

Otto Evans House

1203 Luanne Avenue

1929

Spanish Colonial Revival

Status: Local Landmark



This Spanish Colonial Revival house was constructed in 1929, for businessman Otto Evans and his wife, Ora, where they would reside for decades. An attached garage and second-story accessory unit was part of the original construction, and additions to the house and the accessory unit were made in 1939 and 1944. Otto Evans would later use the home as a place to launch his numerous volunteer projects and fundraising events.

Otto Evans was active in community affairs as soon as he arrived in Fullerton, serving over 50 years in four separate organizations, and becoming a charter member of both the Fullerton Kiwanis Club and the Fullerton American Legion Post 142. He was particularly proud of organizing the city's first Salvation Army unit in 1950, serving as Christmas Kettle chairman each year. Known as "Mr. Fullerton" and a "one-man Chamber of Commerce for Fullerton", Evans gained a reputation for being able to sell tickets or anything else for a worthy cause. He also recruited thousands of other Fullerton residents to volunteer in a large number of organizations. Evans received many service awards from local organizations, including the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce and the Orange County Shrine Club, as well as a California State Assembly Resolution for nearly 60 years of service to the community.