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OUR SPEAKER IS ARCHITECT GEORGE ESPINOLA whose first book is *Architecture in San Jose; Cottages, Flats, Buildings and Bungalows; 102 Designs from Wolfe & McKenzie.*

These architects were prominent in San Jose and Northern California in the 1890 to 1907 period. Their Prairie Style designs filled the gap between the fussy Victorian styles and the modern era. The book contains some of the original designs, who built them and who lived in them. He won our contest in 1990 & went on to make it a book.

Mr. Espinola received his BA from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is a member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. and the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians.

PIONEER LUNCHEON \$17.00

SATURDAY, September 4, 2004

NOON AT LOU'S VILLAGE green salad
pork tenderloin
RESERVATIONS rolls & butter
BEFORE seasonal vegetables
WEDNESDAY chef's choice dessert
August 25, 2004 & COFFEE

554-7587 make checks to Lou's Village

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with pleasure that I am serving you as President of the California Pioneers. It is also with much pleasure that I am able to announce that we have a full quota of board members. All fifteen of the board positions have been filled. Truly, I think we have many outstanding members on our board. Many past board members have rejoined along with some new members. Our former president, Jim Arbuckle, has retired from the board.

After many years of trying to move back to the Jackson Ranch the lovely antique furniture willed to the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County by Miss Jackson, I am happy to say it has been done! As you may recall, the Jackson Ranch and the antique family furniture were left to the California Pioneers by Gladys Jackson. Due to the extensive damage sustained by the ranch house in the earthquake of 1989, the furniture, paintings and other items owned by Miss Jackson were moved to the home of Edward Teresi where they have been kindly stored for and cared by Mr. Teresi, now deceased, and his wife.

Upon my re-election to the board, I worked with members of the county park staff, namely Dave Larson, to obtain approval to have these belongings returned to the restored ranch house. The move was a success with much thanks to David McKinney, Bob Fisher, Dick Hill, Jerry Rosenthal, and Melita Kelly who helped with the move.

The furnishings are not on display since the house is not yet open to the public. Certainly, the board will work with the county to ensure our long term goal of having the Jackson Ranch open to the public, but at the moment we can take much pride in having accomplished this long awaited move of the ranch house furnishings.

Alex Marthews, executive director of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose, has suggested that the Pioneers and his group work together to sponsor a Halloween graveyard tour & event at the Pioneer owned Hacienda Cemetery this coming October 29. The board will consider and work on this proposal. Truly, I think it a wonderful way to gain some good publicity for the California Pioneers, to make the public more aware of this historic graveyard and

for us to further develop our good relations with our fellow historical society, the Preservation Action Council.

Recently I was asked if Edward Allegetti, former California Pioneers president in the 1980's, is my kinsman. Yes, I will admit to being a very close relative of this former president but he was not my father nor my grandfather!

Edward Allegetti

The 2004 Annual Essay Contest Winners this June were:

1st place: Dale Tibbils, *A Window on San Jose History*. It was about the New Century Block at 2nd and Santa Clara which is 136 years old and what it has seen in those years.

2nd Place: Kenneth McNamara, *The Battle of Santa Clara*

3rd place: Frances Olson from Morgan Hill, *Fruit Salad: Santa Clara Valley's Fruit Industry*.

The first Place winner was out of town, the second place winner died the week before, so the talk was by the third place winner, Frances Olson.

Bob and Irene Johnson were also given a certificate for their 20 years of cumulative service to the Pioneers.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN RESEARCH FOR AND WRITING FOR THE 2005 PIONEER ESSAY CONTEST!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR AREA OR YOUR BUSINESS? WERE THEY PIONEERS HERE? THE PRIZES ARE GOING BEGGING FOR WANT OF ENTRIES.



MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Are you planning to move? Let your membership chairman know. A note, phone call, or an e-mail will do the trick to keep your *Trailblazer* delivered to your mail box. You can also request membership applications.

Dues for the year 2005 will be due beginning at the December Quarterly Luncheon. Please check your Trailblazer label to see if you are current. If it reads 12/03, your membership will be terminated effective January 1, 2005, and the December issue will be the last you will receive. If your label shows 12/04, your dues of \$15.00 per member will be due in December.

I will be happy to answer questions regarding your status if you just give me a call. I can be reached at (408) 292-2385 or write to me: Melita Kelly, Membership, 460 North 15th Street, San Jose, CA 95112-1725.

My e-mail address is: melikel@pacbell.net.

2003 NEW MEMBERS

Mary Lee Baiocchi, Bonnie Bamburg, Pamela Bradshaw, Angie Brawley, Beverly Brunt, Nancy Clish, Amber Conrad, Cathy Conrad, Mary Cummings, Betty Davey, Bernadette Drechsler, Jo Drechsler, Frances Dietz, Dorothy Ehrat, Irene Felt, Melvin George, Rosalina George, Gerogene Goodwin, Beverly Lou Harp, Adelaide Heath, Audrey Humburg, Margaret Johnston, Arlyn Jorgenson, Gwen Klem, Virginia Knight, Mabel Laney, Louise Lee, Peg Malek, Robert Mannell, Frances Martinez, Margaret Mastrian, Aleese Mercier, Frances Olson, Roxanne O'Shea, Antoinette Parsons, Joanne Rafferty, Ruth Rodrigues, Mary Jane Souza, Madeline Streight, Anne Tetzloff, Barbara Tom, Jane Trujillo, Debra Ullman, Gregory Ullman, Robert Verbica, Winifred Verbica, Marie Wheeler, Bertie Mae Wilson, Dorothy Woodard, James Zetterquist,

2005 ANNUAL HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST

\$1200.00 IN PRIZE MONEY

1ST PRIZE-\$500.00

1ST HONORABLE MENTION-\$100.

2ND PRIZE-\$250.00

2ND HONORABLE MENTION -\$100

3RD PRIZE-\$150.00

3RD HONORABLE MENTION-\$100.

OPEN TO ALL-STUDENTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

RULES

SUBJECT-Any person, place or event concerning Santa Clara County from its beginning to the recent past.

LENGTH-Minimum 3000 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:
- c. Short introduction or preface
- d. Table of contents
- e. Bibliography
- f. Sources- persons, books or other items consulted
- g. Contestants Name, Address & phone number **MUST** appear on the lower right hand corner of the Title Page of the essay.
- h. Students must include the name of their school and advisor under their name.
- i. Essays must be in an appropriate folder or stapled together so they do not come apart.
- j. Each essay must be submitted IN DUPLICATE. One copy will go into the Pioneer Archives and the other into The California Room of the San Jose Public Library.
- k. Those submitting only one copy will be disqualified but the copy will be placed in the library
- l-The Pioneers reserve exclusive publication rights to all essays.
- m. None will be returned.
- n. First prize winners for the last 3 years are not eligible to compete.

WINNERS will receive their awards at the **Quarterly Luncheon Saturday June 4, 2005**. The first three winners will make a BRIEF presentation to the membership at that time.

Lou's Village, 1465 West San Carlos St., San Jose,

DEADLINE- April 15, 2005

SEND ESSAY TO Attn. Helen MacCarthy, Campbell-Warburton Law Offices, 111 West St. John, Suite 440, San Jose, CA-95113 (corner of Market & St. John) Helen McCarthy 408-578-4485

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESERVATION ACTION COUNCIL OF SAN JOSE

The Preservation Action Council of San José is dedicated to preserving San José's architectural heritage. We work with neighborhoods and the City to ensure that historic buildings are saved and reused. We hold lectures, walking tours, movie nights, dinners and events to help celebrate San José's heritage. We have over three hundred members, drawn from every part of San José. We are responsible for saving the José Theatre (now the Comedy Improv), the Montgomery Hotel, the Scheller House, River Street and many other illustrious historic structures.

We would like to invite members of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County to join us and/or contribute to our cause. As a 2004 member, you will receive our newsletter, invitations and discounts to our events. Contributor level members and above get an exclusive video containing historical footage of San José. Higher-level members receive invitations to exclusive events and free tickets to PAC*SJ events. To ask about higher membership levels, please call the office at (408) 998-8105.

Email allows us to send you advance notice of events, and keeps you informed about late-breaking activities and issues. . P A C * S J will not release your information to third parties without your consent.

I would like to Join P A C * S J At The Level Of:

Student / Senior (65+)	\$20
Individual	\$35
Family / Nonprofit	\$50
Contributor / Small Business	\$100
Patron / Corporation	\$250
Benefactor	\$1,000`

Please make your check out to Preservation Action Council
San José PAC*SJ, PO BOX 2287, SAN JOSE, CA 95109-2287.

*Note Watch *History Detectives* on Tues Evenings, Channel 9. Recently, they investigated locally about Mary Brown, widow of THE John Brown & her stay in Saratoga & the Japanese house in Gilroy & Japanese internment on Angel Island- all in one hour!

TOURING WITH THE CALIFORNIANS September, 2004

Rose Crimi Muench -- Tour Director

Marie Rider --Phone Reservations: (408) 251-7887 M-F a.m.

Beverly Fisher -- Treasurer: 3435 Yuba Ave, San Jose, CA
95117-2966

Pauline Hawkins -- Luncheon Registrations

REGISTRATION for FALL TRIPS begins at the September 4 luncheon, 10:30a.m. Checks made out to The Californians 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. We will accept checks for the first six people on the waitlist, and notify them as cancellations occur. Non-members and guests may sign up starting September 13.

PICK-UP POINT (unless otherwise indicated) is at Valley Village, 390 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, on Dolores St.

OCTOBER 18, 2004 MONDAY, CALIFORNIA

THEATRE and MONTGOMERY HOTEL After being closed since 1973, the California (Fox) Theatre on South First Street, San Jose, has finally emerged in all its 1927 Moorish glory, after a \$73 million renovation. We will tour the building with its new additions, including a courtyard and extended backstage and dressing rooms to accommodate Opera San Jose and Symphony Silicon Valley performances. For our included lunch we will walk to Original Joe's, a San Jose tradition since 1956, on the site of the old Appleton Women's store. We'll also make a brief stop at the San Jose Chamber of Commerce housed in the former Hale's Department Store building. Next, we will have a guided tour of the Hotel Montgomery. Built in 1911 by T. S. Montgomery, it was closed after the 1989 earthquake and scheduled for demolition. Saved by community action, it was moved 186 feet by a daring engineering feat, which some of you witnessed in 2000. After a \$25 million renovation, it has reopened as a boutique hotel with its

Renaissance revival architecture intact. On our way back to Valley Village, we hope to make a surprise stop at an old but new San Jose landmark.

Leaves: 9:30 a.m. Return: 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$33

NOVEMBER 2, 2004 TUESDAY,
MONTEREY PENINSULA in the MOVIES

Nearly 200 films have preserved the dramatic beauty of the Monterey Peninsula over the past 100 years. On arrival, we will transfer to a special bus where our guide, Doug Lumsden, will tell us the behind-the-scene stories and show us the actual locations in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, 17 Mile Drive, and Carmel, while we watch the same movie scenes on overhead monitors. Our included 1:00 p.m. lunch at the renowned Lodge at Pebble Beach will have a choice of several entrees plus a beautiful view of the ocean. Very little walking is involved. We are limited to 31 people due to bus size, so sign up early. If you must cancel, do so promptly, so we can notify those on the waitlist.

Leaves: 8:30 a.m. Return: 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$ 82

DECEMBER 9, 2004 THURSDAY,
CHRISTMAS in the ADOBES

Monterey, the early California capital under Mexican rule, is blessed with many preserved adobes. We will have the pleasure of seeing the interiors of several adobes decorated for the Christmas season as they might have appeared in the 1840's. Docents will share stories of the original occupants and how they lived. Casa Sobranes will offer guests Mexican hot cocoa, and fandango dancers will perform at the Custom House, the oldest public building in California. On arrival at 3:30 p.m., we will have an included early dinner at Montrieo Bistro housed in a restored landmark building that was Monterey's first fire station in 1910. We will then visit several adobes on foot and by bus. Walking maps will be provided.

Leaves: 2:00 p.m. Return: 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$57

EXTENDED TRIPS October 2 - 12, 2004

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS Mexican Riviera Cruise Agency:

Golden Gates Tours. We will have a Documents Party for registrants on Friday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 200 East Hamilton Avenue at Third Street, Campbell. R.S.V.P. to Rose Crimi, (408) 293-0896. If you cannot attend, documents will be mailed to you. You should have already received your pre-cruise packet from Princess Cruises. Be sure to send back your Passenger Immigration Form. We urge you to sign up for shore excursions to ensure getting the ones you want.

DECEMBER 30, 2004 – JANUARY 2, 2005 New Orleans

New Year's Agency: Golden Gates Tours. Our runner-up choice in last year's survey was New Orleans. We can now offer it this year. We fly to New Orleans and board the "River Explorer" barge, our "hotel" docked by the French Quarter. Staterooms and bathrooms are spacious, with lots of storage cabinets. Next day we tour the French Quarter, the newly opened D-day Museum honoring the 1944 Normandy Beach invasion in World War II, and the Longue Vue House and gardens, as well as the spectacular lights display, "Celebration in the Oaks." In the evening, our New Year's Eve Party with music and champagne is climaxed with an incredible fireworks show from the middle of the Mississippi River! New Year's Day we have brunch while our barge cruises the Mississippi River. On our final day, we will take a city tour of New Orleans en route to the airport for our flight home. Cost is \$1215 or \$1290 for a balcony cabin. Space is limited, so sign up early. Brochures are available.

APRIL 28 – MAY 9, 2005 JAPAN

Highlights include: Osaka tour, a ride on the Bullet Train, the moving Hiroshima Memorial Park, Kyoto temples, Kobe sake museum, Nara the first capital, Korakuen Garden in Okayama (San Jose's Sister City), Nikko National Park, Mt. Fuji and Hakone National Park, and a Tokyo tour including the Edo Museum and the Tokyo Tower. Also, we will see medieval castles, a kimono fashion show, tea ceremony, and

many other fascinating sights. An extra bonus is the azalea blooming season in May. We need only a minimum of 15 people to have our own bus and guide. The non-stop flight to Japan is actually shorter than flying to London, so it is not too tiring. Cost of \$3160 includes airfare, hotels, three meals daily, all sightseeing entry fees, taxes, baggage handling, and tips for the bus driver and the tour manager. Deposit of \$100 is fully refundable until January 28. Optional trip cancellation insurance is available. Brochures are available.

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

Our luncheons are held the first Saturday of March, June, September, and December, 12:00 Noon, Lou's Village.

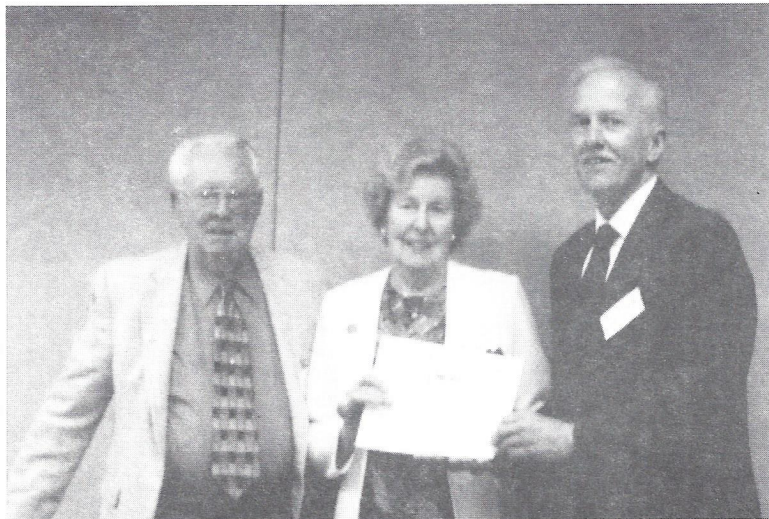
Reservations Required.

When paying by check, please make your checks payable to:
Lou's Village for the luncheon

The Californians for the trips

California Pioneers for dues and memberships

Please invite other members to join you at your table.



Bob and Irene Johnson have served the Pioneers 20 years.

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