

# 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 **October 14, 2004**

El Dorado Beef Casserole

Marinated Roasted Peppers

Fresh Fruit

Tossed Green Salad

Dessert & Beverages

Only \$7.00 p/p

## HAPPY



Ramona Stagecoach

## RAMONA MUSEUM PLANS SPECIAL EXHIBIT HONORING VETERANS

Ramona Parlor #109 and the Ramona Museum of California History plan to honor World War II veterans in a very special exhibit this November.

The exhibit will fill most of our meeting room space at the back of the museum. Most of the items on exhibit will be provided by our youngest docent, Scott Cullinane. This extraordinary young man has been collecting World War II memorabilia for the past several years and his collection is quite remarkable. We were able to display the collection a couple of years ago. Since then, Scott has accumulated even more items, including a water-cooled machine gun

and a Navy signal lamp from the USS Nevada.

Members are encouraged to contact Scott directly at (626) 799-0772 should they want to add any of their World War II items to this temporary exhibit. The Museum staff would also like to invite veterans to participate in the exhibit by making themselves available to speak to visitors during the event. It is a great chance to be a living historian for a day!

We would also like to put together a collection of photographs of Ramona members and friends who have served during World War II.

The exhibit will be on display for two weekends only; No-

vember 6th & 7th and November 13th & 14th. Groups are welcome to attend during the week by appointment only.

Our November meeting will be held in our new Patio Parking Lot—all members are welcome to stop in and visit the exhibit—*America in World War II*.

## VETERANS EAT FREE AT RAMONA'S NOVEMBER MEETING!

Members and Friends of the Museum who have served our country in the military will be honored in November by receiving a free dinner.

Since spouses of members are automatic Friends, bring your better-half along!

Our Dinner takes place on Veteran's Day, November 11th at 6:00. There will be no meeting that night. The Grapevine Room will be closed on that day, so we have decided to have our dinner *alfresco* on our new Patio Parking Lot. If you are

used to parking on our lot, *for that night only*, please find a place on the street or in the Civic Auditorium Parking Lot. After dinner everyone is invited to visit the exhibit and celebrate the patriotic efforts of our brave men and women in uniform.

### November Menu

Succulent Baked Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Vegetables

Tossed Green Salad  
Ciabata Rolls  
Dessert & Beverages

**Don't forget to VOTE on November 2nd!**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## OLA ADDANTE

Greetings to all Members and Friends,

Believe it or not, the holidays are almost upon us! It seems like after Halloween the rest of the year ends in a blur.

There are a couple of events that you won't want to miss. Please mark your calendars—

November is a busy month as we put together a special Veteran's Day Exhibit. It is crucial, especially since we are at war today, to remember the sacrifices of our brave

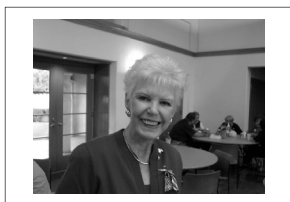
men and women who have served this country in the past. If you would like to help put together this exhibit or simply have a few items that you would like to see in the display, please contact Scott Cullinane at 626-799-0772. You will have the opportunity to view the exhibit at our November Dinner meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please plan to see it over one of the two weekends it is open. Scott will be eighteen in January and he wants to join the Native Sons. Please support him and be sure to visit the exhibit. Additionally, if Nick Moramarco feels well enough, he will be on hand to sign copies of his book.

pile your canned goods for our December meeting. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of the year count your blessings and share your good fortune with others.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

*Ola Addante*



President Ola Addante helps

Don't forget to begin to stock-

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.

*-Albert Schweitzer*

(1875-1965)

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

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

October: Harry Beardo, Pauline & Joe Nicassio, Frances Addante, Marie Mor, Richard Odemar, Susan Gleason,

Marietta Larsen, Fed Lucchese, Ray Edwards and Peter Val Verde

November: Gloria Carone, Marie Fornelli, Harold Rodriquez, Shirley Maddox and Gordon Shultz.

December: Herbert Otto, Albert Simone, Cynthia Smith, Salvatore De Grassi and Lottie Scavo

*Congratulations!*



## SICK AND DISABLED MEMBERS REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Verne Koenig actually visited the Museum a couple of weeks ago. He looked great, but his wife Laura wasn't feeling too well.

Art Claro has just received a cortisone shot in his spine. His legs were numb because his two of his vertebrae were grinding together. He is getting around a lot better these days.

Joe Nicassio was under the

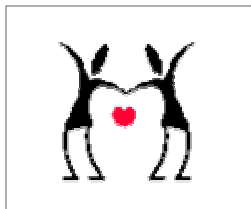
weather last month. He and his wife Pauline weren't getting around too much, but we are hopeful that they will be able to join us for a meeting soon.

Dominic Billi was at the Garibaldina Hall last week and he was looking and feeling good. Always the constant volunteer, he is the Sergeant-at-Arms for the group and he was performing his duties proudly. He is such a beloved member and we are so happy that he and his wife are

both doing better.

God Bless all our sick and disabled brothers.

Quick recovery—Healthy life!



Phone a Friend—Caring makes all the difference!

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NETS THREE NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS!

President Ola Addante has stressed time and time again, the importance of membership to the survival of our group. It is difficult to sign up anybody for anything today, but fortunately, Ramona Parlor #109 has managed to sign up three prospective members within the last couple of weeks.

We are aggressively pursuing new members by advertising in the local newspaper, the San Gabriel Grapevine and

the Old California Gazette. We have included a coupon with the advertisement so that we can gauge the best use of our advertising dollars. We would also like to encourage members to sign up their family and friends during this drive by offering to waive the initiation fee and first year's dues. That is a \$36.00 savings! We are confident that once they begin attend meetings, they will be Native Sons for life!

## DON'T FENCE ME IN! PARKING LOT IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR THE GATE

Museum staff members were the among the first to park their vehicles on our new cement parking lot. The project turned out just great! The cement gives the lot a patio-like appearance and greatly compliments the Putt Putnam Mural on its south side.

We have to wait for the striping to be completed and the gate has yet to be added, but most of the work has been done.

We are planning to have our November dinner Meeting on the lot and hope you will plan

to attend.

### Other Repair News:

The air conditioning has finally been repaired in the front half of the museum. Building Committee member Frank Claro has a new air conditioning repairman who really knows what he is doing. Apparently, one of the ducts was blocked and no air was able to enter the museum. Our artifacts are very valuable and a cool, consistent environmental temperature is essential to their conservation.

A special thanks to Roger DiVirgilio for building such functional shelving for our dinner supplies. Fibber Magee's closet is now organized and we can keep track of our supplies for our dinner meetings.

## FRAN HUBERT RETURNS TO BECOME OUR LIASON WITH THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL

Despite her hectic schedule, Fran Hubert has agreed to represent Ramona Parlor and work with the City, the local historical society and the Mission San Gabriel to help implement a docent program that will serve all of the wonderful museums in the Mission District.

Ideally, she would like to organize a group of volunteers that can coordinate visits to

all of the historic venues within the district. Once organized, more visitors can be accommodated and the hours of each facility can be expanded. She would also like to involve high school students eager to satisfy new mandatory community service requirements. Senior volunteers should be able to form the core of the group and all Ramona members are invited to contact her if you are inter-

ested in becoming a docent and can spare about 2-3 hours per month. Call Fran at 626-332-1203 for more information.

Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable

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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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