

**Introduction:** Coronado also known as Crown City is a beautiful island. Coronado is also the birthplace of The Wizard of Oz, a classic children's novel written by L. Frank Baum. Coronado's main attraction The Hotel del Coronado has had numerous famous visitors, attracting more attention to the island. Coronado also has three amazing beaches, one of those being a dog beach. Sometimes during the day you can see the Navy Seals training in the deeper waters. Coronado is a wealthy community but it has always been more of a resort island attracting plenty of tourists to visit the Hotel Del and all the beautiful beaches. The majority of Coronado residents aren't year round citizens, they use their houses for vacation homes. The city has had many features within movies such as Anchorman, Stuntman, Wiki Tiki. Hotel del Coronado has also been featured in numerous books. Coronado not only attracts tourist from across the world, or the country, but also other San Diegans. Coronado's residents spend their days walking around looking at the beautiful scenery, architecture, going to the beaches, and going to the beloved Mootime Creamery. Coronado is a beautiful city and worth taking a walk around, or going on one of their bike tours.

**History:** Our Community Coronado wasn't always called Coronado. When the founder of Coronado saw it 17 miles off the coast of San Diego he called it Las Yslas Coronado. From 1602- 1916 it was Called Las Yslas

Coronado, but in 1917 it was changed to North Island and was added a Naval Air Station. At the year 2000 North Island became known as Coronado.

Over the years Coronado has developed buildings that created tourist attractions. Hotel Del is one of the places people come to Coronado. It was also a place where people used to live in and still live today. The hotel has over 600 rooms. A beach behind the Hotel Del, and restaurants inside. Also has the Babcock & Story Bar. It was open on February 18, 1888 by Elisha Spurr Babcock and Hampton Lovegrove Story. They were the owners until 1889 when John Diedrich Spreckels. In 1900 John had created Coronado Tent City south of Hotel Del. 39 years of hundreds of tents/cottages only to be shut down to build a new highway.

People from Spain were the first settlers on Coronado Island but known to them as Las Yslas Coronados. They came from Spain to California then to Coronado Island. In 1821 Mexico had gained their independence. This was to turn to a treaty for dividing sections California to Spain and Mexico. Governor Pio Pico had a land grant that gave Pedro Carrillo the ownership of the Coronado. After owning the Coronado for five months he sold it to an American named Bezer Simmons. Over the next 39 years it has changed over hands of the ownership of Coronado Island. Until the last five that own Coronado were Elisha S. Babcock, Jr., Hampton L. Story, Jacob Gruendike, and John D. Spreckels until the government had control of

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Also Elisha Spurr Babcock and his 2 brother and laws became investor to this company call Coronado Beach Company, started on April 7, 1886.

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People would visit Coronado to go the beach to swim or go with there dog to the beach. They hunted jackrabbits on North Island only if you or a guest at the Hotel Del. Fishing on the shores of all three beaches, Dog Beach, Coronado Beach, Ferry Landing. Fishing at all the bays of Coronado Island, Glorietta Bay and North Bay.

**Change Over Time:** Coronado has changed dramatically over the last three generations. In the last three generations the property value increased from half the price of a apartment in Barrio Logan to 2.2 million on the average home.

But many things stayed true. For example, The Hotel Del Coronado, The Coronado Bridge, and the Ferry have been in the community for about a hundred years and are still here today but things like Tent City are not there anymore.

The community has a lot of famous people to. For example, the author of "The Wizard Of OZ", L.Frank Baum, wrote the classic novel in Coronado and the house he did it in is now available to visit. There are other famous people in Coronado like Kate Morgan, the alleged ghost at Hotel Del Coronado where in some tourist picture you can see her.

The building and the layout of the town has changed dramatically over the period of time. Three generations ago there were just shacks instead of normal buildings, but now its mansions. There transportation has also changed too, the ordinary transportation three generations ago was horseback and now high class cars.

**Coronado Today:** Coronado is also known as "Crown City". The population was 23,511 by the year, 2013. Coronado is more like resort city. Coronado has attracts people from around the world. Coronado has many tourist attractions such as Hotel Del. The beaches itself brings a lot of people to Coronado. Mostly what brings people to Coronado would be the flower show events every April. You can also see the up coming events such as the firework show, or Sunday concerts in the park, it's held on Memorial Day until Labor Day. A good place to spend some time is at the pier, the beach, and at the park. What people mostly spend their time doing at Coronado is swimming, fishing, sailing, surfing, bike riding, lawn bowling, running, walking, rollerblading, playing tennis, and golf.

People that have a major role in coronado are Cliff M, Dr. Charles Kendall Jr, and the mayor of coronado Casey Tanaka. What makes Coronado are the businesses like Clayton's coffee shop, Primavera Ristorante, Chez Loma, Crown Bistro, Village Pizzeria. Houses that are there today are more of a new look. What Coronado is mostly known for today is its beaches, its households, and the coronado bridge.

**Conclusion:** At Coronado you will never be bored. You will always have something to do because it is an active community. There's fishing, swimming, lawn bowling, bike riding, and so many other activities for the kids, and the whole family, and for dates with that special someone. But even though it is an vacation paradise it has a historical background that is very interesting. Our group had a fun time researching our community and we meet some very nice people like Mr.Cliff Maurer and Dr.Charles Kendall Jr. We would like to thank all the people that we interviewed especially Javon who we interviewed last minute.