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History of the San Dimas Card Club 1910 - 1958

The San Dimas Card Club was organized on Friday evening September 12, 1910. A group of ten couples met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor and decided to start an evening club to promote social life in the little community and to assist newcomers in getting acquainted.

The original members were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Hart, John P. Roberts, Oliver S. Tillman, George L. Yarbrough, Frank H. Taylor, Fred W. Potts, Frank H. Harwood, W.B. Ames, J.C. Strader and Lucien S. Taylor. At this time, John P. Roberts was elected president and Mrs. Lucien Taylor secretary. It was decided that the game to be played would be "Five Hundred," meetings were to be held on the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month from October to June inclusive. The meetings were to be held at the homes of the various members and light refreshments would be served after the games.

During the first year Mr. and Mrs. John P. Roberts moved to Hollywood and Elmer W. Hart was chosen to take his place as president.

The following year, 1911, the membership was increased with the addition of Mr. and Mrs. George Platt, John P. Campbell Sr., Harry E. Walker, Charley Winston and Dr. and Mrs. A.R. Brown.

It is interesting to note that at this time the only other community organization, except for the churches, was the Wednesday Afternoon Club. For a number of years following its organization, the club continued to play "Five Hundred" despite the fact that "Auction Bridge" had become the popular game. However, in 1923 the club finally voted to abandon "Five Hundred" and join the "Auction Bridge" fraternity. Time marched on and by 1925 the club had a membership of sixty eight (68) which was more than could be comfortably entertained in a home. It was at this time, after a great deal of thought and discussion, that a new policy was decided upon.

The club would become a dinner club and would meet on the first Thursday evening of each month at the Mountain Meadows Country Club. There had been doubt in the minds of some members as to the advisability of this change but it wasn't long until it was realized that the solution had been a happy one.

Suddenly there was a touch of glamour that just hadn't been there until now! Ladies wore their most lovely gowns and the men donned tuxedos for these events. Needless to say it was like a "shot in the arm" to the club.

Mountain Meadows Country Club went all out to please and the years the club met there were delightful ones. After ten years at the Club, however, the dining service was closed and it was necessary to find a new location. Consequently, for about a year each group of hosts and hostesses chose the meeting place of their choice. These included the "Los Serranos Country Club," "the Stuart Inn," "Fuller's Rancho" and "Claremont Inn."

The following year the club decided to hold all of its meetings at the "Claremont Inn." This was a very pleasant and satisfactory choice to everyone concerned.

There were several years when some of the members felt they would like to change the game over to "Contract Bridge" while others wanted the club to remain just as it was. However,

in 1953 the club voted to give "Contract" a trial, at the same time providing at least two tables for those who preferred to play "Canasta." And now, after about five years, this is still proving to be very satisfactory.

This club is truly unique in that its members include, not only the young, but those "not so young." However they all have so much of interest in common that enthusiasm never seems to wane.

The club is now forty-eight years old and we all are looking forward to the celebration of its Golden Jubilee in 1960.

Genevieve R. Walker
January 1958

January 1958 – San Dimas Bridge Club Membership

Edward Anderson's	Robert Jensen's
Mrs. D.G. Arbuthnot	Merton Johnson's
Laurence Burke's	Frederick Kennedy's
L.E. Belknap's	Owen Lewis'
H.E. Bender's	J.J. Maechtlen's
J.P. Campbell's	Miss Moore
Harold Caldwell's	Stanley Plummer's
Walker Down's	Neville Rowbotham's
Eric DeMoulin's	Paul Spencer's
Donald Drummond's	Wm. Temple's
Mrs. Ferguson	J.O. Tillman's
W.G. Field's	W.B. Tangeman's
Mrs. Fred Gaul	S.D. Thomason's
G.F. Harbin's	Dallas Walker's
Mrs. Arch Hayes	W.F. Hathaway's

Total - 55

The Harry Walkers are honorary members

Notes:

The original members living today are:

Mr. John P. Roberts – Hollywood
Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor – Pomona
Mrs. Frank Taylor – San Dimas
Mrs. Frank H. Harwood – Santa Paula
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Walker – San Dimas

The membership of this club has included more than 200 different people through the years and those who held membership longer than any other couple is Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Walker. This couple were members for forty-four years, from 1911 until 1955.

History of the San Dimas Card Club 1910 – 1958

The San Dimas Card Club was organized on Friday evening September 12, 1910 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor. Ten couples were present and it was decided to start an evening club to promote neighborhood sociability and assist new-comers in San Dimas to get better acquainted.

The original members were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Hart, John P. Roberts, Oliver S. Tillman, George L. Yarbrough, Frank H. Taylor, Fred W. Potts, W.B. Ames, Frank H. Harwood, J.C. Strader and Lucien S. Taylor.

Mr. John P. Roberts was elected president and Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor secretary.

“Five Hundred” was the game to be played, the meetings were to be held at the various homes of members on the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month from October to June inclusive. Light refreshments to be served after the game.

During the first year Mr. and Mrs. John P. Roberts moved to Hollywood and Elmer W. Hart was chosen to take his place as president.

The next year, in 1911, the membership was increased with the addition of Dr. and Mrs. A.R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Platt, John P. Campbell Sr., Harry E. Walker and Harry Winston.

At that time the only community organization, outside of the churches, was the Wednesday Afternoon Club.

For a number of years the club continued to play “Five Hundred” even though “Auction Bridge” had become the popular game. It was not until 1923 that the club finally voted to abandon “Five Hundred” and join the “Auction Bridge” fraternity.

By 1925 the club had a membership of 68—more than could be comfortably entertained in the home. After considerable discussion it was decided to adopt a new policy and change to a dinner club with meetings to be held at Mountain Meadows Country Club, the first Thursday evening of each month. The change was most satisfactory despite doubt in the minds of some at the time of the proposed change.

This change to Mountain Meadows was like a shot in the arm to the club—the men wore tuxedos and the ladies their most attractive gowns, all of which added a glamour that had not existed before.

After holding the meetings at Mountain Meadows for ten years the dining room was closed and it was necessary to find a new meeting place. For about a year each group of hosts and hostesses chose their own meeting places—these included Los Serranos Country Club, Stuart Inn, Fuller’s Rancho, and Claremont Inn. The following year the club decided to hold all its meetings at Claremont Inn. This was a happy choice and everyone is pleased.

For several years some of the members felt they would like to change the game to Contract Bridge—while others wanted the club to remain as it was. In 1953 the club voted to give Contract Bridge a trial, providing at least two tables for those who cared to play Canasta. After about five years this has proven very satisfactory.

This club is unique numbering among its members the young and those not so young. It is surprising how much they have in common. The interest and enthusiasm never seems to wane.

The club is 48 years old and from present indications there is every reason to believe that it will celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 1960.

Genevieve R. Walker, January 1958