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President's Report

Jim Arbuckle

Pioneers Society contributions to preserving San José history were recognized at the Preservation Action Council's November, annual auction, attended by almost 300 people in the old Bank of America Building. I accepted for the Pioneers Society one of the plaques honoring people and groups that have helped save some of our historic buildings from demolition. In particular, we were recognized for our help about 20 years ago in saving the Peralta Adobe. I also accepted a similar plaque recognizing the work of my parents. Other awards to Pioneers were to Leonard McKay and to the late Theron Fox.

March Speaker

Lorie García

Lorie García will be speaking on Mary Bennett Love, the redoubtable wife of Harry Love, and on their disastrous marriage. Love was the sheriff who purportedly ended the career of Joaquín Murrieta, the notorious bandit. Lorie stems from the Anza Party, is a historian and author, has served on the Santa Clara Planning Commission, their Landmarks Commission, the county's Historical Heritage Commission, and has been the president of the Santa Clara Woman's Club.

Web Site

Might somebody be able contribute to our developing a web site, or know somebody who can? Rick Helin has reserved a domain name for us, but at this point we have nothing to "upload."

Antiques

We are in the process of reviewing the inventories and appraisals made of the household furnishings at our Jackson Ranch in Morgan Hill. I have rewritten the data to an Excel spreadsheet format to make it easier to read and to classify items as to category. Many of the items came around the Horn and are of some value. With the documents being easier to read, it appears that some are missing. Volunteers for this project are welcome.

Nominating Committee

For too long, we've not had a nominating committee (for officers). Board vacancies need filling and officer elections are to be held next year. Please consider becoming a member of the nominating committee, and let's talk about this at the March luncheon.

Membership Report

Melita Kelly

Thanks to all of the members who sent their dues. There are still a number of you who have yet to remit the \$15 yearly dues. Check your mailing label. If it reads 12/03, you are not current. Send checks, payable to the California Pioneers, to: Melita Kelley, 460 North 15th St., San José, 95112-1725. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish your membership card sent to you.

An apology is in order as I was out of town for an extended Christmas Holiday. Things are back to normal. My trip to Florida was wonderful and I had a great visit with my younger son and his wife.

Are you moving? Did you move? Get in touch with me at 292-2385 or at melikel@pacbell.net. Trailblazers are returned by the Post Office, but often do not have a forwarding address.

Check information for *payable to*:

Membership	<i>California Pioneers of Santa Clara County</i>
Trips	<i>The Californians</i>
Luncheon	<i>Lou's Village (and do not mail this one)</i>

Noontime Programs at the San Jose Woman's Club

Diana Wirt, former president of the Woman's Club, and also a Pioneer, has invited interested Pioneers to two of their forthcoming noontime programs. Both of them take place at the Woman's Club Clubhouse at 75 South 11th Street, between San Fernando and Santa Clara Streets. Free parking at the clubhouse is limited; carpooling is recommended.

To reserve a place for the programs with a \$10 charge, send a check.

March 2 — the New Almadén Quicksilver Mines

Kitty Monahan will describe the history of the mines. Social period starts at 11:30, followed by lunch at noon and the program about 1:00. Reservation by check, payable to SJ Woman's Club, and sent to Maxine Lubow, 581 South 13th Street, San José, 95112
Cost: \$10

March 22 — Antiques: World's Fair Memorabilia

Steven Wayne Yvaska, the *Mercury News* Antiques writer, will talk about Fair antiques and memorabilia. Bring a sandwich; coffee and dessert are provided.

Cost: Free

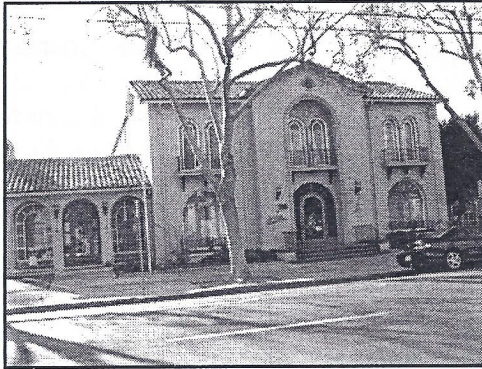
RSVP to Jeanice Owens at 294-8749

San José Woman's Club

Diana Wirt

The San José Woman's Club was founded in 1894, and incorporated in May of 1909. The first clubhouse, purchased in 1906, was located at 43 South Third Street. The meetings were originally held every Saturday afternoon, but were moved to Tuesdays in 1925.

The membership grew steadily and a large lot was purchased at 75 South Eleventh Street for the current clubhouse. It was designed by Carl J. Wolfe and William Higgins, architects, and completed in 1929.



San José Woman's Club

In 1946 the mortgage was ceremoniously burned by the proud members. In 1986 the building was designated San José Historic Landmark #32.

Today the club still meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and consists of the following sections: the Antiques Section, the Bridge Section and the Besse Section, named after long-time club member Besse Slonaker-Dieffenderfer. Originally consisting mainly of rancher's wives, its members are now a combination of long-time San José residents, community activists and working women. Its mission continues to be to engage in cultural, educational, philanthropic and charitable pursuits.

For more information about the Woman's Club, call Diana Wirt at 993-1003. For an invitation to its spring fashion show on March 26, call Jeanice Owens at 294-8749. More history is given in *San Jose's Women* by Helen Arbuckle and an article by Jack Douglas in *Continuity*, the newsletter of the Preservation Action Council/San José.



Touring with the Californians

March, 2004

Tour Director Rose Crimi Muench

Reservations Marie Rider
(408) 251-7887 Mon to Fri, A.M

Treasurer Beverly Fisher
3435 Yuba Avenue, San José, 95117-2966

Luncheon Pauline Hawkins

Registrations

Registration and Pickup Point

Registration for Spring Trips begins at the March 6 luncheon. Checks are preferred, or exact cash. Preference is given to Pioneers members to register at the luncheon and through the following week. Non-members and guests may sign up starting March 15.

The Pickup Point, unless otherwise noted, is at Valley Village, 390 N. Winchester, Santa Clara, at the Dolores Street side.

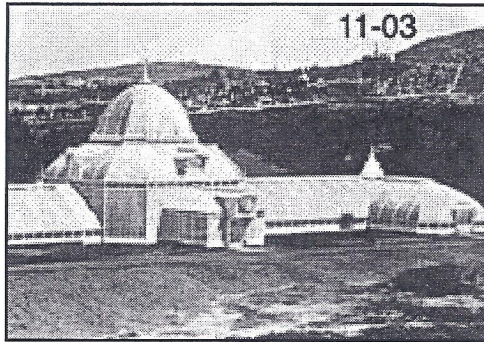
DAY TRIPS

April 6, Tuesday — Legion of Honor Art Deco Exhibit and the Conservatory of Flowers

Due to a long waiting list, we have added a second bus. We have a few more openings. Call Marie Rider to register.

The *Victoria and Albert Museum* has sent a collection of 300 objects of the Art Deco style (1910 to 1939), including: furniture, decorative arts, and jewelry. Designers were inspired by Egyptian, Oriental, African, and native South American motifs, which collectors treasure today.

We will next visit James Lick's *Conservatory of Flowers* in Golden Gate Park, a treasure that San José lost to San Francisco. The 1879 glass greenhouse, severely damaged in a 1995 storm, has finally



Conservatory of Flowers

been reopened. Architecture critic Alan Hess called it the *Crown Jewel of Gingerbread*, personifying the opulence of the Gilded Age. We tour the interior displaying 1500 species of tropical plants from all over the world. Our included luncheon (between stops) will be an eight-course Mandarin feast at Yet Wah Restaurant.

Leave: 9:00 AM

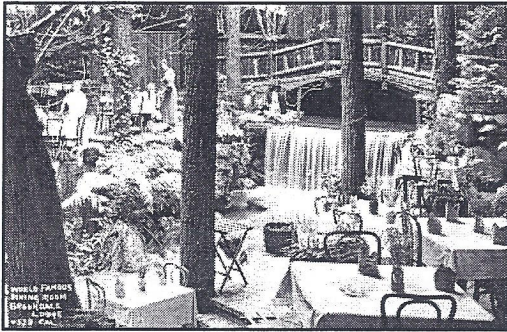
Return: 4:30 PM

Cost: \$43

May 21, Tuesday — A Day in the Santa Cruz Mountains

We begin the day with a scenic drive on Bear Creek Road to Boulder Creek in the San Lorenzo Valley. Since the mid-1800s, settlers worked here at logging and milling. On our guided walking tour of downtown, we will see the hundred-year old buildings still preserving the historic character of the town. Docents will also take us through the San Lorenzo Valley Museum, housed in an Episcopal Church, built in 1885 of heart redwood.

We then drive down Highway 9 to Brookdale for an included lunch at the picturesque Brookdale Lodge, with a brook flowing through the dining room!



Brookdale Lodge

We continue on Highway 9 to Ben Lomond for a view of Hawden Castle built in 1926 by Scottish immigrant Robert Hawden, because the area reminded him of his homeland. Next, on to Felton to see the highest covered bridge in the U.S., and an inspiring walk through a redwood grove. We return to San José via Mount Hermon Road.

Leave: 9:00 AM

Return: 4:00 PM

Cost: \$34

June 23, Wednesday — Tiburon and Belvedere

The Tiburon peninsula in Marin County was hilly pasture land, part of Rancho Corte Madera del Presidio granted to John Thomas Reed and Ylaria Sánchez in 1834 to provide lumber for the San Francisco Presidio. In 1872 their daughter, Hilarita, married Dr. Benjamin Lyford, a Civil War surgeon and embalmer. We will tour their mansion, a towered, three-story, yellow Victorian with furnishings over 120 years old and take a guided nature walk to the beach to spot seabirds in the Audubon Society bird sanctuary. First we will stop for a photo opportunity at old St. Hilary's Church, a redwood carpenter style church built in 1886 on a hill surrounded by a wildflower preserve. In downtown Tiburon lunch is on your own at one of the many Main Street restaurants. You will get a listing and map of this area. Afterward we will have free time to stroll historic

Main Street and Ark Row, buildings converted from 1890s houseboats. Then we will visit the 1884 Train and Ferry Terminal plus China Cabin, the ornate grand saloon of the S. S. China side-wheel steamer.

Leave: 9:30 AM Return: 6:00 PM. Cost: \$24

EXTENDED TRIPS

May 4 to 14 — Branson and Barging

Agency: Golden Gates Tours. We have an opportunity to join other groups on a four-day "River Explorer" barge cruise from Memphis to St. Louis featuring a city tour of Memphis and the Museum of the Mississippi River on Mud Island, cruising the Caruthersville area, the site of the New Madrid 8.5 magnitude earthquakes of 1811 and 1812, the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, a shore excursion and tour of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and arrival in St. Louis with a visit to the Gateway Arch and Museum of Western Expansion. Preceding the cruise, we fly to Kansas City for a city tour, then ride to Branson for a four-day stay. We will see several shows and take a dinner cruise on Table Rock Lake. Brochures will be available at the March 6 luncheon.

Cost: \$2560 or \$2707 for a balcony stateroom, inclusive. Deposit of \$350, final payment due March 19.

October 2 to 12 — Mexican Riviera Cruise on the new *Sapphire Princess*

Agency: Golden Gates Tours. New 2004 ship! San Francisco round trip -- no flights! We have 49 persons registered, so far. Ports: Catalina, San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, and Mazatlán. Cost includes: round trip transfer from San José to the San Francisco pier, port charges and fees, baggage handling, cocktail party onboard. Cost: Inside \$1090, Outside \$1375, Balcony \$1465, Balcony Suite \$1745.

The Expanding Frontiers River Barge 8-day cruise from Nashville to St. Louis is being postponed until 2005 because of the large

signup for the Mexican Riviera cruise. Below are some possible 2004 trips for which interest has been expressed. Call Rose for details at 293-0896.

July	Laguna Art Festival	\$ 700 +
October	Albuquerque + Santa Fé	\$1399
November	Italian Riviera	\$1899
November	Ireland	\$1799

Lost and Found

From Lou's Village: A blue silk, Anne Klein scarf and a pair of dark glasses, also blue.



Tiburón – Sam's Anchor Café and Bayview Dock

**Quarterly Luncheon at Lou's Village
March 6, 2004 at Noon
Price (new): \$17.00**

**Reserve by Wednesday, February 26
Telephone: 554-7587**

Menu

Swiss steak
Garlic, mashed potatoes
Seasonal vegetables
Green salad
Dessert - Chef's choice

If you would like a vegetarian meal, please contact Carol Arnoldy at 298-9043.



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