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**Second Annual Suffrage Parade and Ball Honors Women's Equality Day and celebrates the History of the 1930's**

*Women's History Museum & Educational Center Celebrates 89 Years of "Herstory"*

**SAN DIEGO, July 7, 2009** – The San Diego Women's History Museum & Educational Center will host the Second Annual Suffrage Parade and Ball on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Balboa Park Club in celebration of Women's Equality Day. The event will commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave American women the right to vote and reflects on the "Herstory" of San Diego and the United States.

The Honorable Susan A. Davis and Judy "The Beauty" Forman, owner of the Big Kitchen in South Park will act as honorary Grand Marshals of the Suffrage Parade which begins at 4 p.m.

The parade will start at 4pm at the Kate Sessions' statue, located at the 6th Avenue side of the Laurel Street Bridge, proceeding across the bridge, through the park to the Balboa Park Club lawn for a lemonade social. The parade and social are free and the community is encouraged to participate by dressing in suffragist clothing of the day and carrying "Votes for Women" signs, flags and banners from a variety of San Diego organizations.

The Suffragist's Ball will follow the parade in the Balboa Park Club from 6 to 9 p.m. This year's theme, the "Thrifty Thirties", will include a look back in time, to the second decade in which American women were allowed to vote in federal elections as well as life during the Great Depression. Participants are encouraged to dress in "1930's" costumes, ranging from railway riders and flour sack dresses to silver screen heartthrobs and gangsters. Maybe John Dillinger will show up.

The Sue Palmer Orchestra, San Diego's Queen of Boogie Woogie, will set the mood with live entertainment featuring music from the 30's. The evening will also include soup lines, marathon dance contests, costume contests and classic cars from the era.

The Suffrage Parade and Ball, a key educational event for the community, is produced by the San Diego Women's History Museum & Educational Center in collaboration with many local women's organizations including AAUW, League of Women Voters, YWCA and the United Nation's Women's Equality Council.

Tickets for the Ball will be available for purchase beginning July 15th on Women's History Museum's website: [www.WomensMuseumSD.org](http://www.WomensMuseumSD.org) or by calling 619-233-7963. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$30 with Group Rates Available.

### **About the Women's History Museum & Educational Center**

The Women's History Museum & Educational Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by Mary B. Maschal in 1983. WHMEC's mission is to educate and inspire present and future generations about the experiences and contributions of women by collecting, preserving and interpreting the evidence of that experience.

The museum is located at 2323 Broadway Street, Suite 107, San Diego, at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway in historic Golden Hill. The museum and Gift Store is open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are available to groups by appointment. For information on on-going events please visit: [www.WomensMuseumSD.org/](http://www.WomensMuseumSD.org/)

**PLEASE NOTE: Attached photos are from the 2008 Suffrage Parade and Ball and can be made available to you in high resolution.**

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