
RAMONA ROUND UP
Native Sons of the Golden West

Ramona Parlor #109
P.O. Box 292
San Gabriel, CA 91778

Chartered June 9, 1887

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1999

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

Stuffed Pork Roast
Eggplant Parmegiano
Rapini and Prosciutto Buns
Tossed Green Salad

Spumoni and Sfingi
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,

As your new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Claro, his officers, and committee members for leading us through the many changes that have taken place since we were officially notified that the City of Los Angeles wanted to purchase our building on Figueroa Street through the purchase of our new location in San Gabriel, and the re-establishment of our wonderful Museum, etc.

I also thank the nominating committee and the membership for their confidence in selecting the new officers. With your help I am certain that our parlor will continue to work towards meeting the goals and objectives set before us.

A number of fund raising activities are in the planning stage to help with our donation towards Cleft Palate research, defraying museum and parlor expenses. Your active participation will be needed. Listen for announcements at the meetings or look for them in our Newsletter.

In Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

George Carone

Financial Committee

Roberta Overton

As requested by the membership, to safeguard our money the following banks were selected to transfer some of our liquid CD from Home Savings to the following:

Life Bank	\$100,000
Citizen's Bank	\$100,000

Mercantile Bank \$100,000
Southern Pacific Bank\$100,000

As dictated by our newly approved by-laws, each account was set up to require four out of five officers to sign checks or transfers. There will be an additional transfer of \$100,000 from Home Savings to be to another bank next month.

Members can be assured of the constant vigilance of the Financial Committee to try to obtain the best rate of interest for our money. The main thing is that the money is safe, insured and monitored.

For the Good of the Order

Fran Hubert

Our calendar for the next six months is shaping up and looking great!

Resolutions to be brought before Grand Parlor will be on the agenda for February. This is a very important meeting. Be sure to attend and make your views known to our delegates.

The meeting in March will feature Jane Richert who will come and speak to us about the history of the El Camino Real Bells. As many of you may recall, Ramona had one at our old location on Figueroa. I am hoping that this presentation will spark interest among our members to retrieve our bell and relocate here in San Gabriel. There are fifteen of them placed along Mission Drive already. They were recently dedicated by the Woman's Club. Ours was one of the original ones placed along Figueroa by the Automobile Club and it would be wonderful to have it back.

We will be working with Grand Parlor to place a commemorative plaque at Fletcher Hall. When we contact Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department Jay Sloan about the return of our bell, we can also discuss the possibility of a plaque with him as a city official. I will be forming a committee to follow through with this project. If you're interested, please call me at (626) 332-1203.

In April we will host our High School Speech Contest. There will not be a business meeting, so please plan to attend. Also in April, the Azusa Unified School District will be participating in Ramona's first ever Fourth Grade Essay Contest. Entries must be submitted by April 18th. The winning entry will be published in the June newsletter. A \$100 savings bond will be awarded to the

winning author. A Museum Turnaround is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st. Mark your calendars, it ought to be a ton of fun!
June is the month for our annual Anniversary Cleft Palate Fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information.

Building Committee

Chris Deghi

There have been very few repairs on the building in recent months. Our committee is taking a much deserved rest after getting the Museum up and running. My sincere thanks to Louie Bisetti and his crew for all of their hard work.

The sign for the parlor should be up within a couple of weeks. El Monte Sign Company did a beautiful job on the front of the building. After visiting the Museum, Scott and Ed Storlie both decided to become "Friends". We were very happy to welcome them into the fold and we are confident that their work on the side of our building will be as impressive as what they did on the front

The parking lot has several pot holes that will need our attention soon. We will have to address the problem at one of our future meetings. Also, the wall on the side of the parking lot has yet to be painted. Want to help? Call me (323) 257-4555.

Membership and Lapsation

Art Claro

A warm welcome to new brothers who joined Ramona Parlor in 1998. . .

Cynthia Smith
Ann Rodgers
Elsie Bracci
Mary Linda Daddona
Alfred Merlo
Warren Gleason
Harriet Gleason
Tom Stanton
Roger Di Virgilio
George Musacco
Steve Diaz

New Friends of the Museum include. . .

Cheryl Prentice
Mary/Teresa Cammarano
Scott Storlie

Ed Storlie
Dorothy King
James Smith
Sarah Duncan

Ramona is on the move. Tell your friends and neighbors. We had over 1000 members once and we can do it again!

Please note: Dues were due in January. If you mislaid your letter or forgot to attend to this very important matter, please do it now. Friends of the Museum will be receiving renewal notices this month.

Sick and Disabled

Louie Bisetti

Mary Lotito suffered through the better part of the holidays with walking pneumonia. She is still weak, but is recovering nicely.

Pete Pianta had a mild stroke. He is in therapy, but is doing as well as can be expected.

Frank Theiss visited the Museum last week (We were all thrilled to watch him accept his 50 year pin at our last meeting!). His knee surgery was very successful and he toured the place with no problem at all.

Set a kind thought aside for Vince Emeterio. He has been ill lately and we hope he feels better soon.

We were all happy to hear that Joe Nuccio was doing better. We have really missed him at our meetings and hope to see him soon.

For all our sick and disabled brothers, please believe that our prayers and best hopes are with you. Feel better soon and plan to join us at one of our monthly meetings!

Standing Committees 1999

The life's blood of any organization are the groups of members who participate by serving on standing committees. These are the people who help the club do things, plan activities and reach out to the community. If you are not already serving on one of these committees, please call the parlor and volunteer your time. Your efforts will be sincerely appreciated and you'll feel good too!

Building Committee

Chris Deghi (chair), Louie Bisetti, Grady Hardy, Henry Casillas and Marty Diaz

Financial Committee

Roberta Overton (chair), Al Lingua, Harry Scholar, Leo Baudino and Frank Claro

Ways and Means (For the Good of the Order)

Fran Hubert (chair), Gloria Carone, Pat Gabriel and Art Claro

Membership and Lapsation Committee

Art Claro (chair), Fran Hubert, John Mackay, Roberta Overton

Sick and Disabled Committee

Louie Bisetti (chair) and Harry Beardo

Communications Committee

Verne Koenig (chair), Rosemarie Lippman, Grady Hardy, Art Claro and Gloria Carone

Museum Committee

Rosemarie Lippman (chair), Susan Gleason, Nicole Daddona, Al Lingua, Fran Hubert, Verne Koenig, Louis Bisetti, Art Claro and Frank Claro

Museum Report

Susan Gleason and Rosemarie Lippman

The museum staff has been kept very busy since our Grand Opening. We have been averaging 10-12 visitors each week. A group of Native Daughters dropped by a couple of Saturdays ago and seemed to enjoy the Museum very much.

Rosemarie has been catching up the acquisition paperwork for several recent donations and artifacts given to us during the Museum move (Pasadena parlor gave us over 100 items alone!). She should have the paperwork completed within the next couple of weeks.

The library is still quite disorganized. We need to assemble some metal shelves that will be used for bookcases. The shelves will enable us to organize the books, maps and papers still packed in boxes. Additional file cabinets will help us organize the records for the parlor. Currently, Ramona serves as a repository for old records from Santa Monica and Pasadena Parlors. The social history contained in these very unique records will prove to be invaluable for future researchers. The records, rosters, newsletters and correspondence contain information about births, deaths, vocations and relatives. If you are interested in helping to organize this type of material, we need you! Call Rosemarie at (626) 288-2026.

Susan has been busily working on our annual inventory of the artifacts. We will have the annual accounting ready for the Museum Committee meeting the first Saturday in March. We are trying to determine which items are missing and where they might be located. Laura and Verne Koenig are helping Susan with this very important project in between visitors.

We have a couple of very exciting events taking place at the Museum in February. The San Gabriel Valley Teacher's Association will host a meeting in the Museum on Tuesday, February 23rd at 3:00pm. Fourth grade teachers will have the opportunity to tour the Museum during the meeting. We are hoping that the exposure will encourage many of them to bring in their students on a field trip. On Saturday, February 27th, the quarterly meeting of the Foothill Curators will be hosted by the Museum. Four times a year, curators, directors and docents from 19 museums scattered throughout the San Gabriel Valley meet to discuss common problems and solutions specifically related to small community based museums. The meeting will introduce Ramona of CA History as the newest historical resource in the valley and the exposure should prove to be invaluable. We will also distribute brochures and flyers to all of the museums who attend, that way our material can be given away at many locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Cynthia Smith placed the Museum in the San Gabriel Tour Brochure and always manages to promote the Museum when she can. Its very nice to have a *brother* like her in City Hall.

Sincere thanks to Fran Hubert and Roberta Overton for pitching in as docents last month. Another thank-you to Wes Peters and Mary Linda Daddona. Their diligent efforts in can collecting resulted in our purchase of a CD player for the Museum Floor. The haunting sounds of Native American flutist Carlos Nakai create an interesting environment in which to view the earliest items in our collection. We are hoping to construct at least two additional *music boxes* to further enhance the Ramona Museum experience for our visitors.

Museum Stateline Turnaround

The Museum Turnaround to Stateline has been planned for April 21st. We will be going to Buffalo Bills by popular demand. The cost will be \$16.00 per person. Please mark your calendars. The money raised from this annual event will be used to pay for a

professional evaluation of our Bear Banner. Based on the results, we hope to apply for a grant to conserve the banner and research its origin.

Ramona Officers 1999

President.....George Carone
First Vice-President.....Fran Hubert
Second Vice-President.....Harry Scholar
Third Vice-President.....Verne Koenig
Jr. Past President.....Frank Claro
Sr. Past President.....Louie Bisetti
Trustee-18 Months.....Chris Deghi
Recording Secretary.....Art Claro
Assistant Recording Secretary.....Pete Pianta
Financial Secretary.....Roberta Overton
Treasurer.....Mario Zanotti
Trustee-12 Months.....Pat Gabriel
Trustee-6 Months.....Leo Baudino
Marshall.....Dominic Billi
Inside Sentinel.....Roger DiVirgilio
Outside Sentinel.....Lou Francone

District Deputy Grand President
Ted Garcia

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