
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, OCTOBER 9, 1997

6:00 DINNER/7:00 MEETING

Roast Pork
Pasta with Eggplant
Onion Pizza
Tossed Green Salad

Pizzelle Cookies
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 all members and friends!

We are making progress on the purchase of the California Literacy Building. The Relocation Committee has been working hard to negotiate the final details of the transaction so that we can get the agreements signed and place the building into escrow.

I would like to see the by-laws updated and revised to preserve the progress we have made and set up guidelines for Ramona's future. There will be several opportunities to volunteer on the new standing committees that need to be formed to spread the work around more evenly. Please consider helping out if you can.

We have traveled a long way, but our home is in sight. I think that the brothers that have gone before us would be proud of what we have accomplished in the past few years...I know that I am.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity

Frank Claro

Minutes in a Minute

Art Claro, Recording Secretary

The meeting was opened at 7:15 p.m. by President Frank Claro. Roll call found Brothers Chris Deghi and Fran Hubert excused. Visiting Brother Ted Garcia, Parlor #45 was introduced.

The applications for two new members were read again. Harry Beardo gave his report on sick and disabled members.

Rosemarie Lippman reported for the Relocation Committee for Chairperson Fran Hubert. She let us all know that a final price of \$270,000 was agreed upon for the California Literacy building purchase and she moved to purchase the building for that price. Joe la Casella seconded the motion and it was passed by all in attendance. The offer will now have to be approved by the California Literacy

Board of Directors. We should know next month if it has been approved.

Everyone seems to still be interested in a Las Vegas Turnaround, but the event has stalled due to lack of a chairperson.

The opportunity Chance for September was won by Bob Lippman for \$200.00.

Financial Secretary Roberta Overton gave her report and Treasurer Joe La Casella let us know what was deposited last month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Museum Report

Rosemarie Lippman and Nicole Daddona

Susan Gleason has returned from her annual archeological survey work in Oregon. The trip was very interesting and successful. Her parents live in Grass Valley and she was able to visit them when she was up north. Unfortunately, her father borrowed her car to run an errand and had a terrible accident in her Jeep. Miraculously, he walked away unhurt, but her Jeep was a goner. She needed transportation to get back to the remote geological site she was studying, so her parents went out and replaced the Jeep and Susan was back in the wilderness doing her research without missing a step. We are very happy that she has returned unharmed. Her schedule is very hectic and unpredictable as she is currently working on her Ph.D., but she is going to try to take some time to look at the new building and help us plan how to place the museum displays in the smaller area.

We don't want to bother the Literacy people until all the final details of the purchase are agreed upon, the papers are signed and we are actually in escrow; but once the building is a sure thing, we will go in, measure and enter the information in a computer program that will help us see what the Museum will look like before anything is moved. Susan has to move up north (near the area that is the subject of her research) in the spring, but she has assured us that she will do her best to help with the floor plan of the Museum before she has to leave.

Relocation Committee

Fran Hubert

Negotiations are progressing slowly, but surely with the California Literacy Board. They have asked us to agree to close the escrow within 30-60 days and allow them to remain in the building until the end of February. Our initial reaction was unfavorable, but their Board reasoned that since they do not have any money to shop around for a new building, they need to close escrow as soon as possible to receive some cash to buy the next place.

We called our pro-bono attorney, Kevin Fiore for his advice and he has offered to draw up an agreement to allow them to stay in the building after the close of escrow under the following conditions:

1. They can occupy the building rent free until the end of February 1998.

2. They agree to pay us an insurance reimbursement fee of \$300.00 per month until they leave.
3. They will not pay a penalty should they vacate the building earlier.
4. They would be responsible for maintaining their own telephone, utilities, water and trash.
5. We will do a walk-through inspection prior to the close of escrow. They will maintain the building in the same condition as it was at that time.
6. If they don't leave at the end of February, they will pay all legal costs to remove themselves and a \$2000.00 (what it will cost us to continue to store the artifacts and display cases) per month penalty for as long as they continue to occupy.
7. If the city, county, state or federal government requires us to do something to the building because of the change in ownership, they will be required to comply with the demands of the government agency.

Sometimes it seems like nothing ever goes easy for Ramona #109. It would have been so much nicer if the California Literacy Board would have been able to just close escrow and vacate the building at the same time. They are a non-profit group just like we are and at the end of September, a special Officer's meeting (that included members of the Finance Committee and Relocation Committee) was called to determine what to do. It was decided to offer them the extended stay if terms could be agreed upon in advance. Kevin Fiore is working on the agreement and if all goes well, papers should be signed by both of us this week. Whew! It's been a long race and it's not quite over yet!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marty and Alicia Diaz

welcome a new arrival into their happy home!

Kiana Christine

Born September 22, 1997

at 12:37 pm

5 pounds 9 ounces

Volunteers Needed!

New Committees being Formed

As the by-laws are revised and updated some new standing committees will be forming to help the club run more effectively and involve more members in activities and special projects. If you find that you have any time to spare and would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact president Frank Claro and offer to help.

Standing Committees include:

Ways and Means (For the Good of the Order)

-Event Planning, fund raising, program scheduling

Communications Committee

-Minutes, correspondence, newsletter, announcements

Membership Committee

-New Members, Sick and Disabled, Lapsations, Museum Friends

Community Outreach (Speech and essay Contest)

-Speech and Essay Contests, publicity, community projects

Museum Committee

Finance Committee

Building Committee

Sick and Disabled

Harry Beardo

Our beloved brother Joe Nuccio has been under the weather for some time now. If you can give him a call or stop by with some good cheer he would appreciate the support.

Friend of the Museum, George Lyman, has been suffering the ill effects of chemotherapy and has spent quite a lot of time in the hospital. Although University Parlor claims him as their brother, he has provided a constant source of support for both the Museum and Ramona Parlor. Please send him a prayer that he can find the strength to persevere and get through the treatment he needs to get better.

For all of our sick and distressed brothers, please accept our well wishes for good health and happiness. We sincerely wish you will soon join us at a meeting and enjoy the brotherhood and friendship of the order.

Happy Halloween!

Ramona Officers 1997

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