

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

April 13, 2006

Succulent Slow Roasted Pork

Pasta with Rapini

String Beans

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

Only \$7.00 p/p

ANNIVERSARY BBQ



Ramona Stagecoach

RAMONA CELEBRATES STUDENTS IN MAY—OFFERS 2 SCHOLARSHIPS!

You'd never know it if you watch the news, but there are just tons of intelligent, energetic young people who work diligently day after day as they further their academic careers and prepare to face the future.

Once a year, Ramona Parlor #109, in conjunction with the Ramona Museum of California History celebrates these students by offering them two opportunities to compete for scholarships.

Our annual Public Speaking Contest draws dozens of competitors from local area high schools. Last year, their topics ranged from the economic impact of the cultural diversity in our state to the history of the Hollywood sign.

Preliminary speeches will be held on May 8th and 9th as we pare down the speakers to the top five. The final speakers can be heard at our regular meeting date on May 11th. You won't want to miss that event!

For first time, Ramona Museum will partner with the San Gabriel Mission to offer 4th graders the chance to show off their Mission models and compete for cash prizes for themselves, their teachers and their schools. Almost 50 students have already sent in their applications and we are looking forward to a very lively competition.

The entire event was organized by one of our young

volunteers, Diana Zhang for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Coincidentally, she was also one of the winners of our speech competition last year.

The event will be held in the Mission Gardens on May 6th—11AM-2PM. Please come and support these talented youngsters!

PACHENGA CASINO TURNAROUND PLANNED FOR APRIL 5TH—MARK YOUR CALANDERS!

Attention all gamblers!

It's that time of year again—our annual turnaround is Wednesday April 5th. We are going to Pachenga Indian Casino and **we are going to have a blast!**

We have two pick up points: San Gabriel and Pomona. Because the casino is so close we will meet at 8:00AM and we should have you back by 5:00 PM. You can enjoy 5 hours of gambling at the newly remodeled casino. Riders really compli-

mented the food last year and the casino gives everyone \$5.00 toward a meal at the buffet.

If you have never come along on this trip—this should be the year that you join us! Raising money for our school scholarship programs has never been so much fun! We play games on the bus, it seems like we are always eating and drinking something and we go with the most wonderful group of friends.

It is only \$21.00 per per-

son to come on the trip. Seats are going fast, make your reservation today!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROSEMARIE LIPPMAN

Greetings to all Members and Friends,

Thank heavens for energetic volunteers!

Fran Hubert has been doing an outstanding job of recruiting and inspiring several new volunteers at the museum.

Bobbie and Pat Halverson have recently joined our staff and are currently photographing our collection so that we

can eventually make our artifacts more accessible on the internet.

Carlyn Sy was born and raised in the Philippines and moved to southern California in 1998. A history buff, she works for Countrywide Credit and is currently planning to update our website.

Veronica Cipru is a graphic designer who is going to work on improving our outdoor signage and possibly create a history timeline around the perimeter of the museum.

Our student volunteers, Kelsey Peterson and Diana Zhang help out when their schedules permit.

Volunteering can be very rewarding. If you can spare a few hours— even one Satur-

day a month, you ought to come in and join the fun! Roberta Overton and Lottie Scavo are here almost every week. Art Claro and his brother Frank are always around. Bring a good book and man the front desk. It's a great way to stay active and we could really use the help.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

Rosemarie



Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

-Anonymous

RICHARD ODEMAR CARRIES ON LONGEVITY LEGACY EARNS 50 YEAR PIN THIS YEAR

Ramona treasures its long distance members, and so we were especially pleased to hear from Brother Richard Odemar this year as he has finally earned his 50-year longevity pin. His father, Walter was

Odemar, served as Past Grand President of the Native Sons.

Although he lives in Wyoming, he has requested that he receive his pin in November or December. We are hoping to coordinate the event for the NSGW

Southern California Weekend on November 4th and 5th. Ramona Parlor is sponsoring the event and it would be a wonderful opportunity to recognize Brother Odemar in the presence of so many Grand Parlor dignitaries.

SAN GABRIEL CELEBRATES ITS 93RD BIRTHDAY—BIG BASH APRIL 28TH-30TH!



Calling all Ramona members and Friends! Plan to join the San Gabriel birthday celebration by helping to dedicate the historic Hayes House on Broadway just behind the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

The Hayes House is a charming Victorian cottage built in 1887 by George Findley Bovard. It was purchased by Milton Scott Wilson in 1893 and his descendents would live in the

house for the next 97 years. All of the contents in the house were left to the San Gabriel Historical Society by Mary Ruth Hayes, Wilson's granddaughter. It offers a unique glimpse of life at the turn of the last century.

Ola Addante and Fran Hubert have been working with the Historical Society to plan the event, which will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday April 29th.

Grand Parlor is sending several dignitaries who will guide the dedi-

catory committee in our traditional landmarking ceremony.

There will be refreshments offered in the Ramona Meeting Room immediately after the event.

SPRING BARBEQUE PLANNED AS RAMONA PARLOR CELEBRATES 119TH ANNIVERSARY

You won't want to miss this event!

On Saturday June 3rd, Ramona Parlor will celebrate its 119th Anniversary.

Last year, the patio parking lot provided 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 band is scheduled to provide dance music until 7:00pm.

Grady Hardy will receive his 50-Year Pin at the event. He is an ever-present volunteer at the museum and just a delightful human being.

We are all very pleased to be able to honor him with this special longevity pin.

We are also planning a free raffle of donated gift items. You can start dropping things off at the museum any Saturday from 1-4PM.

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

We also need donations of liquor for the bar! Please bring your bottles to the next regular meeting.

See You There!



Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

-Anne Frank

THEIVES ABSCOND WITH OUR GATE OPENER! Building Committee Takes Immediate Action

In a seriously desperate move, someone stole our electric gate opener. The machine had to weigh over 500 pounds and was bolted to the cement. How they managed to do it remains a mystery.

The police have no leads and no suspects. Fortunately, we have insurance. There is \$1000.00 deductible, but the replacement cost will be well over \$2300.00. The Building Committee has already installed a new unit. They have contrived a way to make it even more secure. A wrought iron cage is bolted to the ground and the unit is bolted to the cement as well.

Our neighbor, Dale Boeck has offered to install cameras to survey the parking lot. The police seemed to think that 24 hour surveillance was an excellent idea under the circumstances.

The Building Committee has been very busy of late. They are planning to create more storage space in the recessed area of our meeting room.

Fran Hubert contacted Millard Smallin from the NSGW Columbia Museum about receiving our historic pipe organ and renovating it for their collection. She and Paul Carothers have offered to deliver it to him for the cost of the gas. With the organ well placed,

our recessed area will be cleared and construction can begin on our new closet and storage space.

The Building Committee is also in the process of evaluating our heating and air conditioning as there appears to be a very uneven distribution of heat and cold. Frank Claro speculated that there may even be a leak in some of the ductwork. The Committee will do a thorough check this month and hopefully the problem will be solved.

Veronica Cipru, our newest volunteer and graphics design artist, will be working to

improve our outdoor signage.



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Preserving California's Treasures

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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