

Field Guide to Coronado History:

The Kingston Trio – 10 Reasons for Their Importance in Coronado History

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Number 10 Two members of the Trio had links to Coronado —Nick Reynolds, grew up and lived here throughout his life, and John Stewart was born in San Diego but lived later in Coronado.

Number 9 The Kingston Trio influenced musicians like Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, the Beach Boys, Joni Mitchell, the Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, paving the way for the popular music of the 60s.

Number 8 Legend has it that when Nick Reynolds' grandfather (a naval officer) first came to Coronado he won his home on Alameda Blvd. in a poker game. Nick's grandmother helped open the Hotel del Coronado by leading the "Grand March."

Number 7 The Kingston Trio sold more albums nationally than any other San Diego band in history.

Number 6 Nick Reynolds' father was a Navy pilot who gave Nick and his sister guitars, first taught Nick his chords and who frequently led the family in singing around the dining room table.

Number 5 Nick Reynolds helped hone his musical skills during parties on Coronado beaches and across the border in Tijuana.

Number 4 The Kingston Trio was the only San Diego-area band to receive a Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award.

Number 3 Nick Reynolds graduated from Coronado High School in 1951 and retired in Coronado. He liked to body surf and worked for a time in Coronado's Drive-Thru, Oscar's. His widow and two sisters still live here.

Number 2 The Kingston Trio had more albums on the Billboard Top Ten chart at one time than any other band before or since (including the Beatles)

Number 1 Nick Reynolds returned several times in the 1990s for "secret" appearances at Coronado's legendary Sunday Concerts-in-the-Park, packing the grounds.

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