

Historian's History!



Many Locations and Many Names of AWC

Formed in 1916 as the *Alamo Mother's Club for Alamo Grammar School*, the mothers in their first year raised funds for a piano, later for play-ground equipment and a baseball diamond. The Mother's Club first met at the Alamo School, built in the 1880's, depicted on this plaque. The school was at the corner of SRV Blvd and Stone Valley Rd. Do you know where this plaque is located? Find out in the Oct. newsletter!



In 1920 the Mother's Club changed its name to the *Alamo Community Club*. Later they met in member's homes and from 1926 through 1951 every June officer installation was held in the Wayne family's Alamo garden.

In 1935 they rented a room in the Alamo Henry Hotel (shown) to hold their meetings and also ran the County library there, paying \$5/mo.



Alamo Henry Hotel site was on Mt. Diablo Rd and Highway 21 (now known as Danville Blvd.)

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After World War II, the search began again for a clubhouse location. In 1949 the Corwin family donated land, the current Clubhouse site, and on June 22nd, 1952 the new clubhouse opened and was dedicated. A red letter day!

In 1953 they changed the name to the *Alamo Women's Club* to partially comply with Federated guidelines and that in the post war years, it had definitely become a women's club. In 1978 the kitchen was remodeled. In 1985 the clubhouse was painted.

In 1991 a storage shed was added and in 1994, due to several break-ins/graffiti incidents, bars were installed on the windows which were removed in 2014.



In 2014 the clubhouse underwent a renovation inside and out of all rooms but the kitchen. This was followed immediately by a kitchen remodel in 2015 due to the generosity of Lisa Long Laird and Jim Laird in honor of Lisa's mother, former AWC member, Billie Long. A plaque dedicating the kitchen to Billie hangs there today!

Despite name changes, location moves and changing times, the *Alamo Women's Club* still serves the community of Alamo and beyond. It remains the oldest service club in Alamo with over a **century** of help to others, bar none!

Enjoy! Vicki Koc, Historian