
RAMONA ROUND UP

Native Sons of the Golden West

*Ramona Parlor #109
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GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY August 12, 1999

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

Roast Beef
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Green Salad

Apple Pie
Beverage

\$6.00 per person

Earlybirds can play cards!

Held at the

*Grape Vine Room
Near Santa Anita and Mission
San Gabriel*

President's Message

Greetings to Members and Friends:

Congratulations to all members and friends! Ramona Parlor #109 was designated as an Honor Parlor by Grand Parlor. Harry Beardo was appointed to the Board of Appeal. Susan Gleason was awarded a belt buckle for recruiting so many new members and Art Claro and Paul Diaz were awarded key chains. Leo Baudino won the Bowling Championship. Mario Zanotti's convention report was outstanding.

Locally. . .Melinda Lopez and Antonio Martinez, our fourth grade essay contest winners, were awarded savings bonds. Their teachers were awarded checks. Frank Claro and Rosemarie Lippman were recognized for their outstanding service to Ramona Parlor and the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Looking ahead. . .Our Anniversary barbecue will be held on September 12 from 3-7 PM. Tickets are \$22.50 each. The menu will include barbecued steak, baked beans, salads, desert and refreshments. We will be entertained by the music of Jon Destry. Please bring items to be donated (new or donations from stores, restaurants, etc) for the Chinese Auction to Our August 12th meeting. A few more committee members are needed to make the event a grand success. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity

George Carone, President

Financial Committee

Roberta Overton

We have been diligently entering all of our transactions for the past two years into a computer program

called Quicken. It's not that we want to eliminate the paperwork, we just want to organize it better. We have finally accumulated enough information about our monthly expenses to begin to put together a budget. Once we have a budget set we can finally project the future of our financial position. Details and treasurer's reports will not be made available in the newsletter. Financial information is reported at each meeting. If you can't come, members may request information by calling (213) 255-2205.

Building Committee

Chris Deghi

The case of the toasty library has been solved! The upstairs was almost 15 degrees warmer than our downstairs meeting area. We closed the vents and created a more energetic air flow upstairs and the problem seems to be solved. The library is still a little warmer, but the temperature and humidity are constant so the documents and books are safely archived.

Thank you Art Claro. He cleverly added an extension to the light in the Turn-of-the Century room to make it easier for the docents to turn it on and off. No more climbing in and out of the exhibit for us!

Reserve your Place!

112th Anniversary Barbecue Benefits Cleft Palate

Reservations are now being accepted for the Ramona Parlor #109 Anniversary Cleft Palate Dinner Dance. It will be held on September 12th at the Claro Home in Walnut. Last year everyone had so much fun! If you missed it, please plan to join us this year.

The cost is \$22.50 per person and it includes a steak barbecued to perfection, a baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. The price also includes all the beer and wine you can drink. Dance to the traditional tunes of Jon Destry.

A Chinese Auction is planned. A reminder to all members: **This is the meeting to bring your *new* items for the auction. Remember, the gifts you donate will help raise money for Cleft Palate. If you don't have anything around the house, approach a local business and request a gift certificate or small gift item. Anything you can bring will help make this auction a success.**

Don't be left out! We have enclosed an addressed envelope for you to mail in your reservation. Please pop it in the mail today.

Museum Report

Rosemarie Lippman

We are in the process of sorting and separating our operational records for the club. It is a larger job than we originally thought. During the move from the Fletcher location our records somehow got scrambled. Additionally, we had given a lot of our records to lawyers and oh my! Well, needless to say, the papers are where they should be. Year by year, we are creating new files. Anything earlier than seven years will be placed in manilla folders and archived. Documents and records over 20 years old will be kept in acid free folders and boxes. Much of this material may not seem relevant to the Museum, but it is necessary to keep it organized for future reference.

Membership records will be bound and filed. Member records provide a wonderful resource for social historians and genealogists. They contain birth dates, addresses, vocations and even death information about our early members, many of whom were the movers and shakers of Southern California.

We have been authorized by the membership to purchase a computer costing between \$600-\$800. The machine will be located in the office and will not only help the Museum keep track of its artifacts, but will enable us to update our mailing list and financial records as well. We were hoping to obtain a grant to

purchase a system, but unfortunately we can not apply because we do not qualify as a non-profit organization. Ramona Parlor #109 is a fraternal, tax-exempt part of the Native Sons of the Golden West. In order for the group to benefit from grant requests or estate donations that give the donor tax benefits, the Museum would have to apply for non-profit status. We are still not convinced that the paperwork is worth it.

We are so grateful for the wonderful volunteers who are helping us plow through the paperwork while they guide visitors through the Museum. New to the force is Friend of the Museum, Marion Ronchetti. She had joined young Scott, Verne, Laura, Robert and Lottie and we are very grateful for all their help and support.

If you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday, consider joining us at the Museum. With all the filing, office workers are needed and the more the merrier. Dress comfortably. No need to call, just show up after 1:00 and we'll show you how you can help.

No word on Susan Gleason. She is camping in a very remote area of southern Oregon while she gathers information for her thesis. Her sister, Janet just gave birth to a baby girl, Stephanie in June. Susan is probably an Aunt and doesn't know it. She should return in early October and we can't wait to see her and hear about all her adventures in the wild.

St. John's Hospital to Host Donor Brunch and Mass

All members and friends of Ramona Parlor are encouraged to attend a mass and brunch graciously planned by St. John's Hospital for Cleft Palate donors. This very special event is planned for August 8th from 11:00-2:00. Please call Harry Beardo (818) 845-7329 for reservations and car pool information.

Recording Secretaries to Meet at Ramona

August 9th at 6:30 PM, Ramona will host a workshop for NSGW Recording Secretaries. Light refreshments will be served as these important officers prepare to discuss common problems associated with their jobs and how to solve them.

Sick and Disabled

Louie Bisetti

It has been a hard summer for many of our members.

-Joe Nuccio is doing a little better, but still is able to get around with a walker.

-Carl Arrobio would love to hear from our members. Chemotherapy is always difficult and a cheerful call or note is always appreciated. His address is 2612 Hollister Terrace in Glendale and his phone number is 818-243-9516.

-Sadly, Frank Vega passed away after a long illness. Additionally, Harry Beardo lost his beloved brother Al.

-Louie Bisetti's son in Colorado had to have a kidney removed. He is recovering nicely and getting ready to go back to work part-time.

-Al Lingua attended the last meeting. We were all thrilled to see him and very happy that he is doing better.

-Pete Pianta is recovering from a stroke and attended the last meeting. He and his wife both looked very well indeed.

-Frank Theiss is under the weather. We look forward to seeing him at the next meeting.

Recent Museum Acquisitions

-Bee Schmolle donated a framed picture of Eugene W. Biscailuz and a recording of our opening and closing ode.

-Sergio and Elsie Bracci donated a wonderful hat that belonged to one the Rough Riders.

-Pasadena Parlor records and memorabilia narrowly missed the rubbish heap. These important items were literally saved by Grady Hardy.

-The Piantas gave us a sewing machine

-Margaret and Louie Bisetti gave us a spinning wheel for our Turn-of-the-Century display

We have received several items since we have relocated. Please be patient as we are still trying to reconcile

all the paperwork associated with these acquisitions. If you do not receive a donor sheet by the end of September, please call Rosemarie at (626) 288-2026.

Welcome to the World!

Kayli Marie Brown

Born to Kara and Brandon Brown on June 24, 1999 at 3:09 PM. She weighed 6 lbs 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Kayli represents the fifth generation of the Claro family living here in Southern California. Grandparents are Bob and Rosemarie Lippman, Great-Grandparents are Frank and Geraldine Claro and her Great-Great Grandmother is Mary Claro who is 92 years young. Everyone is just thrilled with the new arrival.

Ramona Officers 1999

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Grape Vine Room
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