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PIONEER LUNCHEON
Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Noon

Mariani's Restaurant 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
is located on the south side of El Camino Real,
two blocks west of San Thomas Expressway.

Reservations MUST BE MADE before

Monday May 28, 2007

\$20 (make checks payable to California Pioneers)

*Call 408 554-7587 Please note: Names will be checked off the reservation list as you enter, if your name is not on the list, you will be **requested to wait** until all those who reserved a place have been seated. So Mariani's can prepare for our group, it is most important to place a reservation in advance... **BEFORE MONDAY, May 28, 2007***

MENU

(make one selection per person):

Rosemary Baked Half Chicken:

served with Whipped Potatoes & Vegetables

Grilled Polenta Marinara (Meatless):

with Sautéed Portobello Mushrooms, Roasted Eggplant,
Zucchini and Fresh Vegetables

Entrees are served with:

Fresh Salad, French Rolls and Butter • Chefs' Choice of Dessert
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, or Tea

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The landscaping is now complete! Through the good offices several San Jose City Council Members (who are also Pioneers), all road blocks were removed. Turf, roses, trees, shrubs and vines have all been placed to enhance and add to the ambience of History Park . The parking strip has rosemary and all the beds are protected by redwood bark. There is an automatic irrigation system. Again we must thank Barry Swenson and Case Swenson for this final touch.

Well, not really the final touch. We still need a brick patio for the back of the house. Bricks and labor, anyone? The shelving for the Leonard McKay Library is in the plan drawing stage, but progress is being made! Then there will be a final grand opening!

The Digital Clubhouse Network is now meeting in the Paulson House on each Saturday morning. Working with Veterans of our various wars and getting their stories on video, these youngsters are making the old house come alive! They have created a community hub for engaging people of all ages in a shared intergenerational learning experience. Applying the DCN's award winning methodologies for using the digital tools that make Silicon Valley famous, they record, preserve and share the history of our county and the surrounding area.

Attended by our own docents, headed up by Marylou von Rotz, the youngsters and their adult mentors have added a new dimension to our old headquarters. We are all proud of the House Committee, chaired by the Fishers, and what they have been able to accomplish in making the house available to the kids! Soon, we will have several computers that will show digital films. The first, maybe by the first week in April, will be in our library and loop Clyde Arbuckle's famous TV show! The second will be placed in the kitchen and play the Digital Clubhouse's vignettes.

Silver Creek High School's English department has added a new program for seniors. Sixty of their students will learn the art of interviewing and along with the DCN will be able to add film making to their skills! Thirty will be assigned to the Stories of Service program and the others will gather family histories. I hope that their work can be shown in the Paulson House before summer is over!

History Park is a lovely place to visit. When we were all much younger, our families took us to Alum Rock Park to picnic, to visit the plunge and to get Poison Oak. History Park is closer and without the Poison Oak. There are facilities there to hold barbecues and we can always open the Paulson House for you. Let us know!

Jerry Rosenthal

THE CALIFORNIA PIONEERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY: A BRIEF HISTORY

First organized in 1875, as **The California Pioneers' Society of Santa Clara County** by Cary Peebles and A. P. Murgotten to cultivate "social intercourse; ... to create a fund for charitable purposes; to assist in burying the dead and assisting the afflicted; ... to establish a library, collect minerals, relics, heirlooms, curiosities and articles of intrinsic and historical value of pioneer days; to collect and preserve information concerning its members and other pioneers... to receive donations and bequests, to hold and use the same so as best to transmit to future generations a faithful and correct history of the past, so as to maintain, as far as possible, a continuity of historic narrative for the future and to hold an annual reunion of the pioneer residents who had arrived in the state during 1853 or earlier."

The first reunion and picnic was held on June 22, 1875 at O'Donell's Garden.

There were several events that took place early on that morning that need mentioning. On September 8, 1877, a social event was held to celebrate the admission of California into the Union. Among the invited were the *Society of California Pioneers of San Francisco*, *Native Sons of The Golden West*, *Mexican Veterans* and of course, many dignitaries. The parade was one of the largest ever held in San Jose. (Larger than the Fiesta de las Rosas?) There were floats representing pioneer times such as "The Steamer California" crewed by men who came on that ship, "On the Emigrant Trail" that had real oxen pulling wagons; a mining scene to depict "Working the Claim" and other realistic floats.

Also at O'Donnell's Garden, one of the largest barbecues ever held in the state took place! 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... Uncle Ike Branham was the chief cook..."

The second of the great events was to celebrate the State Inauguration date, December 20, 1899, when the success of the 1877 program was repeated. It was even grander than the earlier barbecue! This event was led by C. J. Martin as president, who was also the mayor, with Mrs. E. O. Smith as program director and Gus Lion as financial head. "The old capital" was reintroduced and there were three days of joy making.

In 1921, the Annual Meeting was held in Alum Rock Park where A. P. Hill was listed as one of the members attending.

In the 1877's , A. P. Murgotten published *The Pioneer*, a weekly newspaper that told the stories of our pioneers as related by them. Copies of *The Pioneer* are available in the California Room, also we own two bound volumes, as does HSJ.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM HOUSE CHAIRMEN BOB FISHER

Without the many people who gave of their time and donations it would not have been possible to meet the deadline we were facing.

First, I would like to thank Jerry Rosenthal who was our front man to talk to suppliers, museum personnel and countless numbers of people about planning ideas and so much more.

To Barbara and Tim Peddy who donated two chandeliers and installed them;

To Leoto Jett, who donated another chandelier;

To Rosemary Chivers and her son, who have asked to build library storage cabinets and book shelving in honor of Leonard McKay;

To Bev Fisher, for her work on seeing that proper drapes and curtains were selected and hung throughout the house and prepared café curtains to be hung in the storage room on the back porch;

To Mary Lou Von Rotz, who is already supplying our house with docents when we are open to the public;

To Jeanne Rudy for her help and counsel on various projects;

To Jerry, David McKinney, Ken Machado and other members of the financial group, who arranged our securities in a good financial manner so that our future is assured; and to many others that I have forgotten to name, and, for that, I apologize.

Bob Fisher

NEW MEMBERS

Ray Miller

Forrest Williams

Wanda Newsom

Rotondo

Marilyn J. D'Aloia

Barbara Thompson

June Fromm

Joan Ridings

Mary Ann West

Robert J. Moore

Mary Susan Moley

Jan Chargin

Adele Smith

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Maxine Voight

Judy Barnhart

**JUST A NOTE FROM MELITA KELLY
FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

This year, we have had a wonderful response from you in remitting your dues in a timely manner. There are only 41 unpaid members at this time. Please check your Trailblazer to see if you are paid up. It should read 12/07 if your dues are current or Life if you are a life member. Those who do not remit dues, will be demitted at the end of the year.

It is important to let me know if you are moving, so that your Trailblazer will continue to be delivered to you. While the Post Office does advise of your address changes, it does not have your phone number, and you may not receive all issues. The easiest way is to send an e-mail to me; just be sure to note on the subject line that it is regarding the Pioneers.

Thanks to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon.

Melita Kelly

**THE CONFERENCE OF
CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES,**
of which we are members, has announced its Annual Meeting
in the Santa Ynez Valley for **June 21-22-23.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

10– 5 registration at Anderson’s Pea Soup Inn or Mission Santa Ines (\$35)

2:30 – 3:30 Tour of Old Mission Santa Ines

3:30 – 4:30 Dr. John Johnson presents “The Santa Ynez Chumash Indians –History and Culture “

4:30 – 5:30 Welcome reception in MissionGarden hosted by SYV Historical society (featuring Santa YnezValley wines and appetizers)

6:30 – 8:30 dinner at World Famous Pea Soup Anderson Restaurant. Lemon garlic Chicken or Tenderloin of Pork (\$25)

Program: “Pea Soup Potential ! The Anderson Pea Soup Story” by Curt Cragg, Buellton Historical Society
Lemon garlic Chicken ot Tenderloin of Pork (\$25)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007

8 – 11 Registration

8 – 9 CCHS Regional Vice Presidents Meeting

9 – 9:30 Board Meeting.

9:30 – 11 CCHS Annual Meeting

11 – 11:45 Vaquero: A documentary film

11:45 – 4:30 Bus Tour visit Las Cruzitas Ranch, box lunch, Ballard School, historic Los Olivos Stage Adobe, historic Mattei's Tavern (ham/cheese or turkey) (\$40)

4:45 – 5:45 Rest and change to Western dress

5:45 Bus leaves for SYVB Historical Museum

6 – 7 Social Hour in Museum Courtyard, Western Music, Carriage Rides and more! No Host Bar

7 – 9 Western BBQ Dinner

(BBQ tri tip or Chicken & many sides) (\$30)

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007

7:30 – 9:30 Genealogy Breakfast –(\$16) Sheila Benedict
“Irish Pioneers in the Santa Ynez Valley”

9 – 11:30 tour Museum & Carriage House

Workshops - Confirmation of the Saddle

Alec Francis, 8th Generation Californian Saddlemaker

Presenting a 4th Grade History program on Ranching in the 1880's Chuck and Maxine Tichenor

12 – 3 Annual Awards Luncheon Mission Santa Ynez Parish Hall
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad or vegetarian (\$20)

3:30 – 5 Elverhoj Danish Museum of History and Art
Reception and Museum tour(\$)

5 – 6 Rest and change for dinner

6 – 7 Social Hour Mariott Hotel No Host Bar

7 – 9 Special Danish Smorgasbord Banquet (\$48)

Program, Solvang: America's Little Denmark By Casey Reynolds,
speaker, photographer, Solvang Village Dancers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007

Explore on your own and head home.

Mail to Tracy Mapes, Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society

P.O. Box 181, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Best Western Pea Soup Andersen's Inn, Buellton,

1-800-PEASoup or Reservations@PeaSoupAndersens.com

\$75 Sun. thru Thurs, \$108.90 Friday & Saturday + 10% tax for CCHS
(rate until May 21)

TOURING WITH THE CALIFORNIANS

Rose Crimi Muench – Tour director
Marie Rider – Phone reservations and cancellations
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Beverly Fisher – Treasurer, 3435 Yuba Ave.,
San Jose, CA 95117-2966
Pauline Hawkins – Luncheon reservations

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING TRIPS began at the March 3 Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. at Mariani's Restaurant. Checks are preferred or exact cash. Preference is given to California Pioneers members to register at the luncheon. Non-members and guests may sign up starting March 12. Members may register absent members after the luncheon, so that members present have the opportunity to register first.

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

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

DAYTRIP

MAY 27, 2007 SUNDAY SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY NATIONAL CEMETERY

Following up on our Golden Gate National Cemetery visit last Memorial Day, we will visit San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, developed from land donated by the Romero Ranch off Highway 152 in Santa Nella. On the way we will stop at the San Luis Reservoir Visitor Center. The 322 acre San Joaquin cemetery site of rolling hills was opened in 1992 because of lack of space at the other military cemeteries in northern California. We will participate in the annual Memorial Day observance at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, we will have a guided tour led by Ron Jabaut from San Jose, who organized the donations for the impressive Korean War Memorial commemorating the 3000 Americans who died in the Korean war. It is landscaped with hybrid tea roses which should be in bloom. Along the Memorial Parkway near the reflecting pool are memorials to: Pearl Harbor survivors, the founding fathers of our nation, the First Marine Corps, and the Eleventh Airborne Division

represented by a statue of an Airborne soldier. Our visit will be a respectful way to honor those who gave their lives for our country. We will have a 1:30 included luncheon at Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant in Santa Nella. It will include: Anderson's pea soup, a deli buffet with four kinds of meats, cheeses, five salads, cookies and brownies for dessert, and coffee or tea.

Depart: 9:00 am.

Return: 4:30 pm.

Cost: \$38

EXTENDED TRIPS

JULY 9-13, 2007

PAGEANT of the MASTERS and LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL

(*Talbot Tours*) celebrate the 75th anniversary of the *Pageant of the Masters*. See art works come to life with real people portraying the characters in an outdoor amphitheater with a full orchestra and narration. Other activities include a tour of *Hearst Castle*, a cruise of *Newport Harbor* and tour of *Laguna Hills*, a tour of *Beverly Hills*, a visit to the *Getty Museum* and the *Nethercutt Museum* with collector automobiles, mechanical musical instruments and antique furniture. Cost is \$879 double or \$1131 single, which includes: motor coach transportation, four hotel nights – San simeon (1) Dana Point (2), Studio City (1) – eight meals, entrance fees, baggage handling and driver gratuity.

Deposit is \$100 at registration. Optional cancellation insurance is \$50. We are sharing a bus with a Cupertino group, so space is first-come-first served. Deposit early.

OCTOBER 7 – 14, 2007

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR of BACKWOODS of NEW ENGLAND

(*Trieloff Tours*) We fly RT to Boston to begin our eight-day New England *Magnificent Fall Colors Tour*. Highlights include a tour of colonial Boston and *Harvard University*, Revolutionary War Lexington and Concord; the homes of literary greats: Hawthorne, Emerson, Louisa May Alcott and Thoreau's *Walden Pond*; Maine seaport village of

Kennebunkport; *Conway Scenic Railroad* through Mount Washington Valley; Franconia Notch; Bretton Woods; Rutland and Woodstock, Vermont; Hanover, New Hampshire and Dartmouth College; Lake Champlain; *Shelburne Museum*, covered bridges: *three* state capitol buildings: and more.(Fall Foliage Tour)

Cost is **\$1599**, single supplement **\$500**, which includes: air fare, hotels, 13 meals, and a travel bag. Optional insurance is **\$99**, due with final payment on **August 7, 2007**. Brochures are available.

NOVEMBER 2 – 18, 2007 (16 days)
CARIBBEAN and CENTRAL AMERICA CRUISE

(*Talbot Tours*) We bring to your attention an exceptional bargain! The Norwegian Cruise Lines' *Norwegian Spirit* is repositioning from New York to New Orleans with a 15-day cruise and one night in New York City! Visit St. Thomas, V.I.; St. Lucia, W.I.; Barbados; Aruba; Costa Maya, Mexico (ancient Aztec ruins); Santo Tomas de Castilla, Guatemala (Acropolis of Quirigua, and ancient Copan); Belize; Cozumel, Mexico; and New Orleans.

Cost (estimated) is: \$1995 inside cabins, \$2145 outside cabins, and \$2395 balcony: all including RT airfare, transfers and taxes. Space will go fast; so deposit early with optional insurance.

Nominating Committee Report

The following members have been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for 2007-2008

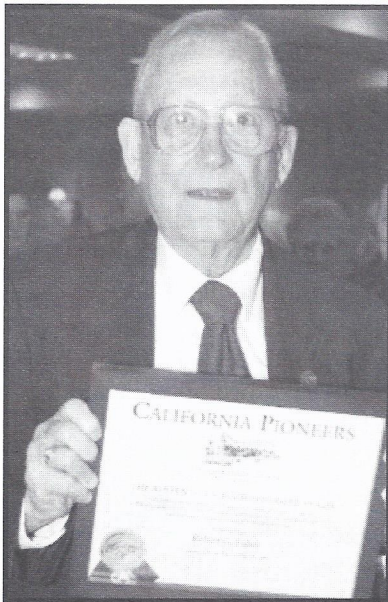
Jan French	Rich Helin
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Respectfully submitted,
Rose Crimi Muench

MARCH 2007 LUNCHEON



Speaker Jo Ann Levy, who spoke on some women during the California Gold Rush from her books.



Bob Fisher - Recipient of 2007 Austen D. Warburton Award

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