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**RAMONA ROUND UP**  
**Native Sons of the Golden West**

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*Ramona Parlor #109*  
*P.O. Box 292*  
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## **GENERAL MEETING**

THURSDAY December 13, 2001

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

Chicken Parmegiano  
Pasta with Eggplant  
Tossed Green Salad

Panettone  
Beverages

\$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 all Members and Friends:

Happy Holidays to all! It is that time of year again. I am very happy that we have chosen to have our traditional Christmas Dinner. We use the evening as an opportunity to thank all of our members and museum friends for all of the good work they do throughout the year. The dinner also doubles as an event to collect canned food for less fortunate members of the San Gabriel community.

This year has brought heartache and fear, but it has also shown us courage and opportunity. As 2001 comes to an end, I would encourage everyone to say a little prayer for the troops fighting for us a half a world away. It won't be easy for them to spend the holidays so far away from home. Let's hope that next year is better, easier, happier and more peaceful than the previous one.

By the way, I am about to be a great-grandfather again. Kara is due to give birth any day. I can't think of a better Christmas gift!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity

Frank Claro

**FEED THE LESS FORTUNATE AND GOOD FORTUNE  
SHALL FIND YOU!**

The holidays are right the corner and Ramona Parlor plans to celebrate! A very special holiday dinner is planned on December 13<sup>th</sup> before our General Meeting. The meal will be free to all Members and Museum Friends who bring a bag full of canned food for the less fortunate. The canned food drive will benefit La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center, which offers much needed services for low-income families in San Gabriel. The holidays are such a hectic time for most of us, it is easy to forget those members of our community that are less fortunate and very often alone. Remember them as you gather your canned goods together. If you are unable to bring a donation, you will be asked to pay \$6.00 at the door.

**RAMONA WILL DONATE \$250 TO  
LA CASA DE SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY CENTER**

La Casa is a wonderful community group that offers daycare to working mothers and resources for the less fortunate in our community. Ramona has traditionally supported this worthy group through an annual donation at Christmastime. This year will be no exception, as we present Director Cheryl Prentice a check for \$250.00 at our next Dinner Meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Louie Bisetti should be ready to present a slate of officers for membership approval at our December meeting. Officers are generally selected twice a year. If you are interested in serving as officer please let Brother Bisetti know as soon as possible.

**RED CROSS PRESENTATION GIVES US  
TIPS TO PREVENT FRAUD**

Ola Addante invited a representative from the Red Cross to our November Dinner and we were all offered a very informative presentation on Fraud Prevention. The presentation was geared to senior citizens and focused on the many scams that con artists use to bilk the elderly out of their hard-earned savings.

Tips included:

1. Don't ever give out your social security number to a solicitor.
2. List your phone number using an initial and then your last name. This is especially important if you are a woman living alone. (K. Smith)
3. Make certain that the donations you give are to the legitimate groups and organizations sanctioned to receive them.
4. If an investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Have your attorney or tax advisor check it out.
5. Keep your checks in a safe place and account for each one.

## MUSEUM REPORT

Congratulations to our curator Susan Gleason! After years of persistent study, she has recently received her doctorate from UC Riverside. She defended her dissertation in November and only Susan could make her presentation on Geophytes near in the Klamath River in Oregon both interesting and informative. Geophytes are roots that grow in the ground. Although they are awfully small and somewhat difficult to gather, Susan showed that they actually made up a greater portion of the Native American diet than anthropologists ever imagined. Move over acorns! To prove the point, she has spent the last three years charting, counting and picking plants and classifying seeds. She has developed ways of analyzing the starch on prehistoric tools to help determine what ancient people ate and how they handled their foods. She has really done some remarkable work.

She may stop by the museum before she relocates in Oregon to continue her research. She would like to do her Annual State of the Museum Report and we can't wait to see her! If anyone is interested in viewing her work, you can visit her website at <http://www.geocities.com/drarizona1/index.html>

While you are on your computer you might want to check out our new Ramona Parlor Website at [www.ramonaparlor.org](http://www.ramonaparlor.org)

We put in some great pictures from the meeting when Joe Pesce received his 25-year pin. The site is really cool and it only cost us \$35.00 to develop.

## SICK AND DISABLED

Joe Nuccio is still not doing well. We have not seen him for such a long time. He and Mary are greatly missed at our dinners and get-togethers. We hope and pray that someday Joe will feel well enough to join us again.

Nick Moramarco is feeling better.

Louie Francone is not doing well. He was recently moved into a full-care facility. His grandson Leo reports that he has good days and bad ones, but recently, his bad days are becoming more frequent and he often does not even recognize him. He is such a kind-hearted man, please say a little prayer for him and his family. These days are never easy.

Mike Addante is recovering bravely from his bout with congestive heart failure. His appetite could be better, but his spirits are good and Ola is taking good care of him.

Mario Zanotti passed out the other day due to blood loss from a bleeding ulcer. He is doing better, but it was scary and painful. He has suffered for most of the year with a bad back and now this...let's hope that the New Year will bring him the health and happiness he deserves.

Friend of the Museum Mary Gangi had successful quadruple bypass surgery. We were thrilled to discover that she is doing quite well.

Chris Deghi is in quite a bit of pain these days. He is going in for hip surgery in January. We wish him all the best.

John Fornelli threw out his shoulder bowling. He has recovered nicely and is ready to get out on the lanes again.

## WHY WORRY?

*Ann Landers*

There are only two things to worry about. Either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, there is nothing to worry about. If you are sick, then there are two things to worry about, either you get well or you will die. If you get well, there is nothing to worry about. If you die, there are only two things to worry about, either you will go to heaven or you will go to hell. If you go to heaven, there is nothing to worry about. If you go to hell, you'll be so darn busy shaking hands with old friends that you won't have time to worry.

### **CITY OF SAN GABRIEL HOSTS A HALF DAY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MISSION DISTRICT**

President Frank Claro and Recording Secretary Art Claro put on their walking shoes a couple of Saturdays ago to join Mary Cammarano and other city officials in a half day community walking tour/discussion about how the Mission District might be revitalized and traffic might be increased. After walking the district, meetings were conducted in small groups in the Grapevine Room. The strengths and weaknesses in the District were evaluated and opportunities for economic and cultural development were discussed. It is not surprising that the City of San Gabriel is actively trying to revitalize this rare and interesting area. Further discussions will follow as plans emerge to bring back an area that is so important to southern California history and offers so much to visitors who want to learn about it.

## **Ramona Officers 2001**

President.....Frank Claro  
First Vice-President.....Ola Addante  
Second Vice-President.....Harry Scholar  
Third Vice-President.....Verne Koenig  
Jr. Past President.....George Carone  
Sr. Past President.....Louie Bisetti  
Trustee-18 Months.....Chris Deghi  
Recording Secretary.....Art Claro  
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Trustee-6 Months.....Leo Baudino  
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Inside Sentinel.....Roger DiVirgilio  
Outside Sentinel.....Elsie Bracci

District Deputy Grand President  
Ted Garcia

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Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month  
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Near Santa Anita and Mission  
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