
RAMONA ROUND UP
Native Sons of the Golden West

Ramona Parlor #109
P.O. Box 292
San Gabriel, CA 91778

Chartered June 9, 1887

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1998

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

1/4 Baked Chicken
Pasta with Rapini
Assorted Ciabattas
Tossed Green Salad

Wine Cake
Beverage

\$6.00 per person

Earlybirds can play cards!

Held at the

*Grape Vine Room
Near Santa Anita and Mission*

San Gabriel

President's Message

Greetings to Members and Friends,

As my term is ending I feel proud of what has been accomplished since our departure from Fletcher Hall. What was once considered an unfavorable turn of events has become a very positive situation for the Parlor and the Museum.

I think that once the by-laws are finally finished and approved, we will have a solid foundation for our new home. The by-laws protect the parlor and insure that our group will be financially sound well into the 21st century.

I want to offer my personal thanks to all the members who helped through the negotiations with the City of Los Angeles and the purchase of the Literacy Building. The museum staff has put together a very nice exhibit of our artifacts. The Museum is a wonderful resource for the community and it makes Ramona Parlor truly unique among all of the other parlors, in that, we have collected so many interesting artifacts over the years and allow the public to enjoy them free of charge.

The Building Committee has done an outstanding job in fixing up our new location. They have also helped the Museum finish up several of their displays. Thanks to all who helped.

It has not been easy, but I think that we can all feel proud of what Ramona members and friends have accomplished.
In Friendship, Charity and Loyalty

Frank Claro

THE MUSEUM IS FINALLY OPEN!

Grand Opening is November 12th

3:00-6:00 PM

The displays are assembled, the house is up, the blacksmith shop is open and we are ready to go! The museum is hosting its official Grand opening on our meeting night, November 12th. A short program and ribbon cutting ceremony will open our doors and we look forward to introducing guests to the Ramona collection and the Museum of California History. Make plans to come to the meeting early and join the fun.

Susan Gleason and Rosemarie Lippman will be on hand to guide visitors through the museum. Verne and Laura Koenig will also be available to help. They have been invaluable and steadfast museum supporters. The Koenigs have scrubbed, painted, hammered and cataloged. They have been there from the beginning and deserve our grateful recognition.

There will be refreshments and punch served to all of our visitors. We invited all of the other Southern California Parlors, several Native Daughters, Grand Parlor and representatives from Museums and Historical Societies throughout the area. It should be a

wonderful opportunity to meet some very interesting people and catch up with old friends as well. Please plan on joining us.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY NIGHT

*Over 250 Visitors Get a Sneak Peek
at Ramona Museum*

The City of San Gabriel hosted a very exciting event to mark the end of their summer family festival. Over 400 fourth-graders were invited to California History Night and, with their families in tow, they were treated to an evening of history and fun.

All the Museums in the historic San Gabriel Mission District were open; there were Native American displays, craft booths, a live blacksmith and actors dressed as historical figures. Susan Gleason demonstrated the ancient art of flint knapping, the fabrication of tools from stone. The demonstration was fascinating.

We had terrific docent help to look after the artifacts. Susan's sister Janet came with her husband Larry. Art Claro and Verne Koenig manned the table we set up with information about the Native Sons. Betty Lingua and Laura Koenig manned the front desk while Brother Al guided youngsters through the exhibits. Fran Hubert and her husband Don came in period clothing. "Brother" Fran was a wonderful tour guide and she and Rosemarie Lippman answered questions and offered information about the collection.

We had several teachers inquire about our speaking and essay contest.

It was an exciting and interesting night for all who attended. The Museum was a real smash with the kids and their parents too.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Louie Bisetti

This past month has been hectic as we tried to get most of the remodeling completed before the Grand Opening of the Museum.

The outside of the building was painted, doors and trim included. It really came out very nice. The painting company who won the bid also threw in some carpentry work gratis. They were neat and capable.

The sign on the Museum side was designed and submitted to the city. They were happy with the lettering and the color, but the ordinance in the Mission District does not allow for a sign to have two lines. The front sign was to read:

Ramona Museum
of California History

and the side sign was:

Ramona Parlor #109

Native Sons of the Golden West.

We are attending a hearing on Monday, November 9th to see about obtaining a modification to allow the two lines. We had to pay another \$250.00 to the city for the opportunity to present the variance, but we felt that the way the signs were designed, they were balanced and attractive. The city wanted us to abbreviate Native Sons of the Golden West to N.S.G.W. We're hanging tough. We want the members of the community to know who we are and we hope that they will agree to permit the change.

We would really like to have the sign on the Museum up before the Grand Opening, but the wheels of the city move very slowly.

The wall along the back parking area is a bigger job than we had first imagined. We will probably need to bid it out. We will give you all the details at our next meeting.

It hasn't been easy, but the building is finally nearing completion and it looks great. A heartfelt thank you to all of the members and friends who helped; Grady Hardy, Frank Claro, Art Claro, Pat Gabriel, Harry Beardo, Chris Deghi, Fran and Don Hubert, Verne and Laura Koenig, Roberta Overton, Lottie Scavo, Nicole and Mary Linda Daddona, Susan Gleason, Rosemarie Lippman, Henry Casillas, Mario Zanotti and Joe La Casella.

It has been a real team effort and it has done my heart good to see our members and friends really pull together to get this job done. I think we can all be proud of what goodwill, hard work and friendship can accomplish.

Thank You Cynthia Smith

New member Cynthia Smith has really taken an active role in promoting our new museum. She has proved to be an invaluable resource and a wonderful link to City Hall. Working with Fran Hubert, she is helping to introduce the Ramona Museum to the community and we really appreciate her efforts!

INITIATION DINNER

November 22, 1998

The event begins promptly at 3:00 PM with hor d'oeuvres. If it doesn't rain we can look forward to meeting outside under the historic Grapevine.

Our meeting will take place at 3:30 in the hall adjacent to the grapevine Room. There will be about 27 initiates and several members of the grand parlor will be in attendance.

A special ceremony will honor 25 year and 50 year members. Pins will be presented by Grand President, Richard Hoffman.

All members should really try to attend this very special event to show their support for the new members. Dinner will be served immediately after the meeting. The buffet style dinner is free to all members in good standing and officials of the Native Sons. Guests will only pay \$6.00 at the door.

Please mark your Calendar!

Nominating Committee

Officers will be recommended and nominated at the next meeting. If you are interested in being on the Board or have a suggestion, please call Louie Bisetti at (818) 242-1635.

Ramona Officers 1998

President.....Frank Claro
First Vice-President.....Chris Lotito
Second Vice-President.....Fran Hubert
Third Vice-President.....Al Lingua
Jr. Past President.....Louis Bisetti
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Trustee-6 Months.....Chris Deghi
Marshall.....Dominic Billi
Inside Sentinel.....Verne Koenig
Outside Sentinel.....Lou Francone

District Deputy Grand President
Mario Zanotti

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Meets the 2nd Thursday of each Month
Grape Vine Room
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(800) 507-0450