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PIONEER LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 3, 2005

Noon at Lou's Village \$18.00

Reservations before Wednesday, August 31, 2005

408-554-7587

Green Salad • Pork Tenderloin with Mashed Potatoes

Rolls & Butter • Seasonal Vegetables

Chef's Choice Cake & Coffee

(Make checks to Lou's Village)

(For a Vegetarian Meal call 408-926-1165)

The speaker for the September meeting will be Dr. Norman E. Tutorow, on his new book, *The Governor; the Life and Legacy of Leland Stanford; A California Colossus*, Arthur H. Clark Company, Spokane, Washington, 2004

This work of 10 years research is certainly the definitive study of Leland Stanford. Norman took his 1971 book, *Leland Stanford: Man of Many Careers*, and expanded and corrected. He seems to have gleefully followed every rumor and tale on Stanford until he could disprove the thesis or find it true. Mostly, he disproves the many rumors and tales that have been circulated by towns trying to ride on the coattails of having a famous man live there, or speak there. In order to do this, Norman and Evie traveled all

over the United States and Europe, wherever the Stanfords had lived, visited or traveled. It is all footnoted, thankfully on the page and not in the back of the book, if you are a footnote reader. Sometimes, it seems he has footnotes on his footnotes. In the two fat volumes, of 1146 pages total, there are some 5,300 notes! There are 87 pages of bibliography. At the beginning of the book, there are 18 pages of Chronology-Time Line on Stanford. He also has interesting explanatory annotations of other people mentioned set off in boxes in the centers of the pages, I did not try to count those.

There are seven chapters on railroads, including his building of the First Tran-Continental Railroad, covering the Central Pacific, 1863-1877. He covers the Southern Transcontinental Railroad, the laws covering the railroads, both state and national and the competition from other types of carriers, such as Wells Fargo Express, the Pacific Mail Steamship Navigation Company and the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

For my studies in Social History of our county area, I appreciate the accounts of his land acquisitions for the San Francisco mansion & the Cable Car Line, the Palo Alto Stock Farm and his viticulture efforts at Vina and Mission San Jose farms.

The saga with the photographer Muybridge, whom he asks to prove his theory that at one point a trotting horse has all four feet off the ground at the same time, is fascinating, as is the sideline of the scandal with Muybridge when he kills his wife's lover and when he sues Stanford in a pique of jealousy about the credit for his photography sessions with the horses, which finally is expended to humans in motion as well. After Stanford spends some \$42,000 on proving his theory, which includes the work of some Southern Pacific Engineers inventing photographic equipment for the project, then letting Muybridge possess it all and file for patents, the Ingrate sues for his name on a book about the trials, but it is thrown out of court.

I must agree, however, with Dr. Robert Chandler in his review, that there is not enough said about "The Governor" and governing Civil War California. Civil War California is complicated enough to have a volume all its own. There are two chapters on his two terms as the Senator from California, one for each term. I'm certain that he accomplished much more than is outlined. I had wished for more on his only son, also, since the University is named in his honor. Two chapters covers 16 years of the boy's life. Jane is not given any special chapters, either, but is part of the life of Leland and Leland, Jr. I understand that Norman is working on a new biography for her now. There is a chapter on the birth of the University, but that, too, is not brought up to date, but then, the book was not about the University. However, if these topics had been covered more fully, the two volumes would be three or a series, and too heavy and expensive for many.

If you are interested in the life of Leland Stanford, this is the book for you. If you are interested in railroads, this does a good job on covering the parts that are important to Stanford. There are a plethora of books on railroads.

All in all, here is a list of Stanford firsts:

- First Republican Governor of California.
- First President of the Central Pacific Railroad.
- First President of the Southern Pacific Company.
- Owner of the world's largest vineyard.
- First among the world's trotting horse breeders.
- First in world champion trotter records.
- Developer of the world's first motion picture.
- First president and builder of the California Street Cablecar.
- First president of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company
- First in wealth in the United States Senate for his day.
- First president of the Bodie Mining Company.
- First in size of nineteenth century private university endowment.

Creator of the largest university in land area in the world.

First president and co-founder of the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

First railroad president elected to the United States Senate.

It is an interesting book with so many details, exhaustively, of the man's vastly broad interests and talents, that it is hard to take it all in. Historian Rockwell Hunt included Stanford in his list of 12 men who were so important to California history that no record would be complete without their names. These two volumes are certainly worth reading, and going back to from time to time with a different emphasis on your mind. It is difficult to assimilate it all at the same time.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

At the July board meeting, Melita Kelly, our Membership Secretary, informed us that we now have a total membership of 604! How neat!

Since only a third of the membership made it to the quarterly luncheon, I should repeat the remarks that I made at the start of the meeting. "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there is enough money to do the renovations necessary to bring the Paulson House up to code. The bad news is that it is still in your wallets!" Please contact any of the Board members to make a pledge.

We continue to work to find foundations or corporations that could underwrite those costs while still accepting donations from our membership and friends. I hope to be able to announce something important during the next three months! One idea that came from the Hugh Stuart Center Foundation is that we must have a continuing fund raising effort. Their suggestion is to hold a Golf Tournament. They would underwrite the costs of such a venture. While it would not raise enough money to fix the Paulson House,

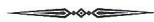
it would insure operating costs well into the future.

On the 25th of June, the “picnic at History San Jose took place with about 200 in attendance. The Mt. Charlie Chapter of E Clampus Vitus provided the hot dogs and hamburgers and did a very admirable job. There were professional dancers moving to 1940 style music and political speeches: three City Council members were present. The Paulson House was open for inspection and everyone who took a look was impressed.

The Digital Clubhouse provided a showing of their Stories of Service and other examples of their work. And now since there is an agreement between History San José, the Pioneers, and the Digital Clubhouse, work can begin. The Digital Clubhouse will start doing family histories of Pioneer Chinese, Portuguese, and other families. I have received interest from one of our members but we will need more. I shall act as contact and send the information on to the DCN.

The Board is in need of help. We need members to step up and be active in the management of our organization. We need volunteers for committees and as board members. The Board meets the second Monday of each month at the Pacific Hotel in History Park. Please join us. We especially need golfers who might help with a tournament Remember, our website: www.californiapioneers.com

Jerry



Please contact Financial/Membership Secretary, Melita Kelly to report changes of address, need of membership applications, or if you have questions on membership: 408-292-2385



GONE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS

Colleen Barbe, Christie Barrie, Mel Bigham, Cathy Conrad



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TOURING WITH THE CALIFORNIANS, SEPTEMBER, 2005

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Pauline Hawkins Luncheon Registrations

REGISTRATION for FALL TRIPS begins at the September 3rd luncheon, 10:30 a.m. Checks are preferred, or exact cash. Preference is given to Pioneers members to register at the luncheon. Members present may register absent members after the luncheon, so that the members present have the opportunity to register first. Non-members and guests may sign up starting September 12.

PICK-UP POINT is at Valley Village,
390 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, on Dolores St.

DAY TRIPS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 SUNDAY RECEPTION and PERFORMANCE of "*HAUNTING OF WINCHESTER*"

Registration deadline is September 1. In co-sponsorship with the Preservation Action Council, we will attend the San Jose Repertory Theater musical production about Sarah Winchester. A reception will feature director Michael Butler; historic preservation architect, Leslie Dill; and local historian April Halberstadt speaking on the creation of the production and the life of Sarah Winchester.

Hors d'oeuvres and light desserts will be served.

Curtain time is 2:00 p.m. Post-performance discussion follows for those who wish to stay. We will not charter a bus, but free parking is available at two lots on San Fernando St. between First and Third Streets, or at the Fourth Street garage at San Fernando Street.

The theatre is located on Paseo de San Antonio between Second and Third Streets. One hundred seats are available for this event! Special flyers with tear-off registration forms are available.

If you are a subscriber to the San Jose Repertory Theatre, you may exchange your ticket for the September 11, 2:00 p.m. performance, and then buy a \$10 reception only ticket. Package tickets for both the reception and performance are:

Balcony: \$43 Students: \$31

Parterre: \$47 Students: \$33

Orchestra: \$55 Students: \$37

You may also register by phone with Marie Rider, as usual.

Pick up tickets at Will-call:

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Reception: 12:30 p.m.

Performance: 2:00 p.m. Cost: See above

EXTENDED TRIPS

SWITZERLAND- SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 5, 2005

Registration is closed except for replacing cancellations. A documents party for participants will be held Thursday, September 15, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Rose Crimi, 1289 Martin Avenue, San Jose. R.S.V.P. 293-0896.

OCTOBER 16 - 21, 2005 GREAT TRAINS and the GRAND CANYONS

Registration is closed except for replacing cancellations. A documents party for participants will be held Thursday, October 6, 3:00 p.m. at Mama Mia's Restaurant, Hamilton Avenue and Third Street, Campbell.

R.S.V.P. Rose Crimi, (408) 293-0896,

NOVEMBER 2 - 9, 2005 MAYAN RIVIERA

We fly round-trip San Jose to Cancun, Mexico for a one-hotel stay at the five-star Bahia Principe Tulum Resort. Our excursion to the Mayan ruins of Tulum built on rocky cliffs overlooking the Gulf of Mexico demonstrates the sophistication and architectural beauty of the Mayan civilization. We will also visit Playa del Carmen for a taste of Mexican small town charm. Optional excursions will also be available to Chichen Itza, capital of the Mayan Empire, and the spectacular Aquarium at Xel-Ha.

Cost is \$1799 and \$300 for single supplement. The amenities include all meals, all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, 24-hour snacks, resort entertainment, and all non-motorized water sports. Total payment is now due.

DECEMBER 26, 2005 - JANUARY 2, 2006 NEW YEAR'S on the "MISSISSIPPI QUEEN"

This trip is filled except for replacing cancellations.

If you missed the ROOFTOP GARDENS of SAN FRANCISCO trip last April, you may be interested in joining Rose Crimi and the O'Connor Hospital 89'ers for this trip on Friday, October 14. Please call Rose at 293-0896 for a flyer.

**OCTOBER 27, 2005 THURSDAY,
De YOUNG MUSEUM HATSHEPSUT EXHIBIT**

The new De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park will open in Mid-October. Its low-lying copper-clad structure designed to blend in with the natural land-scape specializes in collections of American art from the 17th century to the present plus native America, Africa, and the Pacific. The opening exhibit "Daughter of Re: Hatshepsut, King of Egypt" includes monumental sculpture, reliefs, decorative arts and jewelry from Egypt's golden age, 1504 - 1425 B.C.

The Pioneers toured her palace on our 1992 trip to Egypt. Besides touring the special exhibit, we will have a docent-led tour of the entire museum. You will also have free time to explore and have lunch on your own at the Museum Café. Because the "Art and Architecture" tour is offered only at 9 a.m., we must depart early. Sorry!

Leave: 7:45 a.m. Return: 3:15 p.m. Cost: \$36

**HOLIDAY AT BONFANTE GARDENS,
DECEMBER, 2005**

At press time, Bonfante Gardens has not yet determined opening days and hours for its Christmas season, but we are anticipating either a Friday or Saturday, December 9 or 10, or December 16 or 17, from 4 – 9 p.m. The park will be decorated with thousands of twinkling lights and will offer live entertainment, gentle rides for all ages, a holiday buffet, and special Christmas displays. Please sign the interest list and we will contact you as soon as specifics are available. Also, children and grandchildren are especially invited. 2006 Trip Survey A binder with itineraries

will be available at the luncheon for you to indicate preferences or call Rose Crimi.



The Conference of California Historical Societies Fall Symposium is at Casa Munras in Monterey, October 21-22. Friday lunch and afternoon will be a bus trip to the Steinbeck Museum. One part on Steinbeck, one on Agriculture in the Salinas Valley & the third, Depression Era Quilts. Fri. dinner speech on Fishing in Monterey Bay.

Saturday morning, a workshop on How to care for your photographs, slide show on Monterey historical properties, Luncheon speaker on Ghosts in Monterey. Tour historical properties in the afternoon. Evening speaker on Architecture in Pacific Grove.

Call Mary Lou Lyon, 253-9514 for information and costs.



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