

# neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

## Endless summers: Memories from Old Towne 'Then ... and Now'

Ice cream on summer afternoons. Concerts in the park. A dip in the city pool. Sound like anywhere you know? Yup – we're talking about summer in Old Towne Orange, both yesteryear and today.

To celebrate the season in this special community dear to us all, we asked a few City of Orange residents to share a summer story from "then... and now." Whether you've been here for generations or just bought that jewel of a bungalow a year ago, we invite you to join us in this summertime stroll through time.

The old Orange Theatre holds fond summertime memories for City of Orange resident Teri Lepe. (Photo courtesy of Orange County Archives.)

**Teri Lepe is a fourth-generation resident of the historic Cypress Street Barrio in Old Towne Orange, and serves on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and the boards of the Orange Barrio Historical Society and the Old Towne Preservation Association.**

**Then...** "In the summer of 1972 Conquest of the Planet of the Apes came out and we saw it at the Orange Theatre. It was full of kids. At the end of the movie when Caesar leads the revolt of the apes against the humans, all the kids were standing up and yelling at the screen, 'Go Caesar! Go Caesar!' That's the best memory I have of going to that movie house."

**Now...** "We love the summer concerts in Hart Park. When we get the schedule I put all the concerts on my phone. That's the start of summer. And I walk everywhere. A lot of friends come over to my house because we can walk to so many restaurants and the farmer's market. Where else can you have all that?"



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*Remember the Lionettes Softball Team? Chapman alumni Bill and Barbara Parker do!*

**Barbara and Bill Parker are Chapman alumni – '52 for him and '64 for her, and former Old Towne merchants who owned and operated Kriewall Music. The Parkers raised three children in Orange and enjoy an active retirement here.**

**Then...** Says Bill: "We used to go watch the local professional women's softball team, the Lionesses. They were amazing. Every once in a while a men's team would challenge them and the

girls always beat the men's team. They couldn't hit the pitches because they were coming in too fast. They were fun."

**Now...** Says Barbara: "We like to go out to eat at the restaurants. And we enjoy the history walks the historical society leads."

**Dan Jensen, is owner of Antique Depot, Antique Station and the Jensen Building, built on the site of the parking lot of the former Satellite Market, established by his parents Roland and Helen in 1966. Dan is a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. He and his wife Susan Secoy live in Old Towne.**

**Then...** "We'd come down with relatives in tow and go to the Hart Park swimming pool. We didn't have a swimming pool. We were a very average family. So Hart Park was fun in the summer with the pool and all. I spent a lot of time there."

**Now...** "We like the concerts in the park. Those are always fun events to go to. And just walking around town here grabbing dinner and sitting around having an ice cream afterwards and watching people pour through town."

Have a story or memory you'd like to share? Join the conversation by visiting the home page of NeighborsOfChapman.com to find the online version of this story.

## Did You? Know?

President Jim Doti presented this year's President's Award to media services specialist Armando Diaz, a 23-year employee at Chapman. Nomination letters written on Diaz' behalf praised him as someone who has "never shied away from a challenge and often goes out of his way to find new and innovative ways of doing things." Most recently, Diaz was cited for his work establishing the myriad media services needed at the new Harry and Diane Rinker Health Science campus in Irvine.

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*After-dinner ice cream in Old Towne is one of Dan Jensen's favorite summertime traditions.*

# A neighborly visit with ... Lauren Miller Hernandez of Laurenly

The small empire of Chapman University alumna Lauren Miller Hernandez '06 launched in Old Towne Orange six years ago is celebrating its anniversary this summer, and still growing.

Laurenly, a women's clothing and jewelry boutique in a tiny Glassell Street shop adorned with chandeliers, opened in June 2010. The second Laurenly opened in Long Beach's Belmont Shore neighborhood in 2013. And in 2014, laurenly.com opened online.

After earning a degree in advertising and public relations at Chapman, she worked in the fashion industry in Los Angeles and New York. Returning home, Hernandez considered several Orange County cities for her store. Then she stumbled upon the place she knew best all along.

"I loved the school, the community," she said. "And after looking around at different

areas in Southern California, I came back here to visit my brother who was at Chapman at the time and it just hit me all at once, oh my gosh, I should put it here."

Hernandez found a home for her store. Then she found love, three doors down. She married Michael Hernandez, owner of Smoqued California Barbeque, six months ago.

"I'm living in Orange now, and I see myself being here for the long haul," she said. "It'll probably be the smallest store always, but it will always be my first little baby. My heart is here."

*Laurenly is at 142 N. Glassell St. and is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Contact the store at 714-538-7467.*



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## YOU'RE INVITED!

*Join us for engaging events this summer at Chapman*

There are many terrific events at Chapman University and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few of many. Find more at the University's online events calendar, [www.chapman.edu/events](http://www.chapman.edu/events). Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at [www.chapman.edu/tickets](http://www.chapman.edu/tickets).

### Orange County Astronomers

Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Irvine Lecture Hall,  
Hashinger Science Center

Come hear physicist Geoffrey Lovelace, Ph.D., present his groundbreaking research in gravitational wave physics, which made international news headlines in 2016. Orange County Astronomers is a local non-profit organization that meets regularly at Chapman. The meetings are a wonderful opportunity to learn about astronomy, and meet the local astronomical community. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit [ocastronomers.org](http://ocastronomers.org).

### Chapman Staff Art Exhibition

Through Thursday, August 25  
Leatherby Libraries, first floor

Stroll over to campus and enjoy a whimsical exhibition featuring the artworks of Chapman University employees. Among the highlights is a collection of banjos crafted from cigar boxes. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more, information please call the reference desk at 714-532-7714.

### Writing: Finding Your Voice

Saturday, July 9, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Orange Public Library & History Center  
407 East Chapman Ave., Orange

Learn from published authors how to develop your own creative identity and writing style in this panel discussion hosted by 1888 Center, an arts project launched in the City of Orange by Chapman alumnus Kevin Staniec '01. Panelists will include William M. Brandon III, Rachel Howzell Hall, and Yi Shun Lai. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.1888.center/swp/](http://www.1888.center/swp/).