



Cory Family Society

2026 Reunion and Society Meeting

San Diego-Coronado, California

Welcome to San Diego and Coronado! Home of the Kumeyaay people for thousands of years, Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo claimed the area for Spain in 1542 and Europeans first settled San Diego in 1769, earning it the nickname the “Birthplace of California.”

In the 1880s, businessmen hoping to create a resort bought a peninsula—no, despite the signs and what people call it, it’s not an island—that would be named Coronado, Spanish for “crowned” and hence its nickname the “Crown City.”

This will be a fairly intimate gathering, with 12 of us. See the [attendee list](#).

Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2026

- 11am-12:45pm [Welcome and Informal Brunch](#)
- 1-2pm [Walking Tour of Coronado](#)
- 2-6pm [Free Time to Explore Coronado](#)
- 6pm [Dinner at Chez Loma](#)

Friday, September 25, 2026

- 10am-12pm [San Diego Bay/Harbor Cruise](#)
- ??-5pm [Explore San Diego](#)
- 5pm [Dinner at the Coreys](#)

Saturday, September 26, 2026

- 8-9:30am [Breakfast at Feast and Fareway](#)
- 10am-12pm [Business Meeting](#)
- 12:15pm [Lunch at Bluewater Boathouse](#)



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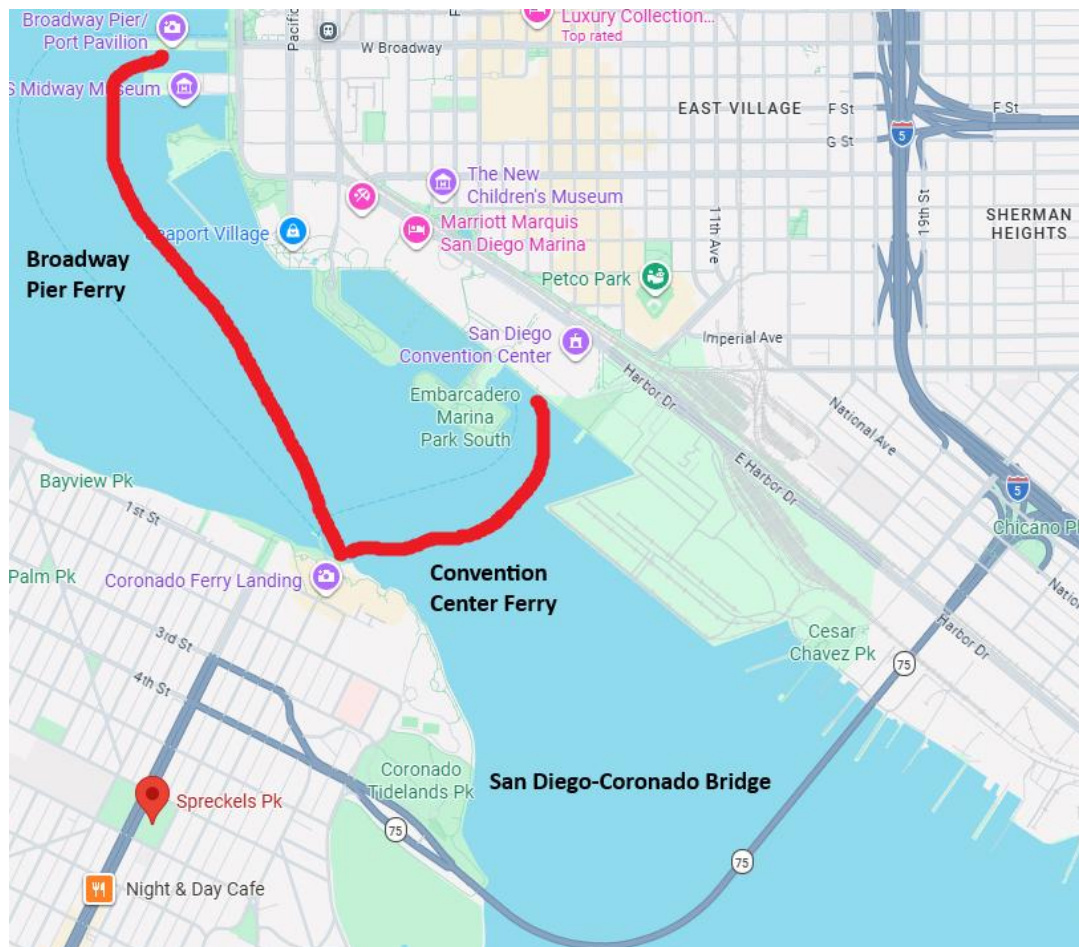
Day 1: Thursday, September 24, 2026

11am-12:45pm: Welcome and Informal Brunch

We'll gather in the heart of Coronado, Spreckels Park, honoring businessman and philanthropist John D. Spreckels who developed much of Coronado and San Diego in the last 1800s and early 1900s. Spreckels Park is easy to find as it's on Coronado's "main drag" – Orange Avenue – bounded by the parallel C Avenue on the southeast side, 6th Street on the northeast side, and 7th Street on the southwest side.

Getting here:

- By car: drive across the iconic San Diego-Coronado Bridge
- By [ferry](#): ride over (\$9/person each way; no cars) from the Broadway Pier or Convention Center to Coronado Ferry Landing, walk ~0.8 miles to the park





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We'll meet at the Spreckels Park picnic table at the [corner of C Avenue and 6th Street](#). There should be plenty of parking available. After meeting new and old friends, catching up, and some refreshments, we'll make our way to the Coronado Historical Association for a walking tour.





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1-2pm: Walking Tour of Coronado

We'll leave Spreckels Park at 12:45 for the Coronado Historical Association just down the road at [1100 Orange Avenue](#). It's about 1/2 mile if you want to leave your car at Spreckels Park and walk. Just keep in mind that parking may be a little challenging near the Historical Association.



Coronado Historical Association, 1100 Orange Avenue

From here, we'll learn about the history of this beach town during a walking tour that is approximately 60 minutes and three-quarters of a mile at a comfortable pace. We've asked that the tour specifically go by the 1898 Queen Anne Revival-style Victorian [\(Corey\)-Thomson House](#) at [1126 Loma Avenue](#), built for Permelia Corey Thomson and her daughters Adella and Estelle, and the first permanent home of the Coronado Historical Association from 1988-1999.

About a year after Ian and Karen moved to Coronado, Ian learned that Permelia, author of the semi-historical book [How the Coreys Went West](#), was his great-great-aunt.



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2-6pm: Free Time to Explore Coronado

Coronado is quite small – the village area is roughly 1 square mile – and very walkable. Some options:

- Have a drink or people watch, inside or on the beach boardwalk, at the iconic [Hotel Del Coronado](#) just farther down the road at [1500 Orange Avenue](#). For the full experience, enter through the lobby



- Before your visit, watch Marilyn Monroe's 1959 hit [Some Like it Hot](#), filmed in large part at the Hotel Del
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- Sit, walk, or depending on the water quality swim at Coronado Central Beach, named the #1 beach in America by Dr. Beach on several occasions





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- Stroll along the shops and boutiques lining Orange Avenue. Maybe stop for gelato at [Gelato Paradiso](#)
- Check out the shops and gorgeous views of the San Diego skyline from the [Coronado Ferry Landing](#)



6pm: Dinner at Chez Loma

We return next door to the (Corey)-Thomson house for dinner at [Chez Loma](#), a French restaurant in an 1889 Victorian residence originally built on the 300 block of D Avenue and moved to its present location at [1132 Loma Avenue](#) in 1909.





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Day 2: Friday, September 25, 2026

10am-12pm: San Diego Bay/Harbor Cruise

Meet at [Flagship Cruises](#) on the San Diego – not Coronado! – harbor front, [990 N Harbor Dr, San Diego](#) (between the Broadway Pier and USS Midway Museum), at 9:45am.

Getting here:

- By [ferry](#): if you're coming from Coronado, you can take the ferry from Coronado Ferry Landing to the Broadway Pier (make sure you don't take the ferry to the Convention Center). The ride is about 15 minutes and ferries leave every hour on the half hour (last ferry to get you here leaves at 9:30am). The fare is \$9/person each way. Tip: until 8:30am, there's a slightly more frequent commuter schedule during which you can ride free and get a ticket for a free return trip. Keep in mind that you can't bring a car on the ferry.
- By car: keep in mind that metered parking is hard to find and typically limited to 2-3 hours. Parking lots nearby are pricey so consider using a service like [SpotHero](#) to reserve a space ahead of time and save money.

We'll be doing the two-hour "full bay route." Highlights include: North: San Diego skyline, Star of India and the iconic ships of the Maritime Museum, Harbor Island, Shelter Island and North Island Naval Air Station & aircraft carrier(s). South: USS Midway aircraft carrier, U.S. Navy Surface Fleet, Coronado waterfront, Naval Amphibious Base Coronado (home of the Navy SEALs) and the Coronado Bridge.





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??-5pm: Explore San Diego

For those not doing the bay/harbor cruise, you have a full day to explore San Diego and its environs. Here's just one of many sites with recommendations for things to see and do: [26 Things to Do in San Diego](#).

For those doing the bay/harbor cruise, there are snacks on board the ship but also restaurants close by if you work up an appetite. You probably won't want to venture too far from downtown, and there are many things to do close by:

- If you're a military history buff and/or interested in Navy ships and aircraft, the [USS Midway Museum](#) is right next to Flagship Cruises. It's a remarkable floating museum aboard the longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century (1945-1992).
- Also close by is the [San Diego Maritime Museum](#), where you can visit various historic vessels (some are replicas), including the world's oldest active sailing ship, the 1863 Star of India.
- If you'd rather check out shops and restaurants on the harbor front (still close by), there's [Seaport Village](#). Note that it is in a bit of a transitional state as massive redevelopment is expected to begin soon.
- A little farther afield are [Balboa Park](#), one of San Diego's crown jewels about 2 miles away, home to the world famous San Diego Zoo and many museums.
- A little farther still, about 3.5 miles away, is [Old Town San Diego](#), site of the Presidio of San Diego established in 1760, the Whaley House (allegedly America's most haunted house), and many shops and restaurants.



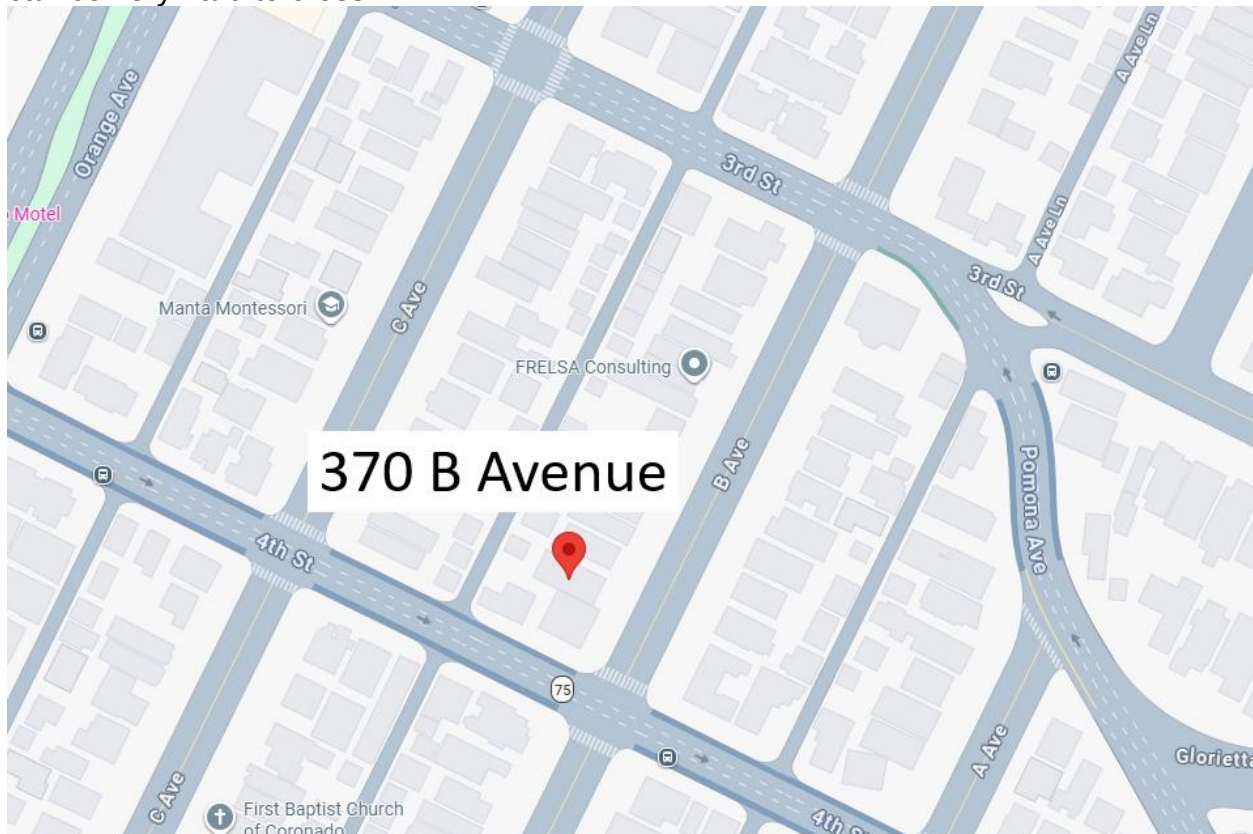
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5pm: Dinner at Coreys

Head on back to Coronado for dinner at our place, [370 B Avenue, Coronado](#). As we're in SoCal, yep, it will be a Mexican-themed dinner! There should be parking on one side of the other of our street. If not, please don't attempt to cross 4th Street at that time of day; instead, turn left onto 4th, left onto A Avenue, left onto 3rd Street, and look for a space on C Avenue. 3rd and 4th Streets are the main roads on and off Coronado and can be very hard to cross.





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Day 3: Saturday, September 26, 2026

8-9:30am: Breakfast at Feast and Fareway

We'll meet for a group breakfast at [Feast and Fareway](#), [2000 Visalia Row](#), at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course. There's plenty of free parking.



Then, drive to the Coronado Community Center, a little over a mile away.

10am-12pm: Business Meeting

The Cory Family Society business meeting will be held at the Coronado Community Center, [1845 Strand Way](#). There's plenty of free parking.





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12:15pm: Lunch at Bluewater Boathouse

The [Bluewater Boathouse](#) (technically Bluewater Grill, as the website will tell you) is just 1/4 mile from the Community Center, at [1701 Strand Way](#), along Glorietta Bay.

Built in 1887, it served as a design prototype for the Hotel Del Coronado across the street, then became the Del's boathouse and served other functions before becoming a restaurant in 1968.



That's all, folks!