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Pioneers Luncheon

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 at Noon

Mariani's 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Reservations MUST BE MADE before

Thursday, August 30, 2007

THURSDAY AUGUST 30, 2007

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 THURSDAY, February 28.

Cost: \$25. Make checks payable to California Pioneers. (The price has gone up, "Sorry" ... and so has the answering service... not to mention postage!)

Menu (make one selection per person)

Chicken Cacciatore Sautéed with Bell Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms & Black Olives in a Marinara Sauce, with Pasta
Sirloin Tips over Rice Pilaf, served with Vegetables

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

Entrees are served with:

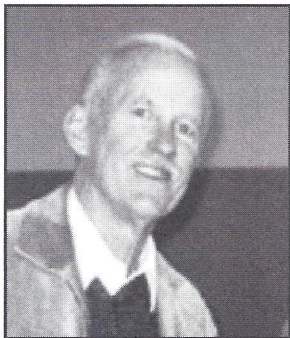
Green Salad, Rolls and Butter, Dessert and Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf or Tea

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

IN MEMORIAM
Past President James Madison “Jim” Arbuckle
Gone to the golden hills

Jim, the son of Clyde and Helen Arbuckle, died suddenly on July 7, 2007 at the age of 72. He fell from his bicycle at the corner of Meridian and Foxworthy. An autopsy is being conducted to determine if he had a heart attack or a stroke.

Jim shared his father's passion for cycling. Described by friends and family as a integral part of the cycling community, he rode his bike from the home his father built on Franquette Avenue in Willow Glen every morning. Clyde Arbuckle had raced competitively with the championship cycling team, the Garden City Wheelmen during the 1920s. The younger Arbuckle also rode for a team that had adopted that same name during his respected cycling career. That career included many Northern California District Championship titles and competitions in Europe. Last year, he competed in the Northern California-Nevada Track Racing Cyclist Championships held at Hellyer Park, wearing the Garden City colors, in the Senior division. The Arbuckles were viewed as the "cyclists emer-



itus of the Northern California hotbed of cycling," said Terry Shaw, owner of Shaw's Light-weight Cycles Bicycle Shop in Santa Clara, referring to San Jose's rich cycling history. Jim Arbuckle began racing in the 1960's in Berkeley. He frequently visited Shaw's shop and inspired Shaw to pursue cycling during the "10-speed boom" in the late 1960's.

Arbuckle's great-grandparents arrived in California before the Gold Rush. Mr. Arbuckle's father, Clyde, author of the well-known book **History of San Jose**, was born in 1903 in Santa Clara. Jim was born in San Jose Hospital on April 14, 1935. His schooling was in San Jose - graduating from Willow Glen High School, class of 1952. He went to the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a BSci, a MSci and an MBA degree in engineering. He worked as an engineer for Lockheed-Martin before becoming a tech writer. He also served briefly as a substitute teacher in San Jose.

Jim returned to his parent's home a few years back and took over the cooking from his mother. He enjoyed making breads and doing gourmet meals - much to Clyde's disgust. Jim was also a wine connoisseur - Clyde was a meat and potatoes man. A coffee shop in Willow Glen often bought Jim's breads. He used his mother's old cast iron stove for his cooking and baking.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, he enjoyed ballroom dancing, especially Smooth East Coast and West Coast Swing.

Recently, Jim finished his mother's research on *women in San Jose* and published it in 2003 as **San Jose Women: Colonial Days to the 1970's, A Brief History**. He also acquired the tapes from his father's long-ago radio and TV broadcasts on San Jose history and made them available to the public.

Jim served as president of the **Santa Clara County Pioneers**, which was formed in 1875. The aim of this organization is to gather and preserve the history of the pioneers who originally settled in Santa Clara County. Clyde and Helen had been active members for many years.

Jim was involved in the **Preservation Action Council of San Jose**, an organization dedicated to preserving historic San Jose architecture. Jim served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer. He was "always involved and a longtime supporter" of **History San Jose**, according to Alida Bray, President and CEO of **History San Jose**. Jim participated in the historical activities of The *Mountain Charlie* Chapter of **E Clampus Vitus**, who erect monuments at historical sites in our county and also in Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California (Founders and Friends

of Santa Clara County.) He was Membership Chair for the University of California Alumnae Club of Santa Clara County, arranging outings for them.

Memorial plans are pending, according to his sister, Susan. The Pioneers are considering a pot-luck picnic at History San Jose including some of his other clubs on September 23.

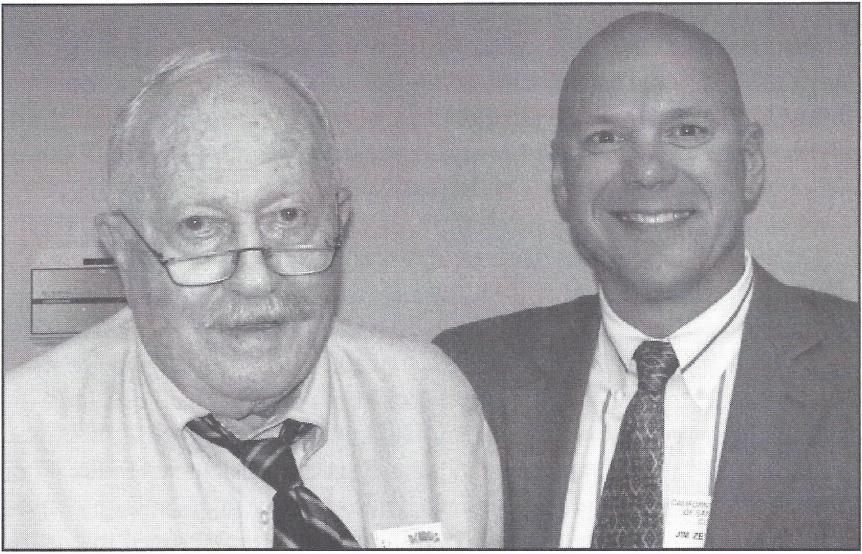
Memorial Donations may be sent to Sourisseau Academy, Clyde Arbuckle Scholarship Fund, % San Jose State University, San Jose, California, 95192-0117.

THE END

by Past President Jerry Rosenthal

I have finished my tour as leader of the Pioneers and it has been grand! The people that I have worked with were and are wonderful. We reached goals that were thought to be unattainable, but with a lot of help, we did get there. Some of you might have thought that at times I was a bully, and you are probably correct. I did bully the county parks people because that was the only way to get their attention! I was unable to bully PG&E until they caused me some health problems and that scared them! But the Open Space Authority were wonderful to work with... Chuck Toeneskotter and his political contacts, Barry Swenson, his son Case and their crews, along with Stan Gould the architect, and Patty McDonald, the decorator who selected the colors, were the ones who made the Paulson House a reality. But, the Fishers, Bob and Bev, were the people who turned the project into a beautiful home and the Pioneers' Headquarters! But most of all, I want to thank the board who gave me all the rein that I needed to complete the job.

It is fitting that a young person, relatively, is taking over. Your new president, Jim Zetterquist, will continue to grow the Pioneers. Under his leadership, we will grow and become the leaders of the historical community in Santa Clara County.



Past President Jerry Rosenthal and President Jim Zetterquist

President's Message

A big congratulations go to Bob Fischer and Jerry Rosenthal for their appointments as President Emeritus to the Pioneers. They join a select group of past Pioneer Presidents who are recognized for their outstanding contributions. I would like to personally thank Jerry for his guidance and friendship as I take on the role of president. Jerry's leadership navigated us through the difficult process of selling the Jackson Ranch and restoring the Paulson House. He has fostered working relationships with both History San Jose and The Digital Clubhouse that will continue for years to come. I will be counting on Jerry's and Bob's insights and wisdom.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my condolences to the family and friends of our past President, Jim Arbuckle. Jim passed away July 7 while doing what he loved to do, riding his bicycle. Jim introduced me to the Pioneer organization and was a personal friend. He was dedicated to promoting and preserving Santa Clara County's rich heritage. He will be missed.

Since I am a relatively new member of the board, I would like to introduce myself. I am a 53 year old San Jose native. My wife, Lynn, and I have two daughters. My family has deep roots in this area starting with the Ohlone and Californio periods. The balance of my ancestors came to this area in the mid to late 1800's from Great Britain and Sweden. I have had the pleasure of serving as the President of the Preservation

Council of San Jose, chaired the Historic Landmarks Commission, served on the Planning Commission, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Historical Museum. I hope to get to know all Pioneer members and look forward to hearing your "pioneering" stories. My goals while serving in office are as follows:

1. Do no harm. The Pioneers have a long, proud history dating back 132 years. We have over 600 members, are financially stable, have a fantastic meeting center (the Paulson House), and have a small nucleus of board members and volunteers who dedicate their time to make this organization what it is today. I would like to Grow this Organization but, I would consider my term a failure should we alienate one individual who has helped us get to where we are today.

2. Stay true to our mission statement. It is critical that we focus on our mission statement to guide us as we determine our goals and objectives.

3. Expand and strengthen subcommittee structure. We need to ensure that all those who are interested in contributing and volunteering are given the opportunity to do so. Presently, too much of the work load rests on too few shoulders. If we wish to grow the organization, we must first increase the volunteer base.

4. Increase visibility of the Pioneer organization in the community. It is imperative that we better promote the Pioneers if we hope to attract a more diverse membership. Two ways we can accomplish this goal are by doing a better job of publicly honoring those who have gone before and re-establishing old Pioneer traditions such as the Grand Pioneer Bar-b-cue.

5. Expand education programs. We need to enhance our education programs and reach out to the youth of our community, in order to secure the future of the Pioneers.

6. Continue Pioneer financial stability. I hope that we, as a Board of Directors, will continue to earn your trust and that we, as an organization, can develop collaborative programs that will interest and engage you. With that accomplished, I hope that you as a membership will contribute your time, energy, ideas and money to make our shared vision, a success.

I look forward to working with all of you to create that vision.

Jim Zetterquist

THANK YOU

"Thank you!" from Beverly and Bob Fisher, Chairs of the House Committee to the following for their gifts to the Paulsen House:

Dick and Nancy Hill - for a 5-drawer file and for filing the Essay Contest copies.

Rick Helin - for the mirror that is not yet hung.

Tim and Barbara Peddy and Mary Lou Von Rotz - who helped take inventory of the Jackson Ranch artifacts in the warehouse.

Jeanne Rudy - for the coffee pot.

Melita Kelly - for the microwave.

Tim Peddy - for all his handy-man help around the house.

PAULSON HOUSE HOSTS

Here's a wonderful opportunity to acquaint visitors with stories about Santa Clara Valley, and to help people understand that our valley wasn't always just concrete and tall buildings! We used to work on farms during the summer months cutting 'cots and picking prunes. Who really knows what that means other than those who experienced it!

Our Paulson House is an example of the turn of the twentieth century homes that dominated our area. This Craftsman style home was owner-built in 1889 and has many features of the period. It was a common thing for men to hold down a regular job and build homes for their families in their spare time.

When you step into the Paulson House with its lovely furnishings from the Jackson Ranch, you will relive some of your cherished memories of childhood.

Could you spare three hours every month or two to host our house? We cannot keep it open for visitors without your help. Please contact us and we'll try to answer any questions that you might have. It is not an onerous task, but a joy to share the Pioneers Own House with young and old who may not know about our valley. You can pretend to be Great Aunt Mathilda in this gracious surrounding and greet visitors.

Call our chairman of the Paulson House Hosts, Mary Lou von Rotz at 408-253-8735 Thanks.

WINNERS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

First Place - Nancy Portal Carson, The Burgundy Vineyard

Second Place - Margaret Lewis Rodriguez, We Did What Had To Be done-Memories From the Home-front, The Story of a Remarkable Woman of World War II, Edith Mattos Lewis Walter.

Third Place - Dr. Michael Shea, M.D. Man of the Century.

Honorable Mention - Gloria Jabault and Wendy Mu.

Special Award of Merit for a Memoir, Lori G. Stotlar, My Life -70 Years in Santa Clara.

The Burgundy Vineyard

by Nancy Portal Carson

(edited for space limitations)

The story is of Jean Baptiste Jere and Mathilde Portal . He sailed from Marseille , France to San Francisco at the age of 19 during the time of the Gold Rush. Orphaned at the age of 8, he had traveled to Paris and studied sailing law. He planned to start a small business and get the capital to set up a vineyard. He noticed that many were sending their laundry to China or Hawaii, so he found a Frenchman who knew about laundry, but was broke and hungry. They set up a French laundry business which was very successful.

JBj traveled from Solano to Bakersfield, once in summer and once in winter. He was offered land for as little as 10 cents an acre, where the Coalinga Oil fields are today, but he wanted a vineyard. He sold the laundry and moved to San Jose where he studied Anglo-Saxon Law and established himself as a counselor in law, plus real estate and insurance. He purchased a house with acreage on South Street, now Park Avenue. This site with its pre-fabricated house from New York was his first vineyard.

In 1866, he married Mathilde Blanche Zimmerman Widman from Simpson, Ohio. Born in 1849, she had been four years old when her family came to California. She was seventeen when she married.

JBj purchased 180 acres in Cupertino on Stevens Creek Road and an additional 220 acres later. He chose that location because it was near San Francisco, the main shipping point and the largest local customer base. It was much easier to ship from the Santa Clara Valley than from the North Bay area. He was also pleased with the soil at that location because there was some gravel in it. It was like the soil back home in Marvejois.

There was also a French colony in Santa Clara Valley and a French ministry in San Jose. DeSaisset was the consul there and a good friend of the Portal family. Mathilde was of German descent and spoke English, German and French. There were also a good number of Germans in the area.

In 1866, JBJ sent for his brother Louis Baptiste Portal who brought with him the vines that became the basic rootstock (*vitis vinifera*). The vines were first planted at the South Street location and two or three years later were transplanted to the larger Burgundy Vineyard. There was no well on the new property at first so the old location, near to water, made them easier to care for.

Louis and his daughter, Mamie, lived at the South Street address until a temporary residence was built in West Side. Louis and Mamie supervised the development of the Burgundy Vineyard. They had a well dug and a windmill put in along with initial building. Then they dug a second well. JBJ was the first wine maker to experiment with underground irrigation pipes and stationary steam engines for pumping irrigation waters.

The main winery was three stories high with a large storage basement. There were also two large barns, two tank houses with tanks, a general workshop, a blacksmith shop, barracks for laborers and storage areas for wagons and tools. Louis and Mamie lived at Burgundy Vineyard until 1870, when they moved to Redwood City.

The Burgundy vineyard was the first steam mechanized winery in operation in the state of California. The grapes were loaded onto a long conveyor belt and moved from the ground to the top floor of the winery. It was driven by a steam engine. The grapes were crushed and sent by gravity flow to the second floor into the fermenting vats. After fermentation, the mixture flowed down to the first floor to be stored temporarily in prepared barrels in the basement below. The vineyard produced Burgundies, Medoc Clarets and Sauternes. The Portal label became known as a guarantee of high quality.

The house was the last structure to be built and was finished in 1879. It was three stories high, topped by a cupola with a weathervane (with an initial P) and a *widow's walk*. JBJ walked around that walk, surveying the workers in the vineyard through a pair of binoculars. Woe be to the worker who was not working - he was gone! The house had 18 bedrooms, a very large salon and immense cooking facilities. Meals for the workers, as well as the family were prepared there. The house was ornate and became an entertainment center for the French and German colonies in Santa Clara Valley.

There were seven in the Portal family when they moved from South Street into the new house in 1879. Mathilde and JBJ had 8 children; 5 living to maturity. Jules, Jr. was born in 1867; Samuel Emile, 1869; Blanche, 1870; Leone, 1873 and Clem, 1877.

BJJ was an active leader of the winemakers and vineyard owners. He wanted them all to improve the quality of their grapes and their wines. He was imperious, clever, gregarious, a good business man and quite frugal. He made enemies as easily as he made friends. His youngest daughter, Leone, remembered that when the vines were pruned, he had the smallest children pick up the cuttings and bind them into neat bundles to be burned in the wood stove.

BJJ and Mathilde were very hospitable and enjoyed visitors. Although they had servants, Mathilde developed into an excellent cook of both French and German cuisine. She had a reputation as one of the most charming hostesses in Santa Clara county. Visitors were offered good company, excellent food and the best wine. The liquor cabinet was always stocked with brandies, liquors and cognacs - BJJ and his French friends did not go in for crude drinks like whiskey and gin. Visitors were invited to help themselves to the liquor cabinet and the privilege was rarely abused.

Part of the pay for the vineyard workers was their meals. Since most were either French or Northern Italians, that meant they had wine with their meals. Each man was served a pint at breakfast, lunch and dinner and on Sundays they received a quart of wine with dinner. The men liked to play cards in the barracks late at night. The loser of the card games had the job of going into the small wine cellar where the wines for everyday consumption were stored, tapping a barrel and bringing up wine for all of them. One night, the losing player turned on the spigot, thought he heard someone coming, panicked and ran off - leaving the cellar doors open and the spigot open with the wine still flowing. The wine overflowed its container and poured onto the cellar floor.

The next morning, a mama pig and her six piglets were found passed out cold. The barrel of wine and the floor were dry. They had drunk it all. It was easy to get the weeks-old piglets up from the cellar, but the mama pig weighed between 400 and 450 pounds and they could not move her. When she sobered up, she was able to get back up the stairs under her own power. The late night card games continued, but the men were much more careful in the wine cellar.

One of the challenges of a vineyard owner was to keep adjusted to the current market. Once, BJJ had to clear his cooperage (barrels) for the oncoming crop and hit the market at the wrong time. He had to sell

100,000 gallons of year old wine at _ ¢ per gallon. Determined not to do that again, he built up his cooperage so he could store 900,000 gallons.

JBJ visited his brother, Jean Louis, in Marseilles and they worked out a system for moving his wine. Many ships came into San Francisco bay loaded with goods, but had nothing going out, so had to buy sand or gravel for ballast. He began shipping wine to his brother in Marseilles. The ship owners took his wine for practically nothing to use as ballast. Jean Louis bottled it there under French labels and shipped it back to New York as French Burgundy.

One year after the family moved into the new house, Clem, who was three years old, was sitting on his big sister Blanche's lap on a seesaw, when the boy on the other end jumped off. Blanche and Clem fell suddenly to the ground, breaking Clem's back. He grew up with a humped back. When he was six, he heard the doctor tell his mother not to worry about sending him to school, as he would not live very long. He decided to show them, and when he died in 1941 at the age of 64, he was known as a "gutsy" man.

All five children spoke some French and some German, as both were often spoken at home. Blanche and Leone were nearly as fluent as their mother in both languages. In the spring of 1886, 16 year-old Blanche was with her father as he was dickering with a German firm in San Francisco. One of the German partners said to the other in German, "Well, stick with it a little more, but if he won't take our price, give him his." Blanche went over to JBJ, and appearing to straighten his tie, whispered in his ear in French, "You stick with your price and you'll get it - I just heard something." He did and it must have been profitable because JBJ treated Blanche and a chaperone, a Mrs. Fittere of San Jose, to a trip to Europe.

In 1887, the family was photographed in front of the new house in Westside. Jules, Jr. was a handsome young man, and highly intelligent with a touch of haughtiness, just like his father. Leone said he was ambidextrous and could write two different things with each hand and carry on a conversation at the same time. He was also an excellent rifle shot. Marksmanship was an important skill, particularly among the German community. The Germans frequently held shooting matches at the "shootsenpark". It was located in San Jose, south of where Almaden Avenue cuts into El Camino Real. Jules won many medals as a rifleman. Jules and JBJ did not get along, but had frequent altercations which usually ended up as shouting matches. One day when they were going at it hot and heavy, JBJ shouted in French, "Oh, you son of a fool!" Jules' face was red and contorted as he got the significance of that. If he was

the son of a fool, what did that make his father? Jules started to laugh. JBJ was shocked to have his son laugh in his face until he got the point, and also started to laugh. That was their final confrontation. Jules left to stay with his friend, Jack Halford, and then he headed for Alaska. His skills with the rifle led him to the fur seal hunters. Russia and the U.S. had just concluded a treaty, setting seasons, limits and conditions on hunting seals - so what Jules was doing was poaching. He was shot and killed as a poacher, or by a poacher, in 1888 in the Bering Straits. He was 21 years old.

JBJ was devastated. His success had turned sour when he lost his first born, his namesake, and he felt the weight of his faults. There was intense strain between JBJ and Mathilde. Mathilde blamed JBJ for the death of her first born. JBJ decided to return to France to live. He asked Mathilde and the children to go with him, but they did not want to move to France. Mathilde and the children had all been born in the United States. They did not want to give up their friends and their lives at the Burgundy vineyard.

JBJ went to France in 1888 or 1889, but he did not go alone. He was accompanied by his niece, Marie, the daughter of Jean Louis, his brother in Marseilles. It was a scandal. It was suggested that there was *hanky-panky* going on between them which made it even more scandalous than returning home without his wife and children. He did not stay long in Marvejois, although he had relatives there. He had lost face, so he moved to Mende, another village in the same prefecture or county. He lived alone, with occasional domestic help, until his later years when he had a live-in housekeeper.

In 1919, he wrote to his daughter, Leone, expressing his desire to return to the United States to visit his family. Leone talked to Blanche, Clem and Emile. Their answers were that there were too many friends of Mathilde who were still bitter about the conditions under which he had left. He died in 1925 and was buried in Marvejois. He was 83 years old. He was my great-grandfather.

When JBJ left for France, he left Mathilde in possession of the Burgundy vineyard, which had a new \$40,000 mort-gage. Legal council advised her that she should secure a divorce so the possession of the property could be legally established. Both Mathilde and JBJ were Roman Catholics so this was a difficult decision. Two years later, in San Francisco, she filed on the grounds of adultery. It was not contested. At that time, the only two grounds for a divorce in California were insanity and adultery. Desertion, as an option, was available only to the man. Her home and livelihood depended on this divorce because, after

all, he had left the country with his niece. The divorce was secured in 1890. Some members of the family believed in the hanky panky, but JBJ had not been a "ladies' man". Besides, by escorting his niece back to her family, he was providing Mathilde with a means of securing the property for herself and his remaining children.

Mathilde managed the vineyard successfully. Besides being a wonderful mother and hostess, she became an excellent business woman. She took charge of the extensive properties and the complicated manufacturing procedures. Emile, the eldest living son at 21, was the vineyard manager. He did well, also. The Portals met their living expenses and their operating expenses and paid off the mortgage on a regular basis. In 1894 and 1895, pictures of the Burgundy vineyard were published as one of the outstanding features of Santa Clara Valley in *Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers*.

The exact date the Phylloxera arrived in Santa Clara Valley is not known. It is a small, yellow-colored aphid. The adult insect is about 1mm long and barely visible to the naked eye. It is native to North America and lives in harmony with native vines. Grapevines for wine-making are a different species - *vitis vinifera*. They are not resistant to this root-louse. The insects were accidentally imported to England and France on nursery stock between 1854 and 1860 and brought back to Anaheim, California on imported *vitis vinifera* rootstock between 1886 and 1888. It reached Sonoma and the Central Valley about 1890 and was first noted in Santa Clara Valley between 1893 and 1895. The epidemic hit the Burgundy vineyard in 1895. The vines began to die and no one knew what to do. The only known way was to remove the vines completely and replace them with rootstock from North American grapes with resistant rootstock. Cuttings from *vitis vinifera* were then grafted onto the resistant rootstock. The Portals had neither the necessary physical or financial resources to undertake such a major operation. The dying vines were wiping out their major source of income and their principal investment.

Blanche took a position as a teller at the First National Bank in San Jose. When she married, Leone took her position in the bank. Clem went into the real estate business in San Jose. They still had to seek additional bank loans to carry them. The bank took over the property in 1900. Clem bought the 20 acres including the house, but was forced to sell in 1910 to the Doig family. The Burgundy Vineyard ceased to exist.

The Doigs replaced the remaining vines with prunes and cherries. They sold the property to Michael Caputo in 1944; he sold the property

to George Yamaoka in 1958. Yamaoka removed most of the trees which had replaced the vines and planted strawberries.

The ornate Cupertino landmark house was pulled down with a pair of bulldozers and a giant cable on October 6, 1959. A large old wine cellar was discovered with the shattered remains of wine-barrels, etc. that indicated it was used for wine storage, but it was not connected to the main winery and wine cellars. James Tormey, son of Leone, said the family had never mentioned this cellar. He believed that JBJ had built a secret cellar and hid some of his aging wine so as not to have to pay federal taxes on it.

Mathilde died in San Francisco in January, 1909 at the age of 60. She was living with Blanche and her husband, Fredrick Gehret and their two children, Robert and Clarise.



The Portal House in Cupertino

Melita Kelly, Financial / Membership Secretary

Thanks to all the members for your great support. There are only 22 unpaid members out of a total of 609 members. Congratulations and keep up the good work. Please remember to give me a call if you need membership information for your friends, and do not forget to let me know when you move so that your Trailblazer will still be delivered.

It has been such a pleasure to have been a part of this organization, and especially having had a wonderful opportunity to work with our outgoing president, Jerry Rosenthal. His vision and determination were vital in having the Paulson House project be successful. Now, let us all get behind our new president, Jim Zetterquist, and work hard to make it even better.

Touring With the Californians

Rose Crimi Muench – Tour Director

Marie Rider – Phone Reservations and Cancellations

(408) 251-7887, M – F, mornings

Beverly Fisher – Treasurer, 3435 Yuba Ave.,

San Jose, CA 95117-2966

Pauline Hawkins – Luncheon reservations

Registration for Fall Trips begins at the September 1st luncheon, 10:30 a.m. 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 September 11. 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.

Day Trips

Because of the deadline for Trailblazer input, final information for day trips is pending. Our quarterly flyer with the details will be distributed at the September 1st luncheon. Below is the tentative information: to be confirmed:

September 28, 2007 - Friday

Pioneers' members and guests are invited to participate in the *Preservation Action Council* dinner on the grounds of the Roberto Adobe on Lincoln Avenue honoring John Bruzoni who was instrumental in saving the adobe from the path of the I-280 Freeway. This event is a part of the *Willow Glen Founders* celebration and the *Italian Festa* on September 29 and 30. Tickets will be available at the September 1 meeting.

Late October, 2007

A trip is planned to visit the *Rosie the Riveter Museum* and Historical National Park in Richmond, and the *Hendy Iron Works Museum* in Sunnyvale to remember the mobilization efforts during World War II and the role of women on the home front.

November 12, 2007 - Monday

Our fellow organization, *Argonauts Historical Society*, invites *Pioneers* and guests to participate in their "Carquinez Straits Small Towns." The tour demonstrates the importance of the ferries across the Straits before construction of the bridges. Towns visited are: Martinez, Benicia, Crocket and Port Costa. Pioneers and guests may register after September 30. For information call Marvin Tanner at (408) 997-3981.

Early December, 2007

For the holiday season, San Jose Repertory Theater is presenting *This Wonderful Life*, a stage adaptation of the classic movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. We expect to get discounted tickets for the Saturday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. performance, preceded by lunch at Hawgs Restaurant next door to the theater. Free parking on Saturday is available at nearby garages. For this event a member and one guest – perhaps a grand-child? – may register at the luncheon.

Extended Trips

October 6 -13, 2007

Fall Foliage Tour of the Backroads or New England

This trip is filled, except for replacing cancellations. Participants will receive their documents in the mail in early September.

November 2 - 18, 2007 (16 days)

Caribbean and Central America Cruise

This trip is filled. Orientation for participants will be Friday, October 19, 9:30 - 10.30 a.m. at Rose Crimi's home.

April 8, 2008

Depending on interest, an April trip can be planned. Two possibilities are:

American Heritage Tour with *Trieloff Tours*, April 5 for ten days including: Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Amish country, Longwood Gardens, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Virginia: Monticello, Appomattox, Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. Cost is \$1899.

Or

Southern Charm Tour with *Collette Vacations*, April 19 for eight days including: Atlanta, Charleston, Boone Hall, Beaufort, Savannah, Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island. Cost is \$1899.

You may sign an interest sheet for either or both of these tours at the September luncheon or by phone to Rose Crimi at (408) 293-0896.

June 3 - 8, 2008

Portland Rose Festival (new offering)

(Talbot Tours) Portland Oregon, the "City of Roses" has hosted its annual Rose Festival for almost 100 years featuring a floral parade viewed from reserved indoor seats. Our city tour of Portland includes Washington Park and its rose gardens, Hoyt Arboretum, Pittock Mansion and Japanese gardens. Other activities include: two nights in Newport with a Sea Life cruise of Newport bay; a sand dune buggy ride and a visit to the Spruce Goose flying boat moved from Long Beach. Cost is \$1820 double occupancy or \$2320 single. This includes RT airfare, five night's hotels, nine meals, taxes and gratuities. Optional trip insurance is available. Deposit of \$200 holds your reservation. Brochures are now available.

October 13 - 24, 2008

Mexican Riviera Cruise (new offering) *Golden Gate Tours*
Norwegian Cruise Line “Sun” will be cruising round-trip from San Francisco to the ports of Mazatlan, Acapulco, Zihuatanejo, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas.. No flights! Bus transfer to and from pier. Cost is \$1030 inside, \$1220 to \$1330 ocean view, and \$1550 to \$1575 balcony. The “Sun” accommodates 1936 passengers and features nine restaurants. A valid passport is required. Deposit is \$400. Since cancellations involve penalties, optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Brochures and deck plans are now available.

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