

RAMONA ROUNDUP

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Ramona Dinner Meeting

Dinner Meetings are held the

second Thursday of each month

6:00 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday

August 10, 2006

Cut Ziti layered w/Sausage and Ricotta Cheese

Roasted Vegetables

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

Only \$7.00 p/p

Past Presidents Info Booth Workshop



Ramona Stagecoach

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST A HUGE SUCCESS!

Almost a dozen high school students participated in our fifth annual public speaking Competition and we were thrilled with their performance.

Five Ramona members judged the preliminary competition, which was held a few days before the Dinner Meeting Finals.

Frank Claro acted as timekeeper while Harry Beardo, Mario Zanotti, Louie Bisetti, Margaret Bisetti and Art Claro selected the six final contestants who would compete for a top prize of \$500.00.

In a world where so many of our young people seem to be unfocused and troubled, these young scholars were a true inspiration and pro-

vided our members and friends with a hopeful glimpse at our own future.

With topics ranging from the Gold Rush to the Impact of the Progressive Republicans to California Politics, the energetic, young speakers kept their audience riveted and it was very difficult to select the top three out of six.

Past Grand President Richard Kimball, joined educator Michael Sullivan, Toastmaster Andrew Cardenas and Brother Joe Claro to name this year's winners.

1st Place (\$500.00)

Christine Blauvelt

San Marino High School

2nd Place (\$300.00)

Steven Tan

3rd Place (\$100.00)

Tiffany Wang

Runners Up (\$50.00 each)

Markus Brazill, Bill Chen and

Andy Tien were our runner ups.

Congratulations to all!

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT SCOTT CULLINANE RECEIVES ONE OF THE FIRST NSGW MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Grand Parlor may not offer a speech contest anymore, but they are no slackers when it comes to recognizing the accomplishments of California's young people.

For the first time this year, they offered \$4000.00 in scholarship monies to any and all brothers and/or relatives of brothers who have excelled in school and in citizenship.

Scott Cullinane started volunteering at the Ramona Museum of California History

when he was only 14 years old. A truly exceptional young man, he came faithfully each Saturday to head our Museum Docent Program. After graduating from St. Francis High School, it is no surprise that his major at St. Mary's College is Museum Management. He hopes to become a Museum Curator after he graduates.

Besides maintaining an excellent grade point average and helping out at the Museum, he also agreed to ac-

cept a position as Ramona Parlor's youngest Third Vice President.

He visits us as often as he can and we couldn't be more pleased that he was selected to receive one of the 2006 NSGW Merit Awards. *Good going Scott!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ROSEMARIE LIPPMAN

Greetings to Members and Friends,

It has been a very exciting summer here at Ramona. Five new members mark a banner year for our group. We have also acquired several new docents for our museum. ***The infusion of new people seems to have energized the club.***

We've sponsored two ma-



ior scholarship competitions, raised money to cover everything with a turnaround and a yard sale, expanded our Museum hours, dedicated the Hayes House and celebrated our 119th Anniversary.

The year is not over yet! We are planning another dedication: The San Gabriel Civic Auditorium in November. We are hosting the Southern California Weekend at that same time. The members of the Museum staff are trying to develop a new outdoor exhibit that will feature panning for gold and describe the impact of the Gold Rush on California History. We have a trip planned for St. John's Hospital on August 6th.

On Labor Day, September 4th, we are planning to walk

with some of the descendants of the first southern California settlers from San Gabriel to the Plaza in Los Angeles. We would like to assemble some members to carry the Bear Flag. You can sign up at the August meeting or call me at 626-523-9798 to join the team!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

Rosemarie

It was on my fifth birthday that Papa put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Remember, my son, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.'

Sam Levenson (1911 - 1980)

PAUL CAROTHERS APPOINTED SUPERVISING DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PARLOR

Does it pay to go to Grand Parlor or what?! One listen to energetic member Paul Carothers and it was decided to appoint him as SDDGP for District 2 replacing Bud Utter.

Brother Paul will be

responsible for visiting parlors in District 2 which include Rio Hondo, University and Ramona. He will strive to unite the parlors and report on everyone's activities to the Grand President.

Brother Paul has been instrumental in helping to complete many of the repairs around Ramona Parlor.

He will undergo hernia surgery on August 7th. Speedy recovery Paul!

YOUNG HISTORIAN'S PROGRAM BRINGS RAMONA SEVERAL NEW DAMIEN DOCENTS

Thanks to the persistent and patient efforts of First Vice President Fran Hubert we have been able to entice five young students from Damien High School to volunteer at the Ramona Museum.

Damien High School requires 100 hours of community service in order to graduate. Students are constantly looking for opportunities to help and Ramona's Young Historian's Program gives

them the opportunity to work in various areas of museum management. Volunteers learn how to properly handle artifacts, how to market the museum through our website, how to guide people through the museum as docents, and how to organize material in an actual museum archive.

Teachers and students alike are thrilled with the unique opportunities that Ramona provides and in turn, we feel very lucky to have

these energetic young people working with us.

Welcome to Ramona! Matt Nalbach, Edouard Ducrocq, Ryan Skove, Clayton Webb and Bobby Oatman.



RAMONA'S 119TH ANNIVERSARY—A HUGE SUCCESS! GRADY HARDY AND ROBERTA OVERTON HONORED

June 10th marked the 119th Anniversary of Ramona Parlor and we celebrated it in grand style with a terrific BBQ on our patio parking lot.

The whole lot was tented and we enjoyed swing music, a delicious BBQ meal and an open bar.

The event was extra special, not only for the food, but for the enjoyment of good friends and honored guests.

Grady Hardy received his 50-year pin. He brought his lovely wife June and we all enjoyed recognizing him for his many years of unselfish service. His wife seemed truly touched by how much her husband was loved and respected by his peers.

One of the highlights of the

program was the awarding of the Bronze Bear to our beloved Treasurer Roberta Overton. She has worked for our Parlor in one capacity or another for the past 11 years. She has been active since the day that she joined and donates much of her time to many organizations throughout the community. She is an exceptional person and the award was very well deserved.

Terri Degrassi was also honored with an American Express gift certificate for dedicated service. The AMEX Service Award is given to a non-member who makes a significant contribution to the betterment of our Parlor.

Frank Claro sweated over the BBQ (Mario Zanotti was sick this year), Art Claro, Lot-

tie Scavo and Roberta Overton helped to decorate and Kara Brown helped set up the food. As usual, Louie Bisetti and Art Claro manned the bar.

Another wonderful year passes with great friends, food and memories.



Don't lose your head

To gain a minute

You need your head

Your brains are in it

RAMONA PLANS A NEW EXHIBIT, A NEW CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM AND NEW EVENTS!

The Ramona Museum of California History is planning a new exhibit in the east alley adjacent to our building. The exciting outdoor display will center around the impact that the Gold Rush had on California history. It will contain a "hands-on" history feature where visitors can actually pan for gold and keep a small vial of whatever they collect for their efforts. Exciting and educational, we will try to fund the exhibit through fundraisers and grants. We hope to open the exhibit in the fall 2007.

Unfortunately, child protection has become a real issue in 2006.

As a service to the community, Ramona Parlor will offer a Child ID Program to help law enforcement recover a child that has been abducted. Fairs and festivals provide a wonderful opportunity to introduce Ramona's constant commitment to helping children by providing a printed ID sheet that includes the child's picture, fingerprints and basic information.

This program, in conjunction with an information booth provided by Grand Parlor should increase NSGW visibility and attract many new members. Ramona would like to see the program eventually adopted statewide.

Docent Diana Zhang worked with the San Gabriel Mission to organize a Mission

Competition for her Girl Scout Gold Project. It was so successful that we are looking forward to it becoming an annual event.

Awards were given to students for the Mission models. With Ramona's support, Diana raised all the money she gave out in awards—more than \$725.00!

Other upcoming events:

August 12-Past Pres meet-Booth Workshop

Sept. 4-Los Pobladores San Gabriel to LA (9mi)

Nov 3/5-So Cal Weekend

-BURMA SHAVE

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Preserving California's Treasures



*Californians for
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The Native Sons of the Golden West is an historic organization that was established in the late 1800s to promote the great State of California. With the common bonds of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, the group became one of the state's most powerful fraternal organizations at the turn of the last century. Many early California history-makers were members of the Native Sons. Today the NSGW is an active group of native Californians who are dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of our great State.

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