

Capitol Clarion

California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association

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President's Message By Alex King



164... and Counting.

In a few weeks we will be celebrating California's 164th Birthday. Not too bad after putting together a Constitution, electing a Legislature and Constitutional Officers while never earning our spurs as a Territory! Look what can be accomplished when there is urgency coupled with cooperation. Come help us celebrate! On **Tuesday, September 9th**, we will be serving cake and ice cream to Capitol visitors mid-morning on the North Steps until the "goodies" run out.

Your Board is back at work assisting with upkeep of the Historic Rooms. At the August 6th Board Meeting, we approved expenditures for cleaning the drapes in the Governor's Office, addressing concerns about the curtain between the Secretary of State's Office and the Archives Room, replacing window shades in three rooms and repairing that broken swivel chair in the Treasurer's Office. To paraphrase another organization's wording: "That's your Association dollars at work." Good job CSCMVA members.

By now, most of you have noticed we also assisted in improving the lighting in the Historic Rooms. There is now better lighting and lowered "UV" damage to documents and furnishings.

Preparations are underway for our "Election Day" Living History event on **October 18th**. P.J. Jones and Sam Bhakta are Co-Chairs. Give them a hand.

Also, in the next couple of months, Erin Renfree will again offer her Historic Rooms tour on Wednesday, **September 17** and Koren Benoit will be touring us through Historic Furnishings in the Leadership Offices on Thursday, **October 30**. That's a busy CSCMVA schedule for the Fall – come give us some help with your talents and skills.

Yes – we're having fun, as well as giving a great service to the State of California!
~ Alex

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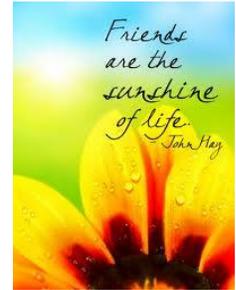
Sunshine Corner:

Since the last issue of the **Clarion**, cards were sent to :

Bob Dreyer and his wife who are recuperating from respiratory illness

Suzanne Latimer who continues through a successful effort to regain her health

Please remember that If you know of someone who could use a word of encouragement, comfort, or get well wishes, please contact **Scotty Hodges** who thoughtfully expresses CSCMVA support on behalf of our membership. Scotty can be contacted at hashhogg901@yahoo.com or by phone at 707- 425 -1909



Suzanne Latimer shares her appreciation for the cards she has received from members while she has been undergoing six rounds of chemotherapy. A PET scan in late July indicates that the treatment was positive! She wants members to know she is recovering slowly and is in good spirits. Look for a photo of Suzanne later in this issue. We were pleased that both she and **Richard** joined us at the recent Summer Social.

Happy Birthday, CALIFORNIA!!



You can count yourself among the first to read this invitation from the CSCMVA Marketing Committee for the upcoming CA statehood celebration...

“Please join us at the California State Capitol on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014**, and help us celebrate our state’s **164th year of statehood**. Beginning at 11:00 AM near the L Street side of the Capitol building, enjoy the sounds of the Sacramento Banjo Band along with free cake and ice cream (as long as it lasts....).”

Thanks to **Scotty Hodges** and **Connie Clark** who have been working diligently to pull off another great birthday celebration!

Did You Know....?

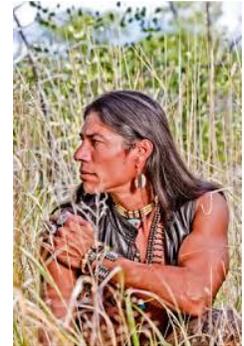
By Clem Dougherty

Did You Know...that in 1769, at the time of the Sacred Expedition’s entry into California, the numerous Native American tribes occupying California could not communicate with one another? Yes it’s true. The exact number of Native Americans occupying California at that time is not known due to a lack of any reliable historical census existing at the time. Estimates vary. The most common estimate is that there were approximately 300,000 Native American people living in California in 1769 (see Rawls and Bean, California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed., p.14). In addition, there was no common political unit holding the 300,000 Native Americans together. Instead, the Native Americans in California were deeply divided.

One of the major factors in dividing the 300,000 Native Americans was language. There was no one basic language stock. How many basic language stocks were there? Historians don’t agree. The historians Rawls and Bean state that there were five main language stocks which were then subdivided into 21 language families which in turn were subdivided into at least 100 mutually

unintelligible languages.(see Rawls and Bean, California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed.; p. 16) The historian James A. Sandos states that there were six main linguistic stocks covering 64 to 80 different mutually unintelligible languages which were further subdivided into dialects many of which were also mutually unintelligible.(see Sandos, Converting California, Indians and Franciscans in the Missions, p.15). In any event the Native American tribes had no common language between and among them. As a result mutually unintelligible languages were the norm and fostered division rather than unity among the Native Americans in California in 1769.

Another factor creating division among the Native Americans in California was the fact that with a few exceptions and subject to some modification, the tribes lived a hunter/gatherer existence and not a farming one. The California tribes were unlike the Indians in the American East living in settled towns, or the buffalo dependent, horse riding tribes of the American Plains, or the settled, farming tribes of the American Southwest. The California Native Americans survived on what they could get from the land whether that be deer, duck, quail, fish or acorns, berries, and other plants gathered from the land. The availability of such natural resources then determined how many people could reside together in one place at any given time. As a result by 1769 the natural resources so available supported approximately 100 basic tribes which were further divided into tribelets. The tribelets could consist of a single village but could also include a group of neighboring villages with a principal village and three or four smaller ones joining together. Tribelet populations ranged from several hundred to several thousand individuals depending upon the availability of natural resources to support the number of people in a particular area. (see Rawls and Bean, California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed., p. 16) As a result the basic living patterns of the Native Americans, so dependent on the natural resources available for their survival, fostered division rather than unity among them.



While language and available natural resources fostered division, there were some characteristics common to all the Native Americans. Men ordinarily wore no clothing. Women wore a skirt covering the genital area down to the knee. When the weather got cold, both sexes donned blankets and robes made of animal fur. The Native Americans generally built dwellings in the shape of a cone with poles holding walls made of bark from trees or brush. In each village there was usually a sweat house available for men only. Here the men gathered around a fire, and as the sweat house filled with smoke, the men lay on the floor allowing their bodies to perspire greatly. When their bodies became sufficiently heated, they would rush from the sweat house and plunge into a nearby stream or lake. This was done to keep clean. Women and children usually bathed in less dramatic ways. The family was the basic social unit, and the Native Americans generally were monogamous with commitments being made between the two parties for life. While some tribes expressed belief in one deity or several deities, there seemed to be a common belief in all tribes that all of nature including humans was interconnected so that the humans bore a special connection with the animals and plant life around them. A spiritual power penetrated all creation and held it together. Native Americans showed respect and acknowledged that common spiritual power by following detailed rituals when they killed an animal or drank from a spring or gathered acorns and plants for survival. (see Rawls and Bean, California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed., pp.19-20). It is easy to see how the Native American concept of a spiritual power holding together and penetrating both man and nature would conflict with the traditional Judeo/Christian view of both God and man being separate and apart from the rest of nature.

The stage was thus set for a major culture clash between the Native Americans and the Spanish missionaries

(Sources: Rawls and Bean, California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed., pp. 14,16,18,20,52; Sandos, James A., Converting California, Indians and Franciscans in the Missions, p.15, 17-20. For an eyewitness account of the

Native Americans in California in 1846-1847 confirming much of the information above, see Bryant, Edwin, What I Saw in California, (edition printed May, 1985, pp. 265-274).

1906 Election Day: October 18



“Politics as Usual”

It is that time of year again for national, state and local elections, and the most important one which is for the 1906 California Governor and which will be re-enacted within the halls of the California State Capitol. A reprise of the **1906 Election** will be dramatized for our visitors (and each other) on **Saturday, October 18**. If you have not already signed up to be part of the “troupe,” it is not too late to join in the fun. **Sam Bhakta** and **PJ Jones** are eager to include you in this event to ensure it will be successfully “pulled off” in the true fashion of our CSCMVA volunteers. **To volunteer, please call PJ at (530) 798-0915 or Sam at (916) 682-9101.**

Some Interesting Facts About Life in in the Early 20th Century (1910):

Courtesy of Connie Clark (and intended to get you in an early 20th century frame of mind)

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for a 1910 car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 *per year*.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year,

A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools,

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

The two leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis

The American flag had 45 stars.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

The **Volunteer Spotlight** feature will not be published in the months of July and August. Look forward to its return in September or October!

Photos of the Summer Social:

Thanks to **Alex King** and **Chris Tyler** for their organization of a fun social evening for CSCMVA volunteers at the “house kitchen & bar” on Capitol Mall Avenue on Tuesday, August 12. Approximately 55 volunteers and staff were on hand to enjoy a variety of incredible appetizers and the company of each other.





2014 Board of Directors

Front (L to R): Marylin Thompson, Alex King, Bob Dreyer, Bob Dennis

Back: Julie Mallett, Christine Tyler, David Keck, Randall Williams, Connie Clark

2014 Board of Directors

Alex King	President
Bob Dreyer	Vice President
Bob Dennis	Treasurer
Marylin Thompson	Secretary
Connie Clark	Member
David Keck	Member
Julie Mallett	Member
Christine Tyler	Member
Randall Williams	Member

Highlights of the Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting:

By Marylin Thompson, Secretary

August 6, 2014

President's Report: Alex King stated there was nothing to report yet on establishing a north entrance Information Desk.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Dennis reported that we pay 15% / month of gross receipts to the Gift Shop for our Bookstore rent. This month the rent amounted to \$533. Bob has requested a rental statement from DDSO as this is a tax deductible item and has not been previously documented. Bob again encouraged us to use some of our available funds in support of the museum rooms and our living history events.

Bookstore: Mary Geach reported net income for July was \$3,259 -- \$285 more than July 2013. Many titles are sold out, but a large number are on order. Mary shared one of her newest purchases: a literary history of all California state parks.

State Parks Report: Matt Bellah presented estimates for several projects in the museum rooms. They include replacing window shades in 3 of the rooms, repairing the high desk chair in the Treasurer's Office, and cleaning the curtains in the Governor's Office and either cleaning, or replacing, the doorway curtain between the Sec'y of State's Office and the Archives Exhibit room. An amount not to exceed \$4,700 was approved for the total project.

Matt further reported that he has requested approval from Gary Kurtz at the State Library for usage of images on selected posters of the Pan Pacific International Exhibit (PPIE). Renato will do a small sample run of the selected posters to see how they look and for the Board to assess how well they will sell. The Board indicated an interest in having them available in the Bookstore before the end of the tourist season.

On-going Business:

- **Volgistics:** Randall reported that initial use of Volgistics since August 1st has gone well. There have been many favorable comments, and usage has more than doubled in the last month. Rachel noted that most comments have been at either extreme: volunteers either love it or hate it. Several volunteers will be assisting others by entering hours for those who are computer challenged. Rachel asked that an article be put in the Clarion reminding people that there are TWO steps involved: first is to sign up for a volunteer shift, and second is to record the hours worked. Hours are not automatically recorded on the basis of sign up.
- **Admission Day:** Connie Clark and Scotty Hodges will co-chair. There will be a banjo band and possibly a National Guard Color Guard. Sign up to help in the Volunteer Office.

- **Election Day:** Sam Bhatka and PJ Jones will co-chair. Patty Wood is consultant. An email reminder will be sent out on 8/11 encouraging participation, especially from new members.



At this point the meeting was temporarily suspended in order for **Alex King to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Ed Bertola**. Ed is the CHP office who has been in charge of the Capitol / CHP permit office and has been very helpful and supportive of CSCMVA activities. He is leaving the capitol for a new opportunity with the CHP.

Ed Bertola with Alex King

- **New member survey:** Marylin reported that 10 out of 26 people responded. There were many positive comments, mostly from those in the last training class who are still active. Julie Mallett volunteered to call non-responders.
- **Standing Rules revision:** several additions have been made. It was voted to approve the changes. Additional changes will be considered after Bob Dreyer's return.

New Business

- **Koren Benoit** reported that a **new bronze statue of Ronald Reagan** is being proposed for the basement rotunda. It will replace the current statue of the young boy. The benches will remain. The purpose is to recognize the only California governor who went on to become president. This area will now be called the "**Lower Rotunda**" instead of the "basement rotunda." **Please start using this designation immediately.** It will gradually be used on printed material.
- **Brochure Change:** Chris asked if the word "kids" could be removed from the blue and yellow capitol brochure. It is the best source of information for all ages. Koren will remove it from the next print run.
- **Capitol Photos:** Chris Tyler displayed three beautiful binders of laminated pictures of the Capitol which will now be available to show visitors in the museum rooms. She created these using many capitol photos collected by Mario. They are not for sale, and are to be retained in the museum rooms to share with visitors.
- **Recycling Brochures:** Koren is working on some type of receptacle to be placed at the exits where visitors can leave unwanted brochures for re-use.
- **Presentation of Flags:** Can U.S. and California flags be displayed in the main rotunda? Discussion followed with no decision.
- **Capitol Furnishings Tour:** Koren Benoit will give a tour of Capitol furnishings in the Leadership Offices for volunteers on October 30. It will last approximately 90 minutes.

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly **Board of Director's** meetings.
The next regularly scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, September 3 at 1:00 PM.**

Reminder: Record Your Hours On-Line!

It is necessary to go on-line to record the volunteer hours you have worked; there is no way to take the scheduled information and move it automatically to a record of the time you have invested in Capitol Museum activities.



1906 and 1911 Hat Workshop

And last, but certainly not least, the Costume Closet Ladies will be having another 1906 / 1911 hat workshop on the dates **September 8, 9 and 10** (Monday through Wednesday). The Workshop will be held in the Stanford Gallery at Old Sacramento. Hours will be **9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**.

If you are interested in attending please contact **Ann Rost** at annrost5@gmail.com or sign up at the bulletin board by the Volunteer desk.

Upcoming Events:

Board of Director's Meeting	Wednesday, September 3
Hat Workshop	Monday – Wednesday Sept 8 - 10
Admission Day	Tuesday, September 9
Training: Historic Rooms Tour	Wednesday, September 17
Election Day Rehearsals	Wednesdays, October 1, 8, and 15
1906 Election Day	Saturday, October 18
Training: Capitol Furnishings Tour	Thursday, October 30
Holiday Music Program	December 1 - 23

To Use the Capitol Museum website, below: Copy the address to your web browser and then save the website to your list of "Favorites" or "Bookmark" it.

<http://portal.parks.ca.gov/CapitalDistrict/CapitolMuseum/CapitolMuseumVolunteers>

Volunteer Coordinator: 324-0319
Rachel Martinez

Tour Guide Office: 324-0333

Scheduler's Desk: 324-2088

Capitol Tours daily 9 am – 4 pm, closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day