

## NEWSLETTER

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PACIFIC GROVE

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The purpose of the Heritage Society's Newsletter is to bring the members of the Society up to date on the Society's activities and to encourage more members and new members to participate actively in the work of the Society.

### GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the Heritage Society is scheduled for November 7, 1977, at the Christian Church on Central Avenue. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the agenda is loaded with items from the past, present, and future. This will be an excellent opportunity to introduce prospective members to the Heritage Society. The Historical Research Committee has captured some amusing and enlightening recollections on tape, and the Society is about to undertake a survey of Retreat Area residents. Wendy Howe, along with some dedicated helpers, is completing a city-sponsored survey of old homes—perhaps your home is one of the 500 homes whose architectural significance and historical importance has been cited. Evelyn Butner will present some ideas about commemorative plaques. It appears that it will be the perfect meeting. Your attendance is needed, and you'll have a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Bring a friend.

### HERITAGE HOME

The top news this quarter is that the Heritage Society's efforts have resulted in preserving the Heritage Home on Lighthouse Avenue. In particular, the efforts of Ken Henshaw have finally borne fruit: Bill Snyder has purchased the home for \$1.00, and, with Planning Commission approval, it will be moved out Lighthouse Avenue a mere 4 blocks to Woods Street.

### SURVEY

With the blessing of the City Council, the Heritage Society is about to undertake a survey of the residents in the Retreat Area. The purpose of the survey is to find out how the residents feel about their historical neighborhood and about the alternatives for maintaining its character and charm.

### HISTORICAL SEGMENTS

Pacific Grove's new radio station, KZAZ-FM, would like to present some historical segments on the air. While there is lots of material available for the segments, we need someone to put together a regular show. Perhaps several members could get together to discuss the possibilities. If you're interested, please contact Ron Cobley (375-5762).

### NINA TISTON

A few weeks ago, Pacific Grove was privileged to have a visitor from the West Coast National Trust Office. Nina Tiston was most complimentary of our town: "While many of your cottages would be insignificant alone, as a collection they are unique and irreplaceable." Furthermore, as the West Coast Chautauqua, Pacific Grove's Retreat Area has national significance.

## PICTORIAL HERITAGE

With a grant from the city for \$1000.00, the Heritage Society is working with museum director Vern Yadon to select and reproduce old photographs of Pacific Grove. If you have old photos and wish to avoid commercial exploitation of them, the Society would appreciate the opportunity to make copies of them. This pictorial documentation of our past would add greatly to an increased awareness of our unique beginnings.

### GOSBEY HOUSE

The El Carmelo Hotel has a new owner and is being restored by Roger Post. Among the changes planned is renaming the hotel the Gosbey House. Gosbey, a cobbler, was the original owner of the building. His gift for remodeling is reflected in the numerous additions to the building.