

# Model Colony News



1st Quarter 2016



## Heritage Events

### 2016 Upcoming Events:

**January 6**—Monthly Board Meeting

**January 31**—1st Quarter Meeting & Dinner Potluck with guest speaker, Richard Roybal, Jr. owner of On Tap Barbershop. He will share the history of barbering and demonstrate a traditional hot towel shave.

**February 3**—Monthly Board Meeting

**March 9**—Monthly Board Meeting

**March 19**—Ontario Heritage's annual walking tour will be of historic downtown Ontario and Euclid Avenue. Meet at the Ontario Museum of History & Art 225 S. Euclid Ave. Tour begins at 10:00 am. Morning of event tickets will be sold beginning at 9:30 am in the Museum parking lot. Pre-sale tickets are the same prices and are now available at Logan's Candy Store 125 West B Street Ontario, Graber Olive House 315 E. 4th Street Ontario and on our Website ([www.ontarioheritage.org](http://www.ontarioheritage.org)). Ticket Prices: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members; Ages 12 and under are free.

**April 6**—Monthly Board Meeting

**April 24**—2nd Quarter Meeting & Dinner Potluck to be held at Chaffey Community Museum of Art, 217 S. Lemon Ave, Ontario. To help celebrate CCMA's 75th anniversary two volunteer actors who are also Ontario Heritage Board members, Joe Caskey and Barbara Hertz Chamberlain will do portrayals of CCMA founders Francis and Helen Line.

**May 3**—Annual Model Colony Awards Event (tentative date) to be held during the City Council Meeting

**May 4**—Monthly Board Meeting

**May 14**—1st Annual "Celebrate Heritage at the Square" from 3 pm to 7 pm in Ontario Town Square. Go to <http://www.ontarioca.gov/heritageday> for details and rules! Free event!

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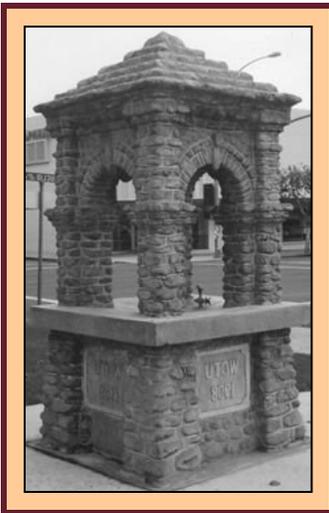
If you would like to volunteer your time at our events, please contact us at: 909.984.6558 or email us at: [voluteers@ontarioheritage.org](mailto:voluteers@ontarioheritage.org)

## Heritage Corner

**We would like to thank Barbara Hertz Chamberlain, Ontario Heritage Board member and local volunteer actor who submitted the following article for this quarter's newsletter.**

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was one of the most influential of the various movements calling for the abolition of alcohol in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

With the tragic Civil War over in America (1861-1865), the problems of alcohol addiction loomed even greater with many returning soldiers coming home firmly entrenched in drinking habits. Temperance was a popular issue for nineteenth-century reform women right here in America. Temperance reformers sought to limit the consumption of alcohol by Americans.



In 1874 the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was founded, under the leadership of Frances Willard. At one time, it united 150,000 dues-paying members. Although its focus was on temperance, under the leadership of Willard, the WCTU advocated a variety of social reforms, including property and custody rights for women, women's suffrage, raising the age of consensual sex, peace arbitration, women's education, and advocacy for working rights of women.

As the WTCU spread from Coast to Coast, a call went out from May Gould of Los Angeles for Frances Willard to organize in Southern California. On September 20 and 21, 1883, the first State Convention was called and the WTCU of Southern California was organized at the First Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Fort (now Broadway) Streets, Los Angeles.

This issue resonated with many women because alcohol consumption often increased the frequency and severity of domestic violence and abuse. Women and children were especially affected as there was no provision for public social welfare at the time. In addition, laboring men were paid daily and in far too many instances, stopped at saloons before going home and squandered limited household finances on alcohol. The result was poverty and need in many American homes.

Women, formerly always in the background and serving as wives, homemakers, and mothers were seen taking to the streets as lines of them marched to neighborhood saloons, singing hymns as they marched. Upon their arrival at a bar, they would typically petition the bar owner to cease his business, accompanied by hymns and prayers. The results were outstanding as tavern after tavern closed.

However, beginning around 1898 with the death of Willard, the WTCU lost some of its steam. Leadership of the Prohibition Movement was taken over by the male-dominated Anti-Saloon League. Still, the WTCU was certainly instrumental in paving the way for the passage of the 18th Amendment in 1919, which prohibited the sale of alcohol nationwide, the beginning of Prohibition.

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The ladies also realized that thirsty men, in an age before bottled water and public drinking fountains, might slip into a saloon to get a drink of water and then be tempted to drink something stronger. The WCTU therefore funded the construction of public drinking fountains in cities throughout the U.S. There were approximately 30 fountains throughout the U.S. and Internationally, with Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Canada and Sweden to name a few. The earliest fountain we could find was erected in 1886. There are local fountains in Chino, Beaumont, Glendora, Riverside, Orange, Long Beach, San Jacinto, Gardena and Fowler, San Diego and of course here in Ontario, California.

The fountain in Ontario (see picture on page 2 and below) was dedicated on July 4, 1908. One of those dedicated Temperance women was our own Mrs. Frances Oakley who proudly served as the Recording Secretary in the Ontario chapter formed in 1887 which started with 23 members. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley built a home in 1887 on Euclid Avenue that still stands today. The ladies of the local chapter of the WTCU declared during its dedication that it was “(a) drinking fountain where only pure, sparkling water can be had at any time by the thirsty one.” It was moved to its current spot in 1975 and still provides quenching water to thirsty ones.

The Southern California Local chapters of the WTCU have participated with floats in several Rose Parades in Pasadena as early as 1920 and 1927. Plus they had a booth at the L.A. County Fair in Pomona in 1963. They have also provided homes in Highland Park that was a WCTU Home for women and a WCTU Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Home Center in 1924 in San Diego. Their headquarters today is located at 551 S. Kingsley Drive in Los Angeles and they are still very active in their cause.



The WTCU fountain in Ontario was originally located on the corner directly in front of the Citizen's Bank (Northwest corner of Euclid Avenue and Holt Blvd.) After a citizen was “squashed” against the fountain by an erring motorist, the fountain was moved about 1916 to John Galvan Park. In 1975 it was moved back to its present location.

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## Other News & Information



October 10, 2015

Annual Historic Cemetery Tour at Bellevue Memorial Park  
Cherry Dobbs, Barbara Hertz Chamberlain, Randy Inlow, Kurt  
Berntsen, and Joe Caskey.



Barbara portrayed Mrs. Frances Oakley who proudly served as the Recording Secretary in the Ontario chapter of the WTCU formed in 1887.

Frances was married to Herbert C. Oakley, a local fruit grower. In 1891 Herbert died and was buried in Pomona. His sons along with Charles E. Harwood founded the Ontario Cemetery Association that same year. They set aside 10 acres of land near Mountain Ave and G Street and moved Herbert over to Bellevue Memorial Park which Frances named after the beautiful street she and Herbert lived on in Canada.

Ontario Heritage will hold its 7th Annual Historic Cemetery Tour on October 8, 2016.

### Board Members

**Petrina Delman, President**

**Richard Delman, Vice President**

**Randi Campbell, Treasurer**

**Louise Melton, Secretary**

**Barbara Hertz Chamberlain**

**Randy Del Turco**

**Joe Caskey**

**Associate Board Member: Rita Nelsen**

**Webmaster: Joe Caskey**

**Diane Ayala, Ex-Officio**

**Debra Porada, City Council Liaison**

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## 2016 Ontario Heritage Membership

We are an all volunteer local non-profit organization and we need you! Is the ongoing process of preserving our historic downtown important to you? Or learning about the rich history of the Model Colony? Our Mission Statement is “Preserving, Protecting and Promoting Our Model Colony” not only for us but for our future generations. Having historic home tours, annual historic cemetery tours, being present at local events are all part of pursuing our mission and making the public more aware of our purpose. It’s an important goal but who says we can’t have fun pursuing it! If you are already a member of Ontario Heritage, we sincerely thank you! If you’re not yet a member, please consider joining us on this journey. Not only will you become more aware and knowledgeable of Ontario’s past history, you will be inspired to walk with us as we go forward in “Preserving, Protecting and Promoting Our Model Colony.”

### Benefits of Membership:

- 1 Participation in Ontario Heritage events such as Home Tours, Annual Historic Cemetery Tours, potlucks, local community events, historic and educational programs.
2. Discounts to events
3. E-mail Newsletters
4. Advocacy for preservation of our historical environment and cultural heritage.
5. Access to information concerning restoration and renovation.
6. The knowledge that you are part of the effort to protect, preserve and promote the Model Colony



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### Ontario Heritage Membership Form (December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### \* Required Information

#### Membership Categories (For the 2015 Calendar Year)

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|---|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Individual        | \$25.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> Senior (62 years) | \$15.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> Family            | \$40.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> Family-Senior     | \$30.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> Corporate         | \$250.00 |

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### I am interested in:

- E-mail Alert Network
- Volunteering at Events
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with Your Check Payable To: Ontario Heritage  
P.O. Box 1, Ontario, CA 91762  
or sign up at: [ontarioheritage.org](http://ontarioheritage.org)

In an effort to keep dues low, most communication will be via email, so providing us your email address is vital.