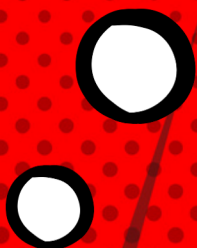




Superheroes of the Gaslamp Quarter

Special edition Self-guided tour



WIN A PRIZE

- **Take a photo at your favorite Gaslamp Hero's location**
- **Tag us #GaslampMuseum**
- **Winner will be randomly chosen Saturday 7/23 at 3pm**

The Davis-Horton House- 410 Island Avenue

Heroes: William Heath Davis, Alonzo Horton, and Anna Scheper.

This is the oldest standing building in the historic Gaslamp Quarter, or what was then known as “New Town” San Diego. It is a prefabricated salt box style home built in Portland, Maine in 1850. It was used as a military barracks, county hospital, boarding house, private residence, and even has some Prohibition and espionage history!

Though he never lived in this house, William Heath Davis was responsible for bringing this home to San Diego to serve as housing for his “New Town” settlement, a town closer to San Diego Harbor.



Alonzo Horton known as the “Father of New Town San Diego” arrived 17 years later in 1867 and continued where Davis left off. Horton lived in this house for a couple years while his subsequent mansions were being built. All of Horton’s homes have since been destroyed and the Davis-Horton House is the only structure left standing that Horton lived in.

By 1873, **Anna Scheper** purchased the home for \$1000.00 and contracted with the city to open a county hospital. She earned \$1 a day per patient. Anna was not a professionally trained nurse, but she was caring, hardworking, and took great care of the sick and indigent citizens of New Town.

Be sure to take a self-guided or audio tour of the Davis-Horton House to learn more about the many stories and history of the House!



2

Pocket Park- Outside of the Gaslamp Museum

Hero: Bum the Dog

Bum was New Town San Diego's official town dog. He was a stray that was "loved by everyone but owned by no one." The children of New Town loved Bum! He (and Grey Friars Bobby, the little terrier beside Bum) are the only "talking dog" statues on the West Coast! Use your phone to scan the QR code and hear their story!



3

Directions: Head toward the Corner of Fourth Avenue, and Island Avenue, across the street from the museum.

Casa de Tomas – 500 Fourth Avenue

Hero: Ah Quin

This building is a mix of Spanish and Oriental style architecture. In 1922, it was purchased by the Quin family. Ah Quinn, the family patriarch was the “unofficial mayor of Chinatown.” In addition to his many accomplishments, Quin helped many Asian immigrants settle and find their footing in New Town San Diego.



4

Directions: Continue west on Island. Turn right on Third and head North towards Market

“Honorary Tom Hom Avenue”

Heroes: Tom and Dorothy Hom

This street, Third Avenue, bears the name of Tom Hom who was born in 1927 close by on this very street. Tom and his first wife Dorothy were instrumental in revitalizing and championing to clean up this district and turn it into the “Gaslamp Quarter” as we know it today.



Directions: Turn Right on Market Street and a left onto 5th Avenue

Yuma Building -631 Fifth Avenue

Hero: Dr. Charlotte Baker

In the early 1900s, the area south of Broadway Street in New Town (where you are currently standing) had become a dangerous Red-Light district known as the “Stingaree.” The Yuma building is a stately brick structure and classic example of Victorian architecture. In 1912, this building was the first stop of the Great Raid of 1912, a large effort to clean up the red-light district.

Dr. Charlotte Baker had long been an advocate for better working conditions and was instrumental in advocating to clean up the “Stingaree” district.

Dr. Charlotte was San Diego's first practicing woman physician and, beginning in 1898, served as the first female president of the San Diego County Medical Society. During her decades-long practice, she delivered over 1,000 babies and never lost a mother in childbirth. Between 1888 and her death in 1936 she worked to eliminate prostitution and was a leader of San Diego's suffrage movement.



6

Directions: Continue North to the corner of Fifth Avenue and F Street

NeSmith Greeley Building- 825 Fifth Avenue

Hero: Clara Shortridge Foltz

This Romanesque Revival style building was designed by famous architects Comstock and Notsche and had many prominent tenants. Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first female lawyer of the West Coast, practiced real estate law and held classes for other aspiring female attorneys in Rooms 38 and 39 of this building.



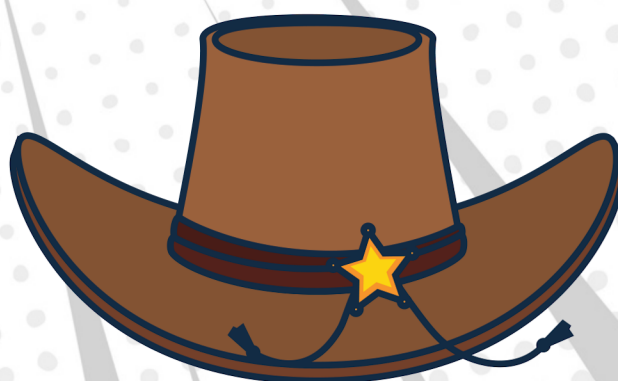
7

Directions: Head East on F Street and turn right onto 6th Avenue. Continue South on 6th Avenue until you reach the corner of 6th Avenue and Island Avenue.

Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue

Hero: Wyatt Earp

Wyatt Earp was more of a “colorful” character of the Gaslamp than a hero. He came to San Diego after the famous gunfight at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona. The Tivoli, the Gaslamp’s oldest bar, was a favorite of Earp’s. Memorabilia of Earp’s time in the Gaslamp can be found inside!



8

Directions: Continue South on 6th Avenue to the corner of 6th Avenue and L Street.

National City and Otay Railroad Depot/The Hard Rock Hotel.

Hero: Reuben the Guide.

Incorporated into the modern architecture of the Hard Rock Hotel are remnants of the old mission revival style National City and Otay Railroad Depot, the first commuter railway in San Diego, providing transportation for both goods and passengers in the 1890s. It was the starting point for Reuben the Guide's jaunts to exotic south of the border sites! Reuben Williams was San Diego's first tour guide. He was known for his huge sombrero, his five-pointed star and his ever-ready smile. He was a veritable wealth of information, which he readily shared with his guests.





GASLAMP QUARTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Since 1981

**Join us on a Historical Walking tour on
Thursday at 1 pm or Saturdays at 11 am to
learn more about the Gaslamp Quarter!**

Visit our website: gaslampfoundation.org

DONATE TODAY



**[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd= s-
xclick&hosted button id=NP9M7GJN3V5SJ&source=ur](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=NP9M7GJN3V5SJ&source=ur)**