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A Message from your President, David McKinny

CALIFORNIA BECAME THE 31ST STATE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1850. THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PIONEERS WILL CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF STATEHOOD AT OAKHILL CEMETERY IN THE PIONEER SECTION ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. WE WILL DEDICATE A NEW MARKER FOR "GRANDMA BASCOM."

No one knows what happened to the original marker for the Dr. Louis Bascom family, but conjecture that it may have been broken in an earthquake. Leonard McKay collected some \$600 for this new marker and Oak Hill donated the remaining hundreds of dollars. Leonard says it is a large monument befitting such an historical figure as Grandma Bascom. (who will attend the ceremony.) If you would like to refresh your memory on her story turn to the September, 1999 issue of *The Trailblazer*.

Our September 2nd Speaker is Doctor Judson A. Grenier who will speak to us on California's Sesquicentennial: Reflections on the Birth of a State and Its First Capitol.

Doctor Grenier was the founding chair of the Department of History, California State University, Dominguez Hills and taught there for nearly 30 years. He continues to conduct history institutes for K-8 teachers, serves as chair of the Congressman Glenn M. Anderson

Collection and directs the CSU Oral History Project. He received his PhD in history from UCLA and has published many articles and books on California including his most recent work, *Golden Odyssey: John Stroud Houston, California's First Controller and the Origins of State Government*. This book was published by the Historical Society of Southern California on September 9, 1999. His talk will draw from the decade of research for that book. It features photos and drawings of the Gold Rush, early state capitols, people and events that shaped the birth of California government 150 years ago. For us, he will emphasize the importance of San Jose as the First American Period Capitol of California. He will bring slides as well as copies of the book.

Be certain to mark these important dates, September 2 and September 9 to help us celebrate our state's birthday. Eureka! David

ADMISSION DAY IN SAN JOSE, 1877

On September 8, 1877, the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County invited the California Pioneers of San Francisco, the Native Sons and Mexican Veterans to join them in celebrating the Admission of California into the Union in 1850. Their parade was one of the largest seen in San Jose up to that time. There were floats representing pioneer times such as, "On an Emigrant Train," and "The Steamer California" manned by men who came on that vessel. A local ox carried a pack of an old emigrant's outfit. There was also a mining scene, "Working the Claim," which was very realistic. To make the parade seem real, one of the valuable oxen hauling the emigrants dropped dead while on the march.

At O'Donnell's Zoological Gardens, at Tenth and William Streets, one of the largest barbeques in the history of the state was carried out successfully. In a trench 200 feet long, three feet deep and three feet wide, there were spitted twenty seven hogs, twenty five sheep

and sixteen beeves. Over 10,000 people were introduced to one of the finest meals they had ever tasted. An English guest said he had eaten the roast beef of old England for forty years, but felt he had never partaken real roast beef until that Saturday. Uncle Ike Branham was the chief cook and his assistants were A. Legarde, S. O. Broughton, Henry Lux, D. A. Laddy, A.L. Bascom, J. H. M. Townsend, Geo. Cross and R. T. O'Hanlon.

The success of the earlier day was repeated on December 20, 1899 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the State Inauguration Day. Mayor C. J. Martin was president; Alex P. Murgotten, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Smith, program director; Gus Lion, financial director; S. W. Boring, grand marshal. The old capitol was reproduced and there were three days of joy making.

... from *The Trailblazer*, Vol. 15, #2, Spring, 1875

A Message from Melita Kelly, Membership Chairman

Thanks to all of the members for your response in paying your dues for the Year 2000. There are now only 45 members who have not paid. Remember, if not paid by December 31, 2000, these delinquent members will be removed from our rolls and will no longer receive the Trailblazer.

We have had an excellent response from all of you in bringing in new members. Our new members are also doing a good job by getting the word out and also are bringing in some new members.

A reminder to everyone that if you move, change you name, telephone number, need an application, or if you have a question about your membership, drop me a note or give me a call at (408) 292-2385. And one last reminder, dues (\$10.00) for the year 2001 will be coming up in December. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for helping me do my job this past year.

WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

as announced by Helen MacCarthy

1st Place, \$500.00 Elizabeth Barrett, "Life of Gilroy

Physician and Mayor, Heverland Rogers Chesbro:
The Early Years, 1859-1905.

2nd Place, \$250.00 Mary Miller Chaio,

"Gubserville, the Forgotten Village."

3rd Place, \$125, Jan Paull, "The Lavender Lady."

All three Honorable Mentions are from Kathryn Philp's
classes at Willow Glen High School

1st Honorable Mention, \$60.00, Kelsey Giambruno- "Janet
Gray Hayes-The Election of San Jose's First Woman
Mayor."

2nd Honorable Mention, \$40.00, Ruth Kompelien,

"The Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at
Stanford."

3rd Honorable Mention, \$25.00, Jaime Watts,

"Sacred Heart Community Service.

GONE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS

Eleanor O'Donnell	April 24, 2000
Helen Kuesel	May 6, 2000
George S. Craig	May 10, 2000
Dorothy Keeler	June 5, 2000
Dorothy Clark	June 10, 2000
Gordon Hoskings	June 16, 2000
Henrietta Marcotte	July 21, 2000
Ruth Mirassou	July 25, 2000

Get Well Cards were sent to :

Mary Wren and

Mary Lou Lyon

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS AT OUR 150TH
ANNIVERSARY.

ELIZABETH BARR-
FIRST PLACE



MARY MILLER CHIAO-SECOND PLACE



JAN PAULL-
THIRD PLACE

ORIGINAL CHARTER & ANNIVERSARY CAKE

Excerpts from THE LAVENDER LADY by Jan Paull

Many of the members present at the June meeting were enthralled by this paper which brought them down Memory Lane. They remembered seeing the "Lavender Lady." Some even took music lessons from her.

The "Lavender Lady" was born Caroline Pitkin in East Hartford, Connecticut on October 8, 1870. When she was 7, her family moved first to Arroyo Grande, then to San Francisco and on to the Santa Clara Valley. In 1887, he purchased the home at 69 South Tenth Street in San Jose, where she lived the rest of her life.

Caroline studied music, piano, concert and voice, graduating from Pacific and King Conservatories in the late 1890's. She also studied art at the College of the Pacific and under private tutors. She remained active in music and art circles the rest of her life.

On July 1, 1901, she married Norman R. Coulter, an architect, at the First Methodist Church on North Second Street. The wedding was well covered by the *San Jose Daily Mercury*. The colors for this marriage were white and pink. The couple left for a tour of pleasure resorts, then returned to live with her family. They had two children. Caroline's husband, a severe man, became so overbearing, that the marriage broke up after eight years.

On January 6, 1910, Caroline married Leonard Napoleon Brock, a fellow church member, in a quiet ceremony at her residence. The church was under construction following the 1906 earthquake. The bride wore a heliotrope gown with hat and shoes to match. Leonard, four years younger, was described as "a man of sterling worth and ability." Dinner followed the wedding at the Lamolle Grill, then the happy couple boarded the train for Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Pitkin, a very staid and strait laced lady, died in 1916, nine years after her husband. Caroline had restrained her love of lavender as long as her mother lived.

Once she was gone, she dressed exclusively in lavender hues...(gowns, wraps, hats, shoes and hosiery dyed to match.) She also extended her love of lavender to her china, table linens, walls and other items, including lavender wisteria rambling over the portico of the house.

"Brocky" was easy going and went along with whatever she liked. Her elegant bearing and manner of dress to perfection aroused curiosity in others. Sometimes, ladies would follow her while she shopped for material in Norris' Yardage Shop on South First, choosing a beautiful lavender silk and wool challis for a dress... Another lady commented that she and her friends would choose where to sit in church so as to look down and admire Caroline's gorgeous plumed hats which she special ordered from Hart's Department Store.

Although some people claim she drove a lavender electric car with lavender upholstery, her daughter Therese stated that her mother "never drove a car in her life and never had an electric one." Her first real car was a 1910 chain drive Buick in which "mama" rode but Brocky always drove. Their next car was a Maxwell and then a 1929 Studebaker that weighed two tons and got 5 miles per gallon. It was lavender and Caroline kept lavender flowers in the two glass vases that came with the car.

The original Pitkin home had eight rooms. Also on the property was a two story pink barn with a hayloft. While Caroline's children, Therese and Richard were growing up, the neighbors threw some disturbing all night parties. This so irritated Mrs. Pitkin that she bought the neighbor's house and had it moved. The Pitkin house was enlarged to 18 rooms plus an attic. The barn was replaced by a garage with an upstairs studio for Caroline.

The former vacant lot was used by Caroline as a dream garden with Brocky's help. She planned a garden with a pergola, a sun parlor and a greenhouse. Truckloads of peat moss were brought in for her to work herself. Tall, bearded iris were her specialty, making a lavish lavender

show every spring. She joined the Santa Clara County Iris Society.

She belonged to the Audubon Society and with Brocky to the Humane Society. Behind the house was a huge aviary for her birds-parrots, macaws, cockatoos, pheasants, and at one time, two trained white pelicans. Little Therese rode in her parasol topped wicker carriage pulled by the pelicans. The family's 20 pound cat, Estrellita, learned quickly not to attack the birds as prey when they were allowed in the house. Two of Caroline's special birds were a cocatoo named Jasmine and a parrot named Queenie. The parrot had belonged to a sea captain friend whose crew had wearied of the bird's language. He first gave it to some firemen, but they couldn't stand the 50 year old bird, either. Caroline gave her a home, anyway. She was clever at imitating sentences, but never gave up her original vocabulary. She used them unmercifully whenever she spotted the family's orange tabby cat and chased it until the poor cat found a hiding place. Whenever Caroline had a tea party, she covered Queenie's cage. After the guests left, the parrot could repeat much of the conversation. Sometimes, friends would drop in for tea, fancy cakes and the flavorful purple loganberry ice, and the parrot was forgotten until she would erupt with conversation from the chandelier.

The only room in the house not painted lavender was the music room. Caroline had become so intrigued by a gold piano at the White House Department Store in San Francisco that she ordered an unfinished one like it from the Sherman Clay Music Store in San Jose. She, herself, gilded the piano. Next to it stood her golden harp. As a treat for visitors, she played her classical favorites, especially Bach and Beethoven on either instrument. On the wall of the music room, she painted scenes from Grand Opera. Her life sized scene was of Elsa and the Song to the Swan from Lohengrin, as Lohengrin arrives in a boat drawn by a swan.

Around her wall mirrors, she drew and painted flowers. To offset the violet walls, she used green around the clocks. In her studio, she created paintings and held some shows. She made her home a showplace of antiques and curios such as stained glass, marble, teakwood, statuary, paintings, pedestals, furniture, miniatures, crystal and other objects of art. She opened her home to other members of the American Antiques Study Club for their enjoyment. For her grandson Richard, as a child, it was a wonderland to explore and investigate, looking for the hidden drawers and compartments.

The two causes to which she was most faithful were the First Methodist Church and the Women's Christian Temperance Union which had come to San Jose in the 1880's. For many years, Caroline was the Sunday School Superintendent at the church, managing a particularly mischievous group of small boys herself, calling them "Soldiers of the Cross." More than half of these boys became missionaries, pastors or teachers. She also held a Temperance Class. Caroline also taught piano and harp to students of all ages for many years. Caroline also wrote poetry and published a small book of poems entitled "The Sprite of the Rock and other Poems."

In 1919, she gathered together a group of flower lovers and formed the Santa Clara County Flower Lovers' Club. Their aim was to conserve the wild flowers of California and to discuss the cultivation of garden flowers. By 1924, there were 1500 members who held 7 flower shows throughout the year. The club did not charge dues nor admission to its shows. Members earned money by selling plants and shrubs they had donated. They participated in the Santa Clara County Fair after it began in 1944. The club finally disbanded 29 years after the passing of the Lavender Lady. Mrs. Gene Venum, the club's last president said "Members did more than just sit around and sniff the blooms." The final 28 members used the remains of their treasury to plant a Japanese flowering

plum and Dawn redwood trees on the grounds of the San Jose Historical Museum. In 1950, Bertha Marguerite Rice planted a Dawn Redwood in the Williams Street park in memory of her dear friend. The unmarked tree continues to grow there today.

Caroline Pitkin Brock died September 23, 1947 at nearly 77. She was survived by Brocky and her daughter Therese Lloyd and two grandchildren, Richard Lockwood Lloyd and Roxana Lloyd Harrington. Unfortunately, in 1948, the huge shade trees and her house gave way to a San Jose State University Parking Garage

She brought class and grace to the local scene, inspiring others with her enthusiasm and proficiency. Her regal carriage with her beautiful long and lacy lavender gowns with shoes died to match imprinted themselves on many.



Henrietta Marcotte

HENRIETTA PAVISO MARCOTTE-
A Cupertino Native

Born: March 19, 1911, in Westside (Cupertino)

Passed away: July 21, 2000, in Santa Clara

Luka Pavisa, a cooper, immigrated to California from Tresteno, Austria (now Croatia) in 1867. Twenty five years later, he became Louis Paviso, U.S. citizen. Her mother, Henriette Andreson had come from Tonder, Denmark. They met in San Francisco and married October 14, 1899. Their fifth child, Henrietta Paviso, was

born in Cupertino, then called Westside, on March 19, 1911. Their home was where the Donut Wheel is today. All of her siblings have predeceased her.

Henrietta attended Collins School, Cupertino Grammar School, the new Fremont High, and San Jose State. As soon as she was old enough, she joined her brothers and sisters working in the fruit and nut harvests and on other small jobs during the rest of the year to help their mother keep the family together. Her father had died in 1916 when she was 5. She often talked about picking prunes and cutting cots to help her widowed Mother. The area was full of orchards of prunes, cherries, grapes, nuts, apricots and more. Someone mentioned that she was the fastest worker in "cutting cots" that they had ever seen.

"The rural life was good to us children. We worked hard during the fruit season, our mother at our side -- working hard as the rest and setting an example. The neighbor girls and boys would gather on the vacant lot where the Home Union Store stood (now the Standard Oil Station.) We would play baseball, kick-the-can, and other kids' games. The big event was when a small circus came to the Crossroads and pitched its tent on the lot. Everyone became very excited. Arch Wilson would buy fireworks for his family for the Fourth of July, and he let us watch and enjoy the skyrockets and other displays. The Peninsular Railroad was our transportation, taking us to San Jose for shopping and, for the four eldest children, to attend San Jose High School.

Union Church of Cupertino was the center of our religious upbringing. Like today, pot luck dinners were frequent. Individual Sunday School classes had special parties at their teacher's home. There were Easter egg hunts at the Johnson ranch near Azule crossroads. A big event was the outing when Warren Hyde fixed his big truck with seats and took the Sunday School children to Alum Rock Park, where we rode the merry-go-round,

went down the big slide, and took the slide in the huge indoor pool. The adults at the church came along too and prepared lunch for everyone. Those were the days!"

She helped her brother Louie at his garage where their father had his cooper's shop and worked at the local canneries, then took an appointment as clerk at the Post Office in Cupertino in 1935. where she worked there for 30 years, until retirement in 1971.

She met Irving K. (Bud) Marcotte at a dance she attended with brother Louie. Both young men were members of the San Jose Flying Club. Rita and Bud were married on May 11, 1936, and they settled in their first home on the Craft property on Stevens Creek Road, Cupertino. Laverne and Richard arrived in 41 and 44. Bud passed away in March, 1982.

After World War II, everything in Cupertino began to grow and change. The first subdivision was in 1950 and a "Fact Finding Committee" was formed to see if Cupertino should become incorporated as a City. Henrietta served as Secretary and Cupertino did vote to become a city in 1955. In 1995, at the age of 84, Henrietta was named grand marshal for Cupertino's 40th anniversary parade.

In 1954, an article in the *Cupertino Courier* described her as President of Cupertino Union School PTA, member of Philotesian Rebekah Lodge (which she joined in 1932), Cupertino Area Fact Finding Committee, Union Church of Cupertino, Director of Community Chest, Vice President of the Youth Center, and active in the local home extension service. She organized the local blood bank and was the Red Cross chapter blood donor recruitment committee chairman for many years. She later served as PTA president at Fremont High School, while Laverne and Richard were students there. She also belonged to The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County and The Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Meanwhile, as an original member of the Cupertino Historical Society, she was extremely active in

its programs. From the mid-80s for about 10 years, as a docent for the Museum, she became the lady with the Traveling Trunk, and was always being invited to bring the trunk to 3rd graders in the district schools as a way of introducing the youngsters to the way of life of people in the early days of the century -- kitchen artifacts, clothing, (gym bloomers!) high-button shoes, buttonhooks, farm equipment, old irons, etc. She loved displaying the contents and telling her audience tales of "what life was like" long ago. Some have said that if she didn't know about it, it didn't happen in Cupertino. Many of the articles in the trunk were from her own collection. This was a popular program and in demand from senior centers and other gatherings as well. Though she had retired from the Traveling Trunk Program, she continued as a docent and active member of the Society and Museum until her last days.

In 1993, she was honored by the city as a recipient of a CREST award for her column called "Roots" which ran monthly in the city newsletter from 1989 to 1996; she devoted hours recording the history of Cupertino, researching early documents and tracking down and interviewing family members of early pioneers. It was her dream to collect all those articles into a small book. For her lifetime of devotion and work for Cupertino and its history, she was nominated for a statewide award from The Conference of California Historical Societies. The "Gladys Waddingham-Joe Doctor Award for Long Time Continuous Service to a Local Historical Society was conferred on her at a meeting in Chico in June, 1997." She thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the meeting.

Henrietta leaves a devoted daughter, Laverne Rabinowitz, a son in law, Mario Rabinowitz, a son, Richard Arthur Marcotte and a grand daughter, Amber Leigh Marcotte.



Touring With The Californians

REGISTRATION FOR FALL TRIPS begins at the September 2d luncheon. Checks preferred, or exact cash. Non-members and guests may sign up starting September 11th. If you do not get a trip flyer at the luncheon meeting, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Pauline at the address on the officer's page. Pick-up point (unless otherwise indicated) is at Valley Village, 390 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, at the Dolores Street side.

SANTA Fe' OPERA - AUGUST 19-25, 2000

This trip is filled, except for replacing any cancellations.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 HISTORIC AGRICULTURE TOUR of the SALINAS VALLEY

(Registration is in progress. A limited number of places are available.) As Santa Clara County has become more and more urbanized, we must look further south to discover the centers of agriculture, the current "gold" of California. Our guide, Evan Oakes, will begin in Castroville with the history and present day production of artichokes, a vegetable hardly known 50 years ago, with a visit to the Pezzini farms. We will visit another farm producing lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and celery. We ride through the Salinas Valley, learning about the history of vegetable production, John Steinbeck's descriptions, and the influence of the central California missions. Our included lunch stop will be at the Smith and Hook Winery in Soledad, where we will enjoy our picnic lunches in the vineyard overlooking a beautiful view of the Salinas Valley. A wine-tasting, winery tour, and vine-

yard walk is included. We drive north along River Road, viewing more vineyards during peak grape harvest time. You will have opportunities to purchase fresh produce and wines.

Leave: 8:30 A.M. Return: 4:30 P.M. Price: \$ 41

October and November day trips. Due to Rose Crimi's personal travel plans, October and November day trips will be in conjunction with other groups.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000

FILOLI, ALLIED ARTS GUILD and RALSTON HALL

In conjunction with MARY LOU LYON's CALIFORNIA HISTORY CLASS, we will visit the Filoli Estate built by the Bourns for a house and gardens tour, followed by lunch at the Allied Arts Guild and a visit to Ralston Hall which belonged to Billy Ralston, Banker, in the afternoon. Leave at 9:15 A.M. Return 4:15 P.M. Price: \$46

THE ARGONAUTS TOUR on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 at 11 a.m., featuring the **PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN SAN JOSE** . Activities include: a guided tour of the Imperio Cultural Center at History Park (Phelan and Senter Road); a sampling of Portuguese foods and entertainment; and a visit to Five Wounds Church on Santa Clara and 28th Street, a lavishly decorated church in the European tradition. Transportation will be by private cars. Cost will be approximately \$25. California Pioneers are welcome to participate in this tour. Non-Argonauts call Margaret Allvey, (408) 997-7507, after October 1st.

RIVER BARGE EXCURSION Nov. 27 - Dec. 5, 2000

We go into the Cajun country on the Intracoastal Waterway between New Orleans and Galveston. City tours of New Orleans and Galveston, swamp tours and wild-life spotting, passages through several canal locks, tour of

Lafayette-capital of the Cajun country, and the villages of Vermillionville, Port Arthur - oil country and "Lagniappe." Price is \$2095 window cabins, or \$2280 balcony cabins. Price includes: RT air fare from San Jose to New Orleans, and return from Galveston, two nights in New Orleans, eight-day cruise, all shore excursions, tips and taxes. An optional eight-day extension to Matamoros, Mexico is also available at \$1485 and \$1675. See brochure for details. Space depends upon availability of cabins at this time. Call Rose Crimi, 293-0896 by September 15. For those already registered, a reminder will be sent regarding the final payment, due September 15. We will hold an orientation party two or three weeks before departure.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000 FESTIVAL of LIGHTS

Dazzling lights and displays in San Francisco usher in the festive holiday season. We arrive in mid-afternoon to enjoy the beautiful decorations in Union Square at the St. Francis Hotel and in the store windows around the square. At 4:00 p.m. we will have an included early dinner on the 36th floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel overlooking Union Square. With luck, we may be treated to a gorgeous sunset and views of the City and the Bay. After dinner, we board our motor coach with our guide for a relaxing ride around San Francisco and points south to view a wonderland of lights and holiday decorations. Please indicate your dinner menu choice of prime rib, salmon, or chicken on the sign-up sheet.

Leave:2:00 P.M. Return: 10:00 P.M. Price: \$ 56

MAY 5-13, 2001 COLUMBIA RIVER CRUISE

Results of our survey indicate sufficient interest to offer this cruise on the "Columbia Queen." The tour itinerary includes: Mount St. Helens; Astoria; Columbia River Maritime Museum; Fort Clatsop, the winter camp of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; the spectacular Columbia River Gorge; Pendleton cowboy country; Hells

Canyon, Idaho, and the Snake River; Whitman Mission, where Oregon Trail travelers stopped; a ride to Timberline Lodge, 6000 feet up the side of Mount Hood; the Hood River, and many more adventures. The cost is \$2560 for an inside cabin, and \$2890 for an outside cabin. The cost includes: round-trip air from San Jose to Portland; one night at the historic Multnomah Hotel; seven night cruise with all meals, shore excursions, staff tips, and port charges; transfers and baggage handling. Optional travel insurance is \$125 per person. Brochures describing the full itinerary will be available at the September luncheon.

New Year's in Paris ?? December 27, 2000-January 2, 2001

Information on this trip was not received in time for our survey. However, a group in Salinas is offering the trip, and we can join them. The tour includes: round-trip air from San Francisco to Paris, seven night's accommodation and cruising on the "MS Arlene," a Swiss-managed river boat with all outside cabins with bath, restaurant, lounge, and many amenities. The itinerary includes: a tour of Paris, special New Year's Eve dinner on board with a view of the Eiffel Tower; cruising on the Seine with stops at French villages where impressionist artists painted; a night-time city lights tour of Paris, and more! The cost is \$2135 for Main Deck and \$2260 for Upper Deck. If you are interested, you may call Rose Crimi, (408) 293-0896 after August 25th for a brochure, or get one at the September 2d luncheon.

2001 TRIP SURVEYS Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey. We received many good ideas for day trips, which we will implement next year.

California trips - Mammoth Lakes and Yosemite attracted the most interest, so we will offer those, probably in late summer. The Ramona Pageant and San Antonio Mission had an equal number. Perhaps they can be combined so

that we could visit the San Antonio Mission area on our way south. The time would probably be in April. That should be a good month for wild flowers, too. California Gold Rush trip had a fair number. We may be able to combine with a Watsonville group which is scheduled to go in mid-October.

Out-of-state trips - Columbia River Cruise attracted the most interest. See the description above. The Erie Canal trip is being done by a Watsonville group: June 24 - July 6. The interested people will be contacted with information.

Out-of-country trips - No one trip had enough response. The interested people will be contacted with information about other Bay Area groups offering these destinations.

MARY LOU LYON's CALIFORNIA HISTORY CLASS, will begin again at The Willows Senior Center on Lincoln & Curtner, September 6, 2000. Two times are offered; 1-3 and 7 to 9pm. (You do not have to be a senior to enroll) We will be studying some of the movers, shakers, scandals (Sarah Althea Hill [Morgan Hill's sister] & Senator Sharon) and events of 1860's & 1870's California, beginning with the Bourns who like so many others made their money in mining. Their "cottage" at the mines is in Grass Valley at the Empire Mine California State Park. We will visit their "country estate" called Filoli for a house and gardens tour, followed by lunch at the Allied Arts Guild and a visit to Ralston Hall which belonged first to Count Cipriani, then to Billy Ralston of the Bank of California and the Comstock Lode Stock Market, later to Senator Sharon in the afternoon.

October 26- Leave at 9:15 Return at 4:15 Price: \$46

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