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2015 Street Fair Banger Booth

By Joe Ledbetter, OTPA Community Involvement Chair

Ireland Street, formally Irish Street, with its new signage was a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers! Well over two thousand bangers were served, along with over one thousand bottles of water, 50 lbs. of onions, 30 gallons of nacho cheese sauce, 80 gallons of roasted red peppers, and about 400 lbs. of French fries – wow!

A special thanks to all of the last minute OTPA volunteers. Your flexibility and commitment to a good cause is well noted. Thanks to the morning setup crews and evening breakdown crews, the cooks, order takers, banger assemblers & distributors, the brave souls who manned the convection oven in the heat and slathered gallon upon gallon of cheese sauce onto the Irish nachos. They sold like hotcakes.



These diehards worked several shifts at the OTPA Banger Booth. L to R Wendy Bennett, Steve Bennett, Linda Corcoran and Pamela Kaa.

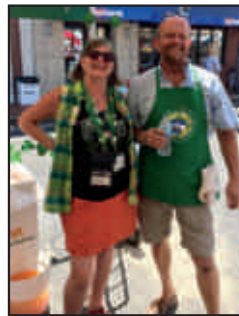
A huge thank you to the students and parents of La Purisima – we could not have done it without you. A ginormous shout out to the Hyndman sisters – Katherine and Monica – you guys are awesome! Thanks Amanda,

Isobela, Isabella, Erica and Audrey, Marcus, Paige, Trevor, Kelly, Fiona, and the rest! Last but not least, a most appreciated thank you to Chapman student Tyler Samano, who put in countless volunteer hours for us.

On behalf of OTPA, I'd like to thank our board (current and past) and our



Board members Carol Craig and Joe Ledbetter



Miss Courtney helps out our extraordinary Banger Booth chair person Joe Ledbetter

members (Courtney, Tim, Cindy, Joseph, Linda, Joan, Pamala, Debbie and all the other familiar faces) for their time and devotion towards the preservation of our neighborhood.

Our ultimate thanks goes to Steve Bennett, without whom our Ethnic Booth at the OISF would not have succeeded this year – thanks Steve! 🍊



Plenty of Homework



by Sandy Quinn, OTPA President

Many of you have watched the transformation of a small school known as Chapman College into nationally ranked and respected Chapman University. Enrollment grew as did the campus, and the growth has impacted the entire Orange community.

With this comes the need to do our homework and address housing, parking, public safety, infra-structure, and other issues. Chapman's expansion plan, called the Specific Plan Amendment 7, was about to undergo Environmental Impact Review and then move on to the City Council. But Chapman's plan generated vocal opposition, and residents were picking sides and protesting at City Council meetings.

OTPA filed a four-page letter of opposition with the City.

Many began to ask, is Orange *a town with a college, or a college town?* Good question!

In the interest of resolving issues, OTPA met with President Jim Doti and Chancellor Daniele Struppa. We proposed a "time out" on the expansion plan, and the appointment of a small, workable, well-balanced Community Advisory Committee. We also urged they make student housing a priority. They agreed, and immediately withdrew the expansion plan.

OTPA has been invited to serve on the Advisory Committee, and we'll be at every meeting.

To put it in academic terms, your OTPA asked Chapman to do its homework by listening to the community and working out ways to resolve each issue. I am confident President Doti and Chancellor Struppa want to work with OTPA and others for improved collaboration and communication between the school and the community. We both have plenty of homework to do.

As President Jim Doti put it so well, "We're all in this together." 🍊

UPDATE: WHAT'S GOING ON IN OLD TOWNE

by Jeff Frankel, OTPA Preservation Chair

Your OTPA is involved in several matters of concern to our members and, indeed, all residents of Old Towne. Here's an update on several current projects:

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT:

University President Jim Doti and Chancellor Daniele Struppa met with OTPA President Sandy Quinn, OTPA VP Tony Trabucco, OTPA's Chapman Liaison Bob Hitchcock, and me to discuss the growing concern over the plan's community impact. It was an excellent meeting. We asked and they agreed to withdraw Chapman's expansion plan and to create a community advisory committee to provide the school with direct input. That is underway and we are encouraged that university leadership is listening to our concerns.

URTH CAFFE:

We continue to consult with the architects on restoring this historic two-story building that housed law offices in the southwest corner of the Plaza, next to Starbucks. They're planning to bring back the original exterior, first built as a one story in the late 1800s, and to offer patio seating in the alley between Starbucks and the Urth Caffe.

JASON'S BY THE CIRCLE:

This new restaurant replacing Ways and Means at Shaffer and Chapman has officially opened and serves lunch and dinner. We're pleased to have consulted with Chef Jason as he worked to properly replace the former occupant, Ways and Means.

KILLIFER SCHOOL:

I appeared before the City's Design Review Committee to voice OTPA opposition to the developer's plans to add new buildings next to this

80-year-old elementary school to create a 285-bed student housing project. Although the developer would rehab the historic building, the infill build-out would completely obscure the historic school structure. Through OPTA efforts, the building was saved from demolition last year and is now listed as a State and National Historic Site. We are not opposed to the property being used for student housing but feel the design should be such that the historic values of Killifer school can be maintained and appreciated. This can be accomplished with fewer units and less height.

WATSON'S DRUGS AND SODA FOUNDATION:

We miss seeing neighbors at this landmark eatery, but new owner Billy Skeffington, who also owns Rockwell's in Villa Park, has consulted us on his plans to restore the exterior and completely redo the interior. Opening is planned for late October. Check out the window signage with views of the building since the late 1880s. Scott Parker's not going away. He's at Walgreen's at Tustin and Chapman and will return to Watson's after reopening for appearances. Not a member? Go to OTPA.org and join now. Stay up to date on Old Towne Orange news by signing up for our One-Minute Updates 🍊



OTPA's Holiday Decorating Contest Returns

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Ok, but how about your holiday light decoration planning? Get going because OTPA plans to award the best and brightest again this year. Carolers from Orange High School will again spread cheer up and down the winning block! The judging panel will be roving your streets, looking for exceptional holiday light decorations, on the evening of Sunday, December 13th.



The categories are:

Most Original • Most Old Fashioned • Most Beautiful
Best Use of Lights • Honorable Mention • Best Block



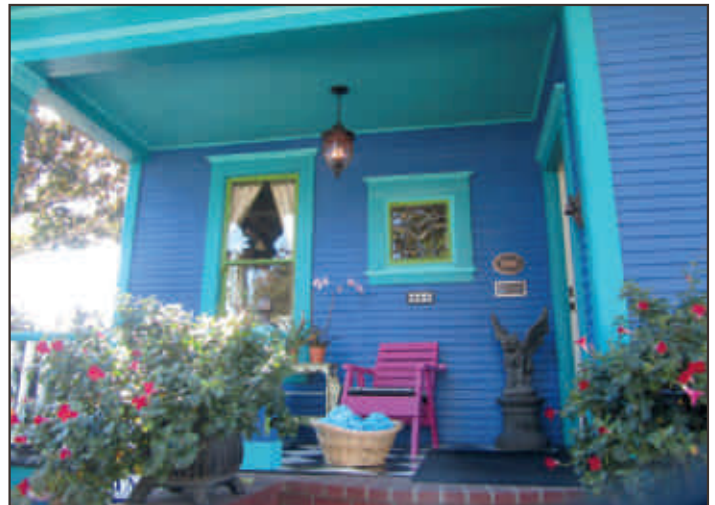
2015 Historic Home Tour

Saturday & Sunday, November 7th & 8th • 10am to 4pm

OTPA proudly presents our biennial historic home tour in Old Towne Orange. Visitors are invited to get a taste of Orange's past and see what makes this quaint historic district such a great place to live, as well as a favorite tourist destination. This year, the gracious owners of six beautiful homes will open their doors to friends, both new and familiar.

The self-guided walking tour, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will begin at the Orange Library, located at 407 E. Chapman Avenue (between Shaffer and Grand) in Orange. Parking is available at the library parking lot, side streets, and city lots. A trolley, provided by Al Ricci Realty, is also available to all visitors.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.otpa.org or by mail. To purchase by mail, send your check, made payable to OTPA, to: P. O. Box 828, Orange CA 92856.



Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to act as a home tour docent and receive a complimentary home tour ticket for your time, please contact us at info@otpa.org 🍊



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OTPA's Sneak Peak of Chapman University's Musco Center for the Arts

Saturday, November 21 • Chapman University

Mark your calendars for OTPA's final General Meeting, Saturday, November 21.

OTPA members will be among the first to tour the new Musco Center for the Arts on a tour led by Kris Olsen, Vice President of Campus Planning. Afterward, a reception and refreshments will be served in the Fish Interfaith Center.



Please Welcome OTPA's Newest Members

Jean Slater

Philip Disbrey

Megan Henderson

Jim & Pat Hetherington

Rosemary Sieve

Teri Lepe