

Day 5 & 6 – California Trip – [Tuesday-Wednesday]



Today was a pretty relaxing day for us. Pretty much read all day so that we would be ready for the book club on Thursday night. My java morning was interrupted by two dogs who decided they needed to be loved.

We did take the dogs out for a walk – or at least Annabelle took Becket. Dobie took me. I was trying to train him to heel by offering treats, but he would have no part of that. I did get him to sit and stay though.

It was very hot 91 degrees and not a breeze anywhere. We walk to the playground and orange grove and around the block, about 25



minutes. That was about all we could handle. I did get to walk through the orange grove though and that was kind of cool. I had never been that close to one before.





Then the rest of the day was inside the house. Annabelle got the same treatment from the dogs during our afternoon tea break. Needy little critters.

Sharon got home around 5 and once we all got organized we headed to the movie theatre. We actually went to see Downton Abbey again. It was even better the 2nd time.

There is a big difference between going to the movie here and going in Penticton. We arrived at the theatre and went into the lounge for a shared appie and a Marguerita. After that we went into the theatre and I was gob smacked. The seats were like the first class ones in an airplane, with a tray that swung in once you sat down. On the tray was a button. When you pushed the button the waitress came and you ordered whatever you wanted to eat or drink.

We shared a Marguerita pizza and then sat back with a nice glass of wine and started to watch the movie. About half way through the movie we pushed the button again and the waitress came and we ordered our popcorn. What a civilized way to spend an evening.

When we got back to the house Steve was here. He had come up from Los Angeles to attend a Regional Planning meeting for the city of Redlands. He was not feeling very well at all. He had picked up a cold while on his last trip and he felt miserable. He went back to bed. We will see him when we head to Los Angeles on Friday.

Connor came in from work and we shared a nightcap with him – a lovely Oban. By the time we had the nightcap we were pretty tired. It didn't take much convincing for us all to go to bed.

Day 6

Slept in a little later today. Annabelle was still asleep on the sofa when I got up, so I made my coffee and headed out onto the patio. How lovely to sit there with the dogs and enjoy my java.



I am rather getting use to this. There are only 2 seasons here, summer and spring, so folks here really can enjoy their outside areas.



Connor offered to take us out to Nordstrum’s Rack and to downtown Redlands. I really wanted to see what the area was like. It would have been terrible for me to go home and someone ask me what Redlands was like and to have to say I don’t know, didn’t get there. It is a lovely town, and though it was extremely hot, we did walk around for about 45 minutes or so. One of the highlights I did get to see was the Sister Cities Clock which is located

on the main street of downtown Redlands.

Managed to do a little shopping, but not much. I think this will be the one trip where I come home with no souvenirs. Things are pretty expensive here, especially when you figure in the dollar exchange. I did pick up a couple of Xmas gifts at Nordstrum, as did Annabelle.

We went to the Lemon Shark Poke for lunch. I had never had a Poke bowl before and it was fun to pick



and choose my ingredients and it was delicious. Something else I had never seen before except while in Mexico last January was a help yourself beer dispenser machine.

I managed to get a good picture of it shown below. The ones I saw in Mexico were also for wine, and they used the same system – card purchasing. Just like a Tim’s card.



Just outside the restaurant we were able to see where the new railway was being built. Arrow is an under-construction commuter rail line in San Bernardino County, California, United States. It is planned to run between the San Bernardino Transit Center in downtown San Bernardino

and the University of Redlands in Redlands, California and will be operated by Omnitrans. Estimated completion date is the spring of 2020. While walking in the down town area we passed by the Orange Grove Alley where all the umbrellas are, so Annabelle snapped a photo of me. The temperature has gone up



to 92 degrees and we are melting. No more walking around for us so Connor suggested he take us on a "driving" tour.

He first took us to see the Kimberley Crest Mansion {Kimberley-Clarke}.

Kimberly Crest House and Gardens is a French château-style Victorian mansion



located in Redlands, California. The property is a registered California Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

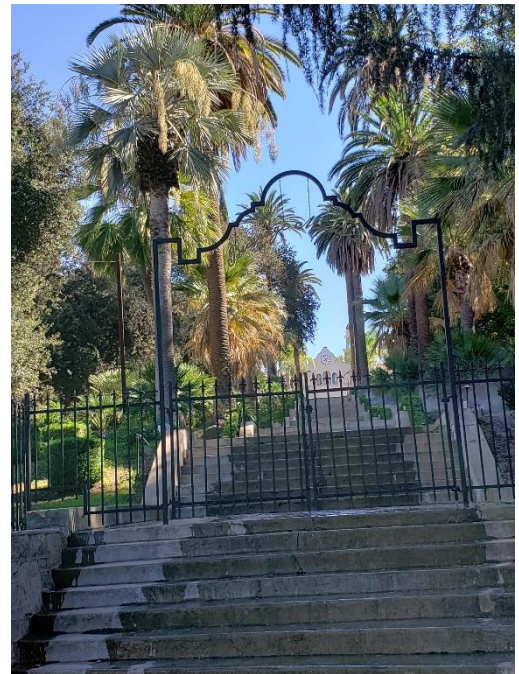


Over the years the house has been a private residence and a girl's finishing school. I am hoping to learn more about it on Sunday. I believe we are going there on a tour. Annabelle thinks that I would really love to see it. Tours are from 1:00 – 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. The house was owned by the Kimberley-Clark family.

The next stop was the *Barrage Mansion*.

Built in 1901 by mineral magnate Albert Barrage as a holiday home to escape East Coast winters and entertain fellow aristocrats. Purchased in 2007 by energy entrepreneur and Redlands native Tim Rochford to provide a haven of play and enrichment for disadvantaged young children.

We couldn't get close to it, but I did manage to snap a couple of photos.



The final place was the Mosley Mansion.

The house was built in 1890 by early Redlands residents David and Sarah Morey for \$20,000, # from the sale of their citrus nursery. Following the Moreys' deaths in 1901, the house's second owners were Willard R. and Nancy Cheney, the brother and sister-in-law of Helen Cheney

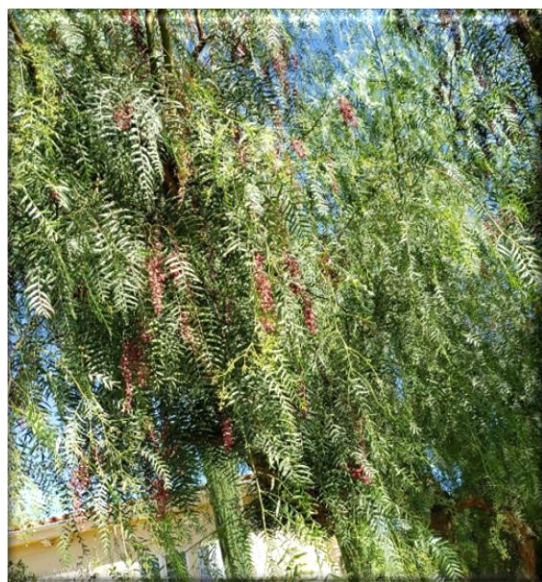
Kimberly, who was the wife of one of the founders of *Kimberly-Clark Corporation*. In the 1940s, it was reportedly owned by actress *Carole Lombard's* uncle and left to her in his will, but she died before she could take ownership. Shortly after, the mansion was purchased by Willard M. and Florence Wiseman, and then sold in 1969 to Curtiss and Phyllis Allen. The Allens owned it during the 1970s. Mr. Allen had seen the house as a young boy while in Redlands; he told someone that he was going to own that house one day. A friend told him it was for sale and Mr. Allen purchased it immediately. The house was featured in the film *Talk About a Stranger* (1952) as the house of the character Dr. Paul Mahler, alias Matlock.



The mansion opened as the first bed and breakfast in Redlands in 1985 under then-owners Carl Ljungquist and Gary Conway. The house was purchased by Janet Cosgrove in 1998, who oversaw renovation work to the building before reopening it as a bed and breakfast in 2006. In 2010, Sara and Bill Taylor bought the mansion for sole use as their private residence. In 2012 the house went into foreclosure. In January 2014, ownership was returned to Janet Cosgrove.

Viewing all these wonderful homes was amazing. Thank you Connor.

A little more of a drive around and then home where once again we will stay inside. Connor pointed out a pepper tree to me. That is the first time I have ever seen one of those as well.



I am working on Zen's sweater and Annabelle has to finish knitting her Christmas gifts. It is much cooler inside that's for sure.

Nothing planned for tonight other than maybe watching a movie and eating popcorn.

Such a beautiful place to visit.

Only 5 more days left and lots of exciting outings to come thanks to Sharon, her family and friends.

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