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Pioneers Luncheon
Saturday March 1, 2008 at Noon
Mariani's 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
Reservations MUST BE MADE before
Thursday February 28 , 2008

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.

Once you have made the reservation you are responsible for the
\$25

Cost: Make \$25 checks payable to California Pioneers)
Menu (make one selection per person)

Ravioli served with Meat Sauce and Vegetables of the Day

Roast Turkey served with Whipped Potatoes and Vegetables of the Day

Pasta Primavera served **Meatless:** with Fresh Vegetables Sautéed in Olive Oil, Garlic and Fettuccine Noodles

Entrees are served with:

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

Directions to Mariani's Restaurant

Go to El Camino Real, It is between San Tomas Expressway and Bowers Av-Kiely Blvd, on the west side of the street.

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Portraits of the Past to Visit Pioneers



A few of the POP members at History San Jose

San Jose is a city rich in history, and History San Jose specializes in preserving and promoting that history. At the Saturday luncheon on March 1st, 2008, the Pioneers welcome **History San Jose's Portraits of the Past** with a collection of historical vignettes featuring period costumes which will highlight moments in the history of San Jose and Santa Clara County. Local characters are portrayed by museum volunteers who assume the roles of historically significant citizens.

Portraits of the Past (POP) will present an educational and entertaining program operating under the auspices of History San Jose. The POP volunteers carefully research local biographies to ensure historical accuracy, and they portray these characters in interesting and often amusing sketches dealing with notable events in Santa Clara Valley

history. POP exercises some license for entertainment value, but the commentary of the vignettes is based on factual local

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history. Appropriate background music adds additional atmosphere to each segment.

A narrator relates the historical stories and describes the clothing, while actors, wearing the authentic fashions of the time, portray incidents that took place anytime between 1840 to 1940. The beautiful period costumes, made and worn by performers, make the presentations particularly effective. POP conducts intensive research to ensure that the costumes are both appropriate to the era and authentically constructed. The costumes reflect all facets of life in our early history. Nearly every type of women's garment is usually included, from delicate underclothing to the most elaborate ball gown, from ingénue costumes to mature dowager ensembles. Men's clothing ranges from that of early miners to elegantly attired gentlemen escorting ladies to the latest "social event" of the day.

Examples of well-known characters you might see in one of the many POP shows are Captain Fallon (first American mayor of San Jose), Clara Foltz (first woman lawyer in California), Senator Phelan, Juana Briones, Dr. Gallimore (first California-born woman physician), Billie Dove (famous actress of the 1920's), Robert Fowler (early pilot), Andrew Hill, Sarah Winchester, Clarence Letcher, and/or T.S. Montgomery (builder of the St. Claire Hotel and the California Theater). You might see scruffy minors with saloon girls, high society ladies sipping tea, a bride from 1860's, snake oil salesmen, or Governor Peter Burnett. You will hear about significant accomplishments and scandals of the time. To see photographs of some of the performers in their antique clothes visit www.portraitsofthepast.org.

President's Message

The Pioneer Board and volunteers have been very busy at the Paulson House the past few months. Recently, Susan Arbuckle very generously left the Pioneers a very large collection of historic artifacts belonging to her late mother, Helen, father, Clyde and brother, Jim. All three were accomplished local historians and, Jim and Clyde were past Pioneer Presidents. A committee, chaired by Tim

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Peddy, is sorting and cataloguing these wonderful items. Items included Clyde's trademark hat, a large, impressive portrait, presented to him on his 80th birthday and Helen's gas/wood burning stove on which she prepared many blue ribbon winning recipes.

These 3 items prompted the Pioneer Board to better honor our own at the Paulson House. The large, blank walls, located off the dining room, will be transformed into a gallery displaying portraits of all our past presidents dating back to 1875. We presently have 3 portraits, Austen Warburton, Clyde Arbuckle and Bob Fisher, to begin the creation of our President's Hall. We are asking you to help us acquire portraits (paintings or photos) of our past Presidents. To see list of past Presidents, refer to the article in this issue.

Board Member, Rick Helin, is helping us procure a mannequin in Clyde's likeness. This mannequin will wear Clyde's trademark hat and we hope to include tapes of Clyde's lectures with this display. Finally, Helen's stove (please note that Jim took much joy in preparing food on this vintage stove) was installed in the kitchen. This recent acquisition has inspired us to transform our "modern" kitchen to a vintage kitchen. We hope to represent the evolution of home kitchens from the late 1880's to the early 1960's. This time period represents the time in which the Paulson House kitchen was used. We are looking for any small vintage kitchen items to be placed on a shelf encircling the room. We are also in need of an ice box.

A turn of the century, hand painted light fixture, donated by Deborah Lyon (MaryLou Lyon's daughter-in-law) has been installed in the dining room, incorporating a ceiling medallion. These changes complete our period room. All these enhancements, along with security upgrades and routine building maintenance, are combining to make the Paulson House a magnificent meeting place. The transformation of the Paulson House from a dilapidated, vacant home to a viable, inviting meeting center is truly incredible. Of course, most of the credit goes to Jerry Rosenthal, for his vision and tireless dedication. This

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great work continues with dedicated volunteers like Tim Peddy, Bev and Bob Fisher, Melita Kelly and others. I encourage all members to visit, enjoy and use this wonderful resource.

Jim Zetterquist

PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PAST PRESIDENTS ARE SOUGHT FOR DISPLAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY THAT CAN BE COPIED ?

	* Deceased	#Emeritus
*Judge Agustus L. Rhodes	1875-1876	
*Coleman Younger	1876-1880	
*Robert Page	1880-1881	
*Homer Prindle	1881-1882	
*Coleman Younger	1882-1894	
*D. J. Porter	1894-1895	
*Jonathan Corkendall	1895-1897	
*James E. Gordon	1897-1898	
*David Wight	1898-1899	
*J. B. Church	1899-1900	
*J. B. Leaman	1900-1902	
*A. R. Woodhams	1902-1903	
*Rev. J. W. Hines	1903-1904	
*John S. Selby	1904-1905	
*John Z. Anderson	1905-1911	
*L. D. Stevens	1911-1912	
*John Z. Anderson	1912-1914	
*Alexander P. Murgotten	1914-1916	
John F. Pyle	1916-1921	
*William E. Gage	1921-1927	
*F. E. Caton	1927-1930	

*William Dampman	1930-1931
*Albert M. Crittenden	1931-1932
*Mrs. Rosalie Andrews	1932-1937
*Mrs. Hector DeSmet	1937-1938
*Mrs. C. E. Hailstone	1938-1941
*Mrs. Maurice J. Graham	1941-1944
*Mrs. John B. Ogier	1944-1945
*Hon. Allen O. Lindsay	1945-1946
*A. T. Leonard, Jr., M.D.	1946-1948
* Mrs. James Chioupek	1948-1950
*Mrs. Albert Carabal	1950-1952
*Mrs. Albert Luhrman	1953-1956
* Percy H. Thompson	1957-1960
#*Austen D. Warburton	1960-1962
* Mrs. Minnie L. Clark	1962-1963
* Miss Alice Vetterle	1963-1964
* Mrs. Minnie L. Clark	1965-1966
* Jessie E. Black	1966-1967
* Laurance E. Bulmore	1968-1969
* Leland M. Boruck	1969-1970
* Lynn Vermillion	1971-1972
* Dr. C. Kelly Canelo	1973-1974
* O.I. Schmaelzle	1974-1975
* Anthony R. Sepena	1975-1976
#*Clyde Arbuckle	1976-1977
Carolyn DeVries	1977-1978
*Donald O. DeMers, Jr.	1978-1980
#* Leonard McKay	1980-1981
*John Clark	1981-1984
*Mrs. V. Malatesta	1984-1986
*Wade Brummel	1986-1987
Edward Allegretti	1987-1988
David D. McKinney	1988-1989
*James O' Connor	1989-1990
*Bryan Millar	1990-1991
*Mrs. Ruth Patton	1991-1993
Mrs. Miriam Clark	1993-1995
Robert G. Fisher	1995-1998
David D. McKinney	1998-2003
*Jim Arbuckle	2003-2005
Gerald Rosenthal	2006-2007

Remembering the Pioneers in Your Estate Planning

One of the best ways to support the Pioneers is through your estate planning. You can make a gift to a charitable organization such as the Pioneers through your will or trust. The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County is a 501(c)(3) organization and therefore your gifts are tax deductible. Ask your attorney about including the Pioneers in your estate plan or contact our legal advisor, Ken Machado, for further information. Ken can be reached at 408-280-7577 or email at 7m-ken@msn.com. -6-

New Members:

Joe Kent Bolin	Audrey Christianson
Marilyn Shea	Catherine Isett
Sal Orlando	Debbie Lyon
Doris Frank-Liu	Frances Shopshire

Gone to the Golden Hills

Hannah Quain	Lucille Mortell
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Melita Kelly, Membership /Financial Secretary

A new year has just begun, welcome to all the members who have joined this past year and a big thanks to everyone who made my job easier by sending their checks for dues. There were only 20 members who failed to remit dues last year, so I hope that we can do as well again this year. Let's keep up the good work.

Please be sure to notify me if you are moving. We do not guarantee delivery of the Traiblazer if you fail to notify your membership secretary. Do send a quick e-mail or note by snail mail to be sure the mailing list will be updated. Please include your e-mail address. Thank you.

Dues are \$15.00 each year per member
Life memberships are \$150.00 Single person; \$250.00 for couples. Make your checks payable to the California

Pioneers. Membership cards will be sent to those who include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Send to Melita Kelly, 460 North 15th Street, San Jose, CA 95112-1725 (melikel@pacbell.net) (408) 292-2385

The Austin D. Warburton Pioneer Award is presented annually to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community as well as to the Pioneers. The award is named for Austin Warburton "THE LEADER" who led the way in service to his community.

The Austen Warburton Award for 2007

Gerald Rosenthal's Mother escaped from Russia in 1918 as she saw the rest of her family pursued by the Russian Army. She fled the soldiers into Europe where she

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met his Dad. Later, they came to the United States in 1922. Gerald Milton Rosenthal was born in San Jose on January 8, 1923. He attended Lowell Grammar School, Roosevelt Junior High, San Jose High and Stanford University. Jerry was a member of the Yosemite Winter Club in 1940, and the Sun Valley Ski Club before 1940 and the Stanford Ski Team in 1946-47 and 1947-48. He was in Encina Hall at Stanford on December 7, 1941 when the news about Pearl Harbor was broadcast. He went home and told his Dad that he was on his way to Moffatt Field to enlist.

Before going overseas in 1944, he was in Basic Training in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1941. Following that he went to Radio Operators and Mechanics School at Scott Field, Illinois was an instructor at Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1942. In 1943, he was an Aviation Cadet, SE Training Command, Class 43-H, then to the B-17 Transition School, Flight Radio Operator, Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio, in 1943. In 1944, he was an instructor at the Aerial Gunnery School, Buckingham Field, Fort Meyers, Florida until he was shipped to Italy in the fall of '44.

During World War II, he was a Technical Sergeant, Army Air Corps, 12th Air Force, 340th and 310th Bombardment Groups (M), 488th Bomb Squadron (M) of the 57th Bomb Wing, 1944-45. A Radio Operator/Gunner with decorations that include Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME medal with 5 battle stars, American Campaign and two distinguished Unit Citations. An Occupation (Germany) Medal and WWII Victory Medal. He flew 58 combat missions in a B25 (Mitchell) aircraft from Corsica and Italy over Italy, Austria and Yugoslavia.

When he was sent home, he expected to be deployed to the Pacific, but the A bomb saved him. He was discharged from the Air Corps in September, 1945. He returned to Stanford but only stayed there two years. His Dad had founded the Workingman's Store in downtown San Jose in 1924. Jerry took it over and ran it from 1950 to 1985. After retirement in 1985, Jerry became a writer of articles for *Book of Waterfowl Decoys* (Thunder Bay Publishers, New York, 1991, \$75) and ghost writer and researcher for *The Art Magazine* and the author of the *West Coast Section of the Great Decoy Magazine*, *Fly Tackle Dealers Magazine*, *Fly Rod and Reel of the Creel* (Blue Heron Publications, Ennis, Montana, 1998, \$85.) He was also show chairman of the Monterey Decoy Show for three years. His father's interest in hunting and fishing had been shared with Jerry.

Currently, Jerry is the Immediate Past President of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County and on its board. He is also a current member of the Board of Directors of Madrone Land Company and on the Advisory Committee of the Digital Clubhouse Network, Stories of Service.

He is a Past member of the Board of Directors of the San Jose Merchants Association, the San Jose Museum of Art, the National Antique Decoy Collectors (Chicago), the West Coast Decoy Collectors Association, the Pacific Flyway Decoy Carvers and Collectors Association.



STATE HISTORICAL PARKS by the Pioneer Historian

The news last week out-lined the governor's proposed budget cuts. Among them were some of our very best Historical Parks. These parks bring in visitors from all over our state, the United States and world travelers. Visitors to our heritage sites pay fees to see them. They also spend money to eat, sleep and travel. I can't imagine that he cleared this list with the California State Visitor's Bureau. The state employees who would be out of jobs would also

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swell the ranks of the unemployed.

We are all quite aware of what happens to empty historical buildings. We have seen some closer to home. They attract vandals, fire-bugs, rot and decay. Many do not survive and those who do pay the price of standing empty. He would actually cause larger bills for the state in the long run.

The list of State Historical Parks he gave include the Governor's Mansion, Sutter's Fort, State Indian Museum, Petaluma Adobe, Benicia Capitol, Railtown, 1897, Wm. B. Ide Adobe, California State Mining & Mineral Museum, Wassama Round House, La Purissima Mission, Santa Susana Pass, Los Encinos, California Citrus, Will Rogers & Pio Pico.

Several of these are used heavily by the school systems for fourth graders studying California History, so that would be another blow at the educational system as well.

I urge you to write or phone your state Representatives to tell them the folly of closing these State Historic Parks. Stand up for our History Preservation.

Your Pioneer Historian, Mary Lou Lyon

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

Nancy Hill - Luncheon reservations

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING TRIPS begins at the **March 1 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 **March 10**. Members may register absent members after the luncheon, so that members present have the opportunity to register first.

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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.

FEBRUARY 21, 2008, THURSDAY HENDY "IRON MAN" MUSEUM and SUNNYVALE HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

We follow up on our "Rosie the Riveter" trip with a visit to the *Hendy "Iron Man" Museum* in Sunnyvale where many World War II armaments were made. We will have luncheon on our own at any one of the restaurants in the Murphy Avenue Historic District. A list of available restaurants will be provided. We finish up with a visit to the *Sunnyvale Historical Museum* and the *Orchard Historic Park* which features the story of the Murphy Party and the era when fruit production flourished in the Sunnyvale area.

Leave **10:00 a.m.** Return: **4:00 p.m.** Cost: **\$ 19**

MARCH 27, 2008, THURSDAY

SAN JOSE'S THE ALAMEDA and TEA at the PAULSON HOUSE

Our focus is historic San Jose along *The Alameda*, with a visit to the 1910 *Julia Morgan Mansion*, which has just been restored and is now an art glass center. The original woodwork has been refinished to its original appearance, and the light fixtures are still intact. We are fortunate to have an example of Julia Morgan's work in our own community. We will also visit the landmark *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, where Rev. Nancy Schell will give us a tour and tell us about the history of the church. Coincidentally, Rev. Schell grew up in the Julia Morgan mansion and will comment on her former home. The climax the day will be a traditional English Tea at our own *Paulson House* in History Park, where we can see all the new exhibits and artifacts from the Jackson House and the Arbuckle collection. We will

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also have open the Leonard McKay gallery in the Passetta House, and the *Portuguese Cultural Center* which will display a special exhibit of the six-month long volcanic eruption on Faial Island in the Azores, 50 years ago.

Leave **9:30 a.m.** Return: **3:30 p.m.** Cost: **\$ 27**

EARLY MAY to MID-MAY

Comment [ML1]:

Visit the beautiful *FILOLI ESTATE and GARDENS* *Filoli* in the Spring bursts with blooms and events. We will have a choice between a visit with a guided tour of the house and gardens including lunch on or off site, or a visit to the annual flower show May 8 - 11. Tickets are not available for sale until after mid-February which is past the Trailblazer deadline. Details will be available at the **March 1** luncheon meeting.

JUNE 19, 2008, THURSDAY NEW ALMADEN

Following the New Almaden talk and slide show at our September luncheon, one of our presenters, Michael Boulland, has graciously agreed to organize a tour of New Almaden for the Pioneers. Michael will ride on the bus with us and narrate a visual presentation. We will first visit the *New Almaden Museum* in Casa Grande built 1855. The museum tells the story of the cinnabar mining and how cinnabar was essential to extract gold from the 1849 gold fields. We will explore some of the historic homes and businesses along Almaden Road and the *New Almaden Quicksilver County Park*. A catered lunch is included.

Finally, we can't miss the opportunity to visit *Hacienda Cemetery*, rescued by the California Pioneers from destruction. Richard Hill, a Pioneers member, will give us a tour of the cemetery, and tell of the work that our members have done to preserve it.

Leave **9:00 a.m.** Return: **4:00 p.m.** Cost: \$ 30

EXTENDED TRIPS

APRIL 18 - 25, 2008 SOUTHERN CHARM

(*Collette Vacations*) This Historic Southeast trip includes::

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Atlanta, Charleston, Boone Hall, Beaufort, Savannah, Jekyll

Island and St. Simons Island. This trip is now filled. You will receive an invoice for the final payment due **February 18** paid directly to *Collette Vacations*. We will have an orientation party with refreshments on **Wednesday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.** at *Mama Mia's Restaurant*, on Hamilton Avenue and Third Street, Campbell. *R.s.v.p.* to Rose Crimi, 408-293-0896. Transportation from *Valley Village*, where you can leave your car, will be provided to San Jose Airport (SJC).

JUNE 3 - 8, 2008

PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

(*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 the *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 **\$1722** double occupancy or **\$2222** single. Includes: RT airfare, five night's hotels, nine meals, taxes and gratuities. Optional trip insurance is available. A deposit of **\$200** holds your reservation. Brochures are available. We need a **minimum of 25 persons** for this trip by the final payment date of **March 28**.

JUNE 22 - JULY 1, 2008 PACIFIC COASTAL TOUR (*New*)

(*Trieloff Tours*) Travel the Pacific Coast from San Francisco to British Columbia for wonderful ocean views and fascinating attractions along the way. From San Jose we take an airport shuttle bus to SFO to join the group. Our adventure starts with a two day tour of San Francisco, including: a cable car ride, a bay cruise, and *Mission Dolores*. As we drive north, views include: the Russian River valley, *Korbel Winery*,

Redwoods National Park, Ferndale, and Eureka. Entering Oregon, we stop at Coos Bay with a visit to the *Sea Lion Caves*, home of the Steller sea lions, and Cape Perpetua. We

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continue on to Portland for a city tour, and drive the scenic route along the Columbia and the Hood rivers. Entering Washington, we stop at the *Mount St. Helens Volcano Center*, featuring the dramatic eruption of 1980. Next we head for the Olympic Peninsula with a picture stop at the state capitol building in Olympia. We cruise on a ferry to Victoria, British Columbia, for a city tour and a visit to world-famous *Butchart Gardens* in its summer splendor. Back in Washington, we experience *Olympia National Park* with its waterfalls, forests and glaciers. Finally, we ferry back to Seattle for a city tour including: the Boeing aircraft plant, salmon ladders at Chittenden locks, Puget Sound and *Fisherman's Wharf* before our Seattle to San Jose flight. Cost is \$ 1899 (single supl. \$ 650) which includes: air fare, deluxe motor coach touring and ferries, nine days hotels and 15 meals. Nominal cost for shuttle to SFO is approx. \$ 10. Deposit is \$ 300 to register. Final payment is due **April 21. A valid passport is required.** Brochures are available now. Cancellation insurance is available at \$ 99 or \$ 149 for singles payable with final payment. You do not have to wait until the March 1 luncheon; if you are interested in this trip, call Rose Crimi 408 293-0896 to receive a brochure by mail. Other groups are buying into this trip, so registrations are on a first-come first-served basis.

OCTOBER 13 - 24, 2008

MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE

(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

included. Cost is \$1030 inside, \$1220 to \$1330 ocean view, and \$1550 to \$1575 balcony, plus \$ 77 per person fuel surcharge.. A valid passport is required. Optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Brochures and deck plans are available. For best choice of cabins, register now with a \$ 400 deposit. Final payment due July 25

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