
RAMONA ROUND UP
Native Sons of the Golden West

Ramona Parlor #109
P.O. Box 292
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President's Message

Greetings to all Members and Friends,

The new building is now in our possession and Brother Bisetti and the Building Committee are already obtaining bids on remodeling the building to suit the needs of the club. Spacewise, it will almost be split 50/50 between home and museum. The front half of the building will house the Museum and our artifacts and the back part will serve as our meeting room. The back has its own entrance and parking lot.

The bids include the repairs for the roof, the remodeling and the unisex bathroom that will serve both the club house and the museum.

The movers have been contacted and if all goes well, we hope to be in by the end of April (the city stops paying for storage on April 14th). It should be a busy time so don't be surprised if you are called in to help. If you have any extra time on your hands, feel free to give me a call and I'll let you know what you can do. Curator Susan Gleason will also be offering her expertise and will need plenty of help building displays and painting. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

I think all of our members can be proud of how our club has risen from the ashes. 1998 should be a banner year for Ramona Parlor #109...the year we begin again!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity
Frank Claro

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, March 12, 1998

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

Chicken Cutlets Parmegiana
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Green Salad
Foccacia

Assorted Cookies
Beverage

\$6.00 per person

Early birds can play cards!

Held at the

*Grape Vine Room
Near Santa Anita and Mission
San Gabriel*

Minutes in a Minute

Two new members were introduced at the meeting: Mary Linda Daddona and James Lorenzo. We were all very happy that they had decided to join the group and both were welcomed warmly.

It was noted that Brother Henry Casillas is a 50 year member. He will receive a pin at the next meeting.

Building Committee chairperson Louie Bisetti reported on the progress of remodeling our new home and museum. The committee will be taking bids on installing a unisex restroom on the bottom floor and splitting the building between home and museum. We will have about 1200 square feet to meet and about 1100 square feet to display our artifacts.

It was agreed to accept the current investments we have made until the rates change. Evaluation of our position will be discussed and presented by the Financial Committee at the next meeting.

The Ways and means Committee decided to have a Bar-B-Q for our next Anniversary Dinner Dance. Arrowhead Parlor would like to be involved in the event. The committee will meet with them before the next meeting and reveal the details.

Three Delegates and one alternate are needed to go to the Grand Parlor on the 17th of May. Mario Zanotti, Dominic Billi, Joe La

Casella and Leo Baudino were nominated. There will be a secret ballot vote at the next meeting.

The Nominating Committee decided that the current slate of officers should remain in office until July 1st when we will hold elections again.

Fran Hubert reported that there will be a fourth grade essay along with the high school speech contest this year. It was voted that we donate \$50.00 toward the students.

Stateline Turnaround

April 1st, 1998

Our next event is a real fundraiser! Two busses have already been filled for the turnaround and the gamblers are certain to have a wonderful time. If you have not sent in your money, please call Rosemarie Lippman (626) 675-2023 and reserve your spot. If we have enough gamblers interested we can always rent a third bus!

If you are unable to go, don't be surprised if you are enlisted to donate food and beverages for our riders. Claro's Italian Market has already agreed to donate the sandwiches, Louie Bisetti has offered enough sodas for one bus, but we need a lot more grub. There will be a sign up sheet passed at the next meeting. Please try to help if you can.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Museum fund to purchase some of the things we need to display the artifacts in the museum.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, June 28th

Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance

The natives are restless and ready for fun! Ramona Parlor and Arrowhead Parlor are joining together to offer all of their members a wonderful afternoon and evening of Bar-B-Que, Dancing and Fun on June 28th.

The cost per person will be \$20.00. The Ways and Means Committee hopes to keep the expenses for the event below \$15.00 per person as they would like to donate \$5.00 per guest to Cleft Palate.

President Frank Claro has offered the use of his home in Walnut for the event. We will Bar-B-Que Steaks and Chicken, there will be music for dancing and a 50/50 raffle.

Please try to join us. The evening should be a real blast and it will be fun to party with our brothers from Arrowhead. For you guys

that intend to come stag, it is interesting to note that we are considering inviting *Native Daughters (hubba, hubba!)*.

If you are unable to come, consider making a donation directly to Cleft Palate.

Justice in Ensenada

On a recent trip home from Baja California, Mexico, I was rear-ended at a stop light in Ensenada. The car that hit me pushed me into a car stopped in front of me. In the confusion, the car in front took off. After checking to see if anyone got hurt (no one did), we waited for the police to arrive, which only took a couple of minutes. The police officers all seemed to know the person who hit me. The police asked me for my driver's license and registration. After giving it to them, they asked if I had insurance, which I did. I purchased PL + PD before I crossed the border into Mexico. I asked if the other person had insurance and they said no. I said "Aren't you supposed to have insurance in Mexico?" They said "No". They asked me how the accident happened and I told them.

After a few minutes, since both cars could still move, we followed one car to the police station. There, one officer diagramed the accident scene on a blackboard. Then they called my Mexican Insurance agent and he came to the station. After much discussion, he convinced the officer that the car in back was responsible for my car, and that I was responsible for the car I was pushed into. Since the first car took off, he explained that there was no one left for him to pay, so he left. The officer didn't seem to be satisfied with that and he tried to shift the blame to me. He even told me that the car that is stopped is at fault. It seemed he couldn't gain support from the other officers there, so he stalled around letting us cool our heels. Finally, he said the only way he would let us go would be if I signed an agreement that I would fix my own car. He said that if I didn't agree, he would impound my car and wait for the DA to make a determination, however long that would take. He said I might have to get a lawyer, etc.

Since I saw the handwriting on the wall, so to speak, I agreed and finally got out of there. This little scenario took about 5 hours. I hope you publish this story so maybe other Americans would think twice about driving down there, insurance or not. Most American insurance companies don't cover you in Mexico. Mine didn't.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Shafted in Mexico

Grady Hardy and Chet Anderson
P.S. \$1500 to fix our pick up!

A Happier Note...

Congratulations to Harry and Virginia Beardo who are traveling to Denver this week to attend the wedding of their first grandchild, Christy. The 23 year-old aspiring teacher will walk down the aisle wearing her mother's wedding gown. Harry and Virginia are very proud of their granddaughter and look forward to attending the wedding. Husband-to-be Edward Taylor is a professional painter and the young couple's future looks bright, if not colorful.

Sick and Disabled

- ◆ Nick Moramarco had surgery on his arm recently. All went well and the shrapnel that was causing the distress was removed successfully. He continues to work on his book about his wartime experiences and is about 75% finished. Good Job!
- ◆ Frank Vega cannot see well and is having problems walking. He is in a very bad way and is well deserving of our prayers and positive thoughts. Please send one his way...
- ◆ John Moles is doing fine. He is breathing much better.
- ◆ Jimmy De Mario's wife was very sick for a while, but she is doing much better now.
- ◆ Peter De Santis' wife has Alzheimers and is plagued with the ups and downs of that debilitating disease. She was very sick just recently, but seems to have recovered well.

A hopeful prayer and kind thought goes out to all our sick and distressed brothers wherever they may be. Some of our members seem to suffer more heartache and health problems than others, take the time to call and wish them well. If any brother knows of another that should be mentioned in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to call Louie Bisetti or Rosemarie Lippman. Let's take care of each other...*Friendship, Charity and Loyalty...*

Ramona Officers 1998

President.....Frank Claro
First Vice-President.....Chris Lotito
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District Deputy Grand President
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