

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

June 9, 2005

Old Fashioned Meat Loaf

Potatoes Au Gratin

Fresh Fruit

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

Only \$7.00 p/p

ANNIVERSARY BBQ



Ramona Stagecoach

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST A HUGE SUCCESS!

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

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

Harry Beardo acted as timekeeper while Mary Linda Daddona, Mario Zanotti, Louie Bisetti, Margaret Bisetti, Sergio Bracci, Ola Ad-dante and Rosemarie Lippman selected the five 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 provided our members and friends with a hopeful glimpse at our own future.

With topics ranging from the power of California's cultural diversity to the importance of water to southern California's development, the energetic, young speakers kept their audience riveted and it was very difficult to select the top three out of five.

San Gabriel Councilmember Harry Baldwin, joined educator Michael Sullivan, Toastmaster Ed Manes and Docent Scott Cullinane to name this year's winners.

1st Place (\$500.00)

Losmeiya Huang
Gabrielino High School

2nd Place (\$300.00)

Steven Tan

3rd Place (\$100.00)

Sophia Sou

Runners Up (\$50.00 each)

Michelle Truong and Diana Zhang

PACHENGA CASINO TURNAROUND RAISES OVER \$2000.00 FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As usual, the annual museum turnaround wound up to be a real "fun-raiser"!

On April 6th, two buses loaded with almost 100 excited gamblers, enjoyed five hours of gaming at the newly remodeled Pachega Indian Casino.

The group left San Gabriel at 8:00AM and returned around 5:30PM. We were actually home before dark!

It only took about one and a

half hours to make the trip to the casino which is located close to Temecula.

As always, there was plenty of food and fun on the bus. The video "Shark Tales" was shown on the return trip and it was a big hit.

A great big thank you has to go to Claro's Italian Markets for the terrific sandwiches. An additional debt of gratitude must go to all of the

ghostriders who contributed even though they were unable to attend: Daniel Munoz, Bee Schmolle, Ann Ferrante and Marietta Larsen.

We raised enough money from the event to fund our annual High School Public Speaking Contest and to purchase a new computer and printer for our Parlor.

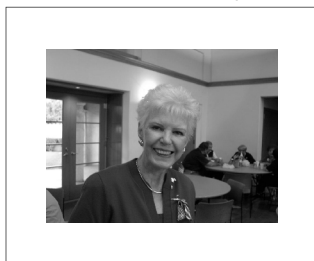
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OLA ADDANTE

Greetings to all Members and Friends,

The past three and a half years serving as President of Ramona Parlor has been an inspiration and a great learning experience.

I have been lucky to have had so many fine members and friends of the museum that were willing to help. The dedications, flag presentations, anniversaries, speech



President Ola Addante

contests, new parking lot and gate, new chairs, turn-arounds, yard sales, monthly newsletters and much more. It would not have been possible without all of your help. I am deeply grateful and thank you.

Preservation of our California history and our support for cleft palate charity is still extremely important and I urge all members to continue with these efforts. Ramona Parlor #109 will work to fulfill the stated mission of the Native Sons of the Golden West and to reach out for new members.

The Parlor interior is looking good and I am looking forward to many more years of service. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day and I look

forward to seeing a nice turnout at our annual Anniversary celebration on June 11th!!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,
Ola Addante

Ola has simply been an inspirational leader and her efforts will long be remembered and appreciated by all of us.

I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life.

-Ronald Reagan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! MANY HAPPY RETURNS—*YOUR DINNER IS FREE!*

Is it your birthday? Come and claim your **FREE** dinner!

June: Roger DiVirgilio, Silky Griffith, Larry Maddox, Antonette Paciulli
July: Mike Addante, Chris Deghi, Fran Hubert,

Hubert, Verne Koenig, Flora Mackay, Ellsworth Springer

August: Jesus Aceves, Michael Antonovich, Elsie Bracci, Ron Calderon, Ann Ferrante, Eldon Hastain, Mike Mumolo and Ann Rogers-Black.

Congratulations!



RAMONA MUSEUM EXPANDS ITS HOURS—FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 11AM-4PM

Thanks to Fran Hubert, the Mission San Gabriel, the San Gabriel Historical Society and the City of San Gabriel, **Museum Saturday** has been established.

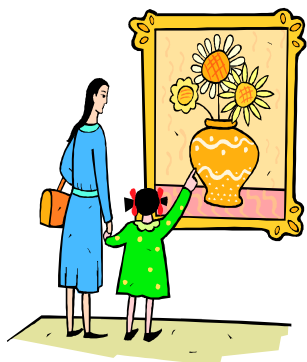
All of the historic venues in the Mission District have been encouraged to expand their hours to allow more visitors to enjoy the unique and valuable museum collections available right in heart of San Gabriel.

Fortunately, Ramona Museum has accepted a new student volunteer, Kelsey. She attends Gabriellino High School and is interested in archeology.

We could really use more Museum volunteers. We are not sure what we are going to do when Third Vice-President Scott Cullinane graduates in June. Our youngest member will be attending St. Mary's College of California in Moraga, 28 miles east of San Francisco.

He has been steadily volunteering for past six years and we will all miss him terribly.

If you can spare a few hours once a month, call Rosemarie at 626-288-2026.



SWINGIN' BARBEQUE PLANNED AS RAMONA PARLOR CELEBRATES 118TH ANNIVERSARY

You won't want to miss this event!

On Saturday June 11th, Ramona Parlor will celebrate its 118th Anniversary.

Our newly completed patio parking lot will provide the perfect place for the Barbeque dinner which will include steak or chicken, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert

Wine, beer and sodas are complimentary.

Advance reservations must be made. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Children under 12 are only \$10.00 each. Bring your friends and family! This event would be a wonderful opportunity to see what the

Native Sons are all about.

The Museum will be open before and after the event.

A No-Host cocktail hour will begin the festivities at 3:00pm. We have already reserved a spacious tent for the patio area. A live swing band is scheduled to provide dance music until 7:00pm.

"Early California", the Putt Puttman mural gracing the south side of the parking lot will be dedicated during the affair.

We are also planning a free raffle of donated gift items.

If you have any questions or need to make a last minute reservation, please call Rosemarie at 626-288-2026.

We need donations of liquor for the bar! Please bring your

bottles to the Museum on any Saturday from 1pm-4pm.

Our neighbor Dale Boeck is continuing the celebration on Sunday and would like us to open the museum. If you can help, let us know at the next meeting.

GRAND PARLOR DELEGATES MET IN TAHOE... NEW OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN JUNE

George Carone, Harry Scholar, President Ola Addante and Mario Zanotti were selected to represent Ramona Parlor at the 128th Session of the Grand Parlor in Lake Tahoe.

Our resolution to allow non-native associate members to participate in our regular member meetings was not well received. It was not entirely killed either. It was strongly suggested that a revision might improve chances of approval at a later date. We can always hope.

Rain and snow battered the delegates and chased a planned Barbeque

indoors, but a good time was had by all who attended.

New officers were elected at the May meeting and will be installed in June.

Rosemarie Lippman moved from 1st Vice to President, Fran Hubert offered to serve as 1st Vice President, Ola Addante moved to Jr. Past President, Mario Zanotti was elected Treasurer, Grady Hardy volunteered to act as Marshall, Louie Bisetti moved to Senior Vice President and everyone else remained the same. George Carone will assume 3rd Vice President when Scott Cullinane leaves for college this fall.

Third Vice President Scott Cullinane has volunteered with the Museum since 1999. He has become an indispensable part of our staff and we will all certainly miss him as he moves on to college.

He attended St. Francis High School in South Pasadena and belonged to several academic clubs, organized two huge WWII exhibits and looks forward to his graduation on June 4th.

This extraordinary young man will attend college at St. Mary's College of California in Moraga where he will major

(*no surprise*) in history. Good Luck Scott!

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

-Thomas A. Edison

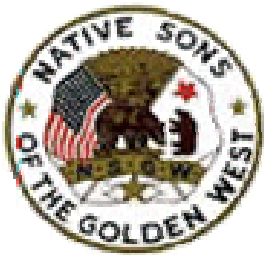
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Preserving California's Treasures



***Californians for
California***

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.

RAMONA OFFICERS 2005

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