



57th Reunion '57

Now Hear This - 3, October, 2013 . . .

A Word from our Chairman!

For our third "Now Hear This" bulletin we'll be discussing our Enchanted Island of Coronado. Just to refresh your minds, our past bulletins have covered the Coronado Marriott Resort, the 4-Star, par 72 Golf Course, and San Diego History and Attractions. This will complete our coverage of the planned 57Reunion57.

After a brief history of Coronado on page 2, we give you a list of the attractions you can visit while here.



join us in our weather paradise. 1 November is our target date for having the 57Reunion57 Mailer in your hands. This will include your Registration Packet. I encourage you to take early action on Coronado Marriott reservations, and the mailing of your registration info.

The most famous of them is the Hotel Del Coronado which is covered on page 4.

The Fall Season is a great time to

57Reunion57 --- Definitely the place to be 13 -17 October 2014!!

Dick Madouse . . . \$

Event Highlights!

SAN DIEGO BAY CRUISE

One of the highlights of the 47.5 Reunion was an evening dinner cruise on San Diego Bay aboard a



Hornblower Cruise Company boat. For Reunion 57 we plan to do it again, but this time there will be a three hour luncheon cruise. It will be

a lot easier to see the sights of San Diego during the daylight rather than at night. Using their boat Adventure, we will board at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort pier, cruise under the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, pass by the Navy ships at Naval Station San Diego, then past the USS Midway and out toward the entrance to the Bay. All the while there will be a delicious buffet to enjoy as well as your favorite beverages. The boat will then debark us at the Marriott pier.

USS MIDWAY TOUR

Exhibits range from the crew's sleeping quarters to a massive galley, engine room, the ship's brig, officer's country, machine shops, and pilots' ready rooms, as well as primary flight control and the bridge high in the island over the flight deck. Especially popular are the museum docents you'll meet throughout the ship. Each is eager to share a personal story, an anecdote, or amazing statistic, adding to your amazement throughout your adventure.



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A Brief History of Coronado! *

A TOWN STEEPED IN HISTORY.

Coronado was named for the Coronado Islands off the coast of San Diego. They were first sighted on November 8, 1602 by the Spanish navigator Vizcaino. He named them "Los Coronados" or "the crowned ones" for four martyred saints of ancient Rome whose death had been on that day.

Once a flat, treeless landmass in the middle of the bay separating San Diego from the Pacific Ocean, Coronado attracted indigenous people gathering food sources, fishing and hunting jackrabbits and quail. But things changed in 1886 when visionary investors from the Midwest saw the potential of the scrubby "island". Elisha Babcock and Hampton Story began building a seaside resort com-



Historic Del Coronado

munity. Their syndicate held a land auction and eventually amassed a huge profit, which would be used to build a dream resort they hoped would be the "talk of the Western world" - the Del!!

THE HOTEL DEL CORONADO

The first official guests were re-

ceived in 1888. Built entirely of wood and completed at a cost of \$1 Million, the Hotel Del Coronado is one of the last remaining Victorian seaside resorts, designed in the Queen Anne Revival style, with its whimsical turrets and asymmetrical design.

TENT CITY

In 1892, John D. Spreckels bought



Tent City

out the original investors and, when times became bad, he established an alternative resort called Tent City down the Strand. Tent City appealed to the emerging middle class who could not afford the Del and flocked to the make-shift city of tents where they could enjoy bathing facilities, sailing, and other beachside activities. Tent City flourished until 1939.

NORTH ISLAND



North Island NAS

Spreckels sold "North Island" to the U.S. Government in 1917, and



Naval Amphibious Base

since then the U.S. Army, Marines and now the Navy have made it home. North Island was the site for the first seaplane flight, the first mid-air refueling and the first non-stop transcontinental flight.

THE BRIDGE

The relaxed Coronado way of life changed forever in 1969 when the bridge to San Diego opened and replaced the automobile ferries. In



The Old Car Ferries

1972 the first of the ten Coronado Shores Towers was completed, forever changing the skyline along the beach.

* Extracted from the Coronado's Visitor's Guide and the Chamber of Commerce History of Coronado.



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Coronado Attractions!

HOTEL DEL CORONADO

See page 4 for details.

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART *

Explore Coronado's fascinating past at the museum, with galleries



showcasing Coronado's early development, including the history of the Del and Tent City and the role of the military.

SPRECKELS PARK

Centrally located in Coronado, Spreckels Park covers eight acres and features a playground, gazebo, and picnic tables. The central gazebo



bandstand is the site of the Coronado Summer Concert Series. The park is host to the Annual Flower Show, Art-in-the-Park and other community activities throughout the year. It was donated by and named after one of Coronado's city fathers J.D. Spreckels in 1927.

CORONADO FERRY LANDING *

Enjoy a wide selection of specialty shops, galleries and restaurants with fabulous views of downtown San Diego. There is also a bayfront bike path, sandy beach and fishing pier.



Catch the passenger ferry for the 20-minute ride across the bay to San Diego's waterfront attractions.

THE WIZARD OF OZ **

The charming yellow house below is where L Frank Baum wrote several Oz books: Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz, The Emerald City of Oz, The



Road to Oz and parts of The Marvelous Land of Oz. From the sidewalk, you can spot the face of the Wicked Witch peering out from the side of the house.

BEACHES *

The Pacific Ocean meets the Coronado peninsula along a wide, flat beach with gentle, inviting surf. Consistently rated as one of the best beaches in the world for families, in 2012 this Coronado Beach was rated

#1 in the United States. In the early morning you may see Navy SEALs working out and in the evening



watch spectacular sunsets as sailboats return and cruise ships depart San Diego Bay.

SHOPPING AND DINING *

Once you arrive in Coronado you'll have plenty of opportunity for recreational shopping. The town has over 100 shops and boutiques scattered along Orange Avenue, at the Ferry Landing, and in the Hotel Del



Coronado. From jewelry to fashion to local art and Coronado souvenirs, you'll want to take home a reminder of your trip to the enchanted island. Your hardest decision will be where to eat, since Coronado has over 70 cafes and restaurants to choose from. You'll find fresh seafood, California cuisine and ethnic fare; many offer outdoor dining for you to enjoy Coronado's enviable weather.

[* From the Coronado's Visitor's Guide
** From The San Diego Blog]



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The Crown Jewel!

With its iconic red turrets piercing an azure California skyline, Hotel del Coronado radiates with a confidence of gracious Victorian splendor that is without equal.

Built in 1888, this classic beachfront respite near San Diego, California

has long been heralded as one of America's most beautiful beach resorts, a pronouncement underscored by its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1977.

The quintessential San Diego vacation destination, Hotel del Coronado



escape, thus, making The Del the number-one wedding destination in America as rated by The Travel Channel. And when it comes to business, few hotels or conference centers can match the unique surroundings that frame the more than

65,000-square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting and exhibition space.

[Source of text: Hoteldel.com; Source of photo: Gerry Sedor (4th Co)]

offers something for everyone. For families, the Del is the idyllic locale for those who yearn for a memorable vacation getaway. For couples, the resort's enchanting island setting and classic architecture form the perfect backdrop for a romantic

Seeing the Attractions in the Crown City!

1. The Coronado Bridge: Visible from the Marriott Resort

2. The Ferry Landing: A short walk from the Marriott Resort

3. Orange Avenue sights: A trip by car, trolley or bus up from the Ferry Landing to the Hotel Del Coronado - offers views of Spreckels Park, the Coronado Museum of History and Art and many of the shops and restaurants along the Avenue. Once at the Del, you can also take in the fabulous Coronado Beach.

4. North Island NAS: U.S. Navy facilities are open to car and foot traffic with the proper ID.

5. The Hotel Del Coronado Tour: Volunteer docents from the Coronado Historical Association lead tours through the historic Hotel. Tours start at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays through Friday.

6. Coronado Heritage Walk: This promenade through the past departs from the lobby of the Museum of History and Art Wednesdays at 1030 hours. Learn about Coronado's famous buildings and residents.



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The Marriott Resort & Spa!

Just to refresh your mind, here are a few photos of the Marriott's spacious, hospitable and totally enjoyable facilities. Keep these in mind as you fill in your Registration package for 57Reunion57!

