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Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
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Meetings:

Regular Meetings: **POSTPONED** **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- 2nd Thursday of the month
(except July & August)
- 5:30 pm - at the Wanda Kirk Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA.

Board Meetings: **POSTPONED** **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed. All are welcome.
- 4 pm - location to be announced



Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members,

As we are still under restrictions for gathering in California, there will be no regular monthly meeting. Please watch your email (or posted mail if you don't have email) for news on when our next meeting will be held. Also, we are looking into alternative ways to bring interesting speakers to you until we can meet together. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of KAHS.

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To honor our veterans, here is a quiz about the history of this special day. Hope you find it informative, but also a little fun to learn a bit of the story about Veterans Day. I guess it's the teacher in me. Enjoy.



Veterans Day History Quiz

- World War I ended officially on June 28, 1919 with the signing of the _____.
a) Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, b) Treaty of Versailles, c) Treaty of Peace, d) Treaty of Paris (1355)
- But a/n _____, or temporary end of the fighting, took place seven months earlier on November 11, 1918.
a) armistice, b) armada, c) holiday, d) treaty
- World War I was known as the "_____"; many hoping it would be "the war to end all war" and was one of the deadliest conflicts in history with an estimated loss of nine million combat deaths and thirteen million civilian deaths.
a) Dangerous War, b) Great War, c) Silent War, d) Civil War
- Then there were genocides related to the war and the 1918 _____ pandemic, which caused another 17 to 100 million deaths worldwide.
a) mosquito flu, b) black plague, c) Spanish flu, d) polio
- In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of _____ "to be observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m."
a) Treaty Day, b) Wilson Day, c) Armistice Day, d) Independence Day.
- The United States _____ officially recognized the end of WWI when it passed the following resolution on June 4, 1926.
a) Supreme Court, b) Court of Appeals, c) Congress, d) Parliament

"Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and (cont'd, next page)



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Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

7. In May of 1938 Congress made _____ in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'
 - a) November 11, b) December 25, c) July 4, d) the sixth Monday of November
 8. In 1953, a shoe salesman from Emporia Kansas, _____ proposed a new day to honor all veterans or changing Armistice Day to include WWII veterans.
 - a) George Washington, b) Abraham Lincoln, c) Dr. Scholl, d) Alvin J. King.
 9. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the law proclaiming November 11 as _____ and in October issued the presidential proclamation below, which would honor American veterans of all wars.
 - a) All Wars Day, b) Memorial Day, c) Independence Day, d) Veterans Day
- "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."*
10. King was grieving the death of his nephew, _____, killed in action in 1944.
 - a) John Cooper, b) John Wayne, c) John Adams, d) John Hancock
 11. Eisenhower invited King and his wife and other Emporia residents to come to Washington when he signed the Veterans Day bill, but King had one problem: he didn't own a nice _____.
 - a) hat, b) suit, c) pair of shoes, d) handkerchief
 12. His _____ friends paid for his way to the White House and bought him a proper suit.
 - a) shoe salesman, b.) college, c) veteran, d) bowling club
 13. But then in June of 1968, the _____ was signed into law for Federal employees to make three-day weekends for Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day hoping that it would encourage travel and other recreational activities and stimulate the economy, although some states kept the holidays on their original dates. (And for some reason, Veterans Day was to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of every October, which was confusing and very unpopular.)
 - a) Three Day Weekend Bill, b) Uniform Holiday Bill, c) Stimulus Bill, d) Travel Bill
 14. So how did the celebration of Veterans Day return to November 11th? Well it became clear that the 11th was a day of "historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens," and so in September of 1975, President Gerald _____ signed a law that returned Veterans Day to its original date.
 - a) Chevy, b) Plymouth, c) Ford, d) Dodge
 15. So how do you spell this holiday? "A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans— so no _____ needed."
 - a) quotation marks, b) apostrophe, c) exclamation point, d) italics
 16. Canada and Australia celebrate Remembrance Day on November 11th and many of their citizens wear _____ to honor their dead, more like our Memorial Day.
 - a) red poppy flowers, b) red roses, c) yellow ribbons, d) white lilies
 17. Great Britain observes the Sunday closest to November 11th with parades, services and two minutes of silence in _____ to honor those who lost their lives in war.
 - a) New York, b) Sydney, c) Liverpool, d) London



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18. "In Flanders Field", a poem by John McCrae, inspired the adoption of a _____ as a Veterans Day symbol.
a) red poppy, b) white cross, c) green leaf, d) yellow rose
19. At the end of World War I, during the Peace Conference, the _____ was created which was intended to prevent future wars.
a) Assembly, b) Round Table, c) League of Nations, d) United Nations
20. And just over twenty years later, the "War to End All Wars" was followed by _____.
a) the Civil War, b) the Spanish American War, c) World War II, d) the Vietnam War



President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

Answers:

1. b – Treaty of Versailles
2. a – armistice
3. b – Great War
4. c – Spanish flu
5. c – Armistice Day
6. c – Congress
7. a – November 11
8. d – Alvin J. King
9. d – Veterans Day
10. a – John Cooper
11. b – suit
12. a – shoe salesman
13. b – Uniform Holiday Bill
14. c – Ford
15. b – apostrophe
16. a – red poppy flowers
17. d – London
18. a – In Flanders Field
19. c – League of Nations
20. c – World War II

National Wreaths Across America Day

December 19, 2020

In 1992, the Worcester Wreath Co, of Maine, had an surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the Christmas season, and the owner, Morrill Worcester, decided to use the wreaths to honor our nation’s veterans by placing them at Arlington National Cemetery in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. This became a regular event for a number of years until this picture of the wreaths on the snow-covered graves at Arlington went viral in 2005 and thousands of requests came in for wreaths to be placed at national and state cemeteries throughout the country. In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The mission of the group is simple: Remember, Honor, Teach!



If you are interested in sponsoring a wreath, only \$15 each, you can go online to the website below to learn more about the program and donate with a credit card or print out an "Sponsorship" form and send it off with a check. We have a local group who organizes the placing of wreaths at the Mojave Cemetery. The local coordinator says there are 499 veterans interred there! You may even have a friend or relative who served and is buried in Mojave. I hope you'll check out **Wreaths Across America**. And \$5 of every wreath sponsorship goes towards a local sponsorship group, in this case Mojave High School.

We had hoped to have a speaker at one of our fall meetings to tell us more about this program and answer any questions but, as you know, we can't do that now. So I hope you'll check out the website and consider sponsoring a wreath. Here is the address for the Wreaths Across America website: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/>



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Kern Antelope Historical Society Website

So what have you been doing during this pandemic lockdown? Maybe things feel like they're getting back to normal? Some of you may be looking for something new or different to do? And some may feel like things have been about the same. But this might be a great time to work on your family story.

Here are some tips on how to do that. On our KAHS website, click on the **Speakers tab** (or click on the link right here: <http://kahs1959.org/Speakers/speakers.html>). We have links to most of our guest speakers from the last year or so. It's a great collection of local people telling their family histories or stories. And one of our first 'local' speakers was Chavonne Bradley Sladek who did a great job, along with her dad, Garr, in telling their family story. Incorporated into that Chavonne gave a number of tips on collecting information. She gave an example of feverishly *writing down facts* while interviewing her grandfather, but "*missing the story*" as she later discovered. One suggestion is to use a tape recorder, set out of the way so it doesn't intimidate the person being interviewed.

So I'd like to suggest you check out the KAHS website. Maybe you missed some of the meetings - did you see Cliff Burton's presentation or Tom and Fran Leftwich, Gretchen sharing about Ezra Hamilton and a number of other interesting talks. Or maybe you just want to refresh your memory. Or - maybe it's time to start that family history - check out Chavonne's presentation if you want some ideas on how to get started.

I think you'll find some great information. Copies of recent newsletters are also available, as well as other information. And the first online KAHS book is also available, *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*, by Stuart Glennan.

2020 Has been a hard year for many individuals and businesses. The Kern Antelope Historical Society will be paying tribute to many Rosamond businesses, whether they are members or not, in the next months. A KAHS member will be going around and talking to owners or managers and getting a little history the business, and a photograph if possible, to help us promote Rosamond commerce and trade. We hope you will help support our local entrepreneurs and enjoy these bits of Rosamond history.



This month KAHS would like to feature **Roberto's Mexican Food**, located at 4401 W Rosamond Blvd, 5 & 6. Roberto tells that his father taught him to work hard in the fields of Mexico and in 1986 they moved to Rosamond when Roberto was 16 years old. He started working right away and has been working ever since. Prior to opening his own business, he worked at Schooners, Black Angus, and even Ramon's, which is owned by his cousin. Roberto had opened a restaurant in Mojave in 2008, which he operated for two years, but when the central Post Office moved to Santa Clarita, he had to close. Then in 2013, he opened his restaurant here in Rosamond. Over the years, Roberto has added more booths and tables, as his business has grown. They have a liquor license and also offer catering. Roberto's wife, two daughters, and his son all work in the family business. Roberto likes spending time with family, but the only time everyone is off together is at Thanksgiving and Christmas when they are closed, making those special times.



The Kern Antelope Historical Society greatly appreciates its business members.
We hope you will support them and say thanks when you see them.

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Friendly Reminder

**KERN ANTELOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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	MEMBERSHIP TYPE	
Date _____	Type	Dues
Name _____	Student & Military	\$5
Address _____	Individual	\$15
City, ST, Zip _____	Couple	\$20
Phone Number _____	Family	\$30
E-mail _____	Business	\$35

Club Year - June 1st through May 31st

For Sale by KAHS

Books - \$10 (*\$8) Each:

Here Roamed the Antelope
Bears - Borax and Gold
Along the Rails from Lancaster to Mojave
The Antelopes Left and the Settle-ers Came
In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times
1927-1932)
Antelope Valley Pioneers
Castles in the Valley - Shea's Castle
A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur
Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years
Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining and Flight
Gold-Fever - 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley
History
Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the
Great Depression 1925-1935

Video DVD - \$15: Antelope Valley Yesteryears

Maps - \$4 (*\$3): Historic Settlers Circle Map

Online Book: *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

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General Meetings:

5:30 pm-Second Thursday of the Month, September through June
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(Exceptions: June, September & December -
Location to be announced)

Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Military; \$15 - Individual; \$20 - Husband & Wife;
\$30 - Family; \$35 - Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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