

Pioneers Luncheon
Saturday December 11, 2010 at Noon



Mariani's

s 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Reservations MUST BE MADE BEFORE!! Thursday December 9, it is most important to place a reservation in advance...For Reservation E-Mail to "sccpioneers@aol.com" be sure to include your menu selection in the e-mail.or 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.

Cost: \$25 (make checks payable to California Pioneers)

Menu (make one selection per person)

Calamari Steak (breaded) with a Lemon-Butter Sauce and Red Potatoes

Roast Pork served with Potatoes and Vegetables of the day
Vegetarian:

Pasta Primavera Fresh Vegetables sautéed in Olive Oil, Garlic with Fettuccine

Entrees are served with:

Green Salad, Rolls, and Butter, Dessert and Tea, Freshly Brewed Reg. or Decaf Coffee

Mariani's Restaurant is located on the south side of El Camino Real, two blocks west of San Thomas Expressway in Santa Clara. Best to get to Mariani's before 11:30 am to get a parking place.

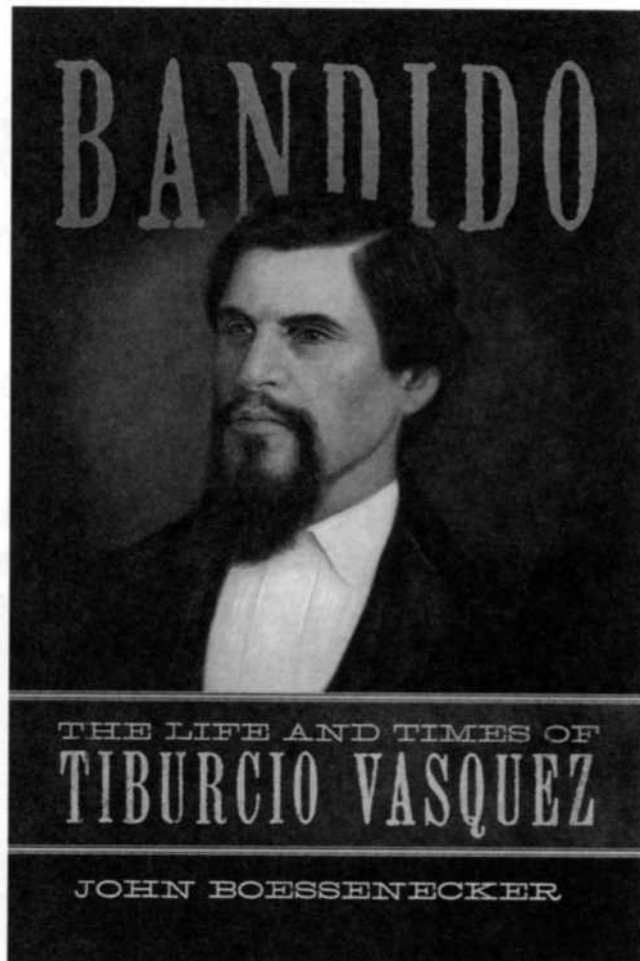
Our speaker for this meeting is an old friend who has spoken to us previously, **JOHN BOESSENECKER**. He is an expert on Lawmen and law breakers of the old west and often seen in documentaries about the Old West.

Tiburcio Vasquez is, next to Joaquin Murrieta, America's most infamous Hispanic bandit. After he was hanged as a murderer in San Jose in 1875, the Chicago Tribune called him the most noted desperado of modern times. Yet questions about him still linger..

After he was hanged as a murderer in San Jose in 1875, the Chicago Tribune called him the most noted desperado of modern times. Yet questions about him still linger. Why did he become a bandito? Why did so many Hispanics protect him and his band? Was he a common thief and heartless killer who got what he deserved, or was he a Mexican American Robin Hood who suffered at the hands of a racist government? In this engrossing biography, John Boessenecker provides definitive answers.

Bandido pulls back the curtain on a life story shrouded in myth a myth created by Vasquez himself and abetted by writers who saw a tale ripe for embellishment. Boessenecker traces his subject's life from his childhood in the seaside adobe village of Monterey, to his years as a young outlaw engaged in horse rustling and robbery. Two terms in San Quentin failed to tame Vasquez, and he instigated four bloody prison breaks that left twenty convicts dead. After his final release from prison, he led bandit raids throughout Central and Southern California. His dalliances with women were legion, and the last one led to his capture in the Hollywood Hills and his death on the San Jose gallows at the age of thirty-nine.

From dusty court records, forgotten memoirs, and moldering newspaper archives, Boessenecker draws a story of violence, banditry, and retribution on the early California frontier that is as accurate as it is colorful. Enhanced by numerous photographs many published here for the first time *Bandido* also addresses important issues of racism and social justice that remain relevant to this day. *Bandido* is the first full-length biography of Tiburcio Vasquez, 500 pages long with 70 illustrations. Published by University of Oklahoma Press, it is written for the general reader. He will have the books at the special price of \$30; the dust jacket price is \$34.95.



A San Francisco attorney, John Boessenecker has a B.A. degree in history from San Francisco State University and a J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Since 1969 he has published numerous magazine articles on crime and lawlessness in the Old West. He is the author of *Badge and Buckshot: Lawlessness in Old California* (1988); *The Grey Fox: The True Story of Bill Miner* (1992); *Lawman: The Life and Times of Harry Morse* (1998); and *Against the Vigilantes: The Recollections of Dutch Charley Duane* (1999), all published by the University of Oklahoma Press, and *Gold Dust and Gunsmoke* (1999), published by John Wiley & Sons of New York. Boessenecker has appeared frequently as a historical commentator on PBS, The History Channel, A&E, and other television media.

Sheriff John Hicks Adams

John Hicks Adams is probably the most well known and famous Sheriff in the history of Santa Clara County where he served as Sheriff from March 4, 1864 to March 6, 1876. Sheriff Adams, the seventh Sheriff of this county, was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, on June 13, 1820. His father, John Adams Sr., was elected Sheriff of Madison County in 1838. John Jr., was appointed Deputy Sheriff; his duties included collecting taxes and taking care of court business.

In December, 1841, John married Mathilda Pomeroy. Their first child, May Hanna was born one year later on December 21, 1842. They had 8 children.

In May of 1847, during the Mexican War, Adams joined Company J, Fifth Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. During the march south, the commander of his company, Captain Niles, died; John was promoted to Captain of Company J, the rank he continued to maintain throughout his year and half of active duty. John served most of his time in the Southwest, fighting Indians. Captain Adams was discharged from the service on the 12th of October, 1848.

When word spread East that gold had been discovered in California, John was struck with gold fever. He headed West In August 1849. with a six-mule team and light wagon, accompanied by Allen Pomeroy, William Reynolds, and Dr. C. N. Lusk, leaving from St. Joseph, Mo., April 8, 1849. They passed heavily loaded trains, guarded carefully against Indian attacks, were joined by several other parties, and after many hardships and deprivations from lack of water, arrived at Hangtown August 1, 1849. Captain Adams mined and ran pack trains in various camps in Northern California for two years, then went back to Illinois via Panama and

arrived at Edwardsville, October 12, 1851. A year later, in the spring of 1852, he again started for California, but this time he was accompanied by his family. They settled in Manhattan Creek, near Georgetown, where John continued mining successfully.

In August, 1853, Captain Adams removed to Santa Clara County and settled on a farm near Gilroy. The present Adams district school near Gilroy still stands on the land which he donated to the county for that purpose in 1856. Those were Wild West days, to be sure, when upon arriving at the schoolhouse in the morning, bear and lion tracks were to be found in front of the door and around the building.

Mr. Adams organized the Home Guards in Gilroy during the Civil War and was their captain. He also served as president of the South Almaden Quicksilver Mining Company.

John started his political career by running for and winning the office of County Supervisor for Gilroy and Almaden Township in the September election of 1861. In 1863, John ran for Sheriff, beating William Aram by more than 500 votes. With the passing of Sheriff Kennedy on February 6, 1864, the Board of Supervisors appointed Adams (who would have been sworn in as Sheriff in March) to finish out Kennedy's term. Adams ran for re-election in 1865 and 1867, winning both elections. He became the first Sheriff in Santa Clara County to be elected to three successive terms. Retiring for a couple of years in 1870, he again ran for re-election in 1871 and 1873, winning both terms. In 1875 Adams lost an election for the first and only time in his life, losing to Nicholas Harris, 2,854 to 2,140.

Soon afterward, a band of Confederate partisan rangers, known as Captain Ingram's Partisan Rangers from the San Jose area robbed two stage coaches in the Bullion Bend Robbery near Placerville. During the pursuit, Deputy Sheriff Staples of El Dorado County was gunned down when he surprised them at a rooming house the next day. Information filtered to Sheriff Adams that the Confederates were holed up in a shack near Almaden. Sheriff Adams and a posse of Deputies surrounded the shack, and demanded their surrender. The robbers failed to obey the order and tried to escape. A shoot-out ensued, like one in a western movie. All of the Confederates were either captured or killed in the volley of shots. Sheriff Adams was wounded when a bullet struck his pocket watch and glanced into his ribs.

Later that year and the next Adams pursued another gang of "partisan rangers", the Mason Henry Gang who had rapidly

degenerated into a vicious gang of outlaws, committing robberies, thefts and murders in the southern San Joaquin Valley, Santa Cruz County, Monterey County and Santa Clara County, preying on stagecoaches, ranchers and others, especially if they were known Union men in the vicinity. Adams pursued the gang with the help of two companies of Native California Volunteer Cavalry from Camp Low during the summer of 1865, but no one could locate their hideout at Loma Prieta. In June, 1865, a posse of nine soldiers and five citizens led by Sheriff Adams searched the area around the Panoche Valley in what is now southern San Benito County in search of the gang after receiving a reliable tip that they were planning a raid on the ranches there. However, a system of spies set up by the secessionists had warned the band of their approach. When Sheriff Adams arrived at Panoche, Mason and Henry were already retreating towards Corralitos. Despite some encounters, they were not caught, but Adams' pursuit made it so hot for them they soon left for Southern California. There Henry was killed by the Sheriff in San Bernardino County in September 1865 and Mason by a bounty hunter near Fort Tejon in 1866.

On January 24, 1878, Adams and ex-County Clerk Cornelius Finley left San Jose for the last time, leaving San Jose to mine gold in Arizona's Davidson Canyon. In late August, Adams and Finley were appointed Deputy United States Marshals for the Arizona Territory. Ten days later, the headlines in Arizona and San Jose newspapers told the story of their murders. Adams and Finley had left the Washington mine and were in route to Tucson when they were ambushed by five Mexican bandits. Finley died instantly with a gun shot to his heart, but Adams put up a fight. Shot once in the side (which was not sufficient to cause his death), but appeared to have been beaten to death with clubs and rocks. The murderers were caught in Mexico and held in a Sonorian jail, but Mexican officials refused to extradite them to the United States for the prosecution of the murders.

While Captain Adams was Sheriff, he was second to none in skillful pursuit of wanted outlaws. Although he didn't personally capture the highwayman Tiburcio Vasquez, it was his information that led to Vasquez's arrest and capture in Los Angeles, Vasquez was hanged before a large crowd of men, women and children in the yard of the Santa Clara County Jail.

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The San Jose Mercury, September 10, 1863, March 3, 1864, September 14, 1865, October 1867

The San Jose Weekly Mercury, August 15, 1872, September 11, 1873, March 25, 1875, September 12, 1878, January 30, February 27, 1879

The San Jose Daily Mercury, September 13, 1878

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Rambo, Ralph, Tiburico Vasquez, Rosicrucian Press, San Jose California, 1968

GONE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS

DEANE BARBIERI 11/23/2008

ELSIE KINSEY 1998

AMELIA J. ARMSTRONG 9/16/2010

MARY MALKASON

RUSSELL T. WOLFRAM 9/16/2010

HISTORY OF THE PAULSON HOUSE by Marylou vonRotz

I want to make some remarks in appreciation of what has occurred in the Pioneers' Paulson House during the past several years. When the Paulson House opened in 2007, we accommodated the Digital Clubhouse Network, who were young people recording stories of service of our men and women who had served our country in military service. I personally talked to some of the families of these special veterans and most of them told me the same story "that their dad had never spoken about those days to his family or anyone." The descendants were so happy to learn more about their dads' early lives. It was very touching to all. (www.digiclub.org/sofs/)

At that time, Jerry Rosenthal, wanted a Pioneer presence in the Paulson to assist, if necessary, while the families and DCN were there working.

Jerry and his daughter, Jan French, Melita Kelly and I , along with a few others did this with pleasure. It was indeed an experience to meet so many of these special men and women who were there to give their stories of service.

People, who now visit the beautiful Paulson House, have no idea as to some of the early history. Jerry Rosenthal, who was the president of Pioneers, was the impetus behind what you see today in this lovely house/museum. He deserves great accolades for undertaking and seeing to completion this project. It is my personal belief that all of this would not have been possible without these forebears.

When we first opened the house to the public, we didn't have a lot of things that people were interested in. Bob and Bev Fisher were right there helping. I, as a new docent, would just express a desire or a thought and these two people would do their best to fulfill the task and furnish things that would be of interest. Bob's parents' carpet is in the dining room. Bob and Bev also worked as faithful docents each month and on special occasions when I needed them.

Tim and Barbara Peddy came on board and again, anything that I felt we needed in the house, was accomplished and even more. Barbara brought a lot of her personal things to the house for display. These were the things that interested people. Barbara has great decorations and enjoys putting them in the house for others to see and enjoy. Tim can fix almost anything. Tim and Barbara also work as Sunday docents and help on other occasions.

All of the above people are those who helped keep the Paulson House open to become what it is today. They are greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank all of the others who have also helped make your Pioneer Paulson House a success.

Marylou vonRotz, Lead Docent

PAULSON HOUSE NEWS Marylou von Rotz

We have five new docents who are fresh and eager. They are: Diane Alves, Merle Featherstone, Betty Ann Moore, Joanne Souza and Madelene Streight They join Melita Kelly, Judith Mabie, Pat & Walter Moorhead, Adele Smith, Tim & Barbara Peddy and Beverly & Bob Fisher who have been on hand since we opened in June, 2007. They have made it possible to have the Paulson House open every Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00 and for other special occasions. I also wish to thank Jan French, Fern McLaggen, and Bev Blockie for their help in the past.

We would welcome others to become docents. We would like to be open on Saturday afternoons as well as Sundays. We are open every Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00. See Marylou von Rotz to sign up. We will train you for this fun job.

The House was closed for tours on Halloween but Barbara and Tim Peddy and Mary Lou Lyon sat on the decorated porch for 4 hours dressed like witches, handing out goodies to the young trick or treaters. We think we saw about 500 children in all sorts of garb, from princesses to pirates, cowboys and robots.



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COME VISIT THE PAULSON HOUSE-
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1-4



AUCTION AT MARIANI'S

The Luncheon committee is planning to hold a silent auction and also some items to buy out-right at the December luncheon. These are items that belonged to Helen Stevens and would make very Special Christmas presents or presents for ones self. There are some very nice jewelry sets, knickknacks, linen tablecloths and napkins, aprons etc. The beginning price will be very reasonable. Money made will go towards expenses at the Paulson House.

AUTHORS

Authors are invited to bring their books to sell at the Christmas meeting. Make a reservation with Tim Peddy for a table at miltpeddy@aol.com or 408-377-6054

FRONT PARLOR, PAULSON HOUSE MARYLOU VON ROTZ AT PIANO



MEET OUR NEW PIONEERS

- Mary Ellen Madden resides in San Jose and arrived in California in 1959. Her ancestors were from Indiana (Dr. E. M. Lipetska). Teaching is her profession.
- Viki Walker Matthews resides in Fremont, is a native Californian and has worked on her family's genealogy for over 15 years. Her ancestors who arrived in Santa Clara County are Jonathan Parr, who settled in Los Gatos in 1846, and Robert Walker, a Scottish pioneer from Canada who married Parr's daughter, Eliza, in 1871.
- Susan Elizabeth Sisneros resides in San Jose and is a native Californian. Her California ancestors include her grandmother, Laura Hall, and her aunt, Melita Kelly, who serves on the Board of the Pioneers. Susan is a descendent of Don Jose Hernandez, grantee of Rancho Rinconada de Los Gatos in 1839.
- Thelma (Lee) Walker resides in San Francisco and is a native Californian. Her grandmother arrived in Lompoc, California as a young bride and there, Thelma's mother was born in 1905. Thelma's father arrived in California in 1925 by way of Kansas and Texas.

Welcome to the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County!

JUDGE AUGUSTUS L. RHODES,

FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA PIONEERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, 1875-1876

Augustus L. Rhodes was born in Oneida County, New York, in 1821. He died October 23, 1918 was the 10th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California.

Judge Rhodes was educated at Hamilton College, where he studied law. He moved to Bloomfield, Indiana, being admitted to the bar there in 1846. Rhodes married Elizabeth Cavins 1830-1901, a judge's daughter, in 1846.

He served one term as the prosecuting attorney for the circuit court in Bloomfield in 1849, and departed for California in 1854. Settling in San Jose, he became District Attorney in 1859 and then California State Senator in 1860. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1864 and served until 1880, being Chief Justice from 1870 to 1872. From 1899 to 1907 he served as a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County.

Rhodes remained active to an advanced age. He gave an address at the annual convention of the California Bar Association in June 1918, 4 months before his death at the age of 97.

Pioneer Estate Sale

Pioneer Board Member Joan Bohnett graciously offered her landmark house in Palm Haven for the Pioneers estate sale, held on Oct. 23rd. Forty vintage hats and 30 hat boxes were displayed on the front patio while other collectibles and jewelry were set out under the porte-cochere. Merchandise included aprons from the 1940s to 1970s, china, silver, linens, perfume bottles, compacts, knick-knacks, books and much more. Visitors streamed through between 8 am and 4 pm and purchased much of the merchandise. Board member Robb Moore baked fresh oatmeal-raisin cookies for all, which vanished by 10 am. Luckily, the rain held off until 4 pm. The Pioneers thank Joan Bohnett, Gayle Frank, Robb Moore, Jim Zetterquist, Bill Foley, Marylou vonRotz, Barbara Peddy and Tim Peddy for making this event a success.

PIONEERS FILM ARCHIVE

As of September, the archive contains 300 separate films and subjects, from 1906 to the present. In the month of September, 14,951 feet of film was digitized. This is about 17.4 hours of footage. It took over 100 manhours of editing, film repair work, color correction and preservation. The total amount of footage in our archive is now over 50 hours.

The Pioneers Archive Youtube Channel went live on October 15 and will be continuously updated with films of Pioneer events plus interviews with local historians and prominent figures. This presence on Youtube will provide people worldwide with a means of contacting Pioneers, donating films and finding films based on keywords, years, locations and people in the films.. They can also be found on Google by a search.

Film has been shown at the PAC-SJ 20th anniversary gala and the Casa Grande re-opening in November. They have been used in a documentary about the We & Our Neighbors Club, relevant footage with Hangar 1 Museum at Moffett Field, the Campbell Historical Museum and the Los Altos Museum.

To donate your films, contact Bill Foley. IAMSPARTACUS@GMAIL.COM

DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE CIRCA 1930 by Jerry Rosenthal

Hardly anyone wanted to be next door to the closed and boarded up Tower Saloon at Market and Santa Clara except the Mestressat family's restaurant (with rooms + upstairs). So, in the middle twenties, some of the property owners on West Santa Clara thought that they could change the values on their street by building more desirable buildings there west of McEnery's Farmers Union. They thought that they had Sears and Roebuck for the spot there in the Two Hundred block that later became the Mercury News Press building. That, along with a new building for a bowling alley on the south side of the street and the under construction DeAnza Hotel was supposed to elevate the value of the property and attract new business. Next door to the proposed Sears location was the California Public Market, a pre-supermarket supermarket. It had the best meat purveyors and the best fruit and vegetable vendors, It was kinda like the Pike's Market area on the waterfront in Seattle. It had everything that could be found in the modern supermarket of today. That is the building that became the Mercury-News editorial offices.

The depression worsened and Sears decided to remain on First street. West Santa Clara stayed marginal. The Market closed, the L'Moelle House, that fine French restaurant with its private dining rooms and curtained booths, closed. Mr. Masson's old champagne cellar was just west of the Vendome Hotel lobby. Although closed because of prohibition, Mr. Masson still came in every day to sit and visit with his friends. My personal memory was of the old man, tilted back in his captain's chair at the building edge of the sidewalk, taking the morning sun and chatting up the passersby. Next door to Masson, the Balconades Ballroom continued to function with taxi dancing. On the street level below the Ballroom were several restaurants, and a location that later became Nino Oliver's Saddle Shop. One of the restaurants was the Chinese Lantern.

Across the street from the proposed Sears store was Normandin's Automobile dealership, Doyle's Auto Electric, the Smith-Pasco businesses, located in old livery stables, and the Atlas Brothers Wrecking Yard where I built a store front in 1949. Major C.C. Leland's harness and saddle shop was located in a large Victorian building just down Almaden from Santa Clara at the corner of Post, but the area's premier saddle maker, F. Stern & Son had their shop in San Antonio Street near the Montgomery Hotel.

South First was San Jose's retail street. It was San Jose's fashion plaza with local department stores, high fashion shops, men's stores, jewelry stores, restaurants, bars, banks and office buildings. In 1930, San Jose was still a smallish town, but traffic on South First Street became unbearable during the Christmas shopping season. Pictures of the time indicate monstrous traffic jams, both on the street and the sidewalks. Those same pictures show Christmas decorations on the street such as evergreen garlands draped from electroliers on both sides of the street.

First street's fashion plaza extended from Goldeen's Furniture store near San Salvador to Roos Brothers at Fountain Alley in the Bank of Italy building. In between were the stores and shops and restaurants that allowed the residents to be fashionable.

There were stores like Nathan-Dohrman's hotel supply (china and silver) and Appletons, San Jose's finest ladies apparel store Hale Brothers was still located at 140 S. First, but their new store across the street from the St. Claire Building was under construction, as was the Fox California Theater just to the south of Dohrman's. Blum's at the other end of south First, was across the alley from Roos Brothers. But the real northern anchor was L.Hart & Sons Department Store at Market and Santa Clara with Spring's mens and boys store across on the northeast corner. Harts had everything, from work clothing in the basement to furniture on the top floor. My memory of Springs was that was where we bought our Boy Scout uniforms.

Between those larger stores were the shops such as Stratfords mens and ladies store, Hirsh Credit Jewelery next to Woolworths, across from Blums. J.C. Penney's was located at the corner of Post and South First (I remember the cables and trollies that carried the cash up to the office) and further south on that same block was Leon Jacob's Mens Store. Poor Mr. Jacobs, he just couldn't ride a horse according to his friend, Mr. Duncan Oneal. Just down Post Street was F. Schilling and Son's gun store, along with Stern's Saddlery, the two oldest businesses in San Jose. Philip Hammer had a ladies store on the east side of First. Freeds had a ladies shop at the corner of across from Penneys. J.S. Williams moved from north Market down to a much better location near O'Brien's Restaurant and Candy store.. Prussia's was very high fashion with the footwear being sold by Herold's Shoes, L. Bloom and Sons, and stores like Buster Brown and Gallenkamps. There was a Mosher Mens Store, several hatters, and Norris Silk took care of the fabric trade. W. C. Lean was the jeweler of choice with Dan Levin located kittycorner and Stackpole just down the street. Marcus the Furrier was in the 100 block and there were at least two creameries: Moo Cow Ice Cream and the Crystal Creamery with its world class milkshakes. The Mission Theater was known as the Fox until the new California was completed.

The office buildings had names such as The Bean Building, the Porter Building, the Knox Block along with the St. Claire Building, the First National Bank Building, the Touhy Building and of course the Bank of Italy Building. But unlike today's offices, the older buildings all had retail on the ground floors and that included most of the banks. The lobbies always had a cigar store and a news stand. The exceptions were the First National and the American Trust Co Other than the Elks Club on the corner across from the park on North First Street, there is little to mention north of Santa Clara St. other than the Victory Theater (built to celebrate the Spanish-American War Victory) and the California Tamale Parlor. On South Second Street, there was the Wardrobe men's store on the southeast corner and Stokes's Leading Tamale Parlor next to the drug store on the west side of the street. At the other end of the block, Desimone's Bicycle Shop was next to Lion's Furniture Store at the NW corner of 2nd and San Fernando.

Downtown San Jose had a rich heritage of retail establishments. None are left. Not even one of the tamale parlors that were for so long part of the social structure. All were displaced by time and and what passed for progress. The buildings and most of

the shops, stores, hotels and banks were locally owned. Today, nothing is local. Today, gentrification means tear it down and build a parking lot!

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2ND HONORABLE MENTION-\$100.00

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RULES

SUBJECT-Any person, place or event concerning Santa Clara County from its beginning to the recent past. check California room at ML King Library for past topics.

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 and footnotes, using the Standard form
- 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 thoroughly stapled together so they do not come apart. Add a soft copy on a disc.
- 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 11, 2011. The first three winners will make a BRIEF presentation to the membership at that time.,

DEADLINE-April 15, 2011

SEND ESSAY TO Attn. PIONEERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, Campbell-Warburton Law Offices, 111 West St. John, Suite 440, San Jose, CA-95113 (corner of Market & St. John)

FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF CONTEST RULES –Mary Lou Lyon, 408-253-9514 or malyon_1999@yahoo.com or check www.californiapioneers.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the past few months, board members and volunteers have been very busy finalizing the Stevens Estate. The house has been emptied of all its contents and all furnishings have been sorted and distributed to the proper locations. Dedicated volunteers have ensured that Helen and Charles Stevens prized possessions are seen in museums throughout Santa Clara County. In October, we sold off some of the last items that did not fit into our collection and were not wanted by other local history groups. The very successful estate sale was led by Gayle Frank, Joan Bohnett and Robb Moore. We also received an offer on the Stevens home and hope to finalize the sale by the end of the year. All proceeds from the sale of the house will go towards fulfilling our mission of preserving and promoting our local history.

Trying to settle an estate and sell a home in this down economy is not an easy process. Getting the house in shape for sale took a lot of effort by many members. Now that the house is empty, all of the "heavy lifting" is being done by our attorney/ board member Ken Machado and realtor Connie Foley. Connie is board member Bill Foley's mother. Ken and Connie have gone above and beyond the call of duty and the Pioneers are indebted to them for their hard work and dedication.

We also have been working to get the Paulson House in top shape. The Paulson House Committee has displayed some of our finest pieces, representing what a home would have looked like during the late 1800's right up until after WWII. Presently, the committee is working with a painting contractor to repair and repaint the exterior of the house. Tudy Johnson, a retired librarian, with the help of her parents, Bev and Bob Fisher, is in the process of sorting and cataloguing our library. Her efforts will turn our collection into a functioning library.

As we approach the holiday season, I look forward to sharing long standing traditions with my family and friends. We at the Pioneers also have some pretty great traditions of our own. In October, members dressed in costumes at the Paulson House and gave out Halloween candy to hundreds of small children. Currently, we hope to decorate the house with period decorations for Thanksgiving. A December favorite of many is getting together to string popcorn and decorate the Christmas tree. It will be extra special this year since we were gifted several old Christmas decorations by Helen Stevens. My personal favorite holiday function is the Holiday Quarterly Luncheon where we have authors promote their local history books. This year, I am extremely excited to hear a presentation about a recently published book about our colorful Californio bandito Tibercio Vasquez.

Don't forget, if you have any extra special vintage pre 1950's holiday decorations that you would like to donate to the Paulson House collection, please contact Paulson House co-chairs Joan Bohnett and Gayle Frank. I hope all members will remember, especially during the holidays, the Paulson House is here to be enjoyed by all. Feel free to stop by and enter into the holiday festivities. Bring a friend and show off our beautiful meeting center and museum. Finally, I would like to wish Robb Moore, our Membership Chair, a speedy recovery following his knee replacement surgery.

Happy Holidays to you and yours, Jim Zetterquist
President, California Pioneers of Santa Clara County

TOURING WITH THE CALIFORNIANS

Mike Console: Tour Director (408) 246-1080
Marie Rider : Phone reservations and Cancellations
(408) 251-7887 M.-F. mornings
Beverly Fisher: Treasurer, 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

February 14, 2011 Mon.

DISCOVER PACIFIC GROVE

Happy Valentines Day

WELCOME to Pacific Grove, a pristine jewel of the Monterey Coastal Peninsula. Known as "America's last home town", it has a four mile captivating ocean view that is one of the most productive marine ecosystems on the planet. You can spot sea lions, sea otters, harbor seals, schools of dolphins and acrobatic humpbacks.

Our first stop is at the Coast Guard Pier Breakwater where we will pick up David, who is an outstanding historian and nature guide. He will acquaint us with history and points of interest enroute to downtown Pacific Grove. One of these is the Spectacular Monarch Grove Sanctuary where from Oct. to Feb. each year, thousands of Monarch butterflies migrate from Canada and cluster on the pine and eucalyptus trees.

A Hosted Lunch will be at one of Pacific Grove's most famous and colorful restaurants, the FANDANGO. There we will be entertained and have a choice of : a Seafood special, or Roast Sirloin. After lunch we will have time to browse, shop, or visit points of interest within walking distance. (Museums, Gardens, etc.)

LEAVE: 8:45 A.M. RETURN: 5:00 P.M. COST: \$82

MARCH 24, 2011 Thur. THE WONDERS OF SAUSALITO

It's no surprise that this postcard scenery-at every-turn is a favorite for visitors from around the world. Sausalito is ideal for exploration; consider it an urban hike with great views, fresh air, muscle stretching, interesting shops and galleries to browse and goodies to sample along the way. While there we will visit the Bay Model, a two acre working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento, San Joaquin River Delta System. The Model was built in the early 50ies by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a scientific tool to study what would happen if man or nature made changes to the Bay Estuary. We will also tour the Sausalito Historical Visitor Center in the Downtown area. The Center is small so you can visit while we have time to browse, shop, and have Lunch on your own. A FUN DAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BAY.

LEAVE: 8:30 A.M. RETURN: 5:00 P.M. COST: \$30.

APRIL 14, 2011 Thur. OLD SACRAMENTO --UNDERGROUND--

The Winter of 1861-62 produced more than 30 inches of rain and buried Sacramento under water for three months. The only alternative was to raise the buildings and streets. Most streets and storefronts have been filled in, but many tunnels and hollow sidewalks remain, and a new tour takes visitors down into this pre-flood Sacramento, complete with hard hats and flashlights. The tour follows a route through Old Sacramento and underneath two historic buildings.

The tour is coordinated by the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation in partnership With the City and California State Parks. .The tour guides manages to combine history and entertainment. Many are professional actors and some portray a historical character, complete with period costume and appropriate accents and anecdotes of the times. The tour begins at the Sacramento History Museum where we will browse and visit while small groups at a time take the Underground Tour.

A hosted Lunch will be at FAT CITY BAR & CAFÉ. Choice of one of three Sandwiches: (1)Fat City Hamburger with fries (2)BBQ PULLED PORK with fries (3)PORTABELA MUSHROOM with coleslaw.

LEAVE 7:30A. M. RETURN: 5:30 P,M, COST: \$69

EXTENDED TRIPS FOR 2011

Brochures with interest sign-ups will be available at the December luncheon or by calling Mike Console at (408) 246-1080. If there is enough interest we can set up a Pioneer's trip. Also, individuals may sign up for unescorted trips.

SEPTEMBER 16, HERITAGE OF AMERICA (Nine Nights-Ten Days)

Breakfasts daily and 5 dinners. We will tour Historical places in the following Cities: New York City, Philadelphia, Lancaster (Amish Country), Gettysburg, the Shenandoah Valley, Charlottesville, Williamsburg, and Washington, D.C.

Conducted by: Collette Vacations Cost: \$ 2899 per person /double occupancy and includes: round trip Air with home pick-up & return to and from the Airport. Nine Nights of Accommodations, professional tour manager, meals as listed, admissions to events, baggage handling, and all taxes and gratuities are included. A brochure will be available with full details of the daily activities and a sign-up sheet, Call Mike Console (408) 246-1080 or pick up at the luncheon.

OCTOBER (TBA) 2011 SOUTHERN CHARM (Six Nights- Seven Days)

Collette Vacations . Includes 10 meals. Places to be visited are: Charleston, SC; Beaufort & Savannah, Georgia; Jekyll Island; St. Simons Island; St .Augustine & Jacksonville, FL. Cost: \$2269 per person/double occupancy. Includes all the amenities mentioned above in the Heritage trip . Call Mike for brochure with itinerary details and sign-up sheet.

Happy Travels

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 the 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

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