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Pioneers Luncheon

Saturday December 1, 2007 at Noon

Mariani's 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Reservations **MUST BE MADE** before

Thursday November 29, 2007

Call: 408-554-7587

*Please note: Names will be checked off the reservation list as you enter, if your name is not on the list, you will be **requested to wait** until all those who reserved a place have been seated.*

So Mariani's can prepare for our group, it is most important to place a reservation in advance... BEFORE THURSDAY, November 29, 2007

Cost: \$25 (make checks payable to California Pioneers)

Menu (make one selection per person)

Pork Roast served with Potatoes and Vegetables of the Day

Roast Beef served with Whipped Potatoes and Vegetables

Meatless:

Manicotti (2) Pasta Tubes, Cheese Filled with Marinara Sauce and Jack Cheese

Entrees are served with:

Green Salad, Rolls, and Butter, Dessert and Freshly Brewed Coffee or Decaf and Tea

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Those with reservations are responsible for the \$25.

Directions to Mariani's Restaurant

Go to El Camino Real, It is between San Tomas Expressway and Bowers Av-Kiely Blvd, on the west side of the street.



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Wiley Rankin will entertain us at Mariani's after the Christmas Luncheon. He has performed in the past for the seniors at Valley Village.

Other places he has performed include a feature on Disney Cable Channel's songwriter showcase with original composition and he has been heard on nationally syndicated radio stations KMEL, KRQR, and KFOG.

* He has performed on the Classical flute with soprano Susan Stokes, of the San Francisco Opera Workshop (Ravel's Scheherazade) and recorded with her on her CD, "Ethnic Influences."

* He recorded on a BAMMY-nominated recording with Orchestra Leader Dick Bright.

* Performed at Carnegie Hall, under the musical direction of esteemed drummer David Meade.

* Performed 6 times with legendary guitarist Les Paul

* Performed with the Yardbirds at Slim's in San Francisco, CA.

* Also performed in London, and at US venues, including the Concord Pavilion and Flint Center for the Performing Arts.

* Performed with musicians including members of the San Jose Symphony, and in the rock music industry with the legendary Yardbirds (founding member Jim McCarty and current lead singer John Idan).

* Wiley has also performed and recorded in London with Peter Giles, the original bass player from King Crimson.

* and done Children's Music Productions throughout the US and England

* Performed in London with jazz ensemble of Louis Cennamo (bass player on James Taylor's first album, Apple Records)

* Performed 6 times with Les Paul in New York City

* Performed under musical direction of David Meade

* San Francisco Starlight Orchestra

* Orchestral musician in Los Angeles (Bernstein musical)

o Flute and saxes (soprano, alto, tenor)

o Musical director, Elizabeth Hanger

* Performed on Choir of Peace album

* Light Jazz - Vocal, Sax, & Flute

Venues

* Carnegie Hall

* Flint Center, Cupertino, CA

* Candlestick Park, San Francisco

* Iridium Club, New York City

* Fat Tuesdays, New York City

* Veteran's War Memorial, San Francisco

* All Soul's Church, London



His website is www.jumpforjoymusic.com. He is a local person and has been performing for many years.

Come to the Christmas Luncheon and enjoy!

A Tradition at Christmas is to invite members who have written books to bring them to the meeting and offer them for sale for Christmas presents.

President's Message

The past several months have been quite exciting for the Pioneers. We have received some much needed positive public exposure. Earlier, this summer, we had the pleasure and privilege of brunching with Edith Shain at the Paulson House. She is the nurse whose photograph appeared on the cover of a 1945 Life Magazine kissing the sailor in Times Square on VJ Day. She met with

many Pioneer members and was a featured guest at The Day of Remembrance held at History San Jose. It was an exciting opportunity to meet an individual who symbolizes such an important event in world history. Her vitality was inspirational, so much energy and enthusiasm packed into a petite, charming woman.

On September 29, 2007, Mary Lou Lyon, Gerry Rosenthal, Bev and Bob Fisher represented the Pioneers in Willow Glen's Founder's Day Parade. Our esteemed Pioneers rode in a 1906 Locomobile. Over 30,000 people attended the 3 day event. Clearly, the event was a great success, because all four of the parade participants have expressed an interest in participating in next year's parade.

On October 4, 2007, the Pioneers, along with several other groups, hosted a Celebration of Life to honor our Past Pioneer President, Jim Arbuckle. Jim unexpectedly passed away this past summer. Over 130 friends gave Jim a proper send off. This celebration, which occurred in front of the Paulson House, exemplified how Jim's diverse interests and volunteerism were very appreciated by the community. All of these events required teamwork between many different organizations. This only reinforces my belief that the successful future for non-profits is based upon cooperation and partnership with like minded organizations.

Susan Arbuckle, Jim's sister, has been quite generous to the Pioneers. Both Jim and his late father Clyde, a well known local historian, served as Presidents of the Pioneers. Susan has gifted a very large collection of historical items to the

Pioneers. These artifacts, which belonged to Clyde, Jim and her mother Helen, who was also an accomplished historian in her own right, provide invaluable insight to the Valley's early history.

Along with historic books and papers, the Pioneers have received an oil painting of Clyde, Pioneer Papers from 1877-1881, Clyde's signature hat and the Arbuckle wood burning kitchen stove. We are planning to decorate the Paulson Hall with pictures of past Pioneer Presidents. Clyde's portrait will be the perfect centerpiece to anchor the collection of our past leaders.

In closing, I would like to urge all members to encourage their children and grandchildren, to become involved with the Pioneers. I have so enjoyed introducing my own children to so many wonderful people and events. The continuity and mission of our organization depend upon the next generation. I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

Jim Zetterquist

Melita Kelly, Financial Secretary/Membership Chairman

2007 has been a great year. We have new members, and the delinquent members list is the shortest list we have had in ten years. Our members need to be congratulated for doing a good job.

Membership dues for 2008 are now due. Save your self standing in line by paying by mail. Send payment (\$15.00 per member) to: Melita Kelly, Financial Secretary, 460 North 15th Street, San Jose, CA 95112-1725. Make your checks payable to the California Pioneers. If you have questions, call me at (408) 292-2385. Life Memberships are also available

I would like to remind our members that it is important

to notify the membership chairman if you are moving, We do not guarantee that your Trailblazer will arrive if we do not hear from you at least six weeks before the luncheons.

You can pick up membership applications for you friends at the luncheon, or just give me a call. I look forward to seeing everyone on December 1.

Numbers attending quarterly Luncheon:

Dec. 2006..... 147 March, 2007.... 181

June 2007..... 137 Sept. 2007..... 157

Total membership 609



Jim Reed, History San Jose

Arbuckle's Memorial, Jim Reed, Judge Paul Bernal, rick Helin & Melita Kelly

NEW MEMBERS

Willis Brown, Rita Crowley, Kay Cusick, Betty Getz, Gloria Jabaut, Henry Mattos, Mabel Mattos, Janett Merrell, Jean Lester Sutherland, Louise Watkins, Louise Wikey

Santa Clara County Pioneer Papers 1873

Our chief docent, Marylou von Rotz has turned up this research from those housed in Santa Clara City Library 979.473 -- S23

A Short Historical Sketch of the Santa Clara County Pioneers by W. D. J. Hambly, Acting Secretary

This society was first called into existence as an associated body May 29, 1875 by a meeting of a number of Pioneer residents in the rooms of the Agricultural Society, in Music Hall Building, San Jose. Organized by Carey Peebles & A. P. Murgotten. Appointed committee to draft Constitution and By-Laws. To report at first reunion/picnic June 22, 1875 at O'Donnell's Gardens. Constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected; membership of 274 with initiation fee of \$2.00. The society had a membership in 1877 of 500. The society never procured a hall or building of its own, or accumulated anything of great financial value. Death claimed many of the most earnest members, and dissension, the outgrowth of individual ambition and self-interest, soon destroyed social interest. The meetings became further apart, and finally we find from the records, that on Nov. 25th, 1884, a committee of the Native Sons visited a meeting of the officers and directors of the Pioneers, having received an invitation to come. This committee asked that the Board place the cabinet and other property of the society in their care, they (Native Sons) to take good care of everything until such time as the Pioneers should want them, when they would be returned on demand. A resolution prevailed granting the request of the Native Sons, also donating to Col. Younger the Elk Horns, and to A. P. Murgotten the Secretary's desk, and the rest of the furniture, carpets, etc., be sold, and that the President and Secretary pay all debts.

Thus ends the Record and historical portion of the original Society of Pioneers of Santa Clara County. We regret very much that such was the fate of the society, especially when composed of that class of persons who had faced almost all the dangers and obstacles met with in the lives of frontier men and pioneering, and had gained victory over all. But it seemed that the spirit still lived, for after a rest of nearly ten years, there was awakened a spirit among those whom the Reaper had not called over the Divide to higher land and life, to see what could be done at reorganization. There was a longing for that clasp of the hand, that association and communion that brought back those old memories, that seemed to revive a wish for the old times that had gone; a desire to meet old friends whose toils and burdens, and accumulation of years, and distance between the homes had forbidden them from enjoying the pleasures that were enjoyed in the old society, its meetings and reunions, when duty demanded that they lay aside the toils of every-day life, and for pleasure seek. Consequently, on May 19, 1894, a few of the Old Guard met, and the initial step was taken to reorganize and rehabilitate the Society of Santa Clara County Pioneers, and from that meeting has grown the present society, whose personnel is composed of many who were members in the old society, with the addition of others who had not connected themselves with the older association, or have located in the county since its adjournment. And there still remains a large number who should come within the fold.

Some 25-30 were present. Committee appointed to draft a constitution and by laws and report at the next meeting June 1, 1894. June 1, 1901 - society begins the 8th year of its reorganization with a membership of 457.

GONE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS

Josephine Hancock, Pauline Hawkins, Anna Martha Speciale,

It is time to begin your research and writing NOW!

2008 HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION AND RULES

Open to All -- Students and General Public

Deadline: April 15, 2008

First Prize: \$500.00

Second Prize: \$250.00

Third Prize: \$150.00

Honorable Mention (3): \$100.00 each

Teacher's Award: \$100.00 to teacher whose student wins 1st Prize

RULES:

SUBJECT: Any person, place or event concerning Santa Clara County from its beginning to the recent past. Check the California Room at M.L. King Library for Past Topics or on-line.

LENGTH: Minimum 3,000 words - Maximum 10,000 words (10-30 pages text)

CONTENTS: Each essay must be typewritten in English.

a. Double-spaced

b. At least one inch margin and must include:

- Title Page
- Short introduction or preface
- Table of contents
- Bibliography - Sources: persons, books or other items consulted.

c. Contestants name, address, and telephone number **MUST** appear on the lower right hand corner of the Title Page of the essay.

d. Students **MUST** include the name of their school and advisor under their name..

e. Essays must be in an appropriate folder or thoroughly stapled together so they do not come apart.

f. Each essay must be submitted **IN DUPLICATE**. One copy will be go into the Pioneer Society Archives and the other into The California Room of the City of San Jose's Martin Luther King Library.

g. Those submitting only one copy will be disqualified, but the copy will be placed in the library.

h. The Pioneers reserve exclusive publication rights to all essays.

i. None will be returned.

j. First-prize winners from the last three (3) years are not eligible to compete.

WINNERS: will receive their awards at the quarterly luncheon of the Society on **Saturday June 2, 2007** at a location to be announced. The first -, second -, and third-prize winners will be invited to make a **BRIEF** oral presentation.

Deadline: April 25, 2008

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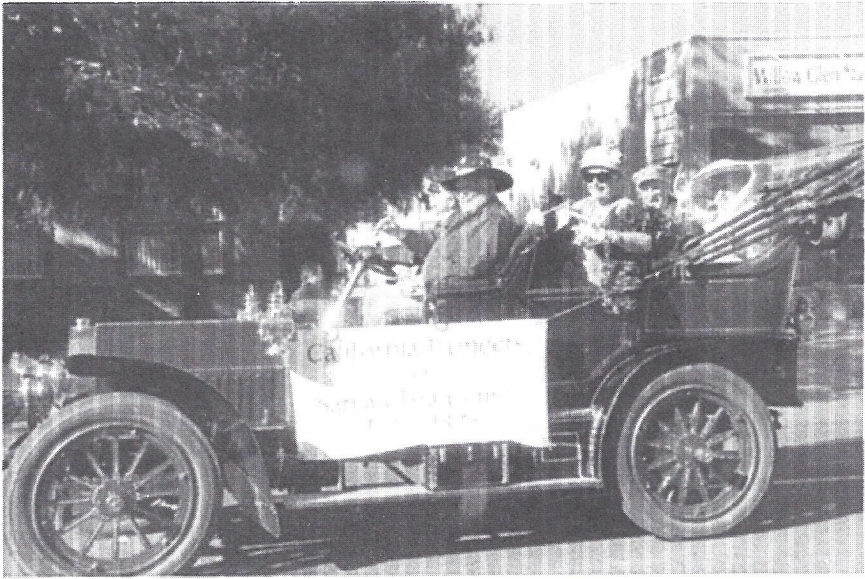
111 West St. John Street, Suite 400 (corner of Market and St. John) San Jose, CA 95113 Attn: Pioneers

FOR INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL FLYERS:

Call David McKinney at 408-732-1946

THANK YOU FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE to Debbie Beggs Lyon for a beautiful old fashioned chandelier which will hang in the dining room; To Mary Lou Lyon for a revolving piano stool and to Dr. Michael Shea for stripping and painting it; to Dick and Nancy Hill for a dress form; to Jeanne Rudy for help hanging the ferns on the front porch; to Dick and Nancy Hill for work on various jobs and to Tim Peddy for fixing things.

Wanted, someone to assume the Editorship of this newsletter. Twelve years ago, I volunteered to take it until someone was found to be the permanent Editor. It is time for me to give it up and move on to other tasks. Mary Lou



The Pioneers participated in the Willow Glen Parade in this 1903 Locomobile driven by owner, Ed Archer
Jerry Rosenthal, Mary Lou Lyon, Bob Fisher, Beverly Fisher
Picture by Tim Peddy

TOURING WITH THE CALIFORNIANS

Rose Crimi Muench – Tour director

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CA 95117-2966

Nancy Hill – Luncheon reservations

REGISTRATION FOR WINTER TRIPS begins at the **December 1 luncheon, 10:30 a.m.** Checks are preferred or exact cash. Preference is given to **California Pioneers members** to register at the luncheon. Non-members and guests may sign up starting **December 10.** Members may register absent members after the luncheon, so that members present have the opportunity to register first.

PHONE RESERVATIONS or CANCELLATIONS: call Marie Rider. After reservations are confirmed, send check payable to **The Californians** to Beverly Fisher.

PICK-UP POINT: *Valley Village, 390 North Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara on Dolores Avenue.*

**In memory of
Pauline Hawkins**

We regret the passing of Pauline Hawkins on September 23. She was always so helpful on the tour committee. She was treasurer for several years, and more recently took luncheon reservations for several more years. We are grateful for all her work and will miss her kindness and dedication.

Rose Crimi has been the tour director for California Pioneers of Santa Clara County for fifteen years! She would welcome assistance to help in planning and arrangements for the monthly Day Trips. Please contact her for the details.

DAY TRIPS

DECEMBER 8, 2007 SATURDAY

"THIS WONDERFUL LIFE" at SAN JOSE REPERTORY

For the holiday season San Jose Repertory Theater is

presenting "*This Wonderful Life*," a stage adaptation of the classic movie "*It's a Wonderful Life*." Our package includes discounted tickets for the **3:00 p.m. performance**, preceded by lunch at *Hawgs Restaurant* next door to the theater, at **1:00 p.m.** Free parking on Saturday is available at nearby garages at Third and San Carlos Street, and Fourth and San Fernando Street. We will **NOT** charter a bus. We meet at *Hawgs Restaurant* at **12:45 p.m.** Luncheon will include a special menu with a choice of five or six entrees, beverages, and ice cream. Cost including luncheon is: Orchestra \$73, Parterre \$65, Balcony \$58. Call Rose Crimi **NOW**, (408) 293-0896 for tickets.

Because of the *Trailblazer* deadline of 6 weeks ahead, arrangements for the January, February and March trips are still in progress.

In **January** we go to two of San Francisco traditions: 1) The Boudin Sour Dough Bakery on Fisherman's Wharf for a tour of how sour dough bread is made from the original Gold Rush starter. Luncheon is included. 2) The *Cable Car Museum* for a tour of how this unique form of transportation came about and how it works.

In **February** we follow up on our "Rosie the Riveter" trip with a visit to the *Handy "Iron Man" Museum* in Sunnyvale where many World War II armaments were made. We will have an included luncheon at one of the restaurants on the Murphy Avenue Historic District and finish up with a visit to the *Sunnyvale Historical Museum*.

In **March** our focus is historic San Jose along The Alameda, with a visit to the 1910 *Julia Morgan Mansion*, which has just been restored and is now an art glass center. We will also visit the landmark *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, and climax the day with a traditional English Tea at our own *Paulson House* in History Park, where we can see all the new exhibits and artifacts from the Jackson House.

EXTENDED TRIPS

APRIL 19 – 25, 2008 SOUTHERN CHARM

(*New offering*)(*Collette Vacations*) This Historic Southeast trip

includes:: Atlanta, Charleston, Boone Hall, Beaufort, Savannah, Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island. Cost is **\$1899** or **\$2449** single. Includes: RT airfare, seven nights hotels, twelve meals, and baggage handling. Optional insurance is **\$140**. A deposit of **\$100** is due **December 18** to guarantee your space. Brochures are now available.

April 5 – 14- AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR *Trieloff Tours*

Tour includes: Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Amish country, Longwood Gardens, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Monticello, Appomattox, Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. Cost is **\$1899**. Those who are interested can join that group. Call Rose Crimi (408) 293-0896 for information.

JUNE 3 - 8, 2008 PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL (*Talbot*

Tours) Portland Oregon, the "City of Roses" has hosted its annual Rose Festival for almost 100 years featuring a floral parade viewed from reserved indoor seats. Our city tour of Portland includes Washington Park and its rose gardens, *Hoyt Arboretum*, *Pittock Mansion* and the Japanese gardens. Other activities include: two nights in Newport with a Sea Life cruise of Newport bay; a sand dune buggy ride and a visit to the *Spruce Goose* flying boat moved from Long Beach. Cost is **\$1722** double occupancy or **\$2222** single. Includes RT airfare, five night's hotels, nine meals, taxes and gratuities. Optional trip insurance is available. A deposit of **\$200** holds your reservation. Brochures are available.

OCTOBER 13 - 24, 2008 MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE

(*Golden Gate Tours*) Norwegian Cruise Line "*Sun*" will be cruising round trip from San Francisco to the ports of Mazatlan, Acapulco, Zihuatanejo, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas.. No flights! Bus transfer to and from pier. Cost is **\$1030** inside, **\$1220** to **\$1330** ocean view, and **\$1550** to **\$1575** balcony. The "*Sun*" accommodates 1936 passengers and features nine restaurants! A valid passport is required. Deposit is **\$400**. Since cancellations involve penalties, optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Brochures and deck plans are now available.

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