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## President's Message

By **Connie Clark**

As your new CSCMVA Board president, I want to thank you for your confidence in me. I look forward to working with all of you in 2016.

Speaking of work, there is a lot to do this year. There are several annual events that need volunteers: Museum Day in February; Camellia Pin-On Day in February; Suffrage re-enactment in April; Admissions Day in September; Governor's Day re-enactment in October; and the Holiday music and tree trimming in December. In addition, there will be one or two social events and our now annual trip to a River Cat's game.

Other volunteers are needed for standing committees. These committees are briefly described on our Volgistics website. Virtually all committees need additional help. Typically no experience is needed since you would be working with someone who has been handling the task for several years. These are excellent opportunities for new members as well as others who would like to become more involved in museum activities.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, contact the chair listed or you can contact me. Connie Clark (916) 486-4112 or by email at [cclark610@surewest.net](mailto:cclark610@surewest.net).

Recently you likely received an application for Association membership. I encourage you to join or renew your membership. There are benefits beyond your support – and it may be tax deductible due to our status as a non-profit organization. (Please check with your tax preparer.)

I want to thank the new class as well as our "seasoned" docents for all the support you provide to the California State Capitol Museum. Your efforts add so much to the tour experience.

~ *Connie Clark*

## Meet Your New 2016 Board of Directors

At the January 21 CSCMVA Annual Meeting, volunteers **Connie Clark**, **Ron Lauchner** and **William Monahan** were elected to the Board of Directors. Connie Clark was subsequently elected Board President, while Randall Williams was elected Vice President, and Marylin Thompson and Bob Dennis were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.



**Back row (L to R):** Bob Dennis, Treasurer; Marylin Thompson, Secretary; Ron Lauchner, Bob Dreyer (Past President), and David Keck

**Front Row:** William Monahan; Randall Williams, Vice President; Connie Clark, President; and PJ Jones

**Missing from the photo** is Board Member Julie Mallett.

## Sunshine Corner:

Since our last publication, cards were sent to the following individuals:

- **Marti Dennis** – Get well wishes for her recovery from surgery
- **Tyson Dekker**, Park Guide – Condolences on the accidental death of his brother
- **Jacquie Kuder** – Condolences on the loss of her significant other

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 all our membership. Scotty can be contacted at [hashogg901@yahoo.com](mailto:hashogg901@yahoo.com) or by phone at 707- 425-1909.



## Welcome Casey Hayden Back to the Capitol!



**Casey Hayden**

We are pleased to welcome Casey Hayden back to the Capitol. Matt Bellah has announced Casey's new role as "Sector Manager for the Capitol Museum and Mansions Sector." Casey has worked with CSCMVA in the past and has, more recently, been serving as the Director of the Leland Stanford Mansion. He is a Sacramento native, having attended Jesuit High School and subsequently California State University, Sacramento. Following his attendance at CSUS, Casey attended the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco followed by positions as Chef in San Francisco and West Hollywood restaurants before returning to Sacramento. Welcome back, Casey; we look forward to working with you!



## Suffrage Day Events: March 1 and April 16

Believe it or not, our April 16 celebration of Women's' Suffrage Day is just two months away!

**Suffrage Kick-Off Event:** In order to prepare for this interesting and fun living history event, CSCMVA is hosting a kick-off event on **Tuesday, March 1 at 11:00 AM at the Northridge Country Club.** All members are invited to join the organizers, **Patty Wood** and **Diane Rich**, for socializing, a delicious catered lunch and a brief business meeting followed by a presentation by our own **Carolyn Martin** on the topic **"How Women Finally Got the Vote."** This event provides a wonderful introduction to our April 16 event along with an opportunity to meet new and seasoned volunteers.

Invitations to this event were mailed out in late January, and **reservations are required by February 18.** There are two lunch choices: Braised Short Ribs or Vegetable Risotto. The cost is \$10 for Members and \$15 for Guests. Please contact Patty Wood (916-967-7931) or Diane Rich (916-421-1136) with any questions.

**Suffrage Day Living History:** Come be a part of history when CSCMVA presents its Women's Suffrage Living History Day on **Saturday, April 16, 2016.** We need a few good women and men (actually more than just a few). The halls of the Capitol will be filled with suffragists, their advocates and their many opponents. This reenactment is filled with history, conflict and humor. Actors, Guides, Greeters, Protestors, and helpers of all kinds are needed in order to turn the calendar back to 1911. There is a role / task for everyone. Watch for an email or letter coming out in mid-February describing the acting roles and other jobs that need to be filled with talented, dedicated and industrious volunteers in order to enjoy a successful event. We especially invite members of our most recent training class to participate. This event is consistently a fun and informative presentation. Event chairs are **Leslie Cooper** and **Alex King.**

## Membership Dues are now Past Due:

If you have not already done so, please be sure to forward your membership information and your dues to **Mary Geach.** Mary's address is: 1306 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 Dues are now Past Due.



## "Life and Legacy of John Muir"

On **Friday, February 26,** John Muir's great-great-great grandson, **Robert Hanna,** will present a program on the **"Life and Legacy of John Muir."** The event will be held at the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center commencing at 7:30 PM and ending at 9:30 PM. Robert Hanna is an employee of the CA State Assembly. More information and the center's address is available on the Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center site: [www.livefromauburn.com](http://www.livefromauburn.com).

## CSCMVA Annual Meeting, January 21:

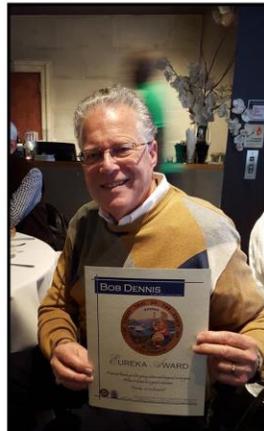
Thanks to **PJ Jones** for arranging such a pleasant event at the Iron Grill restaurant. Photos and award information prepared by **Rachel Martinez** are on the next couple of pages.



Marylin Thompson & Jan Forbes  
William Geach Award



Bill White  
Eureka Award



Bob Dennis  
Eureka Award



Keith Evans  
Eureka Award



100 Hours



300 Hours



500 Hours



750 Hours



1000 Hours



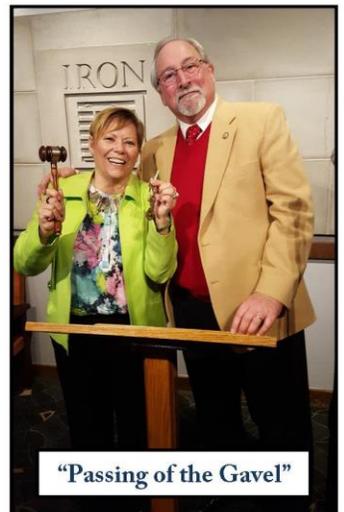
2000 Hours



4000 Hours



Mary Geach earned her  
8000 Hour pin!



"Passing of the Gavel"



# CSCMVA 2016 ANNUAL LUNCHEON



# 2016 Annual Luncheon Meeting

## Lifetime Hour Pin Awards

### 100 hours

Denise Langham

\*Keith Evans

### 300 hours

Tricia Esparza

\*Bernadette Hicks

\*Suzanne Latimer

George MacMurphey

Rita McFarling

### 500 hours

Jack Karoleski

-Ron Lauchner

Norma Leopold

-Karen Peart

### 750 hours

\*Sheila Bruton

\*PJ Jones

Julie Lane

\*Verna Magennis

\*Marita Martin

\*Marylin Thompson

### 1000 hours

\*Janet Forbes

\*Barbara Souza

### 2000 hours

\*Lynn Cook

\*Robert Dreyer

Marcia Maleske

\*Ann Rost

### 4000 hours

\*Clement Dougherty

Sandy Metzger

### 8000 hours!!

\*Mary Geach

*Note: Individuals with an asterisk by their names were on hand to personally receive their awards.*

**Congratulations to everyone who was recognized with an award!**

## New Fashions at our Suffrage Day Event:

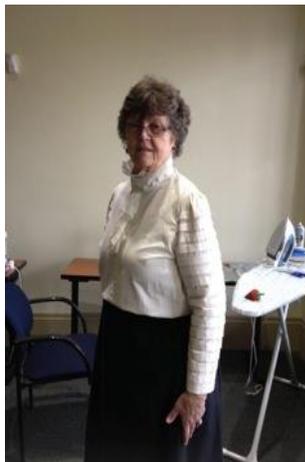
By **Connie Clark and Ann Rost**

We will likely see a few new fashions at our next living history event. The Costume Committee held a workshop January 25-29. In attendance were **Ann Rost, Connie Clark, Mary Spitzer, Candi Zizek, Andrea Waldrep,** and **Gail Roueche**. Each worked on a costume for 1906 or 1911.

We found it amusing that the three new class members each left Friday with a costume ready, or nearly ready to wear, while the three “seasoned” volunteers “made progress!”

When creating costuming, it’s nice to have others to collaborate on ideas for designs, fabrics and trims. Besides being productive, workshops are a wonderful way to get to know other volunteers.

There will be a **Hat-Making Workshop March 7-9**. Contact **Connie Clark** for more information. Connie can be reached at [cclark610@surewest.net](mailto:cclark610@surewest.net)



**Andrea Waldrep** tracing a pattern and **Candi Zizek** in her 1906 skirt and blouse

## Did You Know....

By **Clem Dougherty**

*[Editor’s Note: Clem continues to provide us with information in his series on San Francisco. With this article he provides the third in a four part mini-series dealing with A.P. Giannini and the Bank of America. Both A.P. and the Bank played an important role in the development of San Francisco.]*

...that while **A.P.Giannini** (“A.P.”) did not found branch banking, he certainly was the first to promote the practice here in California? Yes, it’s true. In 1904, when A.P. started the Bank of Italy, banks here in California did not ordinarily have branches. One reason was that the banks held onto a long- standing tradition of the small independent bank acting alone and serving the banking needs of the community. The tradition dominated the banks in the larger cities as well as the small towns of the state. The second reason was that the owners of the state’s banks did not understand the economic benefits of branch banking. A.P. took a different approach. His whole banking philosophy was that banks existed to serve the banking needs of the common man. Banks were to be “the people’s banks.” A. P. could meet the banking needs of the common man everywhere by establishing a system whereby he could shift large amounts of money from a bank’s headquarters to various branches in communities where large amounts of capital were needed.

With the **Bank of Italy** headquartered in San Francisco, A.P. began establishing branches first in San Francisco, then San Jose, then San Francisco again, then San Mateo, and then Los Angeles. In each branch he first sought out and obtained the business of a core group of Italian immigrants and then reached out to other immigrants whom he felt were the largest growing population groups in the state. The key to A.P.'s success was his adoption of a liberal lending policy where he offered loans



at several interest points below what the regular banks were offering to their customers. Particularly this was true in the farming communities of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys where farmers most in need of credit flocked to borrow money from the Bank of Italy's branches. In this regard A.P. was taking a risk which he believed would turn out to be successful. A. P. became so successful in establishing branches that by 1927, the Bank of Italy had 276 branches stretching the length of California from Oregon to Mexico. The headquarters of the Bank of Italy continued to be in San Francisco where A.P. moved the headquarters building from North Beach to 1 Powell St. at the edge of the Financial District. Thus, with the Bank of Italy, Wells Fargo Bank, the Bank of California, investment companies and insurance companies all headquartered in San Francisco, San Francisco became the center of a financial empire dominating the rest of the state.

For most of the extension of branch banking A.P. did not use the simple mechanism of opening a new office as a branch. Most of the branches originated as pre-existing, independent banks which were in financial trouble and whose owners were glad to sell to the Bank of Italy in complicated stock transfers. A. P. kept the personnel of the former banks as employees of the Bank of Italy's branches in order to give the community a sense of continuity and to fend off criticism of the Bank as being too Italian. In some branches A.P. would create advisory boards of directors made up of local community persons to assist the branch in branch operations. A. P. intended these advisory boards as a further link of the Bank to the community the branch was serving.

But the expansion of the Bank of Italy's branches did not sit well with other banks in the various communities. Other local banks uttered howls of outrage at the Bank of Italy for offering loans at interest rates lower than what they could offer. These owners pressured government officials at both the state and federal level to deny A.P. permits to establish branches. Thus, sometimes A.P. won the battle to get the permits; other times he lost. But he never stopped.

A.P.'s ambition for branch banking did not stop at California's borders. He wanted to establish a nation-wide system of bank branches. In this regard he turned his attention to New York's Wall Street where he discovered a bank in trouble as the result of a power struggle over control of the bank between the owner of the largest share of the Bank's stock and the other owners. The name of this troubled bank was the **Bank of America**. On February 25, 1927, A.P. for \$17 million acquired the controlling interest in the Bank of America, and with the subsequent mergers of smaller eastern banks with the Bank of America, A.P. succeeded within 2 months in making the Bank of America the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest bank on Wall Street. None of this came easy. Opposition came from J.P. Morgan, the son of J. Pierpoint Morgan, and president of J.P. Morgan and Company, Wall Street's most powerful banking investment firm, which approved A.P.'s acquisition of the Bank of America only upon certain conditions giving Morgan a certain amount of control. For the rest of his life A.P. never trusted Wall Street.

(Sources: Bonadio, Felice A., *A.P. Giannini, Banker of America*, pp.43-50; 109-110; 117-129).

Next time: The Bank of America and California

## Volunteer Spotlight

By Asleain "Scotty" Hodges

*This Spotlight feature was originally written for the April 2007 Capitol Clarion, but it warrants repetition with updated information.*

This volunteer has a unique personal history that provides a direct link to the work docents perform at the Capitol. Although no one knew it when she signed up for the docent class, **Karen Peart's** family background was real living history from the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

Karen joined CSCMVA in January of 2005. Her goal was to become an outstanding "ambassador" to all the people who visit our grand capitol. Because she has traveled a lot around the world, she realized how important an informative and friendly tour guide is to making a trip a great and memorable experience.



**Karen Peart**

Karen's background is in state government, and she spent over 18 years with the DMV and the Department of Health in the Office of Vital Records and Statistics. Her decision to volunteer at the Capitol was motivated by her deep personal interest in history and love of beautiful antiques which she collects. Karen subsequently shared some of her family history with CSCMVA and volunteered some of her family antique collection for the 2006 centennial celebration of the 1906 SF earthquake living history event.

Karen is a native Sacramentan and third generation California native. Both her, and her husband Michael's families were witnesses to the 1906 earthquake and fire. Michael's grandmother and great grandparents were able to salvage personal items from their home after the catastrophe, and he inherited those treasures which he and Karen are able to display for the public.

Karen is really in her element when she is busy at the Capitol. She enjoys the grandeur of the building. Karen has participated in living history events as a greeter, a back-up tour leader as well as serving at the West Information Desk, assisting with Museum Day and passing out corsages on Camellia Day. And whether costumed in 1906 dress or not, she makes all visitors feel like their visit is special and authentic. Karen and Michael continue their support of Living History events by displaying their original artifacts from the SF earthquake, as well as their diverse and very interesting historical political memorabilia. Michael has also donned his Key Stone Cop costume for events, and Karen has served on Admission Day and has helped decorate the Christmas trees in the Museum Rooms. Karen has been one of the volunteers to take advantage of working at the North Information Desk where she says she has "great fun, as I never know what information the public may be asking for."

As busy as Karen is, you might be surprised to learn that she volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation which granted her little son, Shaun, his wish before he passed away in 1987. Then Senator Pete Wilson (36<sup>th</sup> Governor) stepped in and helped to make her son's wish come true. Now she gives back to the community by volunteering with the Foundation's rewarding work. Karen and Michael have recently moved to El Dorado Hills to be near their daughter, Michele, and her family. Karen enjoys being "Nana" to Michele's two boys who are fifth-generation Californians. They keep her busy and serve as a source of consolation for the loss of her son, Shaun, 28 years ago.

Karen and Michael have been fortunate to travel a great deal, visiting Europe, the Orient, the Caribbean, Canada, Hawaii and the Southeastern United States. Karen also makes time for leisure

activities including “the enjoyment of interior decorating, gardening, arts and crafts and viewing the world through the eyes of our grandsons.”

Her love of the Capitol includes treasured memories of the historical occasion in 1982 when the family drove downtown and sat on the Capitol Mall with thousands of others to witness the Gala Grand Opening celebration of the newly-restored Capitol. She says, “What a show that was! There were even fireworks above the dome. It was exciting....Finally it was the re-introduction of a grand structure as it was originally meant to be!”

The giving of their time and talent, the sharing of their historical memorabilia, and their valuable input is a real bonus to the Association. It is no easy feat bringing in some 4 – 5 tables of displays, setting them up and taking them down! We hope that Karen and Michael know we sincerely appreciate all that they do, as their displays are awesome and add a unique and grand touch to our living history events and the Capitol Rotunda.



### Rachel's Reminders:

- Please remember to **update your address, email, phone number and (especially!) your emergency contact information in VicNet** (under the “My Profile” tab), should they change.
- “School season” is fast-approaching and we could really use some **Rovers!** During this very busy time, we particularly use Rovers to give mini-tours to parents/chaperones of visiting school groups, work the rotating exhibit rooms and help direct school groups & general public around the building. Please sign-up in VicNet if you're interested!
- You're invited: a **Capital District All-Hands meeting** will be held **March 9<sup>th</sup>** around 9am in the Capitol! Staff, and volunteers alike, are invited to the meeting where current events & changes around the district will be discussed with the District Superintendent (Matt Bellah) and other staff. More information to follow. Contact Rachel if interested in attending.
- And last, but not least: many, many, MANY thanks to those who volunteered on **Museum Day—we were the 4<sup>th</sup> most visited location and received over 3,400 visitors!**

*[Editor's note: Space prohibits including the Minutes of the January 6 Board of Directors Meeting. Please review them on-line on the CSCMVA website.]*

## Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting – February 3, 2016

By Marilyn Thompson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by **President Connie Clark**

**Minutes:** Accepted as distributed by email.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Bob Dennis** presented the finalized budget for 2016 including budget increases for historical events, enrichment field trips, costumes, Christmas decorations, volunteer appreciation, and a summer social event due to a positive net income for 2015 resulting from robust Bookstore sales.

### 2016 Board of Directors

**President: Connie Clark**  
**Vice President: Randall Williams**  
**Treasurer: Bob Dennis**  
**Secretary: Marilyn Thompson**  
**Members: PJ Jones, David Keck, Julie Mallett, Ron Lauchner and William Monahan**

**Bookstore / Membership Report:** **Mary Geach** reported book sales receipts for January were \$1,499; this is \$400 less than January 2015. Sales were affected by a closure of the Gift Shop / Bookstore for a portion of each of two days. New books include John Muir's Book of Animals, and a recent reprint of California's Historic Capitol. "The Board approved the purchase of 1,000 copies of the latter. This is the only book which provides before and after photographs of the museum rooms. Mary also reported that to date, there are 49 paid active members, 22 sustaining members, and 2 supporting members. Eleven of the new volunteer class has paid their dues, leaving about 35 regular members who have not yet renewed their membership and paid their dues.

**State Parks Report:** **Rachel Martinez** reported a need for flat box lids to be delivered to her office a week before Camellia Day for gardeners to collect camellias from the grounds. The next exhibit, will be "Treasures from the State Library" and will open May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Casey Hayden** reported that he will occupy Matt's previous office once he is able to complete a number of scheduled events at the Stanford Mansion. He is available to CSCMVA by email (at [casey.hayden@parks.ca.gov](mailto:casey.hayden@parks.ca.gov)) or phone. Looking forward, one of his plans is to simplify the process of volunteers giving capitol tours.

#### **Continuing Business:**

- **Contract/MOU with Parks:** The review committee has had one meeting and will meet again in March. The goal is to replace the present "boilerplate" wording with something which is more specific to CSCMVA activities and our relationship with State Parks and the capitol museum.
- **Bylaws/Standing Rules:** It was moved and seconded and passed that the committee present the Bylaws suggested changes to the full Board at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting prior to presenting the changes to the general membership for a vote at a future date to be determined. It will not be at the Suffrage Kick-Off event.
- **Camellia Day:** Everything is ready to go.
- **Suffrage Day Kickoff:** Moving forward.

#### **New Business:**

- **Children's Activities: Bob and Marilyn Folker** displayed and discussed a draft activity book which they have developed to give, primarily, to school classes which arrive at the Captiol without tour reservations and then need suggestions on how to show the capitol to their students. It is in the format of a "treasure hunt" with photos of historic items of interest with relevant questions and answers. Discussion ensued regarding additional items to include; how to present it; what path through the Capitol it should follow, if any; and the cost of production. The board liked the project and looks forward to suggested revisions.
- **CSCMVA's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Diane Rich** announced that this year is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSCMVA's organization on December 1, 1981. She suggested planning some type of appreciation event and honor Bobby Scoggins who has been a CSCMVA member since that date.
- **Koren Benoit** announced that John Muir's great-great-great grandson works in the Assembly and will be giving a talk in Auburn.
- **Patty Wood** asked whether we would like her to proceed with tentative plans for an overnight bus trip to **Hearst Castle**. The Board responded with an enthusiastic "Yes."

**The March Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 2 at 1:00 PM.**  
**All members are encouraged to attend. Stop in at the WID for the specific room assignment.**

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Camellia Day: Thursday, February 25 at 8:30 AM
- “Life and Legacy of John Muir” Friday, February 26 at 7:30 PM  
Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center  
[www.livefromauburn.com](http://www.livefromauburn.com)
- Suffrage Kick-Off Event: Tuesday, March 1 at 11:00 AM  
Northridge Country Club
- Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, March 2 at 1 PM
- Hat Workshop: Monday, March 7 – Wednesday, March 9  
Stanford Gallery – Old Town Sacramento
- Capital District “All Hands” Meeting Wednesday, March 9  
Time and Location TBD
- Women’s’ Suffrage Day: Saturday, **April 16**
- Admission Day: Friday, September 9

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**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**