

# 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

**March 10, 2005**

Old Fashioned Meat Loaf

Potatoes Au Gratin

Mixed Vegetables

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

**Only \$7.00 p/p**

## SPEECH CONTEST



Ramona Stagecoach

## RAMONA PARLOR WELCOMES AND INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS

President Ola Addante has made membership a priority for Ramona #109 and as a result, several new members will be installed at our annual Installation Dinner Meeting on February 10th.

The Veteran's Day Exhibit offered the perfect opportunity for the Museum staff to solicit visitors for membership in our wonderful organization and our success can be measured by 6 new membership applications since November!

The Museum has proved to be a great way to reach out to the community and let them know what the Native Sons is all about. The "native Californian" requirement is an occasional impediment to

membership, but we rarely fail to sign up interested visitors as Friends of the Museum.

Friends have proven to be one of the great assets of our group. Lottie Scavo is a terrific example of a Friend who has been quietly volunteering at the museum for the past several years. She is a valuable part of our staff and she helps us to keep the museum open each and every Saturday. She is committed well beyond the circumstances of her birth and we can't imagine opening up without her.

Welcome to new members:

Ron Calderon, Albert Bayse,

Marietta Larsen, Joe and Pauline Nicassio, Chris Pontrelli, Sean Donovan, Bill Williams, Theresa Gomez, David Blancett, John San Marco, Michael Pizzio, Michele Ciccone, Donald Pavlechro, Edward Ordonez and young Scott Cullinane.

## PARKING LOT AND ENTRY GATE COMPLETED . . .CALLING ALL PICCASOS!

The concrete parking lot has been completed. The planters will be planted next month by several volunteer students from Gabriellino High School.

We are very fortunate to live in a community where the youngsters are willing to help to provide needed services for local groups.

The interior of our meeting room was roughed up by the special Veteran's Day Exhibit. It is our hope that we can

have it **painted** before the next meeting.

It is a big job, but we really need it done. There are also some ceiling panels that need to be replaced and somehow our audio system needs a bit of work (some of the wires were moved out of place when the exhibit was assembled). Harry Scholar has been diligently pricing new chairs for our meeting room. He may even have them by our next meeting.

We have so much to do!

If you would like to help, you are more than welcome to contact Rosemarie at (626) 288-2026. She will let you know when we plan to spruce up the place. With so many events planned, we would like to make our clubhouse look really sharp.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## OLA ADDANTE

Greetings to all Members and Friends,

Rain, Rain go away and don't come back! As much as we need water, I wish it would spread itself over several months instead of over just a few days. Oh well—Thanks to 2nd Vice President Harry Scholar our new chairs should be here for the next meeting. Come on down and give them a try! Thanks Harry.

Part of our mission is preservation by the marking of his-

toric sites and landmarks in California. We have selected a very significant one in March. We have decided to rededicate the San Gabriel Mission Gardens Patio.

More events are planned for March, April and May—that show your organization in action.

The Turnaround is just around the corner. Almost all of the money that is raised is applied toward student scholarships. This event promises to be a real "funraiser", you won't want to miss it!

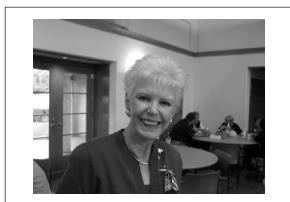
Fran Hubert is working with the City of San Gabriel to organize a Museum Docent Group that should bring many new visitors to our wonderful Museum.

You can be proud to be part of a organization that does so much to improve the community, remember the past and preserve it for the future.

Get active and join your brothers and friends as move our Parlor toward interesting meetings, historical preservation and camaraderie.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

Ola Addante



President Ola Addante

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

-Will Rogers

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

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

February: Valentino Lombardo, Louie Bissetti, Susan Camp, Mary Linda Daddona, Alfredo Sirignano, Joe La Casella, Michael Ybarra,

Ybarra, Daniel Munoz, L.M. Rafferty, Mary Lotito, Dennis Mc Carberry, Theresa Gomez

March: Dominic Billi, Mario Zanotti, Joe Claro, Lee Pianta, Art Claro, Wellesley Peters, Diane De Winstanley

Congratulations!



## CALLING ALL GAMBLERS! ANNUAL MUSEUM TURNAROUND PLANNED—WED APRIL 6TH!

Celebrating some true native Californians this year, Ramona Parlor's Museum of California History will travel to the Pechanga Indian Casino in Temecula for its annual Turnaround Fundraiser.

The trip is shorter than our traditional Stateline romp; we leave San Gabriel at 8:00 AM and we will return by 6:00 PM. Guests opting for the Pomona pick up can expect to leave by 8:30 and be back

home by 5:30. Guests will gamble for 5 hours at the newly enlarged Pechanga Casino and Pechanga will even give each guest their first \$5.00!

As always there will be tons of food and fun on the bus. You definitely won't want to miss this trip! Only \$21.00 per person!

### Long-Time Member Sydney Epstein has Passed Away

Sydney Epstein was a fun-loving

fellow who bowled until the day he died. At almost 100 years of age, that says a lot about this gregarious member who was a NSGW member for over 50 years. He was a great guy and will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS COME TOGETHER TO REDEDICATE HISTORIC SAN GABRIEL MISSION GARDENS

The fourth of the California missions, San Gabriel Arcángel, had three sites. The place proposed originally was well inland from the ocean on the river now called Santa Ana. After arriving there, the founders decided to look for a better location. Moving overland, they crossed the San Gabriel River, and on September 8, 1771, founded the mission near the present city of Montebello. Five years later they had found an even better site five miles closer to the mountains, and moved the mission to its present location in 1776. On that fertile plain San Gabriel became the wealthiest of all the early missions. Construction of the buildings seen today began in 1796.

An event of great importance occurred in 1781, when a little party of two padres, several Indian acolytes, and eleven families marched nine miles westward to found El Pueblo de Nuestra la Reina de Los Angeles (the City of our Lady Queen of the Angels) Los Angeles, magic city of the Southland.

San Gabriel suffered through the usual problems with greedy politicians and land-hungry colonists in this most favored of all southern California locations. With the Mexican decrees of secularization, the civilians had won. Mission San Gabriel was turned over to a civil administrator in 1834. Within ten years everything of any value had been removed. As usual, the ubiquitous Pio Pico was involved, but his sale of mission property to a friend was halted by the arrival of U. S. troops.

The church at old Mission San Gabriel was heavily damaged by the Whittier earthquake. Now the damage has been repaired and the entire structure strengthened. Other

areas are continually being restored. The church is open to the public, and the ancient cemetery, the cactus garden, and much of historical interest may be seen on the grounds. Today San Gabriel possesses perhaps the finest collection of mission relics in existence. Its hammered copper baptismal font was the gift of King Carlos III of Spain in 1771. The six priceless altar statues were brought around the Horn from Spain in 1791



The California Mission Site. Ed. The Civic Group. 24 Sept. 1998. <<http://www.californiamissions.com/cahistory/sandiego.html>>.

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*The historic San Gabriel Mission Church was completed in 1805. The designer was Father Antonio Cruzado from Cordova, Spain, hence the Moorish influence seen throughout. The church is built of stone, brick and mortar and is the oldest structure of its kind south of Monterey. The Museum building was constructed in 1812 of adobe and brick with a tile roof and is almost 300 feet long. The Mission Gardens Patio includes a fountain installed by the Native*

*Daughters of the Golden West, California Parlor #247. The burial ground and fountain were refurbished by both Native Sons and Daughters. The site was dedicated on March 1, 1940 with a plaque honoring the pioneer Mother and Father.*

**Ramona Parlor #109 and San Gabriel Parlor NDGW led by NSGW Past Grand President Richard Kimball will rededicate the San Gabriel Mission Gardens on March 5th at 1:00 PM.**

**The event will take place on the Mission Patio outside the Gift Shop. Refreshments will be served in the Ramona Meeting Room after the Ceremony.**

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

-Thomas A. Edison

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*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.*

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