

"DID YOU KNOW?"

That the Carlsbad Hotel was built at a cost of \$500,000 -- an astronomical amount for a hotel in that day.

That it was a landmark between San Diego and Los Angeles?

In its heyday it was quite a spot for honeymooners; and famous people like John Wayne, Charlie Chaplin, Myrna Loy, Jack Benny and many others frequently visited during the races at Del Mar.

Any social event of importance was held here-- Military Balls, dancing every Saturday night in what is now the Chapel, Fashion Shows at Social Luncheons, and the Fiesta Queens were chosen here. A famous chef from the Waldorf Astoria in New York came here in 1946.

In 1952 the freeway was moved one mile east from the front of the hotel where 4,000 cars daily passed the front door--and then it dropped to 1,000 cars.

Over the years, and before the hotel knew many owners, some cared and some did not--and the hotel kept losing stature year by year. It was in sad need of repair when it was rescued by LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES in 1957. Only seven residents resided here at first. The building is in fine shape today; and in a decorative way, the building still maintains that aristocratic Spanish air.

INTERESTING FACTS:

The average age of all California Lutheran Homes' Residents is 82.

Approximately 18% of all California Lutheran Homes' Residents are Lutherans (25% at Carlsbad By The Sea).

Walnut Manor of Anaheim has the largest percentage of male Residents. Carlsbad is in second place.

The full and part time employees total over 400 at all our facilities.

Our Auxiliary coordinates the work of 325 volunteers and over 20,500 hours were served in 1981.

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