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Reservations MUST BE MADE BEFORE
Thursday June 11, 2009

Program will be the Winners of the Annual Essay Contest

**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.*

*So Mariani's can prepare for our group, it is most important to
place a reservation in advance... BEFORE THURSDAY, JUNE
11, 2009*

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

Menu (make one selection per person)

Beef Brochette over Rice and Vegetables of the Day
Swordfish Kababs served with Shrimp Sauce, Rice and
Vegetables of the Day

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Meatless:

Fresh Fruit Salad Pineapple Boat with Medley of Seasonal Fruit
topped with your choice of Cottage Cheese or Sherbet

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 by 11:30 am to get a parking
place.**

Reproduction art print of Andrew Hill's *Crossing the Plains* will
be on sale for \$200.

Pat Loomis's new book *Signposts Revisited* will be on sale for \$25.
All proceeds from the Art and Books go to the Pioneers
Educational Fund.

President's Message

In March, I was contacted by City Council Person Rose
Herrera's office. Her office representative said that the City
Council wanted to give us a plaque for our participa-tion in
promoting Women's History in Santa Clara County. March
is "Women's History Month.". It seemed like an honor and
good exposure for our organization so I accepted the
invitation. I needed to do some research to better under-
stand what role women have played in our organization. I
re-read Helen Arbuckle's book, *San Jose Women*, and made a
phone call to find out how many women have served as
President of the Pioneers. I also invited all the women on
our board to join me, since they are responsible for a lion's
share of the work. Unfortunately, none were able to attend.

After the City Council read their proclamation,
putting on a dog and pony show in front of the cameras, we
were presented with a plaque and asked to take our seats.
They didn't say anything about what our organizations had

done and we were never asked to testify at the council meeting.

As I gave the whole experience more thought, I

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realized that all of my time had not been wasted. I learned that when the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County was formed in 1875, women were not allowed to join as members. Women were only allowed to serve at the social affairs. As we all know, Pioneer Women were quite capable and did not sit still for this nonsense for long. By 1877, the Pioneers had several women members. They made their case by citing that "the Old Boys were fast wearing out".

By the late 1870's, *The Pioneer Newspaper*, published in San Jose, had a notice in one of its issues stating that "Clara Foltz will deliver her masterly lecture on the Equality of Sex at Music Hall". I am sure that meant that the lecture was at the Music Hall and intended to say the Sexes not Sex. Since that time, the Pioneers have had sixteen women presidents.

Women were solely responsible for keeping our organization going during WWII, much the same way the rest of the home front was kept going by Rosie the Riveter and others. I also enjoyed rereading Helen Arbuckle's book, edited by her son Jim and would recommend it to all.

During the late 1800's, numerous women's organizations were formed throughout Santa Clara County. They served our community and played a vital role in education, historic preservation and various charities. Two such San Jose organizations that still exist in their "landmark clubhouses" are We and Our Neighbors at 15480 Union Avenue (formed in 1892) and San Jose Women's Club located at 75 South 11th Street (founded in 1894).

> I enjoyed rereading San Jose's Women, written by past Pioneer member, Helen Arbuckle, edited by her son and past Pioneer President Jim and would recommend it to all who are interested in learning more about early pioneer women. We, as a country, have come a long way in

recognizing women's rights. Each day we see women, Irene Dalis for example, break barriers and become pioneers in their fields. I hope that all of you will take time to learn more about the important role your female ancestors played in forming this valley.

Jim Zetterquist

President, California Pioneers of Santa Clara

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Other books on Women in our Valley include two by Mary Lou Lyon, *Some Pioneer Women in Santa Clara County, California, Volume I* and *Some More Pioneer Women in Santa Clara County, Volume 2*.

March Meeting Speaker, Irene Dalis, was abso-lutely enchanting. Everyone wished we could stay and listen to her interesting life story for another hour. She enjoyed meeting and greeting old friends, some from Junior High! It is great when we hear from someone who has made it to the top, although they started out as just one of us.

**A message from Melita Kelly, Financial Secretary/
Membership Chairman**

As many of you know, in July, I will be relinquishing the position of Membership Chairman. After ten years, it is time for some one else to be chairman. We are fortunate to have one of our newer members step up to the plate and be the new man on the job so, please meet Robb Moore and help him with his duties. After June 30, (408-275-6889) (robbmooresj@att.net)

Do not forget to notify the membership chairman if you move or need membership applications.

One final reminder from me, if you have not yet remitted your dues for 2009, please do so at this time. As you know, dues were increased this year to \$25.00 a year for annual memberships, and to \$250.00 for a life membership. This

was because of the many additional expenses for the Paulson House .

I look forward to seeing you at the June luncheon.

OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD How about You? We need someone NOW to be Recording Secretary. You need to be computer literate and available for Board Meetings which are held on the Second Monday of each month, at noon, at the Paulson House.

We also need someone to assume the job of
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Treasurer. David McKinney is moving to Grass Valley this month. We need someone who is knowledgeable about finances and is computer literate and available for the Board Meetings.
NOMINATE YOURSELF!

GONE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS

John Roberts	Catherine Kilgallin
Mary Collins	Allen Read
Deborah Beggs Lyon	Deane Barbieri
Blair Beckett	Lorraine Beckett

Current Members 570

***Look for the Pioneer's car in the 4th of July Rose, White & Blue Parade and our table on the Alameda. ***

Join this Historic Excursion at the Conference of California Historical Societies 2009 Annual Meeting, June 25-28, 2009, Martinez, CA.

(Ask Mary Lou Lyon about it if you have questions. She has been a member and officer for over 30 years)
The Santa Clara County Pioneers are members of this umbrella association which joins together individual historical societies throughout California so you are members, too.

Hosted by the Martinez Historical Society &

The National Park Service

Hotel: Best Western John Muir Inn

445 Muir Station Road

Martinez, CA 94553

Telephone: 925 229-1010, 800 338-1191

Request CCHS for room reservations. Special price of \$69.50 room rate being held until June 1.

TRAVEL TIPS

Meetings will be held in several locations. To preclude your becoming hopelessly lost, PDQ Printing has created just for us a series of maps with foolproof directions for moving about town. With these in hand all you have to do is aim your car out the John Muir Inn exit and read your way to your destination. This marvelous document will be in your registration packet.

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Martinez is frequently hot in June. Sometimes it is very hot. Pack a hat. John built a cool pool at his Inn, which he loves to share with panting guests.

THURSDAY, June 25. The Museum of San Ramon Valley is located in nearby Danville. Your trusty PDQ map will get you there safely. Allow at least 30 minutes to drive to Danville, park and board the bus. Be sure to make time to visit the Museum. It is one of the most outstanding regional museums in the Bay Area.

FRIDAY, June 26 Henry J. Kaiser insisted on building ships near water, so his shipyards jut way out into Richmond Harbor where it is usually blowing a gale. Bring a jacket. Wear flats to navigate the decks and narrow stairways on the SS Red Oak Victory. If you wear heels and fall on your fanny, you might not make it to dinner on Friday night and will never learn who invented the martini. Don't wear flip-flops either. Think about it—have you ever seen a sailor wearing flip-flops?

Boarding the ship and getting to our luncheon spot will be no problem.

However, some of you may not be able to navigate narrow, steep stairways, so might have to forego touring the ship. Docents will help you decide who can do what.

There will be a special dining area on the dock near the ship for those who use walkers, wheelchairs and other mechanical gismos or who don't care to climb the gangway.

Mary Lou Lyon will act as host of this select group.

While visiting the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, be sure to look across to San Francisco Bay. The view is breathtaking.

SATURDAY, June 27 Allow about 10 minutes to drive to the Shell Clubhouse. It is a white building set at an angle

on the lot, located behind a cyclone fence with a huge parking lot in front. This is a wall-to-wall learning day beginning at 7:30 with the genealogy breakfast-Scouring

County Records for Elusive Family History. Speakers: Stephen L. Weir, County Clerk/Recorder and Barbara Chambers, Assistant Recorder

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and continuing all day with 3 outstanding workshops by experts, all providing practical information and relevant handouts to take home and share with fellow historians.

David Grossman 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Bringing Local History to Life in the Digital Age on a Limited Budget. History Room Librarian, Mill Valley Public Library

11:45 - noon --History Day, 2009 and Beyond. Talk by Myron Piper, Sacramento County History Day Coordinator

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon

2-2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Carola DeRooy, Archivist, National Park Service, Lifesaving Tales: Staying

Afloat in a Sea of Documents and Photographs.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Doug Fowler, Ranger, East Bay Regional Park District -State-of-the-art restoration of gravestones destroyed by vandals and weather.

Rest fast

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. No host happy hour at the new Willows Cabaret at the Campbell Theatre, 636 Ward Street in downtown Martinez

8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Dine from a nosh box of superb nourishment while enjoying Pageant, a wacky musical comedy about six beauty pageant contestants

SUNDAY, June 28 Those who stay over today can learn about John Muir in Martinez and the little-known Port Chicago tragedy. Be sure to visit the Martinez Museum and other local historic spots described in brochures in your packet. Inquire at the Museum about guided walking tours of historic spots.

For more information, call or email Andrea Blachman, 925 372-7146.

The Merienda Saturday, June 6, 2009

Monterey History & Art Association/ Maritime Museum of Monterey, Monterey

The Merienda is a birthday party for Monterey and we love to celebrate! The beautiful Memory Garden behind the Old Pacific House (a State Historical Monument) is the site for a giant barbeque with wine, music and entertainment for all to share. The birthday cake is a wonder to behold in 6

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layers high and bedecked with living roses!

Monterey was founded on June 3, 1770, when Padre Junípero Serra, father of the California missions, and Captain Gaspar de Portola, a Spanish military leader, joined forces to establish the pueblo of Monterey, California's first Capital. The first modern Merienda was celebrated in 1929, two years before the formation of the Monterey History & Art Association. Since 1931 the party has been presented by the MHAA. For more information visit www.montereyhistory.org/061609.htm

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Thursday, Saturday June 13th, 2009
43rd Annual Humbug Days Malakoff Diggins State
Historic Park, North Bloomfield

Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park presents their Annual Humbug Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring acclaimed Bluegrass band Mountain Laurel, Alkali - Last of the 49ers, the Andersen Family Band, special ghost town tours, barbeque picnic, root beer floats, candle dipping and gold panning, children's games and prizes, wagon rides, the world's shortest parade, and shooting the giant water cannon! Parking is free. Call (530) 265-2740 for more information!

Thursday, July 2, 2009 6-8 p.m.

"The History of Public Funding and the Arts - The Legacy of the New Deal" at the CHS headquarters at 678 Mission Street, San Francisco

Speakers: Lincoln Cushing, Tim Drescher and Mark Johnson Moderator: Gray Brechin

Funding public artwork benefits more than the artists - viewers witness their space transformed as the art enhances the urban landscape. The arts were greatly supported during the New Deal era and many WPA projects are located in the San Francisco Bay Area. With the recent election of a new president, will money be used to fund art and culture? Panelists speak to the similarities between the present era and the New Deal as they relate to public arts and government funding.

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A MASTER GARDENER, James R. Lowe

By Jan Paul

In the article on old San Jose theaters in the March 2009 Trailblazer, James R. Lowe, Sr. was mentioned as financially assisting James Stark in the building of the first theater in San Jose in 1859. Who was Mr. Lowe?

As you enter the nave of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose, the second window on your left is called the

Mary A. Lowe window. It is one of the original windows and dates from 1863. Mary, nee Tuckwell, was married to James R. Lowe, Sr., who was born in Chesterfield, England 1808. He was educated in landscape gardening and horticulture. In England, he was engaged in some of the most prominent landscape garden operations of the nobility. Knowledge of his outstanding creations brought him an invitation to superintend work for nurserymen in Massachusetts. He also designed several eastern estates. There, too, he met and married Mary Tuckwell. Their three known children were Ralph, James Jr., and Waldo.

To the left of the main door as you leave Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is the Hensley Children Window. It is dedicated to one infant Hensley boy and one or more other Hensley children, of which there were four. Major Samuel J. Hensley, who earned the rank of major in 1846 when he served with John C. Fremont's California Battalion, and his wife Helen, came to San Jose in the early 1850s and were among the early communicants of Trinity which was organized in 1861. Their home was in the area now bounded by North First and Fourth Streets, Julian and Empire Streets. When a change of plans for the building site of Trinity church occurred, four lots from the property of Major Hensley became the location of the church, which was built in 1863 and faced St. John Street. The location is now the southwest corner of St. John and Second Streets in San Jose.

The Major and Mrs. Hensley desired to have their land turned into a special garden. They heard of James Lowe's gardening and horticultural expertise and requested that he come to San Jose to create gardens for them. The Lowe family came in 1852 and Mr. Lowe laid out the Hensley

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grounds on North First Street. He created some very unique gardens, which contained more rare plants than any similar area in California. The gardens became frequent sites for the Hensley's parties and benefits.

Mr. Lowe must have been impressed with the climate and growing conditions of the area for he settled his family in San Jose and did garden designing for many of San Jose's wealthy landowners. Among them was the estate of General Henry M. Naglee who was thought to be the first major San Francisco capitalist to envision a country estate down the peninsula. General Naglee wanted his property to rival those of the eastern seaboard. His property was located from South 11th Street east to the Coyote Creek and Santa Clara Street south to William Street. On this 140 acre site, it is said Mr. Lowe created his greatest achievement. With the help of General Naglee, Mr. Lowe continued to bring in plant species from all over the world to test what would survive and thrive. Almost everything did. He also worked with the superintendent of the Duke of Devonshire's gardens in England. It has been told that there was hardly a mail received at the San Jose Post Office that didn't contain some rare plant bulb or cutting from the Duke's garden.

One of Mr. Lowe's gifts to Trinity was ivy from Melrose Abbey in Scotland. The ivy was planted beside the church, grew rapidly and festooned the windows and porch and even found its way inside the church. Twice the ivy was saved and replanted beside the church; once in 1876 when the church was enlarged to face on Second Street and again when the church was renovated in 1958. Today (2009) the ivy resides in a communicant's garden waiting to be replanted in the church garden again.

In the latter 1860s, when church members donated and began planting shrubs and trees wherever they thought best, the rector, the Reverend Sylvester Etheridge, placed Mr. Lowe in charge of the landscaping and there, too, he created fine gardens.

The Lowe family members were among the first communicants of Trinity Episcopal Church and James R. Lowe, Sr. served on the first vestry in 1861 when the formal

organization of Trinity Church took place and he also served on the third vestry in 1863.

James and Mary's middle son, James R. Lowe, Jr., married Ines Juana Pacheco of the well-known Spanish Californian family, on May 22, 1861. Their marriage was the second marriage performed by Trinity's pioneer rector, the Rev. Sylvester S. Etheridge.

James R. Lowe Sr. lost his wife, Mary, on Oct 3, 1862 and the following year one of the original 18 windows dedicated to her was put in place.

Mr. Lowe died on Jan. 21, 1874 with the reputation of being not only a distinguished landscape designer but also the first one in the West.

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Marylou vonRotz: Trip Registrations at the luncheon

DAY TRIPS

July 16, 2009, Thursday King Tut and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs Exhibit at the De Young Museum, San Francisco.
On display are 50 of King Tutankhaman's burial objects including one of the gold and precious stone inlaid canopic coffinettes that

contained his mummified internal organs. Also included are many of the day to day objects enjoyed by the young King, including a finely crafted child's chair and an inlaid game

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board. (one of four in the tomb.) More than 70 additional objects from tombs of 18th Dynasty royals, as well as the possessions of elite individuals with connections to the royal family are also exhibited. All of the treasures in the exhibition are more than 3,000 years old. Most have never been seen before in the United States and were not part of the 1970's exhibition. **Lunch is on your own.** There is a cafeteria in the Museum. After touring the exhibition, you are welcome to browse through the rest of the de Young Museum at no extra cost.

Leave 8:45 a.m. Return: 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$50.

August 27, 2009, Thursday **ANGEL ISLAND IMMIGRATION STATION**

The old Immigration Station and detention barracks on Angel Island has been restored after the passing of the 2000 Parks and Bonds Act which allocated \$15 Million for the reconstruction. The renovation is now complete enough and ready for tours. Finishing touches have been placed on hold because of the State Budget Crisis. The covered stairway that leads to the detention barracks has been reconstructed and both floors of the barracks have been repaired and have added historical props along with explanations illustrating life in the lodging areas. The surrounding grounds have been landscaped, and there is a study and interpretation of about 200 detainee wall inscriptions, most in Chinese, but some also in Japanese, Punjabi and other languages.

We will take a ferry boat ride (about 20 minutes) to Angel Island, then break up into 2 groups. One group will board a shuttle to the Immigration Station for an 11 a.m. tour. (The tour and shuttle can accommodate only 30 people at a time.) The other group will enjoy a deluxe box lunch. At about 12:15 p.m., the groups will switch, with Group 1 having lunch and Group 2 boarding the shuttle for their tour.

Leave: 8:15 a.m. Return: 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$69.

September 17, 2009 Thursday CABARET REVUE AND THE PRESIDIO This trip features a "Musical stroll along

Broadway" Cabaret Revue and lunch at Sinbad's Restaurant in San Francisco. plus a Park Ranger guided tour of the Presidio. Sinbad's is considered one of San Francisco's famous waterfront

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view restaurants and it offers fantastic vistas of Treasure Island, the Bay Bridge and the East Bay Hills. The cabaret revue production

features musical nostalgia and comedy to take you back to your youth. (ah, yes, the good old days.)

As a U.S. Army Post, the Presidio protected commerce and trade and played a logistical role in every major U.S. Military Conflict over the last 150 years. On October 1, 1994, the Presidio became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Since 1998, the Presidio has been jointly managed by the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust Association. Within its 1,480 beautiful acres are more than 500 historic buildings, a collection of coastal defense fortifications, a national cemetery, an historic airfield, a salt water marsh, forests, beaches, native plant habitats, coastal bluffs and miles of hiking trails.

Leave: 10 a.m. Return: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$78.

***JUNE 30 - JULY 1, 2009 (TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)
THIS IS AN OVERNIGHT TRIP TO RENO TO SEE THE
PATTI PAGE SHOW*** Patti Page will appear at the Grand Sierra Showroom. Patti is one of America's true musical icons. In the course of her seven decade recording career, she has become a living legend by selling more than 100 million records, making her one of the biggest selling recording artists in history. She had a staggering 111 hits! Patti's silky-smooth voice engulfed the airwaves during the 50s and 60s. Patti became the first crossover artist to take - country music out of the country and on to the pop charts with such million record sellers as "Mockin' Bird Hill," "I Went to your Wedding," "Mister Mississippi" and, of course, the legendary "Tennessee Waltz," which was #1 concurrently on all three charts -- (Pop, Country, R&B) -- and sold more than 20 million copies. She was also the first

artist to use multiple voice techniques on records and the only singer - male or female - to have had shows bearing her name on all three major television networks. Patti still enjoys performing today. Her accomplishments remain unparalleled as she continues to use her sweet tranquil voice to touch the hearts of many generations.

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Tuesday: We will make a stop in Sacramento for Breakfast (on your own). Next we will spend three hours at the Silver Legacy Casino where you will receive a \$5.00 bonus. Then on to the Grand Sierra Resort to check in for the night. That evening we will attend the Patti Page Show with the rest of the evening on your own.

Wednesday: we will take a tour of Donner Memorial State Park, the site where the ill-fated Donner party was stranded trying to cross the Sierra Nevada during the severe winter of 1846-47. The Emigrant Trail Museum, on site, has exhibits about railroad and natural history, logging and immigrants. The Pioneer Monument is near the museum. After visiting the Donner State Park (time permitting) we will stop for lunch (on your own) in Truckee where much of its 19th century Old West charm remains. Leave: approximately 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning (Mike will call with exact time) Return: approximately 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost: \$144.00 per person/double occupancy. Fill out the registration form in the brochure and turn it in with your check made payable to "The Californians." Deadline: June 1, 2009

EXTENDED TRIPS FOR 2009

Brochures with interest sign-ups will be available at the March 13 luncheon or by calling Mike Console at (408) 246-1080. If there is enough interest, we can set up a Pioneers' trip. Also, individuals may sign up for unescorted trips. * PANAMA CANAL CRUISE (Talbot Tours) MAY 8 - 24, 2009 -- \$2480 inside; \$3280 outside From Ft. Lauderdale (one way air); return to San Francisco on Sea Princess

OR SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 10, 2009 -- \$2460 inside; \$3380 outside; San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale on the Island Princess (one way air).

CANADIAN ROCKIES AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (Collette Tours) JULY 4 - 12, 2009 \$2999 Banff, Jasper, Glacier National Park and the Calgary Stampede.

SANTA FE and DURANGO (Collette Tours) OCTOBER 8 - 15, 2009 \$2599 with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

***Look for the Pioneer's car in the 4th of July Rose, White & Blue Parade and our table on the Alameda.

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