



Membership Information

New Members

The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County welcomes new members as Regular Members, Associate Members, or Lifetime members.

Regular Member:

Any resident of California for 35 years or more, or is descendent of a California resident of 35 years or more.

Associate Member:

Any person who has a strong interest in local Santa Clara County history, or is a significant other to a Regular Member.

Lifetime Membership:

A Regular or Associate Member who pays for a lifetime membership rather than annual payments. This is usually a cost savings to the member.

Dues

**California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
2014 Membership Options Table**

Membership Category	Cost	Benefits
Pioneer Level	\$25/year	Receives the Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership card.
Pioneer Family Level	\$45/year	One member, plus significant other, plus minor children. One parent may be a Regular Member and the other an Associate Member. The Pioneer Family Level includes the parents' children under 18 years of age. Receives one subscription to the Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership cards.
Loomis Level	\$75/year	Receives the Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership card. Plus a book or DVD, and a Pioneer lapel medallion with ribbon and pin (replicated from the original membership of 1875.)

Lifetime Membership Level	\$250 (one time)	Lifetime Membership (one person). No need to renew dues each year. Receives the Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership card.
Arbuckle Level	\$500 (one time)	Lifetime Membership. Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership card. Plus a book or DVD, Pioneer lapel medallion with ribbon and pin, two additional free Pioneer memberships for one year, two free tickets for our annual California Admission Day Barbeque or equivalent event/luncheon (the year of the donation), recognition in our Trailblazer journal and website.
Coleman Younger Level	\$1000 (one time)	Lifetime Membership. Trailblazer journal, quarterly luncheon invitations, special day trip and extended excursions invitations, committee opportunities, and membership card. Plus a book or DVD, Pioneer medallion with ribbon and pin, four additional free Pioneer memberships for one year, four free tickets for our annual California Admission Day Barbeque or equivalent event/luncheon (the year of the donation), and recognition in our Trailblazer journal and website. Plus we will host a private event at our Paulson House Museum.
A.P. Murgotten Benefactor Level	\$5000 and above (one time)	Lifetime Membership. Same benefits as the Coleman Younger Level, plus additional benefits such as special recognition, name on a plaque at our Paulson House Museum, a special event, tours, and documenting/preserving your family's history.

For larger donations please e-mail us at:
californiapioneers@aol.com.

Please remember the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County in your estate planning.

Applying for Membership

For new applicants, please select at which level you would like to join. Then fill out the application form that you can find here:

http://californiapioneers.com/Membership/MemberApplication_2-2012.pdf

We encourage volunteerism because we believe it will greatly enhance your experience as a member. Not only does it allow you to share your talents, but it affords you the opportunity to get involved with new friends. Therefore, please fill in the section regarding what you would like to do / your interests / volunteerism.

Please go to our Volunteer Opportunity page for a complete list of volunteer opportunities:

http://californiapioneers.com/Membership/VolunteerOpportunities_02-2012.pdf

Print the form and sign it. By applying to the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County you are agreeing to abide by its Bylaws and Policies.

For new member applications, there is a \$5 application fee. Add \$5 to the dues cost of the membership level you choose. For instance, if you apply at the Loomis Level, your check should be \$80 (\$75 plus \$5.) Make the check out to "California Pioneers of Santa Clara County." Mail your completed application form and check to California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, Membership Chair, P.O. Box 8208, San Jose, CA 95155-8208.

All membership applications will be reviewed at the next monthly Board Meeting of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. You will be notified of the Board's decision immediately following the Board Meeting.

Renewing Your Dues

The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County dues are owed on January 1st of each year, unless the member is a Lifetime Member. Your membership expiration date will be printed right after your name on the mailing label of your Trailblazer journal that you will get in the mail. Renewal reminders will be mailed out in December. If you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your dues, your membership card will be mailed back to you; otherwise you may pick your card up at the next luncheon.

General Information

The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County was established in 1875. It is one of the two oldest pioneer societies in California. The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County was formed with about 400 members. We are proud to state today, after about 140 years, we still have more than 400 members.

Your dues and contributions go toward our mission, which is ***to promote, preserve, and celebrate the history of Santa Clara County and the heritage of its past generations. We collect, archive, and educate; and encourage research and scholarship.***

Some of our many projects that further our mission, and for which you may volunteer, include:

- Maintaining our first class Paulson House Museum at History San Jose (where our exhibits are displayed each Sunday and on special days; and where we hold our Board Meetings).
- Conducting docent-led tours of the Paulson House Museum.
- Preserving our artifacts, ephemera, photographs, film, art, and furnishings.
- Protecting and caring for our historic Hacienda Cemetery (which is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks).

- Utilizing modern technology for educational outreach, including our renowned Pioneers Film Archive, our History Calendar Santa Clara County, and the internet.
- Publishing the quarterly journal, Trailblazer, with historical articles and news of interest.
- Conducting our annual Essay Contest, which has been adding scholarly research and school-age essays to our community since the 1950s.
- Organizing our quarterly luncheons with entertainment and speakers.

For questions about membership, please call Gayle Frank at 408-275-6889.