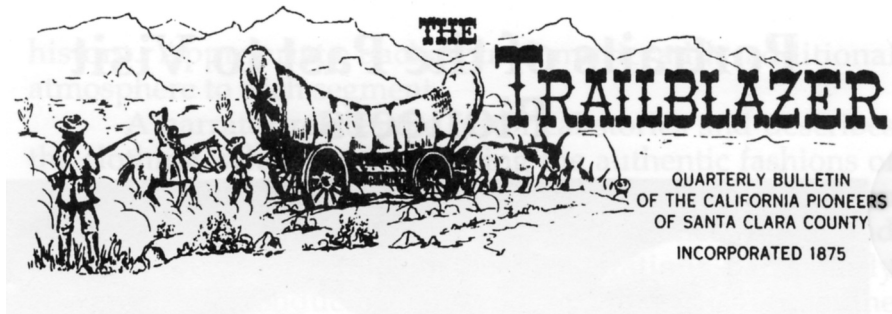




**SANTA CLARA COUNTY PIONEERS THIRD ANNUAL PIONEER PICNIC
AT SAN JOSE HISTORY PARK
CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S 160th ADMISSION DAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1850
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
11:30 UNTIL 2:00**

**TOURS OF THE SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTER'S COLLECTION OF OLD ENGINES HAS
BEEN ARRANGED, BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM
THE SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL BAND WILL PLAY FOR US FROM 11:30 UNTIL
LUNCH IS SERVED AT 12:15 AND AFTER LUNCH FROM 1:15 TO 2:00**

**A NEW Commemorative Badge will be given to paid registrants
You must have your Name Tag on to be served**

Food will be prepared by Andy's BBQ on site

Menu

Pork Spareribs, Beef Brisket, BBQ Chicken, Smoked Sausage

BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw, Mixed Green Salad

Soft Drinks, Water, Cookies

Veggie Burgers are available, *please request when placing reservations*

**Best to get to History Park by 11:30 am, free parking is available in the Parking lot behind
the Hotel and the Phelan Road parking area,**

Handicapped Parking is available outside the South Gate into the park.

Drive in to drop off guests is OK but parking is not available inside

San Jose History Park

San Jose History Park is located at the intersection of Senter Road and Phelan Avenue.

Access from Hwy. 280 is South on 10th Street, to Phelan Avenue, Left, cross Senter to
the Park.

Access from Hwy. 101 is West on Story Road to Senter Road then left to Phelan Avenue.

And left again to parking.

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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.

(The park is open to the public that day.)

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ADMISSION DAY PICNIC, 2010

In Commemoration of California's Admission Day on September 9, 1850 and the Pioneer's Celebrations in 1877 and 1895, we, too, are having a grand picnic with Bar-B-Q and a Band. (We are omitting the two hour speech of those previous celebrations and the hour long poem reading!)

The San Jose Metropolitan Band is a contemporary concert band, playing in the tradition of a community band serenading an afternoon picnic. They give performances throughout the Santa Clara Valley, playing a mix of marches, show tunes, Disney, big band and symphonic classics. Their membership is made up of dedicated volunteer musicians from many backgrounds and age groups. More information on the band can be found at its website: <http://www.sjmetroband.org/>



Meet Our Director
Gregory Bergantz

Mr. Bergantz was appointed music director of the San Jose Metropolitan Band in 1991. Prior to that, Mr. Bergantz guest conducted the South Valley Symphony, the San Jose Symphony Youth Orchestras, the Glendale Symphony Youth Orchestra, and over sixty chamber orchestra

performances in Los Angeles. As a graduate student, Mr. Bergantz studied conducting at the University of Southern California with Maestro Daniel Lewis, the Institute of Orchestral Conducting with Maestro Herbert Blomstedt, and the Chigiana Music Festival in Siena, Italy, with Maestro Franco Ferrara.

As a free-lance trombonist in the Bay Area, Mr. Bergantz performs regularly with the Oxford Brass, several local symphonies and bands, and occasionally, as a featured soloist with the SJMB.

As the music director of the San Jose Metropolitan Band, Mr. Bergantz is known for programming concerts that provide a little something for everyone: Marches, Waltzes, Patriotic favorites, Big Band medleys, show tunes, film scores, as well as standard Military and Concert Band repertoire. The band's musical versatility makes each performance a memorable experience.

Notice! Authors Take Note. Sign up for a table to sell your books at the December Meeting of the Pioneers Send your name & name of book to Tim Peddy at miltpeddy@aol.com

ADMISSION DAY PICNIC, 1877

Coleman Younger, President of the Santa Clara County Pioneers called the meeting to order and stated that the object was to make arrangements for the proper reception of the "Old Boys" from San Francisco and as many of them have not had a "square meal" since '49,

The Society of California Pioneers of San Francisco have decided to picnic at O'Donnell's Gardens on the 8th of September, the 9th falling on Sunday. They have selected Saturday, for the reason that they would have Sunday to rest after the trip. The purpose of the trip is to celebrate the Twenty Seventh Anniversary of the Admission of California into the Union.

The Pioneers of this county are preparing a great reception for them. They will be met at the (Railroad) depot and escorted through the city. In the procession will be a representation of an old fashioned emigrant train crossing the plains, and two representatives of California, life in '49 and '50; one representing a camp scene on a Sunday, and the other a mining scene on a weekday. Another feature will be the parade of natives, in which is expected there will be a few hundred. The Pioneers of this county will form at the Opera House, and march thence to the depot. It is the intention to make this a Grand Affair.

A committee to appoint committees was named: S. O. Houghton, John Trimble, and A.P. Murgotten. It was decided that the Society of California Pioneers should be received at the depot and a procession made through the city including the "emigrant train" and "the honest miner" to be featured. The Mexican War Veterans would act as escort.

Committees were set up. The Finance Committee assigned each member an area of the county to solicit for funds. The Meat Committee, were also assigned an area to solicit. One of the members on that committee was the rancher, Henry Miller. They were told to have the animals delivered to the slaughter house of Leddy Brothers on the east side of Coyote Creek on Wednesday September 5, 1877, by 4 p.m.

Another Committee was in charge of Displays, and another on Programs, but the most important one was the BBQ Committee led by Uncle Ike Branham. The report in the newspaper afterwards noted that they had dug a trench that held 4,000 pounds of meat-10 beeves, 1 year and under, 13 hogs and 15 sheep. The committee divided up the duties into carvers, waiters, set up crew, wood and coal, dishes, coffee, bread, etc.

The Program Committee laid their duties out as:

1-Reception at the railroad depot. The San Francisco guests left the City by boat at 9 a.m. on the steamer Newark and disembarked at Dumbarton Pier, 25 minutes away by train. They returned at 5 p.m., taking the narrow gauge railroad 18 miles from San Jose. Total traveling time one way was 2 hours and 10 minutes.

2-Parade to the Gardens. Mounted police, Branson and Daggetts Band, Representation of the Emigrant Train (very authentic! One ox dropped dead!) and the Honest Miner on foot, Native Californians on foot, Santa Clara County Pioneers, the San Francisco

Band, The Society of California Pioneers, Other Pioneer Societies. (Sacramento, Stockton, etc.)

3-Reception at the Gardens

4-Oration by the Honorable Lawrence Archer (Judge, Assemblyman, Mayor- 2 hours!)

5-Music by the San Francisco Band

6-Poem by Miss M. A. Fitzgerald, read by Mattie Patton (one hour)

7-General Remarks

8-Barbecue

9-A good time by all

ADMISSION DAY PICNIC

A grand party was planned for the 27th Admission Day, 1877 by the Santa Clara County Pioneers.. They were visited by their brethren from San Francisco. Much care was taken in planning the festivities for the day.

S. W. Boring was appointed Grand Marshal of the Day. (Secretary of the Southeast Side Horse Railroad)

As was the style, the order of the day was literary exercises. First there was an oration, (which took up an entire newspaper page plus!) then the San Francisco Band executed an operatic selection. Then the President introduced Mattie Patten who in an eloquent and able manner rendered a poem written by Sister Annie Fitzgerald of the College of Notre Dame entitled "Welcome to Our Pioneers." (That also went for nearly 2 newspaper pages!) When she finished the lengthy poem, the meeting was adjourned to the barbeque.

"On the east side of the grounds, the tables had been arranged, and were groaning beneath the weight of good things. They were soon relieved, however, and replenished until all who desired to eat had been satisfied, and large quantities remained untouched.

After the barbecue was over, dancing took place for about an hour, the music being furnished by the San Francisco Band. At four o'clock, it closed, as the band had to accompany the San Francisco Pioneers on their return.

The grounds, however, remained crowded after their departure, until the shadows of evening had gathered, when the homeward march began. During the festivities, a dispatch (telegram) was sent to Francis D. Clark, President of the California Pioneers, who was assisting at the celebration of California's Admission Day with a number of California Pioneers at Long Branch, N. J. wishing them health and prosperity. A dispatch was received from them, containing the same wish, and one from the pioneer, John A. Sutter, bearing greetings.

Registration at History Park, September 2009

at

Pioneer's Admission Day Barbeque

There will be about 20 items to bid on at our barbeque so bring your cash. Items to bid on



will include depression glass, antique lanterns, Asian embroidery, two art pieces from a well-known local artist (Anna Ballarian), china pieces, glass luncheon set, vintage hats, antique ink well, small table, antique sterling carving set, sterling utensils, and a tea for 8 at the Paulson House (to be scheduled in the spring). Join in on the fun of bidding against fellow Pioneers and history lovers. See you there!! To view the items offered at our silent auction before the barbeque go to our website at www.californiapioneers.com.

A horizontal row of 30 identical diamond-shaped icons, each containing a stylized letter 'D'.

Tours of the Fire Museum

holdings

Across Senter Road from
History Park.



Did you
view
their



collection last year?

Come see what equipment they have restored. Help them get a real Fire Museum.

Sign Up for



Please save the date, Saturday October 23rd, for a chance to purchase lovely items from a donated estate. We have selected exciting and interesting vintage objects that you might enjoy or give to a friend. Items for sale will include vintage linens, handkerchiefs, vintage perfume bottles, artwork, silver, costume jewelry, scarves, evening bags, vintage hats, china, thimble collection, knick-knacks and more.

Our Oct. 23rd Sale will take place under the portico at 940 Plaza Drive in San Jose's Palm Haven Conservation Area from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information, to donate items or to help with the sale, please call Joan Bohnett at 408-295-3340 or Gayle Frank at 408-275-6889. Pictures of the hats and some of the sale items can be viewed online at www.californiapioneers.com after Oct. 1st.

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Essay Contest Winners left to right: 2nd Place Stephen Scordelis, 1st Place Sandra Lathrop Mueller, Creative Writing Instructor Lynn Rogers, Honorable Mention Rebecca Leahy, Honorable Mention Kimberlee Manzo, Honorable Mention Lan-Uyen Trang Stephanie Nguyen, 3rd place winner, Rosalinda G. Oneto



PIONEER ESSAY CONTEST, 2010

First place in the contest was won by Sandra Lathrop Mueller. She wrote about a San Jose Elementary School and their Place for Ecology. She is a student of Metro-Ed creative writing instructor, Lynn Rogers. Second place went to Stephen Scordelis who wrote about "How Paul Masson Marketed His Label to the World and Became the Champagne King of California". He is a student of Robert Senkowicz at Santa Clara University. Third place went to Rosalinda G. Oneto who wrote about "A.P. Giannini; the San Jose and Alviso Years and the Oneto Family". She is a student of Metro Ed instructor Ann Thompson.

The three Honorable mention awards went to Lan-Uyen Trang Stephanie Nguyen who wrote about the "Vietnamese Boy and Girl Scouts " in our area. She attends Gilroy Early College Academy. Kimberlee Manzo, also a student of Gilroy Early College Academy instructor Sonia Cichon wrote about "The Legacy of Prunes; A Tribute to the Orsetti Family". Rebecca Leahy, who attends Veritas Christian Academy wrote about "Stanford University: Its History, Legacy and Influence."

All of these essays have been placed on line at www.californiapioneers.com It is time to begin writing your essay for 2011. Rules posted on line.

Support the Pioneers!

An auction, to be held Monday, September 6, 2010 at Slawinski Auction Company in Scott's Valley on Monday, September 6, 2010, will feature items donated for sale to benefit the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Bid on beautiful oil, pastel, watercolor, and ink paintings, a Rockwell Kent woodcut print, and art glass! For more information, please visit

www.slawinski.com and see lots 170-176 or call (831)335-9000.
Auction is to be held at 5015 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts
Valley, CA 95066 *****

PIONEER GARAGE SALE

The Pioneers were offered a chance to share garage sale space with Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PAC*SJ) for the weekend of June 4th and 5th. Mary Lou Mason was kind enough to allow the Pioneers to spread our "merchandise" along her driveway and sidewalk. A multitude of trinkets, figurines, kitchen items, Christmas/holiday décor, furnishings and apparel that came from the Helen Stevens' Estate were taken to 13th Street for the sale. These were all items that were not considered for future auctions and sales.

The many boxes of Christmas ornaments and figurines that remained unsold were donated to Farrel Podgorsek, to be taken for the Horace Mann School holiday store to benefit their children's Science Camp. Other unsold items were donated to the Salvation Army and The Thrift Box. (A letter of thanks from the school has been received.)

Pioneer members who spent a multitude of hours on that Thursday, Friday and Saturday were Jim Zetterquist, Robb Moore, Joan Bohnett, Gayle Frank, Gertrude Klem, Bill Foley and Jan Paull. The mornings were beautiful but the afternoons became quite warm. PAC*SJ was kind enough to offer us food and water to keep us going. Thank you PAC*SJ. It was a long weekend and we all collapsed by Saturday night. The effort resulted in \$604.

Presidents Message

As I start a new term as president, I must thank all of our board members for agreeing to return for another term. Without their hard work and dedication, The Pioneers would not be the successful, thriving organization it is today. In the past few years, we have substantially expanded our collection of historic items and, in spite of a down economy, we are financially sound. These results are due to the hard work and generosity of our membership. I am very grateful to all of our volunteers who put on tours with the Californians, maintain the Hacienda Cemetery, work as docents at the Paulson House, handle the Stevens Estate, publish the Trailblazer, put on quarterly luncheons, organize the essay contest, create our film archives, sit on committees and much, much more.

While the importance of these achievements should be recognized, now is not the time to rest on our laurels. We need to grow our membership, increase our volunteer base, expand our education programs and increase diversity within our membership. We will not achieve these goals without your help! Encourage a friend or family member to join the Pioneers, (form on our web site), donate historic items to our collections, volunteer as a docent or committee member, enter the essay contest or donate money to support our programs. You, the membership, are our greatest resource.

As many of you know, we lost a much loved member, Pat Loomis. I am glad that so many of us attended her 90th birthday celebration at the History Park. Though Pat will be greatly missed, her legacy and love of local history lives on through her written work. Pat's long, happy life was defined by her work and her relationships; a

wonderful example of the true Pioneer spirit. Please read the article about Pat in this issue. (Copies of her last book are still available.)

More details about exciting, upcoming events are in this issue of the Trailblazer. I encourage you to come out and enjoy the fellowship of our membership. Success and having a good time are always contagious. Happy Trails,

Jim Zetterquist

President California Pioneers of Santa Clara County

PAT LOOMIS "Gone Fishing"



PATRICIA LOOMIS June 30th 2010
At her Birthday Celebration
History San Jose Kelly Park
Photo By ROBERT BURRILL

Pat Loomis smiles at her 90th birthday party at San Jose History Park on June 30, 2010. (Tim Peddy) *The Mercury News'* clipping file for retired reporter Patricia Loomis lists her occupations on the outside cover. In legible script that has to have been left by Loomis herself, She is identified as "newspaper woman, historian, Weather prophet, sheep-shearer, moon-shiner, trout fisher and critic of librarians."

All those characters assembled in one person June 30, 2010 in the afternoon at History Park in San Jose, where several dozen old-timers celebrated Loomis' 90th birthday with lemonade and cake. The white-haired Loomis, as blunt as she was when she left the paper in 1983, presided from a picnic bench.

Loomis is best known for her "Signposts" columns, historical vignettes that detailed the lives of pioneers who squeathed their name to streets. At 90, she still took joy in her career — and how unbowed she remained in her take on life. While the handshake and the voice were firm, memory veered toward the fragile for a woman who knew the bloodlines and the myths of old San Jose as well as anyone. A longtime friend, Kitty Monahan, sat next to her and said, "We've been friends for a long time. How long?" "It was after 1910," cracked Loomis.

The veteran reporter lived with family near her hometown of Arroyo Grande, close to Pismo Beach. She celebrated her 90th there on the precise day, June 9. Her niece, Mary Genthner, arranged Wednesday's event so Loomis could see San Jose friends. "I thought, wait a minute, she lived here for 60 years, we should do something here," Genthner said.

Loomis came to San Jose before World War II to attend San Jose State, where she worked on the college newspaper. In 1943, when war had depleted the ranks of male reporters, she got a job as a reporter on the afternoon *News*. She stayed for almost 40 years..

"I really enjoyed what I did," said the woman who used to let 10 or more weekly paychecks accumulate before cashing them. "A lot of people work because they have to. I did it because I loved it. I couldn't wait for Mondays."

She had her share of scoops — Civic Auditorium entrepreneur Jay McCabe once sneaked her into a projection booth so she could overhear San Jose employees caucus about bargaining — but she always returned to history as the main course of her long banquet at the News. She haunted the old clip file, sometimes called "the morgue." Her "Signposts" columns, which began in 1971 and were published in book form in 1982, still offer the kind of quirky detail that's hard to find anywhere else.

Did you know that Hedding Street was named for a Methodist bishop (Elijah Hedding) who never saw the street? Or that Bird Avenue was named not for a fowl but for a family who farmed hops, an essential ingredient in beer? Or that the series of streets just south of downtown — Martha, Virginia, Margaret, Keyes — were named for members of the Donner-Reed party, who were caught in the snows of the Sierra in the infamous winter of 1846-47?

These columns were eventually published in book form. *Signposts and Signposts, II*. This last year they were republished together with an additional five entries. The new *Signposts* is available through the Pioneers and the Argonauts. She also wrote a book called *A Walk Through the Past*, which highlighted the Overland Pioneers and other San Jose residents. Her love of history gave her reason to join organizations like Clyde Arbuckle's Argonauts, who would travel as a group to meetings of the Oregon-California Trail Association along the routes of the Overland Pioneers. She was also active in the California branch of the Oregon-California Trails Association.

In San Jose, we can rejoice that her reporting about the past was as good as it was for so long. "I loved interviewing the old-timers, how they came and how they survived," she said. "I loved their stories. I still do."

After her birthday, she and long time friends drove to her cabin at Fallen Leaf Lake above Tahoe. That was an excursion she'd been looking forward to and she was so delighted to be able to spend the next three days at the lake. The weather was perfect, lots of wildflowers were blooming, a chickadee entertained them on the cabin porch, and in the evening they played wild games of rummy. No fishing on this visit, but the possibility of some on her next visit satisfied her. On Thursday night, she didn't feel well, so they returned to San Jose on Friday and to Arroyo Grande on Saturday. Her niece took her to the hospital where they found an ulcer and began treatment. She was almost her old self on Sunday, when the girls went to say good bye. On Monday morning, she was telling her niece jokes when she came to visit, but at 1 p.m. July 20, 2010, she was gone. It pleased her that she had lived longer than any of her relatives.

She was born to Ivan and Christine Loomis in June 1920, in San Francisco, California. She grew up with her family in Arroyo Grande. Her family came from pioneer stock; the Loomis family has resided in Arroyo Grande since 1882 and the Jatta's since 1866. Pat graduated from San Jose State University in 1943 with a degree in Journalism, which she put to good use at the *San Jose Mercury News*. Upon retirement after 40 years she reminisced that she had "never worked a day in her life; it was 40 years of fun."

During her years in San Jose, Pat was an active member of the Santa Clara County Fair Board and enjoyed her involvement with 4-H children. While working

with the *Mercury News*, she wrote a column called "Signposts," which encompassed historical vignettes detailing the lives of pioneers whose surnames provided the titles to numerous streets in San Jose. Pat returned to her original hometown of Arroyo Grande in 2007. Her family had grown considerably during the years she was in San Jose and they were delighted to have her return. Pat continued to pursue her interest in history and has recently authored two books: *Arroyo Grande Cemetery* and *Streets of Arroyo Grande*.

Pat came from a large family that honors its roots by the collection and documentation of local history and helped to preserve that history for the benefit of everyone. She, her brother, John Loomis; and cousin, Gordon Bennett, have contributed to the collecting of documents, photos, newspaper clippings, oral histories, maps, book and a few tall tales. Four years ago, San Jose's History Park dedicated one of its streets as Loomis Lane and honored her for her contributions as history writer for the *San Jose Mercury News*. In 2006, the South County Historical Society named a resource center after her in the Village of Arroyo Grande called the Patricia Loomis History Library and Resource Center and in 2010 named her Historian of the Year.

Her passions were family, stream fishing for trout, researching history, making jam and giving to others. The bumper sticker on her car read "Fish tremble at the mention of my name."

At the Memorial services in Arroyo Grande, many of the family members wore white T-shirts, displaying a photograph on the front showing Pat fishing and on the back of the shirt, "Gone Fishing." The memorial was commenced when the guitar musician played Pat's favorite melody, "Shenandoah" and ended with hymns "In the Sweet By and By" and "I'll Fly Away" Nearly 150 family and friends met in the late afternoon with a cool breeze on a sparkling clear day at the grounds of South County Historical Society's historic homes. All were greeted by various members of the family to the seating, situated between the Pat Loomis Library and office, known as Ruby's House, and the exhibits museum, known as Heritage House, on South Mason Street. The barbecue dinner was a tradition by the Loomis family. As well, the wine was poured as Pat would have wanted it to be--with joy and jokes and--the hugs Pat would have dispensed.

Pat was fun-loving, generous and encouraging. She always had a smile on her face and a "quick wit" about her. She was nonjudgmental, loved by all ages, was always interested in others and told the best stories. Pat stayed active until her death.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, as well as sister, Peggy David; brother-in-law, Andrew David; brother, John; and longtime friend, Genie McClay, who was like a sister to her. She is survived by her brother, Richard, and his wife, Bobbie, as well as sisters-in-law, Nancy and Lindy. She has many cousins, nieces and nephews as well as grandnieces and grandnephews who adored her and found her a delight to be with. She was known to all as "Aunt Pat."

A celebration of her life reception will be held at a future date in Santa Clara County. You are invited to make a donation to the charity of your choice in her name.

to see Snoopy on a California license plate. When the plate is produced, proceeds will go towards supporting museums in California communities, and you'll get the chance to show off your devotion to your favorite beagle. We're now calling on YOU to spread the word. Sign up TODAY at www.snoopyplate.com! Thanks for your help!

Politics in Old San Jose

(c. G.M, Rosenthal- one time use granted to Pioneers)

Located at the northwest corner of San Pedro and West Santa Clara Street, the Farmers' Union, a large "co-op" kind of a business, was a combination grocery, hardware, and general implement store. Next door to the Farmers' Union was the old Paul Masson Champagne Cellars. During prohibition, of course, the cellars were closed, but Mr. Mason would sit in front of the building in an old captain's chair and talk to the passersby. At lunch time Mr. Mason would go across San Pedro Street to the L'Moelle House then located on that northeast corner. There, the men of the town, Mr. John McEnery, Mr. A.J. Hart, Mr. Phil Herold, Mr. Lion, and others, would meet to discuss the important matters of the day both political and social.

After the L'Moelle House closed because of the Volstead Act, the meetings were continued as the A B C Club at Gus Arnerich's Oyster Loaf on East Santa Clara St. The A B C stood for Arzino, the B for Bersani, and the C for Corsiglia, all fine and important men in the community. After several moves, the group finally ended in the basement of the old Mason cellars that had become Miller's Steak House. This last meeting place was presided over by the same John McEnery, with only Vic Corsiglia remain-ing of the originals. Instead of the historical names, the men in attendance, yes, only men, were generally Santa Clara alums, Italian or Irish Catholic, and politically active. There were exceptions, I was one. Some of those who attended were McEnery, Lennon, Lernahan, and Kelly, Dave Ditto and Jerry O'Brien. Bill Keough showed up every day as did Fran Zingheim and George Starbird. Joe Lodato, Norm Andrews of the Water Works, Tony Anastasi, Henry Mariani, all came as often as their schedules allowed. Jerry Hanson, Bersani's son-in-law and partner, was also a regular and there were several newspaper men who brought files from the morgue from time to time that enhanced the conversations. I said that I was an exception. I was a triple exception: Republican, Stanford and Jewish. A good number of these gentlemen later were the founders of the Sportsman Chefs.

There were political decisions taken there at McEnery's table. Probably the most momentous occurred in the 1950s: clean up North Market Street. From before the turn of the century, that area of town was trouble. It was so bad that for many years, the police would not even patrol there for fear of their lives! Just before WWII, the SJPd sent in the toughest cops they had, a unit headed by Bart Collins, gave them carte blanche to do what they had to do to get it straightened out. They knocked heads and ran the drunks out of town, but still couldn't clean it up. McEnery had a solution! Buy up the buildings and tear them down. That would end the problem! Big John and Jerry O'Brien were the ramrods.

McEnery, A.J Hart, Jr., Joe Rogers and Joe Garner from the First National Bank, Andy Arzino, my Dad and I, and others, including the Campen family, contributed

several thousand dollars each to start up Market Parking, Inc. The banks in town, under the guidance of the First National, lent money at little or no interest with the contributed fund as down payment. The City of San Jose, under the thumb of McEnery and Duncan O'neal, threatened the property owners, not the operators, with condemnation under the "Red Light Abatement Act" unless they sold. All of the property on the west side of the street, starting from the Anglo Bank at the northwest corner of North Market Street, at Santa Clara, to the next corner was acquired. Jim Bocardo bought some of it to build his Community Bank. Another piece was bought so we could trade the Main Fire House out of their location and move it into modern quarters farther north on the street. Arzino's moved closer to Santa Clara Street, next to the bank that remained there on the corner, and all of the buildings that remained, including the location where the Bank of Italy was founded, were demolished! Problem solved. Later, in the late 1950s, the city bought the property and built the parking structure that now exists. A small profit was made.

Patrick O'Brien adds this to the saga:

This chapter reminds me of another chapter that preceded the Market St. cleanup. I am relying on both Big John McEnery and Jerry ("Smudge") O'Brien for this info and some SJ News columns from that period. The perception always was that Louis O'neal ran the County and Bigley ran the City and that they were always at odds with each other.

This was not the case, and Bill Foley (Judge John Foley's uncle) was the go between creating the appearance of constant horse-trading between O'neal and Bigley. When we think of the Market St cleanup we have to remember that Bill Foley's annuity was representing the gambling parlors and the madams. Whenever Bill needed some fee income he would call Bigley and Jack Black, the San Jose Police Chief, would have all Foley's clients arrested. Bill would plea bargain for fines, the parlors and madams would pay happily and Bill would collect his fees. A very tidy arrangement, everyone was happy.

J.J. O'Brien operated independently in the Berryessa/ Milpitas part of the county. He got along with O'neal and they sort of left each other alone. They were long time leaders of the County GOP. However, in 1934, J.J. was able to secure the Chief Liquor Enforcement officer's position for young Jerry with the help of George Kelly, Ed Rea and Ed Payne of the San Jose News. This was in the last days of the Rolf administration and Merriam was coming in. Needless to say O'neal and Bigley did not like this; as they were pushing Ray Hicks. Both sides had been Merriam supporters, but Jerry's crowd won out on this one for the time. However, O'neal leaned on John Corbett (Board of Equalization, George Reilly's predecessor) and the fight was on.

In 1936, the O'neal/ Bigley crowd did push Jerry out for 18 months and Ray Hicks had the job. The issue was supposed to be that Jerry had not passed the civil service tests with grades as high as Hicks. In any event, the final resolution was that he had passed with the required scores and he was back on the job in 1938. I have been told by folks who were around back then that the test score issue was a red herring-

what was going on was a struggle between Oneal et al on one side and Kelly and the News on the other.

When Earl Warren won the Attorney General post in 1938, there was strong support to close down gambling and prostitution throughout the state and Jerry was a willing player. I have a picture of him carrying slot machines out of the Hawaiian Gardens. While this is another story, Big John did not have the support of the Machine in his 1940 bid for Supervisor.

By the time of the Market Street Cleanup, I am sure Jerry had no trouble revoking liquor licenses as part of the cleanup. In some respects, while not the prime motivator for the cleanup, it is interesting to wonder to what extent John and Jerry were motivated by their prior history with the Old Machine. By that time I am sure that Bill Foley was not relying on his annuity, but I wonder if any of the "displaced" service providers had been clients in the old days.

Prior to the cleanup, there had been another cleanup at City Hall. McEnery and O'Brien had convinced Watson and Hathaway to vote in Dutch Hamman as City Manager. That gave them the 4 votes they needed (They had already sent Clarence Goodwin on his way.) Sutton will want to bet on this, but Hathaway's vote was secured by Jerry on the Orange Bowl trip. John had obtained Watson's vote just before the trip. They never got Ruffo's vote. In any event, the political scene had changed in a big way by the late 40's and early 50's and the prime mover certainly was John P. McEnery II and he was helped by Jerry "Smudge" O'Brien. I believe that George Starbird went on the Council shortly after the Hamman hire and was also a big influence on the progress of San Jose.

Past President David McKinney receiving the Warburton Award for Outstanding



Personal Commitment to Community Services to the Pioneers over the years by President Jim Zetterquist. David, whose ancestor Mary Jane Lemon Glover Gish, came to California in early 1846, joined the Pioneers in 1984. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1988, twice as vice president and twice as president, plus terms as Treasurer, and on the Publications and Essay committees. It is because of his close friendship

with the Stevens family that Helen Stevens left her estate to the Pioneers of Santa Clara County.

Pioneer Film Archive:

Our archive of historic films and photos continues to grow! As we digitize more and more of your home movies and event photography, we're unearthing treasure after treasure. We've found films of streetcars on Santa Clara Street in the mid-thirties, floods in Alviso in 1938, down town parades in the forties and fifties, air shows at Moffett Field in 1961, and even the razing of the old Santa Clara City Hall, which was replaced by Franklin Mall in 1966.

Our most exciting find is a 1906 silent studio film called "The Revenge of The Indian." This very early movie was shown in San Jose theaters and stored for over 90 years in the attic of Charles and Helen Stevens, who generously donated their historic collections and estate to the Pioneers. We are working hard with Monaco Film and Digital Labs in San Francisco and with the Library of Congress to get this film conserved and possibly restored. We are by no means finished, but our beginnings are already a massive success.

You can already find our digitized version of Austen Warburton's home movies in the Santa Clara City Library and some of our footage of orchards and old Los Gatos makes up a portion of a new DVD, We And Our Neighbors, a documentary about the historic Union District club-house.

We have digitized only a small portion of our collection, and the amount of films we are finding in the community is encouraging us to expand our efforts! We need you to go into your attic, dust off that old shoebox in your closet, or go digging through your basement, and find your old films! All those picnics at Alum Rock Park, those San Jose State football games, those birthdays at Happy Hollow, and those movies around your neighborhood are educational gold to the Pioneers. Rather than keep them hidden, waiting for time to eat them away, share them with the world. Film is delicate, and doesn't keep forever.

The Pioneers are professionals, and we can clean, store, and digitize your films so that the originals keep for the next century and the movies can be seen by your children and your childrens' children. If you have films to donate, or if you would like DVDs made of your films to share with your relatives and friends, or if you would like to purchase a DVD of the documentary "We And Our Neighbors," please contact Bill Foley at (408) 317-8249 or email him at IAMSPARTACUS@GMAIL.COM

HISTORICAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Pioneer Barbeque: Celebration of California Admission Day, Saturday, September 11th.

History San Jose: "Remembrances of Old San Jose", historical vignettes presented by History San Jose's Portraits of the Past on Oct. 13th, 6:30 pm at Le Petit Trianon, 72 North 5th Street, San Jose.

30th Annual Italian American Family Festa, Free, August 28th & 29th at Guadalupe River Park in San Jose

Pioneers Mini-Estate Sale: Oct. 23rd, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at 940 Plaza Drive, San Jose.

PAC*SJ's 20th Anniversary Preservation Celebration, Nov. 12th, 6:00 pm at San Jose Woman's Club, 75 North 11th Street, San Jose. Go to www.preservation.org for more details.

San Jose's Birthday Celebration: November 28 at the Peralta Adobe in downtown San Jose
NEARBY HISTORICAL EVENTS From Noticias De Anza

August 21 Family Fandango, San Jose, at the Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch County Park, 372 Manila Drive, 5-9 pm call 408-846-5632 or visit www.parkhere.org

September 18, Rancho Day Fiesta at Sanchez Adobe Historic Site, Pacifica, CA 12-4 pm call 650-359-1462

September 25 Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Permanent Exhibit Opening: Martinez, CA 10 am-2 pm call 510-817-1323 or visit www.rips.gov/juba

This is the first permanent full scale exhibit on the trail. Twenty years ago, Congress officially designated the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in the National Trails Act of 1990. Many of us joined in the re-enactment of the Anza Trek in 1776, the 200th anniversary of the Spanish expedition that brought the first settlers to Pueblo San Jose. This exhibit is housed in the Martinez Adobe on the grounds of the John Muir National Historic Site. There will be live music and dance with many children's activities presenting the legacy of early California. The Calicanto singers, historic re-enactors, and the Amigos de Anza Horse-Mounted Drill Team will enhance the experience. Bring the entire family for a fun packed historic day.

Other sites nearby on the Trail that have events commemorating the Anza Trek and our Spanish Heritage include Mission San Juan Bautista State Historic Park, Mission San Antonio de Padua at Jolon, the Presidio of San Francisco Founding Ceremony every June and the founding of the First Pueblo, San Jose. Watch for dates.

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Retired Santa Clara County JUDGE MARK E. THOMAS, JR., a keen historian of the local legal community and a member of the Pioneers, died July 18, 2010 of complications from prostate cancer. He was 80. A memorial was held July 31, at St. Francis Episcopal Church in San Jose.

Thomas was appointed in January 1975 to the Sunnyvale-Cupertino District Municipal Court bench by Gov. Ronald Reagan and elevated to the Superior Court bench in 1983 by Gov. George Deukmejian. He retired from the bench in 1991 and went to work for Judicial Arbitration Mediation Services in San Jose in 1995.

Thomas wrote at least 11 historical books and dozens of articles. He delved into topics as varied as *the History of the San Benito County Courts*, the *Legal History of Santa Cruz County*, and *Santa Clara University School of Law*. This year, he wrote the *History of the Santa Clara County Law Library* and the *Santa Clara County Legal Secretaries Association*, and contributed to a book about late *Santa Clara Judge Wayne Kanemoto*.

Over the years, Thomas also served on the history committee of the California Judges Association.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Paul Bernal described Thomas' ideas at court and in historical society meetings as practical and full of fun. Besides being a "smart, fair jurist," Bernal wrote in an e-mail, Thomas was a memorable judge for "his warmth that was evident in every court hearing, his humor, which was quick and welcoming, and his encyclopedic knowledge of all things historic."

Born in San Jose in 1930, to Mark and Helen Thomas, he was raised throughout the U.S. due to his father's service in the Army during world War II. Thomas graduated from Lincoln High School in 1947 and from Stanford University in 1951. Mark played trumpet in the Stanford Band and several jazz bands while in college. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, serving as a platoon leader. He graduated from Santa Clara Law School in 1956. He started his own personal injury and family law practice, Thomas, James & Pendleton. In 1975, he was appointed to the Municipal Court in the city of Sunnyvale and in 1983 to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. He retired in 1991. From 1995 to 2010, he worked with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services.

Mark enjoyed legal history and authored dozens of articles in legal newspapers and wrote several books.

Three weeks ago, Thomas record-ed the oral history of Gerald Uelmen, Santa Clara law professor and former dean, in preparation for the school's 100th anniversary. "He really had a passion for history," Uelmen said. "We're going to miss him. He was really a presence that we greatly treasured."

During his last week, Thomas was signing copies of his history of the law school for his alma mater, said his daughter, Eileen Thomas-Werner. Yet to be published is Thomas' last book, *Memoirs of a Santa Clara County Judge*. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marjolie, his four children, Colleen, Eileen, Steve and Ward and seven grandchildren.

GONE BEYOND THE GOLDEN HILLS OF CALIFORNIA

Deane A. Barberi	Blair Becket	Lorraine Beckett
Carolyn D. Grisham	Elsie Kinsey	Ralph E. Kinsey
Pat Loomis	Richard A. Messina	Mark Thomas
		Lenora "Jackie" Tucke

NEW MEMBERS

Augustine Gonzales	Joshua L. Marcotte	Nancy C. Martin
Diane McQuillen	William L. Moore	Noriene (Renie) M. Razor
		Jo Ann Renk

Please welcome these new members of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. When you get a chance introduce yourselves.

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Marie Rider: Phone reservations and Cancellations (408) 251-7887 -M--F mornings

Beverly Fisher: Treasure, 3435 Yuba Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95117-2966

Marylou vonRotz: Trip Registrations at the luncheon

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Members may register absent members after lunch. Checks or exact cash are preferred.

Phone Reservations or Cancellations: call Marie Rider.

After reservations are confirmed, send a check payable to: The Californians
to Beverly Fisher.

PICK-UP POINT: Valley Village Apt., 390 North Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara ,Ca.
(on Dolores Avenue side)

DAY TRIPS

October 9, 2010 Sat, CASA GRANDE REOPENING

The Casa Grande at Almaden Quicksilver County Park, the second oldest structure in Santa Clara County. Built in the 1850s, the building was once home to the mine manager during the Gold Rush days and after the discovery of quicksilver in the hills of New Almaden. The home has undergone a complete restoration and will

reopen on this day with a Grand Fiesta Celebration, including : Open House Tours, Food Booths, Carnival Festivities, Ceremonies, Entertainment, and Fun Games for All.

LEAVE: 10:AM RETURN: 4:PM COST: \$29.

November 12, 2010 Fri. ARDENWOOD HISTORIC PARK

We are going to step back in time and visit a 205-acres Working Farm, all that remains of 6,000 acres that made George Patterson one of the wealthiest and most respected men of the area. We will explore the Farm Yard maybe even do a chore or two just like they did in the old days. we will stroll through the lovely Victorian Gardens and tour Patterson House. When Geo. Patterson wed Clara Hawley in 1877, his gift to her was a Queen Anne addition onto the 1857 family farmhouse. Today, docents in period costumes conduct tours of the house that has been restored with almost all original furnishings. The docents not only point out the interesting features of the house, but add spice with family stories.

A hosted lunch is provided at Campanella's Italian Restaurant .

LEAVE: 9:AM RETURN: 4:30 PM COST: \$60.

December 4, 2010 Sat. THE DICKENS CHRISTMAS FAIR

A Victorian Holiday party. You will be a living part of a Victorian Christmas card come alive! A Bay Area tradition for 29 years, the Great Dickens Christmas Fair returns the San Francisco Cow Palace Exhibition Halls. Come wander the Lanes of Victorian London, as the glow of twilight and roasted chestnuts settles upon the city. The FAIR comes to life, complete with live music, theatrics, costumes and always a bit of naughtiness. Learn to waltz or catch a performance on one of five stages. Sample delicious foods from around the world, including fish and chips, English bangers, Greek delicacies, French onion soup, and enticing desserts. Enjoy Craft Ales from local breweries that will satisfy the heartiest thirst. The Great Dickens Christmas Fair offers one of the most fun for families and adults to stroll, dine, dance, and partake of a holiday season that's part fantasy, part tradition and ALL FUN!!

LEAVE: 10:AM RETURN: 5:30PM COST: \$47

EXTENDED TRIPS FOR 2010

Brochures with interest signups will be available at the Sept. luncheon or by calling Mike Console at (408) 246-1080 . If there is enough interest we can set up a Pioneers' trip. Individuals may sign up for unescorted trips.

October 22-30, 2010 Trains and Canyons Of the Southwest

Experience the sheer beauty of Sedona; the world's most famous canyon; and Santa Fe's historic Town Plaza while enjoying some of the most stunning scenery where only rail can go. Highlights: Scottsdale * Phoenix * Sedona Trolley Tour * Grand Canyon Railway *Verde Canyon Railway *Sandia Peak Tramway

Make Checks payable to: Collette Vacations---

Costs: \$2649 includes air, San Jose to Phoenix also Tour Manager and Guide tips. 9 Days,- 13 meals. Deposit; \$250.Per Person.

Insurance, (optional)\$140. due with deposit.

November 17-22,2010 Branson Holiday Round trip Airfare, S.J. to Kansas City. 5 nights accommodations, 10 host meals, admission to 6 shows including: Miracle of Christmas, Yakov Smirnoff, Andy Williams , Shoji Tabuchi and more. See brochure for more details. Deposit \$200 per Person(checks only) Tour Price: \$2089 per person double occupancy. \$320 single supplement. Make Checks payable to: Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account Mail to: Mike Console 3527 Parkland Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95117. Final Payment Due August 27,2010

In fairness to everyone, the following TRIP RULES will apply:

1. RESERVATIONS

A) The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County members are given preference. Reservations for members only will be accepted on a first-come basis at the quarterly luncheon, and for the following week. Thereafter, guests will be welcome.

B) A reservation will be accepted by phone if full payment is mailed within 48 hours. Your reservation will be given to next person on the waiting list if payment is not made when due. If you are on a waiting list, please call and remove your name if you find you are no longer available to go on the trip.

2. CANCELATIONS

A) A \$5.00 bookkeeping charge is made for all refunds in addition to any other deductions.

B) Unless a substitute can be found and minimums are met, refunds for cancellations will be minus any prepaid expenses we have incurred. NO SHOWS will NOT receive a refund.

C) Credit resulting from a cancellation can be applied to another trip which is listed on the quarterly trip brochure.

D) If there is insufficient reservations for a tour, The Californians will cancel the tour 14 days prior to the departure date, and a full refund will be automatically applied.

3. SEAT ROTATION will be at the discretion of the tour leader.

4. DRIVER GRATUITIES are included in the trip prices.

5. The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County ,Inc acts only as agents for participants in its travel programs, and as such holds itself free of responsibility for delay, loss, or accident occasioned by the fault or negligence of any person or company entrusted with such service, or any cause whatsoever. The transportation companies concerned are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during times when passengers are not on board their conveyance.

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