

***From the Desk of President Michelle Polcari***  
***To Friends and Supporters of the Torrance Historical Society,***

It has been a while since we have had much to share as the Covid bugs have decided to extend their visit. It's like the guest that stays a little too long...you don't mind at first, but after the evening goes on you tire, you are ready for them to leave. Covid~ it is **Time to leave.**

However, in 2021 the museum was able to open its doors on a limited schedule. Helping some and engaging with others on Sunday afternoons. Most days the doors remained closed to the public to make sure we were safe for all, but it did not stop the wheels from turning.

With the help of volunteers, a few at a time, with masks and distancing, were able to accept phone calls, help with research, assist those with questions, help educate some and best of all, be there for you! None of which could have happened, without our amazing museum volunteers! **The BEST!!**

For that reason, I want to take the time to name them and thank them publicly...Janet, Debbie, Cleoan, Mike, Tom, Ann, Fern, Marci, Paul, Lynda, Kurt, Mike G., and LeRoy. Without them we would not be able to do all they have done during a year of uncertain times and health. Map projects, archiving, organizing, cleaning, and reorganizing several days a week, so we can be better than ever and safe for you, our members, friends, family, and the public.

I would be remiss to not thank **all** of our members and volunteers who have continued to support us during these times. We thank you and appreciate you! You have hung in there with us anxiously waiting for us to be able to open our doors up fully and safely.

We are now happy to say, we will be able to offer some amazing programs and events for you in 2022.

We have planned a much-anticipated event, on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A partnership with the LA Maritime Museum, it will entail a LA River Presentation with Mr. Rozelle. More info to come, but I can tell you, you will not want to miss it!!!! (Note: limited seating, masks required, doors open at 1:50pm FREE).

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm we will have our much awaited and missed annual tea, Tea at Three for You and Me, will be held again at CHADO's here in Old Torrance. You'll want to be sure to attend and invite all your friends and family to join us. CHADO has wonderful food and a lovely ambiance. In addition, Beth Wilson has agreed to present a program on Tablescapes. **Seriously, you will not want to be left out.** Reservations only through the museum 310-328-5392 cost is \$40.00 per person.

The month of May brings back our free Walking tours, the Fourth Sunday of each month, beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm through October. Feel free to join us! Meet at the museum

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we are honored to continue our reading of the Names on the Wall, in person, at 1pm at the City of Torrance Veterans Memorial. We would love to have you join us in memory of all who have served and those that have fallen. No reservations needed.

As we enter the summer season, we will be watching Covid and the effect of larger crowds. As a result, we have not yet confirmed Rock Around the Block, usually held the third Thursday in July from 5-8pm, but are hopeful we will be able to bring it back this summer. Stay tuned....

Last, but not least, we are also entering into our renewal season. This year's membership drive will offer some amazing opportunities for those that join or renew. This will allow you to be part of an opportunity drawing offering gift cards to some of your favorite spots around town.

Truly hope all are safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

March 2022