

# RAMONA ROUNDUP

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## Ramona Parlor #109 Officers 2002

- Ola Addante, President
- Elsie Bracci, Vice President
- Harry Scholar, 2nd VP
- Verne Koenig, 3rd VP
- Frank Claro, Jr. Past President
- George Carone, Sr. Past President
- John Fornelli, Trustee-18Month
- Art Claro, Recording Secretary
- Roberta Overton, Financial Secretary
- Mario Zanotti, Treasurer
- Ann Rogers, Trustee-12 Month
- Roger DiVirgilio, Trustee 6Month
- Dominic Billi, Marshall
- Louie Bisetti, Inside Sentinel
- Chris Deghi, Outside Sentinel

## RAMONA PARLOR CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO WITH A MEXICAN MENU AT OUR NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MAY 9TH—6:00 PM

### MENU

El Dorado Beef Casserole  
Chile Rellenos  
Green Salad  
Beverages and Dessert  
\$6.00 per person

Please RSVP to ensure that we bring enough food. Please call (626) 288-2026 to reserve your place.

We eat in the Grapevine Room on the corner of Mission and Santa Anita in San Gabriel.

### Please Join Us! PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members and friends,  
The Museum did an outstanding job on the Turnaround Fundraiser. Everyone had a great time and the Museum realized a nice profit! Thanks to all.



Please plan on joining us for a very special celebration. Ramona celebrates its 115th Anniversary on June 21st. Make your reservations soon and come and participate in a fun evening at the Castaways.

We had five speakers at our Speakers Contest and the winner will compete in the finals at Grand Parlor. Elsie Bracci did a fine job running the Contest. Thanks Elsie!

Grand Parlor meets in May and I am looking forward to the meetings and hope to bring some fresh ideas back to our parlor.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the June meeting. It is my annual week with "the girls". I will be back on June 15th, in plenty of time for our anniversary bash!

**To All Officers: There will be a meeting May 9, 2002 at 5PM.**

*Happy Mother's Day!*

-Ola Addante

## RAMONA CELEBRATES 115 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AT THE CASTAWAYS

They say that time flies when you're having fun! If that's the case, Ramona Members must be having an absolutely wonderful time.

The fun continues as we prepare to celebrate our 115th Anniversary.

### Castaways Menu

Choice of Prime Rib, Sword-

fish, or Vegetable Delight  
Potatoes and String Beans  
Wine Tiramisu Coffee  
**\$35.00 per person**

There will be a magical night of dancing and revelry as we are entertained by Jim Gilman and the Associates from 7-11PM

No Host Bar opens at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Please plan to join the fun!



### MARK RUSSEK, 50 YEAR MEMBER, DEPARTS THIS WORLD FOR THE PARLOR ON HIGH

Weeks after being awarded his 50-year pin in a special ceremony, long-time member Mark Russek quietly passed away at the Park Marino Health Center in Pasadena on April 5, 2002.

He was passionately interested in history and was thrilled to chair the Ramona Committee that was responsible for building a Museum and Meeting Place at 4580 Figueroa Street with funds supplied by Brother Edwin Fletcher, Jr. Long-time friend and brother Harry Beardo remembers the place he helped plan and build, "It was

a beautiful two-story Parlor with a Museum, Manager's apartment, pool room, three separate offices on the main floor, a lovely lobby, dance hall and kitchen". Brother Russek also helped to organize and display the many museum items that were returned from the LA County National History Museum where they had been kept on loan for more than half a century.

Mark Russek was a very active member of the Parlor and served as its Recording Secretary for many years. He participated in many community organizations including the Los Angeles Cinema Club, the

Commission of Olvera Street, California Hispanic Society, Neighborhood Music School, Los Angeles Historical Society and the Commission of Los Amigos del Pueblo.



### GRAND PARLOR DELEGATES ELECTED THREE MEMBERS HEAD TO KELSEYVILLE

Grand Parlor delegates were carefully elected at the last meeting. They include President Ola Addante, Long-time member Harry Beardo and Treasurer, Mario Zanotti. Harry Scholar was chosen as an alternate.

The Grand Parlor Convention will be held at the Konocti Harbor Resort and

Spa in Kelseyville on May 19-23, 2002.

Parlor Delegates are sent to this annual meeting to express their views, exchange ideas and speculate about the future of our grand organization.

It is an honor to be elected and an inspiring event to attend. Hundreds of Parlors

participate, the winner for our statewide speech contest is selected and there are dozens of ways to network with our brothers.

Congratulations to all our delegates!

*"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."*

**-Hugh Downs**

### NEW TRUSTEE APPOINTED... PARLOR WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBER MARIE MOR

Congratulations to John Fornelli who just accepted the important appointment as our 18th-month Trustee.

Welcome to our newest member Marie Mor. She was sponsored by Louie Bisetti and has been quite active in the Garibaldina Society for many years, where she served as their secretary. She is well-known for her willingness

to participate and has already volunteered to produce a flyer for our Anniversary Dinner Dance in June.



We are thrilled to have her as a member of our group!

**Just a note:** Bakersfield Parlor #42 is closing. Los Angeles Parlor #45 will merge with University #272.

MUSEUM TURNAROUND WAS A REAL FUNRAISER!  
OVER \$1000 RAISED FOR MUSEUM LIGHTING

Wednesday April 17th Ramona members and Friends could be found packed into a Main Street Tours bus enjoying a terrific trip to Buffalo Bill's Gambling Casino.

Located in Stateline, Guests left San Gabriel at 7:00 am and arrived at the casino around 10:15. Buffalo Bills gave us a free buffet coupon for dinner and we had a great time gaming with our friends and brothers.

The bus trip itself was a real food fest starting with donuts and coffee, fresh fruit, delicious deli sandwiches donated by Claro's Italian Mar-

ket, soft drinks, chips and cookies.

On the return trip we enjoyed a movie, complete with popcorn!

If you have never taken the opportunity to join us on one of these annual trips, mark your calendars for 2003.

We raised just over \$1000.00 and the profits will be used to install some much-needed lighting in the Museum.

Special thanks to all of the wobbly-legged helpers who peddled food up and down the aisle. Mary Gangi, Margaret Bisetti, Marion Ronchetti and Joe Claro.

Quinto Bianchi called our Bingo games delightfully. Thanks to him and the rest of our helpers for a job well done.

Additional thanks to the Bisettis for their generous donation of water for the trip.



SICK AND DISABLED

Verne Koenig had cataract surgery on Monday April 29th. He is doing great!

Joe Nuccio is still not 100%, but Mary is doing better.

William Joseph is coming along nicely.

Joe La Casella just spent a short time in the hospital. He is doing much better. We hope to see him at a meeting soon.

Marie Fornelli is still not doing too well. She and John had to

cancel their trip to San Francisco and their gambling spree with the Museum.

Elsie Bracci had minor surgery on her lip. She is recovering nicely and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Grady Hardy suffered a slight stroke about three months ago. He is recovering nicely, much of his progress due to his great attitude and determined spirit. We were very pleased to see him at our

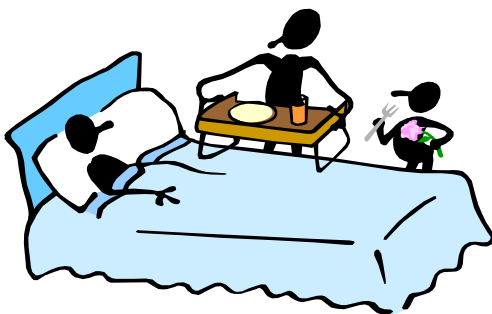
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Chris Deghi's recovery from hip surgery has been phenomenal. There was no keeping this member of the Building Committee down for long!

For those of our members and friends that are not faring well, please accept our best wishes and heart-felt prayers for good health and a complete and speedy recovery.

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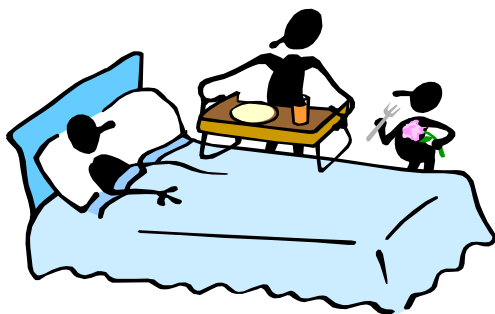
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## YOUR GIFTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE ANNIVERSARY DANCE

The Social Committee is still asking members to bring a gift or two to the Museum some time before June 1st so that we can have some great raffle prizes for our Anniversary Dinner Dance.

This is a great opportunity to help the club even if you find yourself unable to attend.

The gifts do not have to be expensive or fancy. It would be nice if they are boxed so that we can wrap them, but even that is not mandatory.

Please help out if you can.

Bring your items to the Museum in San Gabriel on any Saturday from 1-4PM.



### YARD SALE PLANNED IN SEPTEMBER!

Save your "valuable junk" for our annual Yard Sale. It is not until September, but if you are as organized as most of us, it will take you that long to dig it out.

### MUSEUM UPDATE

Dr. Susan Gleason, our beloved Curator, will pay us a visit next week. She will evaluate the progress at the Museum and make suggestions about our new lighting. She is also bringing several boxes of artifacts from the Phillips Mansion, the first brick building in the San Gabriel Valley. Our Director, Rosemarie Lippman, worked with her on the archeological site and the material should be quite interesting. She did her Senior Project on the house and she is willing to donate that to us as well.

We are very excited to welcome her back!

