

RAMONA ROUNDUP

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Ramona Dinner Meeting

MEETING DATE CHANGE

6:00 PM

Thursday

November 2, 2006

Succulent Baked Ham

Sweet Potatoes

Green Beans

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

Only \$7.00 p/p

NOTE MEETING DATE



Ramona Stagecoach

POLICE SAFETY FAIR KICKS OFF NEW CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

October 14th Ramona Parlor participated in an annual Safety Fair hosted by the San Gabriel Police Department. The event was well attended and we got a chance to show off the new information panels supplied by Grand Parlor. The panels are quite impressive and enabled us to provide a good deal of information about Ramona Parlor, its Museum and the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Visitors to our booth were also able to obtain ID Documents and DNA kits for their children. The response was a bit overwhelming and extremely popular. Almost 70 children received the emergency documents which included a photograph, current weight and height

information and fingerprints.

We used a laptop computer to transfer the photographs onto the documents and it only took about 3-4 minutes per child to produce the document once we got used to it. Most parents were very grateful for the FREE service. The program is not designed to gather all of the necessary information needed for the emergency documents, but it is a good start and a great way for parents to open up a dialog with their children about Stranger Safety.

Mario Zanotti, Fran Hubert, Gloria Zanotti, Grady Hardy, Roberta Overton, Lottie Scavo, Art Claro, Joe Claro, John Buhler and all our young Damien docents manned the booth. About ten members

of Gabrielino High School Future Business Leaders of America helped out too.

The Mission San Gabriel has invited us to set up our booth at another Festival on December 2nd. If you would like to volunteer, call Rosemarie at (626) 288-2026.

RAMONA PARLOR HOSTS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WEEKEND-NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

Ramona Parlor #109 is honored to have the opportunity to host the Southern California Weekend on the 3rd and 4th of November. It is going to be a blast and Ramona members should really try to attend as many of the activities as they can. Dozens of members from Parlors throughout the Golden State are expected to attend and we really want to show them some "southern" hospitality.

Events begin on Friday night at 5:00PM with a hospitality mixer at the Arcadia

Embassy Suites. Ramona members pay \$20.00 each for a bottomless bar. The open bar is included in the registration package for our guests.

San Gabriel's historic Mission Playhouse will be dedicated on Saturday at 11:00AM. Afterwards, you can have lunch in the Mission District at one of several delightful restaurants. At 2:00 PM Grand Parlor will initiate several new members in the Ramona Meeting Room. A small reception and tour of the Museum will fol-

low.

The fun continues with cocktails at 6:00PM and a delicious buffet banquet at 7:00PM, back at the Embassy Suites. The *dinner only* price is just \$40.00 each.

Contact Fran Hubert for more information at (626) 332-1203. Get your reservations in early. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROSEMARIE LIPPMAN



Ola and Rosemarie

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)!



Greetings to Members and Friends,

Unfortunately we lost another friend and brother this month. Mike Addante, husband of Past President Ola. He had been battling illness for quite some time and our sincere condolences go out to Ola and her family.

The San Gabriel Police Safety Fair was extremely successful. We had a lot of help and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Fran Hubert, Mario and Gloria Zanotti, Art Claro, Joe Claro, John Buhler, Grady Hardy, Roberta Overton and Lottie Scavo. We also met a group of wonderful kids from Gabrielino High School who helped us clean up. The Fu-

ture Business Leaders of America offered to help out anytime. *All we have to do is call!*

Ramona also hosted a Past Presidents Meeting that went very well. There was a workshop on how to best use the Southern California Festival Panels to our best advantage to recruit new members. It was informative and interesting.

The Fine Arts Association has agreed to pick up all of their panels so that we can begin design of our new outdoor Gold Rush exhibit. Good News!

We are all very excited to be hosting the Southern California Weekend this year. It gives us a chance to meet members from other parlors,

have some fun and exchange ideas we can all use to move forward. You won't want to miss any of the activities planned for that first weekend in November. Fill out the enclosed flyer and get your reservation in today!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,
Rosemarie

START SAVING YOUR CANS! CANNED FOOD DRIVE PLANNED FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING

The holidays can be a such a busy time. It is easy to forget the less fortunate among us.

It has been a wonderful annual tradition at Ramona to collect foodstuffs during the holidays for needy families.

Casa de San Gabriel is a community center dedicated to serving the needs of the less fortunate. They accept all of our food and distribute it through their center.

Members who bring at least two bags of groceries will be treated to a holiday

dinner FREE!

After dinner we will have a short presentation ceremony to give a check for \$250.00 to La Casa de San Gabriel to continue their good work.

Happy Holidays!

ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL TRIP WAS INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL

One of the most important and satisfying goals of Ramona Parlor is to raise money for Cleft Palate research.

Cleft Palate is the fourth greatest malady to afflict youngsters. Early intervention and treatment spares these kids from the unfortunate stigma that comes from impaired speech and facial distortion.

St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica is one of the foremost hospitals that specialize in treatment of this dreadful affliction, treatment that often takes many years to complete.

Several members of Ramona Parlor were on hand at the annual mass and appreciation brunch.

PAUL CAROTHERS

COMPLETES NEW STORAGE CLOSET

We now have a beautiful new area to keep our papergoods, extra tables and chairs and roll-over food rack. Brother Paul was a contactor in an earlier life and his expertise sure shows when he constructed a new storage closet. He did a great job!

RAMONA MEMBERS SUPPORT A RESOLUTION TO TAKE CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM STATEWIDE

It's all about the kids! Whether it's raising money for Cleft Palate research, welcoming classrooms of kids through the museum or giving parents emergency identification documents to help recover their child should he go missing, Ramona members are committed to children everywhere.

Why do we preserve and protect California history if not for the kids? Why do we mark historically significant buildings, sites and features if not for future generations to enjoy.

There is a renewed strength of purpose in resolving to support a Child Protection Program here in California.

It shouldn't be necessary, but it is. Children are California's most important

resource and they are in danger. Gangs, drugs, sexual predators and violence are just some of the threats parents must deal with today. Child ID documentation and DNA kits give caregivers a way to help law enforcement do their job better. Quick and current information is essential in a crisis. Our program fills a need.

Membership has declined over the past several years. It is our hope that the Program will generate enough interest and publicity to convince parents to join the order.

Brother George Carone has been enlisted to draft the resolution which will be submitted to Grand Parlor next

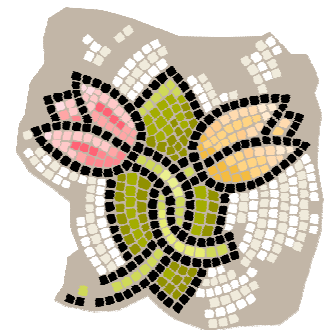
year. Meanwhile any parlors interested in pursuing this program right away should log onto our website: www.ramonaparlor.org.

PDF downloads are available for both the ID Documents and DNA Kit instructions.



The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future.

Stephen Ambrose (1936 -



BELOVED BROTHER MIKE ADDANTE ASCENDS TO THE GRAND PARLOR ON HIGH

ILLNESS PLAGUES SEVERAL MEMBERS

On Saturday October 14th, Mike Addante, long-time member of Ramona Parlor, peacefully passed away at the Montebello Care Center after a long bout with diabetes and Alzheimer's.

He leaves behind his loving wife Ola after 59 years of marriage, four children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, one of whom was born just two days after his death.

Mike didn't have time to pursue many hobbies, he worked hard for most of his life. He owned and operated a landscaping and parking lot maintenance company called ADCO Services in Montebello. He served in WWII

in the Navy as a radio operator in an airplane. He was active in Ramona Parlor and the Sons of Italy. Mike was an easygoing, likable man; generous and kind. He will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Sergio Bracci has picked up a mysterious bacterial infection that has curtailed his appetite. It is hoped that more tests will help determine what the problem is so that he can fight it. He is such a delightful person and we hope that he will be back at our meetings very soon.

Outside sentinel John Fornelli took an unfortunate fall just after last

month's meeting. He was hospitalized and, of course, they discovered another more serious problem. His bladder cancer had returned and he was treated using chemotherapy. It took away his appetite and he has dropped almost fifty pounds. His spirits are good, the cancer is at bay, but he could use the support of his friends about now. Send your prayers and cards. He is a terrific guy and we wish him all the best.

To all our sick and disabled members wherever they may be, a prayer and best wishes for good health and speedy recovery.

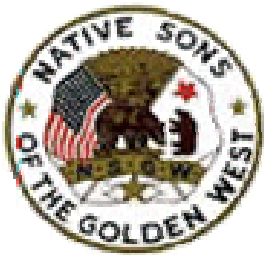
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Preserving California's Treasures



*Californians for
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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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