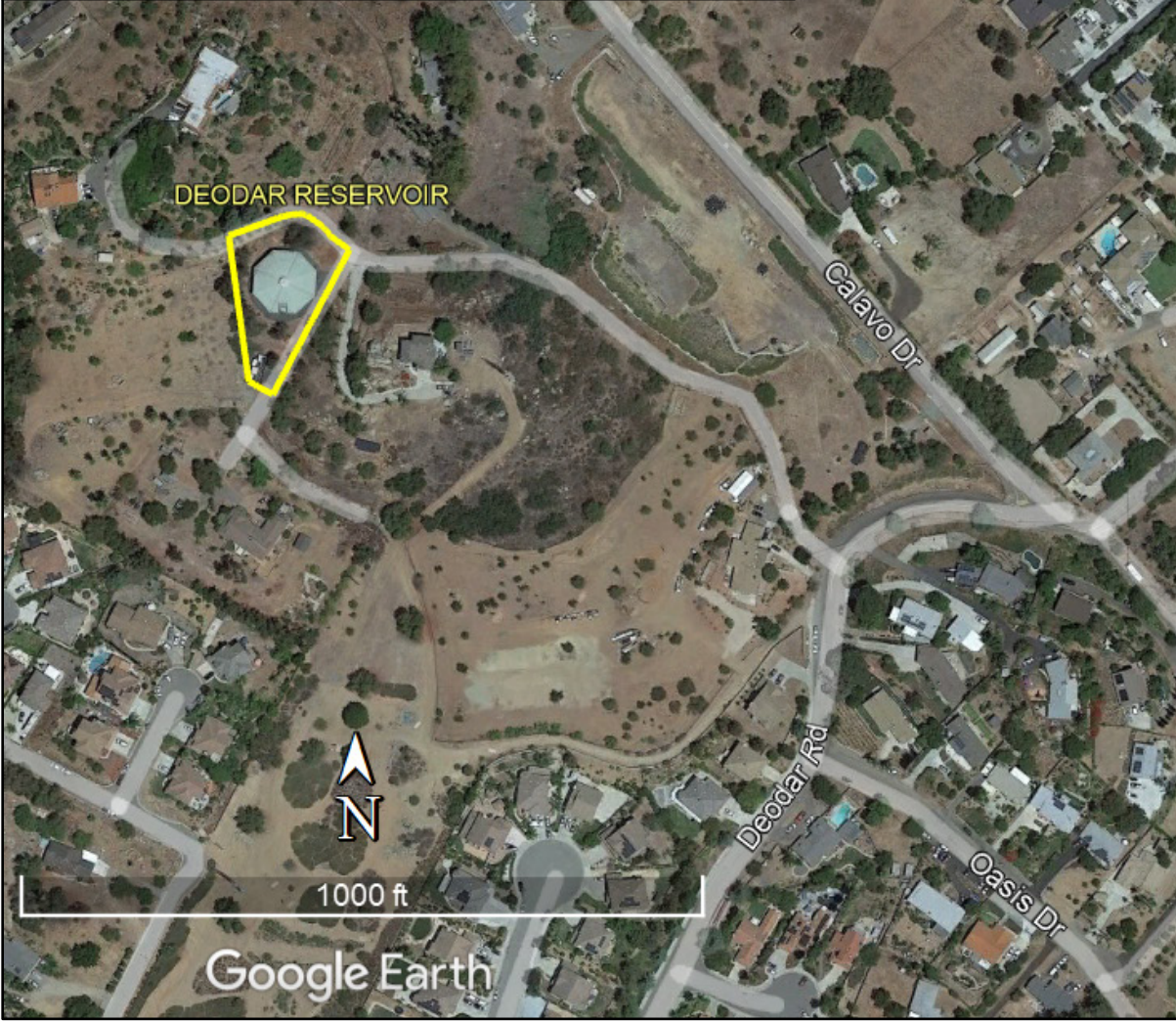
ATTACHMENTS:

- Vicinity Map
- Notice of Exemption



# DEODAR RESERVOIR

## SITE AND VICINITY MAP



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County Clerk of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260  
P.O. Box 121750  
San Diego, CA 92112-1750

**From:** Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Street  
Vista, CA 92081-8836

**Project Title:** Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation

**Project Location - Specific:** Facility is located approximately 1,800 feet due north of Montiel Road and 930 feet due west of Deodar Road in Escondido, CA 92026. Access via private drive.

**Project Location - City:** Escondido      **Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Project:** Deodar Reservoir is an existing 1.3 million gallon pre-stressed concrete tank constructed in the late 1970s. It provides the District with operation, emergency, and fire flow storage in the Bennet service area. Deodar Reservoir suffers from many structural roof issues and deficiencies. Deodar Reservoir needs structural repairs, which include replacing the existing roof with an aluminum roof, mechanical and corrosion repairs to existing piping, drainage repairs, existing pavement resurfacing and security improvements.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Vista Irrigation District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081-8836

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Vista Irrigation District

**Exempt Status** (check one)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c);

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2, Section 15302 (c)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed facility is exempt from CEQA based on its conformity with Article 19, Class 2, Section 15302 (c) of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines. This exemption consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Greg Keppler      **Telephone/Extension:** (760) 597-3136

The    General Manager    Director of Engineering   X   Board of Directors approved the above described project on January 18, 2023, and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?      Yes      No

Submission of this form is optional. Local agencies may file this form with the County Clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_





## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 9

**Board Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Soto  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1) Consider appointing a Board member to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame; and 2) Consider making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On February 2, 2022, the Board appointed Director Dorey to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The Vista Historical Society (Historical Society) is forming the nominating committee for this year's Hall of Fame honorees. Director Dorey participated on this committee consecutively from 2009 through 2020. The committee will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Vista Historical Museum at 2317 Old Foothill Drive, Vista. Honorees will be announced at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting on a date to be determined.

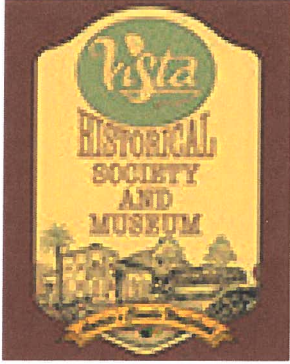
**DETAILED REPORT:** This year the Historical Society will honor Vistans from both the Regular and the Early Residents Divisions of the Vista Hall of Fame. The eligibility criteria for both Divisions include: 1) each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively (this criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate); 2) each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community; and 3) married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee. An additional criterion for the Early Residents Division is that the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination, unless waived.

If the Board wishes to nominate an honoree, the Historical Society requests that the nominee's name(s) be submitted along with his or her background materials by February 22, 2023. Notable honorees already in the Vista Hall of Fame with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Linden Burzell, Hans Doe, Marty Miller, Bill Taylor, Oliver Clark, and Howard Williams. From the Early Residents Division honorees with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Frank Delpy, William Pechstein, Charles Mull, James W. Sutton, Dale E. Wood, Harold H. Yackey, and Ray Betraun. Honorees with a connection to the Bueno Colorado Municipal Water District include Charles Hausladen and Wells Miller.

If the Board wishes to make an appointment to the nominating committee, the Historical Society would like to know by February 10, 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Letter from Vista Historical Society and Museum
- Booklet of Hall of Fame members and qualifications



**VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM**  
**2317 Old Foothill Drive**  
**P.O. Box 1032**  
**Vista, CA 92085-1032**  
**Phone: 760-630-0444**  
**Fax: 760-295-9993**  
**Email: [Vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:Vistahistorical@gmail.com)**

December 27, 2022

Brett Hodgkiss General Manager  
Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Road  
Vista, Ca 92081

Re: Vista Hall of Fame request for assistance.

The Vista Historical Society is honored to be the keeper of the Vista Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's history. The time has come again to select new members of the Hall of Fame and The Vista Historical Vista is now forming the nominating Committee for this year's honorees, who will be announced at the Vista Historical Society's Annual Meeting on a date to be determined.

The Vista Irrigation District has been kind in the past by appointing representatives to the nominating committee. We are again requesting your participation in the Hall of Fame process. The committee will meet at 2 P.M. Tuesday March 14, 2023 at The Vista Historical Museum:

2317 Old Foothill Dr.  
Vista, Ca 92084

If you can participate, please let us know by Friday February 10, 2023  
Enclosed are booklets of existing Hall of Fame members and qualifications.  
If you wish to nominate someone, please submit his or her name and backup material by February 22, 2023 so it can be distributed before the meeting.  
The Society can be reached by phone 760-630-0444 Monday to Friday 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., by e-mail [vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:vistahistorical@gmail.com) or at our mailing address:

Vista Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1032  
Vista, CA 92085-1032

Thanking you in advance

Jack Larimer  
Director, Vista Historical Museum

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# VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2022

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOLUME 1 OF 2

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## THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a member of each division must be elected to the hall. There is no upper limit to the number of new members that can be elected each year .

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME

### Regular Division

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

### Early Residents Division

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

VISTA HALL OF FAME

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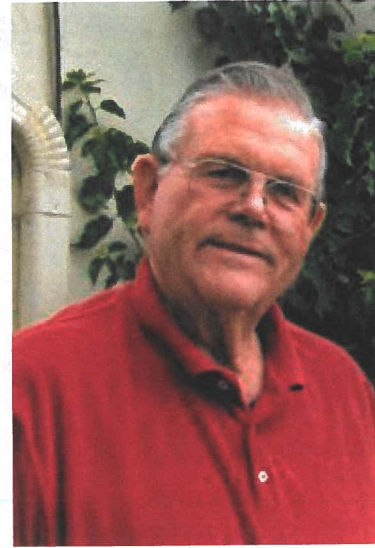
**Thomas J. Adams**  
**1891-1974**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2016**

Thomas J. (T.J.) Adams was the second longest serving member of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) Board of Directors, second only after "Mr. Water" himself, Hans Doe. Mr. Adams served on the VID board for 25 years, from March 1949 to July 1974. It was during his 25-year tenure on the VID board that Vista became incorporated as a City in 1963. The population of Vista grew from 8,300 in 1949 to 39,000 in 1974. Mr. Adams was seated as chair of the VID board of directors in 1954, where he remained chair until he passed away in office in 1974. It was through his leadership that the district was able to accommodate the tremendous population growth with all of the necessary facilities and water rights for the people of Vista.

Adams, a native of Louisville, Ken., had made his home in Vista since 1946, coming here from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been U. S. Steel's chief metallurgical engineer for 15 years. Adams had owned an avocado grove on Phillips Street when he first came to this city.

In 1951, as a result of a five-year drought, the level of Lake Henshaw (the primary water source for Vista), virtually dried up, going from 120,000 acre feet to only 200 acre feet. In response, VID dug 31 wells at its Warner Ranch watershed, and began pumping water into Lake Henshaw. The need for water for the people of Vista continued to grow with the increase in population and the district began to eye other sources, but few options were available to such a small agency. In 1954, a special election was held in which the people of Vista voted to join and receive imported water from the San Diego County Water Authority. In 1961, the district built its new headquarters on Connecticut Avenue to combine the field and office operation in one location to better serve the VID customers. During Mr. Adams' tenure as president of the VID board, to further accommodate the City's continued growth and demand for water, the district began planning to build a water treatment plant jointly with the City of Escondido. This plant was completed shortly after Mr. Adams' death and allowed all the residents of Vista to receive fully treated water for the first time.



**Howard Amend**  
**1935-2020**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2012**

Howard Amend has been affiliated with Boys' Clubs since he joined the Pasadena, California, club when he was 7 years old.

Howard has given 42 years of continuing dedication to the Vista Boys' Club and the Vista Boys & Girls Club, as it was renamed in 1990.

Prior to being hired as director for the Boys' Club of Vista as of May 1, 1970, he was employed by the Boys' Club of Pasadena in 1953, with time out for military service, and served as director until he left to come to Vista.

He retired as director of the Vista Boys & Girls Club in January 2002. He currently serves on the board of directors and is chairman of the Vista Boys & Girls Club Foundation, the major funding agency for the Club.

Howard and Anne celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March 2012.

Anne retired in 2011 as a school nurse for Lincoln and Rancho Minerva middle schools.

They have three children: Peter, the oldest, and twins Merrill and Sharon.



**Carl Ames  
1938-2018  
Carol Brady  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2019**

Carl and Carol met in Kiwanis. They have been very busy in the community through the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise. Carl has been a member for 35 years and served two separate terms as President. Carl was the Kiwanis Division 37 Lt Governor in 2014/15 (over 18 clubs). He had been the Club Advisor for the Vista High Key Club for 10 years, brought back the fireworks to Vista his first term as President, and has served breakfast at Brother Benno's Soup Kitchen. Carl was also Kiwanian of the Year two years in a row with the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista. (2007 and 2008). He was captain of the Kiwanis Club team for several years for the Vista ROC project. The team included club members and Key Club members from Vista High School. Carl was a judge for two years for the Pride of Vista Beauty Pageant.

Carl and Carol came up with the idea of a wine and food tasting fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club which has evolved into the Grape Gatsby Affaire. Along with a committee of 15 club members, it grew into a 1920's theme fundraiser which the Club is celebrating its 11th year in April of this year and is the Kiwanis Club's major fundraiser.

Carl was also a Club Scout leader and Boys Scout leader at Beaumont School when his boys were little. He also received Have a Heart 4 Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club in 2008.

He was an Elder at Faith Lutheran Church.

Carl and Carol also took part in the 9/11 Commemorative BBQ that is sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church each year. We work with Honor Flight of San Diego to get 4 WWII Veterans to be our guest and to honor them.

Carol has been President of the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise

Vista for two terms (2011-2013) and has been a member for 13 years. She was Kiwanian of the Year 2006/7 and 2008/9. Carol and Carl received the Have a Heart 4 Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club 2008. Carol has been active at Faith Lutheran Church in many different capacities for the 45 that years she has been a member. Carol was the Den Mother for the Cub Scout sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church when her son was small.

Working for Kids is a passion for Carl and Carol. The one closest to our heart is the StandUp for Kids drop in center in Oceanside which serves all the kids of North County. StandUp works to get the kids off the street. Carol was honored as a special donor last year. I was able to get StandUp For Kids Oceanside to be a Kiwanis Division 37 Project. We ask other clubs for sleeping bags, clothing, toiletries, bottled water and food items

Carol has been a long time supporter of the Oceanside chapter of StandUp For Kids. She is an advocate and avid donor. She shines a constant spotlight on our program and the plight of our kids. She is a shoulder to lean on for the volunteers and always brings her support with a huge hug and a smile. She IS an angel.

We asked Carol how she became involved with StandUp For Kids, here's Carol's story:

I originally got involved in Stand Up prior to 2007 because a friend asked me to donate hygiene products for the girls. Then in 2007, I got back to supporting Stand Up because I was better informed of the needs of the Kids. I got my Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista involved and our first donation at that time was a pickup truck load of clothes, water, food packs and personal hygiene items for both boys and girls. I have never been homeless, but I can relate to the Kids needing what we take for granted living in a home. My family was poor when I was a child growing up. About 5 years ago, I started a tradition at Christmas time to donate a Ginger Bread House kit for the Kids so they could be doing something fun as if they were in a home environment. My husband, Carl, has been my big supporter. It breaks our heart when we are having bad weather or it is cold, knowing our Kids are out in the weather.

In 2008, I asked the Lt Governor for our Kiwanis Division 37 (who oversees 18 Kiwanis club) to make Stand Up For Kids Oceanside a Division Project and it has remained a Divisional Project to date. Our Kiwanis Club donates all the water....I put out pleas for water and my husband, Carl, and I deliver it to Stand Up along with any other items I have collected for the Kids. When the present location needed repairs to the patio where the kids eat their meals, we contacted a friend of ours and he donated materials and labor to make it comfortable.

Carl and I were honored to assist another Kiwanis Club in a past Thanksgiving by serving dinner to the Kids.



**John Barrett**  
1908-1978  
**Gene Barrett**  
1909-1993

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2016**

In 1939, John and Gene Barrett and their two children moved to Vista.

Also in 1939, John Arthur Barrett and Harold Sanborn operated the "Barrett and Sanborn Market" on East Vista Way. Later, they opened a larger market at 306 South Santa Fe Ave. at Eucalyptus Ave. The produce department was operated by Ted Minge; the bakery by Roger MacDonald and his wife, Lois; the liquor department by Bert Baletto.

In 1942, "Barrett and Sanborn Market" was changed to "Buy and Save" and the business was incorporated. John and his wife, Gene, enlarged the Vista "Buy and Save" and branched out, establishing other "Buy and Save" markets in Fallbrook, Carlsbad, Ocean-side, Escondido, Encinitas and other points in San Diego County. Their central warehouse was in San Marcos. Their son, Richard, and their daughter, Barbara, became a very important part of "Buy and Save's" growth.

Vista was a quiet little town with a beautiful climate and friendly people; a lovely place to raise a family.

John Barrett was on the school board; Richard played football for Vista High School, and Barbara Barrett was drum majorette for the band. Gene Barrett did her share working for the P. T. A.

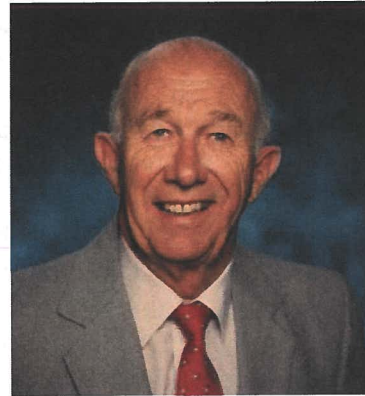
In 1945, John learned to fly an airplane and Gene took lessons. They became the flying Barretts, attending many grocers' conventions, looking for better ways to serve the public with bigger and better "Buy and Save" markets.

Also, in 1945, their home, El Adobe Casa, was

built on what is now East Sunrise Drive. The adobe bricks were made from local soil, molded and dried in the sun. John and Gene designed the adobe, with much of the work done by John and son, Richard. Lupe Lara and Son were the builders.

In 1962 "Buy and Save" merged with Mayfair Markets.

"Buy and Save" markets was a family venture for the four Barretts. They all worked, and it was a happy time to be part of Vista. John Arthur Barrett died in 1978 and is buried in Eternal Hills Cemetery. Gene Barrett died in 1993. A memorial bench in Eternal Hills carries the family name.



**Ray Betraun**  
1923-1991

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2018**

Early Vistans knew that securing a reliable source of water was vital to the growth of their burgeoning agricultural community. Those early pioneers worked tirelessly to ensure their community had water for their crops, their families and for future generations. From forming the Vista Irrigation District (VID) to purchasing Lake Henshaw, community leaders searched for a secure water supply that would meet current and future resource demands. Ray Betraun embodied that community spirit and his contributions to Vista are still felt to this day.

Ray Betraun was born in Buffalo, New York on Christmas Day in 1923 and he moved with his family to Vista as a young boy in 1929. He grew up in Vista and graduated Class of 1942 from Vista High School. Ray went on to major in Mechanical

Engineering at the University of Texas and then joined the U.S. Navy, proudly serving as part of a submarine fleet in World War II.

After his military service, Ray returned to Vista to build a life. He married Shirley Wilkinson in 1948 and they had two daughters, Vicki and Jana. Ray worked with his father and brothers at the family construction business, A.E. Betraun & Sons Construction Company, building many community buildings in Vista, including the former Vista Irrigation District headquarters located at 202 West Connecticut Avenue. After his father retired, Ray continued the family business as Betraun Construction Company.

Ray valued civic duty. He and Shirley were very active with the Vista Historical Society throughout their lives. Ray was also President and State Director of the Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce, a Buena Colorado Municipal Water District board member, and a Liberty National Bank board member for 10 years.

Ray was elected to the VID Board of Directors in 1973. He was a VID Director for 18 years, serving as the President of the Board from 1986 to 1991. Ray served on the VID Board during a period of growth and development, overseeing the completion of the Escondido-Vista Water Filtration Plant at Dixon Reservoir in 1976, the relocation of the 20 million gallon Pechstein Reservoir in 1978, upgrades to portions of the Vista Flume during the 1980s and major renovations of the Lake Henshaw dam in 1981. He was also instrumental in preventing Blue Canyon Landfill from being located near Lake Henshaw, thus protecting VID's groundwater supply for many generations. Ray was also a member of "Vistans for Water Committee" and helped Vista navigate through the early years of the 1990's drought.

Ray passed away in May 1991. He will long be remembered for his record of commitment to his community and his public spirited dedication, including safeguarding Vista's local water sources and ensuring a reliable water supply for his community he loved so dearly.



**Leon Bone**  
**1874-1962**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2013**

Leon Bone, always known as Judge Bone in Vista, was a man of many talents. In addition to his legal expertise, he was a prolific poet and author.

The Vista Historical Society is fortunate to have the original manuscript of *Day Dreams*, his book of original poems, and several hard copies of his science fiction novel, *Naomi, Daughter of Ruth*, published in 1952.

Born in Vandalia, Illinois, on March 22, 1874, Bone attended Austin College in Effingham, Illinois, for one year and was secretary and vice president of the debating team.

He then taught elementary school for four years and graduated from the Gem City Business College in Quincy, Illinois.

Bone moved on to George Washington University, determined to obtain his law degree, and graduated with the Law Class of 1905.

While there, he served as president of the university's Needham Debating Society.

The Vista Historical Society's original copy of the University news magazine, *The University Hatchet*, dated December 21, 1904, congratulates Bone on being a major force on the debate team: "He is a forceful speaker and his earnestness in the presentation of his argument carries convic-



tion with it." He was described as an "indefatigable worker" at research who made "remarkable strides" in debating while at GWU.

Bone's given name was Leonie, later shortened to Leon.

Judge Bone was married to his wife, Cora, for 53 years. The couple had two children, Victor and Velma. Several of his descendants still reside in the area.

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was formed in 1910, and Bone became one of the organization's first agents the following year. He was closely involved with the investigation and capture of such notorious criminals as John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Machine Gun Kelly.

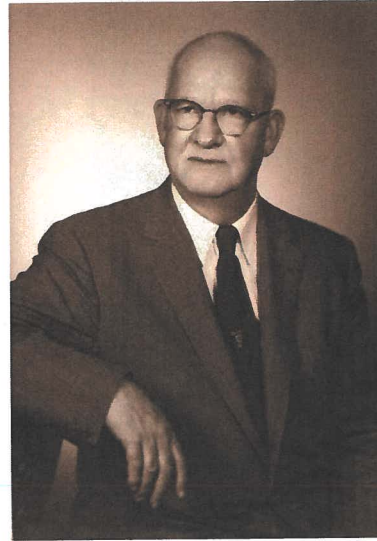
The Historical Society has on display a letter dated November 20, 1936, from J. Edgar Hoover, then head of the FBI, thanking him for his quarter-century of service as a special agent. Bone remained personal friends with Hoover over the ensuing years.

Early in World War II, Bone was called back for duty as a senior investigator for the Army Air Force.

From 1944, until he passed away at his Vista home in June 1962, at age 88, Judge Bone presided over the Vista branch of the Justice Court of California.

Evidence of his popularity was a report in *The Vista Press* on June 3, 1958, that he was re-elected to the Vista Judicial Court at age 84 with a vote of 2,326; his nearest competitor had 810 votes.

Judge Bone wrote poetry for more than 40 years. The original manuscript of his poetry book, *Day Dreams*, is on exhibit at the Vista Historical Society Museum at Rancho Minerva. It demonstrates the heart and philosophy of the "inner man" that complemented Leon Bone's legal talents.



**Ralph T. Brengle**  
1894-1971

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2009**

Ralph Brengle was a retired industrialist and a native of Orleans, located in the Knob Hills Country of Indiana. He served in the United States Navy in World War I, being discharged as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. In World War II, he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

After the war, he organized Ralph T. Brengle Sales Company in Princeton, Indiana. At one time he owned three shopping centers in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brengle came to Vista on his retirement in 1961. He donated funds to the Vista Boys' Club for a gymnasium, and gave 39 acres to the City of Vista with which Brengle Terrace Park was established. The Brengles were honored February 21, 1971, at the dedication of the 13,000-square-foot Boys' Club gymnasium. Orbee Mihalek, Mayor of Vista, proclaimed "Ralph T. Brengle Day."

Mr. Brengle had given away around a million dollars for worthy causes before coming to Vista, including funds to the College of Vincennes for a closed TV station; funds to Gibson General Hospital; and a science building for Oakland City College. He was a member of the Rotary Club and the Military Order of World Wars, San Diego Chapter.

Mr. Brengle died in March of 1971.



**Kathy Brombacher  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2010**

Kathy is the founder of Moonlight Stage Productions summer season at the Moonlight Amphitheatre and the winter season at the Avo Playhouse. Since founding the theatre in 1981, she has helmed its artistic vision; today it is recognized as one of San Diego County's major arts organizations.

The theatre's artistic successes have been recognized by such organizations as the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle, the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence, the Robby Awards, and the Billie Awards. Some of the awards the theatre has received from these organizations include Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Choreography, and Best Set Design, among many others.

Under Kathy's vision, the theatre has nurtured many theatrical artists and administrators who began their careers at the Moonlight and have gone on to work with other major arts organizations and entertainment companies throughout the United States. Having established an artistic base that serves all of San Diego County, Moonlight Stage Productions winter seasons have grown artistically each year with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, which has provided grants in support of three productions, *Arms and the Man*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and recently the critically acclaimed *Ring Round the Moon*.

Kathy has produced and/or directed more than 150 shows at Moonlight Stage Productions in the last 30 years. She has seen major milestones during her tenure at Moonlight Stage Productions. In 2009, the completion of the new Moonlight Amphitheatre stage house, constructed in just nine months, was a 20-year dream realized by the City of Vista. The City's renovation of the Avo Playhouse, from a movie theater originally opened in 1948 to a venue hosting the Moonlight's winter seasons as well as numerous rental events, was another milestone in community

support.

As a long-time employee of the City of Vista, Kathy has been recognized as Management Employee of the Year as well as receiving awards and recognition from the California Women in Government for distinguished work; Soroptimists International of Oceanside for work which enhances the community; was named one of the "50 People to Watch" by *North County Magazine*; received the Craig Noel Award for Theatrical Trailblazer by the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle; and the Shiley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence in 2006.

A longtime resident of Vista, she is married to Robert C. Brombacher, D.D.S. She holds a B.A. degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Redlands and an MFA degree in acting, and prior to founding Moonlight Stage Productions was a theatre and music educator in the Vista Unified School District.



**Linden R. Burzell  
1924-2008  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2008**

Linden R. Burzell began his career in the water industry as a young Navy Ensign in 1945 when he was assigned to assist the resident officer in charge of administering construction work on the first San Diego Aqueduct.

He joined Vista Irrigation District as its District Engineer in 1946. By 1951, he was general manager and chief engineer. Among the many projects that Burzell brought to completion while at VID was the covering of the original 12 miles of open flume that brought water from Lake Henshaw via Lake Wohlford to Vista. He expanded and improved the infrastructure serving the communities within VID's boundaries, which were moving from an agricultural base to residential and commercial uses.

In 1964, he left to assume his new position as general manager and chief engineer of the San Diego

County Water Authority.

Burzell returned to the VID in 1992 as a member of the Board of Directors. He worked at the policy level to maintain VID's high standards. He served as the Board's president in 1996, 2001 and 2006.



**Paul Luis Vincent Campo**  
1922-2007

**Dorothy Maxine Campo**  
1920-2008

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

Paul and Dorothy Campo moved to Vista in 1954 and bought their home at 1210 Oak Drive where they would live until Paul died and Dorothy moved into assisted living. Paul had been hired to work at Camp Pendleton, where his engineering and geology degrees and experience in water management and hydrology helped him to rise to become its Director of Natural Resources before retiring in 1988. For a number of years, he worked alongside another well-known Vistan, William "Bill" Taylor.

Paul served as a trustee of the Vista Unified School District ("VUSD") for many years. While on the board, he championed the construction of the "new" Vista High School on Bobier Drive and led the effort to develop several more elementary schools to meet the VUSD's growing student population.

Paul always loved to talk about water. He would quote Mark Twain: "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over." Paul served on the board of the San Diego County Water District for many years, representing the Marine Corps' water interests at Camp Pendleton. He was an early promoter of building more water storage facilities for this area. Among Paul's colleagues on this agency was his friend and another well-known Vistan, Hans Doe. They, and several other of the

older water experts, were collectively known as the "water buffaloes", a term that always made him laugh.

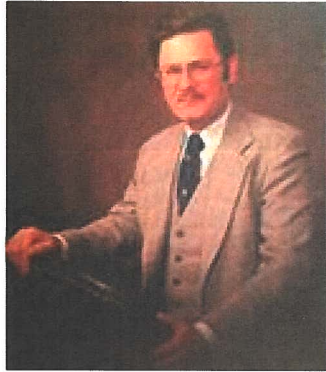
One of Paul's happiest days occurred when he was appointed, and then elected, to the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District, representing District 1. In addition to covering Northeast Vista and the surrounding county land, he was responsible for Lake Henshaw, the District's water reservoir. Because of his interest in water storage and conservation, he made sure that the District never tried to sell off this valuable water resource. This has proven to be a wise decision, given the current water shortage throughout California. He served on the board for many years; only his death caused him to vacate his position. It should come as no surprise that one of his fellow directors was his close friend, fellow water buffalo, and another well-known Vistan, Linden "Lyn" Burzell.

Paul was married for over 57 years to his wife and best friend, Dorothy. Both of them loved what used to be the pastures and grove of old Vista, but understood and accepted the many changes that have occurred over the years.

Dorothy was not a traditional "stay-at-home" wife and mother. She first had a taste of the working world during World War II, when she served as secretary to a defense plant manager. By the time she came to Vista, she possessed the skill and experience to be hired by the VUSD to become the first secretary for the newly-built Crestview Elementary School. She spent many happy years at Crestview. She later transferred to Olive Elementary School, from which she retired in 1987.

Dorothy was also active in the Vista community. In the early 1960s, many of the non-certificated staff at the VUSD asked her to help them form a bargaining unit to negotiate the terms of their employment contract. She then founded the Vista chapter of the California School Employees Association, and served as its first president. For many years, Dorothy acted as a firm negotiator with the VUSD's management. As a result of her efforts, many of her fellow Vistans received better wages and terms of employment.

During her years with the VUSD, many parents and teachers came to know and love her. Most important to Dorothy, however, were the children who attended "her" elementary schools. She always kept her own money in her desk to loan to students who had forgotten their lunch money. For many years prior to government subsidies, she gave away lunch money to students whose families couldn't afford to make or buy them lunch. Years later, when one of those students whom she had helped previously bought lunch for her, she cried.



**Daniel Bennett Carr**  
1939-2010

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

Daniel Bennett Carr was born in 1939, in San Diego. His father worked in the Foreign Service so he was raised primarily in Latin America before moving to Chula Vista at the age of 16. At this young age, he worked at Bearing Engineering in San Diego in order to help provide financial support for his family.

Daniel married Sue Ann Crabbe on May 16, 1959 in Chula Vista.

He was a resident of Vista for forty years. He moved his family to Vista from Chula Vista in 1962 and resided in the community until 2002.

He was an honorable and successful business owner of Carr's City Auto Parts, established in 1962. He later purchased Vista Auto Parts and established North County Warehouse in the City of Vista.

Carr's City Auto Parts was one of the first parts stores to offer delivery service to auto repair shops, gasoline stations, and many other establishments such as Golden Arrow Dairy and Mc Mahan's Furniture Store, who both had their own small fleet of delivery trucks, as well as Prohoroff's Poultry Farm. He would often get up in the middle of the night to help a customer with a broken down vehicle so that they could continue on their deliveries and/or travels as needed.

Carr's City Auto Parts started at 341 N. Santa Fe Avenue. He then built a new and bigger store with a machine shop at 223 W. Vista Way. When the business outgrew that store he purchased the old Safeway Store/Drew's Appliance Center at 420 S. Santa Fe Avenue and moved it there where it continued to grow. It was here that he established North County Warehouse.

In the late 1960's or early 1970's, he also bought Vista Auto Parts. He built a new and larger building on East Vista Way with a machine shop for this business as well. He later sold Vista Auto Parts to Mr. Henry Boothman, a ma-

chinist who had worked for him for many years.

Daniel B. Carr, was an active member of Vista's Optimist Club serving as president from 1965 - 1966.

He was an effective and respected Planning Commissioner, serving the City of Vista in this role from 1970 - 1978.

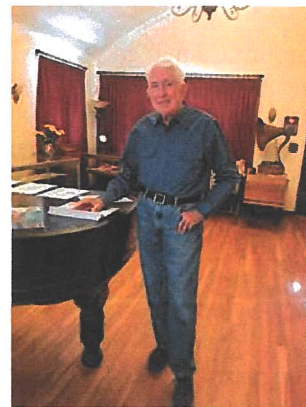
In 1978, he was elected to Vista's City Council with the help and support of many other community members such as John M. Cosh, Terry Hensley, Frank Tiesen, Betty Minor, Orbee Mihalek, Ken Annin and Gil Duran, who were all members of his election committee.

During his term on the City Council from 1978-1982 he served as mayor of Vista from 1981-1982 and served his time in office with distinction.

He was one of the original founders of the Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park, successfully heading up the committee to get the original grading done by Mr. Carl Pinamonti.

He was an avid hunter and tennis player. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying his own airplane.

He never aspired to be a politician. However, because he chose to raise his family and start his business career in the city of Vista, he believed that he had a duty to work for the betterment of the city that gave us so much. He knew he could do good work in the political arena of the city. He was extremely grateful for all the opportunities Vista had provided for us and was honored to serve his beloved "City of Vista" in anyway that he was able.



**Brooks Cavanaugh**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2018**

Brooks was born and raised in Upland, California. In 1955 his family moved to Costa Mesa where he graduated from Newport Harbor High. At Orange Coast College he studied engineering and architecture. In 1970 a City Planner job opportunity arose at the City of Vista. Brooks was hired when the population was just 17,000.

In 1975 the Thibodo family offered to annex approximately 900 acres to Vista, now known as Shadowridge. Brooks began processing the annexation but left the city in 1976 to work for CM Engineering, the lead engineering firm for the annexation.

In 1978, Brooks as a member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce Action Committee proposed annexation of an additional 1,200 acres south of Shadowridge. The city consented and 15 major property owners supported the annexation and rezone to a Research Light Industrial Park now known as the Vista Business Park.

In 1976 The County Land Use Council was formed with the purpose of protecting private property rights. Brooks became its first executive director.

In 1980 Brooks established Land Planning Consultants to assist property owners in development studies and governmental processing. This local Vista business has been in operation almost 40 years.

Brooks was instrumental in the formation of the South Vista Business Park improvement district in 1986. The district purpose was the building of necessary infrastructure including roads and utilities. Sycamore Road, Business Park Dr, and Poinsettia are just a few of those roads. The owners invested over 8 million dollars and was completed in 1988. For the next 20 years, Brooks consulted with over 30 owners providing development plans for use of their business park land.

Brooks and Attorney David Larkin along with the assistance of several other local Vistans formed The Vista Conservancy in early 2000. The Vista Conservancy mission is to preserve environmentally sensitive lands. Along with the City of Vista, today you can walk from the Rancho Vista Adobe to Brengle Terrace Park. Brooks was instrumental in its formation and is still actively involved.

Brooks also chaired the 1996 down town Vista citizen's planning committee which provided direction for the Vista Village Plan. In 2008 Brooks served on the city redevelopment planning and development committee helping to identify areas such as South Santa Fe needing economic stimulation for redevelopment. Since 2006 Brooks has consulted to the Vista Fire Protection District. He has assisted the district in creating 6 North Vista emergency evacuation roads.

Brooks and his first wife Joan raised 3 children in Vista, Christa, Jolean and Daniel. There are now 13

grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Today, Brooks and Stephanie continue to work and live in Vista and enjoy the grandchildren!



**Oliver Clark**  
**1917-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2010**

A native of Iowa, Oliver Clark and his wife, Helen, came to Vista in 1941. He started Clark's Floor Coverings, Inc. in 1946.

He served 22 years on the Vista Irrigation District board of directors. He also was a director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce for many years and holder of four Chamber awards—in 1956, 1958, 1963 and 1966. Clark was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Vista and served as president in 1953. He was a Chancellor Commander, Knights of Pythias Themis 146, Escondido. He served as president of the San Diego Floor Covering Association (two terms), and he was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Floor Covering Association in 1976.

He was also a director of Chartered Bank of London, California Division, from 1964 to 1980. He was a member of the Vista Historical Society and several other organizations. He and his wife had three children: Carol Anne, Oliver R. Clark Jr., and Alan Lee Clark.



**John Cosh**  
**1924-2004**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1989**

**Marjorie Bernice Cosh**  
**1926-2016**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

John Cosh arrived in Vista with his family in 1925 from Canada, along with the Ormsby family. Cosh and his family have supported Vista and the surrounding communities ever since. John Cosh was a longtime banker in the Vista area. He assisted in the founding of the Tri-City Hospital District and was a director for eight years and president in 1974. He was founding president and organizer of the Boys' Club and chairperson of many fundraisers for charitable organizations. He also helped develop Brengle Terrace Park

Marjorie Bernice Brown was born in Mesa, AZ. She was one of nine children born to Blanche & Peter Brown, an American ranching/farming family that settled in the Imperial Valley in 1929. While working in Oceanside as an operator for Bell Telephone, she met the love of her life, John Morton Cosh, in 1948, and married him in 1952.

Marjorie was an active member of the Vista/ North County community and supported many causes. Her full list of accomplishments can only be described as a lifetime of community and family service, and continued to do so in her later years with the Friends of the Vista Library, the Vista Historical Society, and the Grace Presbyterian Church Women's Association.

Intelligent, organized and insightful, Marjorie gave her all to many North County organizations, taking on leadership roles, guiding meetings, and not only

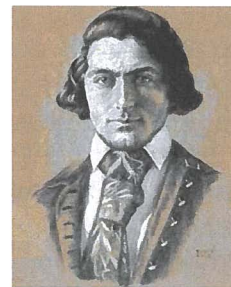
chairing events, but often using her own supplies so it would have the perfect look.

In 2011, Marjorie received the prestigious National Service to Youth Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for 35 years of devoted service in supporting the organization.

As an original member of the Tri-City Hospital Women's Auxiliary (now of the Tri-City Hospital Foundation), in 1981, she chaired the first Baile De Esperanza charity ball. She was selected as the Outstanding Woman of the Year 1981 by the Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Past President of the VUSD School Board (1979-1983) and then representing the VUSD Personnel Commission (1985-2006), Marjorie received an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the California School Personnel Commissioners Association.

For her outstanding work as past president of both the Patrons of Palomar College and Palomar College Development Foundation she was awarded an honorary degree by Palomar College.



**Cave Johnson Coutts**  
**1821-1874**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

Cave Johnson Coutts was born near Springfield, Tennessee, on November 11, 1821.

In 1838, he received an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1843. He served on the frontier and then at Los Angeles, San Luis Rey and San Diego from 1848 to 1851. He was over six feet tall and weighed 165 pounds, and was known as a man of good education, strict integrity, and gentlemanly manners.

On April 5, 1851, he married Ysidora Bandini of San Diego. They had ten children. In October 1851, he resigned from the army and was

appointed colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Bigler.

He was a member of the first Grand Jury in September 1850, and became county judge in 1854. In 1853, he moved to a tract known as the Guajome grant, a wedding gift to his wife from her brother-in-law, Abel Stearns. He became one of the wealthiest men in Southern California. Courts purchased the San Marcos, Buena Vista, and La Jolla ranchos, and also government land, amounting to about 20,000 acres.

He died at the Horton House in San Diego on June 10, 1874. The Rancho remained in family hands until it was sold to San Diego County for a park in the 1970's.



## **CARL THOMAS "SLICK" DAVIS**

**1928-1982**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2022**

Carl Thomas "Slick" Davis was born on March 1, 1928, in Taft, California.

At age nine, in 1937, his family moved to Vista, California, where he attended elementary and junior high school. During his Vista High School athletic career, "Slick" lettered in varsity football, varsity basketball, and varsity fast-pitch softball. In 1943, as a 14-year-old sophomore, he quarterbacked the Vista Panthers to an undefeated football season for Coach O.K. "Bub" Williamson.

In 1945, he set the high school basketball scoring record for San Diego County.

From 1941-1945, he was the pitcher for the Vista High School softball team. (During the war years, high schools in San Diego County played fast-pitch softball instead of baseball.)

After graduating from Vista High School in 1945, he played basketball at the Oceanside-Carlsbad Junior College.

He was a veteran of the Korean war, serving as a U.S. Army Military Police (M.P.) stationed in South Korea.

In 1954, "Slick" was one of the original founders of the Vista National Little League.

In 1955, he was a founding member of the Vista Pony League where he also coached the 20-30 Team with his longtime friend, John Oakley (another Vista legend).

In 1954, he was co-owner of Slick 'n Spicy's Liquor Store located at 505 So. Santa Fe, Vista, California. Then, in 1955, he moved to 333 So. Santa Fe, and opened Slick's Liquor which he owned until 1981 (building and business name still there today!) He also owned Sal's Liquor, Buena Vista Liquor, Emerald Spirits, Mike's in Oceanside, and Slick's in Mira Mesa.

In 1974, "Slick" was co-owner (with Ron Piva) of the Vista Roofers' Fast-pitch Softball Team that played in the Western Softball Conference.

In 1976, he formed the Vista Bombers Fast-pitch Softball Team, and participated in the American Softball Association's nationals in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In 1977, "Slick" took the Vista Bombers to Phoenix, Arizona, for the International Softball Congress World Tournament where they finished in fourth place.

The Vista Bombers Fast-pitch Softball Team also represented the City of Vista in tournaments in Hawaii and Canada.

In 1983, the City of Vista named one of the ball fields at Breeze Hill Park the "Slick" Davis Field.

In 1987, "Slick" was selected to be the recipient of that year's Vista High School "V" award.



**Elva Lagash Dawson**

**1906-1997**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 1998**

Elva Dawson was a native Californian who moved to Vista in 1964. She was a charter member of the Friends of the Vista Library, and the library's Elva Dawson Room was dedicated in her honor. She received a City of Vista Award in 1967, 1972, 1976 and 1978 for her volunteer work. Dawson was a founding member of Vista Beautiful; president of the Woman's Club of Vista and Vista Historical Society; a founder of the Vista Boys' Club Auxiliary; and a member of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission, Guajome Regional Park Commission and Vista Garden Club.



**Ida Kelly Dawson**

**1901-1996**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 1989**

Ida Dawson was the daughter of pioneers Emma Kelly and Hamilton Squires. She attended San Diego State University and Stanford University. She taught school locally and in Seattle.

On March 23, 1931, she married Clarence Dawson. In 1946, they moved to Rancho Agua Hedionda Y Los Monos, where she owned some of the original land grant acreage. They raised cattle for several years. She gave over 130 acres in the Dawson Y Los Monos Canyon Reserve to the University of California system for research and teaching.



**Frank Bernard Delpy**

**1896-1948**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2009**

Frank Delpy was born January 26, 1896, at the Vista Delpy Ranch, the second son of Jules J. and Maria Delpy. He lived in Vista all of his life. He attended Vista schools and graduated from Ocean-side High. There was no high school in Vista at the time. He married Elena Rose Itzaina (nee Helen Itzaina), daughter of Jean Baptiste and Maria Itzaina, on December 7, 1919. He had two children, Jacqueline and Frank Junior.

He was the first Vista Irrigation District Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer, an elected position that he held until his death at the office on June 8, 1948. A World War I veteran, he was a member of the B.P.O.E., Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion.

During his tenure at the Vista Irrigation District, with his leadership and assistance the district was able to create, improve and assure the area water supply, thus enabling the agricultural industry to thrive in Vista.





**Jules and Maria Delpy**  
**Jules 1866-1959**  
**Maria 1877-1981**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1995**

The Delpy family first arrived in Vista in 1873. Bernard Delpy started a successful winery in the area later known as Delpy's Corners. His nephew, Jules Jacques Delpy, arrived from Southern France in 1879 to help work in the winery.

In 1894, Jules married Maria, also from Southern France, in Los Angeles. They arrived in Vista a few days later.

The Delpys had many "firsts" in Vista: the first car, the first phonograph and one of the earliest schools. Travelers often stayed at the Delpy home since no hotels existed in Vista at the time. Jules and Maria were successful farmers and were influential in the development of early Vista, including the formation of the Vista School District and the Vista Irrigation District.



**Hans Doe**  
**1903-1988**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2002**

Hans Doe was born in Norway. His family moved to Canada in 1910. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, studying engineering, and became a United States citizen in 1927.

Doe and his wife, Margaret, made their home in Milwaukee until 1946, when they visited Margaret's parents in Vista. They promptly moved to Vista and owned and operated an avocado and macadamia nut ranch.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board of directors in 1951 and later to the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District. Known as "Mr. Water," he served on the most influential boards and committees in the California water industry, including the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, from 1956-1988. He was the only person to serve two terms (four years) as president of the Association of California Water Agencies.

His many statewide accomplishments included appointment to two terms on the State Soil Conservation Commission under Governor Goodwin J. Knight, president of the Resource Conservation Districts Association and chairman of the Southern California Water Conference for ten years. As one of the organizers of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, Doe helped promote and build the flood control channel that protects Vista against periodic flooding.



**Harrison and Ruth Doyle**  
**Harrison 1888-1997**  
**Ruth 1898-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1989**

Harrison and Ruth Doyle purchased property in Vista in 1940 and served the community in many ways for over 55 years. Harrison Doyle, a well known author, was the co-founder of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society, the mayor of Vista 1966-68, president of the board of governors of Palomar College, and charter

director of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, which brought the flood control channel to Vista. Along with his wife Ruth, he wrote the "History of Vista" in 1983.



**Antonio "Tony" Duran  
1917-1982**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Tony Duran was born in Kansas and lived in Vista for 56 years. He operated the construction firm of Duran & Duran with his brother, Luz, who is also a Hall of Fame member. Tony was very active in civic affairs. He served on the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees from 1961 to 1969 and was president for five years.

He was one of the founders and a member of the first board of directors of the Vista Boys' Club, now the Vista Boys and Girls Club. He also served on the committee that was responsible for the construction of the club building. He built a day care center for developmentally disabled children (a Vista Rotary project).

Tony Duran was a member of Vista Rotary Club, with perfect attendance for 30 years, and was president from 1956-57. He received the Governor's Trophy for most outstanding club in the district. He was a member of the Vista Elks Lodge (20 years), and Honorary Life Member of the Vista Hispano Club. He was also a member of the General Apprenticeship Board of Palomar College from 1952-57, representing business management. In 1955, he received the National Red Cross award for Life Saving, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1959, Tony organized the North County Building Contractors' Association. In 1960, he received the "Citizen of the Year" award. He also was responsible for a school and addition to an orphanage in Mexico. He founded Vista High School Panther Boosters Club and the Palomar College Boosters Club. He was appointed to committees by both the Vista City Council and the Board of Supervisors.



**Luz Duran  
1915-2008**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 1990**

Luz Duran came to Vista with his family in 1925. Luz and his brother, Tony, formed Duran & Duran and built many of Vista's major buildings, including the Elks Lodge, the Avo Theater, the Optimist Club, and many family homes.

Luz served his community in numerous ways. Among his affiliations were the Knights of Columbus and the Hispano Club, and he was a life member of both the Optimist Club and the Vista Historical Society.



**Paul and Diane Eckert  
Paul 1934-2022**

**Diane 1933-2018**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2014**

Very few people can say they know Vista as well as Diane and Paul Eckert know Vista.

Diane's parents, Robert and Myrna Elsinger, had been residents of Vista since before she was born, and in 1950, Paul's parents settled here while Paul stayed with an uncle in Lawndale, CA, to finish high school. After Paul graduated high

school he relocated to join his parents. Together they started Eckert & Son's Moving & Storage located at 621 S Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA, in May of 1953.

Diane, maiden name Elsinger, finished high school in Vista and went off to Stephens College in Missouri. Upon her return after graduation in June of 1954, she attended the Vistacado Fair where she and Paul met for the first time.

Vista was a small, yet close knit community with about 8,500 people. Now, decades later, the population in this town has grown to over 120,000!

"I loved it so much when Vista was a little town, you knew everyone," Diane recalls. Paul says, "We used to do all kinds of things, including the last Vistacado Fair." He also remembers putting up all of the Christmas decorations in downtown Vista, sponsoring a book drive for the branch library, and coloring 1500 eggs for the egg hunt.

Paul and Diane went on to have 2 children, Robert and Paula, who grew up to have professions and families of their own, including 6 wonderful grandchildren and now 5 great-grandchildren for Paul and Diane. Robert and Paula eventually decided to join Paul in running the moving business and continue to work in the office keeping it a family run operation.

Paul's public service career began with the Vista Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Diane joined the Jaycees' wives' group. They both became actively involved with the local Elks Club and with the Boys & Girls Club, formerly known as the Boys Club. Paul was involved in the San Marcos Rotary Club as well.

Together over the course of 6 months, Paul & Diane campaigned for Paul's election to the County Board of Supervisors in 1978, where he went on to serve 8 years.

Paul remembers one of the highlights of that time "Diane and I were invited to have cocktails with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on their yacht in the San Diego Harbor!"

He also recalls a personal invitation, along with 200 others, including then San Diego Mayor Bill Cleator, to the White House during the Ronald Reagan administration and having coffee and rolls in the East Room. "You've gotta be impressed," he exclaimed.

Looking back, Paul is proud to say he was involved with the county's "Workfare", a work-for-welfare program instituted in San Diego at the time, but is still being utilized in some areas today.

After serving on the County Board of Supervisors, he returned to be involved in the Vista community. Diane was president of the Vista Historical Society from 2003 to 2009 and quickly put Paul to work.

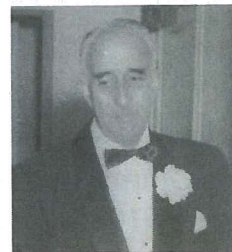
Paul negotiated with the City of Vista to get the

Rancho Minerva house for the Historical Society and went to work refurbishing it. The previous owners, the Huntalas's, have since formally made Paul an honorary member of the Huntalas family.

Paul was president of the Vista Historical Society when they opened the museum in Rancho Minerva in 2009.

More recently, Paul has been involved with a Christian healing center at Branches of the Cross Anglican Church in Vista, saying, "It will be a tremendous asset to the community." He has also continued to help the Boys & Girls Club, being responsible for building its new kitchen, dining room, teen room, and several offices. He hopes that by July he will have an elevator installed to serve the second floor of the building that houses this beneficial youth program.

Paul and Diane Eckert would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the society and those involved for selecting them to receive this honor.



**Robert Elsinger**  
1896-1978

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2013**

Robert Elsinger was born to Sarah Fuiks and Sol Elsinger on June 6, 1896, in Minnesota. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, and then his father moved to Azusa prior to the 1920's; and grew oranges.

Robert followed his family to California in the mid-1920's and became a farmer. He moved to North San Diego County in 1926, and while in Vista, he met and married Myrna Ryerson.

Robert Elsinger budded many avocado groves in Escondido, Fallbrook and Vista. He established one of the first packing plants in Escondido and bought, packed and shipped avocados and limes.

His business was located at 121 North Santa Fe Avenue, directly across from the original location of the Santa Fe Railroad

depot. At one time he owned the old landmark, "Red Barn", on the corner of North Santa Fe Avenue and Jefferson Street. He also had a subsidiary packing shed on the railroad at Buena.

Robert was a veteran of World War I; one of the original members of the American Legion; a member of Vista Elks Lodge #1968; and a member of the Vista Optimist Club. On January 26, 1964, he received a Good Citizenship Medal from the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution for his "patriotism, community service and public spiritedness."

He had three children, Diane Eckert, Nanette Marvin, and Robert Elsinger.



**Barney and Donna Harvey Fields**  
**Barney 1935-2016**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2002**

Barney and Donna Fields are lifelong Vista boosters. They were members of many service clubs and other organizations dedicated to the area's betterment.

They have run a successful business and raised their family here.



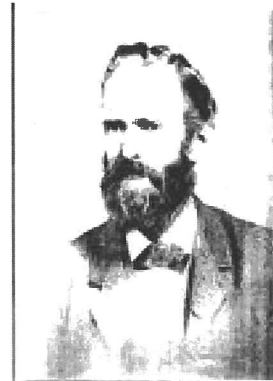
**Joseph H. Fotheringham**  
**1887-1970**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

A land specialist and first mayor of Vista, Joseph H. Fotheringham was born February 22, 1887, in Glasgow, Scotland and came to the United States at age five.

During his 44 years in Vista, he held a variety of civic posts, including the Chamber of Commerce and U.S.O. boards. He was a charter director of the First National Bank of Vista; president of the Downtown Property Owners' Association; elected director of Tri-City Hospital in 1957 and remained a member of that board until 1969.

He was a Vista city councilman and first mayor upon the city's incorporation in January 1963. He was also a member of Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO); president of the San Diego County Division of the League of California Cities; founding member of the Kiwanis Club; past patron, Star of Vista 556 Order Eastern Star; a 32nd Degree Mason; and a past president of the Board of Realtors. He resigned as mayor of Vista in September 1965 and was named president of Tri-City Hospital Board on February 26, 1966.

Fotheringham died in early July 1970.



**John A. Frazier**  
**1832-1899**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

John Frazier was born in Rhode Island. He went to sea with his uncle at the age of thirteen.

In 1881, he and his wife and six children moved to Carlsbad, where he was one of those instrumental in founding what became the Carlsbad Spa. Sometime in 1882, he moved to Vista at least part-time. He lived on what is now Vista Village Drive, west of Santa Fe Avenue.

He applied for a post office in September 1882. At that time, the closest post offices were in Encinitas or by San Luis Rey Mission in a town named San Luis Rey. Creation of a post office at that time named the area, so

he applied for Frazier's Crossing as the name for the community. That name was rejected as there already was a Frazier in California. The name Buena Vista was also rejected. Vista was the name finally permitted and Mr. Frazier became the first postmaster in October 1882. He held the post until November 1886.



**Kenneth Gammie**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2018**

Kenneth Gammie is a Founding Member of the Moonlight Stage Productions, and has been a passionate member of its Artistic Team every season since 1981. Under the leadership of Kathy Brombacher and Steven Glaudini, Ken Gammie has played an important role in helping to grow this once small community theatre to its current glory as one of San Diego County's major Arts organizations. Ken Gammie has conducted over 65 productions at the Moonlight, and was nominated for a San Diego Robby Award for Best Musical Direction in the Moonlight production of Big River in 2005. In 2013, Ken Gammie was inducted into the "Heroes of Vista" Hall of Fame.

For 37 years, Ken Gammie has been a highly respected and beloved music educator for the Vista Unified School District. In 2013, the United States Congress as well as the California Senate named Ken Gammie Educator of the Year for the Arts. A Golden Apple Award recipient (1989), Ken Gammie has con-

tinued to receive honors and awards too numerous to mention for his selfless dedication to his students. For 27 consecutive years, Ken Gammie's middle school orchestras have earned the highest possible, "Unanimous Superior" ratings at the Annual Southern California Band and Orchestra Association Festival competition, which is an extraordinarily rare and amazing accomplishment. Ken Gammie is well known for "going above and beyond the call of duty", giving countless hours of his own time towards the artistic enrichment of the students he teaches and inspires. Through his dedicated work as one of Vista Unified School District's top educators, and as a Moonlight Founding Member and gifted conductor, Ken Gammie's contributions to the Arts in the City of Vista have been immeasurable.



**Sandi Graham**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2022**

I was born in Oceanside at a hospital located on a hillside many years before Tri-City Hospital was even thought of and there was a 2 lane road between Vista and Oceanside.

My mother graduated from Oceanside High School, was Miss Vista in 1929 and married my dad in 1933. I was their first child coming along in 1938 and my brother 3 years later.

Working in the family's drugstore (McDougall's Pharmacy) during my high school years was one of my fondest memories.

I graduated from Vista High School in 1956, and attended Palomar College for 2 years.

I met my future husband at a wedding where he was the groom's best friend. He taught school at Lincoln Middle School. We got married in 1964, and had our only child, a daughter, in 1972. Unfortunately the marriage ended in 1985.

After various jobs in local Dentist/Doctor's offices as a Secretary I was lucky enough to find a job with Vista Unified School District as a secretary and eventually became an Administrative Assistant at California Avenue School which is a school for the handicapped children. I retired in 2002.

After retirement I became restless and needed something to do so I started volunteering for various organizations starting with the Social Committee at Vista Del Mar where I live, which is a retirement complex on Breeze Hill off of Pomelo.

I am a member of the PEO Chapter in Vista, taking after my mother and grandmother.

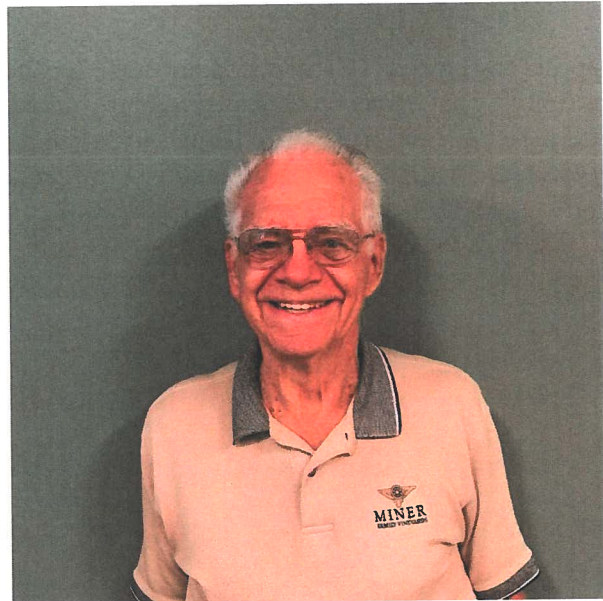
I continue to be a member for many years of the Triple M Club (which my mother and other ladies started back in the 1920s). Our goal is to raise funds for scholarships for high school students.

I became a Moonlight Angel for the Moonlight Amphitheatre volunteering during the shows as an usher and "ticket writer" which I am still doing. I was just awarded the "Star of the Year" last year for my 20 years as a volunteer. This turned out to be my absolute favorite thing to do!!!! How could you NOT love the Moonlight?

I also have been a member of the Vista Historical Society for at least 28 years which includes 18 years as the Membership Chairman. One of my favorite things to do is enjoying looking at pictures of "Old" Vista and reminiscing about life here in Vista.

One of the other "fun" things I did as a volunteer was driving a golf cart that was used to pick up seniors at their cars at the Senior Center when they came in for lunch then taking them back to their cars. What made this especially fun was "working" with my good friend Norm Halus. Wonderful memories.

As you can see volunteering has been a big part of my life. I guess you can say mom and dad had taught me that it was one of the most gratifying things you could do.



**Norm Halus**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2022**

I am proud to nominate Norm Halus for the 2022 Hall of Fame. A long-time Vista resident, Norm has made a significant impact on the quality of life in Vista's neighborhoods and parks, and on seniors and community groups. He demonstrates exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with special project or ongoing activities, serving as a role model by inspiring others.

Norm volunteers many hours in the community and for the City of Vista. He seems to know everyone, greeting them with a smile and a factoid about the city. He is active, positive, and cheerful, bringing people together to make Vista a better place to live.

Norm married his high school sweetheart, Martha in 1952 and pursued his engineering degree at Purdue University. They raised their family and then retired to Vista in 1989, becoming active volunteers in the community.

Since 1992, Norm has served on a City of Vista Commission. Following his wife's death in 2008, Norm continued adding to his daily volunteer activities with the city, his homeowner's association, and on the Scripps Community Advisory Board. In 2013, Norm received the 2013 Vista Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award.

Traffic Commission 7/1/1992 - 6/30/1994  
 Planning Commission 7/1/1994 - 6/30/98  
 (Chair 7/1/1997-6/30/1998)  
 Parks & Recreation Commission 7/1/1998 -  
 current (Chair 7/1/2003 - 6/30/2006)  
 Sales Tax Oversight Committee 7/1/2012 -  
 current (Vice Chair 2013-current)

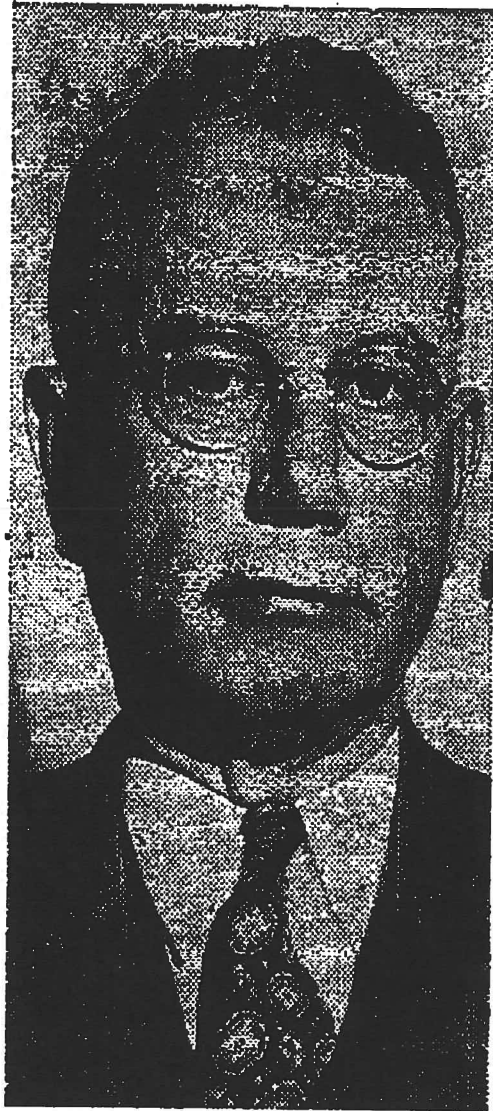
Norm continues to make a positive impact on Vista and what sets him apart, is his love for the city, knowledge of its history, engagement with it's present, and his shared vision for its future. Visitors meeting Norm always walk away knowing more about the city's many amenities and activities. Passionate about improving the quality of life for residents, he has touched numerous facets of City Hall's policies and decisions on traffic, planning, current and new parks, and recreational opportunities. Norm recently served on the McClellan Senior Center's Nutrition Committee and has volunteered at the Center for many years, shuttling seniors back and forth from the parking lot to the Center's front doors.

Norm's passion for volunteering, involvement in the community, and ability to give back are only second to his love for his family. He is truly an asset to our community, and I am honored to nominate him for this significant recognition.

Sincerely,



Judy Ritter  
 Mayor



**Edwin G. Hart**

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**Edwin Gile Hart**

**1874-1939**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of  
 Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2017**

From his arrival in Vista in 1925 until his death in December of 1939, Edwin G. Hart was closely identified with the development of the Vista Irrigation District and one of the principal developers of agriculture in the district. He was the head of the Vista Development Association, subdivider of about 2200 acres of land in Vista, president of the Edwin G. Hart Co. and was the principal organizer of the First National Bank of Vista of which he had been a stockholder and officer since it began business in 1928. Dale E. Wood and Harry Reynolds were Vista agents for disposal of the properties. Later, both were real estate brokers in Vista. He was also president of the San Luis Rey Development Association where his organization owned some 1800 acres.

E. G. Hart was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1874, to John, a Civil War veteran, and Emma Hart. The family moved to California in 1884, where John Hart grew grapes on 40 acres in the Sierra Madre and was prominent in professional music circles. Edwin had two brothers, John, an attorney who served as Acting District Attorney of Los Angeles, and Frank, an accomplished pianist and manager of the Southern California Music Company.

After being in the mining business in Mexico, E.G. Hart went into land development in Southern California.

Mr. Hart was the leading developer of California's expansive avocado industry. His avocado and citrus fruit developments had a large part in creating La Habra Heights, Vista, and North Whittier Heights. The city of San Marino near Pasadena, and its school system were organized many years ago, largely due to Mr. Hart's vision and perseverance.

His first avocado growing experiments were carried on at San Marino after which he developed 1700 acres and the first hillside terraced orchards at North Whittier Heights. Then 3600 acres were developed at La Habra Heights and some 2200 at Vista.

Water and road system developments were followed by plantings. Mr. Hart had also developed probably the largest collection of hibiscus in the State. He was a past president of the Los Angeles Realty Board, first president of the California Avocado Association and an organizer of the Calavo Growers of California. He was also a Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce leader and interested in the welfare of many agricultural industries.

He was killed when he was struck down by an automobile on East Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles, on Dec. 6, 1939. At the inquest, the fatal car's driver was exonerated after the widow had asked that he be absolved

of blame due to the glaring lights of many cars and to the fact that the new boulevard had not been lined off as yet.

Sources include The Vista Press 1939, A History of Vista by Harrison Doyle, and Edwin Giles: Vision of a City Founder by Linda Molino PhD. Published in the Winter 2017 issue of The Grapevine by the San Marino Historical Society.



**Charles C. Hausladen  
1895-1988**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2010**

Charles Hausladen was born in Minnesota. He came to Fresno, California, as a young man and worked in the grape vineyards around Fresno and Delano. He, his wife Mildred and family came to Vista in 1927, where he first worked for Phillips-Hambaugh Company, one of Vista's early developers, who laid out some of our first streets. Phillips Street and Hambaugh Way are named for these two partners. Over the years, Charles Hausladen was known as the man who built many of Vista's streets.

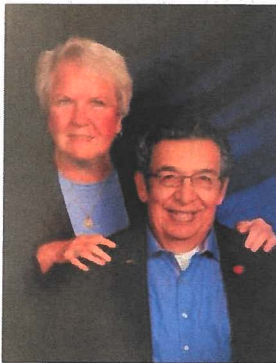
At the time the Hausladen family arrived here, there were about 350 people in Vista. There was a general store, a post office and a hardware store.



.In the late 1920s, Hausladen bought a monoplane and used it and another leased plane to get around in his work. He managed the Chicago Tribune's large avocado planting on "Tribune Hill" near Pechstein Dam for several years. He helped form the Vista Volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving here. He held the office of president of the Rotary Club in 1951; was a member of the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees; became president of the board of directors of Buena Colorado Municipal Water District in January 1958; and in February 1958 was named superintendent of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. An enthusiastic supporter of his community, he used his construction equipment to level and work the ground for the construction of the Vista Recreation Center in 1940. He also prepared the surfaces for track meets at the schools and for ball games at the Recreation Center.

He was known throughout the area as a civic-minded and dependable citizen. He was called on to fill many varied positions, all of them serving to make our area a better place in which to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausladen were Honorary Life Members of Vista Historical Society, Inc. They were the parents of four children.



**John A. and Carol Weise Herrera  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2022**

#### JOHN A. HERRERA

John Herrera's call to service began at the age of 9. He and his siblings worked after school to help support the household. At 14 he enlisted in the Texas National Guard unit, which his father had served with during WW II and after his 2 older, and 1 younger brother also served. At age 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and retired after over 21 years having

served on 3 ships, numerous shore installations and as Senior Corpsman with a Marine Infantry Company in The Republic of Vietnam. Among his ribbons are The Presidential Unit Citation, The Combat Action Ribbon and The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. In 1968 the Department of the Navy implemented The Associate Degree Completion Program for Navy members to obtain a higher education. John was in the first group selected to attend Palomar College in San Marcos and relocated his residence to Vista. After beginning classes he accepted an invitation from the Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES) to be a Board member. Much later he attained a BA and MBA from National University in Vista. He did Doctoral studies at United States International University in San Diego. After leaving the Navy John worked for The Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs Service, and taught for the Adult Education Program for Mira Costa College, The State of California, as well as other employers. He is married, the father of 3 sons and a daughter, and has lived in Vista for over forty years.

He is committed to community service. John continues the quest for social justice and is a tireless advocate for local students. He and Carol raised funds for Vista High School Show Cats and helped tailor costumes for student competitive events. He is past member of National League of United Latin American Citizens committed to assimilation into American mainstream; Hispanic American for Progress devoted to encourage students to remain in school and aspire to higher education; supporting and obtaining Mariachi instruments for The Vista High School student Club; President Shadowridge Rotary Club, 2004; Mayor Morris Vance advisory committee member to liaison between Latino community and Sheriff's Department to create positive interaction; founding member of Vista Education Foundation to support the arts, scholarships, and technology; founding member Encuentros Leadership to support Boys to achieve optimal education performance; member of American GI Forum; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; Third Marine Division Association; recipient "San Diego Latino Champion Veteran of the Year, 2014, Award" from The San Diego Union Tribune; rec-

ognized with “El Rookie Award” for noteworthy service to Mariachi Youth Programs and Youth Services, 2018-2019, Rotary year by The Route 78 Rotary Club.

John moves about the community in a quiet, unassuming manner, but when critical needs must be addressed, he is prompt in volunteering his service leadership. That may be why he has been selected by the City and the Federal Government to participate in committees to diffuse difficult situations. His presence is seen and felt throughout the community as he goes about making a difference in the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. Through his demonstrated leadership, John has contributed significantly to the quality of life of our hometown Vista.

#### CAROL WEISE HERRERA

Carol Weise Herrera was born and raised near Duncansville, Pennsylvania in a region designated by the railroad industry as, FOOT OF TEN, which designates a unit of measure for rail distance. She is 1 of 8 children. Carol earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary and high school education from The College of Misericordia a small Catholic school outside of Wilkes Barre. She received a Masters Degree in the teaching of reading from Scranton University a Jesuit school. After relocating to California she received an Administrative Credential from San Diego State University. Carol has taught every elementary grade in private and public schools, gifted and talented students, as well as college classes. She was principal of an elementary school in a district neighboring Vista Unified School District for 16 years. The school was recognized by the State of California as a winner of a Distinguished School award. The school was also designated a top performing school by the State.

She was hired by the Army Navy Academy, adult Division, in the 1970’s to establish/lead a testing-reading program for enlisted Marines and their dependents at Camp Pendleton/El Toro Marine Corps bases and at Mira Mar Naval Air Station. The program a part of the GI bill was designed to assist military personnel and their dependents to complete their high school degree requirements.

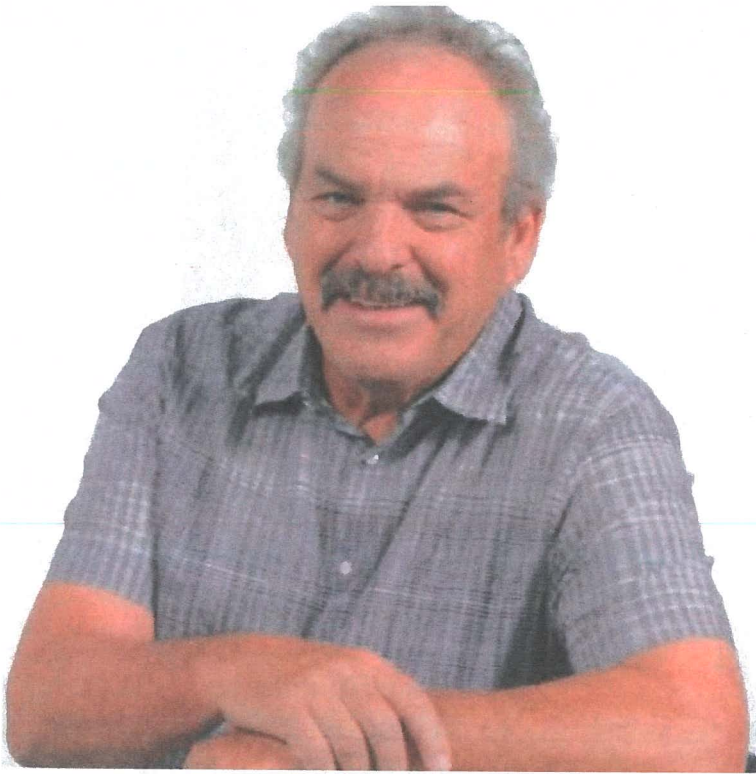
Carol has been recognized as a, Teacher of the Year recipient, by the San Diego Reading Association award, consultant for McGraw Hill Publish-

ing Company and a Western Association of Schools and Colleges evaluator.

She served on the Vista Unified School District board of Trustees for 16 years. The experience prepared Carol for the next phase of her Vista community involvement. As a school board member in Vista she was a vote for increasing the student instructional program by 2 days. As a board member Carol often encountered students who needed shelter, clothing and medical services.

Her position as a 5-year board member of Solution for Change and a 3-year board member of the Assistance League gave her insights into available services for families. Carol was a 12-year member of the Tri-City Hospital Advisory Board. She was a founding member of the Vista Education Foundation and recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award.

Carol has been a member of Sunrise Vista Kiwanis for 20 years. She implemented the BRINGING UP GRADES PROGRAM (BUG) in which students are rewarded for working to improve their reading skills and grades in school. In the past 20-years 18,000 awards have been presented to Vista students. The program continues to this day. Carol initiated a reading program for the Boys and Girls Club. She led a team of Kiwanians to the Club during the pandemic to read individually with a group of children and help them with their reading. This weekly program is very successful. It is on hold due to covid.



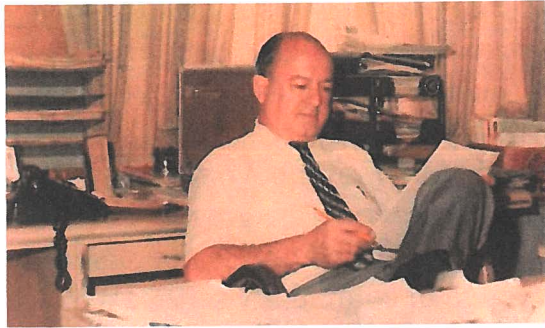
**Ron Holloway**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

artist, Bryan Morse. Ron Holloway's particular skill is in being the strong glue that continues to move the project forward and increase its visibility in the community and beyond. He does this with great energy, great cheerfulness, and committed professionalism. He is active in community service and is a 30 year member of the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He is a member of Vista's youth Basketball Advisory Board. He previously served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Traffic Commission and was Treasurer of the City Sales Tax Initiative.

Ron Holloway is a registered Civil Engineer and Senior Vice President in charge of the engineering division of BHA, Inc. a land planning, civil engineering and surveying firm he co-founded. Ron has over 40 years of experience in the civil engineering profession. Ron received a civil engineering degree from San Jose State University.

Ron has lived in Vista for many years. He is known for his work with Alta Vista Botanical Gardens. He began as a founding board member in 1999. He oversees the operation, maintenance and new construction of the facilities. He manages the board, employees and volunteers. He promotes events and works toward community involvement. He coordinates with the City with land planning and permits.

The garden concept was first promoted by an enthusiastic genius, Dr. Darien. Many projects have been completed by magical environmental



**Bill Huntas**  
1917-1998

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2019**

Bill Huntas was born in 1917 in Tehachapi, CA to Nick and Bessie Huntas. Nick Huntas had purchased the land around the current Rancho Minerva ranch in Vista, CA, in 1911 but at the time of Bill's birth he was still working as a railroad laborer in the Tehachapi area. Later in 1917 Nick, Bessie and their young son, Bill, moved to Vista to begin their life on Rancho Minerva.

Bill grew up in the family's original farmhouse alongside Foothill Drive in Vista and attended the first schools established in the Oceanside area. As a teenager, Bill helped his father make the adobe bricks that were used to construct the current Rancho Minerva Adobe residence. He also designed and built the large water fountain structure behind the adobe.

As a high school student, Bill excelled in track and field events winning the Southern California CIF high school 100 yard dash championship with a then record time of 9.8 seconds. This record set in 1937 stood for over ten years.

Bill then attended the University of California at Berkeley graduating with a B.S. degree in engineering, specializing in metallurgy. He was hired directly out of college in 1942 along with most of his graduating engineering class by the Alcoa Aluminum Company to support the war effort.

After five years at Alcoa Bill founded his own company, Felton Aluminum Company based in Felton, California. He later moved his company to Santa Clara, CA where he built a large aluminum foundry specializing in sand cast aluminum products for irrigation systems, defense products and other consumer goods. Felton Aluminum became known as a world leader in specialty aluminum products with customers spanning across the globe. Bill was recognized throughout the industry as a specialist in the design and manufacturing of aluminum cast products. He served as President of Felton Aluminum for more than forty five years. Bill died on March 29, 1998 at the age of 80.



**Nicholas "Nick" Huntas**  
1884-1980

**Bessie Huntas**  
1896-1992

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Nick Huntas emigrated from the village of Kadilla, Greece, to the United States in 1902.

He traveled as far west as he could and ended up in Chico, a little village north of San Francisco. He remembered arriving very hungry and walking up to an orange packing house. He asked the workers for some oranges to eat, but they turned him away. Behind the building he found a pile of discarded fruit and gorged himself. He survived on oranges for a week. At this point, he was very grateful for his luck and mused that someday he would grow lots of oranges.

His first job was as a laborer for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Bakersfield. With the help of a friend named Frank Barkholder, Nick learned English and advanced at his job.

In 1911, a group of Nicholas's friends got together to form the Greek American Land Company. Huntas became the vice president. They pooled what little money they had saved to invest in land. With this money, they went to a real estate broker from Los Angeles who drove them down to Vista, where they bought 420 acres of land. They leased the land to local ranchers, who used it to graze their cattle. Nick believed that Vista was the best place in California. So when one by one the other investors

sold their portion of the acreage, he bought most of it.

In 1916, Huntalas decided to get married. As was common for Greeks, he made plans to go back to Greece to find a bride. He had been writing to a cousin he had never met in Patterson, New Jersey. She asked him, on his way to Greece, to stop by and visit her as well as meet a friend. When Nick met the friend, whose name was Bessie, they fell in love. In three days they were married and heading back to California.

Nicholas still worked for the railroad in Bakersfield, but after a year decided to quit and farm his land in Vista.

Living in Vista in 1917 meant a life of isolation and little if any modern comforts. Nicholas built a four-room house, which didn't include the luxury of electricity, plumbing or running water.

At the time, Nicholas was limited to dry-farming. He grew barley and oats when the weather was wet enough. But this crop was not very profitable. Back then, the weather was very dry. Dry-farming was the principal business, as the area's severe water shortage prohibited any extensive irrigation. By 1923, the water problem was acute.

Huntalas's water came from a deep well on his property, but he still needed additional water in order to be able to grow more profitable crops.

In 1923, Nicholas Huntalas was among the first signers of the Vista Irrigation District Water Plan for Vista. The water would come from the recently completed reservoir at Lake Henshaw about 40 miles away, owned by the San Diego Water Company.

The Vista Irrigation District was formed, and irrigation water became available in 1926.

For the Huntalas family, which now consisted of three children as well as Nick and Bessie, the availability of water made a great change in their livelihood.

With the increased supply of water, Nicholas Huntalas began to grow vegetables and plant trees. In about 1928, a new product came alive: the avocado.

Receptive to new ideas and challenges, he started his own nursery from seedlings. In 1933, Nicholas Huntalas had over 5,000 trees, including avocados, oranges, lemons and grapefruit, Nick assisted universities with the development of the tangelo and an avocado strain resistant to root rot.

While the country was in the Great Depression, the Huntalas' continued to thrive. They had a new home, Rancho Minerva, which was built in 1933. The adobe house, complete with full basement, was ready

to move into in May, 1934. For the first time, the family enjoyed indoor plumbing, with hot and cold running water, an electric stove and refrigerator and even a chandelier in the living room.

Nick Huntalas and his wife, Bessie, remained at the ranch until their deaths.

Later, the remaining land was taken for a school that opened in 2007. The historic home is now the Vista Historical Society Museum.



**Ted Huntalas**  
**1923-2016**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Ted Huntalas was born in the original farmhouse on the family ranch in Vista. That ranch later became known as Rancho Minerva, named by his father for the goddess of wisdom. Ted's birth was attended by a midwife, Mrs. Lorenza Serrano Marron, a granddaughter of the man who accompanied Father Serra to California. The Spanish style adobe home on Rancho Minerva was built in 1933 of bricks made on the property by the contractor. Ted was raised in the home that now serves as the Vista Historical Society Museum.

Ted was the youngest son of Nick and Bessie Huntalas who came to Vista in 1911 to start farming. They acquired a 420 acre tract of land that had originally been part of a Mexican land grant that covered the North County region.

Ted attended Vista High School and took pride in being a member of the first senior graduating class. Following his school graduation, Ted served in the US Army for two years during WWII in the Philippines.

He was discharged in 1946 as a Staff Sergeant and then attended UC Berkeley. After college graduation, Ted returned to Rancho Minerva to manage the family citrus ranch.

Ted was witness to the development of the North County agricultural region that transformed from dry farming to more profitable fruit and vegetable farming with the advent of electricity and water in the 1930's. The Huntalas family was instrumental in forming the Vista Irrigation District that brought the first water to the new rural farming areas in Vista.

Rancho Minerva served as a hub of agricultural development for the burgeoning citrus and avocado industries in the North Country. The ranch grew during 1950's and 1960's to include over 5,000 tress and produced 200,000 pounds of annually of avocado, orange and lemon produce.

Later with the continuing growth of Vista, Ted was active as a licensed realtor and land developer. By funding the infrastructure improvements along Foothill Drive, including the original acreage that Rancho Minerva School is built on, he made it possible for housing to develop.

Throughout Ted's entire life, he was a very active, energetic person who embraced life to the fullest. He approached everything in life with a smile on this face and instilled the values of hard work and perseverance to all around him.

Ted was a frequent donor to the Vista Historical Society, and honored by being made a life time member. Ted was a member of Greek Orthodox Churches, the Hellenic Cultural Society, and a lifetime member of the AHEPA and th Pan Arcadian Greek philanthropy organizations.

Ted retired in 1993 after 70 years of hard work, to enjoy his grandchildren and tour the world with his beloved wife, Irene. All three of his children graduated from college and came back to the area to pursue their careers and raise their families. Ted spent many happy years surrounded by family and loved telling his grandchildren stories about the ranch and the history of Vista.



**Eleanor Hutchins  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2018**

Eleanor Hutchins: Director, Executive Board of The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC and Community Volunteer.

Eleanor is an extremely active, effective community volunteer. In 1992, she organized the Pride of Vista Lions club and she continues to lead and support all of their work in the community. The Pride of Vista Lions club supports eye exams and eyeglasses for needy children in Vista. The Club provides scholarships and passes out dictionaries to third graders. They also plant trees at schools and collect pennies for the Vista Little League.

Eleanor organized and continues to support the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant, which awards \$3,000 in scholarships to local young ladies who provide hundreds of hours of volunteering in the community every year. She is the adult supervisor who ensures the safety of her young ladies. They participate in Festivals, Vista parades, Beach Bashes, and the Easter Egg Hunt in Vista.

Eleanor is currently promoting the formation of an Alpha Leo club in Vista for young people between 12 and 18 years of age to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service.

The Facebook pages for the Pride of Vista Lions and the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant show an active, happy and effective group making a difference in their community. Eleanor plans, promotes, and adds her enthusiasm and energy to all of these activities and fundraisers for both Pride's community volunteering.

Eleanor joined The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC in January 2016 on the urging of the President Elect, Judy Pantazo. When she joined, she said she loves volunteering. Then she proved it by promoting the club with her contacts in the community, running the club's monthly Scholarships Raffle (you can't

say no to her ticket sales pitch!), updating and producing The Women's Club yearbook directory, recruiting a new member who set up a new website, and working with the "Only Losers Litter" trash collecting walks here in Vista. Eleanor also designed and donated flyers and tickets for the Women's Club Centennial Celebration in 2016.

Eleanor promotes the Women's Club's restaurant fundraisers which are actually successful social events that support the Club's scholarships program. "Promotion" could be Eleanor's middle name. She raised more than half the cost of printing the Women's Club directories by selling business card ads. She's a member that the Club depends on for her many generous contributions and hours of dedicated service!

Eleanor is also a member/ Past President of the Soroptimist of Vista. She supports all their community events and fundraisers. For many years she was also involved with the Vista Village Business Association where she promoted the redevelopment of downtown Vista. Some of the projects she coordinated include the Vista Rod Run and the Thursday Night Downtown Street Fair.

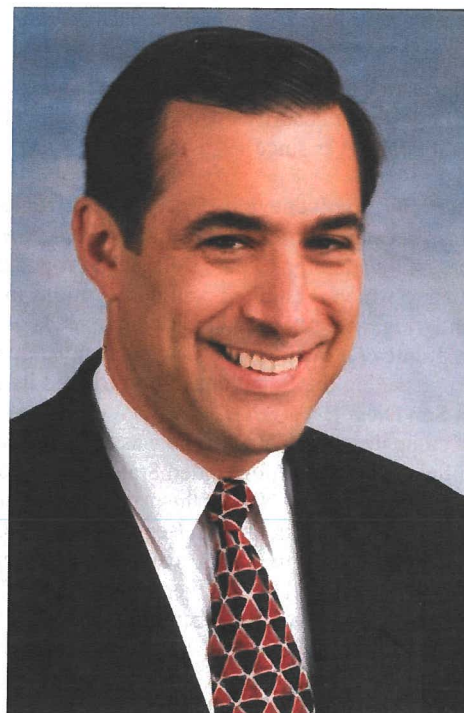
Eleanor is an active member of the Fallbrook Alumni Association. She recently produced a Fallbrook calendar to benefit the association's projects, and as a board member, she helps maintain not only the member roster but their website as well.

She does all this in addition to owning a family business, Hutchins Printing, since 1978.

In 2013 she and her son Eric launched TheVistaPress.com, an online publication, to fill the need for an outlet for community awareness and information. She publishes community service announcements in TheVistaPress.com at no charge to non-profits.

Eleanor works so many volunteer hours for the community that she can't keep track of them all! It seems that she knows everyone in Vista and brings people together to make Vista a better place to live. She works tirelessly to benefit others in need. She's always volunteering and working in the community and setting up new events and projects to make others' lives more productive and comfortable. She is active, positive, and an asset to the community.

Eleanor deserves this recognition for her years of volunteering and connecting in the community. She has made a positive impact on Vista.



**Darrell E. Issa**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2019**

Born November 1, 1953 in Cleveland, OH (the second of six children) Darrell E. Issa is a businessman and Republican politician. In 1970, on his 17th birthday, Issa dropped out of high school and enlisted for three years in the Army. He became an Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD) technician.

Issa received a hardship discharge from the Army in 1972 (his father had suffered a heart attack) and earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Issa attended Siena Heights University, a small Roman Catholic college in Adrian, MI. Later, while getting a BA Degree Kent State University at Stark, he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in the Army Reserves from 1976 to 1980 and was promoted to the rank of captain.

After leaving the military, Issa and his wife Kathy, moved back to the Cleveland area where their son, William was born. They pooled their savings to invest in Quantum Enterprises, an electronics manufacturer that assembled bug zappers, radio parts and various consumer products for other companies. Issa later purchased a struggling auto security company, turned it around and became a supplier to Ford as well as producing a proprietary line of automotive security products. As car theft rose in the 1980's, so did the demand for security devices. Toyota, Jaguar, BMW and General Motors joined Ford as customers. Issa sold the company to a California-based maker of home alarms, moved to Vista (where they has lived ever since) to work for the company.

Shortly afterward he left to start Directed Electronics, Inc (DEI) one of the largest auto security manufacturers, which has been a North County employer since 1985 and a large Vista employer since 1989.

With his involvement in consumer-electronics trade associations, Issa became politically active. In 1996 he was chairman of the successful campaign to pass California Proposition 209, a ballot initiative which prohibited public institutions in California from considering race, sex, or ethnicity in the areas of public employment, public contracting, or public education. He was instrumental in persuading the Republican Party to hold its 1996 convention in San Diego.

Issa's first campaign for elected office was 1998, when he sought the Republican nomination for United States Senate to run against incumbent Barbara Boxer. He lost the primary election to Matt Fong. In 2000 nine-term incumbent Republican U.S. Congressman Ron Packard decided not to run for reelection. Issa ran for Packard's seat, capitalizing on his name recognition from the 1998 Senate race and won the November election with 61% of the vote. After the 2008 elections, Issa was appointed ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Following the 2010 elections, Issa became chairman. He became a vocal advocate for improving transparency of federal agency reports and a Government Accountability Office examination of the Federal Reserve. He also became an advocate for investigations into the Obama administration, including the Troubled Assets Relief Program, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, corruption in Afghanistan, WikiLeaks, and the Food and Drug Administration, among other issues.

In 2010 the Project on Government Oversight, a government watchdog group, awarded Issa with its Good Government Award for his contributions to government oversight and transparency. In 2013 Issa introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013 aimed to make information on federal expenditures more easily available, accessible, and transparent. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on May 9, 2014. Other legislation introduced and passed was intended to reduce IT procurement-related waste, and the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014.

In July 2017, Issa introduced the CLASSICS Act to Congress in a bipartisan effort to empower artists through the collection of royalties for the preceding three-year period and by ensuring their creative rights remain in force for pre-1972 recordings just as newer artists are guaranteed by current legislation. Issa has been a consistent supporter of the Fair Play Fair Pay Act: granting performance rights for musicians and record producers.

In addition to the Oversight Committee Issa also served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Middle East and North Africa subcommittees and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade); Committee of the Judiciary (subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet (Chair) and the subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law.

Issa announced in January 2018 that he would not seek re-election for the House seat. On September 19, 2018 President Donald Trump nominated Issa to be Director of the United States Trade Development Agency and he is currently awaiting Senate Confirmation for that position.

Over the last twenty years many local groups have been beneficiaries of the Issa Family Foundation which has concentrated its support in Vista and the North County.



**Michael Thomas "Mickey" Irving  
1901-1985  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Michael Irving was a member of one of Vista's pioneer families. His parents came to Vista in 1896. He was a well-liked man who participated actively in civic affairs.

Irving was a Vista school bus driver for the Vista Union School District during the 1920's. In 1930, he became a constable for the County Sheriff. As a constable, he was well known as a fair man who was good at his job. In 1936 his position was renamed to sheriff's deputy, and he had Badge Number 1. This badge is now in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Museum.

Irving was married to Maria Etcheverry Itzaina, also a member of a historic Vista family.

He also served as a member of the Vista Chapter of the American Legion.





**Nancy B. Jones  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2017**

Since she retired in 2006 after 19 years of teaching first grade at **Alamosa Park Elementary School**, Nancy B Jones has given thousands of hours of her time and talent to various projects throughout Vista. She consulted at the school, continues working with the Green Thumb Gardening Club, and leads Earth Day field trips to Guajome Regional Park for first grade classes. Her accomplishments can be divided into three categories: Kids, Gardening, and Community.

**KIDS:** Nancy coordinated California School Garden Grant for Vista Unified School District, bringing in \$63,000 for gardens at 20 elementary, middle and high schools 2007 - 2009.

For **Alamosa Park first graders**, she has provided field trips to Guajome Regional Park for Earth Day every year since 2010.

**GARDENING:** As a member of the **Vista Garden Club**, Nancy volunteered to help teach Vista children how to garden through the VGC's gardening classes for children. She served on the executive board as treasurer and corresponding secretary. She coordinated the club's annual Scholarship Luncheon opportunity drawing 2007-2011, raising funds for horticultural college scholarships. For the club's annual free flower show, their gift to the Vista community, Mrs. Jones served as Horticulture Chairman 2008-2013 and was Ice Cream Social Chairman in 2010 and advisor in 2011-2012.

At **Alta Vista Botanical Gardens**, Mrs. Jones serves on the AVBG board as Director of Children's Programs where she is known as "Farmer Jones." Nancy wrote and received the grant for Incredible Edibles garden at AVBG and supervised the building, installation, fencing and irrigation done by volunteers, 2009-2010.

Mrs. Jones founded and organized the Fall Fun Festival for AVBG 2009-present, working with community members to raise donations for the Gardens. The Fall Fun Festival includes a scarecrow contest,

judges, activities for children, student volunteers and certificates of appreciation. Members of The Woman's Club of Vista volunteer at these outdoor events, where children are given opportunities to express creativity, appreciate nature and to learn how to grow vegetables.

She also has organized and provided children's activities for Earth Day at AVBG from 2007-present including The Woman's Club of Vista and student volunteers, and certificates of appreciation. Activities are similar to those for the Fall Fun Festival, with an added bonus of opportunities to learn more about the environment, recycling, and how to enjoy life out in nature. Mrs. Jones continues to lead and provide monthly Kids in the Garden classes at AVBG, promoting environmental awareness and gardening, and has taught over 3,300 children over the last seven years, with all fees paid being donated to AVBG. This includes field trips for Scouts, elementary classes, homeschool and charter school groups at AVBG. She supervised volunteers for workdays at AVBG: high school and community college students earning their Community Service hours 2009-present. She led fundraising to bring the Ricardo Breceda "Serpent" sculpture to the Children's Garden in 2016, collecting donations from Vista Mayor Judy Ritter, The Woman's Club of Vista, and friends of the Gardens to add to her personal sponsorship.

**COMMUNITY:** As a member of **The Woman's Club of Vista** since 2009, Nancy has served as Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Newsletter and Publicity, and has brought energy and enthusiasm to her work as Club President from 2013-2017. She has volunteered with projects for local nonprofit organizations, including coordinating the Club's annual Donation Day from 2009-2013. Mrs. Jones served as Chairman for The Woman's Club of Vista's 95th anniversary celebration in 2011 and helped plan and lead the celebration for the Club's Centennial and fundraiser for scholarships in 2016.

Trained as a **Literacy Tutor** at Vista Library in 2006, she worked with three English learners over a 4-year period to help them earn their GEDs.

In 2012, Nancy Jones was recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, receiving their **Have a Heart for Kids Award** for all that she does

for the children of our community.

**KIDS, GARDENING, AND COMMUNITY:**

Mrs. Jones has managed to combine all three of these interests: She has worked with the Boys and Girls Club Torch Club kids and other volunteers doing Garden Groomers workdays, weeding and trimming at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens.

In 2011-2013 she led field trips for Vista Magnet Middle School eighth graders to tour AVBG and do mulching and weeding work, 2 days with 100 kids and their teachers each day. From 2014-present she has been working with Rancho Minerva Middle School AVID students as garden mentor, teaching garden and environmental topics along with tours of the Gardens.

The Woman's Club of Vista received two "Club Creativity" Awards from the international General Federation of Women's Clubs in 2016 for the Conservation program at AVBG and for Advocates for Children for the Gardening Club program at Alamosa Park Elementary School. The Club also sponsors the "Only Losers Litter" trashwalks with the Backfence Society to clean up around Vista, bringing in "caped community crusaders" of all ages from schools and service clubs.



**Bainbridge Morse Larkin  
1917-1982**

**Nancy Jane Cooper Larkin  
1916-1986**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2020**

Dick and Nancy Larkin moved to Vista in the spring of 1949 with their three children: David, Janet and Daniel. Nancy was with child to be born in August.

**Historical Background**

Bainbridge Morse Larkin, DMD ("Dick Larkin") was born in Georgetown Massachusetts on April 16, 1917. Georgetown was a small town in northeastern Massachusetts, incorporated in 1838. The house in which Dick grew up (an American arts and crafts Bungalow) was built by Dick's parents, Greta Morse and Richard Larkin in 1915. The Bungalow has been completely restored by Dick's niece, Louise Ann Richardson, and is registered with the Massachusetts Historical Commission as the Larkin — Morse —Richardson House. Parenthetically, the Bungalow has always been in a woman's name, but that's another story.

Dick graduated from Haverhill High School where he was on the football and baseball teams. Dick also played trombone in the high school orchestra. At age 16 "Dick won a trip to Europe playing" I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" (Tommy Dorsey's theme song) in a local talent contest. During his high school years Dick played trombone in the Haverhill DeMolay band, directed by Howard Rowell, a cornetists with the John Philip Sousa band.

Nancy Jane Cooper Larkin ("Nancy Larkin") was born in Bellaire, Ohio on December 16, 1916. Nancy's father, Kenneth G. Cooper, was a lawyer and an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Bellaire. Nancy's mother, Florence Long Cooper, was an Ohio State graduate and very active in civic affairs in Bellaire. Florence was responsible for starting the Girl Scouts in the state of Ohio.

Nancy was very active in clubs at Bellaire High School. Outside of high school Nancy assisted her mother with the civic activities in Bellaire and was involved with youth activities at the Bellaire Presbyterian Church. Nancy graduated valedictorian of her high school class.

Dick and Nancy met at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Dick majored in economics. Nancy majored in sociology. Nancy was invited into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Cum laude. After graduation from Swarthmore, Dick went to work for North Western Mutual Life Insurance and was sent to Hartford, Connecticut. Nancy returned to Ohio

and became a social worker in a tough section of Columbus where she had to carry a gun for protection

Because Dick and Nancy had been sweethearts at Swarthmore, they decided that a long distance romance was less than desirable; thus they were married at the Presbyterian Church in Bellaire, Ohio on December 30, 1939.

Nancy moved to Connecticut where they lived until Dick decided he wanted to become a dentist. In the fall of 1940 Dick entered the dental program at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dick and Nancy had their first child, David Morse Larkin, on April 3, 1941.

December 7, 1941, "a day in infamy", when the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked Pearl Harbor, brought about radical change in the United States. Tufts dental school was taken over by the U.S. Navy. The Navy accelerated the dental program to prepare dentists for active duty as soon as possible.

While completing Dental School Dick and Nancy had their second child, Janet Adams Larkin, on March 15, 1944.

Dick graduated cum laude from Tufts. Due to his outstanding performance as a dental student, Tufts and the Navy requested Dick to teach younger dental students to help ready them for active duty. Thereafter, Dick was immediately stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. Nancy, David and Janet followed Dick to Newport where they lived in military housing. At night all buildings were blacked out.

The war ended in the summer of 1945 and Dick and David( then 4 1/2 years old) hopped in a 1941 Mercury Coupe and headed for California. Dick chose La Jolla as their destination. Nancy and Janet went to Bellaire, Ohio to live with Nancy's parents until Dick located the house.

Dick immediately began to practice dentistry, having taken over a retiring dentists practice. The office was well located on La Jolla Blvd. near Scripps Hospital and the Bishops School. Dick's dental practice rapidly grew and he remodeled the office to include a tropical garden and waterfall view from every operatory.

In La Jolla Dick and Nancy had their third child, Daniel Cooper Larkin, born on Leap Year Day, February 29, 1948.

After three years in La Jolla, Dick and Nancy, being cognizant of the rapid growth in La Jolla and somewhat disenchanted with the number of La Jolla's overcast days, began a quest for a community with a slower pace and country environment. At that time Nancy was pregnant

with their fourth child.

A New Home in Vista, California

Dick and Nancy moved to Vista in the spring of 1949 with their three children and one on the way. The couple was drawn to Vista for a variety of reasons. Vista was a quaint community with a population of approximately 5000. Vista had its own water source, thanks to the foresight of early pioneers of Vista in the 1920's. The Vista schools were well organized. Vista's climate was the best in the world according to the Chamber of Commerce. At the time Vista was considered to be the avocado center for San Diego County.

Dick and Nancy bought a five bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on 3 1/2 acres with approximately 1 1/2 acres of avocados for \$25,000. The house was located at 639 Hillside Dr. which shared a common boundary with Charles and Mita Royer.

At the time Dick and Nancy moved into their new home, the avocados had not been picked. Calavo recommended the Grove be harvested immediately. Shortly thereafter Dick received a check for over \$5000 for the crop. Dick was overjoyed and momentarily considered becoming an avocado farmer as opposed to practicing dentistry. Nancy squelched the idea very quickly.

Dick and Nancy had their fourth child, Bainbridge Morse Larkin, Jr., born August 19, 1949.

Because Dick was busy setting up an office by converting an old house on Michigan Avenue across from the old Telephone Company and Richard D. Ring's Law office, he hired Sally Castillo deLeon to help Nancy with her new baby and setting up their new home. At the time Sally was just starting high school.

Dick and Nancy immediately became involved with the activities of Vista. Dick joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a prime mover in the organization of the Vistacado days in the early 50's. One year Dick volunteered to be the Chairman of the event. There was a beauty contest at the Avo theater and Jules Strombow professional wrestler crowned the Queen. The first division Marine Corps band played several concerts. Vistacado days brought the whole community of Vista together.

Dick also organized Vista's only band review with the help of Jimmy Jamison, the longtime

chairman of the All Western Band Review held in Long Beach, California, an annual event in November of each year. Jamison arranged to have the same judges used in Long Beach to come to Vista to judge the participating bands. It was a spectacular event for those who enjoyed watching excellent high school bands march down the streets of Vista.

At or about the same time Dick was recalled into the Navy at the time of the Korean conflict. Fortunately, Dick was stationed at Camp Pendleton, so the family did not have to move or interrupt their lives after becoming settled into the flow of Vista.

In addition to raising a family of four, Nancy was active in several community groups, including the Community Church, Triple M, and Panhellenic, an organization of college sorority women. Nancy also helped with Janet's Brownie troop and Job's Daughters. Both Dick and Nancy were involved with their sons Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, DeMolay and high school sports.

Having been born and raised in New England, Dick had a yearning for lakes and streams. Dick located 10 acres in Vista with a year-round stream and built a pond under the direction of the Soil Conservation Service. Lou Whitt, a longtime resident of Vista, excavated the pond. The family enjoyed fishing, swimming and picnicking at the pond in the early 50's. When Dr. Larkin was released from Navy in 1954, the pond property was sold and the family moved to Massachusetts to attend to family members who were ailing.

The Larkins moved back to Vista in 1956. Dick set up a new dental office in the Rancho Buena Vista ("Adobe") owned by Dr. Walter and Anastasia E. Weil. Walter and Anastasia ("Doddles") and Dick and Nancy became good friends both socially and professionally. Dick and Walter planned the first medical offices which included Black's Pharmacy; across the street from the original Vista High School.

Dick and Nancy loved music and encouraged music especially in the schools. In or about 1957 Dick and Nancy formed the Vista Band Boosters organization. Dick used his military connections to bring members of the Marine Corps Band from Camp Pendleton to drill the Vista High School Band into an award winning unit.

Dr Larkin was asked to fill a vacancy on the Palomar College Board of Governors during its formative years. Dr. Larkin served from 1958 to 1961 on the Palomar College Board.

In 1960 Dick and Nancy purchased 10 acres on

Mission Road approximately halfway between Bonsall and Fallbrook. The property had unique features in that two streams came together on the property. Dick and Nancy had always dreamed of having a family business in which all children could participate. Dick located an old barn in Temecula and disassembled it using the siding to build what was later called Valley Fort. Valley Fort consisted of a general store which housed antiques brought from New England and a restaurant which served chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, etc... The building was surrounded by a stockade made of cedar poles. The cedar poles came from Julian. At the time Valley Fort was open only on weekends and included Dixieland music and Western gun fighting, such as the "Shoot Out At The O.K. Corral". The Fort was also open for private party events. The second year the Fort was open, two Vista High School teachers opened a summer camp and build a swimming pool on the property. Valley Fort was featured in an issue of Sunset magazine as a destination point of interest in San Diego County.

Dr. Larkin had a busy dental practice in Vista from 1949 until 1963. He became known as the "Gentle Dentist", and was always helpful to those in need of dental treatment, even on the weekend, regardless of their financial status.

In 1963 Dick had an opportunity to teach at Tufts Dental School and do graduate work in the area of prosthetics. After discussing the opportunity with Nancy, they decided to move back to Massachusetts taking the family with them.

## **THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN VISTA HISTORY FEBRUARY 27, 1926**

In the last part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the main business in Southern California, and certainly in North San Diego County, was agriculture. Successful agriculture requires abundant water especially for the preferred crops of the time which were groves or vineyards. Without sufficient water farmers were limited to more hardy crops such as grains. Water was always on everybody's mind. Negotiations for water went on endlessly. The importance can be seen in the area paper of the time, "The Oceanside Blade", where the main headline in the paper that reported the United States entry into World War I was about water negotiations.

There were also people that made their living providing water. One of these was William Henshaw, the owner of Warner Ranch. After World War I when Vista was trying to develop an agricultural base and running out of water, he was able to provide the water from the reservoir known as Lake Henshaw. According to the website of the Vista Irrigation District, completion of the Henshaw Dam in 1923 made a reliable source of water possible.

An election was held on August 28, 1923 to create the Vista irrigation District. Again according to the website one hundred percent of the eligible voters voted and the measure passed 104 to 4. After construction of the required infrastructure, a ceremony was held in downtown Vista on February 27, 1926 to turn on the water from Lake Henshaw. Reliable water quickly allowed Vista to become the "Avocado Capital of the World". Vista became so well-known for avocados that Vista floats with an avocado theme appeared in the Rose Parade in 1928 and 1932. Vista continued to grow with a mainly agricultural base until after World War II when population growth caused the conversion of agricultural land to housing.



Downtown Vista ceremony  
on February 27, 1926



Henshaw Dam April 5,  
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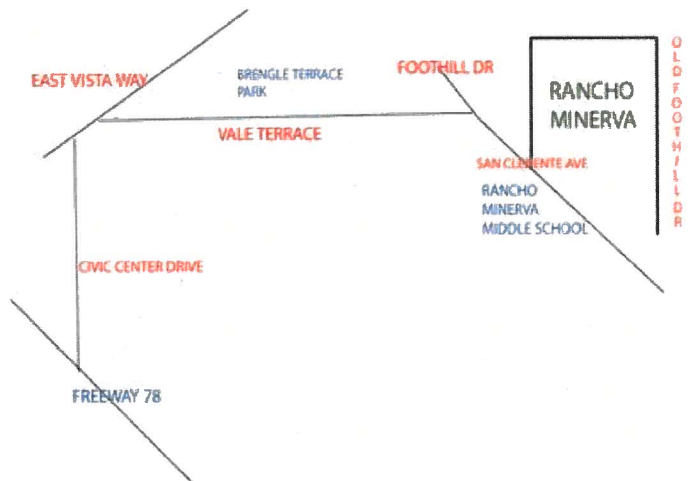


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**MUSEUM HOURS AND AVAILABLE PROGRAMS**

The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. most Wednesdays through Fridays. Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA



# VISTA HALL OF FAME

**1989-2022**

**THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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## **THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME**

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME**

### **Regular Division**

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

### **Early Residents Division**

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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**Adele Larimer**  
**1915-2000**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2022**

Adele Larimer was born March 24, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois to Jock and Marge Rigoni. She was raised in the downtown area of Chicago and graduated high school at the age of 16. When she graduated she was given a brand new 1931 Ford. In those days you needed a license to drive. They were available at the local drugstore. She was also offered a fishing license at the same time, but history is unclear whether she accepted the offer.

After high school, she went to business college, which was the name in those days for secretarial school. She worked and or volunteered all her life beginning with a variety of jobs in downtown Chicago. The most memorable to her was at the Tea Room of Carson Pirie Scott department store. She was a cashier there. In 1937 she met Richard Larimer who was a machinist working at Western Electric, the manufacturing arm of A.T. & T. They were married about three months after they met on December 31, 1937.

They continued to work and live in Chicago until 1940 when they moved to Vista where his mother was already living. They moved because he liked to travel and his arthritic condition was made worse by the climate in Chicago. They decided to stay in Vista.

He got a job as a machinist for Consolidated in San Diego. While in Vista, Adele worked as an office manager for Sam Brockman, who was a realtor and grove manager. One of her duties was to drive his wife to Los Angeles to shop at Bullock's Department Store, the main store at the time in Southern California. They would then have lunch at Clifton's Cafeteria and drive back. It took several hours on the two lane roads each way.

They lived in a duplex in the area now known as the Townsite. They shared a bathroom with the other half of the duplex. Adele had her first experience with a cow there. One morning, when she was preparing breakfast around 5 a.m. there was a knock on the door. When she opened it she was face-to-face with a cow that came from across Santa Fe Avenue. She said that was the first time she'd actually seen a cow close up.

Richard and Adele enjoyed living in Vista but returned to Chicago because of World War II for the duration of the war. Richard had suffered from rheumatic fever as a child and had a heart condition that prevented him from serving in the military. Because of that, Adele gave up her intention of joining the Navy. Richard returned to his job at Western Electric, and Adele worked there also. After the war they returned to Vista where Richard resumed his job at Consolidated and Adele worked for Hilton Cleaners at their office in the First National Bank building.

After an injury where he lost part of his finger, Richard quit being a machinist, a job that he did not enjoy and went to work for Hilton Cleaners as a driver who picked up and delivered laundry. He also drove the truck in parades in Oceanside where the main office of Hilton Cleaners was located. Later he did the same job for the laundry at Camp Pendleton from 1955 to 1960.

They lived at the corner of Foothill Drive and Beverly Drive renting a house from the owner of an avocado grove on a hill next to their home. The owner's home was on the top of the hill. Because of the hill, they named the two children they had while living there, Jack and Jill. Also, because there were no addresses, when they registered at different times to vote in 1946, they were put in different precincts.

Now that they had children, Adele stopped working for a while to take care of the children. They moved around living on Mason Road for a while and finally buying a home on Manor Drive. During this time, Adele volunteered for the Cub Scouts becoming a den mother for her son's den. When he was forced to leave scouts, to fulfill her commitment she stayed for an additional year. She also did other volunteer work in support of her children including the brownies for Jill.

In about 1957, Adele went back to work to pay for Jill's piano lessons which she took from Mrs. Tunnel on Monte Vista Drive. For a while, Adele

worked for the Medlin Brothers, a pair of doctors on South Santa Fe where she did office work.

Later Adele worked for the Vista Unified School District first starting in the cafeteria at Lincoln Junior High School and remaining friends with people she met there for the rest of her life. Chief among them was a lady named Mary Rojas.

Richard and Adele loved to dance and joined the dance club known as the Saturnalians. This group made up mostly of teachers, held a dance once a month at the Palomar Rider's club house at East Bobier Drive and North Santa Fe Avenue.

In August 1960, they moved to a house they had built at 1648 Foothill Drive. Six weeks later Richard died of his heart condition.

During this time, Jill joined the Palomar Riders with her Palomino horse named Pal. Adele volunteered for the Palomar Riders including pulling horse trailers to their events.

After the death of her husband, she took a job as attendance clerk at Lincoln Junior High School. There she met Betty Clopine who was the secretary to the principal Paul Brostrum at the time. They became best friends. Mrs. Clopine had a second job teaching cotillion at the Woman's Club on the Community Church circle.

When Betty retired Adele took her job as the principal's secretary. She had this job until she retired in 1980. Her last principal was Dudley Hancher.

Beginning in 1960, Adele started volunteering for the Tri-City Hospital auxiliary known as the Pink Ladies. At first, because she was working, she volunteered as a receptionist. Then on Friday evenings, she volunteered in the emergency room where she was known for cleaning up bloody messes. Later she also volunteered in Tumor Registry. This included checking obituaries in local newspaper to see if the hospital's former cancer patients had died. She volunteered for the hospital for about 40 years. In her 80's, when she was no longer able to drive, she walked a mile to get a bus to get to the hospital to volunteer. She also served on the auxiliary's board of directors and helped put on their annual strawberry festivals. She also volunteered in the office of the Community Church of Vista and as a docent at the first Vista Historical Museum. She also drove her friends around to their appointments and on their errands when they were no longer able to drive. She increased her volunteering after she retired. Also, after she retired, Adele and Betty traveled to Ireland as

part of the Belleek Society. They also went hang gliding in Mexico and other trips and to Padre games. She died from lung cancer at her home at age 85 in May 2000.



**Jim and Carlotta Malone  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2020**

My dad, Jim, started teaching at Vista High School in 1971. He was the swimming and water polo coach and taught history, government, economics, and I believe French for a short while.

He moved over to Rancho Buena Vista when it first opened in 1987 and continued to teach senior government, economics and coach swimming and water polo. He also coached an age group swim team for the better part of 15 years outside of school. He retired from full time teaching in 1998...but continued to teach a ROTC class and mentor young stage crafters (sound, lighting, scenery).

He started volunteering at the Moonlight in its second season in 1982...doing whatever they needed as a handy-man. Eventually he was a regular employee of the Moonlight as head carpenter building scenery for the shows. To this day he still helps the shows out over at Rancho. He also was inducted into the San Diego coaches hall of fame and his picture is up in the hall of fame museum in Balboa Park!

My mom was a substitute teacher through the mid 70's and 80's. She coached the girls Vista High swim team and diving for a number of years at my dad's side. She be-

came a full time fourth grade teacher at Monte Vista Elementary in 1987. She retired in 2004.

She volunteered for Moonlight its first year in 1981. My sister and I were cast in Oliver and mom was such a great seamstress she offered to help with the sewing. Eventually she was the go to costumer for the Moonlight.

I joke with my friends out in the industry telling them that my folks only volunteered because we were in the shows...and now they work more than I do...but there's a whole lot of truth to that.



**Gloria E, McClellan**  
**1925-2002**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2004**

Gloria E, McClellan came to Vista as a Marine wife, and she and her husband retired here. During her career she owned a business downtown, but her first love was the City of Vista.

After a term on the Traffic Commission, she was elected to the City Council in 1972 and served as council member and then mayor until her death in 2002.

She was significant in the development of Shadowridge, the Business Park, the downtown redevelopment project, North County Square and many other city projects. She represented the city in many forums over the years.



**Alex and Julia McDougall with their children**  
**Sandi and Tom**

**Alexander McDougall**  
**1908-1999**

**Julia McDougall**  
**1910-1983**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame 2017**  
**Alex-Regular Division**  
**Julia-Early Residents Division**

Julia-graduate of Oceanside High School. Miss Vista in 1929. Married Alex in 1933. Started a school of dancing in North County including Temecula. Was very active with Girl Scouts and served on the Board of Directors in North County for 10 years. She was awarded the highest honor in Girl Scouts in 1973. She was a PTA President, founder of the Vista Women's Club and a member of PEO Chapter in Vista. Helped organize several town functions such as the Old Timer's Picnic in 1967.

Alex-established McDougall's Pharmacy in the Granada building on Santa Fe. Bought a building downtown Vista in 1929 where the pharmacy moved to. Dad was very active in the community and was a member of the Vista Rod and Gun Club, Vista Volunteer Fire Dept(1920's), member of the Rotary Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce (1936), President of the Vista School Board (1945-55), member of the Mason's 1948 installed as Master. He also served on several bank boards, such as the First National Bank, Liberty National, and Chartered Bank of London.

Dad was also the town photographer at one time.

**Sandi Graham and Thomas McDougall**



**Beatrice (Bee) Meyer**

**1911-2007**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1990**

**Frank Meyer**

**1912-1979**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2009**

Frank and Bee Meyer came to Vista from Portland, Oregon, in the summer of 1964, upon his retirement. Frank had been a deputy U. S. Marshal for 23 years and was a past president of the U.S. Marshal's Association for the 9th Region.

In Vista, he became interested in civic matters. He helped organize Vista Drug Education Week and became a member of the drug abuse subcommittee of the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. He was appointed to a five-man drug abuse advisory commission by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and became vice chairman of the advisory committee in 1968.

He helped establish Lifeline in Vista and organized the Vista Coordinating Council, of which he was chairman from 1969 to 1971; was a patron of the Hispano Club; secretary and active member of the Elks Lodge No. 1968 of Vista; member of American Legion Post #365; and the Vista Masonic Lodge No. 687.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was named Kiwanian of the Year of the 37th Division for 1970-71. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1970. In 1971, he was vice chairman of the Vista Citizens Committee on Youth Problems and was active in a campaign against drug abuse. In 1973-74 he was president of Vista Kiwanis; he was also a director of Vista Boys' Club and, just prior to his death in 1979, was installed as president of their board. He had also been a member of the Area Council for Vista Boys' Clubs, a member of the Executive Board of the American Red Cross, Vista

Division, honorary chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and vice president of the North County Retired Police Officers Association.

Frank was elected to the Vista City Council in 1972 and was Mayor from 1973 to 1976. He was on the Mayor's Select Committee and was vice president of the California League of Cities, San Diego Division, director of the San Diego Office of Emergency Services, vice president of the Office of Economic Development Planning Committee, chairman of the Vista Sanitation District, and on the board of directors of the Comprehensive Planning Organization. He was instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and brought assistance to it at a time when funds were completely depleted. Emergency contacts to County Supervisors brought funds to resume the service to the city.

Meyer organized a Santa Claus campaign and posed as St. Nicholas himself for several years, visiting the North County Association for the Retarded, schools and various organizations, including being Santa for Vista's Christmas Parade in 1976.

One of the first organizations Bee joined after arriving was the Women's Business and Professional Club. She served on the board of directors for many clubs, including the Vista Historical Society, the Boys and Country Friends. Bee was known countywide for her presence at the social functions she covered during her career as a society columnist (The Bee Line).

Frank and Bee were married for 44 years.



**Orbee Mellor Mihalek**

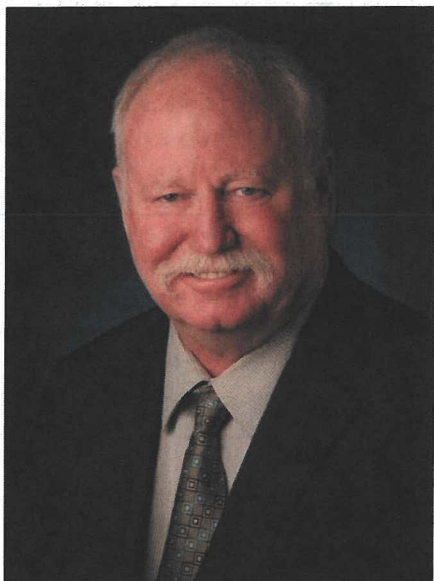
**1913-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1995**

Orbee Mihalek was one of Vista's most avid boosters. She was born in San Diego County and her family moved here in 1939. She helped charter the Soroptimist Club of Vista and ran the Tot Lot, a nursery and kindergarten school, and was a successful businesswoman. In 1964, she was the first woman elected to

Vista City Council and served on the council for the ensuing 12 years; she was mayor from 1970-72. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 1981 and Woman of Dedication in 2005 for her work as a member of the Salvation Army Board, and was a member of the Greater San Luis Rey Planning and Development Council, Woman's Club of Vista, Country Dames, Country Friends, Emblem Club and American Red Cross and was a past president of Vista Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-City Hospital Foundation Board.



**Marty Miller**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Marty Miller was the coach of Vista's Little League baseball team that went all the way to the final 2 in the World Series in 2005. It was an extraordinary coaching job for a world class team. The team was welcomed home when their airport bus delivered them to Rancho Buena Vista High School in the evening, and there was a parade downtown another day.

Of course there were many people helping. A big project training, moving to games, then the East Coast where they came in a proud second in the world .

Mr. Miller has served on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since December 2008. He represents Division 1 which stretches from Gopher Canyon Road to Vale Terrace Drive in Vista. Mr. Miller, who owns a construction company in Vista, has served as the Chair of the District's public affairs, water sustainability, and Warner Ranch committees. He has been the District's representative on

the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors since November 2011.

Mr. Miller has had a varied career

Occupation: Businessman/General Contractor  
AA degree in architectural drafting  
Past President and Vice President of Vista Optimist Club

Board member Rancho Buena Vista Little League  
Manager of 2005 RBVLL world series little league baseball team.

Man of the year 2005 Boys & Girls Club of Vista.  
Former baseball coach at El Camino High School in Oceanside.



**Wells Miller**  
**1896-1970**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

Colonel Wells Miller was born in Riverside, Illinois, and grew up there and in Evanston. In World War I, he served in the Marine Corps, leaving with the rank of first lieutenant.

He spent a year in South America mining for emeralds and then engaged in a variety of business activities in the Chicago area.

He was called into active duty a year before Pearl Harbor. From then until 1946, he served with the Marines and retired as a colonel. During the war, he served in the South Pacific.

In 1946, he completed his active duty at Camp Pendleton and with his wife Alice and son Read moved to ranch property in Vista. A second son, Calvin, was born in Vista.

After his retirement, Miller devoted his efforts to agricultural and civic activities. He was active in introducing the cultivation of macadamia nuts to California. In 1954, the California Macadamia Society was formed and he was its first president. He continued in office until his death on February 12, 1970. He served on the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District, Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, and Vista Fire Protection District. He was active in Rotary Club, Community Church of Vista, and the Boy Scout movement. He was also one of the organizers of the Boys' Club of Vista.



**Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan  
1892-1972  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2015**

From "The Vista Press" February 2, 1972

Vista today mourns the death of a woman who loved her community and in turn was loved by all its citizens.

Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan, whose life was concerned with beauty, died Sunday at Tri-City Hospital.

Vista city officials, saddened by her death, praised the quality of her life.

"Vista has lost a true friend and faithful citizen... one who never talked about what should be done, but one who got in and did it. It will be hard to part with someone like this who has given so much of herself to so many people" said Mayor Orbee Mihalek.

Mrs. Morgan, who lived with her husband, Jack, at 164 Walker Way, was interested in the beautification of Vista, the development of a park system, and in upgrading in any way the appearance of our city.

"I have enjoyed a long friendship with Cleo and Jack, one that from the very beginning was full of respect and admiration. Respect for her as a competent businesswoman, and admiration for her beautiful attitude towards life and her fellow man. Surely, heaven will glow with her presence," said Vice-Mayor Kenneth Annin.

Friends may pay their last respects to Mrs. Morgan today from 9 AM to 9 PM at the Vista Chapel Mortuary.

Graveside family services will be held Thursday, at 11 AM at Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood.

"The passing of Cleo Morgan is without a doubt a great loss to our community. Her achievements are examples of a truly outstanding citizen – one who not only dedicated her time and energy to the beautification of our city, but who was firm in

her belief that Vista is truly 'the most beautiful place to live'. Her expression of such conviction was evident by the work she alone performed and projects of beautification which she initiated. Her loss will be felt throughout the community," said Councilman Troy Doan.

Mrs. Morgan is also survived by sons, Upton Smith of Long Beach; Malloy Souberg, of Glendale; a daughter, Mrs. La Vanda Tilt, of Escondido; and 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

"She has been a forerunner in community life. She had an appreciation for Vista that few people had. Vista will miss her greatly," said Councilman Noble Tanner.

Mrs. Morgan was president of the Vista Garden Club for two terms. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Vista; a member of the Second Horizon Club; the Grandmothers' Club; an active force in the Vista Beautiful Committee; a member of the chamber of commerce; a former Grange member; a former member of the Rebekahs; a member of the Palomar Cactus Association and a member of the California Cactus Grower Association.

"We have lost a very dedicated citizen who always strove for the betterment of Vista," said Councilman Stanley Matush.

Philip Ferguson, chairman of Vista Beautiful, said: "Without a doubt she's contributed as much or more than anyone else to the actual beautification of Vista. Both Vista Beautiful and Vista are better because of her efforts."

Vista now – though in mourning – is not somber, but wears like a garment the beauty of her efforts.



**Joe and Mary Mottino**

**Joe 1915-1997**

**Mary 1916-2010**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2012**

Joe Mottino was born in 1915 in Moorpark, California. His future wife, Mary Borra, was born in 1916 in Los Angeles, California. Both families relocated to North San Diego County, the Mottino family to Vista, the Borra family to Escondido. The Mottino were farmers and the Borrass opened the Borra Winery.

Joe and Mary married in 1941 and lived in Vista. They had one daughter, Felinda. In 1944, they purchased a large tract of land in what is today eastern Oceanside. There they ran a successful farming operation for many years. They also owned and operated the Borra Winery. Most of the land they farmed has since been developed as housing and commercial businesses.

The Mottino family is well-known for participation in many local organizations and for their many philanthropic endeavors. The Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA, built after Joe's death, is perhaps their largest donation. Joe died in 1997 and Mary in 2010.



**Charles H. Mull, Sr.**  
**1879-1945**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2007**

Charles H. Mull Sr. was an early-day Vista Irrigation District engineer-manager. He also was prominent in real estate development. He developed Mull Estates, which today covers most of Anza Avenue and surrounding streets. The old Mull home was razed in 1982 to make way for an extensive subdivision.

He was the first chairman of Vista Community Association in 1938 and was active in the building of the Vista Recreation Center on Recreation Drive.

He became Vista Irrigation District engineer in December 1936, succeeding Charles H. Bell, and later was engineer-manager. Mull died in February 1945.



**Miriam Alice Small Nichols  
1922-2012  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2008**

Miriam Alice Small Nichols was married to Emil D. Nichols and had four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. They retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer and environmentalist her whole life, offering her time and talents to promote environment and community events.

Miriam's primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the Woman's Club of Vista in 1972.

In 1980 The Woman's Club, Miriam and David's Boy Scout troop began the first glass curbside recycling service for Vista - also the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County.

"At first we collected newspapers in a big piano box under a tree at the clubhouse," Miriam shared. When the box was full, she loaded her Volkswagen bus with the papers and took them for recycling. Then the club re-ceived a grant from the California Department of Conservation for a truck to use in curbside pickup of

news-papers and plastic soda bottles. Miriam created a "Hazardous Household Waste" pamphlet, printed and dis-tributed to over 25,000 residents.

During November 1991 Miriam presented her recycling program to delegates from 70 nations attending the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment: Partners in Life, sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Program. Her presentation was titled: Woman's Club of Vista's Recycling and Hazardous Waste Education Programs. The Global Assembly of Women and the Environment "Partners in Life" had as its goal to demonstrate women's capacities in environmental management as they related to global ecological issues, focusing on water, waste, energy and environmentally-friendly systems, products and technologies. The 218 success stories presented at the Assembly - including Miriam's - were selected from all regions of the world. In October 2008, the CD for \$10,000 from The Woman's Club's curbside recycling was cashed and donated to Alta Vista Botanical Gardens to help build the ponds and waterfall project, a beautiful central water feature which is a delightful focus for visitors. Miriam was The Woman's Club's Beautification Chairwoman. Miriam was an avid supporter of the Gardens, and in December 2009 The Woman's Club of Vista was hon-ored with AVBG's first obelisk award for continued support and donations. In 2012 she celebrated her 90th birthday at the Gardens.

Miriam loved the environment and was well-informed in important issues and events around the world.

Miriam celebrated Earth Day for years. In 1986 and 1995 Miriam and The Woman's Club of Vista planted trees for Arbor Day. In the 1990's Miriam learned how to propagate oaks from acorns and then worked with students at Olive Elementary to start 700 seedlings. They used tar paper cylinders to allow the acorns to grow strong tap roots, and then planted them at local parks. These efforts were recognized by Keep America Beautiful and the United Nations Environmental Program.

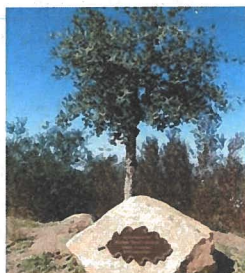
She organized numerous cleanups, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers.

She served as The Woman's Club of Vista President for two terms 1976-77 and 1992-93. She served as



Palomar District President for three years 1981-84 when her President's theme was "Bells Are Ringing: For Volunteers." She worked with the District and local clubs to contribute to and celebrate the installation of Mission Bells along the El Camino Real. In 1996 The Woman's Club of Vista installed an El Camino Real Bell at Rancho Guajome Adobe. In 1999 Miriam made the trip into Baja California for the installation and dedication of the third El Camino Real bell at Mission San Miguel, south of Rosarito. She celebrated the centennial of the Mission Bells at a dedication in Los Angeles in August 2006. The bells were originally paid for and erected by the El Camino Real Association in the early 1900s.

Vista Woman's club in 1972. She was the Vista club president for two terms, Palomar District President for three years, and a member of the state board for three years." Published in The San Diego Union Tribune from July 12 to July 13, 2012.



Miriam's plaque and cork oak tree at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens

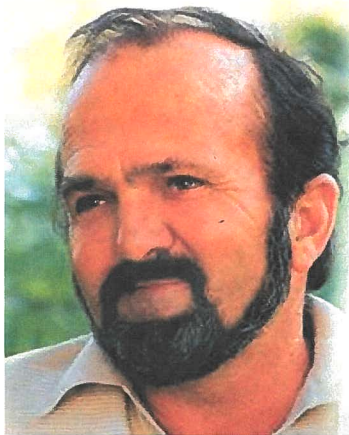
"Miriam Alice Small was born April 4, 1922 in Pullman, Washington, attended local schools, and graduated from Washington State University in 1944. After volunteering for a local typing pool, she met her future husband, Emil D. Nichols, an Air Force lieutenant. They married in 1945 in Macon, Georgia, and went on to have four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. As the wife of an Air Force officer, she moved her family 29 times over the course of his career, including stays in Guam, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, England, and numerous states in the United States until they retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer her whole life. She created the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County, as well as organizing numerous cleanups, tree plantings, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over the next four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers. The United Nations Environmental Program invited her to speak at the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment where she addressed delegates from 70 nations. Her primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the



**William Bruno Pechstein**  
**1866-1933**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

William Bruno Pechstein and his wife Anna immigrated to this country from Germany, William about 1879 and Anna later. Pechstein went to Wisconsin and then, in the early 1880s, came to California where he met Anna; they were married near Anaheim. With their four children, the Pechsteins came to Vista from Los Angeles in 1910. All four children are native Californians. William was active in community affairs, and with Jules Delpy and Nick Huntalas worked hard to organize the Vista Irrigation District. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the district and was on the board of directors until his death in November, 1933. Anna pre-deceased him in June 1933. Their four children, William Otto, Ernest, Anna and Helen, all lived in or near Vista most of their lives.



**Carl Pinamonti**  
**1928-2009**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2014**

The following is the speech given at the Hall of Fame induction by Angela Pinamonti.

To the many citizens and amazing community of Vista, especially to the Vista Historical Society, thank you

for inducting Carl into the 2014 Hall of Fame. Our family is truly blessed to remember our grandpa, brother, and father in this way.

For those of you who may not know, my name is Angela Pinamonti and I am Carl's eldest granddaughter. My father is Carl Pinamonti Jr., who is here today. It surely is hard to capture in so few words not just the dates and the facts, but the essential character of my grandpa. I am one of the countless people who draw inspiration and gratitude from him. This is my attempt to represent his legacy.

Carl was born in 1928 in Inglewood CA. At age 18, he began his family and had seven children Ernie, Maryann, Toni, Carl, Gina, Patrick and Enrico. He got his construction start in the plastering business and ultimately became a general contractor. During the Vietnam War in 1969, the family battled it's largest tragedy, the death of their eldest brother and son, Ernie.

Emerging from heartbreak, and with high hopes to retire, Carl made the trip down to Vista in the early summer of 1970. But grandpa, being grandpa couldn't retire yet, so he continued his construction business. He purchased 9 acres off of Monte Vista Dr, and traveled down every weekend with some of the kids to create his first family home. He completed it within 3 months and the kids were able to attend school in the fall. The whole family moved in Sept 1970 and officially made Vista home.

With no retirement in sight, grandpa began his relationship with the City of Vista. With only one traffic light standing at the time, his first project purchase was 6 acres next door to the old McMahon Furniture Store off of Santa Fe. There, he developed the Franciscan Inn. After building the Inn he moved into Room 48 and used it as his first office. Every morning at 5 am he would meet at Mayfair Market with friends and other contractors. Joe Garassi, was with him every morning. Joe worked with Carl for many years as his superintendent. The Mayfair market would be the place to hash out his next project, Carrow's Restaurant. After the completion of the restaurant, he moved his temporary office at the Inn to one off of Eucalyptus Dr. This was in fact his first true Vista office. In July 1974 the Mayor of Vista, asked the Chamber of Commerce to develop a meaningful program to celebrate our nations birthday in 1976. As a result, the Bicentennial Committee was created consisting of 28 committees. Carl was Chairman of the Development Committee that would oversee the Bicentennial Project. The Committee approved the original amphitheater and Grandpa proceeded to make it happen. If you know my grandpa, there was nothing big or small that would stand in his way. Carl proceeded to encourage the donation of material and labor and he followed it to a successful completion. He continued to donate after it was built. He then

began to build houses around the city and many other commercial projects. He eventually made his way to other neighboring cities, and worked with his brother, Al Pinamonti on many projects.

Throughout the course of his construction career, he became very well known with Vista city building officials. If any of you knew him, you knew he loved attending city council meetings, and interacting with city officials. I mean he was a businessman, so he definitely debated with a few.

If you ever needed Carl for anything during the day, you knew where his lunchtime office was. He sat at his favorite table at Feliccia's Restaurant. He would hash out business deals on the paper tablecloths and many offers were made there. I can remember when my cousins and I had half days at St. Francis middle school. We knew we were going to Feliccia's for lunch to see grandpa. It just felt like home.

In the early 80's, grandpa had his cancer surgery and they removed his Larynx. Carl was definitely known to voice his opinion and in just one day his speech was taken from him. It took him one year of voice therapy just to get out one word. My cousins and I grew up with him this way and never heard his normal voice. I always wondered what he sounded like. It was a constant struggle to understand him, but it didn't damper his lifestyle, because he began to clap and pound on the table to get your attention. He sure did mean business.

Everyone knew Carl for his generosity with his time and money. He loved to help out small builders and therefore loaned money to these businesses to allow them to get their starts. These small acts of kindness played a role in impacting other business owners of Vista. He donated to the Vista Boys Club and was involved in the start of Vista Pop Warner.

If I have one vivid memory of my grandfather's character, it was that he was extremely hardworking, honest, and trustworthy. He ended up working into the 2000s even though he thought of retiring in the 70s. He was the guy known for paying all the trades on time and within days of them submitting bills. If you did the job correctly, you got promptly paid. He was also the grandfather that would donate to any activity that his grandchild was a part of. He was honest and loyal and for that, he was graced with loyal employees. Betty Stevenson eventually followed him down from Hawthorne and became his office secretary. Frank Dvorak met him in Vista and started as the office Manager in the Eucalyptus office and eventually became a City Inspector. One of the few still working for the family today is Beverly Mottino from Vista and that's just to name a few. Eventually, many of his Italian friends had joined him in Vista and also became established in Vista.

One dream he never saw to completion was the Vietnam Memorial Park, named "Ernie's Place" after his late son. Grandpa donated land off of Mercantile and Guajome to be built into this special park. The park has been relocated onto the Corner across from Main St and associated with the new Paseo Santa Fe project, which should be completed sometime in 2015. Fundraising for the park will begin later this year, and will be a great reminder of all of our service men who fought in Vietnam.

Thank you again for letting me share the life and love of my grandpa. It was a gift to create this speech and be able to get to know him even more. He is my inspiration and someone I think about when I meet challenges in my own career. I often think "What would grandpa do?" If he weren't such a generous, hardworking, and amazing man, I wouldn't be standing here making this speech today. On behalf of my Dad, Sister, five Uncles and Aunts, and 15 cousins, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. And thank you grandpa, for giving me a very common question to answer proudly, Are you one of the Pinamonti, Pinamonti's? Yes, that would be me. Thank you.

**Angela Pinamonti**  
**May 17, 2014**



**Bob and Miriam Peirce Pope**  
**Bob 1914-2004**  
**Miriam 1912-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2000**

The Popes moved to Vista in 1952. They owned Sports & Photo from 1954 to 1979. The Popes also owned a chinchilla ranch in the 1950s. Bob Pope, a graduate of the University of Marquette Law School, taught in Vista, Fallbrook and Escondido high schools. He was president of North County Community Theatre, Vista Kiwanis, Boys' Club and the Vista 60-Plus Club. He was a board member and trustee of Vista Elks Lodge and board mem-

ber of the Vista Historical Society.

Miriam Pope was born in Cleveland. She and Bob married in 1937. After moving to Vista, she helped found the Boys' Club of Vista, now Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs. Pope was active in the Vista Woman's Club, the Parent Teachers Association and the Women's Auxiliary of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, and was chairwoman of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission.



**James Porter**  
1944-2011

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2004**

James Porter was born in San Diego but spent most of his formative years in the Los Angeles area. He graduated from Whittier High School in 1962 and joined the Air Force. He later earned a degree in parks and recreation from Long Beach State College.

Prior to coming to Vista, he worked for the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Montebello, Imperial Beach, Pico Rivera and Alhambra. As director of the Vista Parks & Community Services Department, he was instrumental in the creation of Moonlight Amphitheatre musicals and the Wave Water Park. He retired in 2004. He was a recipient of the California Recreation Society's Fellowship Hall of Fame award.



**Beulah Moss Post**  
1894-1991

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1991**

Beulah Post came to Vista with her husband, Oscar Hartley, in 1932. She worked as a cook for the Vista School District and fledgling Palomar College until her retirement

in 1965. She was active in both political and business organizations and a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Vista Carpenters Hall, which was formed in 1937. She was said to be Vista's "Downtown Cheerleader" and biggest supporter.



**Tom J. Ramoss**  
1905-1982

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2013**

Tom Ramoss was a fifth generation Californian, born in San Juan Capistrano in 1905.

He was baptized in the Old Mission Church and later served there as an altar boy.

In 1922, at age 17, Tom went to work as a wrangler on the 100,000-acre-plus Santa Margarita ranch. His job included handling a remuda of 300 horses, readying them for the dozens of vaqueros employed there at the time who generally had 50,000 cattle and thousands of horses to work.

Tom toughed the wrangling job out for some three months before he was promoted to vaquero. In time, because of his having steeped himself in the Spanish tradition of handling horses, combined with a gentleness and singleness of purpose, he was to become one of the best and most respected reinsmen in the business. When the Federal Government acquired the Santa Margarita ranch in 1942 for the Marine Corps and turned it into Camp Pendleton, Tom stayed on, taking over the riding stables, the horse-shoeing, blacksmithing, etc.

It was there he met his future wife, Patricia Kay, a lady Marine from Boston, Massachusetts. Pat knew horses and was a horsewoman herself. In addition, she was a great admirer of the era in California history which Tom and his Spanish ancestors exemplified, so they had much in common.

In 1947, after their marriage, they moved to Vista.

Tom, who had shod his first horse at 14, established a horse ranch, specializing in champion-class Arabians, in which he was success-

ful. He also put in a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop.

He was a great horse trainer who used an inherent gentleness and patience with the animals. He often spent a year or more on horses he was training, first accustoming them to control with a simple hackamore to guide them, sometimes for months, before a bit was put in their mouths. The Spanish bit, Tom said, should only be entrusted to special hands and placed in the mouths of special horses. The "finished" horse was expected to cut cattle as well as execute necessary movements and specifications. Remarkably, Tom was able to teach his art to others, and the horse world is much richer for this shared talent.

Tom rode in the first "Western" motion picture to receive an Oscar: "In Old Arizona," starring Mary Astor and Warner Baxter. He rode in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena and in the 1932 Olympics.

An expert calf roper, he won the California State Championship in the early 1930's.

Tom Ramoss was a skilled horseman, riding in the Californio style. Upon moving to Vista Tom and his wife became life members of The Vista Palomar Riders Club. He was an integral part of The Vista Palomar Riders until his death, serving two times as president of the group and multiple terms as a board member, and multiple times as committee member and "Trail Boss" for the club's five-day, 100-mile ride from Vista to Palomar Mountain and back.

He was not only an outstanding horseman but a generous individual who donated time as a judge for the Vista Palomar Junior riders, local 4H and other area junior horse groups. Horse people in the Vista area often called on Tom for advice when they were having trouble with their horses or for actual help with the animals including getting horses in the trailer.

He was also a Life Member of Caballeros del Camino Real, and an Honorary member of the Desert Arabian Horse Association.

He had a "flour sack full of ribbons and awards."

Tom Ramoss was an artist on horseback-a California Reinsman.

He died August 10, 1982. His coffin was carried on a wagon drawn by two Clydesdale horses and driven by long-time friend Frank Lopez and accompanied by a large procession of friends.

He was interred with his boots, spurs, bits and some of the iron and steel tangibles of his profession. but he left a priceless bit of golden California history for posterity.



**Karl and Peggy Ramsing  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2017**

Karl and Peggy Ramsing are longtime Vista residents that have contributed to the community in many ways.

Karl was in the Navy and Naval Reserve for 24 years. He was a pilot for American Airlines for 29 years.

Karl served on the Park and Recreation Commission from 1971-1978, most of those years as Chairman. He served on the Sales Tax Oversight Committee from 2007-2010.

Karl has been active in the Friends of the Rancho for many years. He has been the lead person on refurbishing projects at the Rancho, including the total renovation of the tile mural from the Women's Club. Karl has also been the lead person on the barn project. He has spent many hours researching, drawing plans, doing layouts, meeting with experts, getting estimates, visiting barns, etc. He is an excellent woodworker and has been involved with Palomar College Wood Shop.

Karl Ramsing has been an active member of the board of the Friends of the Vista library for the past 5 years. When he first joined the board he represented Vista at the county library meetings for our then president, Bernie Rappaport.

The board has long wanted to improve the look of the entrance to the library. Karl and Peggy have long been active with the city arts development. Karl took on the lead of the Friends of the Vista Library Art Committee for the beautification of the Library project. He coordinated all tasks related to getting the mural at the entrance of the library completed. The mural is by Kait Matthews, former owner of Art Beat on Main Street, and her helper, Brett Stokes. He is working with the mosaic

artist, Cherie LaPorte, for the pillar completion and working with the Randalls who are the bike rack artists. He was able to get donation of rocks for the concrete edging at the entrance. He attends the City of Vista meetings regarding the permits required, setting up installations and coordinating the actual work at the library. In addition, over the past few years, Karl has volunteered for the Friends of the Vista Library Encore Bookstore, by sorting and pricing books that come in as donations.

Karl was selected as the volunteer of the year by the Vista library.

As a personal hobby Karl is active in Packard car club and remodels vehicles. He has donated his remodeled Packard for the Vista Christmas Parade and other community events.

Peggy was a key community member in moving forward the Wave Waterpark construction. Peggy did research and promoted the project throughout Vista.

Peggy served on the 1974 General Plan Committee and on the Planning Commission from 1974-1981. She served on Vista Visions 2000 in 1990-1992. Peggy has been instrumental in most all of Vista's public art projects. It was her idea and follow through that made murals along the Sprinter line possible. Peggy has been active in the Vista library over 25 years.

Peggy has been instrumental in Vista's arts community. She was one of the first members on the Arts Commission serving from 2003-2013.

She took the initiative and compiled a list of all artists in Vista. This list lead to the development of many of the art projects in town, including the Vista Arts Foundation and the downtown art gallery.

They attend and contribute to many city meetings. They are also very involved in their church. They are both health advocates.

Karl and Peggy love Vista and have stayed active and involved for years giving of their time and resources. The Ram-sing's have lived in Vista for over forty seven years. The City Council named them "Persons of the Year" for 2016 for their involvement in promoting art in Vista.



**Bernard Rappaport**  
**1922-2015**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2014**

Bernard "Bernie" Rappaport, a veteran of World War II, his wife, Lenore, and three children; Gideon, Hannah and Sharon moved to Vista from Los Angeles in 1969. Before coming to Vista he was an engineer in the infancy of the semiconductor industry (before the invention of the transistor). Once he settled in Vista, he began to involve himself with the community in a variety of ways.

From 1971 to 1977, Bernie was a member of the Vista Planning Commission and served as chairman of the commission for part of his term. In 1977, he was elected to the Vista City Council. He served as mayor from 1978 – 1980.

Bernie served on the boards of the Rancho Vista National Bank and the Vista Community Clinic. He also served on the San Diego County Grand Jury for a year.

During their 1990 – 1994 campaign to raise money for the construction of a new library, Bernie became actively involved with the Friends of the Vista Library. He was the chairman of the fund raising committee and was instrumental in organizing the "Buy a Leaf" campaign that was very successful and continues to bring in money for the library. When the State Library Board was deciding what libraries to provide construction funds for, Bernie heard that the desperately needed Vista library was far down the list of priorities. He went to Sacramento and pleaded the case for Vista. Our library was made a priority due to his efforts. Thanks to his leadership, the funds were raised and designated by the state library system so Vista was

able to open a much needed new library in 1994. He continued to be an active member of the board of the Friends.

From 2005 – 2006, Bernie chaired the citywide campaign to pass Proposition L. This was the ¼% sales tax initiative that passed in November of 2006. This additional money provided the City of Vista with much needed revenue. The money raised funded two new fire stations, the sports park, and the new city hall civic center, as well as other city construction projects.

Bernie became president of the Friends of the Library in 2004 and remained president for 6 years. During his tenure as president, the Friends were able to donate \$237,500 for matching funds to the Vista branch of the San Diego County library system. This money was matched by the county library system. In addition, \$86,913 was provided directly to the Vista branch of the county library system for numerous books, programs, magazine subscriptions, tapes etc.

As president, Bernie was responsible for bringing the “First Sunday” free concerts to the community. He also organized free piano lessons at the library for several students and worked with the library to develop after school programs.

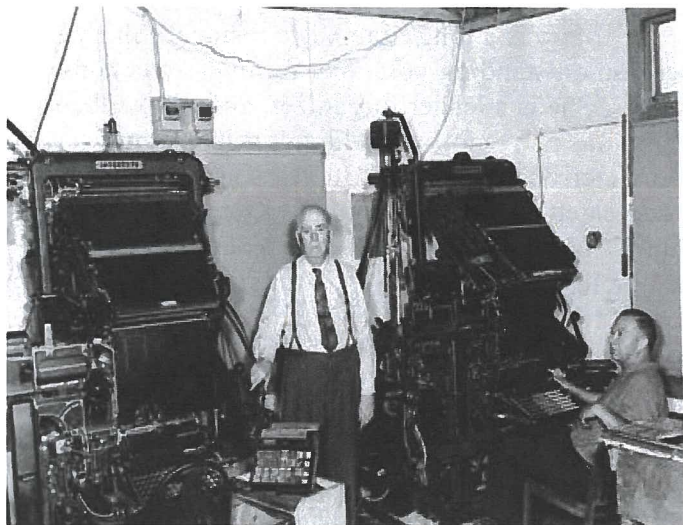


**Mary Regan**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Mary is a long time Vista resident. She has been an outstanding volunteer for numerous non-profits. She is a leader, organizer, and worker bee. Mary was active in her children's schools and sports activities. For over 30 years, Mary has been a dedicated and active member of Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista. She has served in leadership capacities including presidency. Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. Among her many projects has been the Great Gatsby, which recent proceeds have gone to Operation Hope-Vista and the many homeless children that they serve. Mary has also been a strong supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Vista, Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and others. She has also been a member of various city commissions and non profit organization's boards.

One of Mary's many achievements that benefitted the community, was her unwavering effort in 2005 to bring the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops to Vista. She headed a collaborative steering committee with Sunrise Kiwanis, Rotary, and the City. Meetings were conducted in San Diego with management of the symphony. There were many obstacles to overcome, but Mary always found a way to succeed in her quest. She would not take no for an answer. Due to her unwavering hard work, the San Diego Symphony did perform at the Moonlight Amphitheater, not just once but annually for several years and as recently 2018. Mary's original idea was inspired by her yearly treks downtown to watch the Summer Pops shows. She brought her idea to fruition and was able to introduce the symphony to Vista families right in their backyard.

Mary has been a successful Vista business owner, and involved in the Real Estate Mortgage community in San Diego County for over 30 years. She is currently working with the senior population and their families to determine if a reverse mortgage is a suitable financial decision. She follows the the C.S. Lewis adage, "You're never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream".



**Melvin Z. "M.Z." Remsburg  
and Everett M. Remsburg  
Melvin 1876-1950  
Everett 1900-1972  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2007**

Melvin Z Remsburg was born in Montezuma, Iowa.

The Remsburg family came to California from Iowa when Melvin was 15. Beginning in 1892, he held positions at several newspapers, including ownership interests. In 1926, he founded The Vista Press and remained there as editor and publisher the rest of his life. The first issues of The Vista Press were printed in San Diego while a 16x32-foot building was constructed in Vista. This work was done by Mr. Remsburg himself with the aid of a carpenter.

M.Z. Remsburg was a member of the Methodist Church for a time; later of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the F&AM. He served three terms as president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the San Diego Unit of California Newspaper Publishers Association. In 1932, he was elected vice president of the San Diego County Development Federation. He was a well-known salon photographer, exhibiting many prints in the San Diego Museum of Fine Art. He held memberships and honorary memberships in numerous lodges, clubs and associations.

Everett M. Remsburg, son of Melvin, was a newspaper man for over 60 years, learning the busi-

ness from his father. Everett served Vista in many capacities. He was the first chief of the Volunteer Fire Department; Chamber of Commerce president for nine years; and helped form the Boys' Club. He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Scottish Rite Masons, a Shriner, member Elks Lodge, and also a De Molay "Dad." He was an honorary member of Vista Kiwanis Club, member of Lions Club, Optimist Club, Exchange Club, High 12, Jaycees, 60-Plus Club, PTA and others. He was a charter member of the Vista Historical Society, Inc. Everett became publisher of The Vista Press in 1950 on the death of his father. He held rank as captain in the California State Guard, and at one time was Commander of the National Reserve Company of Vista. He served six terms as president of the San Diego County Unit of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, and one term as secretary. Everett died on February 28, 1972, at age 71.



**Patricia Hope Richardson  
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2016**

Pat Richardson was born in Maine to Martin John Murphy and Gladys Ethel Stapleford, and lived in Connecticut. She married Rocco Church in 1944, and had two sons. She was divorced in 1952, and moved to Vista the same year. In Vista she married Robert Porter Richardson on December 29, 1953. They had three children. When her children were in school she had several part-time jobs one of which was at Orma's Gifts. She timed her jobs to be home when her children arrived home from school.

During her over 60 years in Vista, she has volunteered at many organizations. Chief among them is the Vista Boys and Girls Club where she is credited with helping keep the cost of membership down by her fundraising and volunteer work. She has also received recog-



dition for her work at Rancho Buena Vista, where she was President of the Friends of the Adobe in 1993-1994. She has also volunteered at other organizations including the Vista Historical Society, Tri-City Hospital, Vista Garden Club, Hand and Foot Club Mondays. She also belongs to the Tuesday Night at the Beach Group whose membership included Claire Schwab, Emily Sexsmith, Eleanor Shinner, Barbara Gross, Cathy Brendel, Carol Lee, Janice Blosch, and Pat. As an interesting side light, Pat related the story that she and her husband picked up Debbie Reynolds and a companion from Oceanside, to take her for a fundraiser for the Mary Lou Clack Therapy Pool in Vista at the Officer's Club in Camp Pendleton. They later returned her to the Oceanside Harbor Motel. She was charming. Pat is known far and wide as a great volunteer.



**Meta Hansen Royer**  
**1909-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1990**

Meta Royer arrived in Vista in 1937 and worked with her husband in the real estate business in the Vista area, with five offices. They also organized the first trash and garbage pickup contract with Vista Sanitation District. She was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years and remembered that the Vista Irrigation District and Chamber were the only governing bodies when she arrived in Vista. The Episcopal Church met in their basement until the church was built.

She recalled the days when Leo Carrillo, a friend of the Royers, would stroll through the town with his silver-studded gauchos and guns in his holsters.



**Emily Dippel Sexsmith**  
**1911-2006**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1992**  
**George Frederick Sexsmith**  
**1908-1991**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2011**

George Sexsmith was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, and came to California in 1912. Before coming to Vista in 1929, he and his father Charles operated a market in Cardiff.

The same year that he and his father opened their market in Vista, George met his future wife, Emily Dippel. They married in 1932.

Sexsmith's Market, which was located at 538 South Santa Fe Ave. in the Granada Building, successfully operated from 1929-1958. It was the first market in Vista to sell frozen foods and canned baby foods, and to operate on the self-service principle.

George was a charter member, first secretary and fourth president of Vista Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary. He was a member of the Vista Volunteer Fire Department and, along with his wife, worked in Civil Defense during World War II as an aircraft observer. He was a director and vice president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce and one of the first three members initiated into Vista Masonic Lodge #687 on May 7, 1945.

Throughout his life, George was known for both his photography and his poetry.

Emily was actively involved in many civic groups, including PEO and the Woman's Club of Vista. She worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Heart and Cancer Associations and American Field Service. She was active in bringing music and art to Vista through such organizations as Hidden Valley Community Concerts.

As supporters of the American Field Service

and visiting International Students Association sponsored by the Vista Rotary Club, and other foreign exchange student projects, George and Emily sponsored many international students. They were members of the Community Church of Vista and the Vista Historical Society.



**Alan Shada**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2000**

For over 50 years, Alan Shada has participated in many organizations and has had a major impact in guiding the direction of the community.

He has been president and director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Board of Realtors, Girls Inc., the Vista Historical Society and Vista Optimist Club.



**Milo Shadle**  
**1923-2001**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1992**

Milo Shadle moved to Vista in 1963 and practiced law here until his retirement in 1977.

He then went into real estate development. He was a past president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, former chairperson of Santa Margarita YMCA, and former director of Palomar Family Service Association. He was listed in Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in American Law.



**Abraham Michel "Abe" Shelhoup**  
**1902-1981**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Based on "A History of Vista"

Abraham and Hayat Shelhoup, who lived in a large Mediterranean style home on a hill overlooking Vista, were both natives of Douma, Lebanon, where Abraham was born January 24, 1902. "Abe", as Vistans knew him, came to this country in 1920 to join his father, Mike Shelhoup, who had come to Brawley, California, some seven years earlier.

With his father he came to Vista in 1928 and they purchased a grocery store and butcher shop located in the Pechstein Building in the 100 block of East Vista Way, just east of Santa Fe Avenue. Adding dry goods, "Abe" and his father continued the operation of this market. The two worked together until 1936 when "Abe" bought his father's interest in the business. "Abe" sold the market in 1938 and established a variety store. In 1941 he opened his well known Department Store at 236 East Vista Way (now 236 Main Street), where he sold only name brand merchandise and took great pride in the fact that he served second and third generation customers of some Vista families.

In 1948, Mr. Shelhoup built the Avo Theatre, where Vistans have enjoyed moving pictures throughout the years. The Avo has seen many civic gatherings also, such as the crownings of Miss Vista and some theatrical showings.

Mike Shelhoup, Abraham's father, died in February of 1955 at age 84. Mrs. Mike Shelhoup died in Lebanon in 1978, having attained the age of 103 years.

Hayat Shelhoup came to America in 1940, having lived for a time in Central America and Mexico.

Abraham and Hayat's son, Kamal, holds a

doctorate in Political Science from Claremont Graduate School, and is also an accomplished aviator. He has been selected to appear in the 13th Edition of Who's Who in California.

Abraham was a member of Vista Lodge No. 687, F&AM, Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego, Scottish Rite Bodies, member and past president of Palomar Shrine Club, Vista High 12 Club, Boys' Club of Vista, Director of San Diego County Red Cross, and Vista Rotary Club.

He was a staunch supporter of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Over the years he worked constantly behind the scenes to make Vista a better place. He donated the 286 trees that line East Vista Way; gave two fountains to the city, one at Vista High School, the other near East Vista Way and Indiana Avenue. He provided eight benches for the downtown area, and tables and benches in Soroptimist Park on North Santa Fe Avenue.

He said he enjoyed doing things for people, and many Christmas baskets were provided to needy families with no recognition being sought. While he shunned office holding, he was a guiding force in the city's development.

In addition to his flawless English, he spoke his native Arabic, Russian, French and Spanish.

Vista would not have been the same without Abraham Shelhoup. Abraham Shelhoup died of a heart attack on Sunday, August 16, 1981. He was 79 years of age.



**John Slivkoff**  
**1891-1984**  
**Elected to Vista**  
**Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2013**

The Slivkoff family was loved and admired by the Vista community for almost seven decades. A Russian immigrant, John arrived in the United States in 1911 with his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

In 1917, he came to Vista with his new wife, Mary, and farmed on land leased from early settler, Jules Jacques Delpy. Along with his own farming endeavors, he helped the Delpys with the experimental growing of avocado trees, a unique and profitable crop that would later make Vista the Avocado Capital of the World.

Mary came to America with her family separately, but when they met they found they had live in Russian towns only a few miles apart. They were married on December 24, 1915, a union that thrived for almost 70 years.

The Slivkoffs had four children, John Jr., James, Sarah, and George, a bomber pilot who was killed during World War II when his plane was shot down over Germany.

Over the years, the Slivkoff family supported, and often participated in, countless worthwhile endeavors in their chosen community.

John worked hard all his life, and enjoyed putting in a full day until late into his 80's. At one point in the early years, he supplemented his farming income by buying a baler and charging \$2.00 a ton as he baled hay throughout North San Diego County.

He said that he was proud of having been able to support his family over all the years, "in good times and bad."

By 1926, he was able to buy his own six and one-half acre ranch at the top of San Clemente Avenue. He built his home and barn himself, and he and Mary lived there for the rest of their lives, greatly enjoying the large family gatherings of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John raised mainly avocados, limes and vegetables. He also was a noted beekeeper for many years, with as many as 60 hives at one time.

Various publications featured photos of the red-flowered trumpet vine that grew completely over the barn and additional out-building on the property. The vine had been planted by their son, George, in 1932, and was a happy reminder of him after his death in World War II.

John Slivkoff was noted for his sense of

humor and good disposition. He had a long, flowing beard for almost a half-century, and said that he won "every beard contest" over the years.

He often came to The Vista Press to visit Publisher Everett Remsburg, until Everett's death in early 1972. The two had been fast friends from the arrival in Vista of Everett and his father, M.Z., in 1926, when they started Vista's first newspaper.

John helped unload and set up the typesetting and printing equipment for the fledgling newspaper, and although he struggled financially in those early years, he refused any pay. M.Z. gave him the only lifetime subscription to The Vista Press in its long history, and John made good use of the gift. He lived until 1984, when he passed away at age 93.

As he retired, John Slivkoff passed along his remaining beehives, with a special blessing, to his grandson, Rex Christensen. With his wife, Pat, Rex has property off Buena Creek Road in Vista and is one of the few remaining beekeepers in North County.



**Doctor John C. Stadden**  
1888-1961  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2022**

Doctor John C. Stadden was born and raised in Union, Nebraska.

After becoming a physician and surgeon he practiced in Nebraska for 20 years.

In 1931 he and his wife Muriel came to Vista, California and began his medical practice as a physician and surgeon here. He practiced medicine until his retirement about 1951. During the late

forties he located his practice in the Hillside Hotel, which he owned, located on Palm Dr.

As well as a doctor, he was active in the community in several capacities, including as a member of The Vista Masonic lodge number 687 and he was also the charter president of the Vista rotary in 1937. He was a great friend to the community.

He lived here in retirement until his death on September 29, 1961.



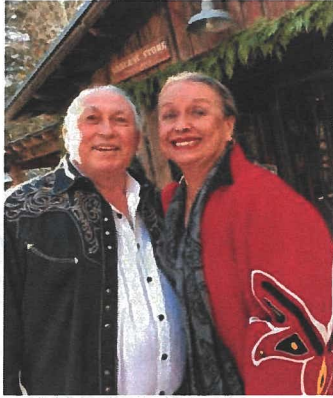
**James W. Sutton**  
1902-1988  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

James W. Sutton, originally from Illinois, served on the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District from March 5, 1935, until February 25, 1947. His 12 years on the Board was the longest tenure of any director in the first 40 years of the District's history. James Sutton was the President of the Board when the Vista Irrigation District purchased Lake Henshaw in 1946. He championed the purchase of the lake, which from that point on, secured a water supply for the growing community of Vista.

Upon Mr. Sutton's retirement in 1947, the Board of Directors issued the following statement: "[We] have seen directors come and directors go, but [we] have never seen a director who gave more unselfishly of his time and thought to District affairs than you have these many years. As the years go by, Vista will enjoy the great benefit and advantage of owning its water system, which you helped to make possible."

James Sutton served on the Palomar College Board of Governors from 1954 to 1966, when he resigned to take a position in San Diego to further his career as an insurance underwriter.

He was also president of the Farm Bureau Center in Vista



**Eplifanio S. Tapia & Virginia R. Tapia  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2022**

Epi and Virginia Tapia are long time Vista residents. Virginia's family settled in Vista in 1935. She has lived in Vista her entire life. Epi's family moved to Vista from Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1953. They are both Vista High School alumni. They will be celebrating 55 years of marriage on September 3, 2022. They own and work at their boutique salon, The Epi Centre Hair Studio, located at 702 Mercantile Street in Vista for the past 25 years. Prior to that they have owned salons in Vista, San Marcos and Ocean-side. They have been Downtown Vista merchants for 45 years. They both were active as board members in the San Diego County Cosmetology Association. Epi was a platform artist and educator for Aveda and Redken corporations and a recipient of several hair styling competition awards. He also was the manager of the May Company Styling Salon opening of El Camino Shopping Center in Carlsbad, California.

Virginia is the operation's business partner and Epi is the Artistic Director of the salon.

The Tapias were heavily involved in community volunteer organizations and over the years they have received many recognitions for their contributions to their beloved City of Vista. They are members of the Vista Historical Society, Friends of Vista Library, supporters of the Avo Playhouse and Moonlight Amphitheater.

Virginia served as Executive of the Vista Chamber of Commerce for 10 years [1989-1999]. She served on the Vista Economic Development Association, North County Tourism Coalition, North County Transportation Coalition, and the North County Chamber of Commerce Association. During

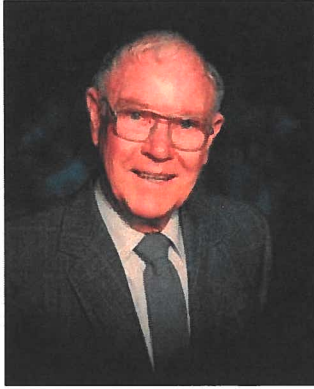
her tenures she received Proclamations from city, federal, state, and county Officials. She was named Vista Woman of the Year by the local press and Woman of Accomplishment by Soroptimist International of San Diego. She is a past member of Children's Home Society, Kiwanis International of Vista, and served on the board of The Vista Community Clinic. She also served as member of the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, chairperson of the Vista Heritage Ball Committee, a member of the Vistans for Vista committee in 1986, and the Save Our City Rally Chair [redevelopment action]. She is a graduate of Vista Leadership 2000 and a graduate of Institutes for Origination Management from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Chamber Management from the University of Stanford.

Epi served on the City's Specific Plan 26 committee and was a board member of the Vista Town Center Association, chairperson of the City of Vista Fireworks, City of Vista Cinco de Mayo Celebration, and the Vista Chili Cook Off. He served on the advisory committee for the purchase of the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, as well as serving on the board of the Boys Club of Vista. He is a graduate of Vista Leadership 2000.

The Tapias were both nominated for Grand Marshals of the Vista Christmas Parade. They have always enthusiastically supported each other's commitments during these years of community service.

Epi and Virginia are humbled by this honor. They continue to love this city and will always support that which contributes to the quality of life of their fellow citizens.

"WE wish to thank everyone who has supported us through the years. Without you we would never have accomplished our endeavors". *VIVA VISTA!*



**William Duncan Taylor**  
**1912-2013**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2012**

William "Bill" Taylor was born June 23, 1912, in Redondo Beach, California, and went to school there. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Idaho.

While at Idaho U he spent three summers working for the U. S. Forest Service. In his last year, he took an 8-hour assembled civil service exam entitled Junior Range Examiner, which led to his career.

Bill spent his working life in various jobs for the Federal Government.

In 1939, he married Mildred Anderson. They are the parents of two children.

In mid-1941, he was assigned as work unit leader to a newly formed Soil Conservation District in San Diego County. His job eventually led, in November, 1948, to a 27-year career in Natural Resource management at Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton.

His initial title was Ranch Manager. The position was fraught with adventure and innovation. The Marine Corps had no rules or precedents governing his duties, and he had to make them up himself.

In 1971, he became the first civilian Director of Natural Resources, following seven colonels who had held the job. There were numerous memorable highlights which made the career an adventure, such as: In the 1960's he was the Commanding General's representative as landlord during construction of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and the 1-5 Freeway through the base, and he received accolades from both agencies for his assistance.

In 1973, he placed a dozen American bison in the Vallecitos, a high meadow area of the base. These were surplus from the San Diego Zoo that no other zoo wanted.

Bill retired from the base on January 15, 1976, but remained active. In 1977, he became a member of the board of directors of the Bueno Colorado Water District, parent of the Vista Irrigation District.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board in 1979, and served there until 1993. Also, he was on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority for six years, ending in 1993. He is a longtime member of the Vista Rotary Club.



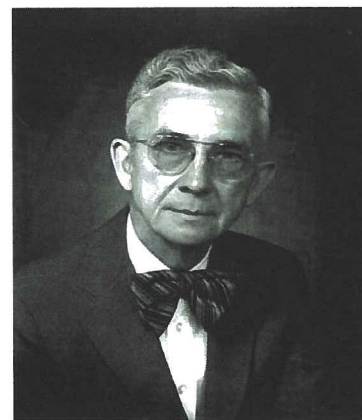
**Russell and Marge Thibodo**  
**Russell 1922-2001**  
**Marge 1925-2017**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1998**

Russell Thibodo's family moved to Vista in 1942, when his father bought the Thibodo Ranch in what became Shadowridge.

In later years, Russell sold most of the land for residential developments and an industrial park. The couple donated acreage and a Spanish-style homestead to the City for what is now tranquil, tree-shaded Thibodo Park.

Russell served on the Tri City Hospital board of directors for 10 years. The couple have been financial supporters of the YMCA, the 4-H Club, Vista Little League and the Boys Club of Vista.

Marge is a founding member of the Vista Foundation, which supports Moonlight Amphitheatre.



**Lloyd Tracy**  
**1921-2008**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1991**

Lloyd Tracy and his wife, Rosalie, came to Vista from Anaheim in 1963 with their children, Barbara and David.

He owned Vista Insurance Agency for many years and was active in civic and church affairs. He also served on the board of directors of the Vista Historical Society and was elected "Man of the Year" by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1977.

Tracy served during World War II with the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> Division, in Italy, Ireland and North Africa. He earned a BBA degree from the School of Business Administration of the University of Minnesota and entered the insurance business in 1951.

A seven-year member of the City of Vista Planning Commission, Tracy was appointed to the City Council in 1973, elected in 1976, and served as mayor from 1976 to 1978. He was later again appointed to the City Council in 1986 to fill a vacancy. He was a charter member and elder of Grace Presbyterian Church; a founding director and later chairman of the North San Diego County Transit Advisory Committee; a member and 1982 president of Community Development Associates; and a director of the Vista Foundation.



**George Tushak  
1919-1993**

**Early Residents Division**

**Francine Tushak  
1927-2013**

**Regular Division**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018**

daughters, to the Vista area in 1957. George devoted the rest of his working career in the real estate industry heading the George Tushak Corporation. He was one of the founders, and a past president of the North County Jewish Community Center, and one of the organizers of the Jewish Cemetery at Eternal Hills.

He was elected to the Vista Unified School District Board in 1967 and served as the Board president in 1969-'70. While serving as a member of the Board he promoted plans for the new High School on Bobier Drive.

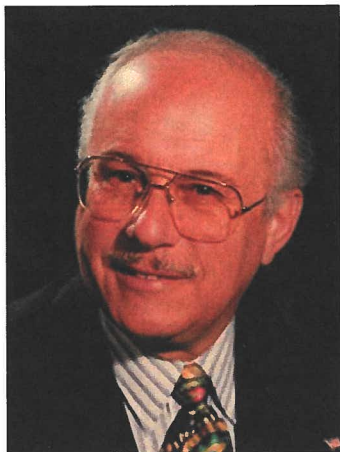
George was a member of Toastmasters International and a sponsor of the North County Community Theatre.

Both George and Francine (1927-2013) were Life Members of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society.

Francine devoted herself to her three daughters while supporting George in all his endeavors. She was a dedicated Girl Scout leader and was active in the Western chapter of United Jewish Federation, hosting fund raisers at the Tushak Ranch. She also was an active member and supporter of Congregation Beth Shalom.

GEORGE TUSHAK (1919-1993), Born in Vienna, Austria, came to the United States in 1941, and to California in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army special intelligence unit as a Richie Boy and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

For several years he owned and operated a large citrus and avocado grove in the Fallbrook area before moving with his wife Francine, and three



**Rocco F. Valluzzi**  
**1938-2006**  
**Regular Division**  
**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018**

Rocco F. Valluzzi was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He joined the USMC out of college and was stationed at NAS Pensacola, Florida for flight training where he earned his wings.

During his thirty year career in the Marines, he earned: Silver Star- awarded for gallantry in action, Vietnam Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 stars, each star is equal to 4 awards-for heroic achievement involving flying in combat Defense Meritorious Service -awarded for service at CINAC in Hawaii

Air Medal W/V and # 85 -awarded for achievement inflight. "V" is while in combat. the #85 is the number of times it was awarded; one medal was equal to 20 combat missions. Therefore 85 awards was more than 1700 missions during his 2 tours in Vietnam.

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation W/V awarded for service, the "V" indicates service was in combat.

Purple Heart with one star - awarded for wounds received while in combat. The gold star National Defense Service - awarded for services to all who are on active duty during a prescribed calendar date indicated second award.

Vietnam Service -awarded for service in Vietnam by the US government. Stars indicate campaigns during which service occurred, based on specific dates.

Vietnamese Campaign -- awarded for service in Vietnam by the Vietnamese government. The date bar 1960 - is incomplete because the government of South Vietnam is no longer in existence.

He flew helicopters, transitioned into OV10S and served as commanding officer of the squadron until he was transferred to CINPAC West in Hawaii. It was during his shift that Russia shot down a Korean 747 air liner. While in Okinawa he transition into the executive jet, flying around Japan and Korea.

Upon retirement Rocco and his family settled in Vista at which time he joined the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He served in several positions as well as president. He then became involved in various city actives.

His life in Vista led to public office where he served one term as a city councilman. Being an advocate for the citizens made his work all the more enjoyable.

While attending Saint Mark's Catholic Church, he served the community as a Eucharist Minister. The home bound as well as the mass community benefitted from his time. When he was young, the house he lived in did not have a yard or garden so moving into their home in Vista a whole new window of his life opened up. He discovered gardening which led to the Vista Botanical Garden in Brengle Terrace Park. Besides working in the garden, he held the office of president, guiding the garden through development.



**Morris Vance**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2008**

Morris Vance came to Vista in 1980 to fill the job of City Manager, a position he held for 17 years until his retirement. He was elected mayor in 2002.

During his tenure, Vance oversaw one of Vista's most explosive periods of growth. Included were the development of the Shadowridge Community and surrounding commercial and residential areas, the Industrial Parks in north and south Vista, North County Square, the remodeling of the city-owned sewer treatment plant area into the Costco facility, and much of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. Vance also has been a volunteer in civic and religious organizations.





**Velia Villasenor-Telles**  
**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

Velia Villasenor-Tellas is a long time resident of Vista and someone who has contributed much to the growth of Vista. She is a wife, mother, and community activist with hundreds of hours of community service to her credit.

Velia and her late husband, Chuy Villasenor, founded the Pepper Tree Frosty in 1960. The food and ice cream fare has been a favorite of Vistans for decades. The Pepper Tree Frosty has become a tradition for Vista High School alum and almost everyone else in Vista. When her husband, Chuy, passed in 1984, Velia continued to make the business a meeting place for Vista residents and continued her extensive community service.

Mrs. Telles' lists of accomplishments include:

Serving as a member of the board of directors for the Vista Community Clinic.

Serving on a steering committee for redevelopment in the City of Vista.

Docent for the Rancho Guajome Adobe.

Docent for the Carlsbad Museum of Making Music.

Volunteer at the San Diego Botanical Gardens in Encinitas.

Velia has always made community service part of her family life. She has been joined in many of her efforts by her children and her second husband, Rey. She has always given back because she loves Vista.

In addition to running a business and serving her community, Velia found time to raise three daughters, Chris, Lydia, & Victoria, and her "favorite "son" Danny. Chris is active with New Haven and Danny with the Boys and Girls Club of Vista. She has also been blessed with 12 grand children and 9 great-grand children.



**Richard E. Vought**  
**1936-2016**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2006**

Richard E. Vought, a management consultant, is a volunteer and civic activist with many organizations, including Vista Chamber of Commerce, Vista Boys and Girls Club, Vista Unified School District, Santa Margarita YMCA, Community Development Associates, Encina Water Pollution Control Facility and North County Recreational Center for the Handicapped.

Vought is known as an organizer for events for the Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club, and others. He also served on the board of directors of many groups. A graduate of Denver University, he is a native of Elyria, Ohio. He moved to Vista about 1970.



**Harry and Cora Walker**

**Harry 1888-1984**

**Cora 1890-1984**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2007**

Harry and Cora Walker arrived in Vista in 1926.

They loved the area and the people and helped to develop the town. They helped to establish the first church, The Community Church of Vista. Harry, known as "Hi," actually built the first church building and parsonage. He and Cora were active in the leadership of the church. They were both active in the total community.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the United Way for many years and was Community Chest chairman for two years. He was a member of the Vista Elementary School Board for five years. He and Cora worked feverishly for the Vista Unified School District by going door to door in Vista and Oceanside to gain approval through a special election. In the early 1940's, Hi was a foreman for building structures at Camp Pendleton.

After the war, he and his first son, Roger, formed the Walker and Walker Construction Company and built the first residential subdivision in Vista. This they did in memory of son, Donald, who was killed during World War II. In 1937, Harry joined the Vista Rotary Club and served in every office except secretary. After being president of the Vista Club, he became District Governor of Rotary Clubs in San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

On July 7, 1976, Vista mayor Lloyd Tracy declared "Hi and Cora Walker Day," celebrating their 50 years in Vista and their 66th wedding anniversary.

They died of natural causes on the same day, January 29, 1984.



**Dr. Walter J. Weil and  
Anastasia Gardiner Weil**

**Walter 1905-1977**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2007**

**Anastasia 1911-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1995**

Walter J. Weil, noted eye physician-surgeon, was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Weil, nee Anastasia Gardiner, was born in Scotland.

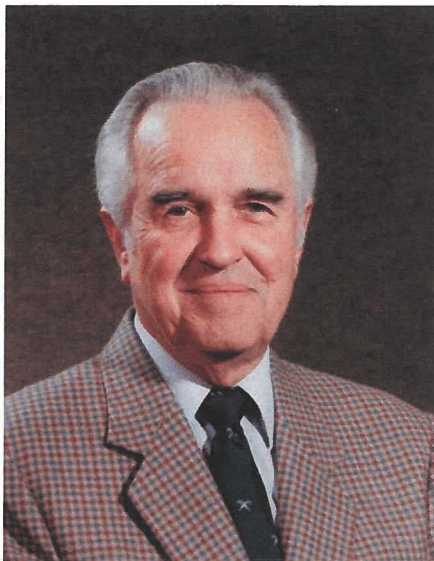
Dr. Weil and Anastasia Gardiner were married in London in 1940.

He opened his eye clinic in Toluca Lake, California, where he practiced for over thirty years. He was on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank and was the first eye surgeon in the San Fernando Valley.

The Weils purchased Rancho Buena Vista from Frederick Reid in 1957. They built a medical center on the property, on Escondido Avenue adjacent to Wildwood Park. The Weils lived at Rancho Buena Vista until 1973, when it was sold for \$100,000.

Dr. Weil, in addition to being proficient in several languages, was a talented musician, playing the piano, violin and guitar. He was a co-founder of Vista Historical Society, and both he and Mrs. Weil were charter directors of the organization.

Anastasia was a dedicated member of the Tri-City Medical Center Foundation. She offered artifacts to Mission San Luis Rey and was also a generous donor to Scripps Memorial Hospital.



**Howard Williams**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2017**  
**1923-2020**

Howard S. Williams was born in Phoenix, Arizona in December 1923. He married his wife Ann in 1946, and together they had one son, Darin. Howard is an Army Air Corps veteran, a 1948 graduate of the University of Southern California, a long-time journalist, and a public relations expert. He had a brilliant career as a newspaper and TV editor, a local Emmy Award winner, and still to this day, a very proud Eagle Scout.

Howard worked at Channel 2, KNXT (now KCBS-TV) in Hollywood in the 1960's and 70's, where he wrote the station editorials for 12 years, and delivered them on the air in 1976. For his TV editorials, Howard won a local Emmy Award as well as six Golden Mike awards. During his journalism career, Howard attended many meetings at the White House and personally met eight different U.S. Presidents: Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan. Howard also met nearly every California Governor from 1960 to 1990.

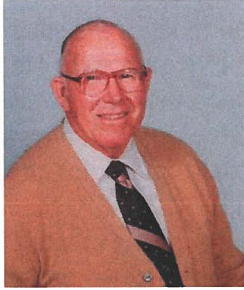
As a strong advocate for openness and transparency in government, Howard and a handful of activists in the newspaper and broadcasting media developed, and

got Governor Reagan to sign, the state's open meeting law, known as the Brown Act. He and another CBS executive founded the California Freedom of Information Committee in 1969, now known as the First Amendment Coalition, which provides a hotline for reporters statewide on First Amendment issues. An offshoot of that group was created called the Bench Bar Media Committee --- and the San Diego County committee still meets, 40 years later.

Howard was instrumental in introducing cameras in court rooms. Cameras were not allowed in courtrooms in 1968 when the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy took place, followed by the trial of Sirhan Sirhan. Working with the judge, Howard ran a project for all three TV networks to put a closed circuit system in the courthouse for the trial. That allowed over 100 reporters in two courtrooms to cover a trial being conducted in a courtroom that seated 50 people. The ban on cameras was lifted in California in 1984, paving the way for cameras in court rooms such as those in the Vista Courthouse. The closed circuit idea promoted by Howard was also used in federal court for terrorist trials in recent years to enable families of 9-11 victims to view portions of the proceedings in Washington and in distant states.

Following his retirement, Howard and Ann relocated from the Los Angeles area to Vista, where they purchased a home in Shadowridge. In 1991, Howard was appointed to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in Division 4, and he continued to serve for nearly 22 years. Howard served as the District's representative on the San Diego County Water Authority Board for 17 years. Howard was also appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to represent the City of Vista on the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee, an appointment he held for over 20 years.

During his 27 years in Vista, Howard has been a tireless and dedicated public servant. Now 92 years old, Howard still lives in Vista, where his public-spirited efforts will be remembered and appreciated far into the future.



**Oliver Kenneth "Bub" Williamson**  
**1907-1985**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2006**

O. K. "Bub" Williamson was one of the original math teachers and athletic coaches at Vista High School. He taught and coached at Vista High, Fallbrook High, and Palomar College for many years.

He was one of the leaders in the construction of Vista Community Center in 1940. He also was involved in the Boys' Club and several other civic and volunteer organizations.

Williamson was born in Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and raised in Bakersfield, California. He joined the Vista school system in 1932 and was a teacher at Vista High School when it opened for its first year in 1937-1938.



**Dale E. Wood**  
**1896-1973**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Dale Wood came to Vista in 1926, as the resident representative of Edwin G. Hart Development Company, which was a major developer of agricultural and commercial properties.

Later, Mr. Wood opened his own real estate business. His success and leadership in the community created a high standard for the real estate business.

He was a member of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors from 1954 to 1973. A resolution in his memory, presented by Hans Doe, follows:

"This board of directors, the Vista Irrigation District, this whole community, all are better by reason of Dale Wood's fine work on this board. Over the years Dale gave

generously of his valuable time. His counsel was sound. His good work helped substantially to make possible the excellent record of the Vista Irrigation District during the past nearly 20 years of his incumbency. Dale was proud of Vista Irrigation District and he had every right so to be, for much of Dale lives and will live in Vista Irrigation District."

Born in Iowa, Wood was a veteran of World War I. He was a charter member of Vista Rotary Club, which was formed in 1936. He was a member of Royal Arch Masons of California, and a member of the American Legion.

Dale Wood died February 21, 1973, survived by wife Gene, son Robert Wood, daughter Shirley Hawkins, and six grandchildren.



**J C Wynne**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2017**

JC Wynne grew up in Vista and currently lives in the house that his parents bought when it was built back in 1969.

His #1 mission in life besides his family has been giving back to his hometown of Vista, especially it's next generations. He has so many titles; friend, coach, facilitator, volunteer and Santa but I call him dad. I may be partial but I'm sure there are more than a few out there who would agree that J.C. Wynne is the definition of Vista Pride. Where to start... From a Vista Pop Warner and Vista American Little League coach to president to board member he helped build these youth sports organizations from the ground up which helped so many young kids in Vista develop discipline, team work and sportsmanship.

He kept dreaming bigger and started the Vista Youth Sports Field Foundation with a group of volunteers funded by donations and helped launch the development of the amazing multiplex sports park off Bobier Drive. When Vista High School football wanted to get game film he facilitated a lift for the end zone. When they desperately needed a new field he reached out to NFL alumni to donate towards the project and even put a V in the end zone.

When Vista City Council announced they didn't have enough money for a Santa Claus to ride the firetruck in the parade he volunteered and has been doing it for the better part of a decade and believe it or not, his only stipulation is that they give each kid a free picture with Santa afterwards.

When the City said they no longer had the funding for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt he gathered volunteers and donations to throw it for them and has been doing so for the last 6 years. He has even been gathering volunteers of late to help finish what the City didn't in getting French Fields up and ready again for spring ball.

His name graces the Honor V in the VHS quad, he was awarded the Have a Heart for Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, he was selected as the 2014 Person of the Year for the City of Vista and even had a day proclaimed J.C. Wynne day by the County of San Diego. He constantly astonishes me because I know that he would do anything to better this City for a simple high five or a smile which is why I think that he should absolutely be in the Vista Hall of Fame because he does it all for our community and not the fame.



**Harold H. Yackey**  
1901-1979

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Following deactivation as a Lieutenant Commander in a Naval Construction Battalion during World War II, Harold Yackey was appointed as Engineer/Manager of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) in May of 1946, shortly after the District purchased Lake Henshaw and Warner Ranch from the San Diego County Water Company.

Mr. Yackey was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a graduate of University of Illinois with additional education at the University of California and Luis Obispo College. His identical twin brother, George, also lived in Vista.

Mr. Yackey took over as Manager of VID in a period when the system was in very poor condition due to shortage of materials for pipeline repairs and replacements during World War II. One of his first tasks was to solve the very high water losses experienced during transit from Lake Henshaw. He solved the problem by lining the siphon sections with cement mortar in the late 1940's. Yackey was also instrumental in the covering of the Vista Flume in the late 1940's, primarily to eliminate the infestation of caddis flies and also as a sanitary protection for the water during transit.

Another important achievement was Yackey's implementation of the well program at Warner Basin, giving the District the ability to pump and put into use groundwater when it became obvious that the surface supply in Lake Henshaw would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the District.

Following his resignation in 1951, Yackey worked for a number of years in the water industry in the Los Angeles-Orange County area before retiring and moving back to Vista.

In 1967, Yackey was appointed to the Board of Directors for Division 1, and he served admirably until his death on June 22, 1979. Yackey's engineering background, his vast experience in pipeline and water matters, and his actions and counsel were most helpful to the progress of the Vista Irrigation District as it emerged from agricultural irrigation to an urban water system. As a member of the Board, Yackey also represented the District on the Santa Margarita-San Luis Rey Watershed Planning Agency.



This is an aerial view of downtown Vista taken in late 1928 when the development of central Vista was under way. The building with the red **B** is known as the bank building. This building opened in September 1928. It is located at the southwest corner of Main Street and South Indiana Ave. It remains to this day. The circle configuration at the right side of the picture is today's location of the New Community Church. The roads running through the hills next to the church are Oceanview Dr. to the south (right) of the church and Eucalyptus Avenue to the north (left). The main road running from left to right through the picture is South Santa Fe Ave. This was one of the main routes from Los Angeles to San Diego at the time. The road running to the east, now called Main Street, was a main east-west road called San Diego Blvd., the Inland Highway or Route 395.



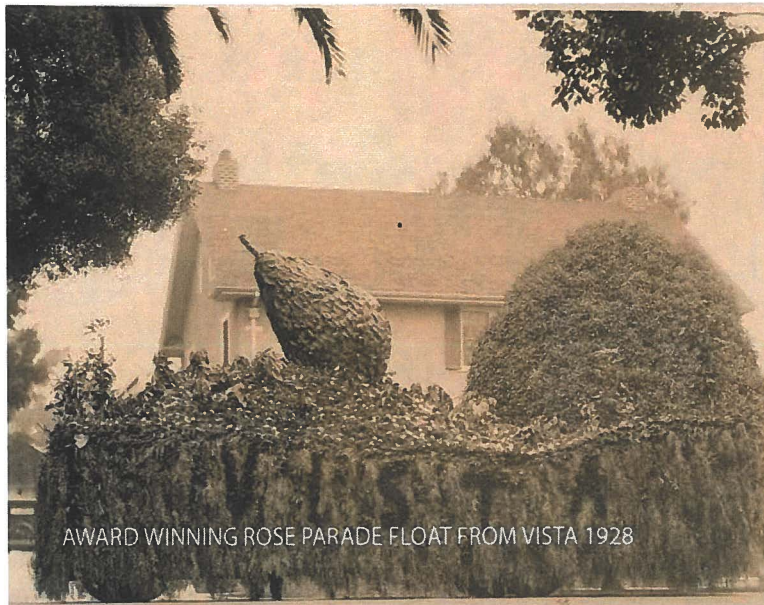
Vista Inn 1912 view across Main Street

The Vista Inn was built in 1912 at the corner of Santa Fe and Main Street where the Wellness Center and Sonic Burger are today. It was located on the Main route in the area from both LA to San Diego, and Riverside to the coast. It was built by the real estate firm that owned what is today downtown Vista. They were in the process of creating lots and a street system to create a downtown that they could sell. Much of their street system including street names and their lot pattern still exist today. They hoped that travelers would stop at the hotel and buy a lot. The building was moved in 1941 to the current site of Union bank and was torn down in 1960.

## Rose Parade

With the introduction of reliable water to Vista in 1926, agricultural production boomed. Vista's production of avocados became so famous in the mid 1920's, that Rose Parade officials requested Vista's participation in the parade. Vista entered floats twice, in 1928 and 1932, winning awards both times.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Horticultural Society sponsored the 1928 float. Calavo, a avocado packing association, and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 1932 entry. This float had Miss Calavo, Marjorie Harmon, riding on it.



1928 Rose Parade Float



1932 Rose Parade Float





Calavo Avocado packing plant 1934-1949. In the 1940's This was the largest Avocado packing plant in the world. It burned down in 1949. It was located in the area of the 100 block of Main Street.



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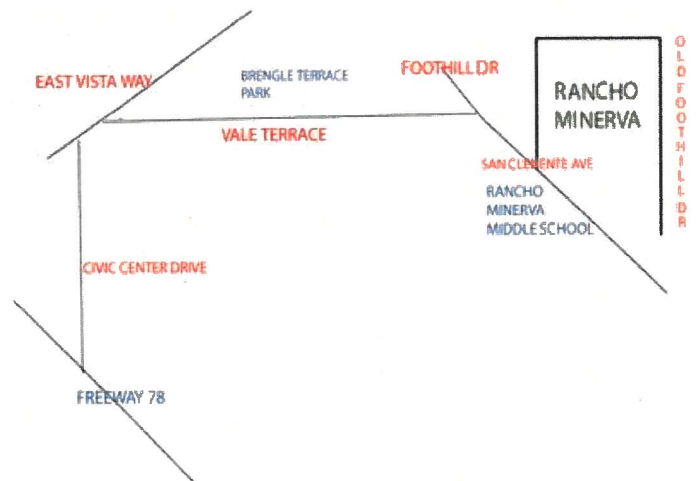
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The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA





**Agenda Item: 10**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SUMMARY: Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority. No action will be required.



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 11.A

**Board Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Soto  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: Directors will present brief reports on meetings and events attended since the last Board meeting.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 11.B**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Lisa Soto**  
**Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**SUMMARY:** The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events. Requests to attend any of the following events should be made during this agenda item.

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
1 *	<b>Vista State of the Community Luncheon</b> <i>Jan. 23, 2023; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Vista Civic Center</i> <i>Registration deadline: Open until full</i>	MacKenzie (R) Miller (R) Vásquez (R) Kuchinsky (R) Sanchez (R)
2 *	<b>Reception for MWD Board Chair Adán Ortega</b> <i>Jan. 26, 2023; 3:00 p.m.; San Diego County Water Authority</i> <i>Deadline: TBD</i>	
3	<b>Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Event</b> “Climate Action for Water: With an Emphasis on Action” <i>Jan. 27, 2023; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Sheraton Fairplex Hotel, Pomona</i> <i>Registration deadline: 1/24/23</i>	
4 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Feb. 2, 2023; Noon-1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
5 *	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer</b> <i>Feb. 8, 2023; 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
6	<b>Grassroots Advocacy and Public Outreach (CSDA)</b> <i>Feb. 14, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
7 *	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Feb. 16, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
8	<b>Urban Water Spring 2023 Conference (Urban Water Institute)</b> <i>Feb. 22-24, 2023; Hilton Palm Springs</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/17/23</i>	
9	<b>Water 101 Workshop + optional 1-day tour (Water Education Foundation)</b> <i>Feb. 23 &amp; 24, 2023 – Sacramento</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	
10 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Mar. 2, 2023; Noon-1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
11	<b>State Water Project &amp; Bay-Delta Tour (Tour dates pending final confirmation)</b> <i>Mar. 2-3, 2023; Begins and ends at the San Diego International Airport</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/1/23</i>	Sanchez (R)
12 *	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer</b> <i>Mar. 8, 2023; 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.; Dimension One Spas, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Lower Colorado River Tour</b> (Water Education Foundation) <i>Mar. 8-10, 2023 – Sacramento</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Intro to Special District Finance for Board Members</b> (CSDA) <i>Mar. 21, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
<b>15</b>	<b>ACWA Legislative Symposium</b> <i>Mar. 23, 2023; Sutter Club, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>16</b>	<b>How and Why Involvement in LAFCO Matters for Special Districts</b> (CSDA) <i>Apr. 4, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
<b>17</b>	<b>State Water Project &amp; Bay-Delta tour</b> <i>Apr. 14-15, 2023; meets and ends at the San Diego airport</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/1/23</i>	
<b>18</b>	<b>Financial Management for Special Districts</b> (CSDA) <i>Apr. 26, 2023; CSDA offices, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>19</b>	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>May 9-11, 2023; Monterey</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Special Districts Legislative Days</b> (CSDA) <i>May 16-17, 2023; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel; Sacramento</i> <i>Early-bird deadline: 4/21/23</i>	
<b>21 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>May 18, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>22 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Aug. 17, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>23</b>	<b>CSDA Annual Conference</b> <i>Aug. 28-31, 2023; Monterey Conference Center</i> <i>Registration deadline: Early-bird deadline: 8/5/23</i>	
<b>24</b>	<b>Effective Meeting Management through Parliamentary Procedure</b> (CSDA) <i>Sept. 12, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>25</b>	<b>Sixth Annual Western Groundwater Congress</b> <i>Sept. 12-14, 2023; Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>26</b>	<b>CALAFCO Annual Conference</b> <i>Oct. 18-20, 2023; Hyatt Regency, Monterey; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Special District Leadership Academy</b> (CSDA) <i>Oct. 22-25, 2023; Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country;</i> <i>Early-bird deadline: 9/22/23</i>	Kuchinsky
<b>28 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Nov. 16, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>29</b>	<b>ACWA Fall Conference</b> <i>Nov. 28-30, 2023; Indian Wells; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>30</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Association Conference</b> <i>Dec. 13-15, 2023; Paris, Las Vegas; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	

\* Non-per diem meeting except when serving as an officer of the organization

The following abbreviations indicate arrangements that have been made by staff:

**R**=Registration; **H**=Hotel; **A**=Airline; **S**=Shuttle; **C**=Car; **T**=Tentative; **◇**=Attendee to Self-Register



**Agenda Item: 12**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

**SUMMARY:** This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

*Staff-generated list of tentative items for future agendas:*

- Abandoned H-Line quitclaim deeds and bill of sale (February)
- AB Line environmental (February)
- Wildfire Resiliency (February)
- 2023 Board meeting calendar (March)
- Rename Edgehill Reservoir after former Director Paul Dorey



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 13

Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023  
Prepared By: Lisa Soto

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.





**Agenda Item: 14**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 15

**Board Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

**SUMMARY:** Discussion concerning real property transactions in compliance with Government Code section 54956.8 regarding:

Real Property Negotiations: 224-260-23, 46  
Property: 50 foot wide Vista Flume easement south of Nutmeg Street  
VID Negotiators: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager and  
Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering  
Negotiating Parties: Nutmeg 134 LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms



**Agenda Item: 17**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Performance evaluation of public employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957.