



# The San Juan Capistrano Historical Society

San Juan Capistrano, California

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To our Friends in the Year 2016:

As you open this time capsule, we pray that the orderly progress and development of this area for which we have all worked will have been achieved. We hope however, that in the years that have past, the treasure of the history of this area has not been overlooked.

You are standing on ground rich in the history and tradition of California. Our society, in this year of Our Lord 1966, is dedicated to the preservation of that history and tradition. How tragic it would be that in the 50 ensuing years, succeeding generations would neglect their forefathers and cast into oblivion the trials and tribulations, the culture and romance of those people with the musical sounding names of Olivares, Yorba, Valenzuela, Rios, Avila, and Aguilar who brought this area through from wilderness to modern civilization. You must remember too, the pioneers of the 19th Century whose names are inter-woven with our Spanish forbears, the Forsters, the Rosenbaums, the Buchheims, the O'Neills.

We have caused to be placed in this capsule copies of certain documents which will give you a glimpse of this area from 1854 to the present (1966) day. The originals of these documents, we pray, will be found in a local museum yet to be established. We may not be successful, but let the groundwork we lay lead succeeding generations to fruition of the plans we make.

Hopefully,

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